

During annual Hansford Round Up . . .

Viola Whitson to reign as Pioneer Queen



HOLDING A PIECE OF HANSFORD HISTORY in the form of a brick from the old Hansford courthouse is Viola McNabb Whitson. Mrs. Whitson will be reigning as the 1987 Hansford Round Up Pioneer Queen.

The 1987 edition of the Hansford Round Up is only days away with the gala celebration slated to begin Thursday in Spearman.

Reigning over the 3-day festivities will be Pioneer Queen, Viola McNabb Whitson. The Hansford pioneer was selected by the Historical Society of Hansford county for this singular honor.

She's 87-years young and enjoys every minute of living -- and loves every minute that she's living while she's at it.

"Some people just let themselves get too old," Mrs. Whitson declares. "That's the reason they don't enjoy life."

It's a simple edict from a rather complicated woman who has traveled America -- both with her father in the early 1900's and, later, on her own to

visit her son and grandchildren.

Born in the first year of the Twentieth Century, the spontaneous Mrs. Whitson celebrated her 87th birthday this past Feb. 12.

A lot has transpired during those intervening years, both in Hansford county and in America as the nation moved from the horse and buggy era into manned landings on the moon.

"It's amazing how much things have changed," she notes. "When we first came out here, you couldn't even use a horse and buggy -- there weren't any roads."

"We didn't get a horse and buggy until either 1907 or 1908," Mrs. Whitson recalls.

Her story is an interesting one, spanning the years from the early beginnings of this county community to today's globe-trotting happenings.

And it is perhaps best told in her own words as she writes:

"In the summer of 1900, my father, Walter S. McNabb, left Stephens county, Texas, seeking a new home. After days and days of riding horseback all alone, he reached his goal.

It was a section of land some six miles north of the town of Hansford. He made improvements to the land to claim his homestead. These improvements included a windmill, an earth tank, a shed and a one-room dugout with a sod roof and a view of the universe.

In 1904, Daddy brought my mother, Bertie, my brother, Warren, and me to the homestead. My mother was from Boston and the dugout was different to say the least. But she never complained and made that a home for us. It has been home ever since that

day, regardless of where I might reside.

Some of my most pleasant memories are of riding my burro up and down the Palo Duro Creek.

The court room of the old brick court house at Hansford was the center of activity for the entire county.

Box suppers, spelling bees, weddings, Sunday school and church were all held there. The church services were special and, whenever a traveling preacher came through the county, everyone came to town. They either stayed with friends or camped out down by the creek.

In the evenings everyone sat outside and sang hymns. The coyotes up in the hills would join in with our songs.

It is a wonder that I remember

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THE HANSFORD REPORT

by JAMES JARRETT



If you need a definition for lady, let me make it simple; Viola McNabb Whitson.

She is a most charming and gracious lady. She'd have to be after all we've done for her.

Mrs. Whitson is the 1987 Hansford Round Up Pioneer Queen and the subject of a feature story you'll find at the top of this page.

Unfortunately, she's also been the subject of a few too many mistakes on our part.

It would be funny under other circumstances -- two others, to be exact.

First, it would be funny if somebody other than ourselves had made the mistakes. Secondly, it would be funny if somebody other than ourselves had made the mistakes.

Yes, you read that correctly. It all started in what we call a teaser story about the Hansford Round Up which we ran a few weeks back.

Then we booted her name with a typographical error. We'll not repeat that typo here. Let's just say with a last name like Whitson, the "S" key and the "W" key are far too close together on the keyboard.

To compound matters, we printed that story in both the Gruver Statesman and the Spearman Reporter. The same way. In each one.

When we called to apologize, Viola was most gracious . . . far more gracious than we deserved.

Then, we had the pleasure of doing an interview with her and quickly found out just what a true lady she is. It was a delightful time for us . . . hopefully, it was for her as well.

In the course of the interview, she mentioned her family's homestead down by the Palo Duro Creek. Then we had a brainstorm! Little did I know how stormy it would become.

I decided a picture of her down on the old homestead would fit in

perfectly with the story of the Hansford Round Up Pioneer Queen.

So, it was set. She and I were to go out in the country the very next Saturday morning and get the picture.

And a beautiful day it was, too. The sun was shining, there just wasn't any wind . . . one of those few, rare spring days in the Texas Panhandle.

To make a long story short, we couldn't find a way across the creek. And then, out in the middle of a country road, the car broke down.

And this gracious lady had to set there while staff photographer Nick Gray hiked down to a farm house to use the phone and call us a ride.

You'd think that would be enough for anybody, right? Read on.

Nick went with Mrs. Whitson -- once we got back into town -- to take a picture at her house.

I write the story. It looks decent, the typesetters set the story. They proofread it and correct it. Then I proofread it. The typesetters correct it again.

Then, Nick leaves on vacation. It comes time to run the story. I find the picture Nick has printed. I don't like it. Now that doesn't mean it was a bad picture. It just means I didn't like it.

So, later this past Thursday evening, I call Mrs. Whitson. I explain the situation on the picture. Then I ask if she minds if I take another picture.

Again, she graciously consents. Then I tell her I need it now . . . tonight . . . if possible.

Mrs. Whitson stutters. But it was a most gracious stutter.

At this point, I can almost imagine what is going through her mind. And the thoughts I'm thinking that she's thinking aren't gracious at all.

But, I underestimated both Mrs. Whitson's capacity for understanding and her unlimited patience. She consented to the picture.

The results are above. Mrs. Whitson, if you've taken the trouble of reading this . . . thank you. This is one publisher who has learned a great deal from your example.

Our final note: The optimist believes that this is the best of all possible worlds. The pessimist is afraid he's right.

Golf scramble has 25 entries

A 2-man scramble slated for a shotgun start at the Hansford Golf Club June 13-14 already has some 25 entries, reports a spokesman for the club.

The annual Banker's Classic is limited to the first 50 teams which enter and carries a \$40 per team entry fee. One member of each team must be from Hansford county.

