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Funeral Services Held For George Latta

The Rev. Jerry Moore officiated funeral services here Wednesday for George Latta at the United Methodist Church. Burial was in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel.

Mr. Latta died Saturday, June 14 in McLean. He had been a resident of the McLean Care Center since February 1986. He was 90 on his birthday June 1 of this

year. He was born in Missouri and had lived in Groom 57 years. He was a farmer and a member of Groom United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Effiemarie in March 1978 and a daughter, Ellen Dowdle, January of 1977.

Survivors include his brother, Stanley of Groom and two granddaughters, Emily and Judith Dowdle of Layton, Utah.



Serving as pallbearers were Bill Bohr, Joe Homer, John Koetting, Ross Nix, J.L. Case and Page Blackwell.

School Board Members England, Lyles Attend Leadership Workshop

Don Lyles and Bill England, trustees for Groom Independent School District, were among more than 1,400 education leaders from around the state who attended the Preparation for Leadership workshops in Dallas late in May to develop skills in school management.

The workshops, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), focused on problem solving

and board leadership. Commissioner of Education Dr. William Kirby was featured speaker and discussed critical issues in the areas of teachers, students, management, finance and parent-community support. Problems and solutions were explored in the "think tank" environment.

Participants also received 10 of 20 required hours of accredited board training. Training standards were

adopted earlier this year by the State Board of Education.

Special presentations by TASB trustees Dee Hilton, Greenville; Janis Petronis, Copperas Cove; and Byron Black, Burleson, stressed the importance of board member training.

Participants also attended sessions where they had an opportunity to informally share experiences and knowledge.

Square House Museum Offering Youth Programs In Groom

Carson County Square House Museum will be offering four classes during the month of July for the youth in Groom. The program is in its seventh year. Registration brochures are available at the museum or by writing for the Summer Youth Arts, P.O. Box 276, Panhandle, Texas 79068. Classes will also be held in Panhandle, White Deer and Claude.

Classes to be held in Groom include Watercolors by instructor Shirley Fields. Classes will be from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., July 7, 9, 14 and

16. Sewing Crafts will be held at the Home Economics room on July 14, 15, 16 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. each morning.

A Bike Rodeo will be held on July 24 from 1:00 to 2:30. Location for the event will be announced.

Beginning Art is set for classes on July 11, 18, 25 and August 1. A location for those meetings will also be announced later.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to participate or assist in the program would be welcome.

Community Calendar

Nightin' Gals meet in the Hospitality room at the Bank Tuesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. Nadine Black and Velma Hickox are hostesses.

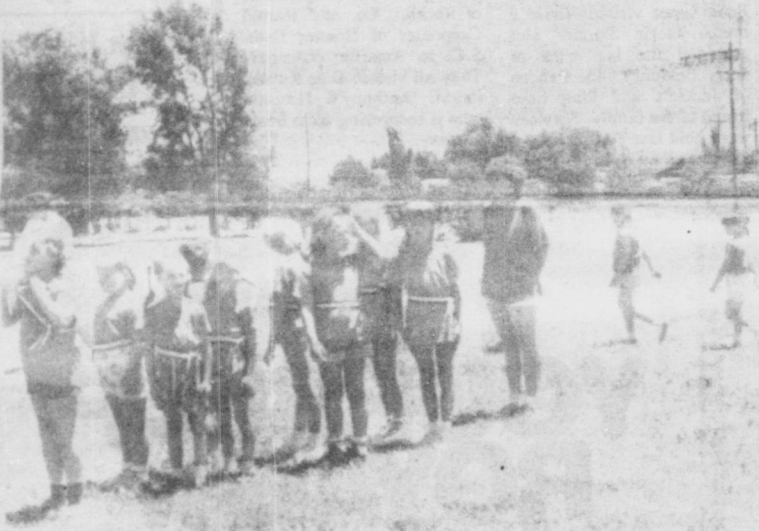
The Reading Program "Celebrate Texas" story hour will be at the Community Club House Wednesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 25 at 1 p.m.

Commodities will be distributed at the Groom Branch Library on Monday, June 23 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Panhandle Tennis Tourney is June 27 and 29 for ages 10 and under through 45 and over. Saturday, June 21 is the last day to enter. Contact Panhandle Swimming Pool.

AAU Junior Olympics track meet will be held July 5 in Borger. Contact Coach Frank Belcher for entry information.

To enter the Miss Carson County Contest, contact Glynda Eschle for an application form.



Girl Scouts Attend Annual Sports Camp In Groom Last Week

Some 90 girls converged in Groom last week to attend the second annual sports camp sponsored by the Girl Scouts.

The camp grew in attendance by about 40 participants this year.

