



SPEARMAN'S UNOFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER in his natural element [left] taking pictures at a junior high football game. On the right, Ernest Newcomb proudly displays the tools of his unofficial trade.

## Lynx skin Elks in 37-8 district win

Operating with the finesse of a tournament master chess player, the Spearman Lynx -- behind the second-half 3-TD explosion of junior runningback Shawn Cook -- rolled past the Stratford Elks, 37-8, Friday night in Elk stadium in the 1-AA district opener for both ball clubs.

In other district games Friday, West Texas scalped Panhandle by a 35-24 count and Gruver pounced on Amarillo Highland Park, 35-6.

The Lynx's season mark goes to 3-0-1 and 1-0 in district while Stratford falls to 3-1 for the year and 0-1 in 1-AA play.

WT is now 4-0 on the year and 1-0 in district while Panhandle is 3-1 and 0-1. Gruver holds a 1-0 district mark and is 1-3 for the season. Highland Park goes to 0-4 and 0-1 respectively.

Going into Friday's game in Stratford, the Elks had had only three points scored against them in their first three contests this year.

But the Lynx took advantage of eight Elk turnovers to rout their hosts in that 37-8 blood-letting.

Spearman racked up 16 first downs and 331 yards total offense while holding the hapless Elks to 11 first downs and only 199 yards for the night. Stratford managed only 75 yards on the ground.

The Lynx posted 201 yards on the ground and another 130 through the air -- 79 of that coming on a second-half opening pass from Spearman signal caller Brent Davis to Cook in a patented "Hide Out" play.

The well-oiled Spearman scoring machine put up points in each quarter of Friday's Texas Schoolboy Football clash and even included a 30-yard Matt Tucker field goal in the third frame for extra measure as they totalled their 37-point score.

The Lynx shocked Stratford early when they took over on the Elk 49 following a fumble recovery.

Three plays later, Davis stepped in from the 8-yard line for the opening touchdown of the evening. Tucker's PAT kick was good and Spearman held a 7-0 lead with just over seven minutes gone in the game.

That 49-yard drive required only three plays with runningback Haskell Garrett accounting for all but the final eight yards.

The ball swapped hands several times before the Lynx decided to show Stratford just what they could do.

Taking the ball on their own 13-yard line early in the second

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## New 7 percent sales tax goes into effect Oct. 1

A host of new items and services will fall under the state sales tax which moves from 5.25 percent to six percent beginning next Thursday.

Both Gruver and Spearman businesses will begin charging the new rate which -- along with the city

## Borger man announces for senate

The 1988 political season opens this week as a retired Borger orthodontist is expected to announce his candidacy for district 31 state senator -- an office currently held by Democrat Bill Sarpalius of Canyon.

Will Graham of Borger will be announcing on the Republican ticket for primaries to be held next May.

His announcement is expected next Tuesday in Amarillo, according to information received from his campaign headquarters.

Other formal announcements are planned at Borger and Pampa on the same day.

The Borger retiree served as a Pampa city councilman at one time and brands himself as "solidly conservative".

Graham is a lifelong resident of the Panhandle and was raised in Tulia. He has lived in Hereford, Amarillo, Pampa and Borger.

sales tax in both cities -- will have a total of seven cents going to the state on each \$1 bill spent.

The expanded sales tax base was a major element of a \$5.7 billion tax bill approved by the Texas state legislature this past summer.

In addition to the expanded sales tax base and the increase tax, taxes on cigarettes will be going up from 20.5 cents a pack to 26 cents a pack on Oct. 1.

The sales tax base has been extended to several broad categories of services such as real property services including landscaping, janitorial, garbage collection and pest control;

Security services, including private investigators and armored car services; information furnished by credit bureaus; and debt services such as adjustments and repossession.

Also included under the expanded base is information services like financial research, specialized information and insurance services including damage appraisals, investigations and claims adjustments, but not premiums paid for insurance.

The new tax base is expected to add more than 64,000 Texas businesses to the state's tax rolls, joining the more than 420,000 merchants and businesses already collecting sales tax.

Newly taxable items include custom computer programs, labor on installations to tangible property, some transportation charges on the sale of goods, telephone service and membership and dues to

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## Of public events and school sports . . . Ernie is unofficial photographer

He's everybody's self-appointed "Uncle" and the unofficial photographer of every public happening in the city of Spearman -- a chore which Ernest "Ernie" Newcomb has performed without compensation for as long as most Spearman residents can remember.

The 85-year old camera buff is an everpresent sight at football and basketball games as well as public functions, parades, get-togethers and whatever else special happens along the way.

Quiet and unobtrusive, Ernie makes the events, snaps the pictures and sends them off to be developed. Then he takes the finished results and gives them away to the subjects pictured in those particular photographs.

"Mine are just drug-store variety pictures," he explains when

queried about handing out pictures for free. "I'm not a professional and besides all that, I like giving them away."

While he may not be a professional, he has a professional's grasp on photography as far as posing and settings go and he can speak the jargon of f-stops, shutter speeds and synchronization.