Entry fees must be received no later than Friday, June 12. Starting times each day are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There will be a Calcutta at 8 p.m. June 13 and a \$1000 Savings Bond is up for grabs for the first hole-in-one on hole #7.

The Bankers Classic is sponsored each year by the Gruver State Bank, and the two Spearman Banks -- First State and First National.

Memorial set for victim of accident

A memorial service for the victim of a Memorial Day boating accident at Lake Meredith, Russell Dean Pierce, will be held Monday morning at the Union Church in Spearman.

The Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor, will conduct the 11 a.m. services for the Spearman resident who is still listed as missing by National Park Rangers at the Hutchinson lake facility.

Born June 20, 1961, in Paris, Ca., Mr. Pierce had lived in Spearman for the past seven years. He was employed by Service Drilling Company of Spearman.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Calvin, in 1979.

Survivors include his mother, Rosa Steele of Vernonia, Or., and his father, James F. Pierce of Dallas; four brothers, Frank of Vernonia, Roy of Lion Ill., David of Clatskini, Or. and Mike of Woodward, Ok.

His grandmother, Julia Faus McManus of Gage, Ok.; an uncle and five aunts, including Juanita Pierce of Spearman.

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First installment of \$4.4 million . . .

PDRA to receive bond money

The first installment of an overall \$22.3 million in Texas water development funds will be released to the Palo Duro River Authority within the next two-three weeks, reports Johnnie Lee, executive director of the Hansford-based project.

That first installment will total \$4.4 million for the proposed 60,900 acre foot lake which will serve as a water supply reservoir for cities in Hansford and Moore counties as well as the City of Stinnett.

The PDRA board decided to take the state financing package once private company lending rates began rising.

The \$4.4 million will be used to fund current projects already completed by the PDRA.

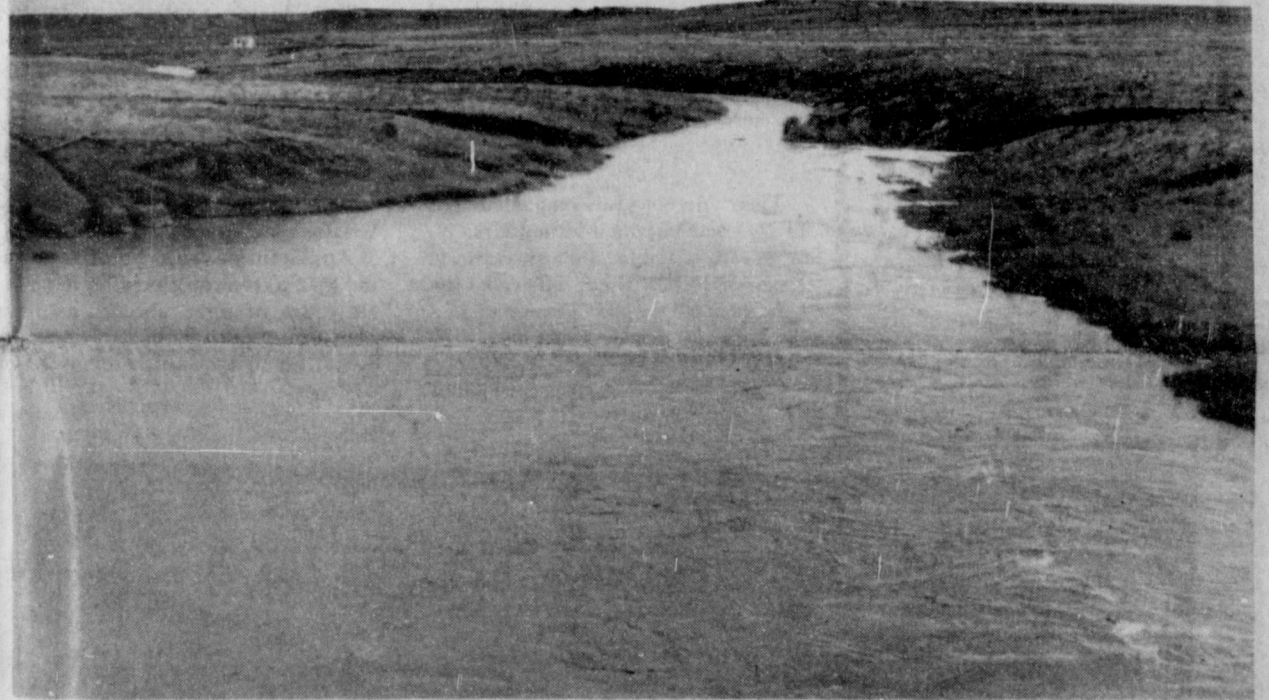
Lee reports that the interest rates on the state funding will carry a 7.6 percent ceiling. Should rates on subsequent bonds be lower, the rate would then decrease.

Private lending rates for 25-year bonds on the current market are running in excess of eight percent, a key factor in the board's decision to take the state funding route.

Purchase of the PDRA bond issue was approved earlier this year by the Texas Water Commission. The bond issue had been voted by residents of the authority in August, 1986.

The Hansford-based project is the first funded under the Texas Water Plan which was established by an amendment to the state constitution in 1985.

The remaining \$17.9 million in bonds will be available to the river authority as they are needed, notes Lee.



RECENT RAINS ON THE PALO DURO water shed had the Palo Duro Creek flowing from bank to bank. This picture, taken just north of the Hansford Golf Course by Kenneth Evans, shows an upstream view of the creek.

The 1987 tax rate has been tentatively set at 1.19 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate which was used in 1986 to fund the maintenance and operations of the water authority.

The water authority executive adds that the PDRA board does not yet have the figures on the amount which will be required to repay the debt and the tax rate which will be necessary to fund repayment.

Final free distribution of newspaper

This is the final free paper to be distributed in Spearman, capping a month long circulation campaign by both the Spearman Reporter and the Hansford Plainsman.

