



Manor empty stocking fund helps elderly

It's an anomaly that Christmas time -- the most joyous of all the holidays each year -- can often be the most depressing as well.

When that is combined with old age, sickness and a meager income, Christmas can and does become something to be endured rather than enjoyed.

But thanks to the generosity of Hansford county residents, the true meaning of Christmas will take on a special air for more than one elderly soul at the Hansford Manor Nursing Home this year.

Gifts to the Manor Empty Stocking Fund will provide simple gifts this Christmas and throughout the coming year to those residents whose income allows only for the most important of necessities.

From socks and shoes to such everyday items as toiletries and sweaters, the Manor Fund will see to it that these brave men and women have something more to look forward to than just another day this Christmas.

But only a few more days remain before the holidays and the opportunity to give in order to brighten

their holidays is quickly running out.

Christmas Day is Friday and purchases must be made no later than Thursday to ensure presents under the tree for everybody at the Manor in 1987.

Contributions to the Manor Fund are tax deductible and may be made by taking the gift by in person to Jody Harnish or Carol Hergert, or by mailing your donation to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

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| Beginning Balance | \$1,710.00 |
| Bobby Nell McCoy | 20.00 |
| Ray and Beth Phelps | 25.00 |
| Gladiola Flower Club | 100.00 |
| Dan and Mary Allen | 20.00 |
| Boy Scout Troop 551 | 50.00 |
| Anonymous | 25.00 |
| Anonymous | 50.00 |
| Don and Faye Schmehr | 25.00 |
| Anonymous | 25.00 |
| Ruth Meador | 10.00 |
| Mary and Perry Dixon | 50.00 |
| Frances Vanneman | 25.00 |
| Anonymous | 25.00 |
| Dorothy and Max Baggerly | 100.00 |
| In memory of Don Schumann | 25.00 |
| Ending Balance: | \$2,285.00 |



SHARING THEIR HARD WORK... Dallas Trooper [center] gives a check for \$50 for the Manor Empty Stocking Fund to Hansford Manor Director of Nursing Ada Ruth Diggs. With Trooper is another representative of Boy Scout Troop 551, Christopher Turner. The Spearman scout troop worked at different jobs around the city to earn the money, then donated their effort to benefit the special fund to help Manor residents.

THE HANSFORD REPORT

by JAMES JARRETT



Some 2,000 years ago something special was brought into this world... it was a little thing known as hope.

Hope is defined as desire accompanied by belief of fulfillment. Each year we celebrate that hope in something we call Christmas.

Sometimes it gets lost in the shuffle, hustle and bustle of the busy days we live.

Some complain that Christmas has become too commercialized, and contains far too much tinsel and glitter... that the "true" meaning of Christmas has been lost somewhere.

But that birth in a lowly manger in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago was the culmination of a promise made to King David and the Jewish nation.

School bells ring Tuesday

School bells will ring at 2 p.m. Tuesday, signalling the beginning of the holiday vacation period for all Spearman school students.

The holiday period will continue through Christmas and the beginning of the New Year, Jan. 1.

Classes will resume at normal times the morning of Monday, Jan. 4, 1988.

The next holiday for Spearman students will not come until the Spring break.

And, as is our Creator's way, with the fulfillment of that promise came the beginnings of hope.

That one birth changed first a people, then a nation, and finally the world. Because He lives, hope lives. And that's what Christmas is all about.

No, it's not just giving or getting presents. It's joy, it's love, it's caring and half a hundred other things.

Yet take away hope and there is no joy, love is diminished and caring takes a back seat to depression.

Mankind cannot improve on God's gift. But it can be shared by sharing hope in any countless numbers of ways each and every day of the year.

There is hope born anew with every craying wail of a newborn child.

There is hope born anew with each act of kindness one neighbor gives to another.

There is hope born anew when mankind manages to rise above itself to attain a fresh outlook at the world in which it resides.

There is hope born anew with each awkward, stumbling step a toddler takes.

There is hope born anew with the rising consciousness and questing minds of our youth -- the future rulers of this planet we call Earth.

This Christmas, and each Christmas in your future, may hope be the centerpiece of your celebration.

Just as hope was the centerpiece of that first Christmas so long ago in Jerusalem.

'Tis the season...

'Tis the season for sharing and caring and Hansford county residents are doing it in grand style this Christmas Season with their generous donations to both Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 and the Manor Empty Stocking Fund. The two efforts have become traditional ways in Hansford county of sharing the special holiday spirit.

The two funds are run under the auspices of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and the Hansford Manor Nursing Home. They are featured items each edition of the Spearman Reporter, Hansford Plainsman and the Gruver Statesman as community projects of the three county newspapers.

The Empty Stocking Fund is the youngest of the two and goes toward helping brighten the holidays for those nursing home residents whose budgets simply cannot make allowances for the Christmas season.

Operation Christmas Greeting is in its 12th year and has become a means for the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary to help purchase needed equipment for both the hospital and nursing home facility. It is the only fund-raising effort of the year for the all volunteer group.

Time is winding down rapidly, however, as Christmas Day approaches.

Operation Christmas Greeting 1987

Saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" may seem like a simple thing, but Hansford county residents have given it new meaning by donating to Operation Christmas Greeting 1987.

Run under the auspices of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary, the special fund is used each year to buy equipment and furnishings for both the Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor Nursing Home.

County residents donate money they would normally spend to send greeting cards to the fund and the Auxiliary uses the money to purchase such items as dishes, cribs and mattresses, curtains and even stretchers.

The only fund raising project of the year for the hospital auxiliary, Operation Christmas Greeting is in its 12th year.

As always, those listed below are saying "Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year" in a special way.

Their contributions will help enrich the lives of everyone who ever uses either the hospital or nursing home in Hansford county.

Donors include:

- Henry and Mary Cornelius
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- Floyd and Allene Close
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- Adalyn Barnes
- Willard and Jettie Davis
- Tom and Helen Etter
- Mrs. Glen Hiller
- Charles and Maxine Little
- Pinky and Jean Sheets
- Steve and Cella Krug
- Maudine Patterson
- Pat and Georgia Holt
- Leroy and May Lee Smith

Donations to Operation Christmas Greeting 1987 can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, Box 225, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Sunday, December 20, 1987

Filings end Jan. 4, 1988...

Incumbents begin primary filings

Incumbents for county offices began filings this week with three of the six office holders making the necessary filings with their respective party chairmen for the March, 1988, primary elections.

