

# The Groom News

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## Mattox Rules Against Media Lotteries

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Tuesday said Attorney General Jim Mattox has ruled that promotional bingo and lottery-style games run by newspapers and radio and television stations are illegal.

Bullock said the Attorney General's opinion said only charities defined by the state's bingo law can lawfully run bingo games.

Bullock said he asked for the opinion on the issue last fall after several Texas newspapers and stations started promotional games.

"Our lawyers felt these games might have violated the spirit, if not the letter of the law, in spite of the business advertising nature of the contests," Bullock said.

The Attorney General said that the constitution prohibits "lotteries and gift enterprises" except authorized bingo games which voters approved in a constitutional amendment in 1980.

Bullock said when the Legislature legalized charity bingo in Texas they provided no exceptions to the law.

He said the Attorney General said the promotional games and contests were illegal "even though those who participate furnish nothing of value for the opportunity to participate."

Bullock said he plans to contact media trade associations and ask that they alert their members to the opinion on promotional bingo and lottery games.

## Officials Surveying Wheat Damage

The wheat crop in Carson County is still being surveyed in an effort to determine the extent of damage caused by the recent freezing weather. It seems now that the damage to wheat in general may be more severe than it first appeared. The freeze had a more damaging effect on larger, lush wheat that either had not been grazed or that had already grown out after early grazing. Almost all of the wheat in the county suffered some foliage scorch as

evidenced by whitened leaf tips. Survey reports indicate that the primary damage has been to the lower internodes or the area between joints. These internodes collapse and block movement of water and nutrients to the grain. Lodging will likely be the end result of the internode damage. There have been only a few reports of extensive damage to the developing spike inside the wheat stem.

The damage is variable across the county and

changes from field to field depending on wheat size, stage of growth at the time of frost and possibly within varieties. At this point it is extremely difficult to establish the exact percent of damage on a given field. The farmer with damaged wheat must make a difficult decision. He has several alternatives and must compare the costs and benefits of each. Alternatives are 1)

graze the wheat with livestock, 2) cut and bale the damaged fields, 3) take the loss and not incur additional expenses and 4) plow the wheat under and replant with another crop.

Farmers contemplating haying, grazing or replanting should contact the local ASCS office to document their losses and to be sure of farm program compliance.

## County Appraisal Districts Said To Have Improved In Texas

Property tax appraisals in Texas improved from 1986, but the total taxable value of property barely grew at all, according to preliminary results of a study by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

The agency's 1986 Property Value Study shows that, statewide, a typical property was appraised at 93 percent of its market value on January 1, 1986. Local property taxes in 1986 were based on these Jan. 1 values. By comparison, tax appraisals were at a 90 percent level in the final 1985 study results and 81 percent in 1983.

SPTB released the preliminary study results on January 30.

"The preliminary appraisal levels in our study indicate that county appraisal districts improved the quality of their tax appraisals," said Ron Patterson, SPTB's executive director. "However," he added, "the study also reflects the lack of overall growth in property values during 1986."

The study's preliminary estimate of the value of the school district tax base on Jan. 1, 1986, was \$702.8 billion—up by less than one-tenth of one percent from the final value total in the 1985 study.

"The taxable value of oil

and gas reserves dropped considerably from 1985 to 1986," said Patterson. Taxable values for industrial properties and rural land also declined during this period.

State law requires SPTB to provide an annual estimate of the taxable property value in each of the state's public school districts. The Texas Education Agency distributes state education aid to local districts based in part on the relative wealth of the districts as measured by these values.

SPTB combines the school district value study with another study designed to measure the level and uniformity of tax appraisals performed by appraisal districts. The "level of appraisal" shows how close the value of a typical property is to its market value. The "uniformity" measure shows how much variation exists in the appraisal levels of individual properties.

"Problems in the oil and gas industry were a major factor in the lack of growth in the school tax base," said Patterson. "According to our study, the taxable value of mineral reserves, including oil and natural gas, dropped by over \$22 billion—or 26 percent—during 1986."

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## Museum Sets Summer Program

The seventh annual Summer Youth Arts Program is in the final stages of planning. The program will be expanded to about fifty classes to be offered in DeWitt, Deer, Skellytown, Groom and Claude. Some of the classes will have the same teachers returning, but additional helpers and teachers will be needed. Volunteers for the program need not be skilled or knowledgeable in any specific area. The only requirements will be to provide only about four hours of time during the month of July.

Classes to be offered range from archeology to whittling. Call 537-3118 if you have something you would like to share with young people or if you would like to help with a class.

## Easter Egg Hunt Draws Crowd

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Alpha Mu Xi sorority drew about 250 children April 10 to the Park. The hunt began promptly at 10:00 a.m. and by 10:05 the more than 1,400 eggs hidden in the park were being toted home in a variety of Easter baskets.

Some 360 prizes were enclosed in plastic eggs with local businesses donating the money and items for prizes.

Four stuffed bunnies were also given away by the sorority and in memory of the late Bernie Tyrrell, Mr. and Mrs. Rapheal Britten, donated a \$5 prize for an egg in the toddler division of the park in memory of their daughter, Janice Koetting also donated a handpainted Easter basket for the child getting the least number of eggs at the hunt.

## We Saw...

James McCoy adding to the storage shed in his backyard.

