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Farewell Dinner Set

Sunday For Msgr. Hand

Msgr. Kevin Hand will be honored Sunday, June 8 at St. Mary's Hall with a farewell appreciation picnic and reception. Msgr. Hand will be leaving Groom on the following week for his annual visit to his home in Ireland. When he returns to the States, he will be pastor of the Catholic church in Nazareth.

Msgr. Hand has served in the Amarillo diocese since June of 1952. He came to St. Mary's Parish in September, 1985. He has served churches in the diocese in Amarillo, Wellington, Childress, Dalhart, Vega and Dumas. He also served as

co-pastor for Christ the King in Lubbock before being transferred to Groom.

Father Hand will be saying his last Mass in Groom on Sunday, June 8. Father Zinzer will fill in until July when Father Richard Neyser will be transferred to Groom from Borger.

Everyone is invited to the picnic and reception honoring Msgr. Hand. Persons are asked to bring a dish to pass to the noon luncheon. All drinks, utensils, etc. will be furnished.

For those unable to attend the picnic, a reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Area Baseball Games Called

Baseball season is suffering from the wet conditions as games last week and early this week have been canceled due to rain. Make-up games will be scheduled as soon as possible.

The Little League lost by only one run on their last outing last Thursday in Clar-

endon against the Yankees. The Yankees scored 6 runs to Groom's 5. Corkey Hickey scored two runs for Groom and teammates Rhett Patterson, Bronte Britten and Kristy Case scored one a piece. Pitchers for the evening were Bronte and Bruce Britten.

Groom Remains Wet After 2" Soaking

Groom remains soaked this week with another 2.17 inches of rainfall accumulating during the past week. The largest amount fell on Monday, June 2 with gauges in the City showing over an inch of moisture.

The wheat crop in the area is ready to cut when the weather conditions allow the fields to dry. So far area farmers are taking the weather in stride though harvest and milo planting are both being delayed. No damage to crops is evident at this time.

Homemaking Underway

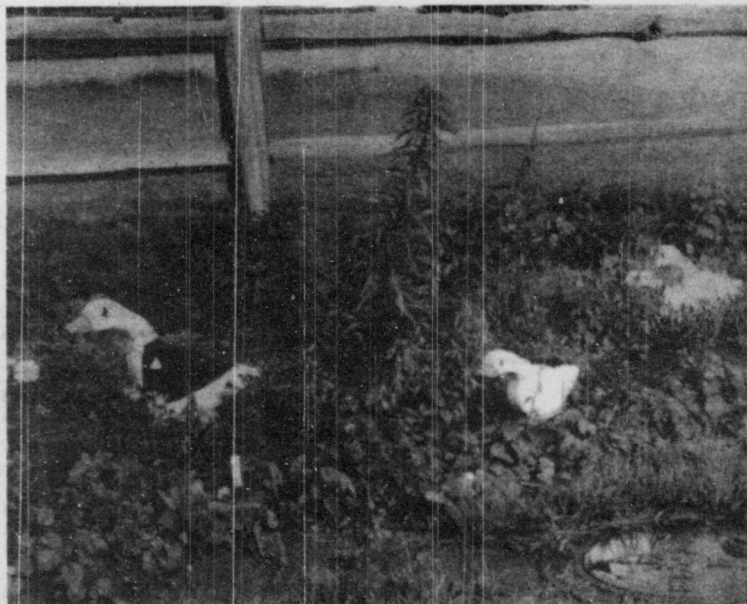
Summer Homemaking projects are underway by some 25 girls involved in summer homemaking classes at Groom Schools. Mrs. Judy Babcock, sponsor, reports that 9 incoming freshmen will also soon begin projects.

Summer homemaking projects will include sewing, refinishing furniture and planning sessions for FHA. Some special cooking classes will also be held. Mrs. Babcock stated that the classes are open to any interested individuals whether adults or students from the community. She will be at the school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through July 3 and will be happy to assist anyone from the community with projects they would like to undertake.

She has scheduled a number of programs during the sessions and the public is more than welcome to attend. The first will be Monday, June 9 when Alice Wells gives a demonstration on lace weaving.

The second will be June 19 conducted by Adela Kotara on quilt squares. The final program will be conducted by Joyce Hutsell on calligraphy, July 1.

All the programs will begin at 10 a.m.



This little ducky family got drenched Monday when a downpour left more than an inch of rain in Groom. The family of wooden ducks handpainted by Darlene Jones adds just the right touch to the landscape.

Voters To Decide Run-off State Election Saturday

Voting in Primary run-off elections will be Saturday, June 8. Democrats will again vote at St. Mary's and the Republicans will vote in the Math room at Groom Schools. The same entrance will be used.

Persons who voted in the Primary election May 3 must cast ballots with the same party in the run-off election. If you missed voting on May 3, you can cast a ballot in either the Democratic or Republican run-off.

Four places will be decided on the Republican ballot: For Lt. Governor, David Davidson faces Aaron L. Bullock; For Attorney General, Roy R. Barrera Jr. vs. Ed Walsh; For Commissioner of the General Land Office, M.D. Anderson, Jr. vs. Grady T. Yarbrough; and for Railroad Commissioner John Thomas Henderson vs. Milton E. Fox.

Races undecided in the Democratic primary and to

be voted on in the runoff will be as follows: Railroad Commissioner, John Sharp vs. P.S. Ervin; Justice of the Supreme Court Place 1, Oscar Mauzy vs. Shirley Butts; Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 2, Robert M. Campbell vs. Jim Brady; Justice of the

Supreme Court, Place 4, an unexpired term, Raul Gonzalez vs. Jay Gibson; Judge for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, George "Jorge" Martinez vs. Rusty Duncan.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

Day Camp begins Tuesday for ages 5 and up. Call Donna Burton for more information or join us at the Park, June 10.

The Carson County Roping is set for July 27. There will be a meeting at Lonny Brown's at 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 6, 310 Choctaw in Groom. Anyone interested please come. For more information call 248-6241.

Free demonstration on lace weaving will be held Monday, June 9 at the school at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the demonstration by Alice Wells.

Groom Swimming Pool will be open Sunday.

Lazy Dazys meet Tuesday, June 10 in the home of Debbie Britten, 7:30 p.m.

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Week, June 9-15



Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

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Local Happenings

Mrs. Ellen Stapp attended the 64th anniversary of the Hartly Davises in Alanreed Sunday.

