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Brent Thornton



James Miller



Jack Britten



Bruce Thornton

Four Groom Tigers Named To All-District

Names of Groom Tiger football players helped to fill the list of players chosen for All-District 1-1A this week. Coach Terry Coffee announced that four members of the team made the first team with three being named to the offensive and defensive teams.

Jack Britten was named to the first team offense as a running back and a kicker. Brent Thornton was named to the first team on offense as a running back and on defense as a linebacker. James Miller was chosen as a guard on the offensive team and defensive lineman

for the defensive team. Bruce Thornton was selected linebacker for the defensive team.

Named to the All-District Second Team on offense were Tony Homer, guard; Michael Rose, split end; and Jason McCoy, tackle. Defensive players included

Jack Britten, linebacker, Michael Rose, defensive back and Daniel Lambert, defensive line.

Receiving honorable mention on offense were center, Daniel Lambert and tackle, Travis Homer.

Delinquent Taxes For Over 65 Can Now Be Deferred

Texans aged 65 and older can postpone paying delinquent property taxes on their homesteads by taking advantage of a tax option

called over-65 deferral. The elderly homeowner simply signs a deferral affidavit at the local appraisal district

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Community Church Service Planned To Observe Thanksgiving

The annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held this Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Father Richard Neyer will deliver the sermon and local pastors Jerry Moore of the United Methodist Church and Rick Burton of First Baptist Church will also assist with the service. Wenona Anderson, youth director of the local Baptist church will also take part in the program.

Special music will be provided by the children's choirs of the First Baptist Church and St. Mary's. Steve Hutsell of United Methodist Church will also provide special music.

This year a special offering will be taken during the service with all money collected to be used to benefit the local Food Bank effort.

The service begins at 4:00 p.m.

Groom City Council Moves Forward On Land Annexation

The City Council of Groom met in special session on Monday, Nov. 17. A public hearing on annexation of the Ziegler Addition No. 2 was the first order of business. The council approved the first reading of proposal to annex the addition. A second and final public hearing will be December 2 at 7:30 p.m.

In other action, the council approved Mayor Al Homer to serve as the head locally for the Emergency Management Plan. It was also approved to have new seat covers put in the City owned pickup.

The item of establishing a municipal court was again tabled.

Land Bank To Close Office In Panhandle

Effective November 22, 1986, the Panhandle Office of the Federal Land Bank Association of Amarillo will be closed. All operations will be handled out of the Amarillo Office located at 3615 South Georgia. The mailing address is P.O. Box 7785, Amarillo, TX 79114-7785. The announcement was made by Jerry Moody, president. Moody stated that the decision made by the Board of Directors at a recent meeting was a difficult one. "Economic, personnel, and quality of service were the factors involved in the decision. While it has been advantageous to the borrowers and the association to have the branch office in Panhandle, changing conditions make the closing necessary", said Moody. At the same time Moody announced the resignation of Jackie West, office assistant at the Panhandle office and the hiring of Celeste Duncan as office assistant at the Amarillo office.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Amarillo has a loan volume of \$49.6 million and makes services loans in Armstrong, Carson, Potter, Oldham, and Randall Counties for the Federal Land Bank of Texas.

Local Patrolmen Collect Toys For Tots

Local DPS officers are collecting Toys for Tots as the Christmas season is fast approaching. The officers will be glad to pick up any items you might wish to donate by contacting them. Toys requiring repairs will be taken to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in Amarillo and returned to the Groom area. All toys donated will be used to provide a happy Christmas to children in Groom and Carson County and many of the donated items will be taken to the orphanage in Panhandle.

Donations are needed by December 15 to allow time for items to be designated prior to Christmas. The local officers, Don King, Gary Davis and Greg Eatmon, also ask that anyone in need of the toys or those knowing of someone who could make use of the service contact them.

Toys may also be delivered to The Groom News.

Board Cuts Christmas Bonuses For Employees At Regular Meeting

All members of the Groom School Board were present last Tuesday for the regular meeting of the trustees. Board members approved updates for the Discipline Management Plan and also the manual covering Title IX. The school, a members of Texas Association of School Boards, uses services of the agency to insure the school maintains all state mandated changes effecting policies in these and other areas. Both plans are available for inspection at the school.

In other action, employment of Lee Brown was ratified and salary set at \$13,000 annually. Ellen Gray was employed as a full time

custodian at \$4.50 per hour.

Mark Britten was present to answer board members questions concerning the contract price and overruns on recent work he performed at the school in renovations to the swimming pool area. The board agreed to pay an additional \$855, above the contracted price, for the overruns on the job.

Christmas bonus checks for full time employees at the school were cut in half from previous years. The bonuses will be \$50 and distributed in December.

Business Manager Joyce Hutsell reported on tax collections saying that 40.89 percent was received in October.

Community Calendar

Nightin' Gals meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the home of Mrs. Glynn D Harrell with Mrs. C.L. Fields as co-hostess.

Mark your calendar for the Festive Foods demonstration scheduled for Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Home Ec. room.

Groom Economic Development Corporation meets Thursday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. at Brumley Insurance Agency. Everyone welcome.

School dismisses at 2:00 p.m. next Wednesday, Nov. 26. School will remain closed on Nov. 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SOS meets today for noon luncheon at the First Baptist Church.

Festival of Trees, Sunday, Dec. 7 at St. Mary's Hall, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact Donna Burton, 248-7453 or Mary Sue Lyles 248-7341 for space reservations.

Round Robin pinocle club will meet Monday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at State National Bank. Mary Wood is hostess.

Kountry Kousins will meet Friday, Nov. 21 at the home of Leslie Crowell, 1:00 p.m. Remember to bring your wreath. Homemade candy demonstration will be the program.

Christian Mothers meet Monday, Nov. 24, Shower for the Christ Child. Progressive supper begins at 7:30 p.m. with appetizers at Margaret Babcocks home, 8:00 p.m. salads at Belinda Britten's home and 8:30 p.m. desserts at Janice Koetting's home.

Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch 11:30 stew, cornbread, cobbler. Sweatshirt contest.

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Local Happenings

Ruby Milton returned last Thursday from a weeks visit with her brother, Jack Davis and his wife of Yorba Linda Calif.

Dena Lambert attended a medical convention last week in New Orleans with Dr. and Mrs. George Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McLaughlin returned home Sunday from San Francisco, Ca. where he attended to business.

Tina Painter and Sue Britten were in Dallas over the weekend where they attended the Cameo Hair Show. Mrs. Painter attended classes sponsored by Heleena Curtis and Zotos.

Lazy Dazys

Lazy Dazys met Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the home of Mrs. Craig Howard. Monica Howard and Leslie Crowell served members present a Mexican supper. A color television will be the prize in a fund raiser held to benefit the Groom Community Center.

Linda Weller was nominated to represent Lazy Dazys on the board of the Groom Community Center. New officers elected were: president, Julie Britten; vice president, Monica Howard; secretary/treasurer, Ann Howard; and reporter, Donna Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Murphy of Houston are visitors this week of his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koetting.