Brandon Crump and Ty Lambert jumping on the trampoline.

Wallace Bichsel fine tuning Carson County Sheriff's cars.

Erin Eschle, Jason Eschle, Kiley Lambert, Jay Britten and Jeremy Mulkey putting a new coat of wax on the boat for fast approaching summer fun.

Paul Fields looking for gas to fill his pickup on Sunday.

Bill and Georgann Hinson taking a Sunday afternoon ride.

Al Homer watering the grass at his home.

Delicious smells coming from the grill in Darlene Jones backyard.

Kenneth and Susan Sweatt breaking the boat out of its covers and getting it ready for the lake.

Ellie Peeples getting a hug from the Easter Bunny during school parties last Thursday.

## Troy Sloan Hired As Ag Consultant

The Carson County Appraisal District board of directors met in regular session last Wednesday. Present were Chief Appraiser Dianne Lavake, Jim McCray, Raymond Blodgett, Wesley Russell, Frank Simms and Roman Friemel.

Troy Sloan was hired by the district to serve as ag-use consultant for 1987.

The board approved a study of the area on salary schedules and will review the findings at the May meeting.

In other action accounts payable for March and April were approved.

## Study Indicates Problem On Farms

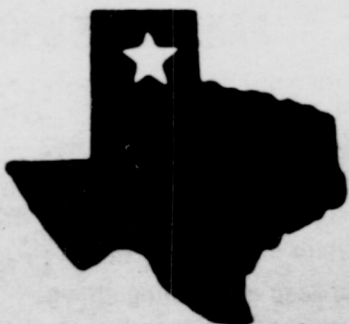
More than half the farms in the Texas Panhandle may have a serious fertility problem, a recent study by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 indicates. But an agronomist with the Texas

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**Ronny Fields**

## Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ashford visited in Paris, Tex. and Hugo, Okla. during the Easter holiday with his father George Ashford and other relatives. They were accompanied on the trip by Mary Sue Lyles, Darcee and Aimee.

Sunday, Dan's sisters threw a surprise birthday for Dan in honor of his 67th birthday.

Visiting in Adrian over the weekend were Mary Ann Koetting and Richard, Mark Koetting and Keith and Kathleen Barkley and son Chance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wood, Elizabeth Meyers, Kent and Kellye Reed and Kaci and Mike Watson traveled to Whitehouse, Tex. where they visited Mrs. Wood's sister for Easter.

Sidney Mansel has been dismissed from extended care at the Pampa Hospital.

Those from Groom enjoying Easter Sunday in Vega with Joyce and Vince Barclay, T.J. and Kaci were the Gary Don Babcocks, the Dennis Babcocks, the Kenneth Babcocks, the Bud Babcocks, the A.J. Newsoms and the Tony Brittons. They were joined by Edna Barclay of Amarillo and by the Tom Barclays, Vince Prices, Mrs. Claude Price and Anita Linger, all of Vega.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rambo, Amy and Ty enjoyed the Easter holiday visiting in Lubbock.

Jake and Vivian Lacy attended church at Canyon Hill Church of Christ Sunday and attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner at the church visiting with their grandchildren and relatives in Amarillo in the afternoon.

Mary Lee Friemel had surgery last Thursday at St. Anthony's hospital. She was expected to be released early in the week.

Weekend visitors of A.D. and Ethel Neal were Sue and Jim Norton of Odessa and Joan and Earl Smith and family of Pampa.

Forrest and Pattie McLaughlin, Paul and Scott spent the holiday visiting in Temple with Forrest's father and sister and their families.

BeBe Bralley of Amarillo and granddaughter Tony visited with Vivian Lacy, Monday.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack West were Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Culver and Lonanne.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hughes, Leisa, Jason and Michele Lester and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Shuffield of Amarillo were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox.

Curtis Whatley flew to Arizona during the Easter holidays. He is visiting relatives in Douglas and Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweatt Lezlie and Lesa visited relatives in Memphis on Sunday.

Mary Sue Lyles, Darcee and Aimee visited Monday with Mrs. W.E. Lyles in Childress.

"Bill the Barber", Bill West, of Henderson, Nev. sent in his renewal check this week for The Groom News and added a hello to all his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merrick visited Sunday in Fritch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom May and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peeples, Kim and Scott spent Easter Sunday visiting relatives in Wellington.

### It's A Boy

Chris and Debbie Britten are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Keith Andrew, on Friday, April 17 at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and is welcomed by an 18-month-old sister, Kimberly.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Britten of Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borik of Chicago, Ill. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Edna McDonald of Amarillo and Mrs. John Galbavy of Chicago.

### Seniors Honored By Methodist Women With Breakfast, Apr. 8

The 34th annual breakfast honoring Groom High School Senior class members given by the United Methodist Women, was held Wednesday morning April 8 at 7:30 a.m.

Mrs. Jerry Lee Morre, president extended a welcome and the Rev. Jerry Lee Moore gave a devotional after the young people had had a time for guessing the identity of baby pictures of each other.

