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Loss Of Oil & Casing Head **Gas Values Eroding Tax Base**

Carson County Appraisal District directors met in regular session at 9 a.m. last Wednesday, Jan. 8. In attendance were persons repre-senting the Panhandle ISD, White Deer ISD, Carson County and several interest-ed parties. Many routine agenda items were attended

to with focus of the meeting made on an official request by the school district officials to request an opinion from the State Attorney General on three issues regarding gas wells and oil and casing head

This request was endorsed by all three school districts and the county. It was further agreed that any expense in making this request and any further

Festivities Set For Friday

Arbor Day for Texas has been designated as January 17. It will be observed in Groom with a program at the community park at 2:45 p.m. School children under the leadership of Mrs. Jimmy Burgin, Mrs. Frank Beicher and teachers of K thrower 5

and teachers of K through 5 all of the local school and

all of the local school and Mrs. Jim Burton, scout leader, have adopted the suggested material provided by the Texas Forest Service to the children of the K through 5 grades.

The trees to be planted were secured for Carson County by Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, local Sesquicentennial chairman and are a Heritage Live Oak and a Shumard Oak. Both trees are Shumard Oak. Both trees are native growth of Texas. Each and has been cared for by City employees since delivery in December and will be planted by them in the spaces designated by the

school districts and county.
In 1985, the mineral and industrial role for the Carson County Appraisal District totaled \$793 million in value and the real estate totaled \$202 million. Of the \$793 million mineral and industrial values, \$352 million was oil and casing head gas values.

"Needless to say the loss of oil and casing head gas values will erode the tax base values will erode the tax base of this county. To make matters worse 1986 is a mandatory re-appraisal year. All residential and business property in the district will be brought up to market value to comply with legislative requirements," said Chief Appraiser, Diane ier Appraiser, Diane vake. "The mineral values

could possible be lowered by approximately one half more or less depending on the school district, with producschool district, with produc-tion down, oil prices down, the loss of independent pro-duction and real estate values up. The average tax-payer may see his 1986 taxes raised and in some cases dramatically."

With the devestation of

With the devastating ef-fecvts of recvent rulings by the Texas Railroad Commis-sion and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the districts tax base, the governing bodies of the school districts and the school districts and the county felt compelled to take action with the support of the effected taxing units the Appraisal District board of directors unanimously voted to request the opinion of the Attorney General.

Groom City Council Decides On Vehicle Taxation For 1986

Groom City Council met last week attending to a fairly routine agenda. Vehicles will be included in the City's tax

routine agenda. Vehicles will be included in the City's tax base with vehicles less than five years old being appraised and taxed through the Appraisal District. Persons 65 and over were again extended the exemption of \$9,000 from the tax roll.

City officials gave their okay to extend a water line to 307 Bosen. The water line was to be added as a part of the continued water project now underway by the City. A house has been moved to that location and will be inhabited prior to the time the completion could be made under contract so City employees completed the work this week to add the house to city water service.

The animal control officer who serves Groom and Panhandle has taken a leb duries.

who serves Groom and Pan-handle has taken a job during tax season. She will continue

The final payment has now been made on the original street paying project, when all streets in the city were resurfaced. A transfer of \$3,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund was made to complete the transaction.

Mrs. Essie Knowles met with the council requesting something be done about the build up of ice during winter storms at the corner of Fourth and Broadway. City employees will survey the situation.

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In other action, insurance coverage on the water well was dropped. Only one firm, in Lubbock, can service the well notor and when repairs were last needed the firm declined to certify the cause of the damage to the motor making insurance coverage not feasible.

The firm which did the first phase of construction of the 200,000 gallon water

Oil & Casing Head Gas Taxable Values

Entity		Independents	Majors
		1983 - \$107,491,190	\$8,359,330
Panhandle ISD		1984 - \$114,143,040	\$18,601,040
		1985 — \$123,939,680	\$12,128,150
		1983 - \$135,850,560	\$49,176,680
White Deer ISD		1984 — \$200,073,110	\$51,583,360
		1985 — \$209,658,170	\$36,867,420
		1983 - \$ 2,229,020	\$ 1,252,040
Groom ISD		1984 - \$ 6,427,750	\$ 2,262,180
		1985 - \$ 17,510,480	\$ 1,241,970
		1983 — \$221,013,690	\$58,788,250
Carson County		1984 — 294,049,020	\$72,446,580
		1985 — \$322,882,230	\$46,957,930
Carson County Appraisal Dist. White Deer & Groom		1985 — \$351,153,740	\$50,276,300
Value In Gray County		1985 - \$ 28,268,600	\$ 5,060,690
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Entity	1983	1984	1985
Groom ISD	\$1.33	\$1.22	\$1.09
Panhandle ISD	.5150	.57	.65
White Deer ISD	.58	.58	.61
County & Water Di	st1530	.1784	.1889

School and City Elective Offices Open For Filings

Filing opens January 20 for local elective offices and will continue through February 19. The election for members to the City Council and School Board will be held April 6.

April 6.