Lenabel Newton, Mary Beth Hill and Mrs. Emalea London enjoyed lunch in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. Emalea London spent the night Sunday with her daughter in Amarillo and returned home Monday.

Cary Cross and Steve Spurett of Irving, Texas were weekend visitors of Mike Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Hap Watson.

Those who attended the Baptist Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Borger last Tuesday evening were Rev. Rick Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellington, Mrs. Earl Barker, Mrs. Stella Patterson, Mrs. Bertha Knight and Mrs. Cleo Musser.

Alice Wells attended an arts and crafts show in Borger Saturday. She has attended shows this fall in Salado and Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hermsmeyer returned this week from Dallas where they visited their daughter, Betty Jurgonski and her husband, Dee. Also visiting them in Dallas were granddaughters Bridget of Oklahoma City, and Angie and her husband of Denton.

Linda Bohr visited Sunday and Monday in Dallas with her aunt who underwent surgery.

Weekend visitors in the Hap Watson home included Jocey and Bill Hopkins of Amarillo and Shelley Watson.

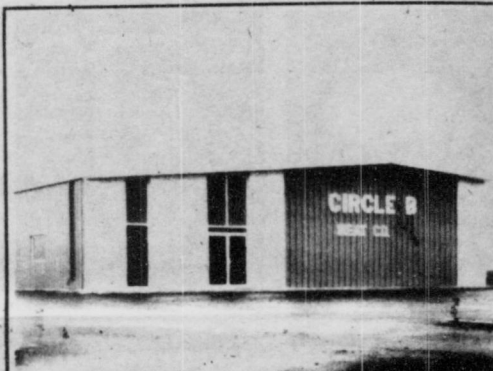
Visiting Ruby Denton over the weekend were Fran and Heather Billington of Amarillo and Ruby and Joe Jaco and their children from Canadian.

Cleo Musser called her son Bob Musser, a polygraph specialist in Houston, to let him know her telephone number had changed. He said he liked the "older days of the crank. When you cranked the telephone when you were young. The telephone was cranked until the other party answered. Then you said, 'Nell Dean, let me speak to Neal.' Since then everything has gone down hill."

Maggie Myers of Mobeetie spent thw weekend with Mrs. Emalea London.

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Nazareth Man Dies In One Vehicle Accident

Stanley Drerup, 20, died at Northwest Texas Hospital following a 12:30 a.m. accident near Umbarger. Drerup was a passenger in a pickup that ran off the road and overturned twice. He was not wearing a seat belt according to investigating troopers and was thrown from the vehicle.

Services were held Wednesday in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with the Rev. Harold Waldo officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Drerup was a long-time Nazareth resident. He was a mechanic for Dwayne's Quick Service in Amarillo. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and was a 1984 graduate of Nazareth High School.

Survivors include his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drerup of Nazareth; two sisters, two brothers and his grandparents.

Local relatives are Mrs. H.F. Britten, Edna Russell and Evelyn Hubbart.

Groom School Menu Nov. 24-Nov. 26

- Mon.—Pizza
- Breakfast—Cereal & Toast
- Tues.—Cheesburgers
- Breakfast—Pancakes
- Wed.—Burritos
- Breakfast—Hash Browns & Toast
- Happy Thanksgiving!

Appraisal District Holds Regular Meeting

Members of the Carson County Appraisal District Board met at the Appraisal District office in Panhandle Nov. 12. Present for the meeting were Jim McCray, Wesley Russell, Roman Friemel and Chief Appraiser Dianne Lavake.

Nila Burgin was employed as a part-time clerk at the office. The board also amended the budget and approved medical and dental insurance deductibles. Items tabled until the December meeting were personnel policies and purchase of a copy machine.

Ringworm Cases Found In Kindergarten Class

Several youngsters of the Groom kindergarten are currently being treated for ringworm according to School Nurse, Charlene Weller. Mrs. Weller said that the kindergarten room was to be disinfected over the weekend in hopes of stopping the spread of the skin fungus. At least one case was reported in the upper grades.

Ringworm is highly contagious and transmitted easily by touching infected areas. All students with ringworms are asked to keep the area covered.

Anyone needing information on how the treat ringworm should contact the School or Mrs. Weller.

Badges Awarded Scouts In Monthly Meeting

Groom Cub Scout pack 429 held its monthly pack meeting and award ceremony Thursday, Nov. 13 at the club house. There were three leaders, 15 scouts and 16 guests present.

Paragraphs on "What America Means to Me" and "My Religion" were read by Bear Scouts Chris Burger, Bryan Crowell and Robert Homer.

Bobcat badges were awarded to Leo Britten, Sammy Britten, Sean Crowell, Bradley Sustaie, C.J. Whatley, Chris Burger and Bryan Crowell. Phillip Vaughn was awarded the Webelos Outdoorsman badge and Sammy Britten was awarded Scout of the Month. Afterwards games were played and refreshments were served.

Alpha Mu Xi Meets At Britten Home

Bernie Terrell and Nita Jackson were hostesses for the meeting of Alpha Mu Xi at the Raphael Britten home last Thursday evening.

Members heard a report on pecan sales from chairman of the fund raiser, Jo Ann Byrd. The group also discussed plans for a catered meal as well as their plans for entering the Festival of Trees to be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Dec. 7. Each member is reminded to bring six canned food items. A committee was formed to see that the Christmas nativity figures are placed at the park.

Sue Britten gave a make-up demonstration using Bernie Terrell and Susan Brown as models.

Members present were Evelyn Schaffer, Nita Jackson, JoAnn Byrd, Donna Wagner, Sue Britten, Betty McCracken, Ila Miller, Barbara Homer, Susan Brown, Bernie Terrell and Laura Britten.

Commissioners Okay Closing County Road

A motion to close a county road in Precinct 3 was approved by Carson County Commissioners in regular session on Monday morning, Nov. 10.

The Court received only one bid for insurance on various county buildings and general liability and agreed to accept that bid in the amount of \$21,681.00.

Judge Roselius reported that there had been three individuals apply for indigent health care since September 1, 1986. All applications had been denied because of income guidelines.

In other business, the election returns of the November 4 General Election were canvassed.

A discussion was also held on the expansion of the Sheriff's office, but no action was taken.

Court will meet again in regular session on Monday, Nov. 24.

Mrs. Don Case Leads Bible Study

The Baptist Women met at the church Tuesday morning for Bible study and the mission program. Mrs. Don Case was in charge of the Bible study entitled "Called to Evangelism."

Mrs. Stella Patterson, president of WMU, directed the Baptist women meeting, "Church/Home, Etc." Others having a part were Mrs. Bertha Knight, Mrs. Cleo Musser, Mrs. Jack Bivens.

Mrs. Musser was hostess for the group serving delicious refreshments to those mentioned and Rev. Rick Burton. Mrs. Don Lyles and a special guest, little Brianna Bivens, The Jack Bivens granddaughter from Idaho.

