

From roofer to organic chicken farmer . . .

Family returns to simpler, family-oriented lifestyle

Tom Sullivan's three young children can all peep, cluck and crow, and they know which bird does which, thanks to the organic chicken farm he started last June. Chicks, chickens and roosters brought this Amarillo man, his wife, Cathy, and their children to Spearman and his new business is already expanding.

Together with his wife's sister and her husband, Julia and Bert Wofford, the Sullivans rear day-old chicks in a barn with a special "compost" floor. The earthen floor is a living medium which has been inoculated with "friendly" bacteria. These bacteria "eat" coccidia, protozoans excreted by chicks that normally wind up in the chickens' digestive systems, where they can kill or cripple the animals.

"Commerically grown chickens are typically reared in cages and given antibiotics all their lives to protect them against coccidiosis," Tom explains. "We don't have to use antibiotics because the bad bacteria in the chick droppings get eaten by the friendly bacteria in the compost floor." The Sullivan/Wofford chickens live on this floor instead of in cages.

The Sullivans had long shared a keen interest in natural foods and Cathy had helped organize a food co-op specializing in organically grown products. In spite of his "city boy upbringing" in Pittsburg and New Orleans, Tom got a taste of the world of agriculture when he filled in for his brother-in-law on a Texas farm. His interests in healthful food and farming combined to give him the idea for an organic chicken farm, along with the realization that there was a local market demand for the meat which was not being supplied.

After reading on the subject and visiting a successfully operated organic chicken farm in Kansas, the Sullivans and Woffords conceived "Chicken Natural," their business. Tom and his family sold their home in Amarillo and moved into a new trailer on the Wofford's five acres of land located 14 miles south of Spearman. Bert Wofford, formerly a respiratory therapist at Hansford Hospital, is now taking pre-med courses and Julia teaches in Waka.

At this time last year, Tom was working as a concrete roof tiler in the Amarillo area, where he originally had one of the only two businesses doing these roofs. The enterprising 34-year-old eventually went in with his competitor but dreamed of being self-employed again. Cathy, who is a registered nurse, also admits that "I was nagging him to get off the roof before he turned forty."

"At first there was so much to do it was work from sun-up to sun-down," Tom recalls with a grin. A quiet man with bright, light eyes and a soft beard, he glances at his

hands as he says this, as if remembering all the hard work they did those first weeks. "We built the barn and got the compost floor going, then bought our first batch of day-old chicks...two hundred of 'em," he says. Tom got the makings for the compost floor from a Spearman man and the chicks came from hatcheries in Stillwater, OK., or Cameron, TX. Eventually Tom would like to start his own hatchery.

A trip out to the barn, which these entrepreneurs smilingly call "The House of the Happy Chicken" reveals three separately penned groups of squawking, walking, pecking, strutting cornish rock chickens - the newest arrivals, now just over a week old, the "middle aged" group, about 4 weeks old, and the oldest group, about 8 weeks. The barn has a pleasant, earthy smell, is almost warm (the compost, being a living material, stays at about 70 degrees), and the chickens do indeed seem...happy! The Sullivan children climb inside the chicken wire to the baby chicks and hold them gently, stroking their still-yellow down. A "brooder," a tent like structure with heat lamps, keeps them warm.

The Sullivans feed their chickens food that they mix themselves which includes corn ("from a guy in Dalhart who raises natural beef," Tom says), soybean meal ("From a Mennonite farmer in Kansas"), and vitamins and minerals. Other than feeding the chickens, Tom spends time maintaining the compost, which has to be rototilled and watered and occasionally re-inoculated with the "friendly" bacteria.

At seven to eight weeks of age, the chickens are ready for market and are "pulled off" and transported to a bird ranch in the Panhandle owned by Jeff Hart. Tom and Jeff have begun working together, using Jeff's processing equipment. The chickens are killed, dipped in 147-degree water for two and a half minutes, and plucked in a plucking machine, then frozen and sold. Tom mainly supplies natural food co-ops in the Amarillo area, but has steadily built up a clientele of individual buyers.

Cathy, a tall graceful woman with expressive blue eyes, tells me that she was hesitant to tell local people about the chicken farming at first "for fear that they'd think we were crazy," but that their response has been amazing. "People here understand what fresh meat tastes like and they value that," she comments.

The Sullivans and Woffords seem temporarily stumped when asked to describe the difference in taste of their chickens, but soon begin throwing out descriptive words. Cathy says, "One of our baked chickens cooks up with a

softer, chewier texture." Julia adds, "It's a cleaner taste, more flavorful. And you can put your nose right up against raw chickens and not smell a strong smell!" She also tells of her principal's reaction to the first fried chicken he had, made with one of their chickens: "He said he hadn't had fried chicken in years that tasted that great!"