Edna Terbush attended the Kunkel family reunion in Amarillo Sunday. Later in the day she visited in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Kunkel. Others visiting there were Mr. and Mrs. Carter Veazy of Clovis, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Kunkel, Clara Faye Rogers of Dumas, Carl Kunkel Jr., Drucilla Maxwell and Vernon Rogers of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bralley visited in Las Vegas last week with their new grandson Jeffery Jordon and his three year old sister Taylor. Jeffery Jordon Bouchard arrived May 14 and weighed 9 pounds and 11 ounces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bouchard of 6548 Wheelbarrow Peak Drive in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Jake Lacys were in Turkey Sunday to take part in a Memorial Day service at the Dreamland Cemetery. Jake Lacy and Dr. Ronald Lacy of Amarillo were both part of the choir performing during the service.

Irene Kotara attended the wedding of Jennifer Franklin to Mike Rapstine in Panhandle Saturday night.

Marcia Davis and Gary Britten were recent graduates for West Texas State University in commencement exercises held for the spring of 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lacy spent Memorial Day in Turkey, Tex. with his brother, Jake Lacy.

Essie Cooper Knowles is enjoying a visit in Houston with her daughter Yvonne. Over the Memorial weekend she spent a wonderful four days with 27 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at a condominium at Cape Royale on Lake Livingston. She enjoyed boating and watching the children fish and play games.

On Thursday the 29, back in Houston, she celebrated her birthday with her family. The remainder of her visit will be spent with the different families in the area. She will be returning to Groom in early June.

Wynell Finck of Panhandle attended the graduation of her sister, Rose Leven Friday.

Visiting in the home on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Babcock and Bill Babcock of Amarillo.

Mrs. Barbara Leven, Edna Terbush and Daniel Peters were shopping in Amarillo Friday.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Podzemny of Perryton on the arrival of a son born Sunday, June 1, 1986 in Amarillo. Adam Michael was the name chosen for the 6 pound, 9 ounce new arrival. He is welcomed by his six-year-old sister, Audra.

Proud grandparents are Bobby Cornett of Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Podzemny of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Haning and daughter Jennifer announce the arrival of Jarrod Gilbert at 3:40 p.m., June 2. Jarrod weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces and is welcomed also by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Peeler Haning of Fritch and Zoah Britten of Groom.

Nightin' Gals

Mrs. Carl Homer and Mrs. B.F. Patterson hosted Nightin' Gals Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality room of the State National Bank.

Mrs. Glynn D Harrell had high score and Mrs. W.M. Garmon had low score in games of Pinochle.

Others present were Mrs. L.T. Banks, Mrs. J.L. Case, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. C.L. Fields, Mrs. Ted Friemel, Mrs. Kenneth Black, Mrs. John Hickox, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. O.A. Pool, Mrs. Jim Wall, Mrs. R.W. Wills and Mrs. H.F. Britten.

Honor Roll

Eight hundred ten West Texas State University students were included on the Dean's List for the Spring semester.

Students must achieve a semester grade-point average of at least 3.25 (of a possible 4.0) with a class load of at least 12 semester hours. Students whose GPAs are 3.85 or better are listed on the President's List.

Reta Jenkins was named to the President's list with a GPA of 4.0.

Qualifying for the Dean's List were Marcia Davis and Beth Kuehler.

Cards Of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and relatives for the cards, phone calls, food and concern given us when Irma's brother died in Washington. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Page and Irma Blackwell

To all who came to our reception and/or dance and to those who called, sent cards, flowers and gifts, we want to say a most sincere "Thank you" for making our fortieth anniversary so special.

And to our family for the planning and work you did, we can never say "Thank you" enough. This occasion leaves us with many, many fond memories. For us, it has been priceless.

Our sincerest appreciation to one and all and God bless! Bud and Margaret Babcock

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Heather Patterson



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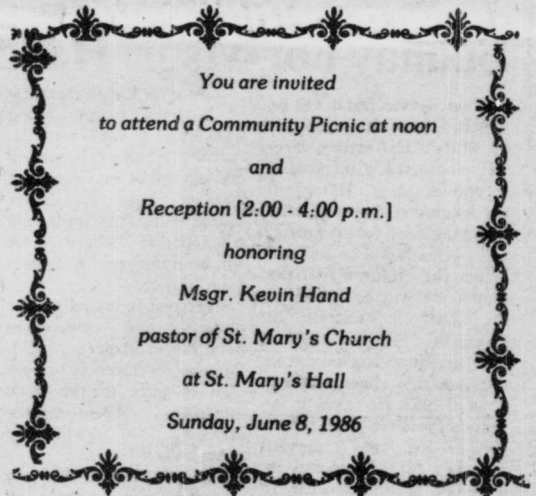
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honoring
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at St. Mary's Hall
Sunday, June 8, 1986

Ruby Milton
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75th Birthday
at a reception given by her children
Jack, Sue and Beth
June 7th, 1986
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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Babcocks Celebrate 40 Years Of Marriage

To commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of their parents, the children of Bud and Margaret Babcock hosted a reception at 7:30 p.m. on May 31, 1986 in Groom Legion Hall.

A white and blue four-tiered cake was served from a white lace-covered table by granddaughter Karen Babcock while her sister, Susan, served punch.

A picture of the couple with their attendants, Zoah Britten and Tom Britten, was on display along with the top that adorned their wedding cake on May 27, 1946.

For the dance that followed, tables were covered in white with blue streamers. Colorful balloons, pot plants and floral arrangements completed the setting. One special bouquet was shipped by Don and Bunny York and boys from Hilo, Hawaii.

Sharing hosting duties for the festivities were Gary Don and Cindy Babcock; Denny and Carol Babcock and Kenny and Linda Babcock of Groom and Vince and Joyce Barclay of Vega. Grandchildren are Cody, Marci, Dusty, Buck, Clint, Karen and Susan Babcock and T.J. and Kaci Barclay.

Out-of-town guests included those from Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eakin and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schaefer and Jenny, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Davis and grandsons Dave and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Keith Black, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Street, Vernon Baggerman, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schaffer and Vi Dunham.

From Amarillo were Roy Lee Brown, Dr. and Mrs. John Albracht, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoerner, Kalli and Chad, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Britten and Frances Cannon.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Reck, Claude; James Britten, Shannon Paul and friend Dawn McGolden, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farley, Clarendon; Connie Crowell, Perryton; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Meador, McLean; from Michigan, Tommy Britten. And a host of relatives and friends from Groom, Grandview and the surrounding area.



Shelley Ann Barnett Weds David Britten

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnett announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelley Ann Barnett to David Lee Britten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Britten of Clarendon. The couple plans an August 16 wedding at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom.