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Jr. and county commissioner of precinct one, Garland Head, both filed this week with county Democratic chairman, Carl Archer, to seek re-election to their respective offices.

In a surprise move, county attorney John L. Hutchison filed with Republican county chairman Roy Bulls to seek re-election to that office, this time as a Republican candidate.

The current county attorney has held the office for two terms, both times seeking election as a Democratic candidate.

Head filed his intention to run for re-election by petition, thus avoiding a \$300 filing fee.

The precinct one commissioner presented the Democratic chairman a petition signed by 25 people who voted in the last gubernatorial election in Hansford county.

State law requires either the \$300 filing fee or the filing by petition to get an office seeker's name on the primary and general election ballots.

Three other current office holders have yet to file for re-election, although in a newspaper survey all declared their intention to seek those same offices during the 1988 election process.

Incumbents and office hopefuls alike have until Jan. 4, 1988, to file their intentions to seek an office.

Post offices to deliver '87 tax forms

Hansford county residents will begin receiving an after-Christmas greeting from Uncle Sam shortly after the holiday break when 1987 Internal Revenue Service tax forms show up in mail boxes.

Post offices in Spearman, Gruver and Morse have had the thousands of tax forms on hand since early December.

But instructions are plainly printed on the outside of each box and bundle -- "Do not deliver until Dec. 26".

All three of the post offices have ample supplies, properly addressed sorted and ready to deliver along with other bundles of year-end mail.

There are catalogs and sweepstakes envelopes stacked about the post offices in trays and on carts.

But the 1040 forms will take priority in delivery after the Christmas holidays.

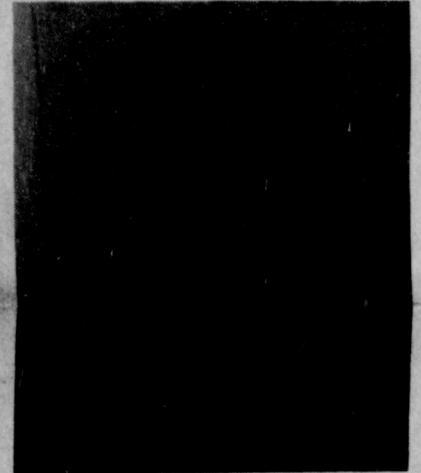
Perhaps it's Uncle Sam's way of saying "Happy New Year".



R.L. MCFARLIN, JR.
... Files for re-election



JOHN L. HUTCHISON
... Files for re-election



GARLAND HEAD
... Files for re-election

with their respective party county chairman.

Incumbents who have not filed as of presstime Friday include tax assessor-collector Helen Dry, county commissioner of precinct three, B.J. Renner, and 84th district judge J.E. Blackburn.

While filing fees for the five county offices open this next election See "INCUMBENTS", p-2

City rejects parking ordinance at meeting

City councilmembers rejected an ordinance to make truck parking at First and Archer Streets in Spear-

man illegal during their rescheduled regular session Wednesday afternoon.

Instead, they indicated they will consider changing the intersection from a yield sign to a 4-way stop to increase safety margins there.

Since that item was not on the agenda, action toward that end will have to wait until the next city meeting.

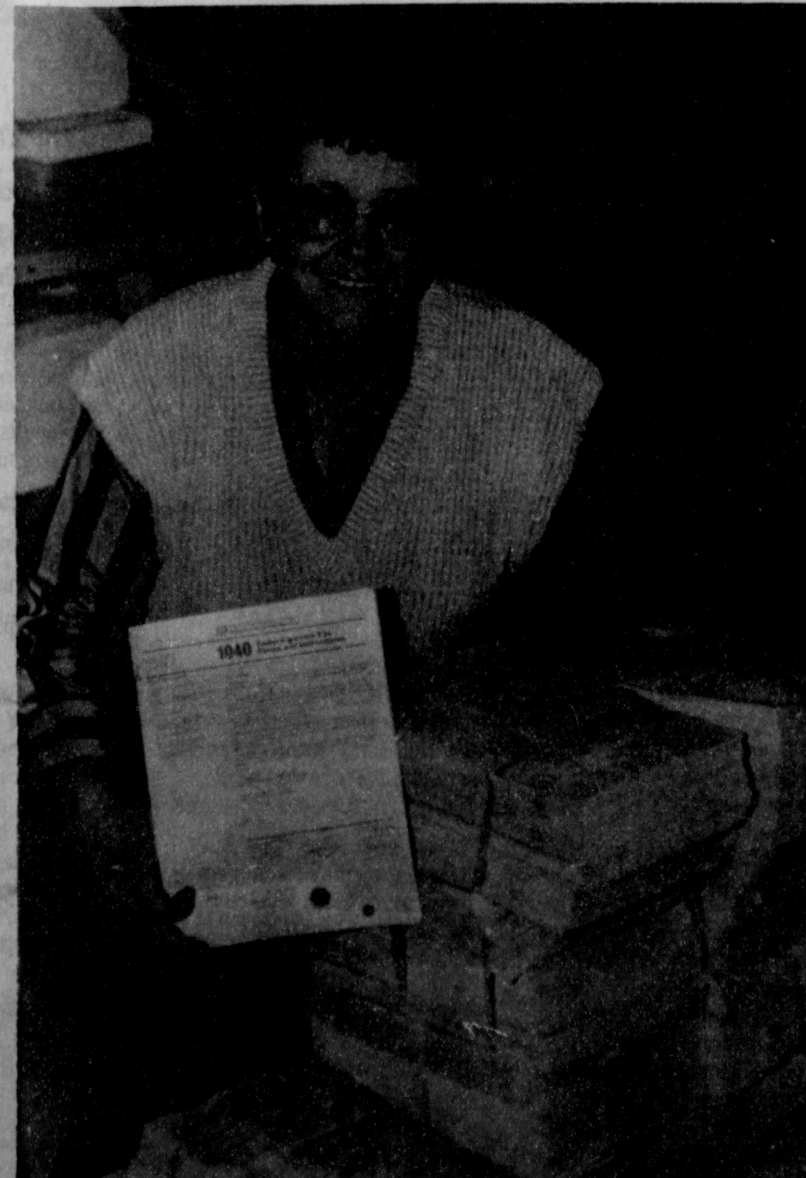
An executive session to discuss possible pending litigation was held, but no action was taken by councilmen at Wednesday's meeting.