Three council members' seats are up for election. The positions are now held by Susan Brown, Jerry Gaines and Bill Homer.

School Board positions to be voted on in April are now held by Janice Koetting and Adala Koeters.

Adela Kotara.

Persons interested in filing for office can do so either at the City Hall or School Business Office anytime during regular hours.

to Groom this week to complete work on their contract. The mice weather allowed them to paint the tank, inside and out, with a special epoxy paint that is projected to last from 10-15 years. That portion of the project is now complete. Novak Construction of Amarillo plans to begin in February tying the water storage tank to the existing water system, extending water lines and installing fire plugs to the west side of Groom.

Community Calendar

art lecture series begins
January 22, 7:30 p.m. French
sculptor, Auguste Rodin,
widely admired for sculptures such as "The Thinker"
and "The Kiss" will be the

Texas Arber Day will be observed in Groom, Friday, Jan. 17 with a ceremony at the Community Park, 2:45 p.m. The public is invited.

Amarillo Cellege will announce dates next week for the computer Fasic and Lotus I, II, III training. Interested persons should contact Joyce Hutsell at 248-2151.

Kountry Kousha will meet in the home of Nancy Patterson Friday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. They will be making fake stained glass and sun catchers. Babysitting will be at the school in the home ec. room.

Toenage Chemical Abuse will be the topic of discussion when Dianne Bosch, Director of St. Anthony's Adolescent Care Unit gives a seminar at the school January 21. The session begins at 9:00 a.m. with the public welcome to attend.

Election of Directors for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District III will be held Saturday, Jan. 18 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting for four year terms will be conducted for Precinct II at the County Courthouse in Panhandle; Precinct III at the Conservation District Office in White Deer; and Precinct IV at the Gray County Courthouse Annex in Pampa. Canhouse Annex in Pampa. Candidates are Precinct II, Frank Simms; III, Raymond Blodgett; IV Jim Walls Jr. Absentee voting will be conducted tee voting will be conducted at the District Office through

No School Monday Jan. 20 for students as teachers participate in an in-service day.

Opon House for teachers and educators at Square House Museum will be Monday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 p.m. A forum on Museum programs will begin at 7:30. The resources available, school programs and curriculum will be discussed. Teachers are asked to voice their opinions for future Museum programs. For more information contact Kay Brizzolara at 537-3118.

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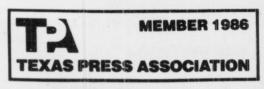
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Cline Birth Announced

Johnny and Ray Lynn Cline are proud to announce the arrival of their son, John Gregory, Thursday, January 9, 1986. He was born at High Plains Baptist Hospital at

6:05 a.m. and weighed 8 pounds and a half ounce.
Grandparents are Janice and Terrell Rucker of Pampa and Marvin and Shirley Cline of Altus, Ok. Mrs. Clara.
Dillman of Pampa is the great-grandmother.

Rip and Joy Snyder were Pampa visitors Saturday.

Those visiting Emalea London during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Black and sons, Jett and John, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Black and son, Jason, Mr. and Mrs. John London and Lisa. Also Mr. and Mrs. Johnny London and son Sean Vineyard, Mr. and Mrs. Tonmy Rogers and daughter Cassidy all of Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Jack London, Danny, Johnsthon and Pauly of Austin and Michelle Lon-

Local Happenings

Dan and Pat Ashford were ored Saturday on the

occasion of their 38th wedding anniversary. Family members attended a party hosted by Forrest and Patti McLaughlin, Paul and Scott.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cline and John Gregory were Agnes Homer, Mary Jo, Jeanette and Joannie Homer of Groom; LeAnn Fulton and Karen Howard of Amarillo; Shonda Hamilton and Aunt Shonda Hamilton and Aunt Keziah of Pampa and Karen

Ruby Milton returned Friday after spending the holidays with her daughters, Beth Landry and family at Port Arthur and Sue Williams and family at Hous-

Mr. and Mrs. William Neal of Amarillo, Mrs. Nellie Ford and Mrs. Bertha Knight attended funeral services Friday for Mrs. Dewey Ford at the First Baptist Church in Shamrock

Wyatt Britten, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Britten was hospitalized with the flu last week at Pampa. He returned home early in

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Char-les Kitchens visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox over the

intensive care after surgery
Monday at Coronado Community Hospital in Fampa. He was admitted to the hospital Friday and is making some improvement since surgery.

Modeling youth fashions Saturday in the grand open-ing observance of Penney's in Amarillo were Leo, Cody and Katie Britten, Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Britten of Groom. Sherri Wieberg, a professional model also assisted in festivities at the Westgate Mall on Saturday.