Scout Leader Donna Burton said, "It just seemed like my girls were tired of day camp where you do crafts, hike and swim." So after two years of the usual camp, it only seemed natural with the resources she had in Groom

that a sports camp be organized.

"Sports seemed like something all the kids were interested in. With the resources we had in Groom, developing the camp was easy," said Mrs. Burton.

"Judy Babcock works closely with her girls and by offering points in FHA, the girls are more than happy to help out." This year 18 FHA girls volunteered their time. "Audra Wagner was in charge of the high school

girls and I put her in charge of equipment. She did an exceptional job—better than any two adults I could have appointed."

The school offered use of their equipment, gyms, swimming pool and tennis courts and the park provided the outdoor setting necessary for frisbee baseball, aerobic exercise and even hula dancing.

There are the essentials that must be provided anytime you gather young-

sters together and Sue Britten helped out as camp nurse. Her tent soon became a favorite place for "boo-boos" to be healed with suckers passed out on the first day to anyone requiring her services. "The second day we decided that only stab wounds or stitches would qualify as injuries to be rewarded with suckers and the line in front of the first aid tent got shorter in a hurry," said Mrs. Burton. There were no injuries reported during the camp except for a frog found in the park with an injured leg that was of course given immediate attention by Nurse Britten.

"With Father's Day falling one day after the camp, it seemed only fitting to let the dads join in the fun on Saturday." Thanks to Jim Burton and Ada Durham, who enlisted the Masons, enough fill-in fathers were found so that girls with fathers who worked on Saturday could have a stand-in. "Ross Nix was our oldest dad present and he admitted to having been a father for over 35 years. The youngest dad present was Alan Cox, a father for just about one year." Alan was popular with the Conrad girls as he is their uncle.

The program grows each year and this year a spin off sports camp will be held in Borger patterned after Groom's camp.

Special awards were given on the final day of camp with

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Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell attended a birthday party in Amarillo June 7 honoring Bill Stubblefield on his 93rd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mansel of Panhandle visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Leven, Rose and Sid over the weekend.

Mrs. L.B. Covington and son Kenneth of Tulia were Friday and Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lacy.

Tracy Britten has been selected to receive a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship provided by the Texas Tech University ex-student association. Tracy was selected for his excellent academic performance and his outstanding participation in the South Plains College Chapter.

This scholarship is in the amount of \$200.00 a semester for a maximum of four semesters.

Mitch Bralley was among 824 graduates participating in commencement exercises for Louisiana Tech University, recently.

Bralley, a former Groom resident, received his degree in animal science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bralley of Amarillo.

Debbie, Jennifer and Jarrod Haning and Sheila Williams all of Miami, visited with Zoah Britten this last weekend.

Superintendent Rex Peeples and Principal Kenneth Sweatt spent last week in a seminar for Texas Teacher Appraisal Training. The one week course is mandatory for all administrators in the State, a result of HB 72.

Mildren Burgin returned from Cheyenne, Wyo. where she visited her niece Mrs. Lesa Clint and family. She accompanied her sister Mrs. C.W. Herndon of Panhandle.

Mrs. Edna Terbush, Mrs. Bonnie Peters and sons Daniel and Jason and Johnathan Cox visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cox in Cactus Sunday. Also visiting there were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox and daughter, Micah of Dumas.

Jake and Vivian Lacy and Rosa Lopez visited Vivian's niece, Jackie Skinner and attended the last rites of Jerry Searchey, 45, fiancée of Jackie's and long time friend of the family. Services were held last Tuesday.

Lazy Dazys

Lazy Dazys met Tuesday, June 10 at the home of Mrs. Chris Britten. A program on cake decorating was given by Judy Eatmon. The decorated cake was enjoyed by members present, Carole Fields, Linda Weller, Donna Barnett, Shelly Barnett, Sharon Britten, Kristi Britten, Peaches Homen, Nila Burgin, Monica Howard, Tammy Bivens, Kathy Webb, Carolyn Brooks, Belinda Britten, Debbie Britten and Laura Britten.

It's A Girl

Congratulations to Dick and Prissy Conrad of Amarillo on the birth of a daughter, Rachael Erin. She arrived Thursday, July 12 and weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. She is welcomed by sisters, Shelly, April, Tara and Amber and brother Spence.

Grandmothers are Mrs. Louise Conrad of Groom and Mrs. Dottie England, Albuquerque, N.M.