During the campaign, Spearman residents have been receiving free copies of the two newspapers.

The special campaign was used to announce the change of ownership of the two Spearman

papers and the new subscription rate of \$19.95 plus state sales tax.

Spearman residents can still subscribe to the newspaper by calling 659-3434 or by writing Box 458, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

Subscriptions will be started immediately. If checks do not accompany written orders, they will be billed as a convenience to subscriber.

The Spearman Reporter and Hansford Plainsman now features weekly oil and gas reports as well as a weekly TV log, live happenings from around Spearman and Hansford county as well as special feature articles.

Keep watching both the Hansford Plainsman and the Spearman Reporter for new features. If you have suggestions or items you'd like to see, drop a line or give a call at 659-3434.

Immunization clinic Monday

An immunization clinic will be held Monday at the Spearman elementary school, reports Jerry DeSha, health program specialist for the Texas Department of Health in Canyon.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

TDH is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income size as well as the ability to pay, reports DeSha.

Child registry to be held

A special free child registry will be held at the First National Bank in Spearman Monday and Tuesday, reports bank president Don Townsen.

The special service is being held in conjunction with the Spearman Police Department as a safeguard for area children.

SPD chief Joe Raper will be in charge of the 2-day registration which will have area children both fingerprinted and photographed for a child registry which will be kept in Spearman.

"There is a national child registry," notes the Spearman chief. "But we'll be keeping these records here locally."

Child registrations have been held across the nation, first gaining public attention some five years ago when stories of abducted youth and run-aways began surfacing.

The registry Monday and Tuesday is the first for Spearman. The registration will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday.



MAKING FINGERPRINTS. . . Spearman Police Chief Joe Raper, fingerprints one of First National Bank president Don Townsen's children for a special Spearman Child Registry. The registry will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Spearman bank.

Mary Fern Terry ends 44-year career . . .

Long-time Spearman bookkeeper retires

For Mary Fern Terry, the daily duties of figuring time cards, answering the phone, "toting" figures and a thousand countless other chores came to an end Friday evening.

Mary Fern -- the seemingly solid fixture at B&B Farm Industries in Spearman -- hugged Ralph Blodgett's neck Friday afternoon . . . then walked out the door to begin her retirement.

With that Miss Terry brought a 43-year career -- 33 of those with Blodgett-owned companies -- to an end.

"We're going to miss Mary," declares the Spearman businessman. "I'm going to have to use three different people to do her job."

Probably one of the original career women, Mary Fern Terry started her bookkeeping chores in 1944 when she moved into Spearman from her parents' farm in Hutchinson county.

A 1938 graduate of Spearman high school, Mary's parents were the Dan Terry's south of the Hansford city.

"It took me a long time to get use to

living in town," she laughs. "When I first came to Spearman, I lived with my grandmother, Mrs. J.F. Lackey, for about five years before I moved out on my own."

Her career spanned over four decades -- from 1944 to 1987 -- but during that time, Mary Fern worked for only two different employers.

The Spearman woman's first job was with the R.L. McClellan Grain Company where she got her first taste of bookkeeping.

She worked there for 10 years before changing jobs, moving to the Blodgett-owned grain elevators.

And during her 33-year tenure, Mary has seen a goodly number of changes.

"Probably the biggest change has been everybody going to computers," she remarks.

She's seen several other changes as well -- most of those at the company she retired from this past week.

What started as a bookkeeping position at a grain elevator became a similar job at a farm seed and supply

operation when Blodgett sold his interests in the grain elevator to Carl Archer.

Even then, the changes were just beginning. Next came entry into the oil and gas business as Blodgett branched out into independent production there. Of course, that's only been for the last decade.

What does a woman who has worked all her life do with retirement?

"I'm going to travel some and do volunteer work," Mary reports. "I'm going to do the things I haven't gotten to do in the last 44 years," she laughs.

The decision to retire didn't come easily for the Hansford woman. It took her over a year to make up her mind.

"I started thinking about it last year," she notes. "But I kept putting it off. Finally, I decided that this would

be as good a time as any . . . it's sure going to be entirely different for me."

Listening to Blodgett talk about Mary and Mary talk about her former employer, it begins to sound like a mutual admiration society gathering. And rightfully so after 33 years of business association.

But those in the know pretty well have it figured out -- Blodgett will probably miss Mary a good deal more than Mary will miss work.

"I can't say enough about Ralph Blodgett," Mary declares. "He's helped me in so many different ways."

And Blodgett discusses Mary, saying "It's nice to know that you can leave the business and it will be run just like you were here. Mary has done that more than once."

Spearman class works with pre-schoolers

The Child Development classes at Spearman High School recently conducted a Pre-School Activity Hour for children between the ages of 2 and 5-years old.

During the 40 minute periods, the child development students had the opportunity to work with the young children in providing various activities to promote physical, social and intellectual growth.

The high school students not only organized the many activities, but also planned and prepared various nutritional snacks for these youngsters. The children's activities included play dough, macaroni art, coloring and the bean bag throw, all of which help to

develop eye-hand coordination.

Larger motor skills were enhanced through nature walks, kickball play, swinging, and climbing the stairs at the football stadium.

Throughout the five pre-school activity hours, both the young children and the child development students had the opportunities to learn many new things about each other notes instructor Connie Engle.

For many of these students, this learning experience helped them to learn more about themselves and how they relate to young children," she reports.

The child development course is a one-semester course for tenth, eleventh and senior grades taught by Mrs. Engle.



A last look at Mary Fern Terry in her familiar setting at B&B Farm Industries in Spearman. The Spearman woman and long-time employee retired this Friday, ending a 44-year career in Hansford county.

Evans captures Amarillo talent, beauty contest

Spearman's Margie Evans won the talent portion of the Kids of America Talent and Beauty Contest held recently in Amarillo.

The Hansford county dancer competed in the 13 to 17 year old bracket. She was also second runner-up in the beauty portion of the contest.