Vacation Bible School

June 9, 10, 12, & 13

6:30 — 8:00 P.M.

Groom
United Methodist Church

Ages 2 — 12 yrs.

Summer Reading Begins In June

"Celebrate America" is the theme of the summer reading program at the Groom Branch Library.

The first story hour will be Wednesday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at the Community Club House.

The second story hour will be June 18 at 1 p.m. at the Club House. The programs will be presented by the Groom FHA girls under the direction of Loretta Kuehler.

All children age four and up are invited.

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There was talent galore the last day of school as teachers Annetta Childress, Cheryl Gillispie and Susan

Burgin acted out "Three Billy Goats Gruff." Pam Hutsell, not shown, played the part of the Ogre.

Collin Downs did his part for the third grade's rock band.

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Running Bear Angie Conrad performed a song.

Scholarships Awarded GHS Graduates

Principal Kenneth Sweatt presented special awards to 1986 Seniors during graduation exercises Friday at the School Auditorium. All selections for special awards and scholarships to seniors are made by the high school faculty and administration.

Melissa Fields, class Valedictorian, received that award in addition to the State National Bank award which is based on citizenship, athletic ability and scholarship. She was also selected to receive the Most Outstanding Girl award for citizenship, scholarship and service.

Robbie Kuehler received the Salutatorian award and the S.S. Scott Scholarship based on citizenship, post secondary aspirations, leadership and service.

Tim Weinheimer was recipient of two awards. He was named the Outstanding Boy of the class presented for scholarship, citizenship and service. He also received the Parent Teacher Organization scholarship based on post secondary aspirations, citizenship, leadership and service.

Lindy Kotara was given the Eldred N. James Memorial Scholarship award based on citizenship, leadership, post secondary aspirations and service. She was also the third highest ranking student, receiving that award as well.

The Future Farmers of America Scholarship was presented to Tim Case. The award is made based on post secondary aspirations, citizenship, leadership and service. Consideration is also given to work performed in agricultural fields.

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Don't Forget

The 50th Annual Alanreed Homecoming will be held this Sunday in the Alanreed gym. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

The McLean School Board will have its monthly meeting on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the school business office.

The McLean City Council will meet on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

William Hayes Speaks At Graduation; Junior High Exercises Held Friday



High School Commencement Exercises for McLean's Seniors were held Friday night at the First Baptist Church.

The invocation was given by Melanie Billingsley.

In the Salutatory address, Bob Patman said, "The class has been one of loving, caring friends." In speaking of the parents, teachers and friends in the audience, he said, "There is not one among you who hasn't affected our lives."

Wendy McDowell, giving the Valedictory address, called her fellow graduates "The class that can." She said, "The word that determines our success is 'can.' Success is never final and failure is never fatal. We shall take the high way and we shall conquer the mountain of life."

Presentation of awards was given by Principal Pete Bateman. Valedictorian Wendy McDowell received a scholarship from the McLean Teachers Association and the Texas State Teachers Association. She also won the C.R. Smilo Mallison Scholarship.

Bob Patman, who also got a scholarship from the Texas State Teachers Association, was the winner of the Madge Page Scholarship. This award is given to the student who shows the most merit, leadership qualities, citizenship and participation in UIL and other activities. Patman said he would share the scholarship, which pays \$500 per semester, with Wendy McDowell.

Jim Ridgway, who ranked third in his class this year, won a \$150 scholarship from Beta Sigma Phi and a \$150 scholarship from the McLean Volleyball Association.

The Carl D. Henley Scholarship, was given to Russell Littlefield. It will provide \$100 per semester for as long as he attends school.

O. William Hayes, the owner of an Amarillo advertising firm, was the guest speaker. He encouraged the graduates to "have some goals and have some dreams." He said, "If you want something out of life, you have to set a goal and then ask yourself how to reach it." He said the key ingredients to success are "attitude and gratitude, determination and cooperation."

Diplomas were presented by Superintendent Jim Rutherford and School Board President Joe Magee. The members of the 1986 graduating class were: Kirk Anderson, Vicki Armbrister, Amy Barnard, Melanie Billingsley, Chet Bohlar, David Campbell, Martin Gatley, Billy Langley, Russell Littlefield, Wendy McDowell, Bob Patman, Connie Rawlings, Jim Ridgway, Donnie Smith, Lee Ann Tate and Kristie Thompson.

At the end of the ceremonies, the Benediction was given by Lee Ann Tate.

The processional and recessional were played by Joyce Haynes and Ida Hess. The class song "Friends" was directed by Ida Hess.

Graduation ceremonies for McLean's Junior High students were held on Friday night at the High School auditorium.

In the Valedictorian's address, Kim Orrick thanked the parents, teachers and friends who helped the students during their Junior High years. She said, "We have shared many memories we will cherish. We wish to thank our parents, teachers and friends for being there when times were tough. What we have gained in Junior High will prepare us for High School."

Salutatorian Danna Watson echoed those sentiments in her address. She said, "We have had a great deal of fun and some hard times. Our teachers taught us responsibility and respectability for ourselves and others. We have established ourselves as winners and have learned that we can accomplish more with others than we can by ourselves."

Dorman Thomas, Elementary School Principal, reviewed the history of the class, saying that 5 of its members began in Kindergarten the year he became principal.

Certificates were presented by Jake Hess and Jacquie Riley. The members of the 1986 graduating class were: James Armbrister; Connie Jean Barker, Jill Brown, Darryl Foster, Mari French, Stacie Hall, Donald Harris, Tres Hess, David Hauck, Suzie Kunce, Johnny Langley, Cheri Layfield, James Martin, James McClellan, Kim Orrick, Tammy Passmore, Alicia Reynolds, Billy Rollison, James Wall, Danna Watson and Loree Woodard.

The processional and recessional were played by Bobbi Stalls. Ida Hess directed the class in a performance of "Making Our Dreams Come True."

Ushers were Melissa Thompson, Cash Carpenter, Missy Young and David Johnson.

Lion's Club Journey for Sight Raises \$500

The annual McLean Lion's Club Journey for Sight was held last Saturday. A total of 29 participants made the 10 mile walk to raise money for blind and visually impaired individuals.

Those recording the best times among the men were Dan Passmore, with a time of 1 hour and 52 minutes; Destry Magee, whose time was 1 hour and 54 minutes; and Tanner Hess, who made the journey in 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Among the women, Mindy Jo Magee recorded the top time of 2 hours and 28 minutes. Second was Kay Magee, with a time of 2 hours and 52 minutes. Third place was taken by Kristie Thompson, with a time of 2 hours and 56 minutes.