That, coupled with the fact that a series of flower-stills he took last year won him the Grand Champion award at the 1986 Hansford County Fair belies the modesty of the venerable photographer gives his work.

Ernie is just a few months short of being a Hansford County native. His parents moved to Hansford County in July of 1903. He was born in April of that year in Kent County, Texas.

An Army veteran, Ernie has

served his country in the Panama Canal Zone in the late 1920's, then was reactivated from the reserves in 1942 when Americans entered World War II.

He came out of the war with the rank of sergeant and served overseas with MacArthur's troops in New Guinea.

In between his two stints in the armed services, Ernie had returned to Spearman to take care of his ailing parents.

Ernie's father died in 1943 but he continued to care for his mother who died later, in 1966.

Spearman's unofficial photographer gained an active interest in the hobby in 1929 when he was living in New York City just shortly after his release from the Army.

There he lived in a 65-family apartment complex and bought his

first camera -- this an accordian box camera.

He made acquaintance with another tenant in the building who owned an outfit which Ernie remembers as being a "better" camera than his. It didn't really matter, however; Ernie's pictures always came out better.

One morning, after viewing some of Ernie's photography work, the man invited him to walk with him.

"I didn't know where we were going," Ernie remembers. "But the next thing I know, we're on Wall Street and taking an elevator up to the twenty-second floor of a business office complex."

Ernie's new friend took him into the offices of one of New York City's largest financial institutions

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## School reverses decision to hold referendum on building project

Spearman school trustees reversed an earlier decision to seek a non-binding referendum and elected to go straight to a bond issue on a propose building project on the junior high campus during a special meeting Thursday.

That decision came following a presentation of a new building plan by Andrews architect Larry Donham to the SISD board.

"After looking at the options open to us, it appears this (new) plan is the most workable," school superintendent Larry Butler noted at the meeting. "With that in mind, it appears unnecessary to take this before a referendum."

The newest plan -- it's one of six presented to the school board -- calls for additions to the elementary school to bring it to a true kindergarten through fifth grade campus.

Also included is the addition of an all purpose gym which would serve as an auditorium for both elementary and junior high campuses.

The east wing of the existing junior high building would be demolished with classrooms built to replace those torn down. The new structure would be built so later additions could be made.

The projection on the new building scheme carries an estimated price tag of \$2,183,339, Donham told the school board.

"I think we need to do one thing at a time," notes board president

## Homecoming slated for next Friday

The 1987 Spearman Lynx homecoming celebration will unfold Friday night in Lynx stadium with a full slate of events scheduled this week.

The homecoming bonfire and dance will be held Thursday evening from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. while a pep rally will be held at the junior high gym Friday afternoon.

Pregame festivities will be held beginning at 7:30 Friday night, just prior to the district 1-AA meeting between Spearman and White Deer in Lynx stadium.

Homecoming queen candidates for the 1987 crown include seniors Sandy Hill, Paige Pittman and Kathy Poole.

Junior candidate Krista Kirkland, sophomore Laci Lasater and freshman Kyla Nelson make up the rest of the royal court.

Other events scheduled for the 1987 homecoming celebration include an FFA sponsored barbecue dinner beginning at 5:30 in the high school cafeteria prior to Friday's game.



LOOKING OVER THE PLANS . . . SISD officials look over a new proposal presented by an Andrews architect Thursday afternoon before reversing an earlier decision to offer voters a referendum on selecting a

plan for a new junior high building. The board opted to go with the new proposal presented by the architect. The new proposal has a cost of almost \$2,185 million.

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system needs at this time," remarked Barnett. "I feel the burden for the entire project would be too excessive right now."

Trustees had discussed demolition of the entire junior high building with new construction to replace all existing classrooms there. That plan, coupled with building a new competition gym on the high school campus, carried a price tag in excess of \$5-million.

"This is what I feel the school

length of the bonds and the interest rate the bonds carry.

Thursday's meeting brings to a culmination over nine months of work on the part of SISD officials in evaluating and working toward a possible solution for the building

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## Deadlines noted for county fair

Plans for the upcoming Hansford County Fair are well underway, reports Bert Williams, county extension agent.

The fair will open Thursday with non-perishable entries being accepted from 3 to 7 p.m. that day. Judging on the events will take place Friday and Saturday, he notes.

Non-perishable entries can not be accepted after the Thursday 7 p.m. deadline. "We sure want everybody who would like to place an entry to get in," Williams says.

Exhibits will include items from agriculture to arts and crafts. A dog show, a talent show and a children's petting zoo will also be featured highlights of the fourth annual County Fair.

Art, baked goods, food preservation, clothing, flowers, horticulture, needlework, tile painting, photography and a lamb and steer show will also be included in the 3-day run.

All perishable exhibits should be entered Friday morning between 9 and 11 o'clock, notes Williams.



1987 HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES are [l-r] Krista Kirkland, Kyla Nelson, Sandy Hill, Paige Pittman, Kathy Poole and Laci Lasater. One of these girls will be chosen as the reigning Homecoming Queen during pregame ceremonies this Friday evening in Lynx stadium.

