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Thimblette Needle Club Disbands After 54 Years



Santa Saw . . .

Naughty:

Robert Kuehler for not helping write, address, stamp or mail at least a few of the 150 Christmas cards his wife Alice sent.

Johnny Brooks harassing the help at City Hall.

Lonny Brown for telling stories about his Momma.

The referee at the Junior High game for giving Jay Lamb a hard time.

Tom Lambert for just being naughty.

Nice:

Dale assisting sis, Debbie Anthony with a staple gun loading.

Evelyn Hubbart for being so helpful to the Groom News staff.

Cade Brown for being sooo sweet to his Mom, Susan.

Chy Phillips for running errands for Mom, Twila.



Sims Runs For District Attorney

Wellington native, Randall C. Sims, 36, announced his intention to run for district attorney of the 100th Judicial District at a reception held at the Wellington State Bank in Wellington on Wednesday. Sims is a veteran prosecutor who has accumulated

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The Thimblette Needle Club met for the Christmas party at the home of Mamie Poole Thursday, December 2nd. The house was festive with lovely Christmas decorations, and the serving tables were laid with red and white cloths and napkins. Favors were Santa Claus boxes of candy at each place setting.

The members brought various tasty salads to go with the chicken, dressing, and "all the fixings" furnished by the hostess.

Those enjoying the delicious dinner were guests Juanita Brown and Dondra Downs, and members LaVesta Barnett, Bernice Brown, Lucille Case, Nettie Fields, Truman Goodlett,

Betty Hudson, Ruth James, Wynona Koetting, Vivian Lacy, Emalea London, Ruby Milton, Cleo Nix and Helen Witt.

President Mamie Poole conducted the final business meeting of the club since it had been voted to disband after the December meeting. Cleo Nix, long-time secretary who has done an excellent job, read the minutes.

When the club was organized in 1939 most of the members had toddlers whom they took along to meetings. Now, most of them are great-grandmothers, and several have health problems that hinder their serving as

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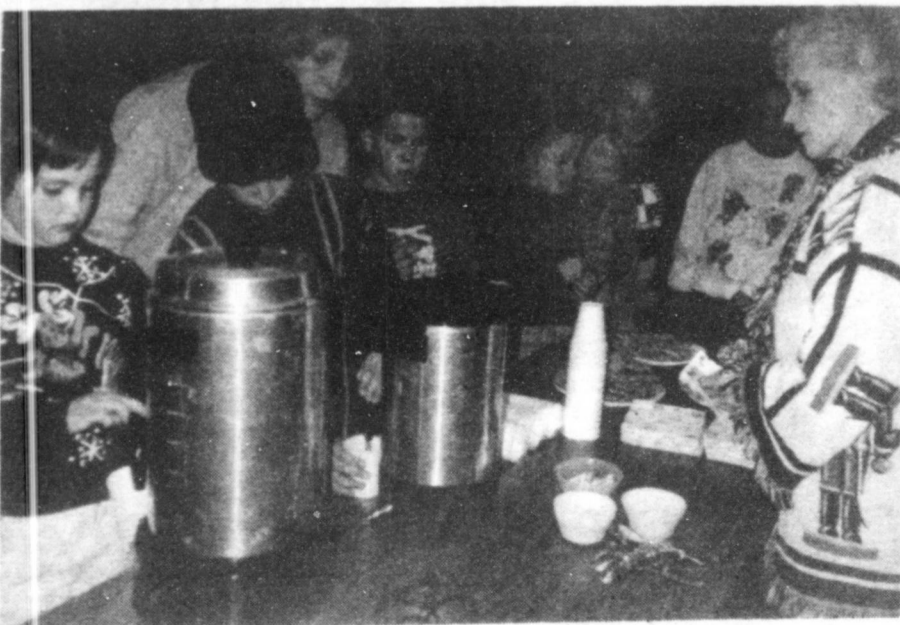


Pictured above are the Thimblette Needle Club's charter members who attended their 50th year celebration. They are: Nettie Fields, Cleo Nix, Helen Witt, Mary Knopp, and Lenabelle Newton.

100 Attend Lighting Festivities



Many of Groom's children serenade the older generations with songs of Rudolph, Jingle Bells and of course, Old St. Nick!



These 4-Hers served many more cookies than they ate! Lainie Britten pours coffee, while Kathleen Barkley assists with the hot cider. Shirley Fields waits patiently.

Student Food Drive Recognized By Senator

With the true spirit of Christmas as their inspiration Groom's Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive. President Bart Britten announced last week their intentions to collect canned items to distribute to needy families by way of area churches.

"Most of us have so much," he said "We often forget that there are those who don't have enough to eat. We want to make sure that does not happen to anyone in Groom," said Britten.

The students efforts have been noticed by Senator

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Community Calendar

THE GROOM Basketball Tourney has been set for December 19-31. Mark your calendars.

DECEMBER 19TH is the United Methodist Church Christmas Program.

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church's Christmas Program will be held on December 12, at 7:00 pm.

DECEMBER 9TH at 6:30 pm is the Festive Foods Program sponsored by Southwestern Public Service.

CARSON CO. JR. Livestock Association will meet on Dec. 9 at 7 pm in the Carson County Ag building. Topic of discussion will be committee reports and final plans for the Carson Co. Stock Show.

DON'T FORGET THAT tonight is the Festive Food Cooking School in the High School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 15TH is St. Mary's Catholic Church Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m.

THE GROOM SCHOOL Holiday Concert will be December 16 at 7 pm. Students in K-6 will present a variety of seasonal songs. The Groom High School Band will also perform.

THE GROOM SCHOOL Board will meet on December 14.

THE GROOM 4-H Club will meet tonight, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center to serve for the Christmas Lighting Celebration.

4-H CHRISTMAS Party! December 10, Catch the Hay Ride at the Community Center at 6:00 pm. Travel to Anthony's, Whatley's and Stephen's.

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Joe and Barney Davis spent a quiet but nice Thanksgiving at home.

Among those attending the concert performed by Kent Watson at the Square House Museum Auditorium Saturday afternoon were: Bill and Roberta Ellington, Glynn D and Sybil Harrell, Henry and Lucille Merrick, Emolea London, Susie Pool, Angie Reed, Donna Watson, Alyssa and Aaron, all of Groom. Also Mary Britten of Panhandle and Mildred Burgin and Joyce Everson of Amarillo.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer spent Thanksgiving at College Station with Travis. Travis took his parents to the big bonfire, a tour of the A&M campus and attended the Texas A&M and TU football game Thanksgiving night. On Friday they went to Houston for a visit with Susan and Leroy Littlefield, and Mark, Tammy and Danielle Littlefield.

To celebrate Susan and Leroy's 29th anniversary, Bill, Norma Jean and Travis accompanied them to the Oiler-Steeler game on Sunday.

Local Happening

Rip and Joy Snyder were Pampa visitors Thursday. They also visited Rev. Copeland in Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude.

T.C. Sustaire is now home and doing well after back surgery.

Mildred Miller now has her Christmas decorations out. She will welcome visitors with cookies and punch beginning Saturday, December 11 through January 1.

GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

December 9 - Emolea London.

December 10 - Jerry Ashford, Cleo Musser, Oma Schaffer, Jimmy Burgin.


December 11 - Evelyn Schaffer, Wynona Koetting, Sidney Mansel, Marcus Weinheimer.

December 12 - John Stephens, Katonia and Robert Miller (A), Floyd Wills.

December 13 - Patsy Fraser, Margie Smith, Janyth Bowers, Kim Longway.

December 14 - Bill Hinson, Pamela Chaney.


December 15 - Audrey Cummings, Ora Leah Garmon, Scott Weinheimer.



