

# The Groom News

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## Britten Announces Re-Election Candidacy

Friends,  
I would like to announce my intention to file for re-election as County Commissioner Precinct 1.

Over the past seven years I have learned much, and have seen many changes in county government. After the 1990 census, all counties were mandated by law to have all commissioner precincts divided equally according to population. Because of the declining number of people in Groom, the northern precinct line was moved into White Deer, and the western line was moved so it would take in the east side of Panhandle. This added about 800 residents to Precinct 1 along with the extra miles of county roads. I have tried to represent and serve these new constituents as well as my original constituents as fairly as possible.

I am proud of the accomplishments of our commissioners court. We have gone through the clean up of a major tornado at Fritch to up grading our radio communications system to one of the finest anywhere. We were able to complete these two projects with the help of federal grants. Because Pantex is in Carson County, we obtained a grant to purchase signage and to address our rural residences and subdivisions in our



county. Carson County has one of the lowest tax rates of any county in the State of Texas. In the seven years I have been commissioner, our tax rate has stayed virtually the same. It has always been my goal to keep our tax rate as low as possible so that it will not be a burden to the taxpayers of this county. I am honored to have served you, and I am now asking for your support and influence in my bid for re-election.  
Thank you,  
Mike Britten  
(Paid political advertisement by Mike Britten, Box 277, Groom, Texas 79039.)

## Watson Announces For Re-Election

I, Roslyn Watson, announce my candidacy for Carson County Tax Assessor-Collector on the 1996 Democratic Primary Ballot.

As required by law, I am a certified tax assessor, certified by the Board of Professional Tax Examiners and a member of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas. With my 16 years of experience as a deputy and 6 years as your tax collector, I feel I am qualified to ask for your continued support.

During the past year the tax office has implemented the new Title and Registration system which

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Santa Saw....

Nice -  
Arnie Kuehler putting up Christmas decorations downtown last week.

Boys Scouts courteously delivering their pop corn.

Stacy Fields providing service with a smile at the Dairy Queen.

Folks cleaning up, fixing up and making their homes look great for Christmas.

The Old "Nuns" home receiving a much needed face lift.

J.B. Wortham telling everyone about his beautiful new baby.

Mom's & Dad's counting the days till the college kids come home for Christmas.

Cody Babcock for sharing his toys with the Dairy Queen lunch crowd. Makes waiting for your food more fun.

Naughty -  
Dale Brooks for not sharing his vast knowledge with the editor of this paper. See Santa, pg. 7

## Grand Jury Returns Six Indictments Last Monday

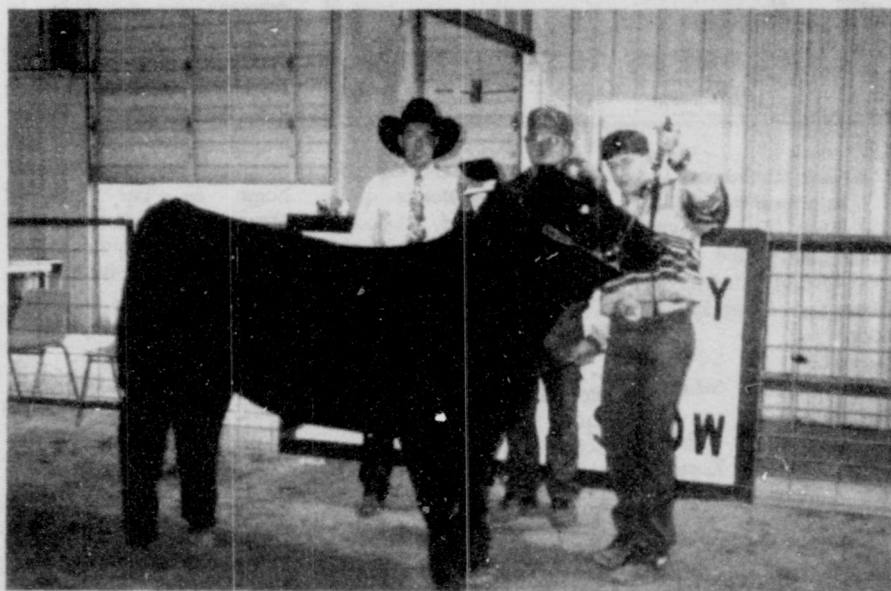
On Monday, November 27, 1995, the Grand Jury met and returned six (6) indictments.

One plea was heard on November 27, 1995, with Judge David McCoy presiding and District Attorney Randall C. Sims representing the State of Texas.

2564 The State of Texas vs. Maria Jesus Chavez Perez: Maria Jesus Chavez pled guilty to Indecency with a Child and received seven (7) years deferred adjudication, and a \$1500.00 fine.

Two pleas were heard on November 28, 1995, with Judge David McCoy presiding and District Attorney Randall C. Sims representing the State of Texas.

2586 The State of Texas vs. Johnny Joe Rosalez.



## McLaughlin Shows Champion

Scott McLaughlin was the big winner in last weekends annual Wheeler County Warm-Up Stock Show. The senior FFA member took the Grand Champion steer honors with his light weight Chiannia steer. He also won the Champion Angus Heifer contest.

McLaughlin also placed 2nd and 3rd with two young cross heifers.

C.J. Whatley also had a good day at the show winning 1st place with his heavy weight steer. April Burton and Jason Prather each placed 4th in their respective classes. April showed in the heavy weight division and Jason in the mid-weight.

Burton, also, exhibited two heifers in the Senior female competition. She

placed 3rd and 4th. The Wheeler show kicks off the stock showing season for these FFA-ers and for many others in the Groom program. Some will attend the Fort Worth Stock Show and the Carson County Stock Show in January. Some will also attend the Houston Stock Show in February.

## Claude Wins First—

## Tigerettes Place Third In Miami

The Groom Tigerettes won third place in the

Miami Tournament last weekend.

The girls began the action packed weekend with the opening game against Trinity on Thursday. Kay Case led the scoring with 24

points. Mary Hutsell had 15, Sandie Conrad 11, Angie Conrad 10, Melissa Anthony 6, Sheridan Koetting 4, Brenda Fields 2 and Stephanie Ollinger 2. See Tournament, pg. 7

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY Chowline meets at the Community Center on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12. Everyone invited!

GROOM JUNIOR HIGH teams will play in Shamrock beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11.

VARSITY TEAMS play in the Valley Tourney on December 7 through 9. December 12 Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams play here vs. Vega beginning at 4:00 p.m.

REMINDER!! GHS Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive to help some families in Groom. The contest began Dec. 4 and ends Friday! Students may bring any non-perishable food items.

4-H WILL MEET Thursday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at the Groom Community Center.

KENT WATSON, Melanie Britten, and Jerry and Leslie Crowell will perform at the Square House Museum Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

GROOM SCHOOL will hold open house at 7 pm on Thursday Dec. 14. The concert will begin at 8 pm with students in K-12.