Holiday Bazaar Saturday At St. Mary's Hall

St. Mary's annual Holiday Bazaar will be held this Saturday at the Parish Hall. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until 2:00 p.m. Each year the Bazaar attracts a varied array of items in the booth section. Booths this year include baked goods, wood-working, oil paintings, stained glass, gingerbread houses, quilts, Cabbage Patch clothes, ceramics, wooden painted items, Christmas decoration items, afghans and more.

Lunch of stew and cornbread will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Door prizes will be awarded during the bazaar and everyone is encouraged to enter the sweatshirt contest.

Citizens Urged To Help Repeal Home Work Rule

Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True is urging Farm Bureau members and other interested citizens to take action that would put an end to a 42-year-old federal prohibition against the employment of persons in their own homes for the purpose of making certain handcrafted items.

True noted that U.S. Labor Secretary William Brock published in the "Federal Register" a proposal to lift the ban on employment of persons to produce women's apparel, gloves and mittens, buckles and buttons, embroidery, handkerchiefs and jewelry at home.

True called the existing law a "hangover from the 1930s." He said the law may have had a good purpose in those days, but that there is no need for such a prohibition today.

"Secretary Brock needs and deserves the support of the people who agree that the ban on such employment should be ended," True

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Groom Sales Tax Down; McLean's Check Up 1.44%

Sales tax figures for sales made during September are in according to State Comptroller, Bob Bullock. Carson County remained on the plus side with 13 percent more paid in sales tax to date than a year ago. Groom fell short in this reporting period with an 11 percent decrease in the rebate of sales tax. Panhandle took an 8.48 percent increase along with increases in White Deer of 3.49 percent and Skellytown took a jump of 62 percent.

Armstrong county showed an increase of 3 percent while Gray county showed a

13 percent decreases in sales tax collections. Pampa had a 13 percent decrease while McLean and Lefors stayed on the plus side reporting 1.44 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

Bullock said 1986 payments to date are down 1.7 percent statewide as compared to the payments to date in November of last year.

Houston and Dallas reported slight decreases in figures of sales tax collected in 1986 as compared to 1985. San Antonio, Ft. Worth and El Paso remain slightly ahead of last year's figures.

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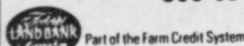
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Farm Bill Requires Conservation Measures

By Ed Blackwell
District Conservationist

The provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill will effect producers who farm highly erodible land. So that producers can make plans for compliance in the program, some information is now available to those producers whom this may effect. The Soil Conservation Service in each county has a list of those soil mapping units that have been designated as highly erodible due to either wind or water erosion.

Among the soils in Carson County that are highly erodible are the Ulysses, Mansker, Zita and Dalhart series. There are others, but these are the ones that are being farmed substantially. A large majority of Carson County is made up of the Pullman series and it is not a highly erodible soil.

A field will be determined highly erodible if there are

50 acres or more of highly erodible soils in that field, or if one-third of the field contains highly erodible soils, whichever is less. ASCS maps will be used to determine field boundaries.

Those who now farm these soils are encouraged to consider entering these fields into the Conservation Reserve Program. The next sign-up period is expected in January 1987. Conservation plans approved by the local conservation district will need to be developed prior to January 1, 1990 in order for producers to remain eligible for USDA benefits. These are the interim rules of the bill and producers who farm highly erodible land may want to begin making plans for compliance and the development of a conservation plan. The conservation district office in Panhandle is available to assist those who will need conservation plans. Phone 537-3732.

Taxes

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office.

This special form of tax relief can also halt a lawsuit already filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's homestead, according to Ron Patterson, executive director of the State Property Tax Board. To stop a delinquent tax suit, Patterson explained, the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.

"This law means that, if the proper affidavit is on file, an older homeowner can't lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Patterson said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes on the homestead as long as that person owns it and lives there.

Patterson stressed, though, that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the homestead; it does not cancel them. "During the deferral period, taxes and delinquent penalties and interest continue to add up," he said. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, those accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred tax, penalty and interest."

Forms for filing a tax deferral affidavit are available from the chief appraiser of the county in which the over-65 taxpayer lives.

Your School

By Rex Peebles

Groom School is in need on another plaque, the Tigerette of the Year Award. This award is based on attitude, scholarship, dedication, spirit, leadership, sportsmanship and loyalty. This award was initiated in 1974. The recipients are:

Tonya Treadwell 1974, Rose Ann Kuehler 1975, Sandra Smith 1976, Ruth Kuehler 1977, Connie Dean 1978, Connie Crowell 1979, Karen Kuehler 1980, Dorothy Kuehler 1981, Tonda Weller 1982, Kathleen Koetting 1983, Kathleen Koetting 1984, Michelle Friemel 1985, Melissa Fields 1986.

If you would be interested in sponsoring this plaque, please come by to see me.

In the Past—Motion by M.E. Hodges, seconded by Van Earl Steed, that Mrs. Helen Wade be hired as bus driver in the place of Max Wade for the remainder of the school term. Motion carried. April 4, 1944.

November Birthdays And Anniversaries

20. J.L. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Friemel (A)
21. Gordon Schaffer, Greg Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bichsel (A)
22. Herman Leven, Patrick Weinheimer, Jr., John Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Britten, (A)
23. LaNita Schultz
24. Mrs. Dwain Weller, Rex Ruthardt, C.L. Wieberg
- 25—Christopher Lynn Ollinger, John Mark Baggerman, Rev. Jerry Lee Moore, Mrs. Eldred Atchley
26. Mrs. Tony Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payton (A)
27. Mrs. Jack Pool, Karen Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens (A)
28. Mrs. Ted L. Friemel, James Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Homer (A), Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Farley (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Howard (A)
29. Mrs. W.A. Dickerson, Page Blackwell, Mrs. Bobby C. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Barnett (A)
30. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pavlovsky (A), Callie Jo Bichsel, Marcus Miller

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Don't Forget

The Varsity Boys and Girls basketball teams will travel to Hedley tomorrow night for competition. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior High teams will play in Lefors on Monday night. Games begin at 5:15 p.m.

The Varsity Boys and Girls and the Junior Varsity Girls will host Clarendon on Tuesday night beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will be at the Bank of Commerce on Dec. 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Flea Market Draws Good Crowd

The McLean Holiday Flea Market was a success, according to manager Sam Green. She said that there were 20 booths, including several new ones from Pampa, Spearman and Oklahoma. All report that business was good because of a large flow of travelers and holiday shoppers.

The next market will not be held on the third weekend in December. Instead, it will be on Saturday, Dec. 6 and will only be for one day.

Mrs. Green said that Santa Claus will be making an appearance that day.

Hearndon-Watson Named Harvest King-Queen

Clint Herndon and Danna Watson have been named the Harvest King and Queen for 1986. They were given the title at recent ceremonies at the High School.

Herndon, a Senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Herndon and has been active in sports and a variety of other activities during his high school years.