Miss Evans performed a tap dance to "It Don't Mean a Thing" which was choreographed by Carla Beezley of Spearman.

She will now go on to Nationals in Dallas this July to compete. The talented dancer received second runner up in the nationals in 1986.

Texas A&M research may help people with diseased lungs

COLLEGE STATION — It may be possible for people with diseased lungs — or even one lung — to strengthen their respiratory muscles enough to live normal, active lives, says a physical education researcher at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Richard Coast of Texas A&M's Human Performance Laboratory is performing studies to estimate the blood flow to the respiratory muscles under stressed conditions such as exercise or in pulmonary disease. Under these conditions, the respiratory muscles may use a great deal of the total cardiac output, Coast said, limiting the blood flow to the exercising muscles and hindering their performance.

The researchers hope to learn if the ability of the lungs to move air in and out limits the amount of exercise a person can do.

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Chamber spotlight. . . .

Travel service owners have to be wary of the lure of far-away places

Mae and Dale Wofford, owners of the D&M Travel Service in Spearman, have to be on guard to resist the lure of faraway places when Mae is booking tours. Travel has always held

a fascination for Mae. She began her travel agent career in 1980 at Hereford. The business is located at 511 Southwest 11th, Room #102, Pittman-

Shieldknight Building. Mae handles the work load without any employees. It requires a certain amount of research and detail. Time and knowledge are also required in arranging

tours, car rentals, hotel reservations, Eurail passes and travel insurance arrangements with many suppliers. Mae takes much interest with all the details in making the arrangements to

fit the needs and pleasures of each client. She tries to anticipate every contingency so there will be no difficulties on the tours.

Mae was born near Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas and moved to New Mexico when she was 12 years old. She and Dale were married in November, 1957, at Portales.

Dale was born in Comanche, but lived for some years in West Texas before moving to New Mexico. He is employed by Equity Elevators and works southeast of Spearman.

He has been in the grain business and other agri-business all his adult life. He enjoys golf and photography in his leisure time. Occasionally he does some clock making.

Mae keeps busy with many varied activities. She felt rewarded for the many hours of study and preparation of her thesis when it was recognized and published in "The Travel Agent" magazine in December, 1986. This is a national publication and is recognized as an authority in the travel field.

As a result, Mae earned her Certified Travel Counselor designation. She is vice-president of the Holt Extension Club and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

As a hobby, she enjoys photography, other crafts and does much reading but, number one is traveling.

The Woffords have three married children and five grandchildren. Son



MAE WOFFORD of the D&M Travel Agency in Spearman.

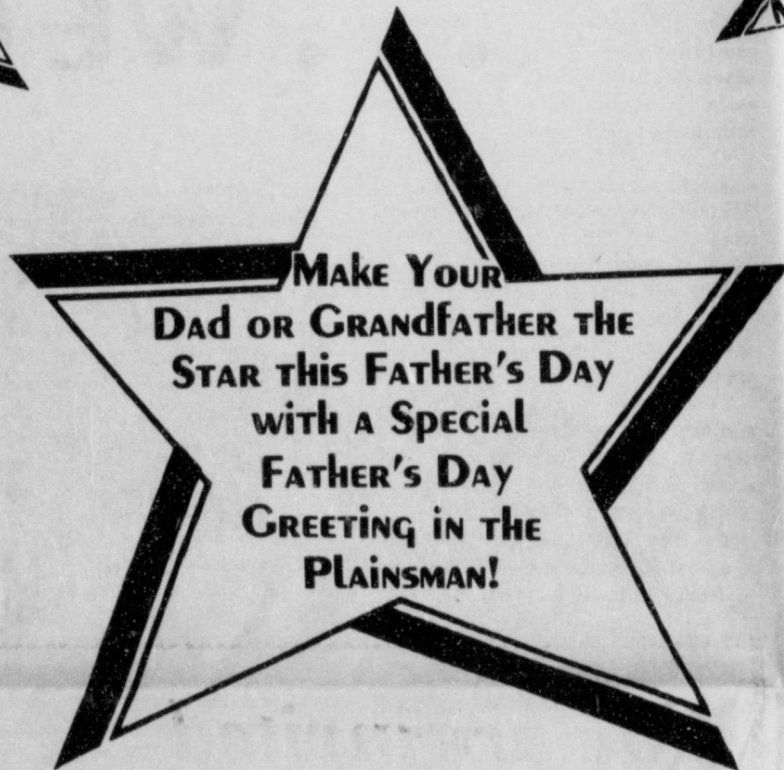
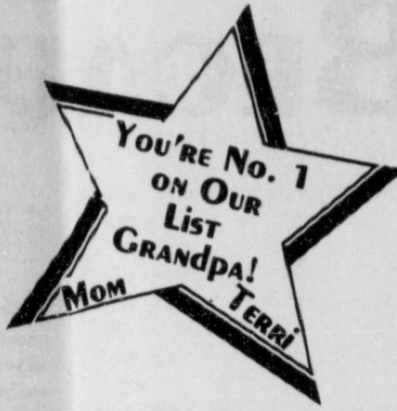
Alan lives in New Mexico, daughter Rayma Hartwich lives in Florida and son Bert recently moved to Spearman. Grandchildren are Katy, 6; Cali, 4; Brandon, 20 months; Erin, 20 months; and Kennan, 3 months.

D&M Travel Service has been a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for three years. The Woffords feel that the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is very active. She appreciates the interest shown in existing businesses by the chamber, in addition to its work in bringing new business to the community.

The Star is Dad



June 21st!