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# The Groom News

## Local Happenings

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**Groom Birthdays Anniversaries**

December 8 - Brooke Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McLaughlin (A).

December 9 - Emalea London.

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

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

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

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

**Groom Library New Books**

Goosebumps  
 New Sandra Brown "Five Days In Paris"  
 Daniel Steele

Audra Podzemny was elected to the cheerleading squad at Permian High School in Odessa. She will assume her duties after semester break. Audra is the granddaughter of Bobby Cornett of Groom.

**Oops!**  
 Another winner at St. Mary's Bazaar was Rip Snyder with the donation from Hop Britten.

Bill and Norma Jean Homer, Ron Kuehler, Scott and Karen Fields of Groom, Travis Honor of Dumas and Sharon Meyer of Amarillo attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last weekend. During their lay over in Dallas On Sunday Gary Bohr picked them up at the airport and took them to his house for a delicious supper.

**New Arrival**  
 J. B. and Elana Wortham welcome a new baby to their home. Cheyann Ellen Wortham was born on December 3, 1995 at 7:12 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces and was 18" long. She is welcomed home by her brothers Steven 11, Zachary 2, and her sister Jordan, 3.  
 Grandparents are Donnie and Nickey Evans, and Pete and Fay Wortham, all of Groom; and Bruce and Barbara Garrett of Kress. Great-grandmother is Nora Ellen Painter of Groom.

Erin Kate Wolf of Ascot, England visited her grandparents Glynn D and Sybil Harrell Wednesday and Thursday.  
 Mildred Miller had major surgery on November 27 in Amarillo.

**Time is Running Out!**  
 Don't forget to get your Holiday Greeting in the Special Christmas Edition on December 21, 1995.

**Holiday Calendar Of Events**

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:00 pm. St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold it's annual Christmas Pageant.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. (Closed during the noon hour) State National Bank will hold it's annual Holiday Open House.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:00 pm. Groom School will hold Open House. The Christmas Concert will begin at 8:00 pm with students in K-12 participating.

Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm. The First Baptist Church Worship Choir will perform "All Through The Night".

Tuesday, December 19, 8:00 to 11:30 am. Annual Open House and Customer Appreciation Day at the Post Office.

Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 pm. United Methodist Church will hold it's annual Christmas Pageant.

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**Birth Announcement**  
 Kim and Pat Weinheimer, Jr. proudly announce the birth of their daughter who arrived on November 23, 1995.  
 Little Laura Allison weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 3/4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.  
 Grandparents are Doug and Jewell Bednorz from Panhandle and Pat and Maggie Weinheimer, Lark.

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## County Commissioners Discuss Bridge Maintenance

The Commissioners' Court met on November 27, 1995 with all members present. The minutes were read and approved and all claims were approved.

Mr. C.L. Nicholson and Dave Nicholson met with the court to discuss maintenance work on road "T". C.L. Nicholson requested that the west ber ditch in front of his house be left in its present condition. The court agreed with the request. Approximately 100 yards of fill in the ditch will not be maintained by the county at this time.

Judge Roselius reviewed with commissioners the condition and material used in the various bridges in each precinct, as well as the conditions of the bridges. The information will be used for insurance purposes.

The court released a safekeeping receipt with the First National Bank of Panhandle. The receipt was replaced with another security.

Judge Roselius informed the court that a request for information concerning the depositing of funds with Tex-Pool is a financial program set up and run by the State of Texas for the investment of State and County funds. It is recommended for short term funds.

Fire and Causality Insurance as well as General Liability Insurance has been renewed with A.J. Weiser Insurance Company.

The annual Christmas party is set for December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners' court will be at 9:00 a.m.

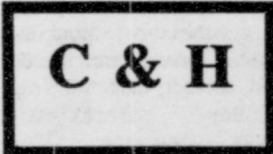
### Watson

will be completed state wide by January 1997. I have gone on-line with the Secretary of State with voter registration which will be more helpful to comply with the new National Voter Registration Act.

After becoming certified I have attended seminars and conferences to attain the 60 Continued Education Units as required by law.

I have served the residents of Carson County to the best of my ability and with your continued support I will strive to have the most efficient and helpful tax office possible.

I have lived in Carson County for 37 years and Carson County is my home. Paid political announcement by Roslyn Watson, Box 841, Panhandle, Texas 79068.



## District Signs Resolution With "The Bridge"

Children's Advocacy Center of Amarillo has established a similar center in Pampa to make their services more accessible to

### Babcock, Acker Finalist In Circle Of Friends Card Contest

The Circle of Friends announced the following area students as finalists in the Caring Touch Collection of Christmas Card contest.

The finalists were selected from a pool of 2,200 entries from students in area elementary, middle and high schools. The group will select eight finalists' artwork to use on the 1996 Caring Touch collection.

Finalists included Cody Babcock, fifth grader, and Haley Acker, first-grader, all from Grandview-Hopkins School.

citizens in the eastern part of the Panhandle of Texas. This would include the counties of the 100th Judicial District. These centers provide a team approach to the investigation of child sexual and physical abuse to help protect children from being further victimized by limiting interviews and increasing communications between law enforcement, prosecution, medical, and child protective services.

Randall C. Sims, District Attorney of the 100th Judicial District, has agreed to be a member of the case review team for cases coming through the Pampa center. His ten years of prosecutorial experience as well as his concerns for victims make him a welcomed member to the review team. "When asked to be a member of the case review team, I immediately said yes, and felt very

honored to be asked to be included in such a very important cause for child victims," Sims said.

Mr. Sims contacted the county judge, county attorney, county sheriff, police chief, and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in each county of the 100th Judicial District regarding support for The Bridge and as a result an interagency agreement in support of The Bridge was signed. The interagency agreement and those signing in support are as follows: Carson County Judge Jay R. Roselius; Carson County District Attorney, Randall C. Sims; Panhandle Police Chief, Ken Rogers; Carson County Attorney, Ed Hinshaw; Carson County Sheriff, Loren Brand; and Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Faye McClung.

## Library News

The Library has a new 1995 Texas Road Atlas which shows not only highways and freeways but shows smaller roads such as 293 and 294 and unnamed roads which cross and intersect. The map shows Front Street, which we call "The Highway", is actually number 554 which starts just east of 294 and ends east of town where it connects to I-40.

The Atlas shows roadside attractions, missions, forts, to name only a few highlights.

### Christmas Eve Help For Many

Many a Christmas has been spoiled by paper -- paper from brightly decorated gifts, paper from packaging, paper from those slippery plastic envelopes that come inside assemble-it-yourself gifts, while the first two categories can be easily disposed of, the third group's disappearance can cause buckets of tears, thunderous screams and expletives and more frustration than anyone deserves on what is supposed to be a happy time.