"The way we produce food in this country today, we're processing all the good stuff out of it, so it isn't as good for us and it doesn't taste as good, either," Tom explains. Cathy chimes in, "It's abuse, not management!"

This brings us to the subject of personal philosophy, and why the Sullivans would give up a beautiful home and Tom's steady income in the city to start this venture. Tom speaks slowly but with the astonishing degree of persuasiveness only earnestness can bring. "Most of us own lots of things, but we don't really own them - we charge them. This forces you to spend all your time making the money to pay the bills and less time with your family. I wanted more time with my family. You get freedom with a simpler lifestyle. You're not nailed to a big

mortgage." Cathy admits that living this simpler lifestyle can be lonely "because it makes you different and not many people around you feel this way."

The Sullivans believe, however, that there is a movement across the

Workshop helps farmers learn about efficient irrigation

Workshops to help farmers learn about efficient irrigation methods will be conducted by the Texas Water Development Board at the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show on Nov. 29- Dec. 1.

Through its Agricultural Conservation Unit, the Board administers the state's Grants to Districts program. Grants are available to local soil and water conservation districts, surface water irrigation districts, and underground water conservation districts for the purchase of portable testing equipment. Tests can evaluate the efficiency of on-farm irrigation systems and other water conservation practices.

The Board also administers another state program that pro-

country to get back to more natural, family-oriented things, and they and the Woffords rejoice in this. "People are realizing that having lots of money and material things isn't fulfilling them," Tom says. "We didn't figure out what we wanted until we got in our

thirties, but now we know." Tom and Cathy's eyes meet meaningfully at this, then she shifts the drowsing child slightly on her lap and he glances out the window and continues to smile. There is an undeniable look of pride on his face.

Myers addresses session at Farm and Ranch Show

Peter C. Myers will address the sorghum session of the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in Amarillo on Nov. 29. Myers is Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and has been named as a likely contender for the top USDA position in the next administration.

Myers will discuss the 1989 farm program and the outlook for future programs at the program sponsor-vides local conservation districts with money to loan to farmers for the purchase of efficient irrigation equipment.

The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show workshops will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, and Wednesday, Nov. 30, and at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

ed by National Grain Sorghum Producers Association beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Fourth Annual Amarillo Farm Show will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. Show hours are 10 to 6 daily.

Billy Bob Brown, NGSPA president from the Texas Panhandle, will moderate the meeting, assisted by NGSPA officers Jeff Casten, of Quenemo, Kansas, and Pat George, of Tulia, with the NGSPA staff. They will present the current sorghum situation in research, market development and legislative programs. The National Grain Sorghum Producers Association has extended an invitation to all who would like to attend.



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Christmas parade set, Santa set to arrive in town

The Spearman Retail Merchants are sponsoring the second annual Christmas Parade to be held Wednesday, Nov. 30. The rules for the parade will be the same as last year. There will be no entry fees and no prizes. The parade is meant to involve the public in "ol' fashion fun".

The Retail Merchants invite all clubs or individuals to decorate cars, wagons, pickups, trailers, semis or whatever and join in the parade. The parade will begin at Golden Spread Sales located at 412 Collard on the Perryton Highway 15. Lining up will begin at 5 p.m. The parade will start at 5:30 and proceed down Main Street and continue to the Courthouse.

The Spearman High School Band will be marching in the parade and Santa Claus will be making his first "official" visit to Spearman this season. There will be singing on the Courthouse lawn and the "lighting" of Spearman's Christmas lights.



This is a picture of a new business that has been established in Hansford County. Owned by Dwayne and Mary TeBeest of Gruver, the shop offers green plants, blooming plants, special arrangements [by special request] and many other items. Stop by and visit these friendly and helpful proprietors.

Photo courtesy of MELYN JOHNSON

GTE phone co. customers subject to rate increase

In accordance with recent Federal Communication Commission action, all single line business and residential telephone customers across the nation, including those served by GTE Southwest, will be subject to an increase in their interstate Subscriber Line Charge from the current \$2.60 per month to a \$3.20 per month.

This 60 cent increase in the interstate subscriber line charge is effective Dec. 1 and is the third phase of a federally mandated process that is intended to gradually eliminate the practice of charging customers more for long-distance service in order to keep local rates artificially low.

Business customers with more than one line have been paying \$6 interstate subscriber line charge since May 1984. This interstate subscriber line charge for business customers will not change.

Under the Federal Communications Commission plan for implementation of the interstate subscriber line charges, the total

revenues of the local telephone companies will not increase since the FCC in turn will reduce by an equivalent amount charges to long-distance carriers for use of local facilities and equipment. It is the intent of the FCC that this decrease in long-distance carriers' expense will be passed through to consumers in the form of reduced interstate long-distance rates.

GTE officials said the interstate subscriber line charges are designed to shift from long-distance users to local customers, a larger portion of the actual costs of providing the line from their residence or business to the telephone switching equipment.