The trip began at 8:37 a.m. on Saturday morning. The last entrant crossed the finish line approximately four hours later.

Lion's Club member Johnnie Haynes reports that over \$500 was raised. All participants will try to collect all pledges by the end of this week. For those who have pledged money, if you are not contacted by tomorrow, you are encouraged to get in touch with a member of the Lion's Club so your donation can be received.

In addition to those mentioned above, others who completed the 10 mile trek were Zelda McClellan, Marvin Passmore, Kristina Carter, Heidi Syfrett, Jennifer Pennington, John M. Haynes, Tommy Pennington, Stacie Smith, John C. Haynes, Billy Wilson, Nona Turpin, Heather Hess, Misty Magee, Nancy Simpson, Linda Haynes, Dollie Haynes, Kathy Carter, Shawn Crockett, Sam D. Haynes, David Johnson, Joe Riley, Sam A. Haynes and David Haynes.

The Lion's Club wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way and look forward to a bigger and better Journey next year.

Grandson of J. Boyd Smith Buried in Shamrock

The infant son of Gary and Joy Cogburn passed away last Monday. Funeral services were held in Shamrock.

Survivors include the parents; maternal grandparents J. Boyd and Frankie Smith of McLean; and paternal grandparents Lloyd H. and Juanell Cogburn of Shamrock.

Final Honor Rolls Of Year Published

The final honor rolls for the year have been issued by McLean schools.

Those who have maintained a grade point average of 90 and above for the entire semester are:

Seniors-Melanie Billingsley, Wendy McDowell, Bob Patman and Kristie Thompson

Juniors-Le Milam and Kim Wiginton

Sophomores-Angie Reynolds and Cindy Thomas

Freshmen-Dollie Haynes, Tiffany Lopez and Karen Williams

Those who maintained an average of 80 and above for the entire semester are:

Seniors-Vickie Armbrister, Russell Littlefield, Connie Rawlings, Jim Ridgway and Lee Ann Tate

Juniors-Jennifer Brown, Shawn Crockett, Billy Beck, Dan Fish, Angie Glass, Cindy Hembree, Colleen Orrick, Angie Purcell, Jem Ann Rice and Dedra Watson

Sophomores-Jim Bob Adams, Jim Anderson, Terri Lee, Linda Reid, Irey Carey Richardson and Robert Tidwell

Freshmen-Dale Barker, Geenie Kunce, Darla McAnear, Misty Magee, Kara Tate, Kyle Woods, Skyla Bryant and Kimberly Kelling

Those who maintained an

average of 90 or above for the final six weeks are:

Seniors-Melanie Billingsley, Wendy McDowell and Kristie Thompson

Juniors-Dan Fish, Angie Glass, Colleen Orrick, Angie Purcell and Kim Wiginton

Sophomores-Angie Reynolds and Cindy Thomas

Freshmen-Dollie Haynes, Misty Magee and Karen Williams

Eighth grade-Tres Hess, Kim Orrick and Danna Watson

Seventh grade-Kathy Kelling

Sixth grade-David Johnson

Fifth grade-Patsy Barker, Holly Hefley and Quillian Rutherford

Fourth grade-Joetta Bailey, Erin McCracken, Tommy Pennington, Doug Purcell and Nathan Sullins

Third grade-Karen Brass, Penny Lee, Jennifer Jones and Tonia Webster

Second grade-Jessica Anderson, Jamie Barker, Heather Hess and Shelly Holland

First grade-Erin Gibson and Kristi Tidwell

Those who maintained an average of 80 and above during the final six weeks are:

Seniors-Vicki Armbrister,

See Honor Roll, p.6

City Council Approves Flea Market Project and Christmas in July

The City Council met last Tuesday night to consider several issues which had been tabled at the previous meeting.

Members in attendance were George Green, Dr. Harold F. Fabian, Miro Pakan and Martha Jo Bailey.

Others present were Martha Parker, Mrs. George Green, Shirley Johnson, Stella Lee, Bob Glenn, Reverend and Mrs. Billy Wilson, Bess Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holman, Dwight Brandt and Judy Munday.

In major items of business, the council:

-Heard a presentation from Shirley Johnson, school Business Manager, regarding the collection of delinquent taxes. The council agreed to enter into a contract with the school for the collection of these taxes. They will be submitted for collection by July 1.

-Listened to a proposal from Martha Parker that the city and school libraries be combined. School officials will have to receive approval before the merger can be made. The council agreed to accept the proposal provided approval from education authorities can be obtained.

-Heard a report from Mrs. George Green regarding the Christmas in July and Flea Market programs. The Christmas in July project would be sponsored by the Lion's Club and Beta Sigma Phi. Mrs. Green said that she had talked to most of the business owners and they support the idea. The council gave its approval and appointed Mrs. Green as Chairman of the program.

Mrs. Green's report regarding the use of the factory building as a Flea Market, was also approved. The council requested that the market be started as soon as possible.

-Approved the appointment of Ann Pierce, Tony Acuna and Dorothy Steel to the Housing Authority Board.

-Opened bids for the Water Grant Project. The contract will be awarded on June 10.

-Reviewed applications for jobs.

The next meeting of the City Council will be June 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Honor Roll

Amy Barnard, Russell Littlefield, Bob Patman, Connie Rawlings, Jim Ridgway and Lee Ann Tate

Juniors—Shawn Crockett, Billy Beck, Cindy Hembree, Clint Herndon, Mark McCarty, Le Milam, Jem Ann Rice and Dedra Watson

Sophomores—Huey Green, Stacy Jackson, Judy Kennedy, Terri Lee, Jeff Parker, Linda Reid, Davey Ridgway and Robert Tidwell

Freshmen—Dale Barker, Cindy Coleman, Tiffany Lopez, Darla McAnear, Denise Meaker, Wendi Smith, Kara Tate, Kyle Woods, Skyla Bryant and Kimberly Kelling

Eighth grade—Jill Brown, Mari French, Stacie Hall, Donald Harris, Suzie Kunce, Cheri Layfield, James McClellan, Tammy Passmore and Alicia Reynolds

Seventh grade—Cash Carpenter, Hollie Hauck, J.T. Haynes, Lee Ayn Jordan and Melissa Thompson

Sixth grade—Daniel Harris, Chris Littlefield, Destry Magee, Lisa McClellan, Tuffy Sanders, Richard Stilwell, Heidi Syfrett, Jason Thomas, Amy Williams, Becky Wilson and Missy Young

Fifth grade—Peggy Adams, Michael Barker, Lee Hill, Becki McCarty, Vance Rodgers

Fourth grade—Caryn Jordan, Mindy Magee, Tiffany Stump and Jeremy Thomas

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First grade—William Allgood, Derek Glass, Zack Helton, Tobey Purcell, Chad Richards, Tanna Shipman, Shandon Stalls and Rachel West

McLean Briefs

Two military helicopters had to make an emergency landing in McLean on Monday. One of the aircraft was overheating and landed to make adjustments. After making repairs, the crews continued toward their destination in California.