Just in case the assembly instructions for your gift becomes lost in the shuffle, clip and save the following generic instructions.

Grasp the gizmo in your left hand. With your right hand, insert the doohicky into the little whosie just below the bright red (blue or green) thingamajig and gently -- gently! -- turn it in a clockwise direction until you hear a click.

Attach the long thingamabob to the whatchamacallit. Do not under any circumstances allow the metal whatsit on the end to come in contact with the black plastic thingummy. Failure to follow these instructions will cause damage to the doodad.



# YOU'RE #1 WITH US!

## State National Bank

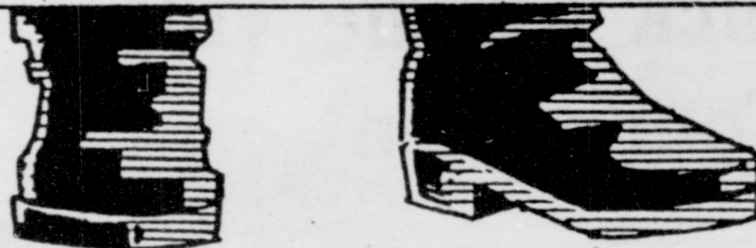
### Open House

December 13, 1995 - 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 2:00

Member  
F.D.I.C.

Directors, their wives and employees of  
State National Bank

invite all of our customers and friends to come  
in to share our refreshments and hospitality





### Groom 4-Hers Take Honors In Food Show

The Carson County Food Show was held Saturday, November 4th in Panhandle. Those participating in the food show from Groom Town & Country 4-H were as follows: Lainie Britten, blue ribbon - Jr. Main Dish; Clay Britten, blue ribbon - Advance To District, Bread; Blake Howard, blue ribbon - Alternate to District, Jr. Main Dish; Leah Looten, blue ribbon - Alternate to District, Jr. Fruit & Veg.; Britteny Martin, blue ribbon - Jr. Bread; Amanda Martin, blue ribbon - Advance to District, Jr.

Fruit & Veg.; Macie Britten, blue ribbon - Advance to District, Intermediate Snacks & Desserts; Wyatt Britten, blue ribbon - Alternate to District, Jr. Breads; Michele Stephens, blue ribbon - Advance to District, Intermediate, Fruits & Veg.; Frances Britten, blue ribbon - Advance to District, Intermediate, Main Dish; Brooke Britten, blue ribbon - Advance to District, Intermediate, Fruits & Veg.; Marcie Babcock, blue ribbon, Alternate to District, intermediate Main Dish;

Nicholas Anthony, blue ribbon - Alternate to District, Snacks & Dessert.

A total of 37 people were entered in the food show this year. Everyone is very proud of our 13 4-Hers who all placed at the top. The district food show was in Amarillo Saturday, December 2nd. Macie Britten, Frances Britten, Brooke Britten, Clay Britten and Amanda Martin

represented the Town & Country 4-H. Results will be in a future issue of The Groom News.

#### Groom School

##### Menu

December 11-December 15

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, buttered potatoes, spinach, pull apart bread, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Enchiladas w/cheese sauce, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheese zombies, fresh apple slices w/caramel sauce, milk.


Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed baked potatoes, shaved ham, cheese, cut broccoli w/cheese sauce, hot sliced bread, sherbet, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken breast nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate chip cookies, milk.




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 These type of vehicles make tracks on the practice field, park and baseball fields. They destroy the grass and create ruts, even as dry as it has been. Please take these non-street legal vehicles elsewhere to ride. Do not force us to request law enforcement in this area.




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## BASKETBALL 1995 - 1996

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*The Donald Ritter's*  
*The Dan Martin's*  
*The Jim Burton's*

**Good Luck At The Valley  
Tournament**

## Carson Co. Sheriff's Report

By Loren Brand  
 We are currently housing ten prisoners in the Carson County Jail. Eight of those prisoners are being held for felony offenses.  
 Deputy Jeff Oldham secured not only the arrest of a burglary suspect, but a written confession which implicates an accomplice in a rural burglary investigation. Warrants have been issued for the second party and we anticipate that both subjects will be in our jail within the week.  
 Deputy Larry Mendez took custody of property stolen from a Carson County business and is pursuing information which we believe will lead to the arrest of the thief. Deputy Mendez is comparing information on this crime with similar burglaries we've had in our county to see if we can locate other stolen property.  
 Chief Deputy Lovell Kennard and Skellytown City Marshal John Corley were called to investigate a report of domestic violence in Skellytown.  
 Sgt. Ray Davis is currently investigating a

burglary which was reported in the Industrial Boulevard area of Carson County outside of Berger. Numerous items were reported to have been stolen from a vehicle at that location.  
 Our office is continuing to investigate the death of Cynthia Howell of Spearman. Mrs. Howell's body was found southwest of Skellytown on November 13. Anyone having information on this case is asked to call Sheriff Loren Brand.  
 The Sheriff's Office is also investigating the actions of a New Mexico man who is believed to have fraudulently taken money from a church youth group. A warrant has been issued for the subject's arrest and we will bring the subject to Carson County after he's taken into custody by New Mexico authorities.  
 I would like to thank the students at Skellytown for their courtesy and attention when I spoke to their classes. It's nice to know that the next generation is represented by such well behaved and intelligent young people.

### Holiday Safety at Home

As sad as it sounds, December is a peak month for home burglaries. Safeguard your home by taking some precautions. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Be diligent about locking your doors and windows every time you leave, even if it is only for a few minutes. When going out to holiday parties, turn on a few

lights and a radio or television to make the house look occupied.  
 If you plan to travel during the holidays, take these steps to protect your home while you are away:  
 •Get automatic timers for your lights.  
 •Turn down the ringer on your phone and the speaker on your answering machine, if you have one.

•Arrange for a neighbor to accept packages while you are gone, or cancel all deliveries until you return.  
 •Store gifts out of sight, in a safe place, before you leave.  
 •Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house, pick up the mail and newspapers, and park a car in your driveway from time to time.  
 •Finally, common sense

crime prevention does not end when the holiday season is over. Start the New Year right by marking your new gifts with your license number or some other form of identification. While I hope that you are never the victim of a robbery, should that unhappy event occur, your unique identification number will assist the police in recovering your possessions.

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## Beta Sigma Phi Kicks Off Holiday Season

Beta Sigma Phi Chapter of Groom started off the holiday season with the true spirit of giving. The chapter met Monday, November 13, in the home of Judy Eatmon with Tammy Bivens co-hosting the occasion. Members discussed plans to sell pecans at the Christian Mothers Bazaar and the Christmas Party to be held

in the home of Belinda Britten on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Final preparations were made for the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving meal that was served on Thursday, November 15.

Members concluded the evening using their talents preparing a tree skirt to go with a gift of a Christmas Tree and ornaments brought by the members for a special family.