Invited guests were Sunny Barnett, Jennifer Brown, Jami Duke, Tawnya Hancock, Joannie Homer, Misti Kingston, Daniel Lambert, Jowannah Ruthardt, Brent Thornton, Audra Wagner, Jack Britten, Brian Collingsworth, Katie Fraser, David Hinson, Kristi Jackson, Loretta Kuehler, Helen Lee, Buster Schultz, Gordon Titsworth, Nick Weinheimer Paul Williams and class sponsors Miss Debbie Addy, Terry Coffee and Mrs. Coffee and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peeples and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sweatt.

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the last couple of years, this is a good time to take care of your soil fertility needs," said Dr. Brent Bean.

Results of laboratory analysis of 853 soil samples collected from 215 farms in the 15 counties it serves was recently released by the water district. The analysis were conducted at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Plains Soil Testing Laboratory at Lubbock, under the direction of Dr. Michael Hickey, soil fertility specialist.

The study indicated that 69 percent of the samples collected from the top two feet of soil were low or very low in nitrate nitrogen, and 52 percent were low in phosphorous.

The Extension soil testing laboratory at Lubbock charges \$6 a sample to test for nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Samples will be tested for those three nutrients and micro-nutrients for \$10.

"Considering the reduced profit that would result if a field lacks nutrients, this is a real bargain," Bean said.

The higher than average rainfall throughout the Panhandle in 1986 may have caused soil nitrates to leach deeper into the soil profile than normal, especially in more sandy soils, he said.

Since the soil nitrate concentration may be deeper than normal, Bean suggested taking some soil samples from a depth of two to three feet, in addition to samples from the normal depth of five to eight inches.

Additional information on soil sampling techniques, cost and types of analysis, and soil sample containers, can be obtained at county extension offices.

**TDHS Warns State Spending Cuts Will Cost Carson County**

With Texas facing major budget reforms in 1987 and 1988, the Volunteer Advisory Committee of the Department of Human Services is concerned with the cuts the department has received and proposed budget adjustments.

According to the Texas Department of Human Services, one out of every five Texans lives below the poverty level and one out of every nine Texans receives services from the Department of Human Services.

TDHS received the largest percentage (over 9 percent) budget cut in the 1986 special session resulting in:

- \$18 million to physicians who provide health care to poor, greatly effecting health care to 445,521 Texans.
- \$30 million to hospitals for inpatient care
- 46,000 elderly and children will not have glasses and hearing aids
- 3,500 aged and disabled will not receive community care services with only alternative costly nursing home care
- 900 children will not receive protective services

The current Legislature is looking at proposals to cut an additional 27 percent which would further effect social programs in the state. In Carson County the impact of a 27 percent cut could cut as many as 82 persons out of receiving benefits from TDHS. In 1986 there are 135 participants in the food stamps program the value of this program would be cut from \$75,606 to \$20,414.

Other reductions could effect 32 eligible for medicare to 9; protective services to children from 46 to 12; nursing home clients from 16 to 4.

The total benefits available to the county in 1986 were listed by the TDHS at \$313,021. A 27 percent cut would drop that figure to \$84,516.

The TDHS is asking your support in letting the legislature know how you feel concerning proposed cuts in social programs.

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**General Homestead**  
If you qualify for a residence homestead exemption, you are entitled to a \$5,000 exemption off the assessed value of your home for school tax purposes, and a \$3,000 exemption for the portion of county taxes levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control. Applications must be filed each year.

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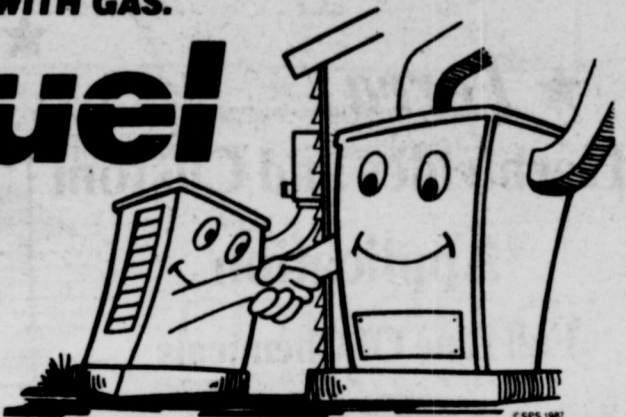
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**Doubles Team Wins  
Second In Tennis**

Bruce Britten and Jeffery Fields were second place finishers in the Junior High District tennis meet. The News incorrectly named them last week. Others competing in the doubles competition from Groom were Matt Fields and Shannon Miller and Marie Conrad and Angela Belcher.

Kristi Case also took third place in the 1200 M run in the district track meet.

**Groom Day Set**

Members met Monday April 20 for the purpose of planning the Groom Day event for Saturday, August 1. Present were Bobby Cornett, Bobby Pool, Rex Peeples, Kenneth Sweatt, Sybil Harrell and C.L. Culver. Johnny Brooks was elected chairman for the 1987 planning.

**Jovileers Meet**

The April meeting of the Jovileer Club was held the 8th in the home of Gloria Ledwig. Barbecued chicken and salads were served to 11 members present. Those present also enjoyed playing games. Present were Billie Chauveaux, Joan Conrad, both of Claude, Bonnie Walker, Edna Ashby of Amarillo, Sue Pair, Joan Britten, Vivian Lacy, Doris Britten and Mrs. Ledwig.

The May meeting will be with Kay Tindal.