Mrs. Ritter Hostess For Brush & Pallet Club

Brush and Pallet art club had their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 18 in the home of Juandell Ritter. A salad of Juandell Ritter. A saiad luncheon was enjoyed and members exchanged original oil paintings. Those attend-ing were Shirley Fields, Inez Weinheimer, Linda Bohr, Marion Kendrick, Evelyn Ollinger, Billie Bivens, Carol Fields, Sue Wills and Mrs. Ritter.

e Club also hosted a workshop this week in Groom. Landscape artist Harold Scott conducted the two day workshop. Mr. Scott is a Savre, Ok. res

Rip and Joy Snyder visited
Mr. and Mrs. Marshal
Petere and Mrs. Jack Lancaster in Wellington, in Taos, N.M.



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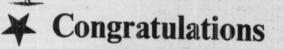
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Arbor Day Tree Planting



Friday, Jan 17th, 2:45 P.M.

Groom City Park **Elementary Students**





Ben Weinheimer & Jay Britten Selected for All-Region Jr. High Band

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No School January 20th

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Funeral Mass For Edward Preusser Said Wednesday

Funeral Mass was said last Wednesday, January 8, 1986 for Edward F. Preusser, 75, of Amarillo. The Mass was officiated by Bisop Leroy

Mr. Preusser died Sunday an. 5. He was a long time esident of Groom. He was a nember of St. Mary's

Catholic Church in Amarillo. Survivors include his wife, Marie; two children, Mel of Denver and Carmen Roper of Amarilio; three brothers, R.J. Britten of Groom, A.J. Britten of Conway and Walter Britten of College Station; and six grandchild-

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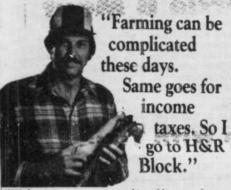
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Resident's Brother **Burled In Borger**

Funeral services for Tommy Jo Williams, 33, of Phillips were held Friday, January 10, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Uhles, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of the Minton/

Chatwell Funeral Directors.
Mr. Williams died
Wednesday at Golden Plains
Community Hospital in Bor-

He was a native of Borger and a lifetime resident of the community. He was a Luth-

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of the home; a daughter, Kami, of the home; a son, Brandon, of the home; his mother, Hester Williams, of Borger; a sister, Sue Wills of Groom; and brothers, Bob Williams of Phillips, Jerry Williams of Fritch, Doug Williams of Fritch and Has-kell Williams of Burleson.

Max Wade Announces Re-Election Campaign

The News is authorized to announce that Max Wade is a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Groom, Carson County, Texas, subject to the Democratic Primary elections to be held May 6, 1986.

"Your continued support, and vote, will be appreciat-ed if you believe that I am carrying out the duties of the office in a competent and equitable manner," Wade

stated. - Pd. Pol. Adv. by Max Wade, P.O. Box 601, Groom, Texas 79039.

Jovileers Meet

The Jovileers met at the lovely home of Joan Conrad at Claude. During the business meeting, officers were elected for 1986. They are President, Bonnie Walker; Vice President, Gloria Ledwig; Secretary, JoAnn Britten; Treasurer, Doris Britten: Reporter. Sue Pair.

Britten; Ireasurer, Doris Britten; Reporter, Sue Pair. After games of Charades a delicious meal was served to Dora Homen, Bonnie Waiker, JoAnn Britten, Billie Chaveaux, Vivian Lacy, Verda Lee Littlefield, Gloria Ledwig, Doris Britten, Kaye Snyder, Sue Pair and the

Ruth Knight, 84, Has First Birthday Party

Ruth Knight was the onoree of her first birthday party ever. Her family had open house for her Sunday, Jan. 5. All her friends were invited to come friends were invited to come by and wish her a happy birthday on her 84th birth-

day.

Ruth was born on Jan. 3,
1902 in Parnell, Missouri.
She had one sister and six brothers. When she was 12 years old, her mother and youngest brother drowned, and from here she took over the house duties, raising her two youngest brothers and helping her father and older brothers. She took care of the house, washing and ironing, garden, chickens, and went

to school.

On March 8, 1922 she married Cornell Knight. To this couple was born five daughters, Shirley Lamberson, Groom; Clarice Steinkirchner Jenneratown, PA.; Doris Slocum, Amarillo; Norma (deceased) and Nell Dean Bagwell, Gruver.

The spring of 1930 the family moved from Kowa to Groom and this has been home ever since.

home ever since.

One of Ruth's pastimes is winding her many clocks. As of now she has 43 clocks, or now she has 43 clocks, some electric, battery, wind. Some are new clocks, one is a white marble (a French clock) another one is a French clock of marble and brass. In the collection is a saw clock, a grandfathers clock, a wooden clock with a clock, a wooden clock with a man that moves his arm, some antique clocks, a lot of these chime, so you can imagine the sound when they all begin to chime. One clock has the infinity lights around it. A Dutch clock which is very pretty. When she had 37 clocks she said she needed these and then the not the continuous and then the not the three and then she got the three making 40. We asked her why and she said so each daughter would have ten. Since Christmas she has received three more clocks, so now she has 43 clocks, so she will take a clock whenever she can get one. She loves clocks and the sound they make in her house. She began collecting the clocks only in the last few years.