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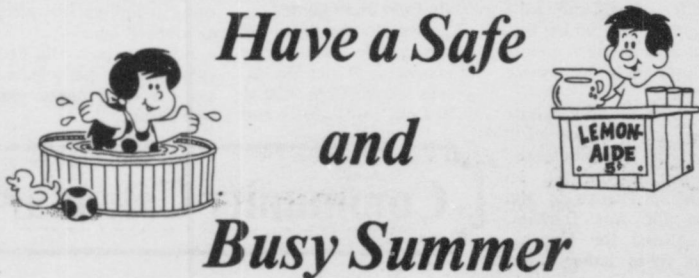
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Tax Appraisals Evening Out In Texas

County appraisal districts are getting closer to market value in their tax appraisals, according to a study released by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

"Our 1985 Property Value Study indicates that tax ap-

praisals in Texas averaged 89 percent of market value in 1985," said SPTB executive director Ron Patterson. He noted that, in 1983, the average appraisal level was 84 percent of market value, and in 1981 was an esti-

mated 65 percent.

Patterson believes three factors contributed to the improvement in tax appraisals. "About half of the state's appraisal districts updated the values in their counties through reappraisals in 1984 and 1985. Districts in general are becoming more experienced in property appraisal. In

addition, our figures show property values in many parts of the state had little or no growth from 1984 to 1985 because of the sluggish state economy. When property values grow slowly, they are easier to keep up with."

"The Texas Constitution says tax appraisals must reflect the market value of property and must also be equal and uniform," Patterson explained. "Our study, which is required by law, indicates how close appraisal districts came to meeting these legal standards on their 1985 appraisal rolls."

Market value represents the price a property would sell for in an open market. However, the Constitution allows qualified agricultural and timber lands to be appraised at a value that is lower than their value on the real estate market.

Statewide figures indicate different types of property are being appraised more uniformly. Unlike the 1983 figures, statewide appraisal

levels for most classes of taxable property in 1985 were close to the overall average of 89 percent.

However, appraisals of mineral properties (including oil and gas) and utility companies averaged slightly over 100 percent of market value, while vacant lot values tended to be the lowest.

"Most appraisal districts hire expert consultants to reappraise mineral properties and utilities ever year and these values have typically been close to 100 percent of our value studies," explained Patterson. Vacant lots, on the other hand, are often difficult for appraisal districts staffs to appraise because of the wide range of potential uses.

"We compared our value estimates to the values listed on the 1985 tax rolls for the sample properties," said Patterson. "This gave us an appraisal ratio for each sample, expressed as a percentage, that shows how close the appraisal districts' values for the sample properties came to market value."

The study's results show that 113 appraisal districts had median levels of appraisal of between 90 and 100 percent. Another 94 districts had appraisal levels of 80 to 89 percent. The lowest appraisal level the study found was 50 percent in two districts. Appraisal levels in the remaining 44 districts ranged between 62 and 79 percent.

If a taxpayer can prove to an appraisal review board that a property's appraised value is greater than the median level of appraisal for all property in the appraisal district, the review board can reduce the property's appraised value to the median level.

"However," Patterson cautioned, "the 1985 Property Value Study is a year behind the appraised values being considered by appraisal review boards on 1986. For this reason, the appraisal levels indicated by our study don't always indicate the current appraisal levels, especially if the appraisal district has reappraised property in 1986."

Completes Course

Randy Steed of Groom recently completed an intensive training seminar qualifying him to conduct Slim Up & Live dieting classes.

Sponsored by Shaklee Corporation, Slim Up & Live classes utilize group support, goal setting and self-discovery in combination with clinically tested products.

"Good nutrition and good eating habits are essential," said Randy, "but 'permanent slimness' is achieved only through developing the whole person."

Card Of Thanks

I would like to say a hearty thanks to each and everyone of our Groom friends for your cards, phone calls, prayers, food and other acts of kindness while I was hospitalized. Thanks for everything.

Jim Kingston and Family

Methodist Women

United Methodist women met Tuesday morning at 9:00 June 17 at the church with Mrs. N.B. Helton as hostess. Julia McGee was leader of the program "The Task of Mending God's Creation" with Mrs. Glynn D Harrell,

Mrs. Roy Ritter, Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Helton taking part. Others present were Rev. Jerry Lee Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Schaffer, Mrs. O.P. Blackwell, Mrs. Louis Ruthardt and Mrs. E.C. Goodlett.

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Cleta Howard visited friends and relatives Tuesday in McLean.

Joe Gidden and Melvin Kunkel were recently elected to serve as representatives of the State Silver Haired Legislature.

County Ropers Plan Event

Area county residents have joined together and organized a county roping. The date has been set for July 27 and the roping, open only to Carson County residents, will be held at the arena in White Deer. To participate, one must be a member in good standing with the Carson County Roping Club.

Presently, all rules have not been finalized but plans are to have three events, calf roping, heading and healing. Buckles will be given in each event with a buckel and trophy for the over all winner.

Anyone interested in participating or wanting to help support this roping is invited to attend a meeting June 30 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Lonny Brown, 310 Choctaw in Groom.