Holiday Open House

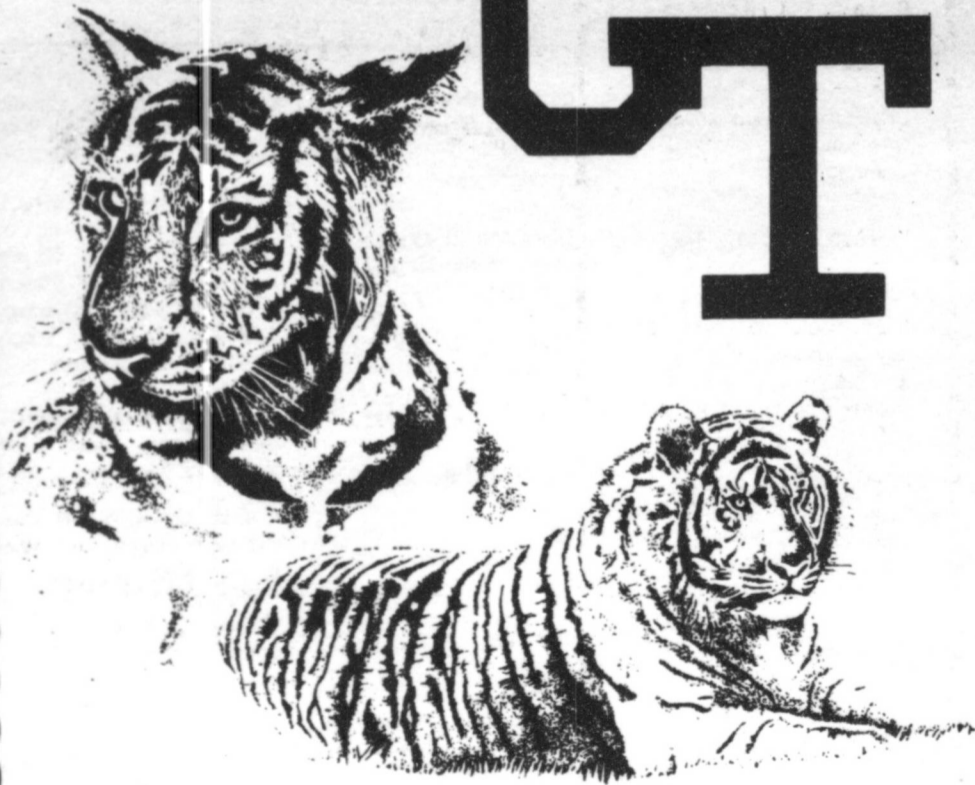
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GOOD LUCK IN SAMNORWOOD

Former Groomite Recieves Promotion

Rita Lister has been promoted to Operation Manager/Program Analyst for the Data Processing Department at the American Quarter Horse Association, announced Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President and Jim Savage, AQHA Director of Data Processing.

"Rita's extensive computer processing knowledge and experience are an asset to the Association," said Savage. "This promotion is complementary of her hard work and dedication."

Lister's new duties will include the management



and scheduling of all daily, monthly and yearly data processing activities. She will also be responsible for installing operating system software and maintaining

existing system software with updates and upgrades as provided by the software manufacturer.

Having joined AQHA in 1974, Lister worked in various phases of data processing, including registration and data entry. Lister earned a degree in computer programming from Amarillo College in 1985.

A native of Groom, Lister enjoys cross-stitching, sewing, fishing, and racing radio controlled gas boats. She and her husband, Michael, live in Amarillo.

Rita is the daughter of Al and Agnes Homer of Groom.

Groom School Menu

Groom School Menu

December 13 - Breakfast: Cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Lasagne w/meat and cheese, salad, fried okra, breadsticks, peach slices.

December 14 - Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburgers, french fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, tomatoes, Christmas ribbon cookies, milk.

December 15 - Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, cole slaw, Texas toast w/honey, milk.

December 16 - Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls,

strawberry shortcake, milk.

December 17 - Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Taco salad w/meat and grated cheese, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, cut corn, picante sauce, flour tortilla, cheesecake.

Brother of Local Woman Dies

Anton Stehling, 81, of Fredricksburg, Texas recently passed away.

Services were held at St. Mary's Church and Cemetery.

Attending from Groom was his sister, Monica Weinheimer, and Mr. and Mrs. James Weinheimer. Kathleen Dickey of Pampa also attended.

McLaughlin Places 2nd In Wheeler Co. Show

Scott McLaughlin was the big winner of the Groom participants in the Wheeler warm-up Junior Livestock Show. Scott placed second in class with his baldy calf. He also placed third in class with his angus heifer.

Chy Phillips placed fifth. Melody Burton placed fourth. C.J. Whatley placed fifth. Matt Miller placed

sixth and Dara Whatley placed 6th.

Also attending was sponsor Charles Burk, Jim Burton, Darrell Whatley and Donna Burton. Several other Carson County students entered including, Brandye Bertrand, and Roy Dale Cooper both of Panhandle.

More Local Happenings

Rip Snyder celebrated his 81st birthday Friday night with a delicious supper. Attending was Jerry, Carolyn and Hallie Snyder from Amarillo; Mark, Kim Alexander and April from Amarillo; Norman and Martha Sublett from Pampa; Mary Crutcher from Lefors; Gloria Ledwig, Brian, Linda Lea Richardson and Rip and Joy, Groom.

After the evening meal, Brian Richardson and Jake entertained the crowd. It was enjoyed by all.

Library Selections

The Groom Library has many books displayed for easy selection. There are also some 33 1/3 RPM records, and magazines with craft projects.

"Easy" books include "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," "The Little Drummer Boy," and "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer."

"Junior" books include "The Night Before Christmas In Texas That Is," and "The Bird's Christmas Carol."

Adult books include fiction such as "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories," and non-fiction such as "Norman Rockwell's Christmas Book," and "Christmas Crafts For Everyone." There are books of recipes and books of songs.

Obituary

Services Held For Former Groom Resident

O.D. Smith, 82, a former Groom resident, died Friday, December 3, 1993.

Services were in the Church of Christ, Panhandle, with Leonard Harper, minister, officiating. Burial was in Panhandle Cemetery by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born in Ellis County, moving to Carson County in 1927. He married Ardis Muriel "Peggy" Robinson, of Groom, in 1935. She died in February. He was director of the Panhandle-Claude Federal Land Bank for 35 years. He was a former member of Panhandle school board, a 49-year member of Panhandle Lions Club, a former Boy Scout leader, a member of Panhandle Church of Christ and the 55 Plus Club.

Survivors include his mother, Sallie Smith of Claude; a son, Jack Smith of Panhandle; two daughters, Glenda Ware of Panhandle and Janice Wood of Amarillo; a brother, Wendell "Smitty" Smith of Panhandle; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

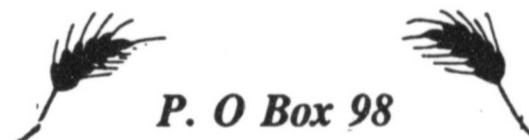
The family requests memorials be either to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas 79101, or Panhandle Church of Christ Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 669, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

Helen Witt attended the meeting of the Hi-Plains Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas at the Amarillo Central Library on Saturday.

The program was "A Festival of Poetry" and winning poems from state and national contests were read.

Helen read her winning poems, "Tame the Wild Horse" and "Dick Risenhoover's Home Run".

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Brooke Britten & Sarah Looton Advance To Regional

Twenty one 4-H members participated in the Carson County 4-H Food Show. The Food Show has four divisions (Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and four Categories (Main Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals, and Nutritious Snacks and Desserts).

The Judging is based on a day's Menu, Project Record Form, Interview and the prepared dish, totalling 100 points. Those with the highest score advance to the District Food Show.

The 4-H member works very hard at this project by knowing the nutrients in the dish, food groups and servings, and meeting six goals they have set for themselves at the beginning of the project.