**April Birthdays**

28. Mrs. J.L. Case  
29. Michelle Stephens  
30. Dennis Babcock,  
Stanley Homer, Mrs. Eules  
Poole, April Burton

**Cards of  
Thanks**

I feel so humble as I try to say "thank you" for all of the nice things that were done for me during National Library week open house and the reception that you gave me for the 35 years as being librarian of the Groom Branch.

Especially do I thank Friends of the Library, Mrs. Donna Burton and her girl scouts.

The lovely poems by Mrs. J.L. Witt, Andrea Payton, the songs and posters by the scouts.

It was such a surprise to see our school Supt. Rex Peeples with the elementary teachers and their pupils.

Judge Jay Bob Roselius, Mrs. Barbara Sparks, head librarian, Ardele McAtee, and Jeanette Cathey and all the out-of-town guests.

I appreciate so much you

taking me out of your busy schedules to help make the celebration a great success.

May God richly bless each and everyone.

Bertha Knight

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Coronado Hospital in Pampa and at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle for their care and concern during the long illness and recent hospitalization and death of our mother and grandmother.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our relatives and friends for their love and support during our time of grief.

Your many visits, cards and letters, flowers and food, your prayers and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

May the Good Lord Bless each one of you.

The family of Elizabeth (Aunt Lizzie) Britten  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Britten  
& Family  
Mary Ann Britten

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy. It means so much to all of us.

May the Good Lord bless you.

The family of  
Charlie Hermesmeier

We want to express our appreciation for each card, call, plant, food or expression of sympathy in the loss of our brother, Ray. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Sincerely,  
Rex & Ellie Peeples

Alpha Mu Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi would like to thank their supporters and sponsors in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park. A special thanks to those donating money or items for the prize eggs to Tower Restaurant, Groom Grocery, RGM Ag & Grain, Inc., Pav's Service, Groom Wheat Growers, Inc., State National Bank, Golden Spread Grill, Dairy Queen, Stop 'N Shop and Wheeler Evans Elevator.

Nita Jackson, President

**Tiger's Tale Wins  
Top Press Award**

The Tiger's Tale was again awarded first place for having the best memographed newspaper for Division II in awards presented recently by the Panhandle High School Press Association. Follett's newspaper, The Panther Spirit, was awarded

the sweepstakes award for the best in all divisions.

Groom students also won several individual awards including first places for Jami Duke for her feature story and editor's column. Jack Britten won first for his column, "Britten's Bull" and Loretta Kuehler's first place award came in the news story category.

Second place awards went to Kristi Jackson in general column and Jason McCoy for his sports column, "Real McCoy".

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If your land already receives open-space or timber (1-d-1) valuation, you don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to. But remember, you must apply every year for ag-use (1-d) valuation.

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## Theft Suspect Arrested Near Alanreed

Gray County Deputy Sheriff Wayne Carter and DPS Officer Ronnie Shank arrested a 25 year old black male last week and booked him for theft over \$20.

The accused was traveling with one male and two females from Oklahoma to Albuquerque, New Mex. They stopped at the Country Corner Texaco where the man apparently stole a billfold belonging to Diana Connor, an employee at the store.

Deputy Carter was called in and he broadcast a description of the suspect's car. Officer Shank, who was already on patrol, spotted the vehicle and stopped it about two miles west of Alanreed. He held the suspect until Carter arrived.

The man was taken to Pampa and charged with theft. The other passengers, who apparently knew nothing about the robbery, were not held.

## Junior High Band to Compete Saturday

The McLean Junior High Band will participate in a solo, ensemble, concert and sight-reading contests on Saturday at the Dalhart High School auditorium.

Band Director Roger Myers said the public is invited to attend. Any parents interested in riding with the band on the bus, and also any parents who are interested in acting as sponsors for the day, should contact Mr. Myers at the school.

## UIL Results

Dollie Haynes and Angie Purcell took the top spots in recent UIL competition in Amarillo. Miss Haynes was the first place winner in spelling while Miss Purcell claimed top honors in newswriting.

In other events, McLean student Karen Williams ranked second in feature writing and third in newswriting. Dan Fish was the fourth place winner in the spelling competition.

## District Golf Results

The McLean High School girl's golf team was rated second in district competition last Tuesday. This qualifies them to go to the regional meet which will be held next week in Leveland.

Members of the team were Kim Beaver, Dollie Haynes, Darla McAnear, Wendi Smith and Misty Magee, who was ranked third in individual competition.



## Joe Ted Longino Provides Inspiring Leadership As Coach

At the beginning of the 1986-87 basketball season, Richardson High School, in the Dallas area, was not what you would call one of the top-ranked teams. Most of the players were considered average or a little better and the tallest man on the squad was only 6' 5" tall, not huge by basketball standards. Also, there were only two players on the Varsity team who had started on the Junior Varsity team the year before.

So what happened? The Richardson Eagles concluded their season by making it all the way to the Class 5A Final Four for the first time in the history of the school. And they did it under the inspirational leadership of their head coach, Joe Ted Longino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Longino and grandson of Eva Peabody, all of McLean.