She invites her friends to come by and look at her clocks and thanks to each of you for being her friend. will take a clock who

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Ray Mouhot of Pampa will begin serving as music and youth director of Groom's First Baptist Church with services this Sunday. Pastor Rick Burton invites every to the services Sunday.

Groom Country Neighbors will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Britten on Wednesday, January 22, 1:30 p.m.



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Groom School To Place Roofing Repair Bids

Filming for football games topped the routine agenda for Groom ISD board members Monday night. Coach Jim Duncan requested purchase of new VCR equipment that should reduce the overall cost of filming. This year the same \$2,500 was budgeted for filming football games. The program spent \$1,600 with the use of black and white film. The board agreed to purchase the \$3,000 in equipment needed. New contracts were extended the superintendent

principal and business manager of the school along principal

Roofing the gym was dis-cussed as the roof has begun to leak again. Estimates for the work are in the range of \$9,000 and the school plans work are in the range of to take bids on the job

The board also authorized Superintendent Peeples to make application for Title I funds that could bring the school a few hundred dollars from the federal program.

Groom School Menu
January 20—January 24
Mon.—No School
Tues.—Cheeseburgers
Breakfast—Cereal & Toast
Wed —Pizza
Breakfast—Breakfast Breakfast-Pancakes Thurs.—Barbecue Pork
Breakfast—Baxon, Biscuits and Gravy Fri.—Fish

Breakfast-Doughnuts

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Tigerettes Win All **Important Road Game**

Coach Frank Belcher thinks his team is on the right track now with their win on the road against Phillips, 46-43.

The Tigerettes were disap-pointed by a loss to Claude in the opening set of District play. The final score was Claude 50, Groom 39. The Tigerettes stayed close to Claude until the final

quarter when Cenee' Gunter

quarter when believe to the seemed to miss every toss put in 10 of her 21 points on the night.

Belcher says the squad now has their two toughest road games behind them, winning when they had to. The Tigerettes must now "take care of business at home" playing their next four games on the home court to stay on top in the

The Tigerettes played catch-up ball with Phillips throughout most of the game being down 7 points at the half. But they proved them-selves in the final seconds

winning by three points.

High point players in the games last week were Robbie Kuehler with 11 against Claude. Melissa Fields scored 9 and Erin Kate Eschle 8. Fields led scoring in the Phillips game with 18 and Eschle added 17.

The Tigers also played Claude a close game but the Mustangs took control with the final score 51-53 in Claude's favor. Darron Eschle topped the scoring at 13 points with Brent Thorn-ton scoring 12. Phillips, which is probably the tough-est team in district handest team in district hand-ed the Tigers a 79-55 loss. Eschle again scored 13 points and Daniel Lambert and Ken Ruthardt added 11 each.

Both teams are home this week. Friday night they will host McLean. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. with three games scheduled for each

Britten Selected

Groom Junior High Band had three students compete Saturday for seats in the All-Region Band. Those attending the tryouts Saturday in Spearman were Jay Britten, Ben Weinheimer and Kyle Howard.

Jay Britten was selected from 60 participants to the fourth chair cornet position. selected for positions in All-Region Band. Ben Weinhei-mer was selected first alter-

nate, Tympani.

The junior high qualifiers will join those from high school band selected earlier school band selected earlier in performing in Canyon Saturday, Jan. 25. High school All-Region Band members are Loretta members are Loretta Kuehler, Brandi Wagner, Misti Kingston and Audra

BASKETBALL SCORES

JV Boys Groom Groom 48, Claude 23, Travis Homer 12, Nick Weinheimer 14

heimer 14
Groom 28, Phillips 35,
Stoney Crump 10, Nick
Weinheimer 8
Varsity Boys
Groom 51, Claude 53,
Eschle 13, Thornton 12, Ken
Ruthardt, Lock Painter, 10

Ruthardt, Jack Britten, 10

Groom 55, Phillips 79, Eschle 13, Lambert, Ruthardt, 11 each.

Quilt Blocks Sought For Carson County History

There is still time to design and create your appliqued quilt block representing Car-son County for the County's Quilt Block Contest. The entry deadline is noon on Friday, Jan. 24 for the contest which is sponsored by the Carson County Exten-sion Service and the Square House Museum in celebra-tion of the Texas Sesqui-centennial. All entries will be on display at the Square House Museum Jan. 27-31. House Museum Jan. 27-31.
The winning block will be incorporated into a quilt along with winning blocks from other counties in the Texas Panhandle. This quilt will be on display at the Panhandle-Plains historical Museum in Canyon and will be a permanent artifact re-presenting the Sesquicen tennial Celebration.