Depending on the amount of interstate long-distance calling, the reductions for interstate rates could offset the \$3.20 interstate fee for many customers, especially high volume users.

The \$3.20 interstate subscriber line charge applies to all residential and single line business customers of all exchange telephone companies providing local exchange service.

Local woman performs in Amarillo one-act play

Spearman resident Candy Boxwell will perform in one of the four one-act plays that will be presented at the Amarillo Little Theatre on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 1. The plays are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. each evening.

Boxwell will play one of the sisters in the play "Approaching Lavendar", written by Julie Beckett Crutcher and directed by Delton Horn. The play is a character study which crosses the boundary between comedy and serious drama. Two sisters, Jennifer and Abigail, portrayed by Judy Thornton and Boxwell, attempt to cope with their father's fourth wedding and their new step-sister, Wren, played by Gabrielle Lang.

Other plays presented those evenings include "The Shock of Recognition", "Birdbath", and "Suppressed Desires".

"The Shock of Recognition" is a lighthearted comedy written by Robert Anderson and directed by

Tim Coleman. Cast members include Kyle McFarren, David Burrell, Marj Ekleberry, and King Hill.

"Birdbath" is a two-character drama with cast members Judy Earles and Frankie Sparrow. It was written by Leonard Melfi and directed by Randy Smiddy.

The other play of the evening, "Suppressed Desires", written by Susan Glaspell and directed by Keith Kritselis, is a light comedy. Cast members include Chris Huntsman, Roy Dunlap, and Lynda Joyce Barr.

The showing of "A Night of One-Acts" is the end product of one of the many goals set by Allen Shankles, ALT Artistic Director, at the beginning of the season, designed to expand community involvement in the theatre arts.

Tickets for "A Night of One-Acts" may be purchased at the door of the ALT located at 2019 Civic Circle in Amarillo.

City council meets to discuss contracts

The governing body of the City of Spearman will meet Tuesday, Nov. 29 to discuss regular business and other matters.

After the reading of the minutes, city council will discuss the possibility of employing Don Butler, attorney at law, and Jack Hopper, PhD., consultant, to provide the city professional services with the negotiations of the cable T.V. franchise. Next on the agenda is the consideration of authorizing the mayor to execute a letter of agreement with Mission Cable Company.

The council will also discuss a possible agreement with Ralph Anderson and Associates to provide partial recruitment for a new director of public works.

After some consideration at the last council meeting, there will be further discussion of an ordinance amending chapter 2, airport and air

craft of the Spearman City code; reducing the rate of t-hanger rental and providing for a effective date;

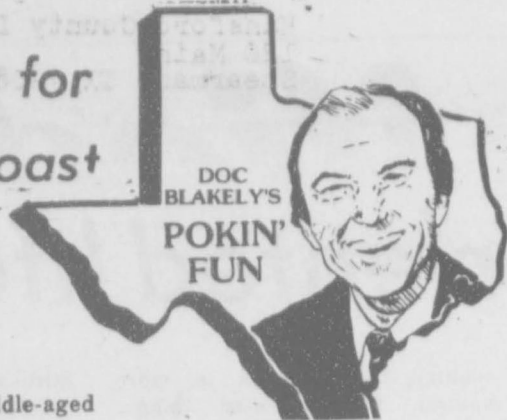
and of amending the city's lease on the municipal t-hangers with the present occupants.

Council will also give attention to the matter of authorizing an early payout with the First National Bank of Spearman for the municipal t-hangers.

Next council will be advised on awarding a contract for janitorial services for city hall and the police department, and study the matter of authorizing the city manager to take sealed bids for a leak survey on the municipal gas system.

There will also be discussion of the scope of services for the automation and control for the gas, sewer and water systems. The council will then open the meeting to any other matters, before adjourning the meeting.

Back home for a Sunday roast



There was this middle-aged preacher, rather short in stature, a sharp dresser, who was sent out to California on a missionary program to try to tone down the direction that some of the churches were taking out there. He spent a year in Marina del Rey, California, at a Protestant church called Our Lady of the Homecoming Queen.

When he returned to the conservative Bible Belt, the denomination that sent him had a little banquet in his honor. The "brothers" couldn't resist roasting him. Here are some of the lines:

He just doesn't look like a California preacher. Out there, everyone mistook him for an All-state claims adjuster.

Let's sum up his career this way -- He was a Wonderkid at 20, guru at 40, and kaput at 50.

Imagine turning 50 in the same year as Superman, Snow White, and Mickey Mouse.

It's real refreshing to see a guy who is 50 years old who looks 50 years old.

Just joking, Reverend. You never seem to look any older. For you, I guess that's just not possible.

But, he still does everything now that he did when he was 25. Gives you an idea of what a pitiful shape he was in at 25.

We sent him and his entire family to California. Of course, his wife was always different from the other girls he knew. She actually

went out with him. She raised three kids ... four, if you count him.