Those participating at the County Food Show were:



Pee Wee: Clay Britten, Michele Stephens, Amanda Junior: Nicole White, Martin, Ashley Hinkle, Brooke Britten, Amber Lainie Britten, Shannon Hicks, Marci Babcock, Cooper, Cindy Britten, Katrena Mathews, Cody Macie Britten and Ky Babcock, Sarah Looton, Martin. Intermediate:

Karmen Martin. Senior: April Cook, Natalie Cook, Regina Britten, and Tony Neusch.

Advancing to District Food Show were: Junior: Main Dish: Cindy Britten, Alternate Shannon Cooper. Fruits and Vegetables: Brooke Britten, Alternate Nicole White. Bread and Cereal: Sarah Looton, Alternate, Lainie Britten. Nutritious Snacks and Desserts: Ashley Hinkle, Alternate Macie Britten.

Intermediate: Main Dish: Karmen Martin. Senior: Main Dish: April Cook. Fruits and Vegetables: Natalie Cook. Bread and Cereal: Regina Britten. Nutritious Snacks and Desserts: Tony Neusch.

Special Awards were given for: Best Rookie, 1st year: Cody Babcock; Showmanship: Marci Babcock; and Best Records:

Brooke Britten.

The District Food Show was held December 4th at Borger Middle School. At the District Food Show only the Top Four are named (no 1st, 2nd, etc.). Brooke Britten, Sarah Looton, April Cook, Natalie Cook and Regina Britten were all in the Top Four of their category.

Special thanks to the parents and leaders for their help in making the Food Show a success.

Ettes Place 3rd In Tomahawk Classic

The Groom Tigers and Tigerettes were successful in the annual Miami Tomahawk Classic Basketball Tournament. The girls won the third place trophy and the boys won consolation.

Both teams faced Fort Elliott in their opening games. The Ettes sailed past Fort Elliott with a final of 42-27. Misty Homen and Melanie Friemel tied as leading scorers with 14 points each. Sandie Conrad netted 10 points, Rebecca Conrad had 2 points and Sheri Koetting and Kay Case 1 point each.

The boys were not so lucky in their opening game. In a heart wrenching match they lost 43-41. Bo Burgin had a good night with 17 points, Wes Hall had 16, Bart Britten 4 and Seth Ritter and Nick Ashford each had 2.

The Ettes second game was with Sunray. They outdistanced them 42-28. Again Misty Homen was top scorer with 18, followed by Melanie Friemel with 14, Kay Case and Sandie Conrad with 4 and Sheri Koetting with 2.

The Tigers started out like wildfire against Sunray. Wesley Hall sank baskets to total 24 points. Bo Burgin added 20. Bryan Crowell scored 12, Seth Ritter 9, Justin Ritter 4, Nick Ashford 2, Bart Britten 2 and Brad Sustaire 1. The

final score was Groom 74, Sunray 42.

The third game of the tournament was a real upset to the Ettes. Losing to Follett with a score of 55-38. Misty Homen led the scoring with 15. Kay Case added 8, Melanie Friemel 6, Rebecca Conrad 5 and Sheri Koetting 2. The Ettes averaged 10 points per quarter while Follett averaged 14.

Groom came out fired up nailing a quick 16 points but began to lose ground in the second period of play.

Follett had a very good third quarter holding Groom scoring to only five points.

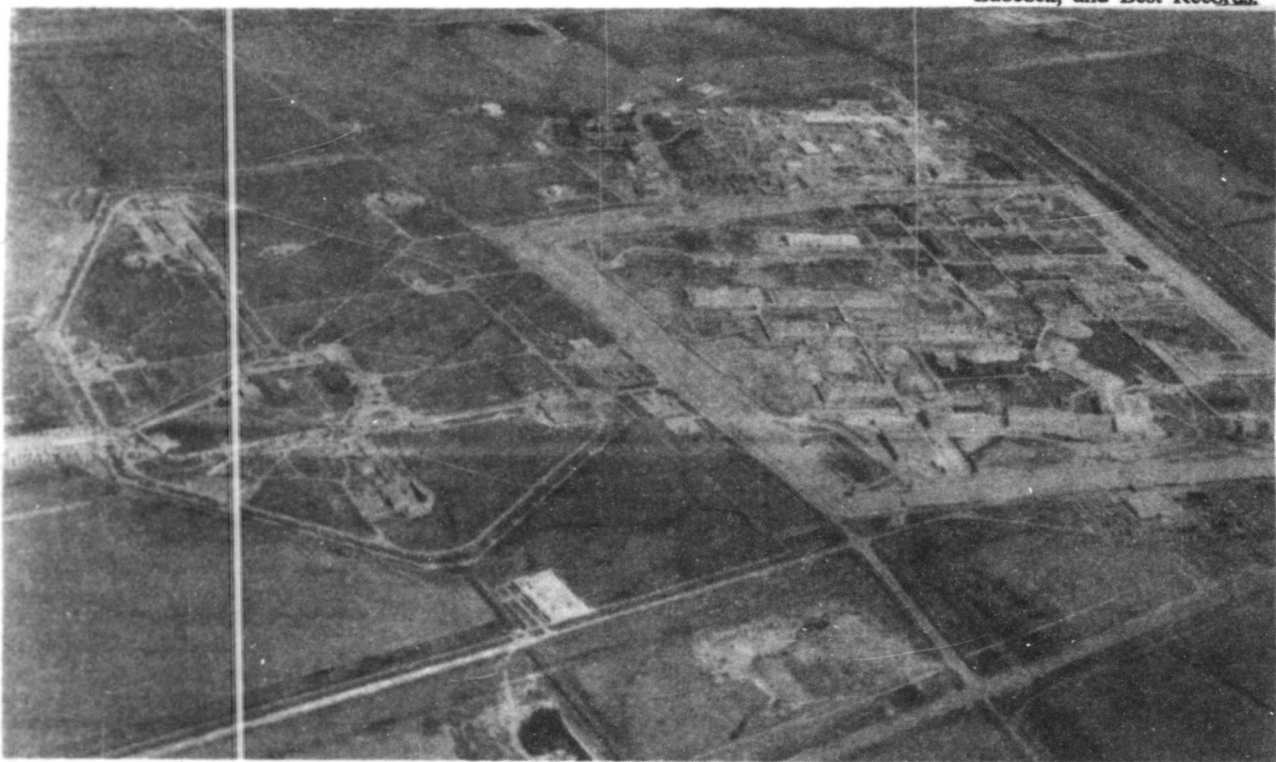
In the Tigers third game, the boys slid by Memphis with a 12 point lead, ending with a 57-45 score. Wes Hall led the scoring with 24 points, Bo Burgin had 10. Seth Ritter and Bryan Crowell each had 8, Bronte Britten had 6 and Bart Britten scored 1.

The girls cinched the third place seat with their victory over Valley in the final match. Misty Homen led the scoring, sinking a total of 24 points. Melanie Friemel added 14 and Kay Case had 13. Sandie

Conrad netted 12, while Rebecca Conrad contributed 7 and Jill Howard made 2 points.

Valley got off to a very slow start averaging only 6.5 points per quarter in the first half compared to Groom's 16.5. The Lady Patriots attempted to rally in the third quarter amassing 17 points. The Ettes averaged 19.5 points for each of the quarters during the second half of play. The final score was Groom 72, Valley 37.

In the Tigers final game Groom held Hedley to single digit scoring in all but the last quarter. The last quarter Hedley scored 21 points. Bo Burgin had a fantastic night, nailing seven 3 point goals. He was high point for the evening with 21. Bryan Crowell scored 10, Wes Hall 9, Seth Ritter 6, Stanley Homer 4, and Bart Britten 2. The final score was Groom 54, Hedley 40.