Family members visiting this week with Mrs. Roy Clark included her son George Clark and Mrs. Clark of Yukon, Ok., her niece Georgann Freeman and daughter Heather also of Yukon.

Lezlie Crowell and children are visiting this week in Cleburne with her grandmother and other relatives in the area.

Camp

Best Athlete and Good Sport awards given in each age group. All Around Athlete was Mindy Magee of McLean and All Around Good Sport was Laura Tavenbaugh of Claude.

Best Athlete for K-1 was Dara Whatley and Tiffany Hall was Good Sport. Second grade winners were Sharla Hatfield Best Athlete and Anna Doyle, Good Sport. Angela Harris was Good Sport for fourth graders and Sandie Conrad Best Athlete. Krista Burgin was good Sport among the fifth, sixth and seventh graders and Andrea Payton, Best Athlete.

Local adult leaders assisting with the camp were Sue Britten, R.N., Mary Sue Lyles, Marcia Conrad, Jeannie Belcher, Bea Stephens and Jerry Moore. FHA girls lending assistance included Staci Kotara, Julie Lyles, Tricia Fraser, Jenni English, Heather Patterson, Carlene Eritten, Judith Ruthardt, Robbie Ellington, Brandi Wagner, Kelly Stroope, Jami Duke, Loretta Kuehler, Audra Wagner, Misti Kingston, Katie Fraser, Karen Bohr, and Jeannie Vaughn.

Local Happenings

The Whatley family gathered Sunday evening at the Curtis Whatley farm for a Father's Day cookout. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers cooked over the grill by Chef, Darrell Whatley. For desert, everyone enjoyed brownies and homemade icecream.

Children spent the day in the pool while the adults enjoyed visiting. Attending were Debbie, Ron, Tisha, Cameron and Darin Ervin; Shiela Whatley, Lori Smith, and Irene Baggerman of Amarillo; Furr Standridge of Claude; Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy Lewis; Curtis and Margaret Whatley, Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley, all of Groom.

Mrs. Susan Burgin attended workshops last week held at the Region XVI Service Center in Amarillo. A number of qualified experts and interesting speakers provided helpful hints for teaching with emphasis on improving reading skills for elementary students.

Wilburn Banks and his family from Houston are visiting this week in Groom with his mother, Pearl Banks. They were visitors to Amarillo Wednesday.

The Jake Lacys visited both of their sons and other relatives attending church at Canyon Sunday. Their son Don is minister at the Church of Christ there. They went on to Amarillo for the afternoon visiting Dr. Ronald Lacy.

Mamie Poole was guest of honor at a brunch Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. Nita Jackson. Guests included Susan Brown, Juanita Brown, Margie Stephens, and Phillis Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burgin and daughters visited in Plainview over the weekend with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Albert and also her parents of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Matthews.

Dora Margaret Crowell and grandson Bryan attended the All-Stars game for the Snyder basketball camp held in Canyon last week.

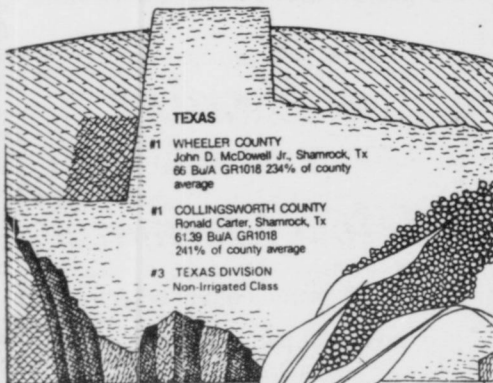
Tom Wagner escaped with only minor injuries last Thursday after falling out of a combine when the axle broke. Wagner was rushed to Amarillo and was an overnight visitor for observation.

Family members gathered in Groom Sunday for a Father's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Friemel. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Friemel of Spearman, Tommy and Diane Weller and family of Amarillo, Shelly Friemel and Mrs. Lenabel Newton attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, Kyle and Jill returned this week from a vacation in Missouri.

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Don't Forget

The 76th Annual McLean 66 Round-up Rodeo will begin tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

The summer reading program for kids is held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Lovett library.

Council Sets Date For Flea Market

The McLean City Council met in regular session last Tuesday night in City Hall.

Members present were Mayor George Terry, and Aldermen George Green, Dr. Harold F. Fabian, Martha Jo Bailey, Miro Pakan and Brian Pohlmeier.

Others in attendance were Dwight Brandt, Judy Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Day, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner, Mrs. George Green, Reverend and Mrs. Billy Wilson, Reverend Z.A. Myers, Doyle Lee, Martha Parker, Mrs. Clyde Holman, Pat Slavin, Von Winegeart, Don Horn, Stella Lee and Bob Glenn.