Miss Watson, also a Senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson. She is a member of the Flag Corps and was a 1986 Homecoming Queen candidate.

In conjunction with the naming of the King and Queen, a costume contest was held for preschool through sixth grade children. See "Costume Party" p.6



The Christian Rock Group "Power and Light" will perform this Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The concert, which is free, is being sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and is open to junior high and high school kids of all denominations. Afterwards, there will be a fellowship in the Assembly of God Church.

McLean School Board Sends Delinquent Notice

The McLean School Board met in regular session Monday night at the business office. Members present were Joe Magee, Jake Hess, John Holland, Gwen Henley, Darryl Herndon, Jim Barker and James Hefley.

Others in attendance were Shirley Johnson and Jim Rutherford.

In the main item of business, the board was informed that the legal firm of Perdue, Brandon and Fielder in Amarillo has sent out letters to over 500 people who are delinquent in their tax payments. In the letter, the taxpayers are given a specified amount of time to respond or legal action will be taken to collect the money.

According to Business Manager Shirley Johnson, as of June 1986, approximately \$70,000 in back taxes were due. She said that, if people want to settle their accounts, they will be given

the option of paying in a lump sum or on an installment plan. Those who owe money should be receiving the letter some time this week.

In other business, the board:

-Gave its approval to a special concert by the McLean band. The performance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21 at the high school auditorium.

-Agreed to send Superintendent Jim Rutherford to a Region XVI workshop on Dec. 10. At that time, he and other school officials will discuss the establishment of a 10 hour training program for school board officials. Each board member is required to take 20 hours of training on laws, regulations and other information pertaining to school management and administration.

-Voted to give Bill Wilson, one of the teachers at the school, a salary for coaching the girls basketball teams.

DPS Reports Accidents

DPS Officer Ronnie Shank reports that two accidents have occurred during the past several weeks. The first was on Saturday, Dec. 8 about a

mile west of Alanreed. A motorcycle rider from Fort Bliss rolled his vehicle on I-40. Although slightly injured, he refused any med-

ical assistance.

The second incident happened last Thursday night about two miles east of McLean. A couple from Whitesboro were rear-ended by a truck driver from Agra, Okla. There were no injuries but the car driven by the couple was severely damaged.

4-H Food Show Winners

The Annual Gray County 4-H Food Show was held Nov. 15 at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Local club members who attended and were awarded with ribbons were:

Junior-Main Dish: Holly Hefley, Cash Carpenter, Matt Hall, Heather Hess and Will Shaw, blue ribbons; Lee Shaw, Jessica Anderson, Chad Williams and Keith Robinson, red ribbons;

Junior-Nutritious Snacks and Desserts: Jill Hefley, Tommy Pennington, Tanner Hess, Lisa McClellan and Tiffany Stump, blue ribbons; Clay Gordy, red ribbon;

Junior-Fruits and Vegetables: Kimberly Sparkman, Melanie Irvin, Angie Downs, Le Ayn Jordan and Erin McCracken, blue ribbons; Joyce Osborne, Kasia Lewis and Amy Williams, red ribbons;

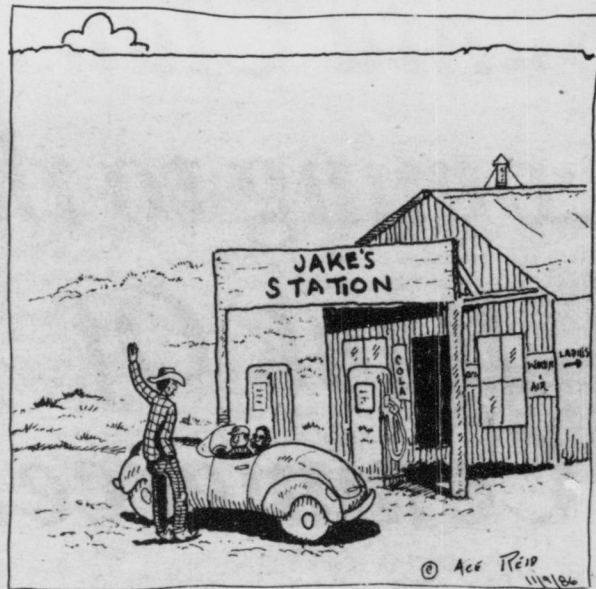
Junior-Breads and Cereals: Dena Phillips and Lee Erin Stubbs, blue ribbons; Jennifer Pennington and Brandy Melton, red ribbons; Senior-Breads and Cereals: Kellie Beck, blue ribbon;

Senior-Nutritious Snacks and Desserts: Stacie McDonald, blue ribbon; Kathy Wyatt, red ribbon.

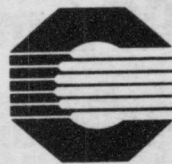
With the Food Project ending, the local club is now preparing for its horse, rabbit, rifle and woodworking projects. Anyone interested in further information about these activities should call Mike Harkins at 779-2281 or Russell Bockman at 835-2521.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Brother Jeff Mes-
ser, of the Baptist Church,
was here to conduct ser-
vices.

Residents playing bingo
Monday were Inez Fields,
Teresa Richardson, Alice
Dickenson, Ruth Kemp,
Grace Swallow, Stella Gib-
son, Dick Wheeler, Maude
Carpenter, Gladys Smulcer,
Elsa Stalls, Fay Wilson,
Annie Eudey, Kittie Hessey,
Leon Burch, Frank Reeves
and Lucille Cullison. Our
volunteer helpers were
Marie Reeves, Bertha
Smith, Cliffie Heasley,
Annie Herndon, Mildred
Giesler and Onie Gibson.
Bananas were furnished by
the Lions Club and Molly
McDowell.

Tuesday, Lena Carter,
Mary Davis, Brenda McLain
and Ted Robertson were
here to assist the following
residents in dominos: Inez
Fields, Thelma Hopkins,
Dick Wheeler, Teresa Rich-
ardson, Annie Eudey, Ruth
Kemp, P.L. Ledgerwood,
Earl Tolleson and Leon
Burch.

Wednesday, members of
the Baptist Church were
here for a sing-a-long.

Thursday morning the fol-
lowing residents worked in
crafts: Earl Tolleson, Leon
Burch, Lula Sheegog, Alice
Dickenson, Stella Gibson,
Teresa Richardson, Gladys
Smulcer, Lona Jones and
Annie Eudey. Our aide was
Loyce Murray. We are mak-
ing "Doggies in a basket".

We are in need of half-
pound butter tubs for this.
At noon, Gib Welch of
Borger was here to sing and
play his guitar for us. In the
evening, we enjoyed the
Hallelujah Squares from
Shamrock.