Wanted:

Citizens to help the government make decisions on the health, safety and environmental issues at Pantex Plant

The Pantex Plant, located 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear weapons. Citizens affected by the plant have asked the Governor's Office, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish a Pantex Plant Citizens' Advisory Board. This board will be an independent group to provide advice to the DOE and various state and federal agencies that regulate Pantex on health, safety, environmental and waste management issues.

In an effort to nominate a diverse and balanced advisory board, we are seeking applications from citizens in the Panhandle area who are able to represent the views of such groups as:

- * Academia
- * Area Residents
- * Labor
- * Local Government
- * Regional residents
- * Current, or past, Pantex Employee
- * Agriculture Community
- * Business Community
- * Environmental Groups
- * Public Interest Groups
- * Other Affected Groups

Applications to serve on the Pantex advisory board are available at the Amarillo Central Library, county clerk's offices in the Panhandle area, the office of this newspaper, or you can telephone (806) 655-2508 to obtain an application.

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Carson County Sheriff's Dept. Investigate Burglaries

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By Loren Brand, Sheriff
The Carson County Sheriff's Department is continuing to investigate a case of criminal mischief which involved several thousand dollars in property damage in Carson and Gray

Counties near Groom. We have greatly appreciated the assistance provided to us by persons having information on this crime and we would certainly welcome further information which might help us bring the matter to resolution.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating two burglaries which were reported on Friday. One burglary involved the theft of a VCR and cash and the other involved the theft of livestock. We are currently following leads on both

burglaries. The Sheriff's Department was called to Groom to investigate a report of a woman and child who had been abandoned on the interstate. Further investigation showed that the woman and child were

in the company of man with a vehicle and that they were simply trying to solicit funds from local residents. We are working with authorities in Oklahoma and New Mexico to prosecute these individuals.

The Sheriff's Department, Texas Highway Patrol and Panhandle Police Department assisted Amarillo authorities in an attempt to locate a stolen vehicle from Arizona. In addition to driving a stolen vehicle, the male and female in the car were suspected of having taken pornographic photographs of a young child in the vehicle. The matter is still under investigation.

Our Department has purchased a lap top computer for investigative purposes in an experimental program where we hope to increase our effectiveness in solving crimes. In addition to basic word processing capabilities, the computer will be outfitted with modem and scan modifications in addition to the Vin Assist Program which has been installed allowing us to better detect altered or falsified serial numbers on vehicles. The system is currently assigned to Deputy Jeff Oldham (White Deer) for evaluation.

Residents of Groom can now anonymously call in crime tip information to 248-7346. The calls are recorded for regular review, but calls requiring immediate notification should still be made to 537-3511 or 9-1-1 in emergencies.

McNeill Speaks To Top O' Texas CattleWomen

Les McNeill, recently installed as President of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Corpus Christi, was guest speaker for the Top O' Texas CattleWomen's membership coffee, November 22, 1993, Lovett Library, Pampa, Texas. Towns represented were Briscoe, Canadian, Groom, Lefors, Pampa, Panhandle, and Wheeler. Hostesses were Pat Youngblood, Sally Youngblood, Lefors; Lilit Brainard, Pampa; Margaret Dauer and Bethel Robinson, Panhandle.

They are happy to have three new members, Bonnie Abraham, Connie Fields and Debbie Ollinger.

Les spoke on Texas Seeks Myth Busters. He stated the Texas Beef Council is looking for a select group of beef industry supporters to become Myth Busters. The Myth Buster program is a national effort coordinated by the National Cattleman's Association to train industry spokespersons on how to improve the overall image of the Cattle Industry.

A total of 20 individuals will be selected as 1994 Texas Myth Busters. Participants will be chosen based on industry involvement, past and present leadership positions, and willingness to commit time and effort to improving the image of the Cattle Industry.

Myth Buster spokespersons will be asked to commit to a 2½ day training session, scheduled for July 17-19, 1994, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Our Christmas meeting will be Monday, December 13th in the Museum, Shamrock at 10:30 a.m.



15 Days Until Christmas

Food Drive

Phil Graham. The administration was notified that Graham's staff will present the Student Council a plaque commending their efforts in this community service.

The ceremony is to take place on December 14th but a firm time has not yet been set.

Britten invited everyone in the Groom area to get

involved by donating some canned food items.

"You can give your donation to any high school student or bring it to school yourself," he stated. "If you know someone who needs help this year be sure to contact any of the local churches, or the school office. We want this to be "A season of plenty" for everyone.



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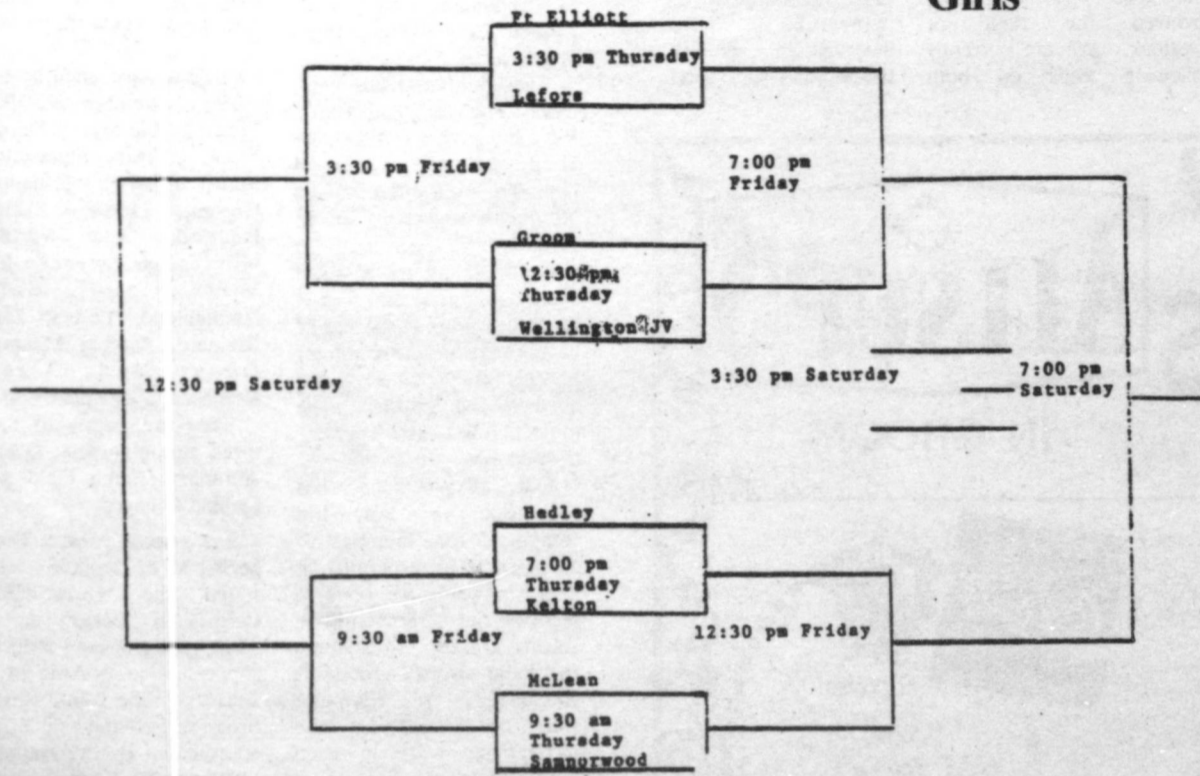
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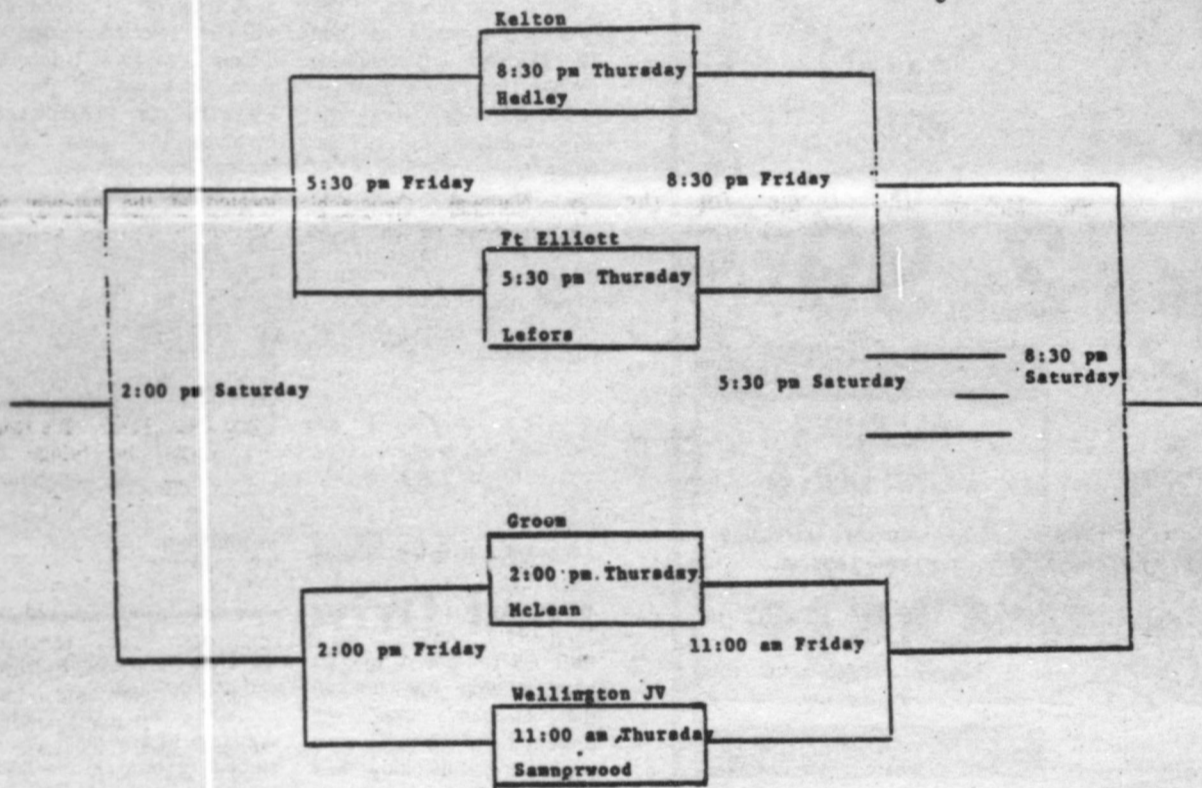
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Girls