It was only fitting that Coach Longino should be successful because it hasn't been an easy road for him. When he was a student at Richardson High, he was only 4' 11" tall but still tried out for the basketball team. One day at practice, he couldn't get up off the floor and was later diagnosed as having a congenital defect in his spinal column. He underwent surgery during his sophomore year to correct the condition. He tried to return after he recovered but was cut from the team. Rather than quit altogether, he served his last two years in high school as the team's manager. He continued to practice on his own and worked to refine his game skills. He also began to study more about the game itself and some of the strategies used by coaches.

After graduating in 1970, he attended Austin College and, still determined not to give up, made the basketball team. He was elected team

captain during his Senior year in 1974.

He graduated from college with a Master of Arts Degree in Education and began his coaching career on the junior high level at Wylie and Richardson. He became the Wylie High School Head Coach in 1978 and moved to Richardson in 1981.

During the last six years at that school, he has proved that the rough years he faced in high school paid off. Since 1981, his record at Richardson stands at 144-84. His 1983 team won the district title and made it to the regional semi-finals and wound up with a 32-3 season record, the best single season in Richardson school history. The 1986 squad made it to the bi-district playoffs and this year, Longino has been named the Metroplex Coach of the Year for the entire Dallas-Forth Worth area.

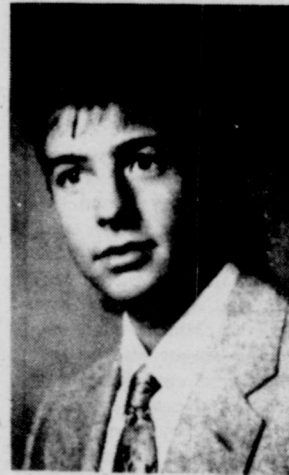
Even in the face of these triumphs, Longino continues to be plagued by hardship. Last May, he and his wife Janice, who is an elementary school teacher, lost their four-month old son Josh who was a victim of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The Longinos, who have another son, Jared, said that their baby's death had a profound impact on them. It caused them to put their lives in perspective. Longino says that since the death of his son, he has a lot more patience with his team and that they have become much more important to him as individuals. He teaches his players that basketball is only a game and that they should have fun while they are playing. Obviously, his life long ability to overcome adversity, his desire to succeed and his ability to enjoy life, have rubbed off of his team and made them the success they are.

## McCarty Named to All-District Team

For the second consecutive year, McLean Tiger Mark McCarty has been named to the All-District Basketball team. McCarty, a Senior, was elected by unanimous vote of all the coaches in the district.

He averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds per game and scored a career high 40 points in the final game of the year against Lefors.

McCarty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCarty of McLean.



## McLean Methodist Church Recognized As Oldest

Friends and members of the First United Methodist Church in McLean will honor their founders Sunday when they dedicate an official Texas Historical Marker in ceremonies scheduled for 4:00 p.m. at the present church. The church is thought to be the oldest

denominational church in Gray County.

Participating in the marker-dedication ceremonies will be Mayor George Green, former church pastor

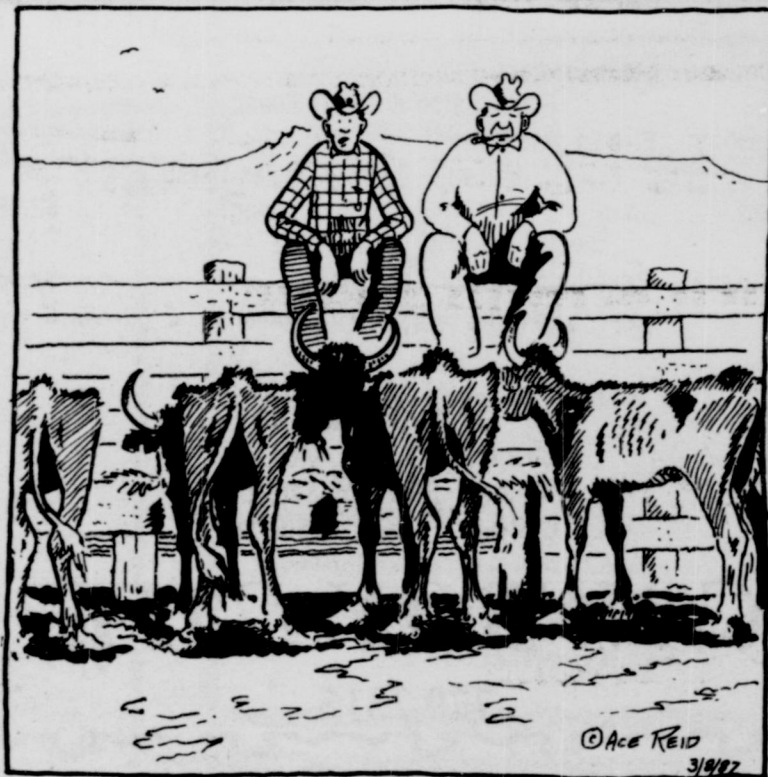
Reverend Elton Wyatt, Reverend Billy Wilson, Darlene Birkes, chairman of the Gray County Historical Commis-

sion, County Judge Carl Kennedy, church officials Bill Graham and John Haynes, UMW President Inez Trostle and Ruth Magee, Conference History and Archives chairperson.

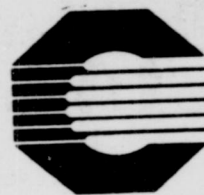
Following the ceremony a reservation-only meal will be served.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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### Care Center News

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Howell who passed away Tuesday, April 14, at the Home. She will be greatly missed.