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

Saturday was our birthday
party for the months of
October and November. Our
entertainment was a group
of ladies called "The Happy
Hatters" from Dumas. They
sang and acted out song
pertaining to the different
eras over the years. This was
a first for them to entertain
us and everyone thoroughly
enjoyed them. Ladies partic-
ipating were Adrienne Bin-
ham, Ida Spivey, Thelma
Nunn, Verna White, Jerry
Woody, Ora Mae Brownbe,
Clara Fae Rogers, accom-
panied on the piano by
Johnnie Burgess. Corsages
were furnished by Creed and
Wanda Lamb. Cakes were
furnished by Marnelle Pres-
ley, Mary Alice Burnett,
and Loyce Murray. Ladies
serving were Fern Boyd,
Isabelle Cousins, Loyce
Murray, Mary Powell, Gwen
Stewart, Louise Turner,
Monica Shipman, Marnelle
Presley, Mary Alice Burnett
and Dortha Bybee. Many
thanks to all mentioned
above for making the party a
success.

McLean Care Center Lad-
ies Auxiliary will meet Fri-
day at 3:00 p.m.

Alanreed News

Visiting the Hartley Dav-
ises during the weekend
were Mr. and Mrs. Willis
May of Panhandle.

Danny Lee of McLean
visited with the Dick Dra-
goos on Sunday.

Hiram Rawlings was in
McLean this weekend to
help care for Pauline Wol-
ford after her recent sur-
gery.

Bob, Kay and Paul Bruce,
of Pampa, visited the Robert
Bruces on Saturday. Shawn
was off on a trip to Lake
Meredith with the Boy
Scouts.

Richard Dragoo of Cal-
ifornia was here to visit with
his parents, sisters and
other family recently.

Don Dorsey's son and
family have recently moved
to Alanreed.

Ruby Darsey was in Pam-
pa on Friday.

Arthur Snyder, who was
born and raised in this area,
is reported to be very ill. He
now lives in Fritch.



Some kangaroos live in
treetops.

Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Community
Thanksgiving Service will be
held Sunday night at 7:00
p.m. in the Baptist Church.
Reverend Billy Wilson, from
the Methodist Church, will
deliver the sermon. After
the service, there will be a
fellowship at the Baptist
Church. Everyone is invited.

McLean School Menu

Nov. 24-28

Mon.—Cheese Burgers,
French Fries Doughnuts,
Milk
Tues.—Tuna Casserole,
Salad, Buttered Carrots,
Bread, Whipped Jello, Milk
Wed.—Chili Dogs,
French Fries, Pork and
Beans, Cake, Milk
Thurs.—Holiday
Fri.—Holiday

Costume Contest

ren. The winners in the
various categories were:

Overall—Jeremy Thomas
Preschool-Kindergarten:
1st—Rebecca Hembree; 2nd—
Steven Pierce; 3rd—Neil
Campbell
Grades 1-3:1st—Angel
Passmore; 2nd—Heather
Hess; 3rd—Pam Martin
Grades 4-6:1st—Jeremy
Thomas; 2nd—Casey Carter;
3rd—Clifford Martin.

20th Century Club Holds Meeting

The Alanreed 20th Cen-
tury Club met Nov. 13 in the
home of Mary Davis. Pres-
ident Rose Hall presided
over the business session.
The club collect was given
by all present. Roll call was
what Lena Carter calls "My
favorite place in Texas" and
was answered by Rose Hall,
Mary Davis, Relia Sharp,
Nola Crisp, Ruby Darsey,
Cliffie Heasley, Saffronia
Pettit, Bertha Smith, Ada
Simmons and Lena Carter. A
program on the latest Texas
news was given by Lena
Carter and Mary Davis.
There was also a discussion
of the next meeting which
will be a Christmas party.

Hostesses Mary Davis and
Rose Hall served cake, party
mix, crackers, cheese,
punch and coffee.

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remember he knows who has been naughty or nice.



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1986 McLean Basketball Schedule

Date	Place	Time	Where	Who
Nov. 18	Samnorwood	6:30	There	Vars. Boys, Girls
Nov. 21	Hedley	6:30	There	VB, VG
Nov. 24	Lefors	5:15	Here	JH Boys, Girls
Nov. 25	Clarendon	5:00	Here	VB, VG, JVG
Dec. 1	Miami	5:15	Here	JH
Dec. 2	Samnorwood	6:30	Here	VB, VG
Dec. 4-5	Lefors Tour.	TBA	There	JH
Dec. 4-6	Wellington Tour.	TBA	There	VB, VG
Dec. 8	Phillips	5:15	Here	JH
Dec. 9	Higgins	5:00	Here	VB, VG, JVG
Dec. 11-13	Samnorwood	TBA	There	VB, VG
Dec. 15	Claude	5:15	There	JH
Dec. 16	Hedley	6:30	Here	VB, VG
Dec. 18-20	Wheeler Tour.	TBA	There	VB, VG
Dec. 22	Open			
Jan. 5	Open			
Jan. 6	Wellington	4:00	Here	VBG, JVBG
Jan. 9	Claude	5:00	There	VB, VG
Jan. 12	Groom	5:15	Here	JH
Jan. 13	Groom	5:00	There	VB, VG, JVG
Jan. 16	Phillips	5:00	There	VB, VG
Jan. 16-17	McLean Tour.	TBA	Here	JH
Jan. 19	Lefors	5:15	Here	JH
Jan. 20	Miami	5:00	There	VB, VG
Jan. 23	Lefors	4:00	There	VB, VG
Jan. 26	Miami	5:15	There	JH
Jan. 27	Claude	5:00	Here	VB, VG
Jan. 30	Groom	5:00	Here	VB, VG, JVB
Feb. 2	Phillips	5:15	There	JH
Feb. 3	Phillips	5:00	Here	VB, VG
Feb. 6	Miami	5:00	Here	VB, VG
Feb. 9	Claude	5:15	Here	JH
Feb. 10	Lefors	4:00	Here	VB, VG

McLean Briefs

THE GROOM NEWS—Page 7
Thursday, November 20, 1986

Jerry Corbin and her sister, Sue Modderman, recently returned from a 3 week trip to the New England states. They also went to New Brunswick, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Last week, Troy and Jerry Corbin made a trip to Austin to visit their sons, Clinton and Craig. This week they are traveling to Portland, Ore. to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with relatives.

Tommy Milam has been home recently due to the death of his grandfather. On Nov. 22, he will return to South Korea where he is stationed.

Bill Stroud, the brother-in-law of Margie Fish, recently had heart surgery at Arlington Memorial Hospital. He is reported to be in good condition.

Will Elton and Helen Johnston, of San Angelo, visited with Elton and Maggie Johnston recently.

Dale, Mary Lou and Angie Glass went to the football game at WTSU on Saturday.

Travis Winegeart remains hospitalized in Amarillo. He is now out of intensive care.

Reverend and Mrs. Archie Cooper have made several trips to Oklahoma lately.

The Alanreed-McLean Area Museum reports several visitors recently from California and Chicago.

Ruby Jones went to Ardmore, Okla. last week for the funeral of her niece. Services were held on Saturday.