Boys



As The Interstate Turns

By Joe Longway

On Thursday, December 2nd a Amarillo man was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and No Liability Insurance. The man's drivers license and license plates from his vehicle were seized prior to his release.

On Friday, December 3rd at approximately 11:15 pm a Arkansas truck driver leaned over to get a Pepsi and ran off the roadway of I-40, six miles east of Groom. The truck and trailer went into the south median and struck a concrete culvert coming to rest on the service road. The driver was cited by Trooper Gary Davis for

Failing to Drive in A Single Lane. The driver sustained no injuries, however, the passenger suffered minor injuries. Earlier that evening a Mesa, Arizona man paid \$125.00 DPS fines out of Reeves, Co. It was later learned that he was on parole for delivery of cocaine.

On Sunday, December 5th Trooper Davis investigated a one vehicle accident at Jericho. The vehicle comes back to a Groom resident. However, the driver was never located. Anyone having any information should contact Trooper Davis or call 248-7346 and leave a message.

Junior High Teams Win Monday

The Junior High basketball teams cleaned up with two victories Monday night in their match with Adrian.

The Cub-ettes scored an easy 33 points to their 22. High point was Jessica Friemel with 10 points. Angie Conrad scored 8, Mary Hutsell 6, April Burton 3, Martie Phillips 2 and Melissa Anthony 2.

Burton pulled off a show stopping 3 pointer just as the buzzer sounded in the first quarter. Katrina Meeker, Maggie Thomas, Sarah Britten, and Dara Whatley played some very good defense for the Ettes.

Another clear victory by

the boys found the end of the match with a score of 46-24. Three boys tied for high point, emphasizing what a well-balanced team this is. Toby Burgin, Michael Huddleston and Daniel Treadwell each scored 10 points. Jimmy Chevedo scored 6, Todd Gray and Jamie Shuck each put in 4 and Marc Miller scored 2.

Defensive standouts were: Josh Evenson, David Fields and Dean Fields.




The Junior High will have an open date next week before the break for Christmas Holidays. Their next game is January 6 against Hedley at Groom.

"It's Jesus' Birthday!"

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Parker Feted With Retirement Party

A Surprise party was given for R.C. Parker, District Court Bailiff, in the district courtroom December 2, 1993 in honor of his 70th birthday and upcoming retirement. The former Department of Public Safety trooper and justice of the peace will retire December 31st. About 100 family, friends, and courthouse associates attended.



Family members attending were his wife, Martha, daughter and husband Kenneth and Michele Bell, son Brad Parker from Canyon, sister Marie Gudge from Wheeler, sister Novalene Simpson from Mobeetie, and brother-in-law and wife

Chuck and Louise Hogan from Mobeetie. Others attending were: Max and Helen Wade, Groom; Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman, Fred Cable, Ted Simmons, Sam Haynes, Thacker and Sharon Haynes, McLean.

Business People Attend Convention



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bolton



Neal Odom



L.H. Webb

L.H. Webb and Neal Odom of the McLean Feedyard and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bolton of the Davis Ranch, all of McLean recently attended Texas Cattle Feeders Association's Convention in Corpus Christi.

"Navigating the '90's" was the theme for the convention. Interests from all over the country including Mexico were represented.

Going "global" with their creative theme of navigation, TCFA scheduled

such motivational speakers as National Geographic photographer DeWitt Jones. That creative artist narrated his presentation on "vision" with the aid of his powerfully beautiful color slides. Offering the TCFA equal inspiration on environmental issues and the myths sustaining them was Dennis Avery of Washington, D.C., the director for the center for Global Food Issues, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, and also Dr. Margaret Maxey, who holds the Clint W. Murchison Chair of Free Enterprise at the University of Texas.

Many in the cattle industry are unaware that outside the Texas Panhandle, "mecca" for feeders, the region south of San Antonio represents the highest concentration of feedyards in Texas. Finding himself at a pivotal point in

"navigating the '90s" and located at the gateway to Mexico is Carrizo Springs' Dr. Jerry Cowley, who has just opened The Rancher's Answer, a new Beef Cattle Consulting & Ranch Management Services business 45 miles from Eagle Pass, Texas. It's twin city across the bridge is Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico.

Working as a catalyst in the High Tech cattle market Cowley and The Rancher's Answer offer breeding specialties and genetics, Artificial Insemination, strategic planning and other progressive management services based on Cowley's "Total Quality Herd Management" foundations.