**LYNX**

frame, the Lynx offensive machine marched the length of the ballfield in only 12 plays with Alan Beeson slashing in from the Elk 6-yard line for the 6-pointer.

That march was highlighted by the pin-point passing of Davis to a trio of receivers as he hit Kevin Nelson for 14 yards, Keith Benson for another 13 and Jeff Gustin for 22 yards.

Tucker booted the extra point and, with 6:02 left before halftime, the score read 14-0 for Spearman.

Neither team was able to mount a threat before halftime intermission and that's the way things stood when the two teams went to the locker room, with Spearman holding a 14-point advantage.

Stratford kicked off the start the first half and the Lynx took it from there.

Opening on their own 21, the Lynx lined up for the first play from scrimmage while Cook sauntered off to the far sideline near where the rest of the Spearman team stood just out of bounds.

**When the ball was snapped, Cook seemed to come from nowhere as he caught Davis' pass in full gallop down the right sideline.**

With only 14 seconds ticked off the third quarter scoreboard clock, Spearman had jumped to a 20-0 lead before a shocked and dismayed Stratford hometown crowd.

Tucker's PAT kick was wide left, but the Lynx were in command with that 20-point advantage.

Tucker added a 30-yard field goal with 5:02 left in the third stanza. The Lynx grabbed a muffed punt reception by Stratford on the Elk 16 to set up the field goal try.

Stratford avoided a shutout with their only drive of the night -- that a 70-yarder in eight plays with runningback Gared McBryde tallying the 6-pointer.

Elk QB Doug Pittman found Kirk Davis in the end zone for a 2-point conversion to put the score at 23-8 with 2:14 left in the third quarter.

Stratford began desperation type attacks from then on and the Lynx settled into a defensive hold out.

But Spearman wasn't to be denied -- especially when an Elk fumble and a pass interception set them up deep in Stratford territory near game's end.

The first gift came on a fumble recovery on the Stratford 34. In just five plays the Lynx found double stripe territory with Cook taking it the final 20 yards with 1:46 left in the game.

Tucker's PAT boot was good this time and Spearman found themselves the possessor of a 30-8 rout.

It didn't stop there. On the Elk's



**DEFENSIVE PLAYS LIKE THIS ONE** by Spearman's Matt Tucker [74] on Elk runningback Gared McBryde [33] played a key role in Friday night's Lynx domination

of their district 1-AA opener. Spearman held Stratford to only 75 yards on the ground for the entire ball game. PHOTO COURTESY OF BILLY MILLER

next possession, Gustin intercepted a Pittman pass to put Spearman in control at the Stratford 16.

Again it was Cook, this time from nine yards out, to score the TD. That final score came with 42 seconds left in the contest. Tucker's extra point kick was good and the Lynx had their first district win of the 1987 season with that 79-yard TD pass to open the second half.

Davis finished the night by hitting on five of nine attempts for 130 yards and one touchdown. He carried the ball 11 times for 22 yards.

Leading rusher was Garrett with 74 yards on 10 totes. Alan Beeson finished with 38 yards on 17 carries

and one touchdown while Stan Brandt had 10 yards on five carries and one TD.

The real story of the night was the performance of Shawn Cook who had three markers to his credit. The junior runningback finished with 63 yards on five carries while he also caught that 79-yard TD pass to open the second half.

Leading rusher for the Elks was Parker Johnson with 57 yards on 14 carries. His counterpart in the Elk backfield, McBryde, carried the ball 11 times for 42 yards and caught three passes for another 48.

Pittman, the Elk helmsman, had a negative 24 yards on seven carries. He also hit on 11 of 19 passes for 124 yards.

Next Friday, Spearman will host the White Deer Bucks in the 1987 Lynx Homecoming celebration. This will be the first district 1-AA game of the season for the Bucks.

**GAME STATS**

	SPM	STR
1st Downs	16	11
Yds Rush	201	75
Yds Pass	130	124
Total Yds	331	199
Pass Md/Att	5/9	11/19
Fum Rec By	7	2
Int Md By	1	0
Pen/Yds	5/50	5/45

## Lynx JV outlast Stratford, 24-16

The Spearman Lynx junior varsity football eleven racked up their fourth win in as many starts as they held off a determined crew from Stratford in a 24-16 contest Thursday evening in Lynx stadium.

Spearman workhorse runningbacks Scott Wilkerson and Edgar Nava scored a pair of touchdowns a piece to propel the JV Lynx to the win.

Wilkerson finished the night with 160 yards on 19 carries while Nava toted the ball 18 times for 82 yards.

Spearman totaled 284 yards of offense compared to Stratford's 207 yards on offense. This is the second time this season the Lynx JV

has beaten their Stratford counterparts.

Spearman took a 14-6 decision over the Stratford JV in the opening game of the season in Stratford.

Thursday night, Spearman took advantage of Elk JV turnovers, punching across three second frame TD's and one third quarter score to account for their 24 points.