The city received personal letters from two Spearman residents last week, both indicating they were considering possible legal action against the city.

According to police records, Thomas Collier and Deloris Joann Stuard were arrested in separate incidents this past summer and both have indicated they are contemplating possible legal action due to these arrests.

As of presstime Friday, neither had filed any type of court action against the city government.

Under routine business, city fathers amended a contract with Dwight L. Brand Engineering of See "CITY", p-2



THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY... and right after Christmas, too. Spearman post office clerk Marjorie Evans displays some of the 1987 IRS tax forms which will be delivered after Christmas and before the New Year begins as Uncle Sam gets ready to "receive his due".



County accepts bid on new vehicle for S.O.

The Hansford county commissioner's court held their regular Monday meeting on Wednesday this week after inclement winter weather forced postponement.

During the meeting, commissioner's awarded a bid for a new sheriff's car to Gillaspie Chevrolet of Spearman at a cost of \$12,458.33.

Other bids received included a bid from Gruver Ford of \$12,895, Crawford Motors of \$13,210, and a second bid from Gillaspie of \$11,680.

Commissioner's agreed to take the \$12,458.33 bid from Gillispie after visiting with Sheriff R.L. McFarlin as to what he needed in the deputy's vehicle.

Commissioner's also reappointed J.C. Harris and T.J. Bergin, both of Gruver, to the Palo Duro River Authority board of directors.

Members of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department appeared before the board requesting help to outfit a tanker to be utilized in fighting county fires.

Their request was for help in purchasing several different lengths and sizes of fire hose, ladders, nozzles and air packs.

Commissioner's asked them to take bids and return with that information before they could take any action on the matter.

Holidays for 1988 were set by the commissioner's court Wednesday with one less scheduled next year than in previous years.

County employees will have nine paid holidays in 1988, including New Year's, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, two days at Thanksgiving and the Monday after Christmas Day.

The court also agreed to help the city of Spearman finish out the digging of a new trash pit. The city was unable to finish the project

when their maintainer broke down.

The court also set in writing a reimbursement policy for county employees and officials to use when on county business.

Those wishing prepayment of certain items such as air fare and registration fees can do so with approval of either the court or its authorized representative, county judge R.L. McClellan.

Other expenses must have a voucher prepared along with supporting documents for reimbursement.

Light contest to be Christmas feature item

A special Christmas Decoration Contest is being sponsored by Speartex Grain and the Spearman chamber of commerce with \$125 in prize monies to be awarded in commercial and non-commercial entries.

Spearman businesses and residents are invited to enter the contest by calling the chamber office no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

There will be a first place award of \$50 for commercial entries and a \$50 first place and \$25 second place award for non-commercial entries.

Judging will be done Monday evening after dark with winners announced Tuesday.

Those wishing to enter should do so by calling 659-5555 no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

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INCUMBENTS

tion are \$300 each, district judges must pay \$1,200 to file for office.

Of those incumbents who filed this week, McFarlin will be seeking his fourth full term as sheriff of Hansford county.

He has served in that position since being appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1973.

Head is seeking his fourth consecutive term in office in 1988. His precinct covers the southeast corner of Hansford county.

City manager recovers from leg injury

City manager Jim Murray is resting comfortably in an Amarillo hospital following reconstructive surgery to his right leg.

Murray broke his leg and ankle during Monday's snow storm and was taken to Amarillo Tuesday by private vehicle.

According to Spearman mayor Ralph Blodgett, the city manager had six pins and a plate implanted in his right leg along with reconstructive surgery and pins in his ankle.

Murray was reportedly injured when he stopped to help a vehicle struck in the snow. He slipped on the ice-slickened streets and broke his leg.

The mayor reports he should be released from the hospital Monday and will be confined to bed rest for a period of 10 days, then will be on crutches for another six to seven weeks.

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CITY

Amarillo for additional services in the design and inspection of the FAA project at the municipal airport.

They also awarded a contract with the same engineering firm for preparation of maps and a study of the water and sewer system for the city of Spearman.

Stephens Management Consultants of Canyon was hired to prepare bid specifications for general liability and auto insurance. In addition, they firm will evaluate any bids received.

City manager Jim Murray was authorized to seek bids for a leak survey of the city's gas system.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for Monday evening, but was rescheduled to Wednesday afternoon due to inclement winter weather.



According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the job classification with the most openings likely between now and 1990 is that of computer service technician.

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We can't bring back "the good old days" entirely but, with new CLASSIC SERVICE, we can make things more like the way they were.

With CLASSIC SERVICE, you pay only \$1.25 per month to have GTE repair your telephone wiring and jacks during normal working hours, at no additional charge.

Just \$1.25, per telephone number, on your monthly phone bill (about 44 a day) covers you, no matter how many jacks you have. And if you sign up before JANUARY 1, 1988, you can avoid the one-time sign-up charge.

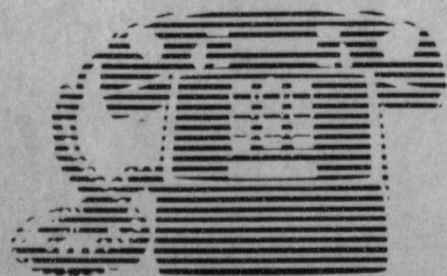
Here's how you'll save with CLASSIC SERVICE ...

NO SERVICE CALL CHARGES

Without CLASSIC SERVICE, if you have a problem with your phone service, and a GTE service call is needed to locate the trouble, you will be charged for the visit if the problem turns out to be in your wiring, jacks, or telephone instrument.

With CLASSIC SERVICE, there is no service call charge during normal working hours.

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- Or, you contract with a third party for repairs, but rates and qualifications vary widely.

- Or, you can make the repairs yourself, but you'll have to supply your own materials. With CLASSIC SERVICE, there is no service call charge. No repair charge. No worry. That's why we call it "CLASSIC."

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Whatever problems you may encounter with your phone service, we urge you to call GTE first, even if you don't have CLASSIC SERVICE, because in many cases we can correct the problem from "our end." But if the problem does turn out to be inside your premises, won't it be nice to have CLASSIC SERVICE protection?

Sign up for CLASSIC SERVICE before JANUARY 1, 1988 and avoid a sign-up charge.