For more details, contact Kathy Gist at the Carson County Extension office 537-3882 or Kay Brizzolara at the Square House Museum the Square House Museum 537-3118. Don't be bashful, we want your entry

Dieters Calendars Offered By Extension

Whether it was a New Year's Resolution to loose weight, a sudden realization that more things jiggle now than did before, or an interest in continuing good health, many Carson County residents are involved in diet and exercise programs. The Extension Service is pleased to announce the 1986 Fit for All Seasons Calendar, which presents monthly hints on controlling weight through a combination of diet and exercise. A progressive walking and jogging program is fea-tured with illustrated warmup exercises and a quarter-ly chart for recording weight other parameters, according to Kathy J. Gist, county exten-

Kathy J. Gist, county extension agent.
You can order the Fit for All Seasons Calendar through the Carson Conty Extension Office, Box 639, Panhandle, 79068. The price of the calendar is \$2.00. A check or money order should be made payable to: Texas Agricultural Extension Service #20110. Please place orders by January 24.

Make fitness one of your priorities for 1986 and start making it happen today!

Groom Remains On Top Of County Town's Tax Rebates

question the latest figures from the State Comptroller's office which indicated the City's sales tax figures rose almost 57 percent during the

aimost 5/ percent during the last reporting period.

"Statewide payments are up 3 percent over last January's checks. However, a short holiday shopping period since Thanksgiving and an early sut off in proand an early cut off in pro-cessing tax returns may account for some cities showpayments," ing lower Bullock said.

January checks represent taxes collected on sales made in November and reported by Bullock by December 20. Many small businesses report sales tax receipts only once a year which could

account for Groom's jum The rebate check received for this pay period \$1,389.04.

Groom remains on top of the list for Carson County which showed an overall rise in rebates of almost 7 per-

White Deer raised 2.40 percent in this reporting after a long line of below average reports.
Panhandle also rose slightly
by 1.88 percent. Skellytown,

by 1.88 percent. Skellytown, even in this final report, remained below figures for a year ago by 18.24 percent.
Gray County's report was 2.96 percent less than a year ago. The economic center, Pampa, was off by 3 percent but McLean showed rebates just 2.94 percent over last year's figures. over last year's figur

County Voters To Receive Registration Cards Soon

Carson County voters will receive new canary yellow colored voter registration cards in January. The post office cannot forward these cards. Residents that are registered to vote, but do not receive a new card must contact the registrar with changes of address by mail

or in person.
Registration addressed to the wrong per-son or belonging to some-one who has died, of per-sons who receive mail at relatives addresses, but are no longer legal Carson

County residents should be returned to the registrar so these names can be removed from the registration list. Written changes should be mailed to the Voter Registrar, P.O. Box 399, Panhandle, TX 79068.

The voter registration cards mailed this month will be used by voters for the next two years.

register for the first time in Carson County may pick up a voter registration form at The Groom News office.

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McLean School Board Approves Discipline Management Plan

The McLean Independent School District Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting on Monday night. Members present were Joe Magee, Gwen Hen-ley, James Hefley, Darryel Herndon and Jake Hess.

Others in attendance were Jim Rutherford, Shirley Johnson, Pete Bateman, Janet McCracken, Martha Jo Mailey, Lana Stump, Roger Myers, Jim Wilson, repre-senting Wilson and Doche, Architects, and a represen-tative from Hallmark Build-

Item of business were:
-A discussion of the heat--A discussion of the heating system in the elementary school. A delegation of parents expressed their concern regarding the safety of the current heating unit. They were told that is continually being monitored and will be replaced during the summer recess. Bids will be accepted in the near future to install a new unit, as well as a new lighting system. In addition, a new, lower ceiling will be constructed.

-Approval of the Discipline Management Plan. This plan, required by the State of Texas, outlines the steps to be taken in disciplining students for various types of offenses. Starting next year, each student, and his/her parents, will receive a copy of the plan. It will also be discussed at the next PTA meeting on Jan. 27.

-Adoption of a rule to forbid waiving penalties and interest on delinquent school taxes, unless the property in question is under unknown

question is under unknown ownership.

Approval of a request by Roger Myers for the Tiger Band to participate in a concert contest on May 10 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Band Booster's Club and the students will raise the money to pay for the trip. The competition will involve schools with an enrollment of 135 students or less.

Approval of a motion calling for a School Board election on April 5. Three full-term positions will be open. Two of these seats are currently held by Darryel Hernessee.

don and John Holland. The

resent time.

-Approval of a motion to hold city and school elections together. A regulation by the Texas Secretary of State requires that booths be available to voters. Therefore, the city and school will be comb-ining their elections so the same booths can be used. same booths can be used.
Voters will receive two ballots, one listing School Board candidates and one listing City candidates.
A list of election officials

A list of election officials was also approved. It includes: Roger McCracken, Election Judge; Pat Durham and Pat Barker, Election Clerks; and Sue Simmons and Shermana Green, Absentee Clerks.

-Approval of the modifica-tions made on the school cafeteria.

-Approval of the purchase of a 35-passenger bus for the

school.

Approval of one-year extensions on the contracts of Jim Rutherford, Superintendent, and Shirley Johnson, Business Manager.