Three of the scores were set up on fumble recoveries while the other TD was due to a bad snap which sailed over the Elk punter's head to the Stratford 6-yard line.

Wilkerson scored the opening marker of the evening on an 18-yard run with 6:09 remaining in the second quarter. The PAT snap was mishandled, but the Lynx JV crew had a 6-0 lead.

Just two minutes later, Nava blasted in from the 6 to put Spearman in front by a 12-0 count with 4:04 remaining in the half. The PAT failed again.

Then, with 45 seconds left in the second stanza, Wilkerson found daylight again, this time from the Elk 2-yard line.

The PAT boot was wide left but the Lynx JV carried a commanding 18-0 lead into halftime intermission.

Nava tacked on an insurance touchdown midway through the third quarter on another 6-yard run.

This score came with 7:34 left in the third quarter. The PAT was muffed again, but Spearman held firm control of the scoreboard with a 24-0 tally.

As the game progressed, Spearman JV coach James Mireles began making liberal substitution while Stratford kept their number one unit on the field.

Stratford punched across their first TD of the night with 5:13 remaining in the game and made good a 2-point conversion to bring the score to 24-8.

With 1:55 remaining on the fourth quarter clock, the Elk JV again found paydirt and converted their 2-point PAT to boost the score to a 24-16 deficit.

But the Lynx JV was able to stave off any further Elk hopes to corner

their fourth win of the year by that final score, 24-16.

Next week, the Lynx JV will go to White Deer to take on the Bucks in their fifth game of the year.

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**SCHOOL**

problems at the junior high campus.

Board members instructed Butler to proceed forward with work toward a bond election. This election could be held as early as Dec. 8, reports the Spearman school superintendent.

School officials would have to call the election during their Oct. 15 meeting for the \$2.185 million bond issue.

SISD trustees will meet again Tuesday morning in a special breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

At this meeting, they are expected to rescind an earlier vote to hold a non-binding referendum on the bond issue and discuss the building project.

Starting January 1, 1988, the sales tax will be further extended to data processing services, including word processing, data entry, retrieval and search as well as payroll and business accounting, data production, time sharing and computer management.

Taxes will also be due on repair and remodeling services, except on new construction and owner-occupied residences starting January 1, 1988.

## Junior high Lynx fall to Stratford grid teams

The Spearman junior high Lynx dropped a pair of games to their Stratford Elk counterparts Thursday evening in Lynx stadium with the seventh grade bowing out in a 20-32 encounter, while the eighth grade Lynx dropped a 6-22 contest.

"Both teams really had good games, despite the score," declares junior high head coach Ken Rutherford. "We got excellent play from both offensive lines."

In the seventh grade game, Spearman trailed by a 24-0 count before posting their first touchdown of the night.

Roman Arnold broke loose on a 60-yard gallop to paydirt to notch the score at 24-6 by halftime.

Stratford tallied another marker

in the third quarter before a 70-yard run by Arnold set up a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Curtis Pearson for the second Spearman TD.

That brought the score to 32-12.

Junior Tererro tacked on the final points of the night with a 60-yard scamper of his own. With the 2-point PAT the final went to 20-32.

Coach's accolades went to the offensive line of center Landon Swan, guards Clint Sims and Chris Brooks, tackles Mike Hager and Sammy Graham and tight ends Cody Pipkin and Clint Townsend.

In eighth grade action, Tino Garcia drew first blood with an 80-yard scoring romp to put Spearman out front, 6-0.

But Stratford came back to take the lead in the second quarter, 8-6 and that lead held until the third frame when the Elk eighth graders added another marker to bring the count to 14-6.

Strong defensive play by the Lynx eighth graders held Stratford at bay until the final two minutes of the game when the Elks scored their last TD of the night. That brought the score to 22-6 with a 2-point PAT conversion.

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addition to massive doses of antibiotics.

While medicare picked a large portion of his expenses, Ernie has had to spend a good deal out of his own pocket - something his limited budget wasn't geared for.

But he hasn't quit taking pictures or giving them away for free. Instead, he took money he'd been saving for a new camera to pay his medical bills.

He's back to saving again, but when you're 85, one never knows how long it'll take to save up for a new camera. Especially one of those new automatic focusing cameras which with Ernie's failing eyesight may become a necessity before too much more time passes.

Because of this, a special fund has been started by some of Ernie's friends in order to purchase the camera for him.

The fund already has \$50 in it, but that's way shy of the approximately \$600 it will take to purchase the outfit.

Ernie's pneumonia, by the way, came about as a result of his attempts to take pictures of tornadoes during this spring's thunderstorms which dotted the area. Several soakings of cold showers helped bring it on.

For those who would like to show their appreciation of Spearman's unofficial photographer, money may be turned in to a special fund which has been started at the First National Bank.