SPEARTEX GRAIN AND THE SPEARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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But hurry, entry deadline is Monday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories Commercial and Non-Commercial

Prizes:

Commercial -- 1st Place: \$50

Non-Commercial -- 1st Place: \$50

-- 2nd Place: \$25

All you have to do to enter is call 659-5555 no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21. Judging will be done Monday evening with winners announced Tuesday.

Call today and enter!

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Reed enjoyed the National Finals Rodeo at Las Vegas over the weekend. They met Hadley there as he was attending a session of the National Inter-collegiate Rodeo Association of which he is the Southwest Regional Student Director.

After attending the finals, Hadley flew back to Stephenville where he is a student at the University. The Reeds returned home ahead of the bad weather.

Gloria and Don Knox are safely back home after what turned out to be an unintentional extended weekend.

He had gone to Hart pheasant hunting with his son and was unable to get home until Wednesday.

Gloria left Thursday to attend the girls basketball tournament at New Deal where her granddaughters were playing. She started home Sunday morning and became stranded in Amarillo at a motel until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wofford have had pheasant hunters for guests for several days who left Thursday.

They were pleased to bag their limits in spite of the snow. Bert and Julia Wofford also hosted them.

Guests were Terry Malone, El

Library News

The Hansford County Library has a selection of little books perfect for Christmas reading. Some of them are new, some old, but they're each guaranteed to bring a warmth to the heart, a mist to the eye, and a speck of laughter and joy for the soul. Some titles are

Seven Stories of Christmas Love by Leo Buscaglia. This author who speaks and writes on the subject of love has compiled a small book of his personal Christmas memories.

Star Over Adobe by Dorothy Pillsbury. In the late 1940s, the author, a social worker, moved from La. to Santa Fe, N.M. where she lived in a Spanish-American neighborhood for many years. She wrote several wonderful books about her Santa Fe neighbors, and in this one she writes of Christmas memories shared with them.

On That Night by Elizabeth Yates. A Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve in a small town is the setting for this modern Christmas parable that delivers a message as vivid as it is heartwarming.

The Messiah by Marjorie Holmes. This new novel depicts the life of Christ.

The Song of Francis is a tiny, quiet, lovely book about the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.

A Texas Christmas -- A Miscellany of Art, Poetry and Fiction. This is a great collection of Christmas poetry and prose by various Texas authors. It's a neat book to dip into or read straight through.

A Christmas Tree by A. C. Greene. This West Texas author recalls his boyhood Christmases when Christmas trees meant cedars cut from the nearby hills. He reminisces on one particular cedar tree on one special Christmas.

Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton is not a Christmas story, but it's a joyous novel for anytime -- especially now. If you want to laugh and cry, read this one about an elderly woman, a stray dog, and a troubled teen-age boy.

If you just aren't in the mood to read during this busy season, perhaps you'd rather listen. The library has a good selection of Christmas record albums that may be checked out.

Paso; Gary Miller, Clovis; Alan Wofford and his 4 year old Cal, of Portales. Her purpose was to entertain grandmother Mae!

School Menu

Monday, Dec. 21
Santa Claus Stew
Kris Kringle Cornbread (Opt.)
Silver Bell Salad
Snow Flake Sandwich
Christmas Cobbler

Frosty Milk
Tuesday, Dec. 22
CAFETERIA CLOSED
CLASS PARTIES
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

Christmas edition to be combined

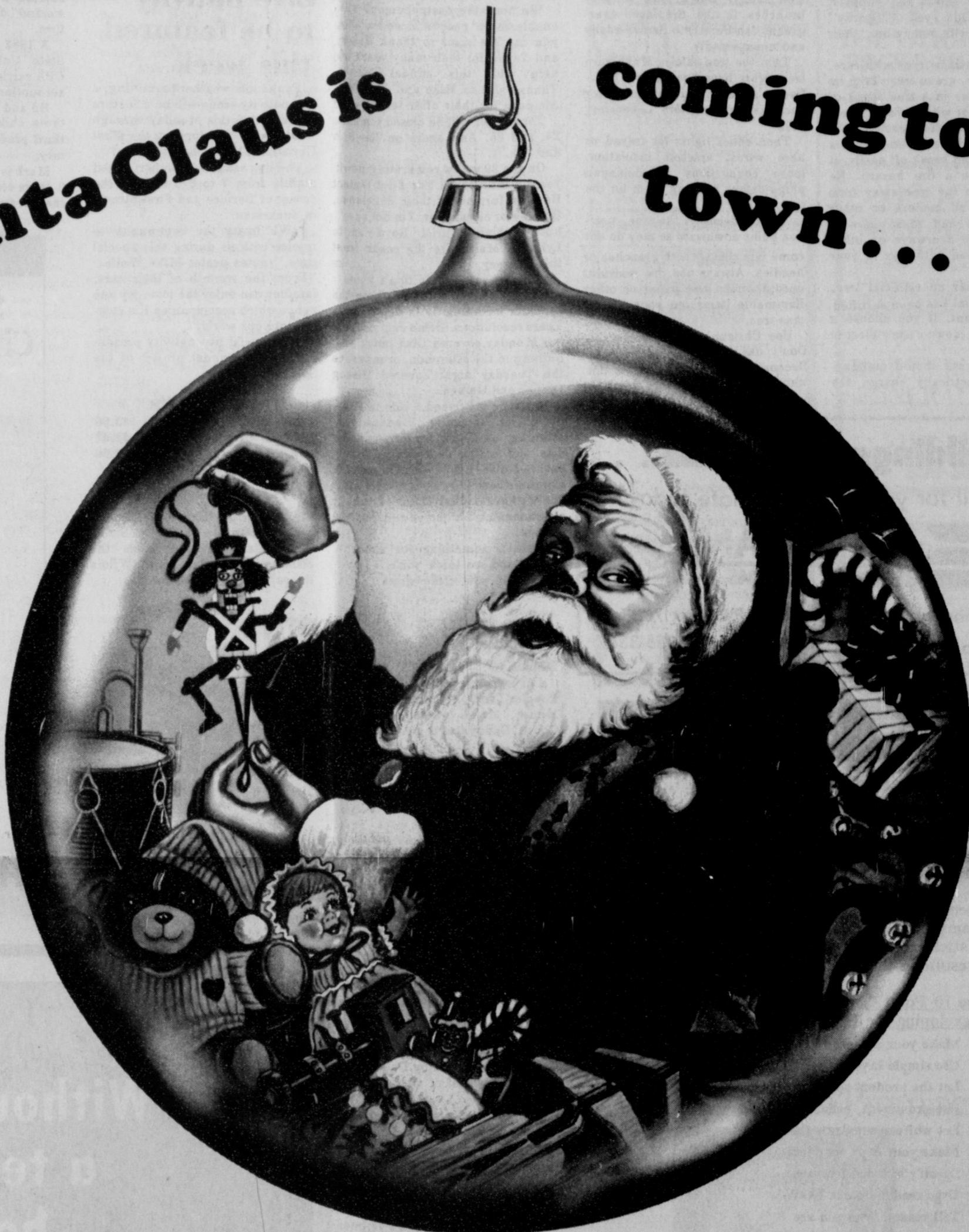
Thursday's Christmas Edition will be a combined newspaper carrying both the Hansford Plainsman and the Spearman Reporter mast. Both the Thursday paper and Sunday paper will be combined in the one Thursday edition due to Christmas Day falling on Friday, the Plainsman's normal press day.