Members present were Debbie Anthony, Cindy Babcock, Tammy Bivens, Belinda Britten, Becky Britten, Donna Crump, Judy Eatmon, Barbara Homer, Meloney Martin, Tina



Painter, Nancy Patterson, Toni Pavlovsky, Beverly Stephens and Charlotte Whately. Absent was Linda Lee Richardson.

Sorority Sisters, remember the Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m. in the home of Belinda Britten (check invitations for what

to bring) and Poinsettia orders must be received by 4-Hers on or before December 1.

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#### OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

#### TXDOT ROUTE STUDY - LUBBOCK TO IH-10 AND AMARILLO TO THE STATE LINE

The Open House and Public Meeting originally scheduled for December 11, 1995, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, has been postponed. It has been determined that the recent change in the speed limit laws may affect the freeway feasibility results being presented at the meeting. Therefore, further evaluation will be necessary before the results are finalized. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. Once it has been rescheduled, a notice will be published in this newspaper, in the Route Study Newsletter, and on the Route Study Telephone Hotline (1-800-661-3234).

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## THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY MUSEUM

Is Hosting A Reception  
For December's Featured  
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On December 10

From 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
In The Art Gallery At The  
Armstrong County Museum

## Groom School Receives Good Grade On Report Card

Groom ISD recently received its report card from the state.

Groom had two exemplary campuses and one recognized to make Groom ISD a recognized district.

To give you an idea on how other schools do we have included this list of Region 16 schools.

Exemplary District: Darrouzett ISD (one of only 14 districts in the state)

Exemplary Campuses: Amarillo's - Belmar Elementary, Puckett Elementary, Ridgecrest Elementary, Sleepy Hollow Elementary, Windsor Elementary, Canyon Arden Road Elementary, Canyon Gene Howe Elementary, Canadian Elementary, Darrouzett Elementary, Gruver Elementary, Happy Middle School, Memphis' Austin Elementary, Stratford High School, Wellington

Elementary, White Deer Elementary (for the second year).

Recognized Districts: Adrian ISD, Allison ISD, Clarendon ISD, Farwell ISD, Ft. Elliott CISD, Grandview-Hopkins ISD, Groom ISD, Gruver ISD, Happy ISD, Higgins ISD, Kelton ISD, Miami ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD, Samnorwood ISD, Spearman ISD, Spring Creek ISD, Texhome ISD, Textline ISD, Wellington ISD, Wheeler ISD, White Deer ISD, Wildorado ISD.

Recognized Campuses: Allison School, Adrian School. Amarillo's - Amarillo High School, Crockett Middle School, Bonham Middle School, Avondale Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, Humphrey's-Highland, Olsen Park Elementary, Paramount Terrace Elementary, Pleasant Valley

Elementary, South Georgia Elementary, South Lawn Elementary, Western Plateau Elementary, Wolfliin Elementary, Carver Academy Elementary, Bushland Middle School, Borger Gateway Elementary, Boys Ranch Elementary, Canadian High School, Canadian Middle School, Canadian Baker Elementary, Canyon's Canyon High School, Randall High School, Rex Reeves Primary, Oscar Hinger Intermed, Sundown Lane Elementary, Childress Elementary, Clarendon High School, Clarendon Junior High, Clarendon Elementary, Claude Elementary, Dalhart High School, Farwell High School, Farwell Junior High, Fort Elliott School, Grandview-Hopkins, Groom School, Happy High School, Hereford Special Programs, Higgins School, Highland

Park Elementary, Kelton School, Miami School, Pampa Austin Elementary, Pampa Baker Elementary, Pampa Mann Elementary, Pampa Travis Elementary, Panhandle High School, Pringle Morse Elementary - JH, PSP - West Texas MS, Samnorwood School, Skellytown Elementary, Spearman Birdwell Elementary, Spearman Junior High, Spring Creek Elementary, Stratford Mary Ellen Elementary, Texhoma Elementary, Textline Schools, Tulia High School, Vega Elementary, Vega High School, Wheeler School, Wildorado Elementary.

The Ettes won 71-21.

Facing Booker on Friday, the girls won by 1 point in a real white knuckle match-up, 64-63. Kay Case had a good night adding up 25 points. Angie Conrad had 14, Sandie Conrad had 9, Jessica Friemel 7, Martie Phillips 4, Stephanie Ollinger 2, and Sheridan Koetting 2.

The Ettes were out-distanced by the Lady Owls of Silvertown in the third game of the tournament, 52-40. Kay Case, again was top scorer with 20 points. Sandie Conrad had 8, Jessica Friemel had 4, Martie Phillips had 3 and Mary Hutsell had 3 while Stephanie Ollinger had 2.

In their final match the girls played Memphis to an ending score of Groom 51, Memphis 42. Sandie Conrad took top scoring honors with 18. Kay Case added 10, Jessica Friemel had 8, Angie Conrad 6, Martie Phillips 4, Mary Hutsell 2 and Sheridan Koetting had 1.

In the boys tournament, the Tigers played Trinity in their opening match. Nick Ashford led the scoring with 19 points. Justin Ritter added 15, Jeremy Chavado and Stanley Homer each had 8, Toby Burgin 5, Brad Sustaire 3, Jimmy Chavado 3 and Terry Eatmon 2.

## Tournament

The boys lost 64-75 to the Trinity team.

In their second game the boys played Booker. Nick Ashford was top scorer with 14 points followed closely by Jeremy Chavado with 13. Brad Sustaire had 8 as well as Justin Ritter. Stanley Homer and Toby Burgin each had 6. Jimmy Chavado had 4, David Munoz and Terry Eatmon had 2 each and David York had 1. The Tigers won the match 64-61.

Their next match was against Silvertown. Justin Ritter led the scoring with 14. Stanley Homer had 11. Nick Ashford added 8, Jeremy Chavado had 5, Brad Sustaire 4, Toby Burgin 3 and Jimmy Chavado had 1. The final score was Groom 45 - Silvertown 77.

Claude Boys and Girls won the tournament.



Bill Homer and Hank Hermestmeyer recently "limited out" in numbers and size during a fishing trip to Lake Texhoma. Fishing guide Jerry Dorsey helped them catch all the striped bass that they were allowed in their three day visit.

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## Higher Speed Limits Postpone TxDOT Meeting

The Open House and Public Meeting originally scheduled for December 11, 1995, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, has been postponed. Study engineers determined that the recent change in the speed limit laws may affect the freeway feasibility results being presented at the meeting. Therefore, further evaluation will be necessary before the results are finalized. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.

For more information call: Tonya DeHoyos Detten, 356-3256 or home: 335-1170.

## Santa

All of the "Bah humbug" people who refuse to get at least a small measure of Christmas Spirit.

Those students in Mr. Hughes' Science class that were winning about having to take a test.

Brian and Marie Baker were here over the weekend visiting from Alamogordo, N.M.