Sam Haynes attended the mid-winter conference of the District 2T-1 Lions Club on Saturday at the Fifth Season East in Amarillo. That night, at an awards banquet, S.A. Cousins and Jim Hathaway were presented with certificates for outstanding service to the Lion's Club. Both have been members of the McLean club for many years.

Mary Dwyer attended the Executive Planning meeting for United Methodist Women of the Northwest Texas Conference at Ceta Canyon on Friday. The conference, which lasted until Sunday, involved all the officers in the Northwest conference. About 23 people were present.

Last week, Katy Graham made a trip to Marlow, Okla. to visit her aunt, Miss Henry McMurry.

To all you beautiful people who voted, supported me, telephoned, offered words of encouragement and worked so hard. . .
To my family and friends who are always behind me—you are TOPS. . .
To my wonderful deputies: Carolyn Law, Lou Dean Cotten, Virginia Greer, O'Neta Brewer, Pam Walton and Marilee Osborn—you are the greatest. . .
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Basketball Season Kicks Off

Basketball action began on Saturday as the High School girls tookon Shamrock. Although no score was kept, Coach Bill Wilson said he was very pleased with the way the team played.

Coach Wilson, who will coach the girls Varsity and Junior Varsity teams, said his line-ups will be as follows:

Varsity-Guards-Cindy Hembree, Jem Ann Rice and Darla McAnear; **Forwards-Shawn** Crockett, Angie Reynolds, Misty Magee, Kim

Beaver, Danna Watson and Shandee Rice, who will also play center; **Center-Alicia** Reynolds.

Junior Varsity-Guards-Tiffany Lopez, Sally Worsham and Cindy Thomas; **Forwards-Dollie** Haynes, Ronna Young, Wendy Smith and Tammy Passmore.

The Junior High teams opened their season Monday night against Groom and the Varsity Boys and Girls had their season openers Tuesday night in Samnorwood. Results of all these games will be in next week's paper.

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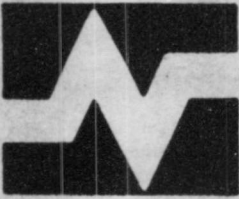
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Financial Focus

By Tom Byrd
Before we invest, we should determine what we want our investments to do for us.

When we invest, we're using money in the hope of making more money. I seldom receive any argument over this. However, the money we use for investing should be extra money—money that represents surplus savings or income not needed for essentials.

We might choose to invest these funds in mortgages, real estate, life insurance or securities (stocks and bonds). They're all basically different, and no one fits the needs of every person.

Since we're discussing mainly securities, let's focus on some of the reasons why we might want to invest in stocks or bonds. Many people prefer them because they can readily be bought and sold. They represent variety and flexibility of interests, as well as absentee ownership or creditorship. Securities are obtainable at varying prices, from very low to very high, and small sums of money can be invested at convenient intervals. With the help of a good broker, securities can be selected, sometimes with excellent results, by persons having limited investment backgrounds.

When investing in a security, you can profit from it in two major ways. First, you may receive dividends or interests payments which, in theory, are paid to compensate you for the use of your money and any risk you assume. Since the market value of securities fluctuates, you also may profit by buying or selling them.

Investment Term of the Week—Investment: The use of money for the purpose of making more money to gain income, increase capital or both. Safety of principal is an important consideration.

Former Resident La Wanda Brooks Dies

Services for La Wanda Brooks, 54, a former McLean resident, were held Thursday, Nov. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Brownfield. Reverend Drew Travis, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks died Nov. 11 at Brownfield Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 12,

1932 in McLean where she was raised. She attended North Texas State University and graduated from Texas Tech. She married Jack D. Brooks on July 16, 1951 in Dallas. She lived in Wolf-orth, Tex. for five years prior to moving to Brownfield in 1963. She had been a teacher in Brownfield schools since 1963. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she had served as an elder.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Shad of Lubbock and Shannon of Amarillo; two sisters, Darlene Gray of Sequin and Pat Shadid of Abilene; her mother, Mrs. Anna Shadid of Abilene, and three grandchildren.

County Sales Tax Receipts Still Down

The State Comptroller's office recently sent checks totaling \$104.6 million in local sales tax to 1,033 cities that levy the one-percent sales tax. Overall, payments for 1986 were down 1.7 percent as compared to the payments to date in November of last year.

The November checks represent taxes collected on sales made in September.

In last month's report, which reflected taxes on August sales, McLean suffered a 1.09 percent loss compared to the previous year-to-date report. However, this month there was a slight recovery. The check for September was for \$2,167.45, as compared to \$1,734.33 for the same period last year. Year-to-date payments amount to \$18,155.01 compared to \$17,897.57 for the same period last year. This represents a 1.44 percent increase.

In the August report, Gray County showed a 10.10 percent loss while the Lefors check was down 30.94 percent and the Pampa check was down 10.34 percent. In September the Lefors check increased by 28.09 percent while Pampa's declined even further by 13.38 percent. The overall loss in sales tax revenue for Gray County was 13.08 percent in September compared to a loss of 10.34 percent for August.

Ambulance Runs

The McLean Ambulance Service has made two runs during the past week. On Nov. 12, an out-of-state woman was transported to Shamrock after suffering an injury to her arm in an accident. On Nov. 15, a resident was transferred home from St. Anthony's Hospital.

Dixie Democrats Meet

The Dixie Democrats met Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for a Fiesta Supper. Those present were Mary Powell, Ruth Magee, R.C. and Martha Parker, Reverend Billy and Dorothy Wilson, Sam and Linda Haynes, Tony Smitherman, Willie L. Nicholas, Pauline Miller, Ruby Tibbetts, Robbyn Griffin and Bill and Katy Graham, all of McLean.

Also present were Perry and Vickie Moose and Charles and Wanda Carter of Pampa and Bob and Nadine Lolley, George and Phyllis Pearce and Joe and Effie Jo Dovalina, all from Amarillo.

New Arrival

Craig Lee and Candi Morris are the proud parents of a baby boy, Garrett Blair, born Nov. 13 at 9:55 p.m. at Oakland Naval Hospital in Oakland, Ca. He weighed 8lb. 13 oz. and was 22" long. Grandparents are Kenneth and Judy Morris, Bob and Cindi McDowell and Johnnie Carpenter all of McLean.

Great-grandparents are Craig and Winnie Morris, Aubrey and Lillian Osborn and Maude Carpenter, all of McLean, and Lucilee Wagner of Amarillo.

Great-great-grandmother is Lizzie Anderson of Elk City, Okla.

Tax Workshop

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is cooperating with the Internal Revenue Service in offering many Tax Practitioner Workshops across the state, reports John M. Fields, County Extension Agent. Twenty-six General Workshops will be held in all major Texas cities. The General Workshop nearest our county is in Amarillo on December 15-16. There will also be fourteen Advanced Workshops offered in major cities. The General Tax Workshop will concentrate mostly on personal taxes—the Advanced Workshops' emphasis will be on business tax problems.