Deadlines for Thursday's edition will remain the same with stories and advertising accepted until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Letters to Santa, however, must be turned in no later than Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. to ensure inclusion in the special Christmas edition.

Santa Claus is

coming to town...



... and will be in the lobby of the First National Bank this Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 23 to visit with all his Hansford county friends. Bring the kids to see Santa and receive a complimentary picture of your child on the jolly old elf's lap. There'll be treats for the kids, too. Santa will be here from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days!

You're also invited to our Open House Tuesday and Wednesday as well. Come by for a cup of coffee or spiced tea, cookies and a neighborly visit. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your patronage over the past year.

From our families to yours, the Board of Directors and staff of the First National Bank extends warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year...

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SPS suggests tips

As Christmas approaches, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) and "Sparky the Safety Mouse" again are reminding people to be cautious around electricity and electrical appliances.

To help guarantee your family will have its safest and happiest holiday season yet, "Sparky" hopes you will remember their safety tips.

Treat Christmas trees with care. Select a fresh, green tree. Trim its base and place in a tree stand or other container with a water reservoir. Then water frequently.

If your tree dries out and needles turn brown and break off easily, it could become a fire hazard. Be sure to place the tree away from fireplaces, wall heaters or other heat sources and make sure it doesn't block doorways or other frequently used pathways in your home.

If you prefer an artificial tree, look for one that has been certified as fire-resistant. If you choose a metal tree, don't use electric lights.

If these lights should malfunction and electrically charge the

tree, you could get a dangerous shock by touching any part of the tree. Be safety conscious -- illuminate a metal tree with colored floodlights or spotlights, instead.

After the holidays, dispose of the tree safely. Don't burn leftover branches in the fireplace; evergreens can burst into flames easily and unexpectedly.

Trim the tree safely. Make sure tree lights have been safety certified by a recognized testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

Then check lights for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections or damaged plugs before hanging them on the tree.

As you decorate the tree, position bulbs downward so they do not come into contact with branches or needles. Always use fire resistant decorations, never paper or other flammable items, on your Christmas tree.

Use Christmas lights correctly. Don't use indoor lights outside. Because indoor tree lights are not waterproof, they can short-circuit in

A Centerpiece

By Jettie Davis

Winter seems to have arrived a few days early and with a vengeance, and Christmas is almost here. We're going to have our Christmas supper a couple of days late on the 17th, since the weather didn't co-operate with us for the 15.

We hope the postponement will enable more people to come and join us. We want to thank Baker and Taylor for their many years of help with this annual event. Thanks also to Mike and Jeanette Simpson for their offer to help us.

The Center will be closed the 23, 24, and 25. And again on the 31 and Jan. 1.

On the 29 we're celebrating new years a little early. The First State Bank is furnishing their delicious Brisket for our supper. I'm not sure but I think Muriel Boyd and Lynanne Maize are the cooks for this delicacy.

Some of you people don't know what you're missing and should consider including us in your New Years resolutions. Come Join us for our Monday covered Dish lunch or quilting in the afternoon, or maybe the Tuesday night covered Dish Dinner and Games.

Someone may need a ride to the doctor or shopping Wednesday morning, or if you prefer there's arts and crafts Thursday with a covered dish lunch, on Thursday evening there'll be progressive 42 and we have a great Time -- Friday afternoons are for games and that's fun too.

There is something for almost anyone and we think you'll enjoy yourself if you come down, the

camaraderie is great so give it a try. We'll be looking for you.

Everyone at the Center wishes each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Live nativity to be featured this week

Panhandle weather permitting, a live nativity scene will be a feature presentation this Monday through Wednesday evenings at the First Christian Church in Spearman.

The live scene will be performed nightly from 7 to 8 o'clock at the corner of Bernice and First Streets in Spearman.

"We invite the community to rejoice with us during this special time," notes pastor Mike Wolfe. "From the warmth of their cars, families can enjoy the love, joy and peace which accompanies His coming into our world."

The special live nativity presentation is an annual project of the Spearman church.

Markets

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| MILO | \$3.00 |
| WHEAT | \$2.87 |
| CORN | \$2.00 |

Hospital Report

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Irene Brown, and Laura Sims.

Patients dismissed from the Hansford Hospital were Wilma Reese, and Joy Henderson.

Spearman man earns CPA

A Spearman accountant, John Bailey, recently received his Certified Public Accountant designation according to a report released this week.

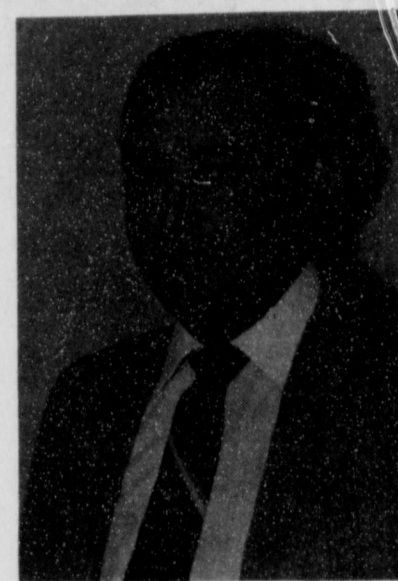
The new CPA is associated with Henton, Beedy and Company, PC of Spearman.

Bailey moved to Spearman this summer from Pampa where he had worked with another accounting firm.

A 1984 graduate of West Texas State University, the Spearman CPA carries a Bachelor's degree in accounting.