Services Held for **Mildred Castleberry** in McLean

Services for Mildred Orie Services for Mildred Orie Castleberry, 74, were held on Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church. The Reverend Z.A. Myers, pastor, and the Reverend Archie Cooper, officiated. Burial was at Alanreed Cemetery by Lamb Funeral

Mrs. Castleberry died last Wednesday in Amarillo. She was born in Alanreed and lived there throughout her life. She was a member of the Assembly of God

Survivors include two daughters, Ella Mae Mas-sey, of McLean, and Bobbie Willis, of Dumas; four broth-Willis, of Dumas; four brothers, Henry Hill, of Pampa, Roy Hill, of Pomona, Ca., Neil Hill, of Southgate, Ca., and Walter Hill, of Santa Ana, Ca.; three sisters, Sybil Williams, of Pampa, Shirley Lewis, of Dallas, and Virginia Woodbrome, of Bell-flower, Ca.; four grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Pearl Graham Dies

Services for Pearl Lee Stepheson Graham, 74, were held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in Samnorwood Baptist Church. Reverend E.W. North, retired Baptist minister from Gore, Okla., and Reverend Terry Raines, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Wellington Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Graham died last Thursday in Clifton.

She was born in Clifton and manuel to McLean in 1971. Since seturned to Clifton in 1985. She was a member of the Sammorwood Baptist Church.

Church.

Suscious, include two daughters, Wanda Keller, of Hubbard, and Betty Sweatt, of Clinton, Ark.; two sons, John Stepheson, of Weatherford, Okla., and Bobby Stepheson, of Norman, Ok.; five sisters, Lola Thompson, of Pampa, Annie Laxson, of Clifton, Ada Hord, of Stephenville, Charlene Laxson of Gruver, and Bernice Light, of Andrews; two brothers, Marvin Warren of Gainesville and Willis Warren, of Andrews; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Don't Forget

The McLean Rodeo Assoc. will meet on Jan. 20 at 8:00 p.m. at the Lion's Club building.

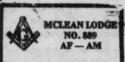
The Alanreed School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m.

The Varsity Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams will play in Groom on Friday, Jan. 17. Games begin at 6:30

The McLean Junior High Basketball Tournament will begin tomorrow, Jan. 17, in the high school gymnasium. Games will begin at 4:15

The Junior High Bakket-ball teams will host Groom on Jan. 20. Games will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Varsity Boys and Giris and the Junior Varsity Giris will play in Claude on Jan. 21. Games will begin at 5:00

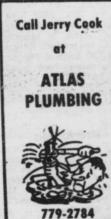


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Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all those who helped us through our time of sorrow in the illness and death of our special loved one. God Bless ach of you.

The Wilson F. (Red) Shaw

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank our many friends and family, who sent cards, called or attended our 60th Wedding Anniversary reception. A special thanks to our children and grandchildren for mak-ing it such a special day. Raymond and Juanita Smith

Algareed News

Visiting the Hartley Davis' on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Willis May of Panhan-dle and Edna Terbush and daughters of Groom.

The Elmer Daniels' had daughter Kara and family visiting from Arkansas.

Nora Dragoo was hospitalized last week because of heart problems. She is now feeling better. Son Richard flew in from California to be

The Hartley Davis' were in Groom on Friday to visit Hattie Terbush. She is making plans to spend some ime in Lubbock with her daughter, Agnes.

Shirley Joyce and daughter, of Clarendon, visited the Hartley Davis' on Sunday. Mrs. Joyce is the niece of Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter,
of Pampa, were hosts to most
of the Stepheson family, who
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Profits from the cookie sale go to individual troops for the use of the girls, to indivi-duals to help defray the cost of camp and other program activities and, most importantly, to develop and maintain council camps at Clarendon and Lefors.

Cookie sales are an impor-tant part of Girl Scouting. Profits received mean better service to girls. Product sales introduce the girls to business skills. They learn to set goals, meet deadlines, man-age money and accept res-ponsibility. They have fun, learn and take a basic part in America's free enterprise

Check Smith Dies

Services for Jessie Everett (Chock) Smith, 75, were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. Reve-rend Buell Wells, retired minister, and Reverend Jeff Messer, pastor, officiated.
Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home.
Mr. Smith died last Wed-

nesday.

He was born in Decatur

He was born in Decatur and moved to McLean in 1928. He was a World War II reteran and a retired engineer with Warren Petroleum.

Survivors include his wife Birtie Lee; a son, James Everett, of Amerillo: three daughters, Rosie Smith of Beaver, Okla., Billie Kingston of Amarillo, and Barbara Teeples, of Mustang Okla.; two brothers, Edward and J.N. Smith of Phoenix; three sisters, Dood Turner and Edith Bybee of McLean, and Willie Mae MacLuttrell Lelia Lake; 12 grandchildren Lelia Lake; 12 grandchildren and on great-grandchild.

New Arrivals

Jay and Deborah Longino Jay and Deborah Longinc are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Leigh. Born on Jan. 11, she weighs 6 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19¼ inches long.

Orandparents are Jean and Ted Longino of McLean; Bill Hutchison of McLean; and Wands and Les Edece of the Person of the Pers

Bill Hutchison of McLean; and Wanda and Lee Edgar of

Great-grandparents are
Eva Peabody of McLean;
Sophia Hutchison of
McLean; and Don and Kathy

Dorsey of Alanreed.