Don't forget to take time this holiday season to drop a card or pay a visit to your many friends and relatives that are in nursing homes. Include them in your home celebrations or take the celebration to them.

## Obituaries

**James Henry Wetsel**  
James Henry Wetsel, 78, died Sunday, December 3, 1995.

Services were in the Groom Church of Christ with Kenneth Watson, minister, and Chris Hatchett, minister of North Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, officiating. Burial was in the Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed by Robertson Funeral Directors Inc. of Clarendon.

Mr. Wetsel was born in Goree. He lived in Borger and Stinnett for 30 years, in Clarendon for two years and in Lubbock for 10 years. He moved to Groom in 1994. He married Agnes J. Terbusch in 1936 at McLean.

He had worked as a welder in the shipyards at Kirkland, Washington, for three years and as a welder and construction foreman for Jim Huber in Borger for 30 years.

Mr. Wetsel had been an active member of AA for nine years and was active with the Hub of the Plains AA Center. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Gary Wetsel, in 1990.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Carolyn McWilliams of Howardwick; a son, Eldon Richard Wetsel of Midland; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to Groom Emergency Medical Services Fund, Groom, Texas 79039

**Warren Hart**  
Former Carson County Chief Deputy, Warren Hart, under Sheriff Connie Reed died Monday night.

Services are pending at press time. He is survived by his wife, Mary.


**Floyd Bichsel**  
Floyd Bichsel, 75, of Amarillo, died Friday, December 1, 1995.

Prayer vigil was Sunday in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors, with the Rev. Pat Carathers of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon officiating. Mass was celebrated Monday in St. Mary's Catholic Church by Monsignor Norbert Kuehler of St. John's Catholic Church in Borger. Graveside services were Monday in St. Mary's Cemetery at Groom.

Mr. Bichsel was born in Dallas and had lived in the Amarillo and Canyon area for more than 40 years. He married Frances Kuehler in 1950 at Amarillo. She died in 1991.

He was a farmer and rancher in Randall County for more than 40 years. He attended St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon. He was a veteran, serving in the Navy during World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his son, Leon Bichsel of Amarillo; a sister, Viola Renegar of Amarillo; a brother, Marvin Bichsel of Amarillo; and one granddaughter.



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## TASB To Dedicate Building To Late Executive Director

AUSTIN - The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will rename its headquarters building at 7703 North Lamar in Austin on Friday, December 1, in honor of the late Dr. Billy D. Walker, TASB

executive director from 1991-1995. The dedication ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

The Billy D. Walker Building will honor an extraordinary man who enjoyed a long and distinguished career in education as a teacher, principal, and administrator. Commissioner of Education Mike Moses will speak to a group of honored guests and TASB employees at the

ceremony. Also participating will be TASB President Ken Lloyd, TASB President-Elect Jannis Hayers, TASB Executive Director Jim Crow, and students from T.A. Brown Elementary School, the Association's Adopt-A-School partner.

TASB immediate Past President Lynn Allen will present Walker's wife, Betty, with a framed resolution honoring Walker that was adopted by the TASB Delegate Assembly at the 1995 TASB/TASA Joint Annual Convention. A portrait of Walker will be placed in the lobby of the Billy D. Walker Building following the ceremony.

Considered one of the nation's leading authorities on school finance, Walker authored more than 40 books, articles, and publications dealing with school finance. He served on several state and national committees and task forces, including the Governor's Task Force on Public Education. Walker was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Texas Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators, American Education Finance Association, Texas Association of School Business Officials, Association of School Business Officials International, American Society of Association Executives, and the Texas Society of Association Executives.

Walker died of cancer on July 17, 1995.

## Brand To Speak At Meeting

The Carson County Extension Service Executive Board and Extension Program Council will have their Annual Meeting December 13, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Panhandle. The guest speaker will be Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand, speaking on stress management.

County Extension Agents will have reports on the past year activities. They would like to encourage anyone to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

The County Extension Service has issue based programming. Carson County residents met in the spring of 1994 to determine the most critical issues facing Carson County residents in the next five years. The Long-Range

Extension Program was developed for programming these issues which include: Protecting Natural Resources, Youth Program Diversification, Economic Development, Agricultural Diversification, The Increase

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## Groom Teams Net Three Victories Over Clarendon

Groom fans turned out in force to watch Groom battle against the Clarendon teams. The Junior Varsity boys opened the competition with a resounding victory 44-39.

Trae Kepley led the scoring with 11, Daniel Treadwell had 8, Ray Lott and Joe Britten 6, Caleb Pool, Todd Gray and Jamie Shuck each had 2.

The J.V. Girls won their game by a narrow margin, 30-28. April Burton was the top scoring Ette with 8 points. Jacie Richardson had 6; Karen Conrad, Jennifer Lewis, and Sara Britten each had 4, Julie Richardson had 2, Katrina Meeker and Tami Ashford each had 1.

The Varsity girls won handily, with Kay Case netting 24 points. Sheridan Koetting had 6; Jessica Friemel 5, Mary Hutsell 4, Martie Phillips 3, Stephanie Ollinger 3 and Angie Conrad 2. The final score was 59-50.

The Varsity Tigers ran into some difficulty with the much larger and taller Broncos. Justin Ritter and

Jeremy Chavedo put up 9 points each to lead the scoring. Toby Burgin added 8, Terry Eatmon and Nick Ashford each had 7. Brad Sustaie had 3. Stanley Homer and David York each had 2. Their final was 72-47.

This weekend the Varsity and Junior Varsity will split up to attend separate tournaments.

The Varsity will play in Valley at the Patriot Invitational. The girls action opens at 11:30 am against Alamo Catholic. The boy's game begins at 1:00 pm, also against Alamo Catholic.

The J.V. boys will play at the Samnorwood Tournament at 2:00 pm on Thursday against Samnorwood. The J.V. girls will not play this weekend.

Get out and support your favorite teams!

### Groom Jr. High Basketball

The Groom Junior High basketball teams traveled to Wheeler this week. Groom 7th grade girls played a great game winning 32-25. Brooke Britten and Skye Brown tied for top scoring honors with a whopping 15 points each. Frances Britten netted the other 2 points.


The Eighth grade girls had a real white knuckle match that went into overtime, with Groom winning 53 to 48. Jessica Kepley and Carrie Davis led the scoring with 14 points each. Sarah Hutsell netted 13. Jodie Homen had 8 and Allison Eatmon 4.

In Seventh grade boys action, Wade Ritter led the scoring with 7 points, Evan Crowell added 6. Justin Homen and Dustin Babcock each scored 4 points. Chris Ollinger and Dusty Crump each had 2 points. Groom lost the game 25-44.



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## Cliffie Heasley Honored With 90th Celebration

Cliffie Heasley was honored with a 90th birthday party recently. The event was hosted by her daughter, Clea Sue and her husband Harris of Groom, their children and grandchildren.