He and his wife, Deborah, have three children; Matthew, 8, is a third grader at Spearman elementary;

Mark is 4-years old and Luke is 3-years old. Bailey is a member of the Spearman Rotary Club.



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... Receives CPA designation

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- 1/ Make your ads easily recognizable
- 2/ Use simple layouts
- 3/ Let the product speak for itself
- 4/ Use prominent, benefit headlines
- 5/ Let white space draw the eye
- 6/ Make your copy complete
- 7/ Specify branded features
- 8/ Urge readers to act NOW
- 9/ Tell readers who you are
- 10/ Know the laws of advertising

(SOURCE of Checklist: Newspaper Ad Bureau -- New York)

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You Are Cordially Invited
to an
Open House Celebrating the
Holiday Season

Wednesday, December 23, 1987

10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

BROWN, GRAHAM & COMPANY

PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Popples and a talking Mickey Mouse. Mama wants a Mother Goose, Daddy wants a Alf.

Love
Meagan Dorton

Dear Santa
Last year you got me the Cobra Terror Drome I liked it a lot. That night me Jason and Richard got up and we went straight to the tree. After that we told my mom we had them. She said go to bed it is one o'clock. this year I want the G.I. Joe Space complex or a Scooter.

Your Friend,
Eric Varnon

Dear Santa,
I love, you. This letter is from Lyn Ann Fewell and I'm almost two years old.

For Christmas I want all of my family to be together and happy, a Teddy Ruxpen, a Baby Doll, a Tea Set, and the best of all some Red Ropers.

Your cookies and milk will be waiting for you.

Love you,
Lyn Ann Fewell

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph this Christmas? I am fine and I've been a good boy.

Could you please bring me a bicycle for Christmas? I also want a Lazer Tag game set.

I'd like to have my stocking filled with lots of fun things. Could you bring my mom a pen? She always loses hers.

We'll leave you some goodies to eat when you come on Christmas Eve. Thank You, Santa!

Richard Varnon



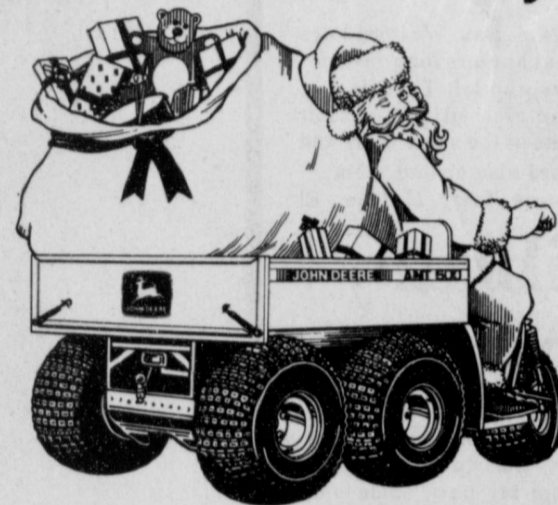
Dear Santa,
I would like:
Nona Ark Robots Jeep Cars Big foot Basketball Superman Watch Toy Sholdier's

Dallas Wagner

Dear Santa,
I want a Telescope, a Cabbage patch with blonde pigtales, a brush and glasses, a My Child with long blonde hair, and I want a Teddy Bear, and a Kitchen play set.

Love, Dawn Loomis

John Deere AMT 600
Spread 600 pounds of
Christmas cheer this year



Santa would surely make a splash tooling in on a new AMT™ 600 All Materials Transport. With its 600 pound* payload capacity, it's just the ticket for hauling toys and trinkets—or the tools of your trade. So get carried away this Christmas. Ask your dealer for a demonstration today.

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happens ...

nothing

Your Home Is Full Of Hidden Dollars



Turn idle items into cash fast with a Want Ad

Call 659-3434

Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1850 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 baths, 1 living room fireplace located at 721 Wilbanks. Reasonably priced. Contact Frances Pipkin at 659-3938. S06S-6tp

FOR SALE: 1983 Bonneville Mobile Home, 16x80, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, fireplace, spacious bi-level kitchen. Skirting and stairs go with it. Must see to appreciate. Call 659-2354 after 5:30 p.m. s03s-9tc

ABANDONED HOMES - Take over payments on 2 and 3 bedroom homes. **Qualify by phone.** 806/381-1352. Call collect. S46-rtn

COMPLETE MOBILE HOME Services available. Check our cheaper rates on transporting, escorting, and skirting anchors and cool seal for all makes. Large selection of new, used and repos. B & D Mobile Homes. Guymon, Ok. 405/338-5315. s47-2tc

A-1 Mobile Home \$99 monthly payment for new 1 br. home ideal for college, singles, retirement, furnished and free delivery. \$626 down and 13, 75% APR financing for 240 months A-1 mobile Home Call 806-376-5363 S-05-7tc

FOR SALE \$148 per month for new mobile home, furnished, will deliver to your location. 12.77% APR financing at 84 months. \$613 down 806 376-4612 ask for Marina. S-05-7tc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath 2 car garage newly remodeled 1 block from school priced in the low 20's call 659-3987 S 51 rtn

A-1 Mobile home \$170 per month for new 1988 b br. 2 bath home free delivery, \$1281 down at 13.5% APR financing for 240 months, A-1 mobile Home 806-376-5363 S-05-7tc

For Sale: 2 bedroom, 2 bath trailer house at 115 N. James. Call 659-2245.

Open your own beautiful discount high quality shoe store. Satisfaction Guaranteed. **LADIES-CHILDRENS-MENS.** Over 300 nationally known brands-Over 1500 styles - 40-50% below wholesale prices. your cash "\$" investment of \$12,900.00 to \$39,900.00 includes beginning inventory, training, fixtures and grand opening promotions, Ladies apparel also available. Call Today. Prestige Fashions 501-329-8327.

For Rent

FOR RENT: Nice 3 bedroom unfurnished house, Carpet, drapes, central air and heat. Elec. or gas hook up for cook stove. Cleaning deposit required. No pets. Call 659-3657. S51-rtn

FOR RENT 1 br furnished apartment at 213 Southeast St., no pets, call Gus McLain 659-2744.

Farm Items

WATER HAULING Will do water hauling, more water for your money call 659-3125.