Sunday, Lynda Syfrett was here with the UMYF group to show a video tape of the "Methodist Womens Day at Church." Those attending were Keith Robinson, Shakuntla Patel and Heidi Syfrett. Following the film, Lynda led them in a sing-a-long.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Lucille Cullison, Ruth Kenip, Elsa Stalls, Lona Jones, Dick Wheeler, Leon Burch, Fay Wilson, Alice Dickenson, Kittie Hessey, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Odessa Beeman and Earl Tolleson. Our helpers were Onie Gibson, Bertha Smith and Mildred Giesler. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club. Our bingo winner was Fay Wilson.

Tuesday, Ted Robertson was here to assist the residents in dominos. Residents playing were Dick Wheeler, Eula Morrow, Odessa Bee-

man, Leon Burch, Pinky Ledgerwood, Earl Tolleson and Teresa Richardson.

Thursday, several residents played dominos with the help of Pete Evans and Ted Robertson.

Friday, Martha Parker was here to show her great movies.

Saturday was our Easter party. The following children were here to model their Easter outfits for us: Misty Jo Ann Campbell, Darrell Neil Campbell, Jason and Stacy Carver, Jessica Longino, Jason, Paul, Christopher and John Myers, Jonathan and Rachel Galley, Holly and Justin Myers, Shaley Steel, Sarah and Jennifer Myers, Kisty Dyer, Donna Gail Brown and our youngest child to model was Samantha Jo Brown age 3 weeks. Piano background music was played by Loyce Murray. Heidi Syfrett assisted the children while modeling. Ginger Morilla made decorated cupcakes for all. Individual candy eggs were furnished by the Ledgerwood family. Ladies serving were Ginger Morilla, Fern Boyd, Isabelle Cousins, Marie Immel, Ella Mae Massey, Mary Dwyer and Heidi Syfrett. Playing the part of our Easter bunny was

Lynda Syfrett who gave each child a candy filled bunny basket made by our residents. The bunny also drew the lucky name for our musical Easter Bunny. The winner was Darrell Neil Campbell. Many, many thanks to all of you for making our party a success.

Our birthday party for the month of April will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

### Reception for Former POW at Museum

There will be a reception on Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. for Mr. and Mrs. Gunther Russel of East Germany. Mr. Russel was stationed at the Prisoner of War Camp in McLean during World War II.

The reception will be held at the Area Museum building and will be hosted by the Museum Board members.

We encourage everyone to attend the reception and especially encourage those who are interested in the history of the POW camp, those who worked at the camp, and relatives of ones who worked at the camp to attend.

### Mrs. Howell Buried Last Week

Services for Mary Phelicia Howell, 94, were held last week at Lamb Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Jeff Messer, of the McLean First Baptist Church, officiated.

Graveside services were held Thursday at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mrs. Howell died last Tuesday at McLean Care Center.

She was born in Bartlett on July 5, 1892. She married James Frank Howell, Sr. on Nov. 18, 1917 in Waco. He died in 1957. She was the owner and operator of a number of beauty shops in the Waco and Dallas areas. She also owned a real estate business in the Dallas area. She was a member of the Baptist Church, a past Worthy Matron of the Plano Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Amarillo Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Frank Howell, of Clarendon; five grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Visiting the Laverne Goldstones on Saturday were daughter Sharon and family of Dalhart.

Visiting the Robert Bruces over the weekend were daughter Sandra and family of Midland and the Bob Bruces of Pampa.

### Golfers Place Second

McLean golfers Casper Smith, Junior Windom, Alvin Danner and Buck Lee tied for 2nd place in second flight at a golf tournament April 11-12. It was sponsored by the Wellington Country Club.

The McLean team, which tied with a foursome from Wellington, shot a 65, seven under par during the first day and had a score of 64, eight under par, the second

day. They competed with 23 other area teams.

Also playing in the tournament, and placing 4th in first flight, were Wayne Carter, Doyle Billingsley, Stacy Howard and Doug Guthrie of McLean. They shot 63 the first day and 64 the second.

Rose Hall visited in Clarendon over the weekend with her son Jack and daughter Beth and their families.

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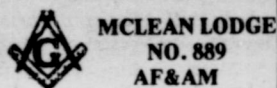


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### McLean Briefs

Last Friday, J. Boyd Smith went to Amarillo on business. While there, he went to Dyer's BBQ and visited with Richard Dyer. Afterwards, he took a tour of the KFDA-TV station. He reports that there is a prairie dog town right next to the station and the animals frequently come up to the front door.

Recent visitors in the home of Onie Gibson were three of her sons: Jim Vineyard of Oklahoma City; Johnny Vineyard and his wife Peggy of Kerrville, Tx.; Darrel Gibson of Pampa; and Mrs. Gibson's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Patton of Los Alamos, New Mex.

The McLean Fire Department made three runs to the Charles Roberts place last week to put out grass fires.

Visiting Dorman and Jodie Thomas for Easter holiday were Mike, Sandra, Keitha and Mika Clark from Pampa, Jerry, Deborah, April and Megan Beaty of Idalou, and Buddy, Kathy, Clayt and Lucy of Amarillo.