Great-great-grandmother
is Leona Dorsey of Lefors.

Doug and Konye Guthrie are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Whitney J'Neen. Born on Jan. 11, she weighs 7 the she weighs 7 lbs. 2 oz. and is 211/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Stalls of White Deer; Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Gutherie, Jr. of Iowa

Great-grandmother is Mrs. L.L. Stalls, who lives at Thomas Nursing Home in McLean.

The Gutherie's also have a we-year-old son, Matt



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get to know you.

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Sue intends to have the office open to serve you starting January 6 with the above hours in effect.
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Nursing Home News

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alma Fandal who passed away Jan 2. She will be deeply missed. Thomas Nursing Center

welcomes two new residents, Clyde Trusty, from Lefors, and Stella Gibson, from

Sunday afternoon, Gerald Beasely from the Church of Christ, was here to conduct

Residents playing bingo were Gladys Smulcer, Ethel Meador, Ruth Kemp, Annie Eudey, Elsa Stalls, Grace Swallow, Ruby Bidwell, Alice Dickenson, Kittle Hessey, Leon Burch, Frank Reeves, Rust Tolleson, and Long. Leon Burch, Frank Reeves, Earl Tolleson and Lona Jones. Our helpers were Mildred Giesler, Bertha Smith, Loree Barker, Marie Reeves, Buna Gudgel, Annie Herndon, Onie Gibson, Cliffie Heasley. Many thanks to the Lion's Club for furnishing heares for the sext of ing bananas for the rest of the residents.

Tuesday morning, Louise Turner was here to do mend-ing for the residents. In the on, several reside

played dominos.

Wednesday morning, we had a fellowship with members of the Church of Christ. Gerald Beasley led in a sing-a-long and gave a devo-tional. The Ladies Bible class was here to serve cookies and punch to all residents.

Thursday evening, the Shamrock Shamrock Hailelijan Squares were here to sing for us. We really enjoy their coming each month. There were ten in all, playing

different instruments.
Friday, our faithful lady
Martha Parker was here to

Martha Parker was here to show movies.

Our birthday party for the month of January is scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Those celebrating will be Elizabeth Miller, Ethel Meador, Nora Moore. Our residents who celebrated birthdays in December were Nelma Edmondson and Ruth Kemp.

We are in need of volunteers to help our residents

make valentines. We will be making them in the mornings at 9:30. Anyone interested please call Betty Lopez at the Nursing Center, 779-2469.

SEED EXAMINATION

A botanist can determine the exact amount of nitrogen, carbon and other substances in a grain of wheat. He can also make a synthetic seed that looks exactly like wheat.

exactly like wheat.

If the synthetic seed is planted it will come to naught as its elements are absorbed in the soil.

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The Bible looks like other books. One might even write a book that "sounds" like the Bible. But the difference is mysteriously profound. Man's word will come to naught. God's Word, planted in the "Soil" of "honest and good" hearts (Luke 8:4-15) has glorious life principle, and God-pleasing "fruit" (Galatians 5:22) will be the crop!

"Noble" receivers of God's Word (Acts 17:1) are "begotten again, not of corruntible seed, but of

5:22) will be the crop!

"Noble" receivers of God's Word (Acts 17:1) are
"begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of
incorruptible, through the word of God which liveth and
abideth" (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Gerald Beasley, McLean Church of Christ

Engagement Told

Mrs. A.C. Wood is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Janet Smith, to Chuck C. Christian-

Smith, to Chuck C. Christian-sen of Denver Colorado.

The couple plans a Feb-ruary 14th wedding at the Foss Memorial Chapel in Denver. The bride's brother, Alonzo Wood, will officiate

Alonzo Wood, will officiate the ceremony.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will reside in Englewood, Colo., a suburb of Denver.

Mr. Christiansen is associated with Gila Communications.

Chick Wood, now of Burnet, Texas, and Janet, of Denver, are former residents of McLean.



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Jan. 10-McLean-34, Lefors 32, Martin Gately-11; Kirk Anderson-9

VARSITY GIRLS

Jan. 7-Phillips-37, McLean-32, Jem Ann Rice-6; Melanie Billingsley and Kim Beaver-4 Jan. 10-McLean-38, Lefors-13, Melanie Billingsley-10;

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

Jan. 10-McLean-23, Lefors-9 Kim Beaver-10; Wendy Smith and Tiffany Lopez-4

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS

Jan. 6-Claude-21, McLean-18, Donald Harris-10; Tres

Jan. 13-McLean-39, Skelly-town-13, Daniel Harris-10; Donald Harris-8

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS

Jan. 6- Claude-21, McLean-19, Jill Brown-10; Alicia Rey-Jan. 13- McLean-26, Skelly-

town-14, Dana Watson and Alicia Reynolds-10

Museum Notes

Alanreed/McLean Area Museum reports the following visitors during the past week: 2 from Ohio, 1 from Illinois, 3 from California and 1 from Colorado.