Jake and Ida Hess went to Stillwater, Okla. this weekend for an Oklahoma State University class reunion.

Jake and Leta Mae Hess are being visited by their grandson Stephen Hudson from Lubbock. Granddaughter Heather Hess also stayed with them during the weekend.

Bob and Jeanette Fish were visited on Monday by her aunt and uncle, Katy and Harold Churchill, from Oceanside, Ca.

Wendy McDowell left on Wednesday to attend college at Texas A&M.

Larry and Lynn Swanson recently returned from a trip to Arizona where they visited his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Milton Billingsley were in McLean for Memorial Day weekend so that they might decorate the gravesites of Zora's seven relatives buried in Hillcrest Cemetery. They also conducted some business matters while in town.

The Alanreed-McLean Area Museum reports the following visitors during the past week: 4 from Amarillo, 4 from Illinois and 3 from Kentucky.

Services for Former Resident in Odessa

Services were held for Passo Pugh, 61, of Houston on Saturday, May 24 at West Odessa Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Pugh died in Houston after a lengthy illness.

He was born in McLean in 1924. He married Freddie Johnson Oct. 18, 1945 in Pampa. He moved to Odessa in 1954 and was retired from Phillips spending 39 years with the company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Fred of Washington, D.C. Roy and Dennis, both of Houston; a brother, Glenn Pugh, Forsyth, Montana; and a sister, Annie Ambler of Shamrock.

Accident Report for Gray County

Captain Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District, comprised of 31 counties, said, "For the month of April, our troopers investigated 7 fatal accidents, 70 personal injury accidents, and 79 property damage accidents. There were 12 persons killed and 105 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Jim Powell of Pampa, said, "In Gray county, our troopers investigated 5 personal injury accidents and 4 property damage accidents in the month of April. No body was killed but 7 persons were injured in the accidents."

Farmer's Home Admin Starts New Program

The Farmers Home Administration office in Wheeler will begin immediately to participate in "Operation Assist," John D. Wolf III County Supervisor, announced today.

Operation Assist is a new effort by FmHA to help farmers obtain guaranteed operating loans. County Supervisors for FmHA will take completed farm credit applications to local banks or other lenders, along with the farmer wishing to apply for a guaranteed loan.

"We will handcarry the applications, and personally introduce the applicants to our local lenders," said Wolf. "We will present a complete loan package, including cash flows, financial statements and appraisals. If necessary, we will make a commitment to work with the lender to do an interest buydown. We will do everything we can to help the lender, and the borrower, by committing to guarantee the loan at our maximum 90 percent."

While direct operating loan funds are used up in some areas, there is still nearly \$800 million available for the guarantee program. County FmHA officials hope other lenders will make operating credit available under the guarantee, with most of the paperwork done beforehand by FmHA.

Borrowers and lenders interested in an FmHA guaranteed loan should contact the FmHA office.

Summer Reading Program Begins At Lovett Library

The summer reading program for kids began yesterday at Lovett library. Sessions will be held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. until July 16.

The theme of this year's program will be "Celebrate Texas." Each week, participants will be shown a movie about Texas and will be required to read supplementary material on Texas history.

Upon completion of the course, students will receive a certificate signifying that they have successfully completed the prescribed reading.

In addition, there will be a Bookmark Contest in which the participants will design their own bookmarks pertaining to the "Celebrate Texas" theme. Two winners for each library in the Panhandle will be selected. The winning designs will be sent to Amarillo where they will be reproduced in packets and given out at the library booth at the Tri-State Fair.

The program, which is sponsored by the Texas State Library Association and Lovett library, is for children from pre-school age and up. It is designed to encourage and develop reading skills.

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The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for County Committee elections for Wheeler, Hemphill/Roberts. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA office.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm, have their principal farming operation within the County or area in which activities of the County or area Committee are carried out, derive the principal part of their income from farming (that is more than 50 percent of their gross income must come from agricultural production), be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, not have an FmHA insured or guaranteed loan, and be well qualified for committee work. Nominations must be received in Wheeler FmHA office no later than June 10, 1986. FmHA committee elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

Nursing Home News

Stella Gibson is in the High Plains Baptist Hospital and Leone Steed is in Shamrock Hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

McLean Care Center welcomes a new resident, Delphia Carpenter from McLean.

Sunday, Brother Gerald Beasley, of the Church of Christ, was here to conduct services.

Monday morning, residents attending Memorial Day services were Lula Sheegog, Leon Burch and Lona Jones. In the afternoon, residents playing bingo were Annie Eudey, Grace Swallow, Inez Fields, Ruth Kemp, Dick Wheeler, Fay Wilson, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Teresa Richardson, Frank Reeves, Alice Dickinson, Stella Gibson, Kittie Hessey, Lucille Cullison and Elsa Stalls. Our helpers were Buna Gudgel, Clifflie Heasley, Onie Gibson, Annie Herndon, Bertha Smith, Mil-

dred Giesler and Marie Reeves.

Tuesday, Lena Carter, Brenda McLain, Mary Davis and Ted Robertson were here to assist the following residents in dominos: P.L. Ledgerwood, Inez Fields, Leon Burch, Lula Sheegog, Dick Wheeler, Grace Swallow, Stella Gibson, Ruth Kemp, Elsa Stalls, George Latta, Thelma Hopkins, Lona Jones and Teresa Richardson.

Wednesday morning, Gerald Beasley and the ladies' Bible class were here for a fellowship. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Thursday morning, a resident council meeting and "Rap" session was held. Residents attending were Lula Sheegog, Dick Wheeler, Elsa Stalls, George Latta and Annie Eudey. Cookies were served following the meeting. In the afternoon, Ted Robertson was here to assist the residents in dominos.

Friday, Martha Parker was here to show movies.

Our "Family Night" Bar-B-Q will be held Friday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. Following the dinner, the public is invited to attend our entertainment and a White Elephant auction. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Residents Activity Fund.



A clothing store in Georgia has run an ad in the same place in its local newspaper since 1889.

Former Resident to Retire in Abilene

Herman L. Petty, of Abilene, retired on May 31, 1986, as an Elementary Counselor for the Abilene Independent School District's Lee Elementary School. Herman was honored on May 12 at Abilene High School as one of three counselors retiring at the end of this school year.