Commenting on NAFTA's impact on the cattle industry was Dr. Joe Paschal, Beef Cattle Specialist for Texas A&M

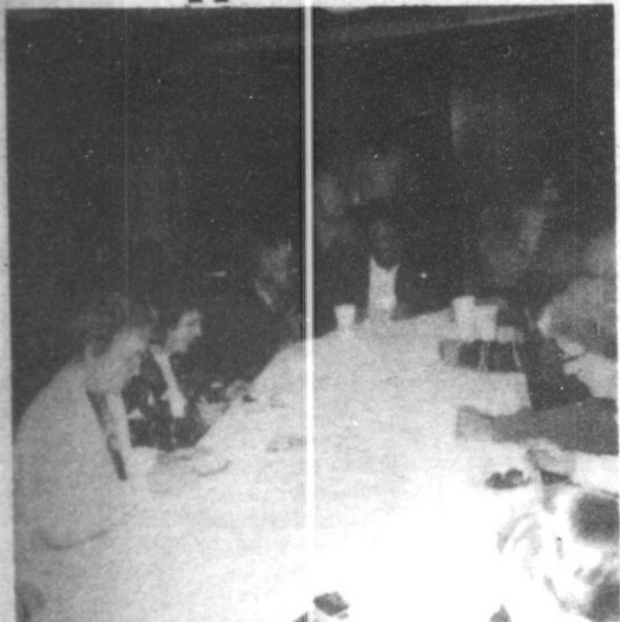
See Convention, pg. 10

Alanreed To Get Exit Lights

At the Community Improvement meeting December 5th Dan Martin chaired the business meeting. In order of business Jeanie Adams read the minutes. As old business Dixie Crockett reported that in reply to our petition sent into the Highway division that our request for exit lights was put on the agenda for the coming year. Dan Martin had drafted a letter which was signed by most local people and the "Homecoming Crowd" in June. They also honored

our request for mowing our access roads. New business: The letter committee will meet Tuesday night to draft letters concerning some pressing matters to be sent out. After business was concluded a covered dish supper was enjoyed by: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bode, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Dan and Chris Martin, Jeanie Adams and Rose Hall, Nell Keese and Lena Carter, Sid Keese and Dixie Crockett. Our thanks to Dixie for use of her facilities.

Chili Supper



Everyone had a good time at the Ministerial Alliance chili supper. All donations are deeply appreciated at this time of year. Anyone wishing to make a donation can see Dean Williamson, Treasurer of the alliance.

Carter Announces Bid For Re-Election



Wanda Carter, Gray County Clerk, has announced her candidacy for re-election, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held on March 8, 1994.

Wanda Carter is a veteran of the Clerk's office, having worked for 17 years as a deputy for Charlie Thut. She first ran for the office when Mr. Thut retired in 1970.

"There have been many changes in the office," she said, "and many projects are underway which must be completed. These include Court work, fees and costs which are being transferred to computer, and upgrading real estate indices for a 13 year merge. These records are used daily. A new report was recently ordered by the Supreme Court of

Texas for fees ordered by Judges to be paid to/guardians ad litem and to Court appointed attorneys."

County Clerks are charged with numerous duties, including that of chief elections officer for the County.

"I am conservative by nature and upbringing, and will continue to be responsible and responsive to the citizens of this County," Carter reported.

She is married to Charles L. Carter, and they have one son Randy. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Chamber of Commerce, County & District Clerk's Association of Texas, Pampa Chapter #65, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Board of Directors of Panhandle Community Services for 12 years and serves on the Audit and Finance Committee, Public Relations Committee and Executive Committee.

"If re-elected, I pledge to continue the same courteous, efficient and fair service which you have enjoyed in the past," she said. "I sincerely appreciate your past support and solicit that support in the future. This is your office."

Reminders

LODGE PRACTICE is every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

LOVETT MEMORIAL Library will be closed Dec. 18th through Jan. 2nd, 1993.

METHODIST CHURCH Cantata will be presented Dec. 12th at 7:00 pm.

VARSITY TEAMS will play in the Samnorwood Tournament Dec. 9-11.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 9 at 4:00 pm at Wanda Lamb's home.

SCHOOL BOARD meets on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm.

50TH WEDDING Anniversary reception for Bill and Katy Graham will be Dec. 19th from 2-4 pm at the Devil's Rope Museum.

Briefs

Chris Littlefield of the Pitchfork Ranch visited last weekend with the McMordies and J. Boyd Smith.

J. Boyd Smith went to Masonic Grand Lodge in Waco, Texas and will give a report this Thursday at Lodge.

Jodie Thomas is doing well after surgery. She is in High Plains Baptist Hospital. As of press time she should be back home.

McLEAN BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

December 9 - Katy Graham, Verna Biggers, Allen Turpen.

December 11 - Doris Windom, Mrs. Otis Ford.

December 12 - Dr. Harold Fabian, Boyd Lee Thompson, Betty Lou Davis, Bobby Sanderson.

December 13 - Darla McAnear, Wayne Bybee, Creed Lamb.

December 14 - Sheri Haynes.

December 15 - Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Jo Blaylock, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Michelle Basham, Mary Basham.

More Briefs

On Thanksgiving day the family of Bill and Katy Graham gathered in the home of their daughter Mary Gabel in Canyon for a delicious meal. They also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary early with a cake and a photographer to take family pictures.

Those present were Mary and her children, Gina, Sarah, Paul and James; their daughter Kathy Henslee, her husband Mark, and their children Will and Rachel from Monte Vista, Colorado, and Mark's father Harold Henslee of Amarillo. Also present were their son, Perry Graham, his wife Kim and their children Joy and Holly of Canyon.

It was a time of remembering and giving thanks to the Lord for His mercy and loving kindness. Praise the Lord!!

Card Of Thanks

We want to thank everyone who sent cards, called or made visits to the hospital while Forrest was there.

Sincerely,
Clara and Forrest Hupp

Coffee Memorial Holds Blood Drive At Bank Of Commerce

Coffee Memorial Blood Center extends to the residents of McLean an invitation to give a "unique gift", as well as become a "Friend For Life". All it requires is a commitment to donate blood during the Holiday Season. A time of the year when area hospitals may face critical shortages due to an overall decrease of blood donations; primarily because There's No Time! A small amount of your time could result in a Lifetime for that special hospital patient who happens to be your "Type".

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Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff will be at the Bank of Commerce on Tuesday, December 14th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Your special "Holiday" donation of life-saving blood will assure area hospitals of having adequate blood inventories for the weeks ahead - and "Santa" will assure that each blood donor receives a specifically designed "Holiday Hero" T-Shirt.

Brother of Local Passes Away

Word was received here last week of the death of Marvin (Putt) Rawling's brother of Hiram Rawling's here. Putt and wife Juanita lived over in the Mug Castlebury house for several years.

Denna Tidwell and Nora Drago were in Pampa on Thursday for medical attention for Nora.

Susie Martin and Sherri, Kathy Dorsey and Lana Dorsey were shopping in Amarillo Saturday.

Shawn and Paul Bruce of Pampa accompanied the Robert Bruces to First

Baptist Church Sunday.

Brenda McLain visited with sister Tammy last week.

Twentieth Century Study Club Christmas party at the Church of Christ Annex will be Thursday in McLean. This has been a 60 year tradition at the Alanreed School. But the school is closed to the community.

Visiting the R.L. Leeders Monday was daughter Sharon and children of Clarendon. They had just returned from a visit to old Mexico.

Clulee Receives Meritorious Mast

Marine Lance Cpl. Ryan T. Clulee, whose wife, Angie, is the daughter of John T. and Karen Y. Harden of McLean, Texas, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

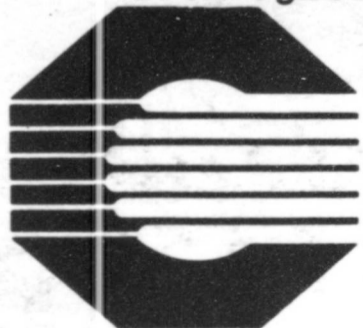
Clulee was cited for outstanding service while assigned 1st Marine Aircraft Logistics Squadron 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service records.

The 1991 graduate of Hahnville High School of Boutte, La., joined the Marine Corps in October, 1991.



