

**DIME BOX 4-CLUB GIRL  
NAMED GOLD STAR GIRL  
OF LEE COUNTY**

Bernadette Spacék, member of the Dime Box 4-H Club, was selected by a committee as the Gold Star girl of Lee County for 1940. The committee consisted of Mrs. R. G. Buuck, 1940 County H. D. Council chairman, and two 4-H club girls, Myrtle Kipp of the Giddings High School 4-H Club, and Gladys Blaha of the Dime Box 4-H club. Two other girls were nominated as eligible by their club to compete for the honor. They were Pearl Mae Foerster of the Giddings High 4-H Club and Annie Krupa of the Dime Box club.

To have been eligible to be nominated a 4-H club girl must have done creditable club work in both poultry and clothing demonstrations being carried in 4-H club work in 1940; take an active part in club work; exhibit at the Lee County Fair on 4-H club rally or both; turn in reports of both demonstrations; and was a third year 4-H club girl in 1940. All three nominees did outstanding work in 1940, and Bernadette's was judged as the most outstanding by the committee.

She is a senior in high school at Dime Box. 1940 completed her sixth year of 4-H club work. She was poultry demonstrator of her club in 1940 and is serving as recreational leader this year. Her work in poultry won her a trip to the Junior Short Course at A. and M. College last year as the outstanding poultry demonstrator in the county.

She has her flock of White Leghorn chickens separate from the family's flock and gets one half of the profits for her own use. The other half goes to the family's expenses and to pay for the home grown feed her flock uses. "I bought chick starter mash for my flock of

100 baby chicks and fed this the first six weeks. Then I used home grown feed and had it ground. I mixed six pounds of sulphur flour to 100 lbs. mash to prevent coccidiosis. Some of my chickens were droopy and feeding the sulphur cured them."

"I brooded my flock of 100 baby chicks in a shed by the smoke house using a stove to furnish heat. When they were large enough to not need heat I moved them to the poultry house my father built for my flock. The roosts are not built as they should be though. I plan to have them built level about two feet from the ground and make them in to the dropping pit type roost. They are built slanting now and it is hard to clean under them."

Profits from her poultry for \$54.97. This does not include eggs used at home. Bernadette now has 70 pullets raised from her flock of 100 baby chicks to carry over for laying hens for this year.

Besides furnishing part of the family's food expenses from her poultry, Bernadette has canned approximately 200 containers of fruits, vegetables, meats and pickles. She exhibited at the Lee County Fair and won \$2.50 in prize money.

In clothing work Bernadette improved her clothes closet by adding shelves, making a built-in shoe rack, made four hat racks, and painted the inside of the closet. Articles made in clothing include three dresses, nine aprons, two laundry bags, thirteen cuptowels, three dresser scarfs, four bandanas, one bath mat, and one candlewick bedspread. She also covered a sewing box and equipped it with necessary sewing equipment.