On May 13, all retirees of the AISD system were honored at Abilene High School. Herman again was honored there, having a total of 24 years with AISD with over 21 of those years being as a certified counselor.

Herman graduated from McLean High School in 1939, along with his twin brother Harold, who retired May 1.

Herman graduated from Wayland Baptist Junior College in 1941. His further education at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene was interrupted for 3 years when he served in World War II. In 1947, Herman and his wife, June graduated from HSU. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Forth Worth in May 1951.

Prior to being employed with AISD, Herman and June served as foreign missionaries with the Southern Baptist Convention in Nazareth, Israel, for 9 years. Prior to that, Herman had taught in public schools in Balmorhea, Tex. and Roscoe, Tex.

The Pettys are the parents of five children and 11 grandchildren. They plan to travel and visit their children. They will remain residents of Abilene.

Herman is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty of McLean and a twin brother to Harold C. Petty of Moberly, Missouri.

The Pettys have been very active in working with the International Residents through their church in Abilene, Elmcrest Baptist Church.

Honor Roll

Rose Steel and Terri Glass of McLean were included on the Dean's List for the Spring 1986 semester at WTSU. Both maintained a grade-point average of 3.5.

To be considered for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.25 with a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

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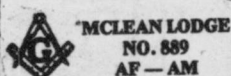
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Word -Miller To Exchange Vows On June 21

Kimberly Dee Ann Word and David Scott Miller will exchange wedding vows on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Canyon.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mrs. Jan Word and the late Lieutenant Commander Millard L. Word, is a 1979 graduate of Canyon High School. She is also a 1983 graduate of West Texas State University with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, the WTSU Chorale, New Day Singers, and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. She is employed as a second

grade teacher with the Bushland Independent School District. She is the granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. W.R. Christal.

A 1980 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, the prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard Miller of Rt. 1, west of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Mrs. Beulah Hommel of Alanreed, and the late William "Ollie" Hommel. In 1983, he received an A.A.S. degree in drafting and design from Amarillo College and is employed with the U.S. Postal Service.

Valuation Notices Being Sent By Appraisal Board

Certain property owners will be receiving valuation notices from the Gray County Appraisal District on the proposed value of their property. Charles Buzzard, chief appraiser for the district, said that only certain property owners will be receiving these notices because of one of three occurrences which took place in the last year.

First, if the property owner rendered his or her property, the appraisal district is required to send a notice of the proposed value placed on the property. Buzzard stated most of the renditions received by his office were on business personal property. Property owners have the option of rendering their real estate. Rendition is a means for a property owner to record an opinion of the property's value.

Second, if the property owner remodeled his property or built any new structure, that property owner will receive a valuation notice. Buzzard said a notice will be sent if the proposed value is one thousand dollars or more than last year's value.

Finally, a property owner will receive a notice if the property is new in the dis-

trict. Valuation notices are sent to new businesses or mobile homes moved into the district as of January 1.

Buzzard said that a taxpayer who wants to lodge a protest of a proposed value must file a written "notice of protest" with the appraisal review board. The property owner must file the protest by June 30. Protest hearings by the appraisal review board begin on July 7.

Official forms for a notice of protest are available at the appraisal office. "But a letter from the property owner is also acceptable as a notice," the chief appraiser said, "as long as it identifies the property owner and the property which is the subject of the protest and indicates dissatisfaction with some decision or action of the appraisal office."

A pamphlet is available from the appraisal district office explaining how to prepare and present an appeal. For more information about ARB hearings, or the copy of the pamphlet, "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities," contact the Gray County Appraisal District Office, 400 W. Kingsmill, Suite 196-A, Pampa, Texas, 665-0791.

Hartley Davis' Enjoy 64th Anniversary Party

Hartley and Mary Davis of Alanreed had a 64th wedding anniversary party at their home on Sunday.

They were married on May 27, 1922, in Pampa. Mr. Davis' parents moved to Alanreed in 1903, while her parents arrived in 1911. They have lived in Alanreed most of their lives. For a period of 15 years, they lived near Pantex, where Mr. Davis worked for Texas Tech as a herdsman for an experimental farm.

Helping them to celebrate the occasion were their children Velma Heckler of San Antonio; John Davis, and his wife Julia, from Amarillo; Betty Brents of Amarillo; and Marie May, and her husband Willis, of Panhandle.

Other visitors during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Juster Hoff of Fritch; Linnie Wilson of Fritch; Oren Dorsey; Nancy, Paula and Lisa Brents of Amarillo; Katie Hughes; Shirley Joyce of Clarendon; Herman and Lorene Tipton of Clarendon; Ellen Stapp of Groom; Dorothy Babitzk of Amarillo; Lena Carter; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stapp of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beasley; Bill Smith of Pampa; Margie Fish; Bertha Smith; Cliffie Heasley; Bob and Jeanette Fish; Phyllis Hughes of Amarillo; Patty Martin of Amarillo; Rose Hall; Mike and Edwina Murphy of Amarillo; Jack Holt of Borger; and Debbie, Melissa, James and Justin Sitz of Panhandle.

Alanreed Briefs

A large crowd attended the end of school program at Alanreed School cafeteria last Thursday night. A skit was put on by all the classes, portraying the school and its studies, mostly history.

Each teacher acknowledged her students and presented them with achievement certificates and promotion slips. PTO President Becky Myers presented the teachers with gifts. The one graduating Kindergarten student, Mark Olsen, was given a Longhorn T-shirt. Presiding over the presentations were Superintendent Billy Bob Adams, Sid Keese, School Board Vice-president, PTO President Becky Myers and the teacher.

The benediction was given by sixth grader Kirk Webb. Refreshments were served by the PTO.

The Alanreed Homemaker's Club met on May 28th in the home of Ruth McLain. Lena Carter presided over the business session. Scripture, from Matthew 7:12, was read by Anita Bruce. Roll call was what Lena Carter calls "poisons i have in my house" and was answered by Anita Bruce. Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Nell Keese, Rose Hall, Tammy Haynes, Lucy Goldston, Donna Brauchi and Ruth and Brenda McLain. Donna gave a program on "Fashions and Me." Refreshments of crackers and cheese spread, coffee and tea were served by the hostess. One guest, Ike Haynes, was present.

Visiting Lena Carter on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter of Pampa. They had been at Greenbelt Lake celebrating grandson Wesley's second birthday.

Robert Bruce was in Borger on Wednesday.