Money for "Ernie's Camera Fund" can be taken by the bank or mailed to the fund in care of the bank at Box 337, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

## Full agenda Tuesday for councilmen

A full agenda awaits Spearman city councilmen Tuesday evening when they meet to accept the 1987-88 budget and establish the tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

In addition, the 8 o'clock evening meeting will see city fathers making final decisions on federal revenue sharing money, setting new rates for garbage collection, amending the current city budget and other items.

Included in Tuesday's agenda will be a special meeting to receive public input concerning a city application to the Texas Department of Community Affairs for a possible community development improvement project.

The TDCA has some \$1.2 million in funds available for Panhandle cities for improvement projects. In the past, the city of Spearman has gotten these funds to improve water facilities.

The proposed garbage collection fee increase will be an across the board 12 percent raise. This increase will move residential costs from \$5.35 per month to \$6 per month.

Commercial and business rates will get the same 12 percent increase, notes city manager Jim Murray.

Commissioners will also look at improving the city's retirement program in addition to authorizing an independent salary survey by an outside consultation firm.

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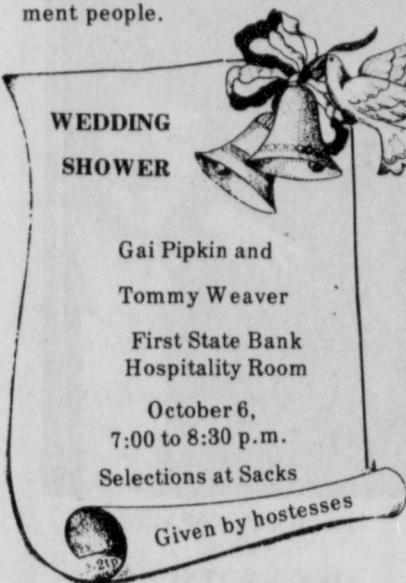
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

For a long time we have wanted to publicly express our appreciation for the privilege of living in a county where we have efficient, capable and honest law enforcement people.



We were both born within ten miles of Spearman, went to school here, raised our family here, and intend to be here from now on.

We grew up with respect and admiration for law enforcement due in large part to Hix Wilbanks. He was not officious, never pushing or flaunting his authority, but firm and fair.

We do not recall ever seeing him wearing a gun, but he was able to get cooperation from the criminals.

J.B. Cooke started as his deputy when he was quite young and followed the example set by Hix.

J.B. served the people of this county faithfully and with integrity for many years. Many a middle-aged man today credits J.B. with setting his steps in the right direction. He was understanding of their temptations, but insistent on going straight.

R.L. McFarlin served as deputy under J.B. and we see many of the same qualities in him that we

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admired and respected in Hix and J.B.

Our generation grew up in an atmosphere of respect for law and we took it for granted until we had contact with other places and began to realize how fortunate we are.

The Deputy Sheriffs, Jim Brown and Gary Evans together with the Sheriff go beyond their exact duties and take a personal interest in the safety of people and property. The office staff is very capable and cooperative.

We want to publicly express our thanks to them all for "keeping an eye on us and ours", especially since we are not as agile as we once were.

Sincerely,  
Hollie and Earl Riley



## Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Jeanette Allen has a new great niece. Macy Polk Hicks was born in Amarillo on Sept. 20, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hicks. Mrs. Hicks was the former Candy Thoreson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Allen returned the first of the week from a leisurely trip through southern Colorado and New Mexico.

It was Ivan's "last hurrah" before returning to work at Boyd's Beauty Salon. She has been recovering from surgery for several months.

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The many friends of Mrs. Blanch Watson are welcoming her back to Spearman after an absence of 4 years.

She left here to live in Plainview and Tulia but decided that there

turned Wednesday from Oklahoma City. They were there several days while she was an outpatient at McBride Clinic.

They also visited old friends while there. They returned by Shawnee for a short visit.