Cliffie was born in Alabama in 1905 and moved to Texas at the age of 3. She lived all over Texas from Corpus Christi to Childress. Most of her formative years were spent in Childress. She moved to McLean to be with her sister. There she met and married Cleo Heasley.

During World War II Cliffie & Cleo along with daughter Clea Sue traveled to Portland, Oregon. She worked as a welder in the shipyard, meeting the needs of America at war.

After the war, the family returned to McLean, where they purchased a filling station and store. Cliffie

was a 90's Mom long before it was fashionable, juggling the duties of mother, homemaker, clerk and filling station attendant.

In her lifetime Cliffie has seen the end of the horse and buggy days through to days of space travel. Her philosophy is "Don't worry about getting old! . . . 90 isn't so bad."

Along with 90 of her friends, also enjoying the celebration with her were grandchildren, Susie and Hal Howerton of Tucuman, New Mexico; Kim and Tim Hoescher of Amarillo; and Craig and Monica of Groom.

The great-grandchildren assisted by serving cake and punch. They are Shan, Randy and Ashley Howerton; Jenny, Matthew, Julia and Meredith Hoelscher; and Caren, Karla, Keela and Keeli Howard.



Cliffie Heasley

### McLean FFA Attends District Banquet

By Jaylene Watkins

The Greenbelt District FFA held its annual District Banquet Monday, December 4 at Clarendon College. After the tables were set, napkins placed, and programs were passed out, the banquet hall was ready for the evening. Among the chapters that attended was McLean's very own FFA chapter. FFA members who attended from McLean were Anthony Albus, Michelle Basham, Gary Bolton, Mark Bolton, Sara Brown, Sy Brown, Scott Glass, Rebecca Hembree, Gary Jones and Jaylene Watkins, who served as the Greenbelt District Reporter.

The agenda for the evening included the introduction of the district officers, opening ceremony and the meal. After the meal the district officers presented the flag ceremonies of the FFA, Texas, and United States flags. The new president of Clarendon College, Dr. Scott Elliot gave FFA a "pat on the back" for all its many achievements and welcomed

See FFA, pg. 16

## Angel Program Needs Sponsors

The Angel Program, now in its third year in McLean, is looking for donations, according to Tex and Dollie

Buckhaults, sponsors of the Methodist Youth Group, Alpha Chi. "We have identified about 26 youngsters in McLean who need coats, clothes, and toys for Christmas," Buckhaults said. The Methodist Youth Group spearheads the drive, he said, but people from every church in town donate to the program. "We couldn't begin to raise enough money without the help of everyone in town," he said.

Those who wish to participate can either give money or adopt an Angel. "We have an angel for each child, with sizes and the type of item needed," Buckhaults said. "The angels have been placed in businesses all over town, and will be available at all the churches." He said that each angel lists one or two items of clothing. Every child will have two or three angels. "Providing everything the child needs costs about \$100," Buckhaults said. "We try to buy a coat, mittens, cap, underwear, jeans, a shirt, and a toy for each child." The Angel Program has raised about \$5000 each year.

"We have Sunday School classes that adopt an angel, and some businesses that do," said Dee Dee Floyd,

president of the junior high division of the youth group. "However, most people prefer to donate money. The youth group is planning to go to Pampa December 16 to buy the gifts, and then will wrap gifts December 17."

Anyone who wishes to donate money can give the money to Buckhaults, Rev. Thacker Haynes, or send it to the Methodist Church in

McLean. "We need to have all the gifts or donations before December 16. Anyone who adopts an angel can bring the gifts to the Methodist church basement Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.," he said. "We prefer that packages not be wrapped. However, if anyone wants to put the clothing in a box and send wrapping paper, that's great too."

Buckhaults said any money left over after all the gifts are purchased is kept in a fund to help children throughout the year. "If a teacher tells us she has a student who needs school supplies, or who needs money to go on a class trip, we have the funds available," he said.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church. "Be sure to indicate on the check that the money is designated for the Angel Fund," Buckhaults said.

### Reminders

MCLEAN LIONS CLUB will meet Dec. 18 for their Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m.

"WINTERFEST '95" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9

a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 779-2428 for more information.

THERE WILL BE A School Board meeting Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at the business office.

MCLEAN SCHOOL will dismiss for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. Classes resume Jan. 3.

THERE WILL BE A Christmas musical on Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at the auditorium at the high school.

PIONEER STUDY Club meets Dec. 14, 4 p.m. at Wanda Lamb's home.

SANTA CLAUS will be at the Devil's Rope Museum Sat., Dec. 9 at 10:00 a.m.

CUBS & LADY CUBS play Samnorwood at home on Monday, December 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY LADY Tigers and Tigers play at Lakeview on Friday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Varsity teams and the Junior Varsity Boys play at Samnorwood on Tuesday, December 12 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

MCLEAN LIONS CLUB is sponsoring a Christmas yard decorating contest this year.

THE McLEAN Chamber of Commerce "Winterfest '95" is planned for Dec. 9, from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. Call 779-2428 for information.

## WINTERFEST '95

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TREE DECORATING	11	BANK PARKING LOT
HAY RIDES (FREE)	1-3	AROUND CITY PARK
CAROLING	3-4	DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	6:30	DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM

## Sexual Harassment Makes Impression

By Delbert Trew  
Almost every newspaper I pick up today contains an article describing an incident involving sexual harassment. I still live by the old school rules that require a man to extend every courtesy, show utmost respect and be as helpful as he can to the opposite gender always.

Yes, I know every woman is not a lady, and some may not deserve my respect. Nevertheless, it is not my place to judge, so I don't treat them differently.

My first memory of observing sexual harassment goes back to the tender age of nine years, and happened while riding a big yellow school bus to school. A most attractive blond young woman, attending the eleventh grade in high school, was sitting in the second seat from the rear of the bus. A sophomore boy was sitting directly behind her in the rear seat. There was a crack between the back and rear cushions allowing him to touch the young girl's rear.

She warned him three times to stop, but he

persisted another time. She placed her lapful of books on the seat beside her, grabbed a World History book about three inches thick, turned quickly and hit him as hard as she could with both hands holding the book.

I was sitting across the aisle and had a clear view of the boy's nose being flattened flush with his cheeks. A gush of blood followed the hit down his shirt front. Simultaneously, his head crashed into the rear window, breaking it into pieces. I distinctly saw his eyes cross, as he wilted into the floor between the seats. The bus-driver let him off at the hospital, as we passed it on our way to school.

Down through the years since then, I have observed many attractive backsides, but always from a safe distance. If every man had witnessed that scene on the school bus, as I once did, there would be no sexual harassment incidents to write about today!

## Origins Of Holiday Customs

Why do we send cards at Christmas time or put up a tree? There are many traditions we take for granted during the holiday season, and it is interesting to learn how some of them originated.