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Care Center Has Open House

By Mark Adams
Tina Thomas bought new decorations for our Christmas tree which we completed on Thursday, December 2nd. It looks great next to our new large screen TV. Annie Eudey returned from observations at Wheeler's Parkview Hospital on Thursday and she, along with all of us really liked the color of our December News letters. The Country Corner donuts and McLean newspapers were another great treat. Clyde Trusty joined 42 players Teresa Richardson, Dick Wheeler and Adelle Walker.

Large potted plants from Mary and Lloyd Bybee, found homes in the rooms of Mary Boston, Harris D'Spain, John Haynes, Robbie Wilson, Mary Sligar, Lorene Arbuckle, Leon Burch and our conference room.

The catered open house on Friday was attended by over 200 visitors. Many flowers and plants were sent by folks who couldn't attend.



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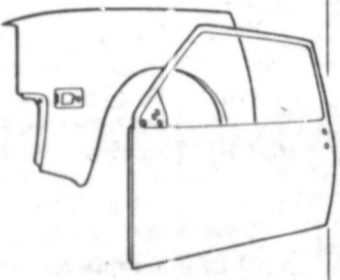
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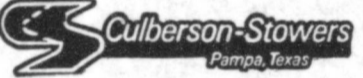
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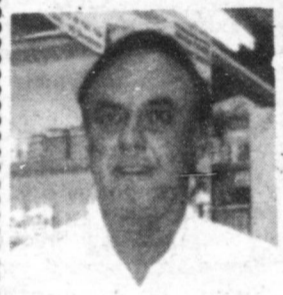
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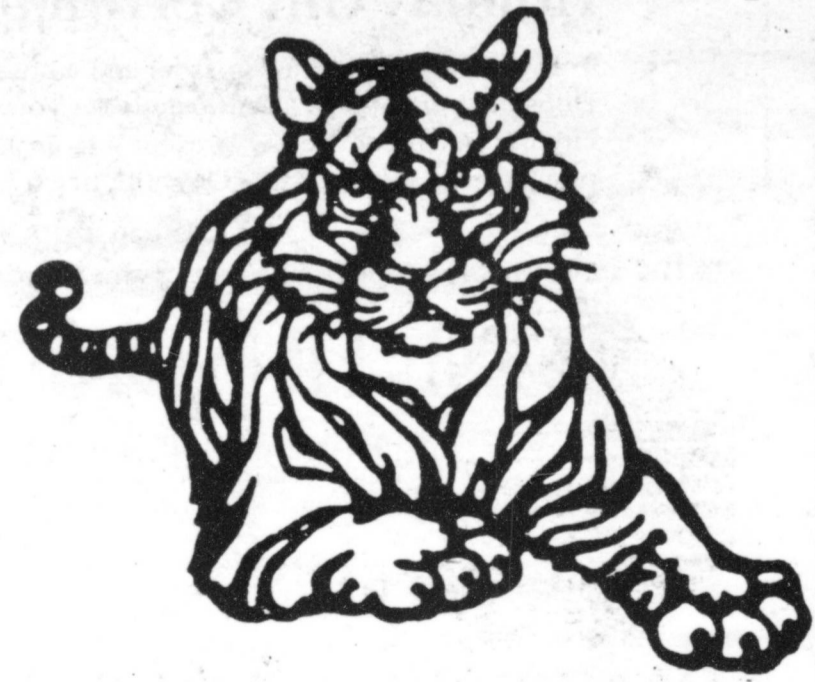
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University's Agricultural Extension Service at Corpus Christi. "The TCFA Convention is an event which focusses the trends and the communication. As for Texas A&M's 'Ranch to Rail' program, this can

profit ranches if they have the genetics and the herd health programs to sustain this retained ownership."

Among other Panhandle cattlemen "navigating the '90s' at the Texas Cattle Feeders convention at Corpus Christi were Allen

Webb and his son L.H. Webb of McLean. Along with Joe Hathoot, General Manager of Canadian Feedyard and McLean Feedyard, Inc., who is a past president of TCFA, the Webbs partner in those two feedlots. Their McLean yard manager Neal Odom also owns part of that operation.

Characteristic of the Panhandle "frontiersman" tendency to innovate, Allen Webb said of retained ownership and partnering "Oh, we've tried everything in the world! And we're open to any kind of business proposition anybody would like to present to us."

His son, L.H. Webb, owner of the Seven Cross Ranch at McLean, sees retained ownership as "Another opportunity to expand profit potential. It may not always work but it's

something a rancher should take a look at every year and put a pencil to," says this producer. In actuality, L.H. Webb utilizes full computer technology in running the Seven Cross Ranch.

Computerized ranching and retained ownership are instinctive to L.H. Webb's neighbors at McLean, Texas, Jim and Pernie Davis of the Davis Ranch. They are developers of a new financial analysis software package "CashCow" in collaboration with Houston's Doug Kelsay of Agri-Soft, Inc. and agricultural economist Dr. Stan Parsons of the Ranching for Profit Schools.

The Davis Ranch has also consulted with Carrizo Springs breeding specialist Dr. Jerry Cowley about new avenues for a cow/calf enterprise.

"Any investment we would make in genetic

selection towards beef quality," says Jim Davis, "would indicate the inevitability of retaining ownership through the feedlot. That option we carry in our hip pocket."

Entrepreneur Davis is a third-generation Panhandle stockman.

New manager of the Davis Ranch, Doug Bolton from Arizona, with wife Rhonda is fresh out of Stan Parsons' Ranching for Profit School at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Boltons work closely on strategic planning with the Davises. Bolton, who also trains Border Collies for the public as a rancher's "total quality management tool," describes a preliminary venture at the Davis Ranch.

"With our new Chi-Angus program here, we're definitely looking towards a future, should the scenario indicate it, which would

include profit potential from retaining ownership through the feedlot with some of these Chi-Angus cattle."

McLean Care Center Auxiliary News

By Mark Adams
The MCC Auxiliary met last Wednesday.

The 1994 booklet will be ready for proof-reading by December 21st. It will include members names and phone numbers.

Birthday party dates for each month will be chosen and it was decided that auxiliary meetings will be held immediately after the monthly birthday parties.

Special occasion parties will be scheduled.

In other business, two rolls of film will be developed and a new photo album is needed. The Auxiliary made nearly \$200.00 during the November 20th Bake Sale and Louise Turner extends her thanks to all donors and shoppers. Betty Lowe helped register our guests for the open house and recommended we try to schedule entertainers for the December 21st birthday party, and invite all auxiliary members and volunteers to come enjoy the show.

Bill Thomas addressed the meeting, thanking everyone for another great year and offered his support for our next event: The Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m. We want Santa to attend and Buddy Payne is planning a concert to go along with our gift-opening party.

Obituary

Nora Belle Weddle Moore

Nora Belle Weddle Moore, 85, mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, December 3, 1993. Services were Monday at the First Baptist Church in McLean with Q.D. Bevil and Brother Buell Wells, both of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Moore was born on January 18, 1908, in Glen Rose. She married W.T. Belle Moore in Glen Rose on May 23, 1922. He preceded her in death on November 18, 1974. She was self-employed. She was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by three grandchildren.