The California congregation told him he'd have a great pad for his parsonage. He thought it was something that plugged in and warmed up.

His first sermon was on preparedness. It had to be cancelled. He couldn't find it.

He has always believed in a church which has the one man-one vote rule ... as long as he's the one man who has the one vote.

That's why he looks so serious all the time. You have to be reasonably intelligent to listen to him. But not too intelligent or you'll lose interest.

At first, the Californians didn't understand his words. Later, he realized they didn't understand his sentences either.

But there are some preachers that money just cannot buy. Fortunately, our quest tonight is not one of them.

He's just back from the beach at Malibu, suntanned and healthy. We tried to get him to wear his gold chain and Rolex, but he didn't want to appear too far out. Besides, they didn't match his thong sandals.

After he had been in California seven or eight months and thought he knew everyone in the congregation, he greeted a fellow at the door and asked, "Where did you come from?" The guy said, "Right here. Been a member of this church for 20 years."

He said, "I've never seen you before." They guy replied, "I said I was a member, not a fanatic!"

I'll have to give the reverend credit. He sat poker-faced through the whole roast and when he was finally introduced, he raised both hands high as if to give a blessing on the audience, closed his eyes, and prayed, "Oh, Lord, I thank Thee for preparing a place for me in the presence of mine enemies."

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The Ross Family

Christmas "push" begins earlier each season

The Christmas push seems to begin earlier every year, leaving many to wonder what effect this increased commercialization will have on consumers. In particular, what effect is there on children who are bombarded with the material aspects of the season?

Although television is not the only reason Christmas has become commercialized, Dr. David Barker, Texas Christian University assistant professor of radio-TV-film, agreed that it has helped to promote a different meaning of Christmas.

"For television and most retailers, Christmas is seen as a huge selling season," said Barker. "While there are always some special programs that touch the heart, I think that television's ability to communicate the true meaning of Christmas is diluted by

communicated by television is not lost on children, according to Barker. The messages they receive are that the way to happiness is through buying and that Christmas is not just a time to consider the birth of Jesus but instead is a time to express love for others by buying them presents.

Americans are not the only ones to be affected by the commercialization of Christmas, but Barker said the influence may be greater because of the large part television plays in daily life.

"If you look at the image of Santa Claus in Europe, it is much more traditional, still tied to the idea of Father Christmas. But here, Santa Claus is heavily connected to the purchase and giving of bought gifts," Barker explained.

Christmas fund set up for Boys Ranch residents

Almost 400 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch look forward to sharing the happiness of Christmas and receiving new clothes.

The Ranch's Christmas Suit Fund annual drive raises funds to outfit all of the youngsters. New suits or clothing packages will be provided to boys of all ages who need jackets, trousers, ties, shirts or other articles according to their needs.

This project has become a traditional way of giving for people who

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wish to offer gifts of any amount to the boys. The Christmas Suit Fund is based on contributions of \$50.00 for each boy, although various amounts are applied according to their ages. Younger boys receive clothing packages and the older boys purchase new suits through special discounts from Amarillo department stores.

"We are fortunate to have people who continue to share whatever they can at Christmas-time to meet the tremendous challenge of outfitting so many boys," said L. Raeburn Hamner Jr., president of the Boys Ranch Board of Directors.

"The new clothing the boys receive at Christmas serves as a year-round reminder of the generosity of others and they continue to be grateful throughout the year."

Boys ages 4 through 18 are now shopping for the clothes of their desires. Among them are members of the Boys Ranch 1989 Senior Class who will wear their new suits at graduation time.

Contributions to the Christmas Suit Fund can be mailed to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

Obituary

Nellie Lee Sheets

Nellie Lee Sheets, 84 year old mother of Spearman resident, Wiley Sheets died Tuesday, Nov. 22 in Canyon. Services were held Friday at the University Church of Christ in Canyon with Bob Wear of the Church of Christ in Hereford presiding. Graveside services were at the Holt Cemetery in Spearman under the direction of Scholler-Gordon funeral directors of Canyon.

Nellie was born in Lone Wolf, OK. She was a retired school teacher and a member of the Eastern Star, National Teachers Retired Association and the University Church of Christ. She married Eldred Sheets in 1926 in Campo, Co. He died in 1953.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Joe Ray in 1943 and Don Sheets in 1985. She is survived by five daughters, Letha Golden of Amarillo; Peggy Woods of Houston; Grace Bright of Petersburg; Wanda Clemmer of Alta Loma, CA.; and Wilma Corette of White Deer; four sons, Wiley Sheets of Spearman, Shirley of Austin, Jess of Wheeler, and Jody of Borger; 25 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

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It has been a great pleasure and honor to have made so many new friends here in Spearman and we will miss the hugs and handshakes, but we won't be far away and look forward to seeing you in Perryton.