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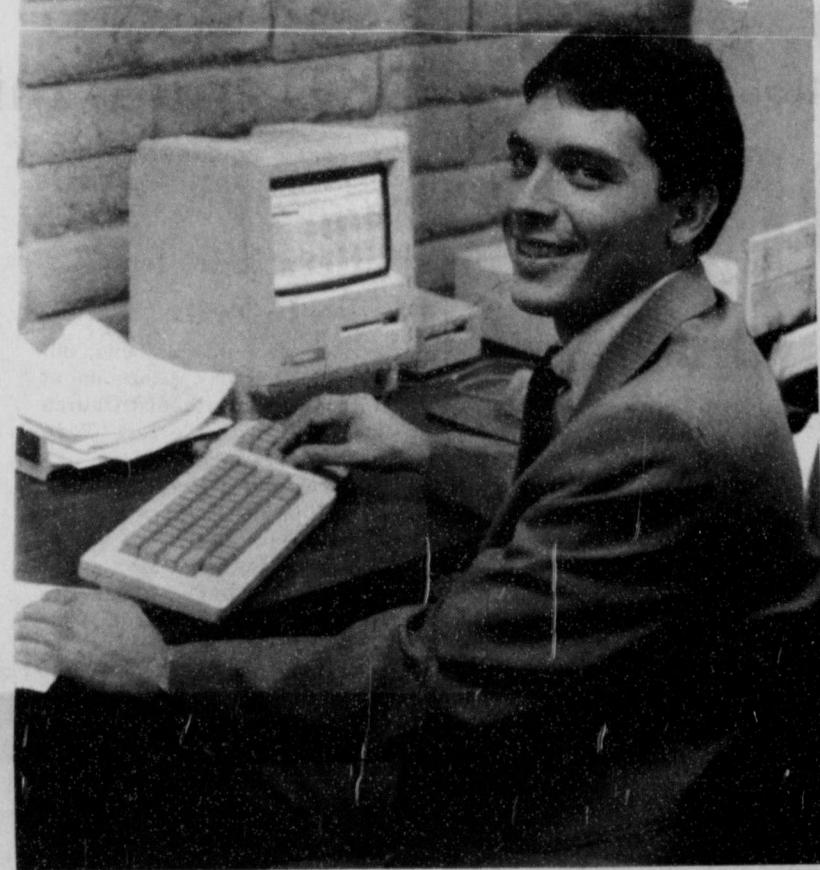
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Active in our community as well, Tindle is a member of the Spearman Jaycees where he has served as secretary for that organization. He's also active in his church where he is a member of the First United Methodist choir and is on the administrative council of the church. He and his wife, Kristi, are sponsors for the senior high UMYF youth group.

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**Booster club to meet Tuesday night**

The Spearman Lynx and Lynette Sports Booster Club will be meeting Tuesday evening to review game film of the Spearman-Stratford district game which ran off this past Friday in Stratford.

That meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Home Ec room at Spearman High School. Also on tap will be game highlights of the Spearman Junior High games against Stratford in Lynx stadium last Thurs-

day.

In addition, the Booster Club will be selling Mother's Mums for homecoming this week.

Cost of the mums are \$12 each and are available from Booster Club members.

For full information, contact Marlene Davis at 659-2912, Carol Hall at 659-3356, Cathy Beck at 659-2866 or Hester Sue Crawford at 659-2074.

**Cubs Scouts to hold first meet**

The first Cub Scout pack meeting of the fall term will be held this Tuesday evening in the county barn. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

All Cub Scouts planning to participate in this year's activities should attend Tuesday's meeting, reports Candy Delozier, Den Mother.

At Tuesday's meeting, Tiger Cubs will be graduated into Cub Scouts and fourth and fifth grade boys will be advancing to Webelos.

**THE HANSFORD PLAINSMAN****Services held for father of resident**

J.B. Raper, 71, father of Spearman Police Chief Joe Raper, died Thursday in Dimmitt. Funeral services were held Saturday at First Baptist Church there. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Mr. Raper was born at Vernon. He moved to Dimmitt in 1936 from Earth. He was married to Oleta Boozer in 1954 in Castro County.

He was a service station operator until retiring in 1977. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He was preceded in death by a son, Johnny, in 1972.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Donetta Hendrickson of Canyon; a son, Joe of Spearman; three sisters, Mary Woodburn of Dimmitt and Ruby Dempsey and Joyce Angel, both of Amarillo; a brother, Sam of Dimmitt; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Westlawn Memorial Park Fund c/o Castro County Courthouse.

Baby Shower for  
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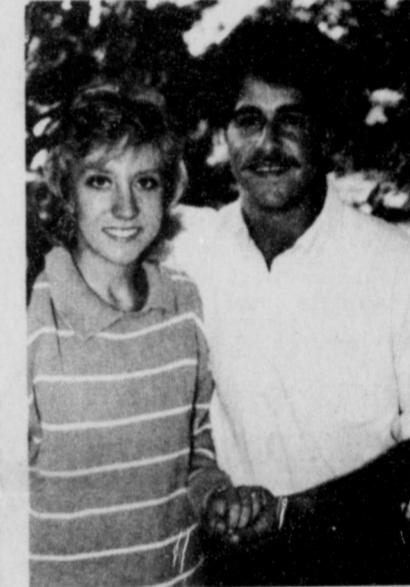
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**Engagement Announced****TISCHA LEN PEARCY  
AND  
STEVEN WAYNE FRY**

The engagement and approaching marriage of Tischa Len Pearcy of Spearman to Steven Wayne Fry of Gruver is announced this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pearcy.

Fry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fry of Gruver.

The couple plan a December wedding. Both Miss Pearcy and Fry are education majors at West Texas State University in Canyon.

**Engagement Announced****GAI PIPKIN AND  
TOMMY WEAVER**

The engagement and approaching marriage of Gai Pipkin of Spearman to Tommy Weaver of Perryton is announced this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Pipkin.

Parents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Weaver.

The wedding date has been set for Oct. 17 at Balko Baptist Church in Balko, Ok.