Mrs. George Green gave a report regarding the progress of the Flea Market. Liability insurance on the parking area will cost \$237 per year. This makes the total premium \$911 for the factory building and the parking area.

She also said that the Flea Market, as well as the Christmas in July project, will be held July 19-20.

The Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Green as manager of the projects as well as the purchase of liability insurance.

In other business the Council:

-Awarded the Water Project Contract to Jifco, Inc. in the amount of \$98,751.10. A total of 130 days will be allowed for completion with a 5% bid bond. The contract is contingent on approval from the State for alternate lines.

-Adopted the Resolutions for Housing Water Project employees and agreed to promote using local businesses for material used in the project, if possible.

-Approved a motion to advertise for bids to purchase or lease a sewer cleaning machine.

-Agreed to purchase liability insurance for the Fire Department vehicles from Southwestern Insurance Co. The Simpson Agency will write the liability on other vehicles and comprehensive insurance will be carried on a 1985 Dodge pickup and the 1982 trash truck.

-Hired Fred Smith to run the trash truck until October 1. At that time, Donnie Basham will take over the Sanitation Department and Smith will be trained in other departments.

-Approved setting the new employee's salary at \$1,000 per month, to be raised to \$1,156 after 90 days training.

-Approved the purchase of new fire hoses, to be paid from the Revenue Sharing fund.

-Agreed to order street signs as necessary and to consult with John Holland regarding their placement.

-Approved the first reading of Ordinance #222, setting a 15% penalty on delinquent taxes to help defray the cost of collection.

-Approved the first reading Ordinance #223, setting rates for the use of the land fill.

-Approved a motion that all city correspondence be mailed from City Hall and that all fees for use of the landfill either be paid at City Hall or to the landfill attendant.

76th Annual McLean Rodeo Gets Underway Friday

Don't forget that the 76th Annual McLean 66 Round-up Rodeo will be held tomorrow and Saturday, June 20 and 21 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Events will include steer wrestling, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, heading and healing, girls barrel race, girls break-away roping and stick horse racing.

The rodeo will also include a double mugging event. Books for the double mugging will be open through the end of today. Those wishing to enter should call 779-2129 or 779-2773.

On Saturday, the festivities will begin with a ranch horse cutting competition at 10:00 a.m.

At 4:00 p.m. there will be a parade. It will begin at the north end of main street and will continue to the west-bound lane of Highway 66. The paraders will turn west on the highway and the parade will end several blocks west.

At 5:00 p.m. a horse race will be held. It has tentatively been scheduled to take place on the property of Lloyd Littlefield south of town. If there is a change in location, it will be announced at the rodeo on Friday night. All horses entered must not have previous track experience.

The rodeo will conclude on Saturday night. Events will begin at 8:00 p.m.

On both Friday and Saturday, a dance will be held after the rodeo on the concrete slab north of the arena. The group Malfunction Junction will perform.

There will also be a drawing to give away half a beef and a pair of boots. A \$1.00 donation is required to enter the drawing.

Reserve parking spaces can be obtained by calling Rose Steel at 779-2773.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Mamie Bentley Funeral Services in Shamrock

Services for Mamie E. Bentley, 81, mother of two McLean residents, were held last Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Shamrock Church of Christ. Wayford Smith, minister, officiated. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery.

Mrs. Bentley died last Tuesday. She was born in Abilene and moved to Wheeler County in 1926. She married Philip Bentley in Shamrock in 1926. He died in 1981. She was a member of the Shamrock Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Joy Bentley, of the home; three sons, W.A. Bentley and James E. Bentley of McLean and James E. Bentley of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Mittie Cooley and Ethel Butler, both of Abilene; two brothers, Glen Pair of Abilene and Pete Pair of Hawley; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Sister of McLean Resident Buried

Services for Nettie Lee Humphrey, 91, were held last Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Burial was at Memory Gardens in Amarillo.

Mrs. Humphrey died last Tuesday.

She had lived in Amarillo for 40 years. She was a housewife and a member of the San Jacinto Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Morris Turner of Panhandle; four sisters, Faytite Bell Barton of McLean; Sybil Patterson of Miami, Kathleen Sims of Wichita Falls and Marie DUBY of Pineville, Mo.; one brother, Al Wilcoxson of Tulsa, Okla.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Comptroller's Office Sends Tax Checks

The State Comptroller's office recently sent checks totaling \$54.5 million in local tax payments to the 1,017 cities that levy the one percent local sales tax.

The check sent to the City of McLean was for \$1,006.51, as compared to \$1,306.72 for the same period last year. To date, payments for 1986 amount to \$10,207.18, as compared to \$9,818.92 for the same period last year. This represents a 3.95% increase.