Sincerely,
Rick A. Siewert, D.O.
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Biotechnology causes changes in agriculture

The agricultural industry is changing rapidly, and technology, specifically biotechnology, is fueling that change, according to The Texas A&M University System's top agricultural official.

"In agriculture, the rate of change is increasing due to economics and technology," said Dr. Charles Arntzen, Texas A&M's deputy chancellor and dean of agriculture. "Technology fuels change while economics regulates change. And that change creates business opportunities for industries."

Arntzen discussed the new era of biotechnology in agriculture at the recent annual meeting of the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas at Texas A&M University.

Biotechnology, which is fueling agricultural changes in the '80s, is in the same growth stage as the chemical industry that has mushroomed during the past 40 years, Arntzen said. But its rate of growth will likely be even faster, he added.

Arntzen noted that the first gene transplant was made in plants in 1981, and today the process has become routine. One of the first such transplants involved transferring a herbicide resistant gene from a weed to a tobacco plant. This allowed the tobacco plant to be sprayed with the herbicide to control nutsedge, a weed, without damaging the tobacco.

Insect resistance is also being developed by gene transfer, Arntzen said. This involves taking a gene in a plant that produces a natural insecticide and transferring it to another plant to make that plant resistant to certain insects.

"By the mid-1990s, we should be able to integrate this type of activity into a pest management program for agricultural producers," he said.

Similar work is under way re-

garding disease resistance in plants, the agricultural official said.

"Biotechnology is really a way to provide better management practices in the future to help producers reduce costs while at the same time providing a better commodity for consumers and the processing industry," Arntzen said.

For instance, a lot of work is under way in value-added genetics dealing with genes that affect the quality traits of commodities, he said. An example is that of producing a tomato with a lower water content so that processors do not have to remove this excess water in producing catsup and similar products.

"These kinds of breakthroughs will have a major impact on food industries as well as seed industries," Arntzen said.

As far as the future of agriculture is concerned, Arntzen said that trends will be toward larger production units, more global marketing and more vertical integration. There also will be new industries for targeted markets.

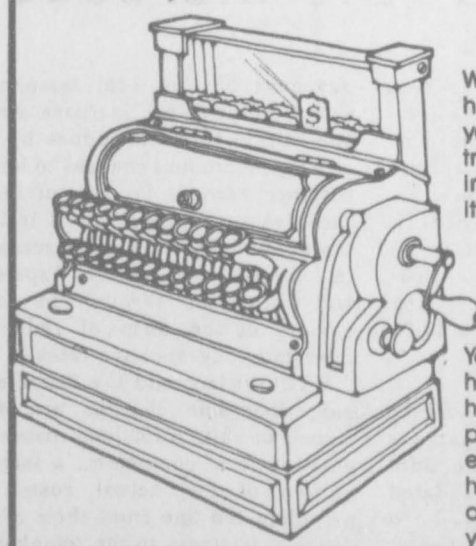
"For this new technology to flourish, there must be widespread support in on-going academic and research programs at universities, effective extension programs to transfer the technology to the public, and a receptive community," Arntzen said.

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Fund established for Pierce family

An account has been set up at the First State Bank in Spearman under the name of Darlene Pierce, wife of the late I.V. Pierce. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so during regular banking hours of the First State Bank.

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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOLA MYRTLE WATSON MELTON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LOLA MYRTLE WATSON MELTON were issued on November 15, 1988, in Cause No. 1902, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas; to RICHARD MELTON as Executor.

The residence of such Executor is Hansford County, Texas. The post office address is 616 S. Barkley, Spearman, Texas 79081.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 23rd day of November, 1988.

CECIL R. BIGGERS
Attorney for Estate of
LOLA MYRTLE WATSON
MELTON
deceased

S04S-1tc

SELLING THE UNDIVIDED ROYALTY INTEREST IN FIVE HANSFORD COUNTY PRODUCING OIL WELLS FOR THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS. (SAID AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE BIDDING PROCESS DECEMBER 6 2:00 P.M. - TUESDAY SALE LOCATION AT THE NORTH DOOR (WITHIN 30 FEET OF THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE) OFF THE HANSFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

PLEASE NOTE: All information contained in this brochure is supplied to aid in determining prospective interest. No information contained herein is guaranteed. It is imperative that prospective bidders develop for themselves information on which to base buying decisions. All records for the Panhandle field are presently in Austin, Texas. No records are available in Pampa. All rights, title and interest in the following described oil, gas, and/or mineral leaseholds belonging to Jacqueline K. Thoreson will be sold in foreclosure proceedings at the door of the Hansford County Courthouse at 2:00 P.M. - Tuesday - December 6, 1988. Said sale is being conducted for the United States Small Business Administration and the agency reserves the right to enter the bidding process. Three tracts containing a total of five wells will be sold. The available information for each follows:

TRACT I:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: An undivided .0244048 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from section 61, H & G N Survey, Hansford County, Texas. COMMON DESCRIPTION: An 82/420 of a 1/8 royalty interest (.0244048) of two gas wells situated on the above described property. The well is drilled to an approximate depth of 7,240 feet and is operated by Edwards & Leach Oil Company which is located at 600 Triad Center, 501 N.W. Expressway, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The well is located approximately 2 miles Southwest of Hitchland in Hansford County. It was completed 1/13/83. Records available in the office of the auctioneers indicate the 1986 gas production totaled 93,842 MCF and the total 1986 condensate was 47 barrels. The gas gravity was .668. The Railroad Commission Number for the well is 108736. The A. P. I. Number is 42-195-30866.