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

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

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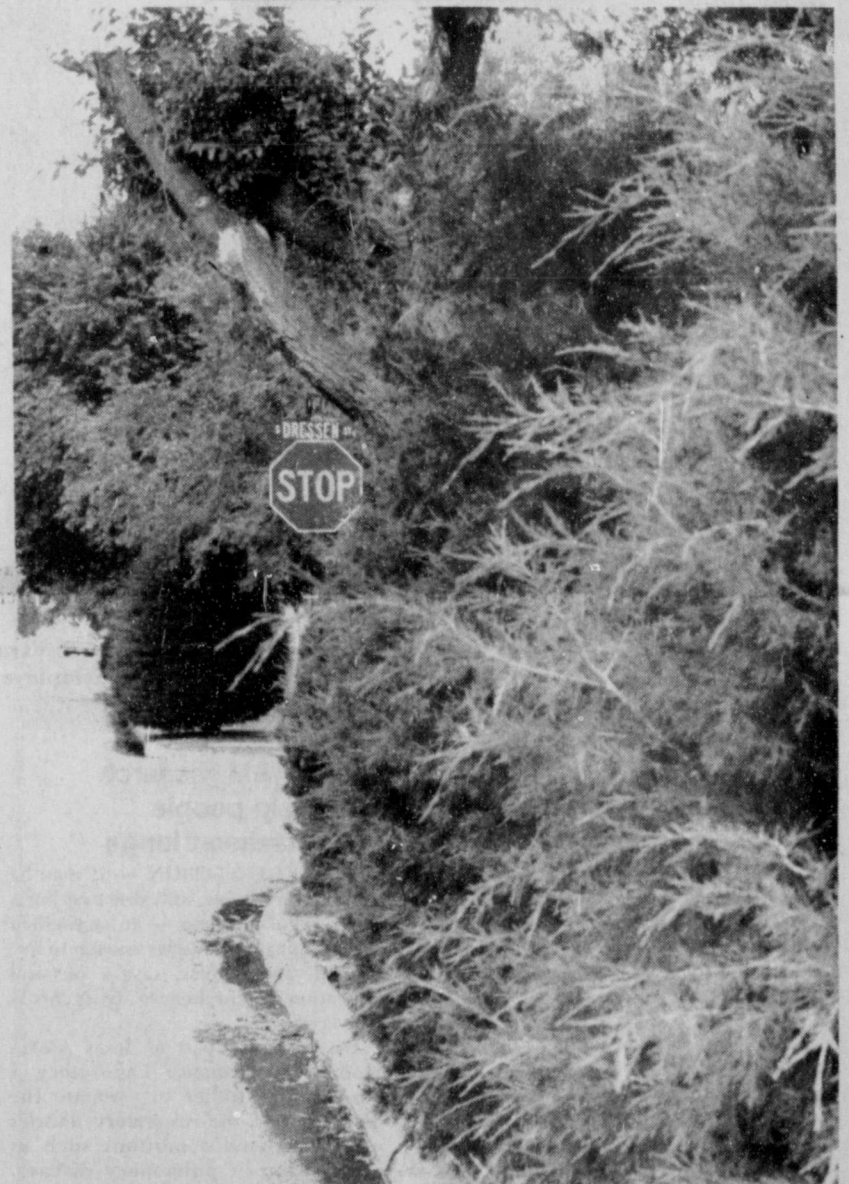
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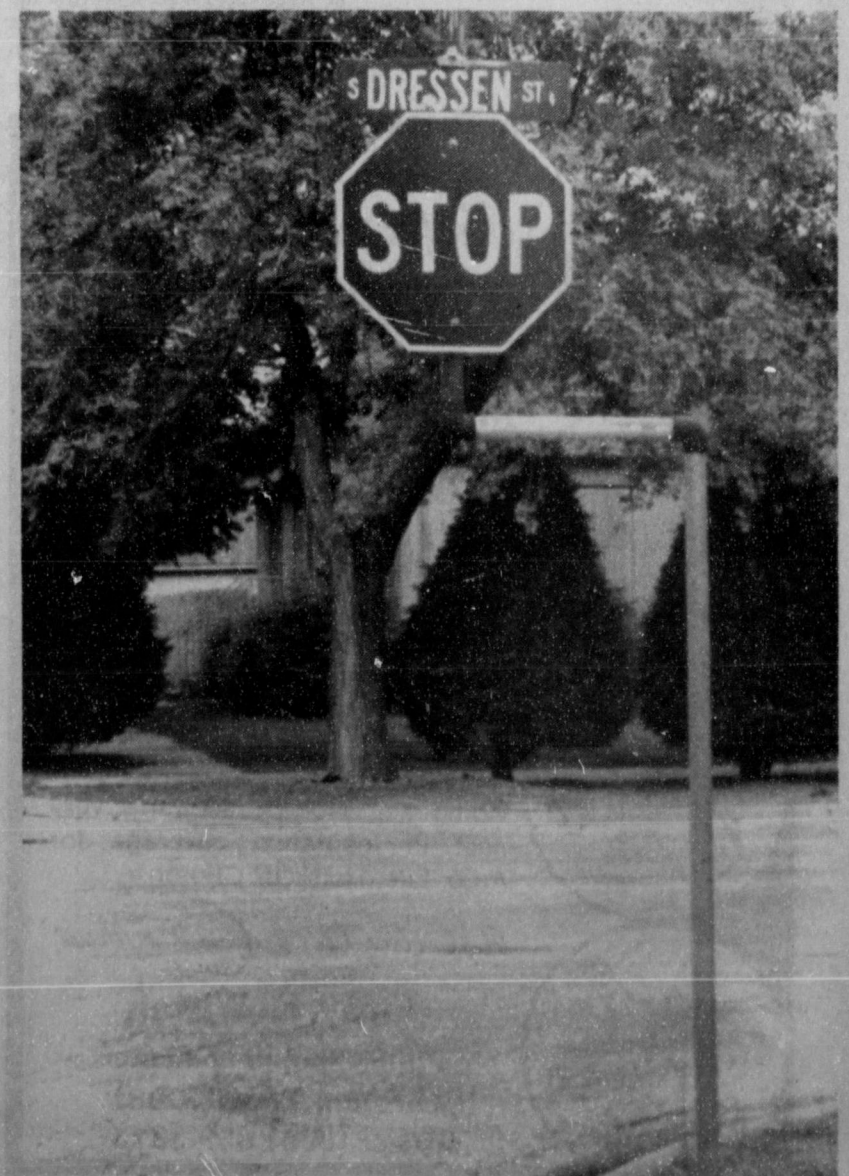
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- Photograph - \$5 extra large star only

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A MATTER OF ANGLES . . . Coming up on this stop sign at Fourth and Dressen streets in Spearman, a motorist will quickly discover that it's doing its dead-level best to be seen around the trees planted near the curb. As you can see below, it's all a matter of angles.