The ancient Druids can be thanked for the custom of hanging mistletoe at Christmas. In the rituals of the Druids, mistletoe was cut down with a golden sickle in November. The mistletoe would be divided up among the people, who took the plant home to hang over their doors. The Druids believed that the plant could work miracles of healing, protect against witchcraft, and make the land fertile. The origin of the custom of kissing under the mistletoe is not known, but it may have been inspired by the plant's supposed powers of fertility.

The Germans originated the custom of placing a tree in the home at Christmas time. There are several legends to explain the custom. One credits St. Boniface, a missionary to Germany during the 8th century. According to the legend, one Christmas Eve the saint chopped down a sacred oak which had been used as a site for human sacrifices. As the oak fell, a fir tree miraculously appeared in its place. Another legend says that on the night Christ was born, all the trees in the forest bloomed and bore fruit, even though it was the middle of winter.

Martin Luther, a German, is thought to have first decorated the Christmas tree. The story goes that Luther, walking under the stars one night, was inspired to bring home an uprooted fir tree and place candles on its branches as a reminder of the heavens.

The custom of sending Christmas cards probably

## Origins Of Holiday Customs

originated with an Englishman, Sir Henry Cole, who commissioned John Horsely to design a card in 1843. The card featured a family celebrating the season, with two smaller motifs depicting charitable acts; "Clothing the Naked" and "Feeding the Hungry." The card was lithographed and sold in 1846, and thus the Christmas card was born.

Whether originating in legend or real life, the customs of Christmas enrich the season for us all.

Of all the preparations for Christmas, probably one of the most delightful is the trimming of the tree.

How did this charming custom begin? Some suggest that the tradition dates back to pre-Christian beliefs in the magical powers of evergreens. The ancient Romans, for instance, decorated their homes with greenery for the festival of Saturn, or Saturnalia. This important feast was celebrated during December.

The association of trees

with Christmas became defined during the Middle Ages, when miracle plays were performed, often in church, to teach stories from the Bible.

In the miracle plays, an evergreen tree was used to depict the Garden of Eden, with apples hung from the boughs to symbolize the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve.



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Herb Adderley, cornerback, 1970-72  
Lance Alworth, wide receiver, 1971-72  
Tony Dorsett, running back, 1977-87  
Forrest Gregg, tackle/guard, 1971  
Bob Lilly, defensive tackle, 1961-74  
Jackie Smith, tight end, 1978  
Roger Staubach, quarterback, 1969-79

##### Houston Oilers

Sammy Baugh, head coach, 1964  
coach, 1965  
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Ken Houston, safety, 1967-69, 70-72  
coach, 1982-85  
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Earl Campbell, running back, 1978-84  
John Henry Johnson, fullback, 1966

##### Dallas Texans

Lamar Hunt, owner, 1960-62  
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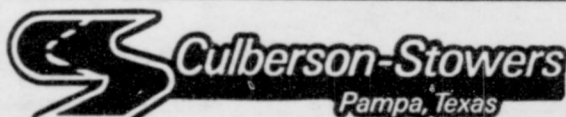
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## McLean Birthdays & Anniversaries

**McLean Birthdays Anniversaries**  
**December 7** - Mary Emma Woods, Dawson Jackson.

**December 8** - Randall Wynn, Vela Gaye Richards, Jamie Glass, Katy Graham.

**December 9** - Verna Biggers, Allen Turpen.

**December 11** - Doris Windom, Mrs. Otis Ford.

**December 12** - Boyd Lee Thompson, Bobby Sanderson.

**December 13** - Wayne Bybee, Creed Lamb.

By Lena Carter  
The Alanreed Community Improvement Association met December 2nd in the Conoco dining area for their monthly meeting. A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all and a business meeting chaired by Olin Weldon followed. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lena Carter and approved as read. Further clean-up projects were discussed. Some improvements noted recently were the start of a two car garage on Bob Fish's place, an extended porch on Don Charles Dorsey's house and Mr. Bruce reported delivery of carpet for the First Baptist Church ready to be installed.

Present for the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Ruth, Brenda McLain and Tyler Hanes, Nell and Sid Keese and Lena Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce shopped in Amarillo Saturday.

The David Crocketts' had daughter Juliana visiting on Thursday.

Jim Bible and Robert Bruce made a trip to Amarillo on Tuesday.

Christmas lights are going up all over the community already.

Denva Tidwell and Nora

Dragoo shopped in Pampa on Saturday.

The Community was grieved at the passing of J.H. Wetsel of Groom. Mr. Wetsel was a long time resident here and interment will be here in this cemetery.

The Alanreed Cemetery Association met Friday, December 1 in the Conoco

dining area for their quarterly meeting. The meeting was opened by chairman Olin Weldon. Minutes were read by Lena Carter and approved as read. Old business consisted of Olin reporting safety switch on the well and hole dug for cut off valve both being taken care of. Mr. Weldon brought a letter from descendants of the J.B. Watsons who very generously made a donation for upkeep of our cemetery. Repairs on the mower etc. will be tabled til spring when we will need them.

Some curbing was done on the Harris lots. Next meeting will be March 1. Due to illness and other distractions Emmitt Allen, Bill Tidwell and Billy Bob Adams were absent. Present were board members Olin Weldon, Jake Bible, Sid Keese and Lena Carter. Visitors were Nell Keese and Ray Harris.

## Origins Of Holiday Custom

An old-fashioned Christmas! What wonderful memories and images that expression evokes!

In the days before Christmas, Mother would be busy at the old wood stove, baking special breads, pies,

cakes and sugar cookies, or making maple sugar candy. Sister would be helping mother in the kitchen, while Brother kept the wood box filled with wood.

Dad would go into the woods and chop down the Christmas tree, bringing it home triumphantly on a sled. The tree was placed in the parlor, with real candles decorating it, as well as strings of popcorn and cranberries that had been strung by the children. Popcorn balls wrapped in tinfoil and paper cones filled with homemade candy also decorated the tree.

The Christmas season actually began much earlier in the old days, for most gifts were handmade and so had to be worked on months in advance. The boys often made wooden objects, while the girls might embroider handkerchiefs or aprons. Mother, of course, kept her needles busy as she knit or crocheted garments for the whole family. Dad would whittle whistles or animals, or make a hobby horse or wooden doll.

On Christmas Eve, at the old country church, the tree was the biggest you'd ever seen, ablaze with candles.

Nearby someone held a ten-foot pole that had a wet sponge tied on the end, should a fire start.

The bells would ring out

over the countryside, bringing families in their sleighs or bobsleds, eager to worship the new-born King. What a delightful, jingling sound the bells on the horses would made, as they trotted through the snowy countryside. The bobsled or sleigh would be filled with hay, and the youngsters would snuggle under lap robes and gaze at the stars above, or hop on one of the heavy runners for an exciting ride.