In addition to the General and Advanced Tax Workshops, there will be three Partnership Workshops, four Estate Planning and Tax Form Preparation Workshops, four Problem Resolution Workshops, and—new this year—three workshops dealing with Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates.

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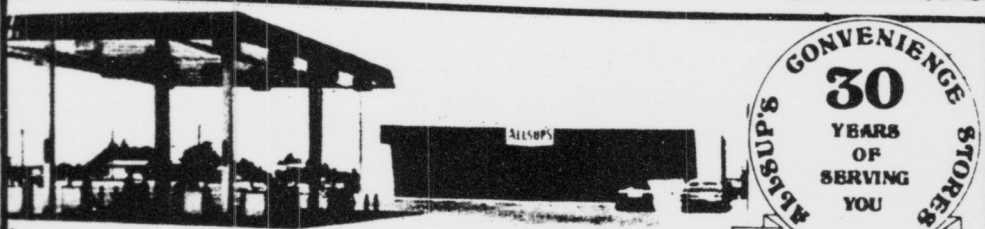
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That I'm not among the
dead,
Though I'm getting more
forgetful
And a little mixed up in my
head.

For sometimes, I can't
remember
When I stand at foot of stairs
If I must go up for
something,
Or if I've just come down
from there.

And before the frig so often,
My mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some
out?

And there's times when it is
dark out,
With my night cap on my
head,

I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or just getting out of bed.

So, if its my turn to write
you,
There's no need in getting
sore,
I may think that I have
written,
And I don't want to be a
bore.

So remember, I do love you
And I wish that you were
here.

But now, it is nearly mail
time,
So I must say, goodbye, my
dear.

Oh! My goodness!
Here I stand beside the
mailbox, with a face so very
red.

Instead of mailing you this
letter,
I have opened it instead.
Love. . .

**Homeowners Paying
Higher Percentage Of
Tax Burden**

Local property tax levies
in Texas totaled \$8.9 billion
for 1985, according to the
State Property Tax Board's
(SPTB) annual report for the
1985 tax year.

"Overall, property taxes
grew at a slower rate in 1985
than the year before," said
Ron Patterson, SPTB's
executive director.
"However," he added, "our
figures show that home-
owners were paying an in-
creasingly larger share of
property taxes while
business owners were
paying less."

The statewide property
tax levy for 1985 was 10.7
percent higher than in 1984,
when the total levy was \$8.1
billion. By comparison, 1984
property taxes were 12.1
percent higher than in 1983.

The report shows that the
largest increases in property
taxes occurred in school dis-
tricts and cities, whose
levies each increased by
close to 12 percent from 1984
to 1985. County property
taxes grew the least—by 6.1
percent—while special
district taxes increased by
9.5 percent.

"The property tax
remains the most important
source of tax revenue for
local governments in
Texas," said Patterson. "It
is the only source of taxes for
school districts."

School districts account-
ed for almost \$4.7 billion—
or 52 percent—of all prop-
erty taxes levied in 1985.
Cities and towns levied
another \$1.8 billion in prop-
erty taxes while counties
levied \$1.4 billion. Special
districts such as water,
utility, hospital, junior
college, and navigation dis-
tricts levied the remaining
\$1 billion.

"Property taxes amount-
ed to \$493.35 for each Texas
resident in the 1985 fiscal
year, compared to \$450.47
the year before," said Pat-
terson. "After our staff
adjusted these figures to
1970 dollars to account for
inflation," he added, "the
per capita tax levy was
\$178.08 in 1985, an increase
of \$10 from 1984 and \$49
from 1970."

Local property taxes made
up 41 percent of all state and
local taxes during the 1985
fiscal year, and have remain-
ed at this level since 1983.

Patterson pointed out that
the report's figures repre-
sent total property taxes
levied and not the amount of
taxes actually collected. Tax-
ing units rarely collect every
dollar of their tax levy,
although some of the short-
fall may be made up through
collection of delinquent
taxes from previous years.

SPTB's annual report uses
data reported by school dis-
tricts to estimate how the
1985 property tax burden
was distributed among the
various kinds of property in
the school tax base.

"These numbers illustrate
shifts in the property tax
burden that have been going
on since at least 1981," said
Patterson. "Urban real es-
tate, and single-family resi-
dential property in particu-
lar, took on a progressive-
ly greater share of property
taxes in this period. On the
other hand, business proper-

Public Notice

**Notice of Second Hearing
Petition for Annexation
City of Groom, Texas**

All interested persons are
hereby notified as follows:
(1) Guy R. Ziegler and

London Family Visitors

Recently guests in the
home of Emalea London
were her brother Elon Myers
and his daughter Adelia
Madruga from Sacramento,
Ca. Over the weekend were
relatives, Velma Myer and
daughter Mary Sue Crabtree
from Slaton; Jucille Myers,
Plainview; Mr. and Mrs.
Dorman Corbin and grand-
daughter of Portales, N.M.;
Aubrey and Nelda Ruth
Myers of Plainview; John
and Anita London of Ama-
rillo; Mr. and Mrs. David
Franklin; Mark and Lisa
Rena of Amarillo; Mr. and
Mrs. Herbet Hunt, Julie and
Ana; Amarillo; Sandra Black
from Amarillo and Kenneth
Hunt also of Amarillo.

ties such as inventories,
equipment, industrial mach-
inery, utility companies and
oil and gas reserves generat-
ed a smaller share of taxes
than before."

For example, owners of
single-family residential
property paid 31.6 percent of
school taxes in 1985. By
comparison, their share was
30.5 percent in 1984 and 54
percent in 1981.

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wife, Adeline Ziegler, have
petitioned the City Council
of the City of Groom to
annex to said City a tract of
5.323 acres of land near the
Northwest corner of Sectin
57, Block B-3, H&GN R.R.
Co. Survey, Carson County,
Texas, more fully described
as follows:

A tract of land in the
NW¼ of Section 57, Block
B-3, H&GN R.R. Co. Survey
in Carson County, Texas,
being more particularly de-
scribed as follows:

Commencing at the NW
corner of said Section 57;

Thence, N 89° 36' 35" E
along the North line of Sec-
tion 57, a distance of 628.40
feet;

Thence, S 0° 23' 25" E, a
distance of 30 feet, to a
bronze highway R.O.W.
marker;

Thence, S 34° 56' 10" W
along the Interstate
Highway 40 R.O.W. line, a
distance of 88.91 feet to a
bronze marker;

Thence, S 55° 03' 50" E,
along the I.H. 40 R.O.W.
line, a distance of 403.45
feet, to a bronze marker;

Thence, Southeasterly
along a curve to the right
with a radius of 11,684.16
feet, a distance of 496.55
feet to a ½-inch iron pin,
The Point of Beginning;

Thence, N 37° 20' 06" E,
a distance of 150 feet to a
½-inch iron pin;

Thence, Southeasterly
along the arc of a curve to
the right, the radius of which
is 11,834.16 feet, a distance
of 1465.09 feet to a ½-inch
iron pin in a property-line
fence. The chord of this
curve bears S 50° 24' 25" E
and is 1464.15 feet in length;

Thence, S 0° 08' 41" E
along a property-line fence,
a distance of 210.96 feet to a
½-inch iron pin found in the
North R.O.W. line of I.H.
40;

Thence, Northwesterly
along the North R.O.W. line
of I.H. 40, the arc of a curve
to the left, the radius of
which is 11,684.16 feet, the
chord of which bears N 49°
56' 19" W, and is 1592.54
feet, a distance of 1593.78
feet, to **The Point of Begin-
ning** and containing 5.323
acres of land more or less.