**Swink & Cook Auction Co.****"Pound for Pound the Best Team Around"****AUCTION****Saturday, October 3, 1987 - 10:00 a.m.**

**LOCATED: Corner of Industrial Road & Brillhart Ave. [Hwy. 15] Perryton, Tx.**  
**OWNER: Clint Ragsdale, Craig Ragsdale Estates & Others**  
**Information: Tony Ragsdale - Home Phone: 435-4362 or Business Phone: 435-4941**  
**Day of Inspection - October 2, 1987 - 12 noon to 6 p.m.**

**VEHICLES, FARM EQUIPMENT & TRAILERS**

1-1986 Grand Wagoneer, Loaded 20,000 Mi. (Very Sharp & Like New)

1-1979 Cadillac Sedan De Ville 44,000 Mi. (Like New)

1-1979 Ford Maxi Van, Superwagon, 4 Captains Chairs, Extended Body and 2 Fuel Tanks

1-1980 Grand Marquis Mercury, 67,000 Mi.

1-1973 Sedan De Ville Cadillac 69,000 Mi.

1-1983 Chevy ½ Ton Silverado Pickup, Loaded

1-1964 Chevy Pickup

1-Big 12 Grain Cart

1-8N Ford Tractor

1-2 Row Mower

1-2 Wheel Trailer W/Spare

1-2 Wheel Tilt Trailer W/Lights

1-1984 Yamaha 225 Three Wheeler

1-Yamaha 125 Three Wheeler

**BOATS**

1-Man Bass Hunter Boat

1-12' Jon Flat Bottom Boat

1-5 HP Gas Boat Motor

**OILFIELD EQUIPMENT**

1-1969 Chevy .60 Oilfield Long Bed

With Gin Poles Rolling Tailboard

1-AC 6000 LB. Fork Lift With New Tires (Clean)

1-1981 Chevy 1 Ton Crew Cab, Good Tires, 4 Speed, No Motor, Tool Boxes With Headache Rack

1-Single Axle 28' Float

1-Schramm 160 Air Compressor

1-Large Sandstorm Sand Blasting Pot On Two Wheel Trailer

1-Dayton Model 3Z947 Bead Blaster (Good Shape)

4-Shop Heaters

1-Lot Metal Shelving

1-Hdly. Press

1-Bed For ¼ Chev.

1-Lot Tool Boxes

2-Double Barrel Butane Tanks

1-Lot of 150 Gal. Fuel Tanks

1-Continental 60 Ton Press

1-Dura-Craft Drill Press

1-Sioux Valve Grinder

1-Acylene Torch & Cart

1-Lincoln AC 225S Welder & Leads

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1-Black Hawk Porta Power

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1-Oak Round Coffee Table W/Claw Feet

1-Captain Chair

1-Barber Chair, Restored, Theo-A. Kochs

2-Barber Chairs, 1 Koken, 1 Emil J. Paidar

1-Oak Filing Cabinet

1-Hall Tree

1-Triple, Bevel Edge, 2 Winged Mirror & Dresser

1-3 Piece Bedroom, Full Size

1-Large Lot Doilles & Hot Pads

1-Lot of Feather Pillows

1-Dresser Bench

1-Magazine Table

1-Underwood Typewriter

1-Singer Sewing Machine, Treadle, Working Condition

1-Lot Sewing Machine Cabinets & Machines

1-Cash Register

1-Tokheim Gas Pump

1-Round-Top Truck

1-Large Lot Dishes, Pots, Pans, Utensils, Glasses

1-Set Homer Laughlin Pink Flowered Dishes

1-Soda Fountain Chair

1-Pepsi Wagon

1-Rocker

1-Occasional Chair

1-Wicker Standing Wash Basin W/Mirror

1-Lot Horse Collars

1-Set of Harnesses

**FURNITURE**

1-4 Piece Bedroom Suite, Full Size

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1-Children's Bedroom Suite, Full Size

1-Lot Recliners

1-Lot Swivel Rockers

1-Lot Occasional Chairs

1-Lot Lamps, Table & Hanging

1-3 Piece Living Room Group W/Ottoman

1-Wicker Lounger

1-Sofa & Love Seat

1-Lot of Sofas

6-Rod-Iron Counter Bar Stools

4-Kitchenette Chairs

2-Bar Stools

1-Formal Dining Suite, Double Leaf W/Pads & 6 Chairs

1-Smoked Glass Dinette W/4 Chairs, Chrome

1-Kitchenette W/4 Chairs

1-Lot Assorted Tables

**1-Round Marble Table**

1-Occasional Table, Marble In-Lay

1-White Game Table W/4 Chairs

1-Lot Mirrors

1-Lot Wall Clocks

1-Wicker Vanity W/Chair

1-Brass Hall Tree

3-Brass & Glass Plant Stands

1-Brass Fireplace Set

1-Kirby Vacuum

1-Hotpoint Washer & Dryer

1-Executive Office Chair

1-Desk W/L Attachement

1-Magazine Rack

1-Lot Trash & Ashtray Cans

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1-Dresser Bench

1-Magazine Table

1-Underwood Typewriter

1-Singer Sewing Machine, Treadle, Working Condition



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there, but it's pretty much spread all over the oil field," he said.