WANTED Wheat pasture for horses, pay \$300 on 100, fenced and water. 659-3445 S06-6tp

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1983 - 85 4-speed manual transmission for S-10 pickups. Also GM transfer assembly for 1-ton 4x4 with locking hubs. Call Morris, 659-2541. S07S-1tc

FOR SALE: Sheltie puppy. (mini-collie) well marked, sable and white. Ready for new home Dec. 23. (806)659-2202. S07-2tp

FOR SALE: '79 GMC 3/4 ton, PS, PB, AC, Auto., Sierra Classic, pickup, very clean. Call Rich 733-5205. S07-2tp

FOR SALE Brandt Super King Mattress and box spring, headboard. Always used mattress pad, extra clean. \$165.00 call 733-2835 So7S 1tc

FOR SALE Half Price! Flashing arrow signs \$299 Lighted, non-arrow \$289! Unlighted \$249! Free letters! See locally. Call today! Factory: 1(800) 423-0163, anytime.

FOR SALE: 10 speed - 26" boys bike, red never been ridden. Roadmaster - Scorcher. See at 729 Wilbanks Dr. 659-3149. S07-2tp

FOR SALE: 1982 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, 48,000 miles. Excellent condition. Call Craig Vinson at 659-2326. S06s-2tp

Miscellaneous

CHILD CARE: Offered in my home good atmosphere. 2-3-4 and 5 all day and children after school. Call anytime. 659-3964. References available. S06S-rtn

Help Wanted

PLANT OPERATOR

Air Products and Chemical, Inc., a Fortune 250 company and major producer of chemicals and industrial gases, has a need for an operator for its helium plant in Hansford County, 18 miles south of Guymon, Ok.

We are seeking the following qualifications:

- *High School Diploma or equivalent
- *Good mechanical aptitude and solid work history
- *Prior plant operator experience helpful

We offer an excellent starting salary and comprehensive benefits package.

We will be accepting applications on Monday, Dec. 21 from 2 p.m. through 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 22, from 8 a.m. through 11 a.m. at the Best Western Ambassador Inn, located at Hwy. 64 and 21st Street in Guymon, Ok. S07S-1tc

Excellent Income For Home Assembly Work. For Information Call 504-646-1700. Dept. p-1039 Sp-06 4tp

WEIGHT WATCHERS: meets each Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Home Demonstration Building, Spearman Texas.

HANSFORD COUNTY

Planned Parenthood
412 Davis
659-2483
Spearman, Tx.
Monday - Friday
8:30 - 12:30

SCOTT'S CHIMNEY
SWEEP
Prevent Chimney Fires
Call 806/323-5859
Serving the Panhandle Area for 5 Years
\$45 per Chimney
Have your Chimney cleaned today!
CLEAN-RELIABLE-FRIENDLY
Thurs. only til Jan. 28

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Hansford County Library (Upstairs)
122 Main-Spearman
Open meeting 2nd Tuesday
AL ANON
Tuesday
8:00 P.M.

NOTICE
Wallace Monument Co. Monuments, Curbing, Grave Covers
Local Representative
LEONARD JAMESON
Spearman, Texas

Auto Repairs
AUTO REPAIRS: At my home, 210 S. Bernice, tune-ups, valve jobs, major and minor. 659-3630. S06S-3only-3t

DIET CENTER. THE WEIGHT-LOSS PROFESSIONALS!
CALL US TODAY, for a free introductory consultation at 410 Davis Spearman, Texas 659-2199

OSGOOD MONUMENT CO.
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Dealers of Rock of Ages Granite, as well as all colored granites, marble and bronze memorials.
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659-2775
Tailpipes - \$29.95
Mufflers - \$39.95
Most Duals \$160.00 complete

STEAM RINSE & VAC-Rinse and Vac Shampooer for rent at Gordons Drug. \$10.95 up to 24 hours.

Let us help you with your Christmas Shopping ... at First State Bank of Spearman

We have

- 1987 U.S. Constitution Coins
- 1986 Liberty Coins Sets
- 1987 Gold Eagle Liberty Coins
- 1987 Silver Eagle Dollars
- Susan B. Anthony Silver Dollars
- U.S. Savings Bonds
- Savings Accounts
- Currency Scratch Pads in Several Denominations
- Beef Gift Certificates

You Are Invited

We'd like to invite all of our friends and neighbors to our **Holiday Open House** during regular banking hours on **Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 21 and 22.** We'll be serving refreshments and saying hello as we offer our friendship and wish our many wonderful friends the best of all Holiday Seasons.

Hold On To The Promise.



Presenting 1987 United States Constitution Coins.

Offered by the United States Mint in strictly limited edition, the Silver Dollar Proof contains 0.76 troy ounces of pure silver, and the Five Dollar Gold Proof Coin contains 0.24 ounces of pure gold. You can purchase the Silver

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Purchase Your Limited Editions Today

We will be closed at 1 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 24, and all day Christmas.



FSB
First State Bank

One NE Court Spearman

FDIC

Christmas Headquarters

DOUBLE BLUE STAMPS
Monday-Tuesday-
Wednesday & Thursday
(Closed Friday for Christmas)

SHURFINE GRADE A
EXTRA LARGE EGGS
DOZEN
39¢



ALL GRINDS
HILLS BROS. COFFEE
3 LB. CAN
\$4.99



SHURFRESH
WHIPPING CREAM
1/2 PINT CTN.
3 FOR \$1



TENDERCRUST BROWN & SERVE
DINNER ROLLS
PKGS.
3 FOR \$1



ASSORTED/DESIGNER PAPER
BRAWNY TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL
59¢



IMPERIAL POLY POWDERED OR
BROWN SUGAR
2 LB. BAG
99¢



KRAFT QUARTERS
PARKAY MARGARINE
1 LB. BOXES
3 FOR \$1



Corn King
BONELESS FULLY COOKED WHOLE
CORN KING HAMS
6 TO 8 LB. AVERAGE
\$1.69

Wilson's
Extra LEAN Ham
96% FAT FREE
NEW 96% FAT FREE BONELESS FULLY COOKED WHOLE
WILSON'S HAMS
6 TO 8 LB. AVERAGE
\$2.59



SUNKIST NAVEL LARGE SIZE
ORANGES
3 \$1 LBS.

WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY RED DELICIOUS
APPLES
3 \$1 LBS.