David Woods, the West Texas State basketball player about whom an article appeared in the McLean News recently, has been named to the Second String All-Conference Team in the Lone Star Conference. Woods is the grandson of Mrs. T.T. (Wildy) Griffin and Mrs. Onie Gibson, both of McLean.

### Residents' Sister Buried in Louisiana

Services for Billie Ruth Crowley, 51, sister of two McLean residents, were held April 14, 1987, at Hillcrest Memorial Park Chapel at Bossier City, Louisiana. Reverend Edwin Davis, a Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Houghton, La.

Mrs. Crowley died April 11. She was born Dec. 27, 1935, in Wheeler. She had been a school bus driver in Bossier City for 12 years. She was a member of the Princeton Baptist Church in Houghton.

Survivors include her husband, Roderick, of the home; three sons, Rodney of Houghton, La.; Robby of Maryland; and Ryon of Alexandria, La.; four sisters, Ann Long of McLean; Jeanie Allen of Houghton, Alvin Edwards of Shamrock and Nan Rhine of Pampa; one brother, J.D. Wiginton of McLean; and one grandchild.

### Long Time Resident Buried Saturday

Services for Joe Simpson, 76, were held Saturday at the McLean First Baptist Church. Reverend Jeff Messer, pastor, and Reverend Buell Wells, retired Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson died Friday. He was born in Mangum, Okla. and moved from Wellington to McLean in 1935. He married Bobbie Quarles in Erick, Okla. in 1933. She died in 1982. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He retired from Kewanee Oil Co. in 1972. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and McLean Masonic Lodge No. 889.

Survivors include one son, Mike of Grand Prairie; and three grandchildren.

### Daughter Visits

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cooper last week were their daughter and son-in-law, Trucile and David Miller of Amarillo.

### Services For Bessie Macina

Services for Bessie Pagan Macina, 88, sister of a McLean resident, were held Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock. Reverend Kenneth Ferrier, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Pagan Cemetery in the Pagan Community.

Mrs. Macina died last Thursday.

She was born in Chicago, Ill. on Jan. 16, 1899. She moved to the Pagan Community in 1905. She married Paul Macina on Sept. 17, 1917 in the Pagan Community. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1979. She

was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Ladies Aid Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Cullers of Shamrock and Faith C. Anderson of Wichita Falls; three sons, Robert Macina of Midland, Dan Macina and Paul T. Macina, both of Shamrock; two sisters, Christine Hrcnciar and Anna Dolak, both of Shamrock; three brothers, Miro Pagan of McLean, and Dusan and Edward Pagan, both of Shamrock; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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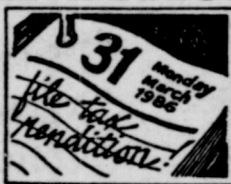
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You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property used to produce income—such as the machinery and equipment used by a business.

The appraisal district may require any taxpayer to file a rendition by sending the taxpayer a written notice and a rendition form.

You may want to file a rendition, even if you aren't required to file, to preserve some of your rights as a taxpayer:

- You put your correct mailing address on record so your tax bills will go to the right address. Even if your bill goes to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or else paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can put your own opinion of your property's value on record. If the

appraisal district then places a higher value on your property, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

• By filing a special type of rendition called a report of decreased value, you can notify the appraisal district of significant damage to your property that occurred in 1985. The district will send someone to verify the damage and take it into account when assigning a 1986 value to your property.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at the address shown below. Forms are available at this office.

The new deadline for 1986 renditions is March 31. You can get an extra 30 days if you ask for it in writing before the March 31 deadline.

For more information, get a free copy of the pamphlet, *Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities*, at your appraisal district office or from the State Property Tax Board in Austin.

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Betty Brents of Amarillo was here Thursday to bring the Hartley Davises home. They had been visiting in Amarillo for a few days.

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**Easter Visitors**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stallings and Dean Wade of Clovis, N.M. were holiday visitors in the home of Max and Helen Wade. They all traveled to Childress on Saturday for a visit in the James Anglin home. Rosa Lopez was a Sunday dinner guest.

Spending Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brooks, Ross and Christen were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ledwig, Robert, Charles and Regina and Jan Ledwig, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Friemel, Melanie and Jessica, Gloria Ledwig, Debbie Anthony and son Nicholas, Kimberly Thompson and Kathy and Kevin Webb of Claude.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Koelder visited their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson Easter weekend in Amarillo, they helped their 2-year-old granddaughter Erin Michelle, hunt Easter eggs Sunday. They also visited with Mrs. Koelder's mother Alice Mitchell who is in Bryanwood Nursing Home in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle, Erin Kate and Jason hosted a family dinner at their home Sunday noon. Birthdays of Erin Kate, Kemp Ingram of Irving, Mrs. Steven Hightower and Jeremy Mulkey of Panhandle, Jim Ingram of Amarillo and Glynn D Harrell were observed. Sunday was also the second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hightower.

Others present were Mrs. Jim Ingram, Lauralee Ingram of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Mulkey, Matthew Mulkey of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Robert Hightower and Mrs. Harrell.