TRACT II:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: An undivided .0366071 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from all of section 27 and 29, Block 1, Certificate Number 27, original grantee, Cherokee Furnace Company, Hansford County, Texas, containing 180 acres, more or less.

(COLLET): A 1/98 of 7/8 (.0089286) royalty interest in a gas well situated on the lease drilled to an approximate depth of 7,200 feet. This well is operated by Collet Oil Ventures, Inc. (Formerly Basin Petroleum Corporation). Records available indicate a total gas production for 1986 was 50,015 MCF and total condensate production was 118 barrels. This well was completed 7/11/83. The gas gravity was .714. The Railroad Commission Number is 056008. The A. P. I. Number is 42-195-30075.

(May): A 191.3333/980 of 3/16 (.0366071) royalty interest in a gas well situated on the lease drilled to an approximate depth of 7,300 feet. The well is operated by May Petroleum, Inc., a company presently in bankruptcy. However, the well is now being produced by Phillips Petroleum and the checks are current. Records available show the production for 1986 totaled 90,095 MCF with 30 barrels of condensate. This well was completed 8/6/80. The gas gravity was .725. The Railroad Commission Number is 089483. The A. P. I. Number is 42-195-30732.

TRACT IV:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: An undivided .0117105 royalty interest in and to all of the oil, gas, and other minerals produced from all of section 31, Block 1, Certificate No. 31, Cherokee Furnace Company Survey; all of the East half of Section 2, Block 1, Central & Montgomery Ry. Co. Survey, Certificate No. 206; All of the East half of the B. Venneman Survey, Abstract No. 1289; containing 666.88 acres, more or less in Hansford County, Texas.

COMMON DESCRIPTION: An undivided royalty interest in two wells located on lease described above; (Apache): A .0102824 royalty in a gas well situated on the lease and drilled to an approximate depth of 7,000 feet. This well is operated by Apache Corporation (Formerly Cotton Petroleum Corporation). Records available indicate total gas production for 1986 totaled 17,384 MCF with 13 barrels of condensate. The gas gravity was .700. The Railroad Commission Number is 066877. The A. P. I. Number is 42-195-30248.

(Graham): A .0173658 royalty interest (out of total royalty interest of .2123493, Total working interest of .06974197, & overriding Royalty Interest of .0902400) in a gas well situated on the lease drilled to an approximate depth of approximately 7,300 feet. This well is operated by Graham Oil and Gas, Ltd. Records available indicate total gas production in 1986 of 80,404 MCF with no condensate. This well was completed 3/23/82. The gas gravity was .693. The Railroad Commission Number is 105085. The A. P. I. Number is 42-195-30845.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of most pertinent well reports and production information are available in the office of the auctioneers on a walk-in basis. Please call for additional information.

TERMS: All right, title, and interest of the Small Business Administration in the here-in described properties belonging to Jacqueline K. Thoreson will be sold for cash in foreclosure proceedings at the door of the Hansford County Courthouse, subject to any and all taxes due. The agency reserves the right to enter the bidding process. The Small Business Administration will furnish a substitute trustee's deed conveying all of its right, title and interest in each tract will be required to pay the entire purchase price in cash (checks are acceptable) at the time of sale and at which time he will receive the deed. Buyer to receive all income generated from the time of sale forward. Buyer to assume the responsibility for transfer of ownership paperwork with the operators of each well and the expenses therefor. Seller agrees to promptly execute any paperwork presented to effect proper transfer of ownership in operators records. Please contact the auctioneers for additional information.

WANTED

WORK WANTED: Will do cleaning. Houses, offices, and businesses. Call 659-2950 or 659-3061. S03 4tp

TUTOR WANTED: For individual. Needs help with math and English, grades nine through twelve. Need to provide books or have access for learning materials. Pay rate negotiable. 659-3662.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE GUARDIANSHIP ESTATE OF WILL DOUGLAS, INCOMPETENT

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Guardianship Estate of Will Douglas were issued on the 22 day of November, 1988, in Cause No. 1909, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to R.L. McFarlin, Box 68, Spearman, Texas 79081. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 22 day of November, 1988.