Richard Sparling, director of economic studies with the Independent Petroleum Association of America, noted that the rig count is getting an additional lift from a traditional increase during the last half of the year and that it should hit 1,300 if the current pace continues.

**The Energy Wire**

**ANALYSTS SAY RIG COUNT WILL CREEP UPWARD**

**WASHINGTON** -- Analysts predict that the weekly count of operating drilling rigs will continue to edge higher, although probably not high enough to prevent 1987 from going down as the lowest on record, for the annual average rig count in the United States.

The Baker-Hughes weekly count increased by nine rigs to reach 1,108 on Sept. 14, poking through the 1,100 mark for the first time since March, 1986. Trailing the crash in prices, the count bottomed out in July, 1986 at 663.

Baker-Hughes has projected an average count for 1987 at 960, just below last year's average of 964 -- the lowest previous level since World War II when records on the rig count were begun. Last year's tally was boosted by a higher count at the start of the year before the impact of the price drop.

Ike Kerridge, an economist with Baker-Hughes, said the average of 960 for this year means the count will need to rise by December to the 1,300 range, which is the Baker-Hughes outlook. "While we think that's reasonable, we don't see any reason to change the forecast," said Kerridge, explaining that Baker-Hughes did not expect the count to go higher than that by year-end.

If anything, Kerridge hinted the count might lag behind that level.

"A lot of the larger oil companies reviewed their drilling plans in April and decided that we would have an \$18 minimum price and decided to step up drilling in the last half of 1987," Kerridge said. "They've begun to implement that and perhaps the rig count will level off for a few months."

He said the increase in drilling has been primarily focused on development within existing fields. "I think the emphasis is on oil development wells," he said, although he noted that some infill drilling in existing fields also has been widespread in sections of Oklahoma and Kansas, especially in the Hugoton gas field.

Baker-Hughes will release its rig-count projection for 1988 in October and Kerridge only noted that the projected average would go up from this year.

Projected averages for the month already have been released by analysts in New York for several major investment firms. Paine Webber has predicted a 1988 average count of 1,100 and Salomon Brothers Inc. has forecast 1,200.

Brian T. Petty, manager of government affairs in Washington for the International Association of Drilling Contractors, said the count will not take a major leap to higher activity without further help from prices. "It simply won't improve until the price of oil kicks up to the mid-20s range," he said.

The current increase in drilling has been "spread out all over the traditional oil field," said Ed McGhee, executive vice president of IADC in Houston. "There's a minor flurry here, a minor flurry

in 1983 billion cubic feet from 1983 billion cubic feet in 1985.

All major oil-producing states reflected the decline in oil reserves. Year-end reserves in Texas dropped from 7,782 billion barrels in 1985 to 7,152 billion barrels at the end of 1986, ahead of second-ranked Alaska which dipped from 7,056 billion barrels in 1985 to

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### Menu

#### SCHOOL MENU

#### HIGH SCHOOL

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 28

#### MANAGER'S CHOICE

#### SALAD BAR

#### PINTO BEANS

#### CORN BREAD

#### FRUIT CUP

#### MILK

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

#### FISH

#### NEW POTATOES/

#### CREAM SAUCE

#### SALAD BAR

#### HOT BREAD

#### PEANUT BUTTER BLEND

#### MILK

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

#### HAMBURGER/BUN

#### TATOR TOTS

#### SALAD BAR

#### COOKIE

#### MILK

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 1

#### PIZZA BURGER/BUN

#### SALAD BAR

#### FRENCH FRIES

#### LIME JELLO/PEARS

#### MILK

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

#### CORN DOG

#### MACARONI/CHEESE

#### SALAD BAR

#### BIRTHDAY CAKE

#### MILK

#### ELEMENTARY & JR. HIGH

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 28

#### SAUSAGE/STICK

#### PINTO BEANS

#### CHOPPED SPINACH

#### CORN BREAD

#### FRUIT CUP

#### MILK

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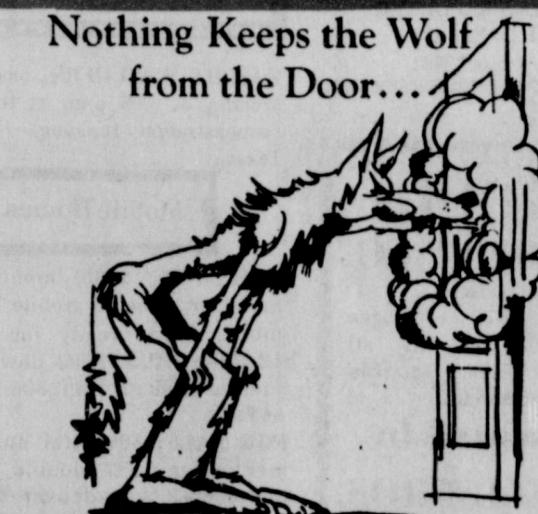
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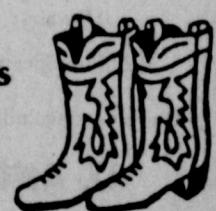
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