THE HANSFORD PLAINSMAN

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Letter to editor

Dear Editor:
Texans who are committed to legal fairness were pleased to see the Texas Senate pass tort reform legislation. Municipal officials are especially hopeful that the Senate action and pending action in the House will lead to genuine civil justice reform.

Tort reform is often depicted as a conflict between business interests and attorneys representing plaintiffs, when in fact cities and other local governments in Texas have a huge stake in the outcome.

In recent years the number of liability suits filed against Texas cities has jumped dramatically, and the dollar amount of damages paid has increased even faster. The increased tendency of plaintiffs to sue cities is encouraged by the perception that cities have the resources to pay sizeable judgments, coupled with the apparent belief that compensation should be determined by a defendant's ability to pay, rather than by degree of fault.

In many lawsuits, the city has the highest profile, the deepest pocket and the clearest identity. Many cities are sued solely for their deep pockets -- their perceived ability to pay any claim, no matter how large. Even if a city prevails in a lawsuit, it must still assume the high cost of defense.

Scores of municipalities of all sizes have been unable to obtain liability insurance at affordable cost, which means that taxpayers are forced to bear the cost of civil judgments, legal expenses and employees' time in defending the cases. Others are able to obtain coverage only at steep premiums which also must be paid by local taxpayers. In addition, municipal reinsurance, which has been hard to find and very expensive when available, will be even more difficult -- if not impossible -- to obtain unless the Legislature acts to reduce city liability.

Unfortunately, the Senate version of tort reform failed to accomplish this. Its version actually expanded the liability of local governments and raised the limit on city liability to twice the limit that applies to the state.

Unless this is altered in the final bill, there will be no end to the troubles our cities and taxpayers face. City functions are divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Governmental functions are those performed by a city as an agent of the state, such as law enforcement and firefighting. Cities have limited liability in the performance of these duties.

Such is not the case in regard to proprietary functions, for which liability is unlimited. The courts are left to decide into which category a city service falls, and the decisions seem to be whimsical. Some examples of the confusion:

- While garbage collection is governmental, garbage truck repair is proprietary;
- Erecting stop signs is governmental, but erecting signs that warn of construction or street improvements is proprietary;
- Street maintenance is proprietary, but maintenance of traffic signals is governmental;

Because of this crazyquilt of liability and immunity established by the courts, insurance companies consider Texas cities to be risky. In Dallas last year, premiums soared from \$157,000 to almost \$1.5 million annually, for reduced coverage. Spearman's liability rates in 1985 went from \$48,537 to \$55,607 in 1987 with reduced coverage. Austin's airport liability rates rose from \$31,000 in 1985 to \$300,000 in 1986. In Amarillo, liability premiums jumped from \$40,000 to \$747,000 in two years. Nearly every other city faced similar insurance crisis.

Municipal governments face the painful choice of raising taxes or reducing services. Swimming pools and playgrounds have been closed, for example, and a variety of other activities curtailed.

The Legislature must enact civil justice reform now. We should not extend for years into the future the unfairness of existing laws and court doctrines. For this reason, the reforms should take effect immediately and apply to the thousands of cases already working their way through the courts. Many of these cases will not come to trial for years. When courts create new legal standards, those standards apply to all cases. Legislative reform should have the same effect.

It is time for genuine tort reform.
Sincerely,

C. Ralph Blodgett
Mayor

Services held for Spearman relative

George A. Pond
DUMAS - George A. Pond, 78, died Wednesday.

Services were held Thursday in Morrison Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jake Armstrong, of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Northlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Pond, born at Chillicothe, had lived in Dumas since 1983. He had lived at Pampa and Wheeler. He was a former employee of the Texas Highway Department in Wheeler and Phillips Petroleum in Pampa. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a son, Charles of Amarillo; two daughters, Fredia Ashby of Fritch and Georgia Thomas of Dumas; five brothers, Curtis of Amarillo, Aubrey and Teed, both of Canyon, J.T. of Spearman and Woody of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Girl scout council plans annual girls camp meet

Yucca Girl Scout Council is planning their yearly resident camp for girls completing 4th through 12th grade. This camp is held at Boiling Springs State Park, June 7th-18th and is open to Girl Scouts as well as non-scouts.

Mrs. Earlene Schaeffer will serve as director. Schaeffer has directed resident camp for 18 years with a positive approach that girls grow both mentally and physically while at camp.

Lawrence Smith, Elkhart, will be the business manager, purchasing groceries and supplies for the two week camp. Julia Flowers, Liberal, serves as Head Cook, planning and preparing nutritious meals.

Water Front Director is Eddie Lewis Amarillo, a qualified Water Safety Instructor. Program Specialist for the Craft House in Ruth Smith.

Rho Rho chapter has meeting

Rho Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its 528th meeting Thursday at the Hotel Royal Cafe.

The social chairman reported that the couples party for May 30th was cancelled because of the weather and rescheduled for June 12th at Denise Harbour's back yard.

The ways and means chairman reported that Rho will have the ice cream booth at Hansford Round Up with each member making two freezers of ice cream. It was also voted to have a new fireworks stand built.

The float committee reported that Rho Rho is to work on it this Saturday and Sunday at Jim Shirley's barn.