John L. Hutchison
Attorney for the Guardianship Estate

S03S-1tc

ALCOHOLICS

ANONYMOUS MEETING

Hansford County Library
122 Main - Spearman
Open Meeting 2nd Tuesday
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Help Wanted



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AUCTION

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of December, 1988 at 2:00 P.M. the following described Real Estate will be sold within 30 feet of the Main Street entrance of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash subject to any and all taxes.

An undivided .0244048 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from Section 61, H & G N Survey, Hansford County, Texas.

An undivided .0366071 royalty interest in and to all oil, gas, and other minerals produced from all of Sections 27 & 29, Block 1, Certificate No. 27, original grantee, Cherokee Furnace Company, Hansford County, Texas, containing 180 acres, more or less.

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This property is owned by Jacqueline K. Thoreson, and is being sold by The U.S. Small Business Administration in foreclosure proceedings, subject to the right of borrower to pay the debt in its entirety. Please contact Williams & Webb, Inc. at (806) 374-9387 or 2208 Canyon Drive - Amarillo, Texas 79109 for additional information concerning the auction. TXE029-006849

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Bank sponsors "Christmas Giving" for needy

To make Christmas brighter for needy and abused children in the Panhandle, and Texas counties,

Texas American Banks are sponsoring the "Spirit of Christmas," a gift-giving program in conjunction

with the Texas Department of Human Services.

The theme of the program is, "Join the Spirit of Christmas—give a gift to a special child."

The public is invited to stop by the lobby of Texas American Bank/Amarillo, Seventh and Tyler Streets, and pick up a card with an individual child's name, age and particular wants or needs. Participants then shop for their special child, wrap the gift and return it to the bank's "Spirit of Christmas" trees before Dec. 16.

Children's names are provided by the Texas Department of Human Services, and represent 26 counties in the Panhandle. Many of the children live in foster homes or institutions or come from single-parent homes where Christmas gifts are impossible. The Department of Human Services will deliver the gifts to the children

before Christmas.

"Spirit of Christmas" trees will be open to the public during regular banking hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This will be the fourth year for TAB banks in Texas to sponsor the "Spirit of Christmas" and the third at TAB/Amarillo. Texas American Banks have received a Presidential Citation Award for Private Sector Initiative for the program. Last year, more than 25,000 gifts were collected statewide for abused and neglected children.

If additional information is needed, please contact Cynthia Crawford, 806/378-3136. A speakers bureau and special "Spirit of Christmas" videotape is available to interested civic, community or professional groups and school or church groups.

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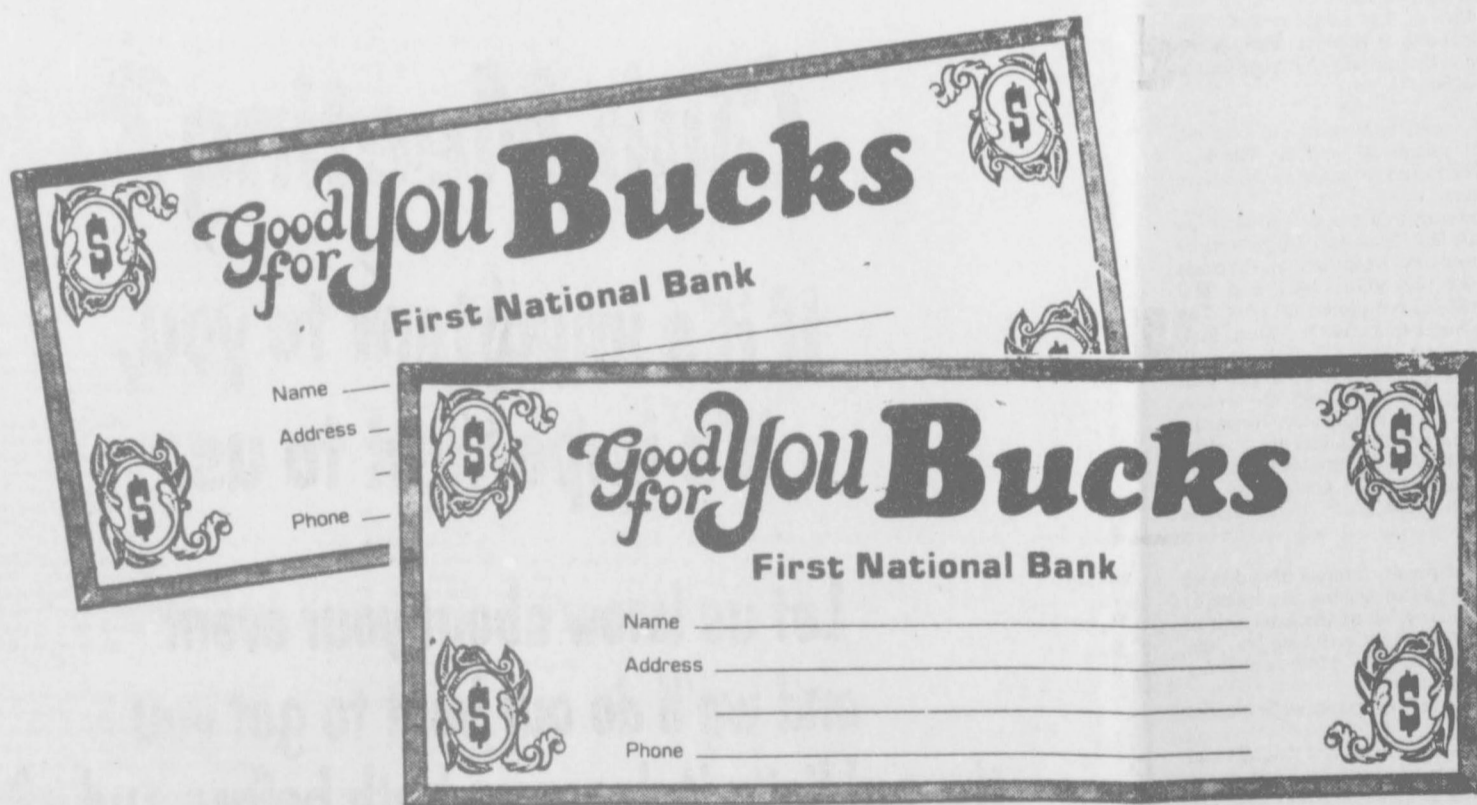
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Invention disintegrates stones without surgery