Visiting the Hartley Davis' is daughter Velma Heckler of San Antonio.

The Olin Weldons were in Borger on Thursday to celebrate their grandson's graduation.

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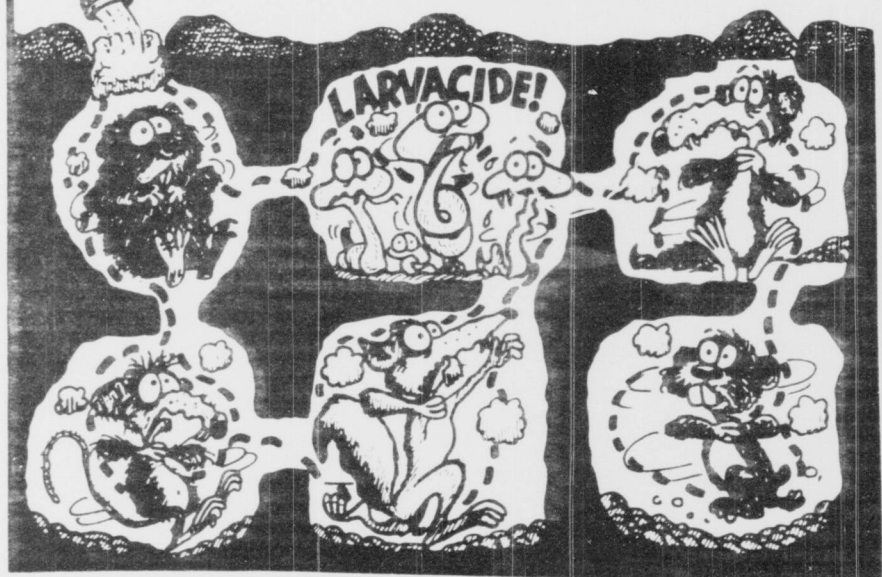
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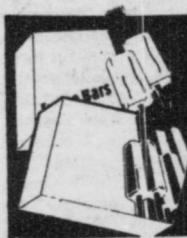
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Commissioners Set Fees For Sheriff's Office

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Chairman of the Board of Directors, Jo Randel and Board members Ralph Randel, R.W. Standefer, Wilma McCrohan, Norma O'Neal, Betty Rhynehart and Bethel Robinson personally appeared to request that the county assist paying utility costs for the new education building.

Recent major contributions from Sen. Grady and Mrs. Adrine Hazlewood, the M.K. Brown Foundation in Pampa and Lawrence Hagy and friends, brought the fund for the educational center to within \$5,957.76 of the projected costs for the building.

The group from the Museum requested that the county's contribution would not exceed \$6,000 per year for utilities. On a motion from Commissioner Jones, the item was tabled until the time when commissioners begin study of the new budget for 1986-87.

A hearing was then held concerning applications to the Texas Department of Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Grant monies. A second hearing was set for the regular commissioner's court meeting on June 9.

Several items concerning the Sheriff's Department were acted on as follows:

- Salaries for future employees will be consistent with policy now affecting employees in that office.

- Civic Process Fees were reviewed and will remain the same, \$5.00 for posting notices, written notices and jury fees.

- Small Claims fees were left at the price of \$10.00.

- An additional \$5.00 charge was added to all other service fees which will now be \$25.00 for serving citations, subpoenas, etc.

Also discussed by the Court was granting of water rights to the City of Skellytown. The county will do research to determine what steps will be necessary to secure the rights on the site in question.

FmHA Seeks County Committee Members

Eligible Farmers in Carson, Potter and Randall counties are invited to become nominees for the Farmers Home Administration County Committee, FmHA County Supervisor Jim Black announced this week.

As a result of the 1985 farm bill, two of the three members of FmHA County Committees must be elected. The third member is appointed by FmHA. The Carson, Potter Randall Area County Committee assists the FmHA county office in reviewing applications for FmHA farm loans and on other farm credit matters.

Generally, farmers who are residents of the county but not FmHA borrowers are eligible to become nominees for the FmHA county committee.

For this first election only, two members will be elected at the same time. One will serve a one year term of office and the other will serve two years.

In the future, all terms of service will be for three years each on a staggered basis.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the FmHA Amarillo county office by June 10.

Additional information and application forms for those who are interested in becoming nominees for the county committee are available at the FmHA county office, 3002 East 3rd, Amarillo, Tx. 79104 or by calling 376-2271.

Alpha Mu Xi Installs Officers

Alpha Mu Xi met May 8th in the home of Laura Britten for their last meeting of the year.

Officers for the coming year were installed. They are Nita Jackson, president; Bernie Tyrrell, vice president; Evelyn Schaffer, treasurer; Barbara Homer, corresponding secretary and Margie Stephens, recording secretary. New pledges, Laura Britten and Ila Miller were welcomed as members.

Plans were made for Groom Day include a raffle and float for the parade. The park committee reported they have plans to make a nativity scene for the park and work on it will be completed this summer.

Members signed for committees and Secret Sisters were drawn for the coming year.

Those members enjoying a salad supper were Lorene Babcock, Ruby Babcock, Sue Britten, Donna Crump, Barbara Homer, Betty McCracken, Nancy Patterson, Evelyn Schaffer, Margie Stephens, Elaine Thompson, Bernie Tyrrell, Donna Wagner, Ila Miller and hostess, Laura Britten. Betty McCracken won the door prize.

Elaine Thompson was presented her pin for being selected Girl of the Year for the sorority.

Britten Named To Honor List

Tracy Britten of Groom has been named to the Dean's Honor List at South Plains College for the 1986 spring semester.

To qualify as an honor student at SPC, students must maintain a minimum 3.25. Tracy maintained a 3.70 GPA for two years at SPC.

Bobby White Receives Master's Degree In Business At UT

Martin and Betty Hermes-meyer attended Commencement exercises recently in San Antonio for their son, Bobby White.

Bobby received his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio on May 19. Jay Hess, Chairman of the Board for The University of Texas System, conferred degrees to approximately 800 graduates.

Bobby is presently Senior Administrative Accountant for Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing Company. He has been with Diamond Shamrock for three years. He has held several positions including Superior Refining Accounts Payable, Senior Refining Accountant and Pipeline Accountant.

Bobby is a 1979 Groom High School graduate. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting in 1982 from West Texas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermes-meyer spent several days in San Antonio taking in the sites. Bobby accompanied them on a short trip to the Gulf Coast and Corpus Christi.