Former Resident Gets Award for Excellence

Texas Tech University has announced its 1986 Outstanding Achievement Awards for staff. Among those receiving the award was Rebekah Nunez, a former resident of McLean and a graduate of McLean High School. She is associate Director of Purchasing/Payables at Texas Tech.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Orrick of McLean.

Flea Market Starts on July 19-20

The City of McLean is organizing a Flea Market-Arts and Crafts Sale to be held on a monthly basis beginning July 19 and 20.

The types of products which can be sold range from Flea Market items to Arts and Crafts, Bakery goods, etc. Donation of an item can be made for the drawing of a door prize as an advertisement for individual businesses.

The Flea Market will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Set-up times will be 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Saturday and 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The booths, which will be located indoors, will be sectioned off and all will be of equal size. Businesses may rent more than one space. Each booth operator will be required to supply their own display tables, chairs, etc. Each booth will be 10'x10' and will rent for \$20 for Saturday only, and \$10 for Sunday only, or \$25 if reservations are made for both days.

For additional information, contact the City Secretary at 779-2481.

Pool Retires after 39 Years of City Service

Harlon Pool has recently retired after being a city employee for 39 years. Although he worked for 2 years in the County warehouse, he was primarily employed by the Sanitation Department.

Mr. Pool and his wife, Essie, have lived in McLean since 1939. They have five children. Two of them live in Amarillo, one in Groom, one in Artesia and one in Houston.

Pool was formerly a member of the American Legion and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

He is not quite ready to settle down yet and says he will probably be working again soon.

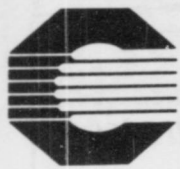
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I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Sid and Orville Keese, Butch Wyatt and Henry Like who worked long, hard hours helping me get ready for my farm auction sale. No words can really express my gratitude. Thanks again.

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5th Graders Have Party

The fifth grade class of McLean Elementary School had an end of school party on May 28th at 5:00 p.m. The party was held at McClellan Creek.

Parents and friends who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordy, Mr. and Mrs. James Hefley, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. Cas Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adamson, Mrs. Thelma McCarty, Mrs. Arlene Glass and David Adamson.

The students want to thank Susan Barker for organizing the party, all the parents for helping, and Johnny Carpenter for the use of his land.

McLean Briefs

J. Boyd and Frankie Smith attended a reunion of her family this weekend. It was held at the home of her daughter Claudia Marion and husband Royce in Wheeler.

Others attending were Charles Rhine and family from Paradise, Tex.; Jerry Rhine and family from Dallas; Art Rhine and family from Pampa; Gary and Joy Cogburn from Shamrock; and James and Liz Hubbard from Decatur.

Dennis and Linda Meador and Christian went to a trap shoot in Houston recently. They are currently vacationing in San Antonio and Del Rio.

Gately's Cafe Under New Ownership

Gately's Cafe is under new ownership. Don and Glenda White, formerly of Amarillo, have moved to McLean and have taken over the restaurant.

Mrs. White has been in the business since she was 16 and has managed a restaurant in Amarillo for the past 7 years. Mr. White is employed as a foreman with the Master Land and Cattle Co.

Originally from Tulia, the Whites have lived in Amarillo for 19 years and have 3 children. Their two daughters, Terry and Kelly, and their son, Donnie, all live in Amarillo. They also have 10 grandchildren. Their granddaughter Tiffany MacAvoy,

will be living with them and will attend McLean High School in the fall.

Mrs. White said there will be come changes in the cafe. Daily luncheon specials will be offered and Mexican food will be added to the menu later. Debbie Willis of Amarillo will do the cooking.

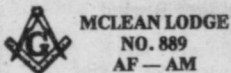
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8th Grade Class Party

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along for the ride. The kids swam, played volleyball and ate hot dogs.

The class would like to thank Country Corner for their donations and Shady Acres for the use of their facilities.

Rhonda Sparlin, Janis Moore, David and Terri Hall sponsored the party. Cathey Reynolds also furnished cookies. The sponsors would like to thank the kids for having such a good time and being so well behaved, which was expected of this bunch.

WATERMELON LESSONS

William Jennings Bryan noted that a water- melon seed planted would, under nature's bounty, gather 200,000 times its weight and force it through a stem and build a watermelon. Outside, a green covering; within, a rind of white and a core of seed-sprinkled red, each seed capable of doing the same work over again (Gen. 1:11-12). He queried, "What architect drew the plan? Where did that seed get its might, its flavoring extract, its coloring matter? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learned man cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant can relish it."