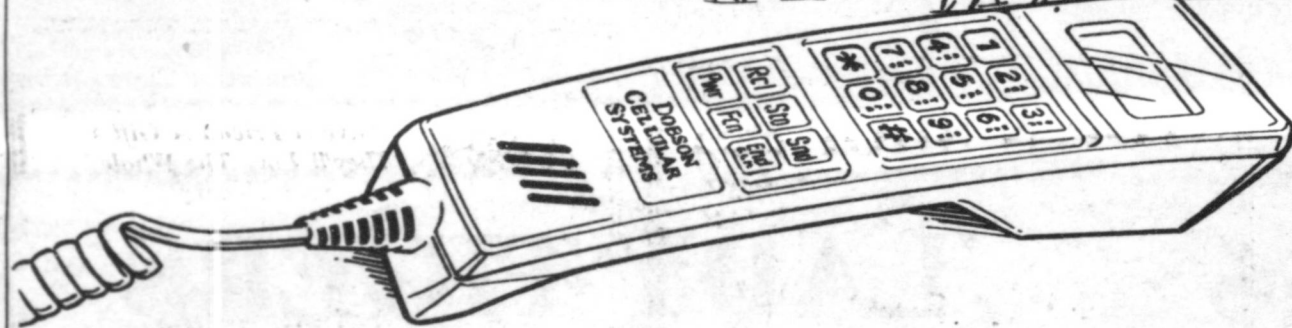
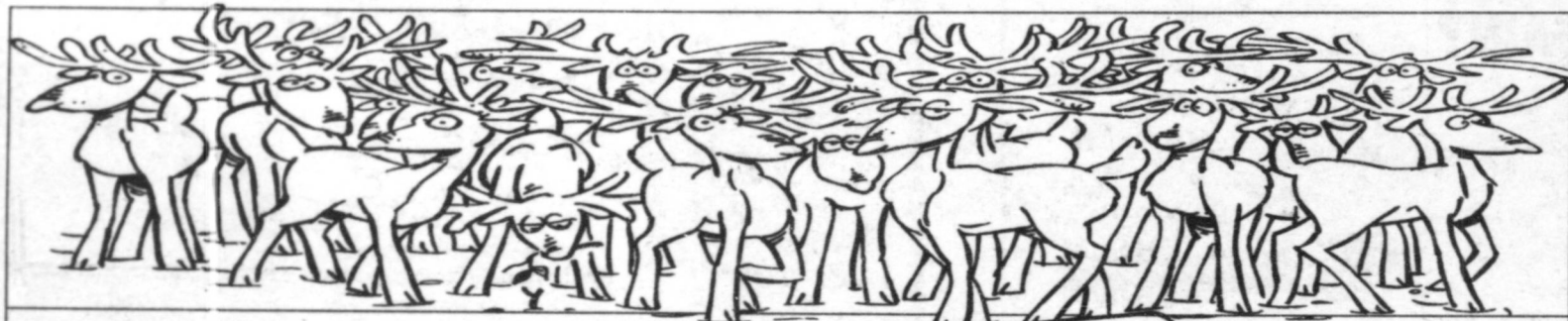
Survivors include three daughters, Mary Plum of Scott City, Kan., Willie Mae Brooks of Austin and Helen Harlen Smith of Perryton; four sons, Jairrel Moore of Amarillo, Chalmus Moore of McLean, Wayne Moore of Forgan, Oklahoma, and Harl Moore of Pampa; two brothers, Woodroe Weddle of Dalan Springs, Ariz., and Charles Weddle of Kamiah, Idaho; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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"Home For The Holidays" Deemed Success

The Square House Museum got into the spirit of the holiday season last week with two successful events.

On Thursday evening, we participated in the Panhandle Merchants' Old Fashioned Christmas. The Museum stayed open until 7:00 p.m., and visitors were treated to refreshments provided by the Museum staff. In a special Museum drawing, Flo Richardson won a Square House cookbook and Joyce Frasier won a Conway Church tree ornament. The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the Eclipse Windmill tower. This is the first time since it was

completed in 1968 that lights have been placed on the tower. After the lighting, members of Panhandle Girl Scout Troops 138, 139, 147, and 160 sang a medley of Christmas carols to an appreciative group of onlookers. The Museum wishes to thank Diane Forbes and the Scouts for their participation in this unique event.

On Saturday afternoon, Kent Watson of Groom presented a piano recital in the Brown Auditorium. For more than an hour, he performed works by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Adinsell, Gershwin, and Joplin, ending with a medley of Christmas carols. His

playing was superb, holding the audience spellbound with his keyboard virtuosity.

Following the recital, there was a reception for Mr. Watson and for the participants in the Museum's season exhibit, "Home for the Holidays." The Director would like to thank Bethel Robinson, Brenda Skaastad, Dr. Susana Katz, and the Museum staff for providing refreshments, and Joyce Hoffman and Sharon Maples for hosting the affair.

"Home for the Holidays" consists of personal memories of the Christmas season, some fond and others not so fond. These memories are accompanied by pictures and objects. Individuals and entire families have participated in the exhibit, resulting in 18 very different reminiscences and a wide variety of material.

Equally popular are the 368 wooden ornaments on the tree, handmade and painted by Janie Kotara of Panhandle; the 37 annual Christmas cards, handmade by Barbara Sparks Nunn; and the 23 antique greeting cards and seasonal postcards from the Museum's collection. None of these items have ever been displayed as complete collections before, and every visitor to the exhibit has come away impressed and pleased.

"Home for the Holidays" will be on display in the Hazlewood Building through January 2, as will "Like Father, Like Son: Images of Sam and Temple Houston" in the Square House.

Needle Club

hostesses.

Time was spent reminiscing about humorous and unusual events at past meetings through the years.

Charter members in 1939 were: Frances Angel, Ruth Campbell, Ivy Clark, Doshia Cornett, Irene Crowell,

Noreen Culver, Marguerite Dean, Elsie Eschle, Nettie Fields, Ora Lea Garmon, Mary Helm, Annie B. Kirk, Mary Knorpp, Lucille Morrow, Lynabel Newton, Cleo Nix, Aileen Ragsdale, Ridgeway, Betty Scarborough, Dorothy Spence, Louise Thorp, Ethel Townsend, Mamie Williams, and Helen Witt. There were many more members for various periods of time through the years.

Nettie Fields, Cleo Nix, Mamie Pool, and Helen Witt attended the first and final meetings of the club.

With sadness, but with wonderful memories, the group left the party after 54 years of friendship, changes and interesting activities, but they still plan to meet occasionally for impromptu meals at a cafe and a visit.

Sims

approximately nine years of trial and prosecutorial experience in Potter and Armstrong Counties including three years as First Assistant District Attorney for 47th Judicial District Attorney Danny E. Hill.

Sims is the son of Billy Mac and Lennie Sims and grandson to John and Ethyl "Mama" Coleman all of Wellington. Sims also has an identical twin brother, Richard, who is married to Jane Richardson formerly of Memphis.

Born and raised in Wellington, Sims is a graduate of Wellington High School where he was valedictorian of his class of 1976. As a WHS student, he was member and office holder in the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and band. He also participated in one act plays and all sports at WHS. He is a Bronze Palm Eagle Scout.

Upon graduation from Texas Tech University School of Law, Sims became a Potter County Prosecutor where he initially prosecuted juvenile

offenders and handled more juvenile offenders in eight months than had been previously handled in over a two year period. Once transferred to the prosecution of misdemeanor offenders, Sims built up an impressive conviction record where he was well known for his preparedness and creativity.

Sims then became a Chief Felony Trial Attorney in the 47th District Attorney's Office, where he was responsible for a trial docket that received at least three hundred new cases a year. During his four years in that position, Sims successfully prosecuted over twelve hundred felony offenders and tried over sixty felony jury trials including the prosecution of capital murder offenders.

From that position, he was promoted to First Assistant District Attorney where he became supervisor to ten felony trial attorneys, six secretaries, and two investigators in an office that handles approximately fourteen hundred new felony indictments yearly. He held that position until announcing to run for

district attorney of the 100th Judicial District.

Throughout his life, he has continued to work on the family owned ranch. He is a member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, National District Attorneys Association, State Bar of Texas, Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, and the Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program for juvenile offenders. He has also enjoyed teaching at various police academies as well as speaking to adult and youth groups.

"If elected, it will be my pleasure to help protect the citizens of this district by aggressively prosecuting felony offenders and helping to educate our youth as to what is expected of them by society so that they do not become offenders themselves."



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