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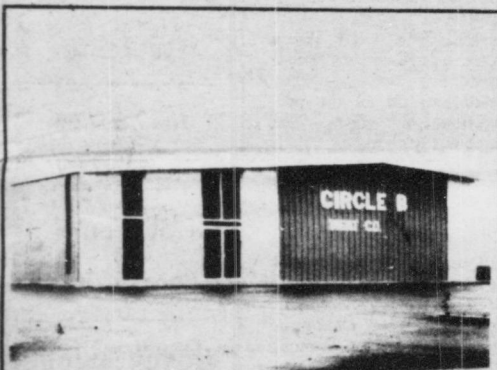
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Gourmet Chef In Charge Of Hospital Cuisine

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the Sunday Oklahoman (Oklahoma City) in April. Jay Cooper is the son of Mrs. Essie Cooper-Knowles and the late B.H. Cooper.

Author of the article is Louise B. James. Jay Cooper has heard all

the horror stories about hospital food.

But this gourmet chef doesn't believe bad food and hospital cooking have to go together like... well, like bacon and eggs. He's also food services director for the Woodward Hospital and Health Center, where he hopes patients find their meals a high point of the day.

"Hospital food has been so institutionalized," he said. "It was cooked in large quantities. It was overcooked and without

seasonings.

"There's now an awareness that for the patient or nursing home resident, about all they have to look forward to is the food."

If they are served bland, unattractive meals or food items they never eat, even when they are well, the day has been a disappointment and the stories about hospital cooking continue.

"We use garnishes so our food is attractive as well as good tasting," Cooper said.

"We cook semi-batch form, and patients order from selective menus for all

seven special diets we offer.

"I consider our food excellent. It's the same for employees and guests (in the hospital cafeteria). We're always trying new things. Right now we have a marvelous taco salad on Thursday for only \$2.50."

Cooking comes naturally for Cooper.

"I was raised in the restaurant business," he said. "It was a small town eating joint, but not a greasy spoon."

"By the time I was 6 years old, I stood on a tomato crate to turn pancakes in the morning. I came back from school at noon to work the lunch break."

When he moved to Bethany in 1963 to attend college, Cooper learned "more elegant cooking," he said. "I began working for the Captain's Table as a waiter and went to assistant manager."

For the next several years, Cooper worked in some of the Oklahoma City area's better restaurants as he

earned college degrees in psychology, business administration and hospital and nursing home administration.

He also learned to prepare flaming dishes such as cherries jubilee, to make specialties such as Caesar salad, and to use meats other than the old standards of beef and chicken, such as lamb and fish.

In 1980, he left Baptist Medical Center to assume the position as food service director in Woodward, where he helped plan the food service area for the new hospital. While these duties often keep him out of the kitchen, he lands a hand there if needed.

Cooper still dons his chef's hat for catered functions such as wedding receptions and company parties held at the hospital cafeteria. He will prepare the flaming items, the salads, the special entrees or the bearnaise sauce.

"I once cooked a nine-course French dinner for a party here," he said.

Such a party requires tablecloths, linen napkins, china, crystal and a waiter or waitress who "presents the meal," he said. This atmosphere of elegant dining is unavailable elsewhere locally.

"It's a very new idea to come to the hospital to eat a banquet," he said.

Cooper also teaches an eight-week gourmet cooking class at the High Plains Vo-Tech School in Woodward.

Students do all the preparation in class. The emphasis is on meats, salads and vegetables since "most desserts take longer than the three hours we have in class," he said.

The classes have an international flavor. Each week Cooper uses food from a different country—Germany, England, France, China and the Soviet Union among others.

"They learn to use and prepare food with garlic, basics on French knives, how to cook with wine, how to use a wok," he said.

"They recently made chicken Kiev from scratch."

Television chefs have a

complete staff that help off-camera for their classes, but "if we mess up in class, we either eat it or it goes down the disposal," Cooper said of the hospital kitchen.

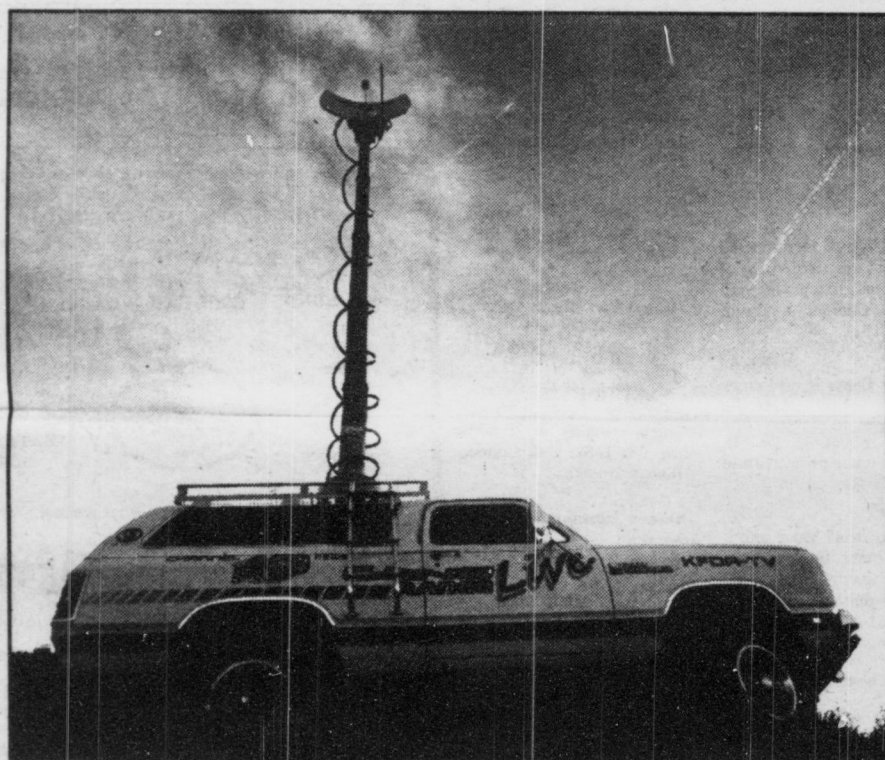
While cherries jubilee and chicken Kiev probably won't be offered to hospital patients in the near future, Jay Cooper—the man behind the kitchen—believes good food does belong on those trays.

Librarians Dinner

Mrs. Barbara Sparks, Carson County head librarian entertained the Carson County librarians last Thursday evening by taking them to Dyer's for dinner. Those attending were Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Jo Ann Smith, Mrs. Jo Nell Webber, Panhandle, Mrs. Bertha Knight, Groom, Mrs. Janette Cathey, White-Deer and Mrs. Barbara Barrow, Skellytown.

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