Members of the Schaffer family gathered Easter Sunday for their annual picnic with 48 family members attending. They included the families of James Schaffer, Pampa; Doyle Beckham, Pampa; Curtis and Lana Brown of Dallas; John Garren, Pampa; Mike Guess, Pampa; Darrell Schaffer, Amarillo; David Oldfields, Amarillo; Faye Hicks and family, Amarillo; Bill Musser, Big Spring; Clifford Schaffer, Amarillo and Mertie Schaffer, Groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton traveled to Howe, Tex. for the holidays. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Rhonda Thornton of Lubbock, Connie and Curtis Thornton of Abilene and Tom Britten of Dallas.

**Appraisals**

ing 1985."

Patterson stressed that SPTB's preliminary estimate reflects the value of mineral reserves as of Jan. 1, 1986, before oil prices plummeted from \$28 to \$15 per barrel. "The taxable values of oil and gas are based on the present value future income from the reserves in the ground," he explained. "At the end of 1985, investors in the oil market saw a trend toward lower prices and much greater uncertainty. This perceived risk was reflected in the prices paid for petroleum-producing properties and, along with the ongoing depletion of reserves, is the main factor in the drop in our taxable value estimate."

Uncertainties in the oil market helped slow down the Texas economy during 1985, according to Patterson, together with shrinking markets and falling prices for agricultural commodities and industrial output. One result of the slow economy was that real estate values, which make up the majority of the school tax base, showed little growth in 1985.

Local appraisals of taxable property generally improved during 1985, according to the preliminary study results. Appraisal district valued a typical single-family residential property, for example, at 94 percent of its actual market value. The previous year, by

comparison, these properties were valued on the tax rolls at a median level of 90 percent of market value. The study results also show less variation between appraisals of similar properties.

"In some cases, these improvements represent a better job on the part of the appraisal district," said Patterson. "In other cases, they are the result of falling property values that helped to close the gap between

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market values and the values provided by the appraisal district."

The preliminary findings of the 1986 Property Value Study now undergo an appeals process. School and appraisal districts that disagree with the study's findings can seek adjustments

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**Local Happenings**

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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Podzemny and children of Perryton were weekend visitors of her father, Bob Cornett.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Clark of Chillicothe, Tex. were visitors Thursday and Friday of the John Howard family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Price and daughter enjoyed Easter dinner with Mrs. Mildred Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes at the Tower Restaurant Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Roman and Neysa Friemel during the holiday were their daughters Lynette Friemel of Dallas and Michelle Friemel, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Also visiting Joyce and Tawnya Hancock were Tama and Shonda Hancock, both of Lubbock.

Visiting Margaret Whatley for Easter were her children Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tigg, Atisha, Darin and Cameron of Amarillo; Sheila Whatley and Lori Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Lewis, Michael and Jeremy and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Whatley, C.J. and Dara and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Deforest.

Brent Thornton of Groom was among some 255 high school seniors who spent April 1 at the first freshman orientation clinic conducted this spring on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The group enjoyed lunch at the Tower Restaurant and later hunted Easter eggs at the Whatley farm and concluded the day with an Easter Bunny cake for desert prepared by Mildred Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller, Matt and Marc enjoyed Sunday dinner in White Deer with his parents.

**Merrick Honored**

Henry Merrick was honored last Tuesday with a party celebrating his 81st birthday. Mrs. Merrick and Mary Knorpp served as hostesses for the party at the Club House.

Guests enjoying games of dominos and visiting were Crim Goodlett, Norris Hoyt, Alfred White, Max Wade, John Hickox, Glynn D Harrell, John L. Krizan, Charlie Fields, Bill Cornett, C.L. Culver, Tom Reed, Jake Lacy, R.B. Thornton, Ralph Britten, A.D. Neal, Alan Knorpp and the honoree, Mr. Merrick.

Lee Barkley remains a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo. He underwent surgery for repair to his hip and arm bones. He is improving and could be released by the end of the week but will be confined in a body brace.

Easter Sunday dinner guests in the home of Sarah Mears were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Soelbrig of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sharp of Bushland, Mrs. Pearl Mears, a sister of Sarah Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ynacay of Amarillo, Mrs. Soelbrig and Mrs. Sharp are nieces of Sarah Mears.

John Valdez and Joe Alvarez of San Antonio visited in Groom last Wednesday. Both attend seminary at St. Mary's in San Antonio. John is a former teacher at Groom Schools.

Enjoying dinner and an Easter egg hunt for the younger set at the home of Bud and Evelyn Schaffer Sunday were James and Sheri Kuehler and daughter, Keith and Annette Kuehler and Ashley, Dale Kuehler and friend Amy, Lyle and David Raker all of Amarillo, Morris and Marlene Morgan of Pampa, Travis and Nancy Trussel of Plainview, Jerry and Kellye Schaffer and Calvin and Curt and Oma Schaffer.

Jane Burroughs, Anna and Josiah of Shreveport, La. visited during the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Hudson.

Enjoying a cookout with the Tony Treadwell family over the weekend were Tony and Vicki Moraniec, Alex and Lori Moraniec, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Treadwell, Jennifer Treadwell and Thomas and James Moraniec.

**Groom School Menu**

April 27 - May 1  
Mon.—Chicken Fried Steak  
Breakfast—Cereal & Toast  
Tues.—Chili Cheese Dogs  
Breakfast—Pancakes  
Wed.—Beef Stew & Sandwiches. Breakfast—Scrambled Eggs & Hash Browns  
Thurs.—Enchilidas  
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