Another lesson: Watermelon seeds produce just watermelons! Not cucumber or squash. In our Lord's parable of the sower He explains that "the seed is the word of God" (Lk. 8:4-15). Each of us can provide "good ground" ("an honest and good heart") for His marvelous seed. In joyful obedience ("His commandments are not grievous," 1 John 5:3) I will become a heaven-approved "plant" (Mt. 15:13), exactly the "produce" that God wants, not one that "shall be rooted up."

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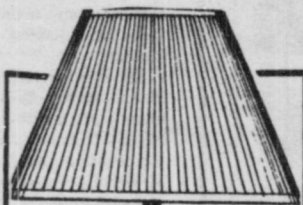
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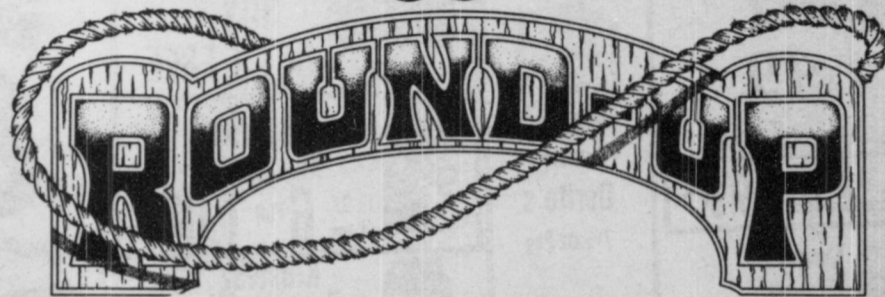
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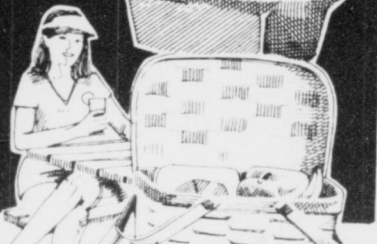
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Hartley and Mary Davis were recently visited by Leroy Terbush of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Willis May of Panhandle and Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Amarillo.

Anita Bruce made a trip to Pampa on Friday.

Shawn Bruce spent the weekend with the Robert Bruces.

Herman Tipton, a former resident, fell down in his cellar last week and shattered his knee. He will be disabled for some time.

Velma Hechler took Hattie Terbush home to Groom on Wednesday.

Nita McKee had her daughter and family visiting from Spearman this weekend.

The Dick Drago family spent several days at the lake last week.

Visiting Mrs. Jess Finley and Ramona was her cousin, Norman Collins and his wife Noia, of Morgan Hill, Ca.

Briefs From The McLean Care Center

McLean Care Center extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of George Latta who passed away at the Center on June 14. He will be deeply missed.

Sunday, Reverend Z.A. Myers, of the Assembly of God Church, was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo on Monday were Dick Wheeler, Ruth Kemp, Elsa Stalis, Lona Jones, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Kittie Hessey, Annie Eudey, Teresa Richardson, Alice Dickenson and Lucille Cullison. Our helpers were Mildred Giesler, Onie Gibson, Loree Barker, Bertha Smith and Annie Herndon. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday, Ted Robertson, Lena Carter, Mary Davis and Brenda McLain were here to assist the following residents in dominos: Grace Swallow, Lula Sheegog, Ruth Kemp, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, P.L. Ledgerwood, Earl Tolleson, Dick Wheeler and Inez Fields.

Wednesday afternoon, Lois Myers and Jan Layfield were here playing their guitars and leading us in a sing-a-long.

Friday afternoon, our faithful lady Martha Parker was here to show her great movies.

Saturday was our Father's Day party. Ginger Morilla made Boutonieres for all the men. George Green played his guitar and sang for us. Odessa Beeman sang "Silver Haired Daddy of Mine." Cakes were furnished by Isabelle Cousins and Fern Boyd. Ladies serving were Louise Turner, Ginger Morilla, Bonnie Bidwell, Mary Dwyer, Fern Boyd and Isabelle Cousins.



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Brother of McLean Resident Dies

Services for Ernest E. Foster, 89, brother of a McLean resident, were held last Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church in Memphis. Reverend Henry Salley, pastor, and Reverend Harold Graves, of Amarillo, officiated.

Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Mr. Foster died last Tuesday.

He was born in Hamilton County and moved to Hall County in 1912. He had lived in Amarillo since 1981. He married Frances Jewel Murdock in 1917 at Lakeview. She died in 1974.

Survivors include one daughter, Frances Thresher of Amarillo; two brothers, Henry Foster of Memphis and Wesley Foster of Friona; one sister, Ruby Boyd of McLean; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

like to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Penney Lee, to Randy Mac Stewart of Amarillo, Texas. Randy is the son of Collene Glass of McLean and Edward Mac Stewart of McLean.

The wedding will take place August 2, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Boise City, Okla.