Members present were Joyce Vanderburg, Kristi Ramon, Tammy Benton, Donna Murray, Leslie Cazar-es;

Beth Raper, Tina Wilmeth, Denise Donnell, Denise Harbour, Michelle Mahanay, Marsha Murphy, Holly Simpson, Barbara Townsen, and Peggy Varnon.

Boulter holds Perryton meet

U. S. Congressman Beau Boulter (Rep. - Tx), will be in Perryton, Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. for a town meeting with Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hansford residents.

The meeting is scheduled for the auditorium of the Perryton high school.

Boulter, from Amarillo, represents the 13th congressional district from the state of Texas in the Federal House of Representatives in Austin.

In a news release from Washington, Boulter said, "I am concerned about congressional decisions regarding federal spending, national security and other pressing matters."

Dancers take third place

Spearman's Spotlight Dancers claimed a third place overall showing in a 75-participant contest this past week during the Fun Fest in Amarillo.

The dance team -- composed of members Margie Evans, Cacy McGill, and Cayla Eaton -- placed second in the preliminaries last Saturday.

They then advanced to the finals Monday and performed a jazz dance to the song "Missionary Man", choreographed by Carla Beezley of Spearman.

The trio was also part of a Fun Fest feature aired by KCIT-TV in Amarillo Friday night.



SPEARMAN FIRE CHIEF Bill Porter (far right) accepts a special foam educator from Phillips Petroleum safety engineers, Dan Looney and Steve Beavers. The specialized piece of equipment was given to the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department in thanks for their efforts in putting out a fire at one of the company's pumping units located just north of Spearman.

Hansford Y faces \$8,000 shortage

The 1987 Hansford Y Fund Drive comes to a close Monday with the final report due at an old-fashion ice cream social scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.

At press time Friday the Y Drive was still some \$8,000 shy of its modest \$25,000 goal, according to a report from Richey Thompson, one of the drive co-directors.

With some \$17,000 already in the till, the Hansford Y has enough to operate through the end of 1987, he notes.

"We'll have to go over the budget and see what we can do," Thompson says. "Although with a budget of about \$2,000 a month, it's already pretty well trimmed to the bone."

The Hansford Y program takes care of a host of community youth projects -- from summer baseball and the

swimming pool on through to basketball, flag football and soccer.

In addition, it provides the only racquetball facilities in Hansford county along with a weight room and sauna and an aerobics exercise program for adults.

Several years ago, the Hansford Y took on the youth programs in order to help out both the programs and area businesses.

"Businesses were getting hit up three or four times a year for team sponsorships and donations from all the different activities," recalls Thompson. "We took them on and fixed our budget so we could have just one drive a year to take care of all the programs."

If the additional \$8,000 isn't raised for the fund, then one of the first

things the directors will have to look at is paring services.

"Those are decisions we might have to make later," declares the Y Drive co-director. "I feel like we'll get there. The people of this community have always been behind their youth programs."

Hospital

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Homer Sanders, Joshua Schuman, Jewel Pearson, Marie Crawford, Margaret Womble, Daniel Ross, Ross Neugin, Opal Jones, Jop Franz, Melton Brown, Alice Lackey, Andy Rhodes, Gabino Flores, Roy Russell, Andrew Bort, and David Stewart.

The Hansford Hospital had one dismissal, Maude Alexander.

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To God A Note of Thanks

by Mrs. E.A. Greever

Friends, in our text this week we find written by Jeremiah-one of the major prophets in chapter 31, verse 22: "How long wilt thou go about, O thou blacksliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth."

"A woman shall compass a man". We read of the many backslidings of Israel and of it coming to a full when rejecting Christ saying "Let his blood be upon us and our children. The new thing the Lord created in the earth (brought to existence was his only begotten Son that everywhere people could live free from sin by the sufferings he endured and blood shed) but what we are dealing with in this message A woman shall compass a man. Compass means to go around, achieve, grasp mentally understand, plot and plan.

The word of God definitely declares man is to be the head of the family, government and church.

Woman taken from man his help meet and a house wife a home maker and manager of the home. Where instead of the home do we see the many women in 1987? Working in all kinds of Business places, holding government positions; offices, banks, filling stations, working in the harvest and etc. Where are some children?

Where are some children? Under the care of others with training several hours of the day when small and when older with some perhaps only the Lord knows what they are doing and hearing.

The husband and father is all of this time or should be working for the need of his help meet and family and are they happy with the need provided?

Now may we study the meaning of two words. "Need and want". Both by we adults and children generally speaking among us our wants of what is not really needed are so great that with both father and mother working away from the home can scarcely pay the bills and our nation made up of us is broke. What is the cause of all of this?

Because we have not a love for truth. That recorded in Gods holy word along any line we might be studying.

And now what does it tell us if we don't have a love for truth?

Thes. 2:11-12; Because of not

receiving the love of the truth God shall send a strong delusion that there should believe a lie (false teaching planning and etc.) By observation and knowledge I can testify of a drastic change in the home family life going back to the very beginning of the 19th century. At that time 8 1/2 years of age and from that age to 98 1/2 years. Please friends let me tell you of only one thing of a mother (me) of seven children did as a helper for my father who really needed it.

I clearly remember hearing her say when a garment comes to the need of a mend it is only half worn out and by observation I know that with her thimble, thread and needle when that rent was mended it took a close look to see where it was.

My dear friends if I would tell you of the many things she did as a help mate and manager of the home where I was reared you as I would be amazed and filled with wonder.

Another thing after so many many years that is so vivid to me was the attitude of men when women were granted the right to vote in southwest Missouri the home of my parents 1 1/2 miles north of a small town named Alba, which was in the midst of a lead and zinc area there was a street car that took passengers from Joplin, Webb City, Carterville;

Oronogo, Neck City, Purcell and Alba. The car was often crowded by miners at these different places.

Before women begin to vote should one enter that car with all seats occupied generally speaking a man would get up and give her the place to sit. But after receiving the right to vote just the opposite manifesting the feeling they have become as one of us.