The nation's first non-invasive kidney stone lithotripter—the Lithostar—began crushing the kidney stones of patients this month at The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston.

Lithotripsy uses electromagnetically generated shock waves to disintegrate kidney stones without surgery. The resultant sand-like particles pass out of the body in urine within a few weeks after treatment. Lithotripsy revolutionized kidney stone treatment, which until the 1980s had been managed mainly by surgical methods.

The Lithostar kidney stone lithotripter differs from traditional devices in that patients undergo treatment on a dry tabletop, need little or no anesthesia and in most cases can be treated on an outpatient basis.

The reduction of anesthetics is the Lithostar's primary benefit, according to Michael M. Warren, M.D. Chief of the Division of Urology at UTMB. The Lithostar's shocks are less powerful than those of water-bath systems; patients, therefore, feel little pain and usually receive only a local pain-

killer or intravenous analgesia.

During Lithostar treatment, the patient lies on a specially designed table that is adaptable to any urological procedure. In place of the water-bath conduit, a gel disk is used to transmit shock waves. The single-use disk—about the diameter of a salad plate—is placed between the patient and the shock-generating device.

Unlike the water-bath machines, the Lithostar has no limitations on patient weight or height. Very heavy, tall or short patients can receive treatments with the UTMB device.

Both methods of lithotripsy are less expensive overall than surgical stone removal. But since most patients are not hospitalized with the Lithostar system, total costs might be cut even more.

"The procedure itself (lithotripsy) probably costs about the same as the operation," Dr. Warren says. "But you spend much less time in the hospital. Plus, you go back to work much more quickly. There's a tremendous cost savings, but it's hard to accurately determine money saved by returning the person to the workplace."

Savings bonds rate set at 7.355 for Nov-April

The semiannual market-based interest rate for United States Savings Bonds, in effect from November 1988 through April 30, 1989, has been set at 7.35 percent, the Treasury Department announced today.

Jerrold B. Speers, Executive Director of the U.S. Savings Bonds Division, called the new rate "a boost for the program and for Bond buyers that should result in steadily increasing sales well into next year. This rate is both consistent with current market conditions and fully competitive with other savings and investment instruments."

Savings Bonds semiannual rates are changed each May 1 and November 1 to reflect market activity during the preceding six months. Since November 1982, the beginning of the market-based rate program, Fiscal Year sales have more than doubled from \$3.11 billion in FY 82 to \$7.26 billion in FY 88. The total value of outstanding Bonds now exceeds \$107 billion.

The new rate represents an

increase from the 6.90 percent rate in effect for the six months just ended and is 85 percent of the average market yield on five-year Treasury marketable securities between May 1 and October 31, 1988.

Bonds must be held five years or longer to receive market-based rates. Series E Bonds, Savings Notes, and Series EE Bonds issued through April 30, 1984, are now receiving Market-based yields retroactive to issue date or their first interest-accrual date on or after November 1, 1982, whichever is later. The yield of Bonds held since the beginning of the market-based interest program is 8.50 percent.

Yields at redemption are the average of semiannual market-based rates during the time held, rounded to the nearest quarter percent and compounded semi-annually, or a minimum rate -- whichever is greater. The current minimum rate is six percent. EE Bonds held less than five years earn interest on a fixed, graduated scale.

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