Little League Wins Games

The Groom Little League played at home Thursday night against Lefors winning the game 33-3. Each member of the team contributed to the total score with Paul McLaughlin, Bruce Britten and Heremy Brown scoring home runs. Pitcher for the game was Bruce Britten.

Due to the rain, Groom's last game was played in Clarendon Monday night. Final score was Groom 8 and Clarendon Yankees 5. Scoring one point each for their team was Paul McLaughlin, Phillip Vaughn, Kristy Case, Bruce Britten, Jeremy Brown and Wesley Hall. Daryl Homer scored two runs. Pitcher for the game was Bruce Britten.

Groom ended their season wining five games and losing three. Tournament play begins Thursday, June 19 in Clarendon.

Baptist Women

The Baptist women met at the church Tuesday morning for their Mission study program with Mrs. Cleo Musser as hostess.

Mrs. Stella Patterson, president called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Ruby Milton conducted the Bible study "The Difference One Senior Adult can Make" taken from scriptures Exodus 2:11 to 3:1 and Hebrews 11:23-27.

Mrs. Donald Ritter presented the Baptist women program entitled "Aging: The Best Is Yet to Come."

Others attending were Mrs. Jack Bivens and Mrs. Bertha Knight.

Connie Crowell of Perryton visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crowell. Connie is assisting with basketball camp at West Texas State University for about three weeks.

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"Children Are Gifts From God"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was printed in the Salina Journal on Sunday, May 11, 1986. It is a success story not told often enough today, but one luckily many in Groom will recognize and identify with. The family you will read about came from Groom moving to Lubbock from Groom in 1960 and later settled in Kansas.

The article was written by Philomena Lawrence. When Blanche and Bernard (B.J.) Koetting married 39 years ago, the newlyweds struck a deal with his grandmother. If they could have the eight-foot-long wooden bench built by his great-grandfather, they would fill it with children. On Mother's Day especi-

ally, Blanche Koetting is delighted to have more than fulfilled that promise. In the beginning there was Barbara, now 37. Then came Patsy, Brenda, Joyce, Richard, John, Steve, Keith, David, Beverly, Larry and Chris. The youngest is Jake, 12, the only one still living at home. "I can't imagine life with-

out having children. They are a joy, especially now at my age," said this rural Salina woman. But 13? "People have large families for different reasons. My parents were the happiest people I knew and they had 11 children. I always wanted to pattern my life after theirs," said Koetting, the second oldest in her family. Her husband is the youngest of five. She is distressed that some newlyweds choose not to have any children.

"I haven't done much that others would find interesting but always hoped I'd find a way to tell young people about the happiness that comes from having a family. Children are gifts from God. As long as you accept them as that, there's no problem you can't overcome," said Koetting, a former nurse. In fact, having a large family has definite advantages, she said. "We used to say that we didn't need to invite anyone else to have a party. We ate our meals together, and there was always great conversation about what everyone had done during the day." The family now is content to reminisce at reunions held on alternating Christmases at the Koetting home. A typical reunion includes about 35 members and lasts from a week to 10 days. "I see other kids who don't care about coming home. Maybe their parents don't encourage them to come."



Having a large family requires careful planning, Koetting said. "You can't take 13 children to visit people. So we used to picnic often. The children wore hand-me-downs and it didn't seem to bother them," she added. Koetting talks fondly of those early years. She treasures memories of her children's shining eyes as she accepted their handmade gifts, cards and special surprises.

And every one counted. One Mother's Day, all the children but one boy had presented her with "I Love You" cards.

"I missed that one and wondered what had happened. Then that night I found his card on my pillow. Either he forgot or was too bashful to bring it to me."

"Unlike me, they were all so inquisitive about everything. They had such interesting minds. The thing that intrigued me was each child was different."

The depth of these differences is evident from the careers her children have chosen. One is a nurse practitioner, another a musician, still another a farmer.

But there were hard times, too. The early 1960s were the hardest for this mother of four teen-aged girls. She had formal to prepare for them and then formulas for four babies. In addition, she attended Cub Scout meetings and wrote for the Catholic newspaper. All this when her husband was out of town a great deal.

"When I hit those times I wondered why I hadn't prayed harder for a religious vocation," she said, obviously amused at the recollection.

"I wondered if I'd make it through. But I knew that if I'd hang in there, I would. You always do," she said.

Koetting firmly believes in the value of "tough love."

"The word love is so misused and contorted today. For me, it means being a good example for your kids, teaching them healthy eating habits, how to be responsible, hard working, and kind to their neighbors."

Love also means disciplining children when they need it, she added.

The couple's theory on raising children has had happy results. The Koettings said they feel gratified when their grown offspring gather around the dining table like old times.

As their mother put it, "When you can live your dream, you're a success. One thing we won't part with is that bench. We feel we've earned it."

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