HICKORY SMOKED SLICED TRAY PAK
WRIGHT'S BACON LB. \$1.39

LEAN TRIM FRESH
PORK BUTT ROAST LB. \$1.29

HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF BONELESS
TOP SIRLOIN STEAK LB. \$2.29

HEAVY GRAIN FED BEEF
T-BONE STEAK LB. \$3.29

COUNTRY PRIDE FULLY COOKED
SMOKED TURKEYS 10-12 LB. AVG. LB. \$1.29

Wilson's - Polish or Smoked
SAUSAGE LB. \$1.69

LOUIS RICH BONELESS FULLY COOKED
TURKEY HALF HAMS 1 1/2-5 LB. AVG. LB. \$1.89

YOUR CHOICE-MEAT OR BEEF
WILSON'S BOLOGNA 1 FULL LB. \$1.49

U.S.D.A. GRADE A HEN
TURKEYS 10-14 LB. AVG. LB. \$58¢

Shop Your Thriftway Store for Fresh Oysters-Dry Cured Hams and Many Other Christmas Needs.

SUNKIST MAMMOTH
TANGERINES LB. 59¢

CALIFORNIA FRESH
BROCCOLI LB. 59¢

SNO-WHITE
CAULIFLOWER PER HEAD 79¢

U.S. NO. 1 YELLOW
ONIONS LB. 19¢

Ocean Spray "Sparkling Fresh"
CRANBERRIES 12 oz. bag 59¢

U.S. NO. ONE
SWEET POTATOES 3 LBS. \$1

CALIFORNIA LARGE STALK
CRISP CELERY 3 FOR \$1

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| DUNCAN HINES ASSORTED CAKE MIX 18 1/2 OZ. BOX 69¢ | BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT 14 OZ. PKG. 99¢ |
| DUNCAN HINES R.T.S. ASSORTED FROSTING 16 OZ. CAN \$1.29 | KRAFT JET PUFFED/MINIATURE MARSHMALLOWS 16 OZ. BAG 69¢ |
| KRAFT PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8 OZ. CTN. 79¢ | AUNT JEMIMA ASSORTED POUCH MIXES 5 6 OZ. PKGS. \$1.00 |
| Shurfine Fancy PUMPKIN 16 OZ. can 47¢ | ASSORTED FLAVORS JELL-O GELATIN 3 3 OZ. PKGS. \$1.00 |
| 40° OFF LABEL REG./UNSCENTED TIDE DETERGENT 42 OZ. BOX \$1.79 | DEL MONTE ALL TYPES IN JUICE PINEAPPLE 2 15 1/2 OZ. CANS \$1.00 |
| BAKER'S "REAL" CHOCOLATE CHIPS 12 OZ. PKG. 99¢ | DEL MONTE RAISINS 15 OZ. BOX \$1.19 |
| OCEAN SPRAY WHOLE/JELLIED CRANBERRY SAUCE 16 OZ. CAN 69¢ | LEMON JUICE REALEMON 32 OZ. BTL. \$1.79 |
| CONDENSED MILK EAGLE BRAND 14 OZ. CAN \$1.29 | DROMEDARY CHOPPED DATES 8 OZ. BOX \$1.99 |
| SUGARY SAM YAMS 29 OZ. CAN 79¢ | SKIPPY CREAMY/CRUNCHY PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ. JAR \$1.99 |
| 50° OFF LABEL WESSON OIL 64 OZ. BTL. \$2.39 | PLANTERS HONEY OR DRY ROAST PEANUTS 16 OZ. JAR \$2.79 |
| KLEENEX DINNER NAPKINS 50 CT. BOX 89¢ | PLANTERS WITH PEANUTS MIXED NUTS 12 OZ. CAN \$2.99 |

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| LIPTON ONION SOUP MIX 2 CT. PKG. 89¢ | SHURFINE SPANISH STUFFED OLIVES 5 3/4 OZ. JAR 99¢ |
| SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY ALUMINUM FOIL 18x37 1/4" ROLL \$1.19 | SHURFINE CORNBREAD/CHICKEN STUFFING MIX 6 OZ. BOX 69¢ |
| BLACKBURN CRYSTAL WHITE SYRUP 32 OZ. BTL. 99¢ | COOL DAIRY BUYS |
| BEST MAID SWEET PICKLES 16 OZ. JAR \$1.49 | SHURFRESH EGG NOG QT. 99¢ |
| HUNT'S TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ. CAN 99¢ | QUALITY ASSORTED VARIETIES KRAFT DIPS 8 OZ. CTN. 59¢ |
| GEHARDT EAGLE CHILI POWDER 3 OZ. BTL. \$1.29 | HALFMOON COLBY OR CHEDDAR KRAFT CHEESE 16 OZ. PKG. \$2.49 |
| ROSARITA "CHUNKY" PICANTE SAUCE 16 OZ. JAR \$1.29 | MAXI-CUP MARGARINE SOFT PARKAY 1 LB. CTN. 99¢ |
| OCEAN SPRAY GRAPEFRUIT REG./PINK JUICE 48 OZ. BTL. \$1.89 | PILLSBURY CHOC. CHIP/PEANUT BUTTER OR SUGAR COOKIES 20 OZ. ROLL \$1.99 |
| LIPTON ASSORTED VARIETIES RICE & SAUCE 4.6 OZ. PKG. 89¢ | FROZEN FOOD SPECIALS |
| SUNSHINE HI-HO CRACKERS 16 OZ. BOX \$1.79 | SHURFINE FROZEN ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ. CAN 89¢ |
| BAMA STRAWBERRY PRESERVES 16 OZ. JAR \$1.49 | TOPPING REG./EXTRA CREAMY COOL-WHIP 8 OZ. CTN. 79¢ |
| "DELUXE" 66 SML./48 MED./32 LGE. LUV'S DIAPERS CONV. PACK \$9.99 | "BAKE & SERVE" DINNER ROLL RHODES DOUGH 36 CT. PKG. \$1.89 |
| FACIAL TISSUE KLEENEX 250 CT. BOX \$1.29 | BIRDSEYE MIXED-ASSORTED VARIETIES VEGETABLES 16 OZ. PKG. \$1.49 |
| BATHROOM TISSUE CHARMIN 4 ROLL PKG. 99¢ | BROCCOLI-ZUCCHINI-OKRA VEGETABLE ORE-IDA CRISP 12 OZ. PKG. \$1.49 |
| SOLO 14 OZ. PARTY CUPS 20 CT. PKG. 99¢ | BANQUET MINCE OR PUMPKIN PIE 20 OZ. BOX 99¢ |
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Regular or Butter Flavor
3 lb. can
\$1.99



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