A Christmas play would be performed at the church by the children, and afterwards Santa would make an appearance, rewarding the youngsters with goodies.

After hanging their stocking over the fireplace on Christmas Eve, the children would go to bed, happy with anticipation. They slept in big, fluffy beds, with feather ticks and feather comforters. If it was an especially cold night, Mother would wrap a hot iron in flannel to warm their feet.

On Christmas morning, the youngsters would dash downstairs to find their stocking filled with nuts, apples, peppermint canes, hard ribbon candy, tin horns and a real orange in the toe of each stocking!

## Obituary

**Rena Leone Conner SHAMROCK** - Rena Leone Oldham Conner, 87, died Tuesday, November 28, 1995.

Services were in 11th Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Hoyt Ellis of Hollis, Oklahoma, and the Rev. Kris Riggs, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Conner came to Shamrock in 1953. Her first husband, John Oldham, preceded her in death in 1953. She married Roy E. Conner in 1956. She was a member of 11th Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Ted Oldham of Pampa; three stepsons, Don Conner of McLean, Roy L. Conner of Guymon, Oklahoma, and Johnny Conner of Irving; a stepdaughter, Oveta Orand of Pampa; a sister, Rosie Ayers of Hollis; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.



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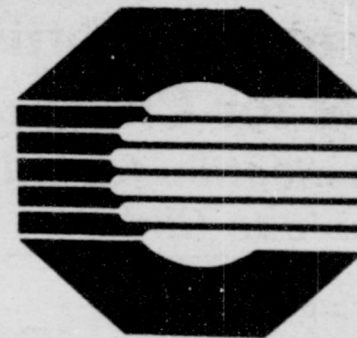
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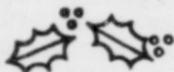
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**Community Crime Prevention Meeting**

There will be a community crime prevention meeting at the Barbed Wire Museum on Monday night, December 18, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

This is provided by the Gray County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the ministerial alliance.

Plan to attend this meeting.



**BOOKS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF LIBRARY FRIENDS**

Lovett Memorial Library has recently received memorials in memory of the following:

David Young - National Geographic: Animal Kingdoms Wildlife Sanctuaries of the World and Native Tribes of North America.

Edna Darsey - Graining the Mare: Poetry of Ranch Women and Women of the Range.

Betsy Ellerbrook - Just in Case You Ever Wondered.

Cleo Turpen - National Cowboy Hall of Fame Chuckwagon Cookbook and Home on the Range: A Culinary History of American West.

Racy Morse - Quarter Horse Legends.

**Safer Shopping**

The vast majority of assaults occur when the victim is alone, so plan to shop with a friend or in a group. Let someone know where you are going, the route you will be taking to get there, and when you expect to return. If you have a cellular phone, take it with you in case your car breaks down or you get lost. If you do not have a cellular phone, keep a few quarters and a list of important phone numbers handy. If another motorist stops to offer assistance, say that the police have been called and are expected momentarily, then offer them a quarter and ask them to call someone on your list

to let them know your whereabouts.

When you arrive at your destination, park in a well-lighted area and as close to an entrance as possible.

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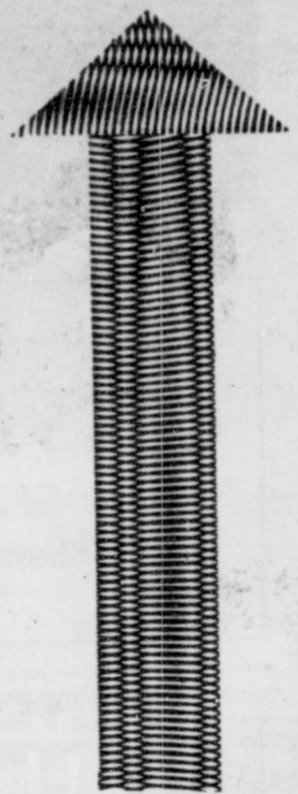
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"Effective October 13, 1995, the consolidation of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and the Farmer Program loans of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) into the Farm Service Agency (FSA) has been completed," said Harold Bob Bennett, State Executive Director, FSA.

According to Bennett, this consolidation was signed into law by President Clinton on October 13, 1994 as the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Public Law 104-354.

"The consolidation makes the "one-stop shopping" concept a reality in your community," said Bennett. "Effective today, (October 20, 1995) you may contact your local FSA Office, formerly the ASCS office, with regard to all programs formerly offered by FmHA and ASCS. Assistance with loan programs, application processing, loan payments,

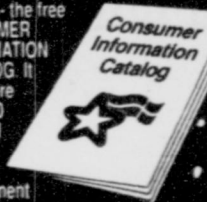
and loan servicing are as close as your local FSA Service Center.

The local offices will be supported by Ag Credit Teams now assigned to FSA. They may be servicing several counties; however, they will be in your area on regularly scheduled meeting days. Please watch your FSA Newsletter for further details. You have the option of contacting them directly by calling 906/874-3552 or visiting them in their office at 321 Sully in Clarendon. There will always be someone in the office to take your call.

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President Ruth Magee conducted a planning session including Virginia Ferrell of Childress, Linda Rogers of Lubbock, Gay McAllister of Wellington, Jeanne Gramsdorf and Flora Champion of Perryton, Rachel Moore of Shamrock and Inez Trostle, Mary Dwyer, Evelyn Shaw, Loyce Sherrod and Bonnie Nell Fabian of McLean.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice To Creditors**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARVIN MURL MORROW**, Deceased, were issued on December 4, 1995, in Cause No. 3163, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas, to **BILLIE JEAN COOPER MORROW**, as Independent Executrix.

The residence of the said **BILLIE JEAN COOPER MORROW** is in Groom, Texas, and the Post Office address is:

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Something that always takes place at the district banquet is the annual talent contest. Jaylene Watkins

participated in the talent contest and sang "Hero" by Moriah Carrey and "Life #9" by Martina McBride. She tied for second with Motley Co. and Memphis.

Also at the banquet, the district leadership banners were presented and McLean received their second place banner for participating in

the district quiz contest. Mr. Layman commented, "I

am pleased with McLean's attendance and participation in the banquet and I am looking forward to an outstanding year. We have set many chapter goals and I feel this group of students will be able to achieve them."



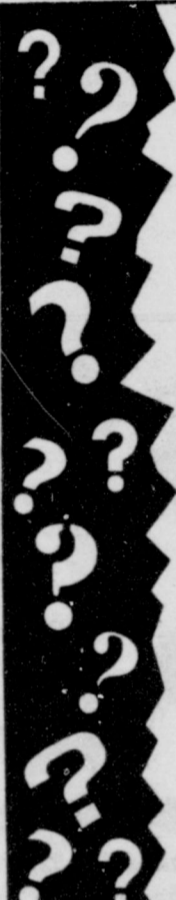
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