As the conclusion for every one of us we need to study to show ourself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Tim. 2:15 - May we remember God is no respecter of persons and what He tells me He tells you and He will know what our reward is, (Life or Death)

When our frail mortal life ends, praise His wonderful holy name and O how wonderful His promise given us by Paul, Phil. 4: 19.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I Tim. 6:6 - Godliness with contentment is great gain for we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Let us be content having food and raiment.

Now for all of us who have ears to hear, we read in Heb. 4:12. The word of God is quick (alive) and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart and the nest verse tells us God knows all about every one of us His name be praised.

Library to host summer program

"Animal Antics" is the theme of 1987 Summer Reading Program at the Hansford County Library. The

6-week reading program will run from June 2 - July 7 at the library.

Children who were in grades K through 5 this past school year are eligible to join "Animal Antics". They may sign up at any time during regular library hours which are 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Everyone must have a new, blue computerized library card to check out books. The cards are free and may be picked up at the library.

When children enroll for "Animal Antics" they agree to read at least 10 library books during the 6-week program. They may choose their own books to read on any subject.

Films will be shown at the Library each Tuesday morning from 10:30 - 11:15. The first show date is this Tuesday. Library cards will not be issued

on Tuesday mornings, and there will be a check out limit of one book per child during that time. There is no check out limit at other times.

Texas State Library Certificates will be awarded to each child who reads at least ten books during the program.

The library will sponsor a Giraffe-neck-Building-Contest. For every 10 books read, a giraffe neck segment will be handed out to build a neck for our library giraffe.

Ribbons will be awarded each child who reads twelve books, and fuzzy raccoon stickers for the ribbons will be the prize for fifteen books. Children are encouraged to con-

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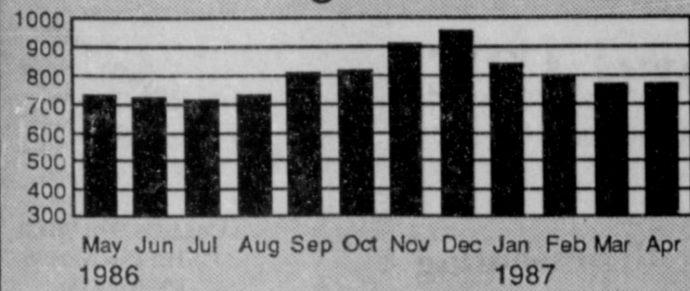
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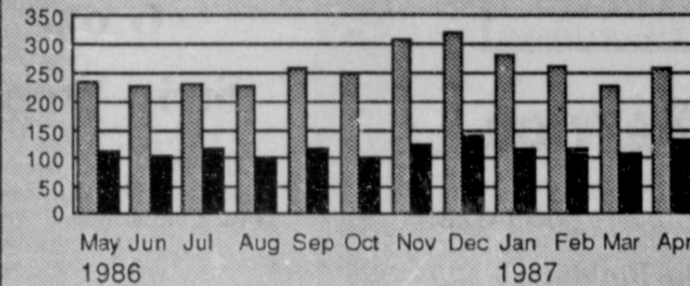
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The Energy Wire/Doug Mendenhall



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However, Energy Secretary John S. Herrington made clear last week that the Exocet missiles that ripped open the ship did little to penetrate the administration's views on energy.

In response to the administration's "Energy Security" study, President Reagan this month sent Congress a batch of proposals to aid the industry that many have described as the equivalent of aspirin for a seriously ill patient.

"I'm satisfied the president has done the right thing," said Herrington in a briefing with reporters in his office.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the sale of an IBM CUPS/34 Model 5340-C24; an IBM Printer 5211-011 160 LPM; an IBM Display 5251-011; and associated supplies will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, at the office of the City Manager up until June 22, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. and then publicly opened and read.

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Spearman has applied for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for runway reconstruction, extension, lighting improvements and overlay of existing apron, taxiway and access road at the Spearman Municipal Airport. Professional Engineering Services will be required to complete the project.

The City of Spearman is hereby requesting proposals from engineering firms interested in performing the required services. Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 1987, at the Spearman City Hall. Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive formalities and to accept the proposal deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All proposals received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

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and independent oil companies at the lower percentage.

The foundation's study said most U.S. oil drilling is done in the older fields and would produce oil eligible for the tax with prices over the \$19 level.

"Since development drilling would have been the first to begin again, the tax will limit the relief which the frilling sector will get from rising prices," said the study. "Production will be dampened in turn by the lack of development drilling."

Development drilling in older reservoirs accounts for 80 percent of all wells drilled in the United States and for 90 percent of all productive wells that discover oil or gas, the report said.

The study also cited the Reagan administration's recent study, "Energy Security," which "correctly concludes that rapidly increasing U.S. oil imports carry a national security penalty." The windfall tax, which the administration favors abolishing, runs counter to measures necessary to offset that threat, the study said.

Although the windfall tax is due to expire in 1993 under the original 1980 law that enacted the tariff, the study said that investors fear the tax will be extended "because rising oil prices in the 1990's will prove too much of a temptation for Congress."

President Reagan has endorsed eliminating the windfall tax, and included the proposal in his recommendations sent to Congress earlier this month in response to the administration's energy security report.

The energy study noted that the windfall tax, with oil prices below \$18 per barrel, "contributes virtually nothing to federal tax receipts." However, "taking the midpoints of high and low oil price scenarios shows that the WPT would raise about \$50 million from 1987 to 1991," the study said.

While the government would begin collecting the tax at about the \$18 level for older oil production, the tax would not fall on production from newly-discovered fields unless the price reached about \$28 per barrel, the study 1.

LIBRARY

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struct any kind of craft with an animal theme to bring for display at the library says Rita Curtis, librarian.

They may also design bookmarks with the "Animal Antics" theme, she notes. Two winning bookmarks will be chosen.

Texas Panhandle Library System will print up the winning bookmarks, and the Hansford library will distribute them in the fall.

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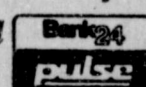
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