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TFU Urges Reshaping Of National Farm Bill

A recent murder-suicide in A recent murder-suicide in the farm belt, gloomy sta-tistics released this week by the U.S. Eepartment of Agri-culture indicating a seven percent drop in the farm population—the sharpest de-cline in over a decade, and reports of spiraling bank

róreclosures in rural areas emphasizes the plight of the struggling family farmer. This disheartening news

only served to heighten the frustration and sense of dis-pair prevalent among several hundred farmers and ranchers gathered in Brownsville for the opening session of the 82nd Annual Texas Farmers Convention.

Congressman Kika la Garza, chairman of the House Agriculture Commit-tee and featured speaker of weaknesses of the 1985 Farm Bill. De la Garza said "The legislation was not all things all commodity groups and

agricultural interests, but now that it is law, producers must strive to make the bill work for the family farmer. The enacted legislation should provide a financial safety net for strug-

gling farmers."

De la Garza said that De la Garza said that legislation was not set in stone and he is open to work-ing with Texas Farmers Union and other agricultural organizations to strengthen the hill

Joe Rankin, president of TFU, echoed the sentiments of most of the delegates when he said that TFU is not pleased with the farm bill, but agreed to work with the Congressman in the months ahead to reshape the legislation into a bill that is more compatible with TFU's stated goals which are:

bring supply and demand into balance

into balance

*hold down budget cost

* provide workable and realistic supply management

programs sincrease farm income

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Jan. 20-24

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wiches, Creamed Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Jel-

lo, Milk
Wed.—Tacos with Meat
and Cheese, Salad, Beans,

Extension Clubs Seek New Members

The officers of the Carson County Homemakers Extension Clubs and Council met for a training session January 3, 1986, at the Coffee Room of St. Therees's Cutter Room of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Panhandle.

Kathy Gist, extension agent, led the informative meeting.
The film, "You Pack Your Own Chute", was shown.
This was a film about how each person is responsible for their own reaction to fears, situations that cause anger and other everyday life crises. We choose our own behavior. Our life depends on how well we pack our own

Theresa Leven gave a summary of the workshop on membership and leadership she attended at the state meeting in September. The goal of Texas Extension Homemakers is Homemakers is to increase membership by 60 percent in honor of the Texas Sesqui-

"Take a look at your-self. Give yourself a shake. Get the wrinkles out. Pack your own chute."

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Fri.--Porkettes, Cream Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Bis-cuits, Butter/Jelly, Milk Cream

Ambulance Service Sets Date For Emergency Personnel Courses

The Groom Ambulance has arranged for an EMT-ECA course to be given in Groom. Jana Turpin, para-medic with Pampa Medical Services will conduct the

Services will conduct the course approved by Clarendon Junior College.

Some 19 persons have expressed an interest in taking the course that begins meeting January 23. Since the combined EMT-ECA course will be given participants will attend classes on varying days including Monvarying days including Mon-day, Thursday and every

day, Thursday and every other Saturday.

Anyone interested in tak-ing the course is welcome and should contact Bea Stephens or Jerry Crowell.

Groom Ambulance Service

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MEMORIALS

Card of Thanks

We want to take this op-portunity to thank everyone for the many prayers that were said for Adam over the

were said for Adam over the past two years.

The knowledge that every day starting with September 3, 1983, the day of his birth, a prayer was being offered in his behalf gave us the courage to face every trial.

Many of you never saw Adam, but your diligence in remembering him is your prayers is something we'll always appreciate.

Thank you for your phone

Thank you for your phone calls, the cards, flowers and memorials and for your continued prayers for our family.

God bless you all.

d bless you all.
Jim & Judy West

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards you sent while I was hospitalized. Also a special thanks to so many who brought, food for the family both during my hospital stay and after I returned home.

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January, 1986 at the Polling Places hereinafter set out to elect one District Direc-tor in each Director's Precinct for a four-year term.

Upon each ballot shall appear the names of those qualified candidates who have filed for election to the office of District Director.

Blank spaces shall be left on said ballot in order that names of other legally qualified persons may be written

Director's Prec that portion of the District from a North-South line two miles west of Panhandle and miles west of Pannandle and east to a North-South line two miles west of White Deer. The candidate on the ballot will be Frank Simms.

Director's Precinct No. 3 is that portion of the District from a North-South line two miles west of White Deer and county lines, and that area of Armstrong County within the District. The candidate on the ballot is Raymond C. Blodgett.

Ш The Polling places are as

follows:
Director's Precinct No. 2,
County Courthouse, Panhan-

Director's Precinct No. 3, Panhandle Ground Water District Office, 300 S. Omohundro, White Deer, Texas Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee voters may yote at the voters may vote at the District Office in White Deer during office hours through We extend our sincere thanks to each of you for the prayers, support, and other expressions of kindness dur-ing the recent loss and illness of our loved ones, Tommy January 17, 1986.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 in accordance

with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the

provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

John R. Spearman, Pre-sident, Board of Directors of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3. uth of the Canadian River, in Texas.

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