(2) Before any annexation
proceedings are instituted
by the City Council, it will
provide an opportunity for
all interested persons to be
heard on the matter of such
proposed annexation.

(3) Each of such hearings
will be conducted by the City
Council, in its offices in the
City Hall, in the City of
Groom, Texas; and each
hearing will be conducted at
7:30 o'clock p.m. on the

scheduled date.

(4) The second of such two
hearings, of which this is
notice, will be conducted on
the 2 day of December,
1986, which is not less than
20 days prior to the proposed
institution of annexation
proceedings.

(5) It is contemplated that
actual proceedings for such
annexation will be institu-
ted by the City Council at its
meeting to be held at 7:30
o'clock p.m. on the 2 day of
December, 1986.

Dated this 4 day of
November, 1986.

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By Pat Ashford
City Secretary

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Wanted Craft Persons—Booths available at \$10. We provide tables and chairs. *Holiday Bazaar, St. Mary's Catholic Hall, Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.* Call Kay, Box 508, Groom, Tex. 248-7064.

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I would like to thank the wonderful people here in Groom and my family for your concern during my recent surgery and hospitalization. Each card, phone call, visit, flower arrangement and dish of food was greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you..

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Revenue Use Report
The City of Groom has submitted its report to the Census Bureau on the actual uses of General Revenue Sharing Funds for fiscal year 1985-86. A copy of the report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection on weekdays at City Hall during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Pat Ashford
City Secretary

Card Of Thanks

My deepest gratitude to the five people of Groom for your concerns and thoughtfulness during my father's illness and death. Your cards, flowers and phone calls were greatly appreciated.

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Donna Forbes

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Property Taxes Continued from Page 10

As a whole, residential and commercial real estate generated close to 64 percent of school taxes in 1985, compared to 62 percent in 1984 and 54 percent in 1981.

Business properties of all kinds, including real estate, accounted for 50.2 percent of the school tax levy in 1985. These properties produced 51.6 percent of the total levy in 1984 and 56 percent in 1981.

Patterson sees several factors at work in this shift of the tax burden. "The growth in our state's population stimulated economic growth and demand for residential property, which in turn drove up real estate values. Keep in mind that the 1985 tax levy was based on property values as of January 1, 1985.

"In addition," he observed, "Studies done by our agency show that residential real estate was typically undervalued on the tax rolls of earlier years. Recently, however, appraisal districts have done a better job of appraising these properties and their taxes are likely to be based on values that are closer to true market value."

Properties such as utility companies, industries, and oil and gas reserves, on the

other hand, have historically been taxed at close to their full market value, according to Patterson. "The shift of property taxes away from these properties represents a more equitable dis-

tribution of the tax burden. In other words, "he explained, "there has been a shift in tax burden because of more accurate appraisals of property that used to be

undertaxed, combined with a decline in the value of property that used to be overtaxed."

In the case of oil and gas, Patterson said several other factors helped reduce its

share of the tax levy, which was 15.3 percent in 1981 but only 11.3 percent in 1985. "Both the prices for oil and gas and the size of the existing reserves have steadily declined in this five-year

period," he pointed out. These figures don't reflect the more drastic drops in oil and gas prices that began in early 1986.

Rural acreage, including farm and ranch lands, generated 6.2 percent of school taxes in 1985. Its share of the tax levy hasn't changed much since 1981.

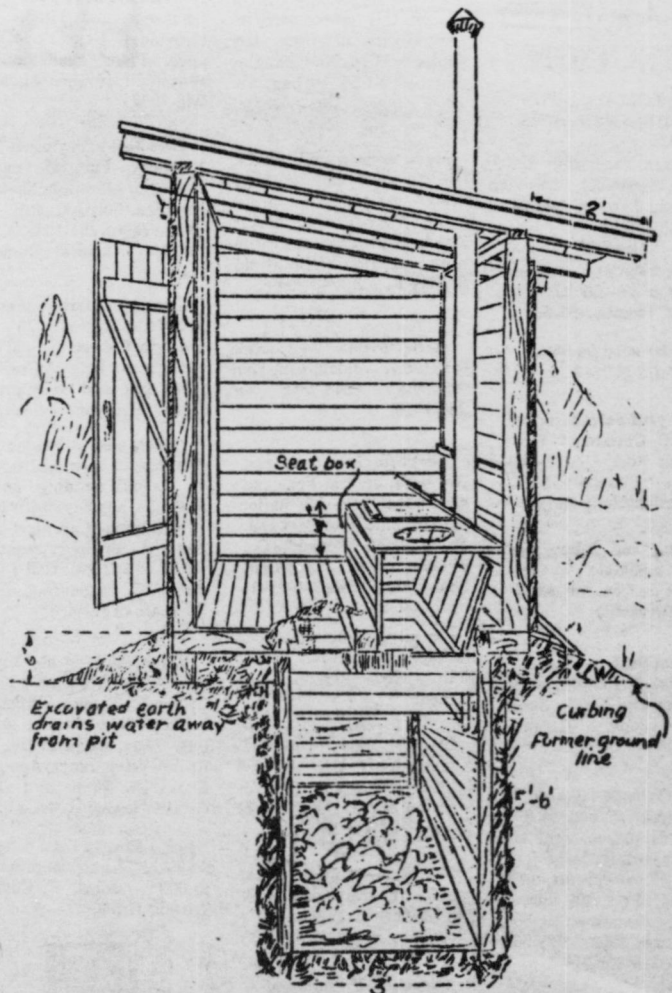
Interesting Document Uncovered At City Hall

City Secretary Pat Ashford recently did some re-organizing in her office at City Hall to make room for a new computer. In the shuffle she discovered a letter from the State Health Dept. written to the City in May of 1929. A recent inspection by a Health Officer had been made of the City water well and construction of a second well. As an added bonus, the health officer sent along the specifications of the state approved pit privy adopted by quite a number of Texas cities that, like Groom, were without sanitary sewage facilities.

You might wish to take look at the specifications and determine if indeed your privy was of sound construction back in 1929.

Farm Bureau said. "Many people need extra sources of income to help them hold onto the family farm. If they can produce one or more of the currently prohibited items in their homes, why should they be denied the right to do so?" True said.

True urged citizens to write to Paula V. Smith, administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20210. The letters must be post-marked no later than Dec. 4.



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