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McLean ISD Receives \$50,000 TIFF Grant

High-tech, dot com, world wide web, and surfing the net are just a few phrases that can be associated with the technology revolution and have become staples in the daily lives of many Texans. With the assistance of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency that provides technology funding for Texas public schools, new opportunities to participate in the ever-progressing technology of today are now possible. Students across the state are able to reap the benefits of technology in education. Using TIF grants, schools are introducing students to modern technology, including high-speed

internet access and distance learning. McLean ISD received a grant award of \$50,000 for its campus. This funding will be used to develop new, and expand current, technology infrastructure to provide students with the technology they need to prepare for the digital era.

The TIF Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools was designed to fund up-to-date hardware and connectivity equipment, high-speed workstations, Internet access, and/or distance learning equipment so that students may take classes from another school

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McLean I.S.D. Now Linked To Station KVII Channel 7's WeatherNet

You may have noticed that McLean now has weather information on Channel 7. McLean was the fifty fifth school net site to come on board. Steve Kersh with the help of Joe Billingsley and Shawn Crawford installed the equipment outside the building and then the software was loaded in the computer. Channel 7 seeks sponsors to install the weather sites as the equipment and software cost about \$2000.00. The school district in McLean partnered with Channel 7 by providing the hardware and Channel 7 provided the software.

Not only is the information gathered useful to the adults watching weather broadcasts, it is also a teaching tool. Students can plot the weather any where in the country by

mapping the data. Students use math and geography skills and can learn comparisons as the information is compared to McLean.

The hardware outside the building is very low maintenance. The rain gauge needs cleaning occasionally. Hail or wind can damage the parts but Channel 7 will either come and fix the damage or send the replacement parts.

In addition to Steve Kersh being on the McLean campus, Cam Moore was also here. He spoke to the Elementary and Junior High students about tornadoes and hail formation. He told the students that our spring season has been very active this year with many tornadoes. Mr.

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New Vo-Tech Classes To Have 12 Work Stations

The McLean Independent School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 2001. Board members present were Mike Darsey, Billie Ward, John Holland, Neal Odom, Joe Riley, and Toni Bohlar. Others present were John Griffin, Superintendent, Blaze Herring, H.S. Principal, Dick Crockett, Elem. Principal, Leslie Darsey, Secretary, Margaret Milam, Jimmy Hannon, Bobbi Stalls, Freda Holland, Kristi Tidwell, and Sandi McLain. Absent from the meeting was Don Dorsey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by John Holland, President.

Opening prayer was led by Joe Riley.

The regular meeting minutes of April 23, 2001, and special meeting minutes of May 28, 2001 were approved.

Item I was removed from the agenda as Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were not present.

The Board and visitors then went to Ms. Stephens computer lab for a web page presentation by two of

her BCIS II students, Cesily Cadra and David Swafford. They gave a very impressive presentation with a neat web page. Some of the information that would be on the McLean ISD web page includes a welcome page followed by pictures of the campus and the history of the school, a teacher page for e-mail links to post homework assignments, faculty page, sports page with season schedules, and a record of win/losses, which would also include pictures of the football field, and new gymnasium. Other pages included a calendar with upcoming events, a staff page, and possibly even enrollment could be kept on a data base in the future. There will be no pictures of students allowed without consent. There were 7 students involved in preparing this particular web page, other were Laura Thomason, Ryan McAllister, Bethany Rogers, Sarah Holland, and Nathaniel Roberts. The page has not been put on the internet yet, but hopes are that Region 16 will allow it to be posted next year. BCIS I and II students will be

the webmasters to do any updating on the web page.

Depository Bank bid for the 2001-2003 biennium was rewarded to Bank of Commerce in McLean. First Bank and Trust of Memphis also presented a bid for \$100.00 to be the school depository.

Work to be done on the old band hall was discussed as the new vo-tech lab will be set up there. There will be 12 work stations, which will require electrical outlets and cabling. Don Dorsey had looked over the building and suggested that the ceiling needed to be lowered in order to keep the computer system adequately cooled. His estimation was that there was about \$10,000.00 worth of work that would need to be done to get the building in really good shape. At this time the Board does not feel that the funds are available to complete that much repair, so the basic set-up will be completed, with possibly other improvements to be done in the future. Mr. Dorsey is to get the dollar amount required for the extras and if

necessary a special board meeting may be called to discuss the cost. The grant was received for the bulk of the programs, and the equipment was ordered, which Mr. Dudley and his company will install, as well as setting up the furniture, and installing the software. The Board is very excited about the new vo-tech classes and Toni Bohlar was able to sit in on part of a demonstration, at which she was very impressed.

The new program is in no way to replace or affect the existing programs, but will be offered in addition to those already in place. It will be a great hands-on training for the students with some experience that can be applied in their careers. Mr. Hannon will be receiving his training this summer in order to offer these classes to students when school starts in the fall.

Region XVI Service Center Contracts for 2001-02 were approved. The incredible high cost of the contracts is always an issue, but Mr. Griffin

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REMINDERS

CITY COUNCIL meeting on Monday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.

ALAN REED Homecoming is on June 10 at the Alanreed High School Gym. Registration at 11:00 a.m., program at 12:00 noon.

SPIRIT WIND Concert. The N.W. Texas conference of United Methodist Churches Choir will be in concert on Friday, June 8 at the First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

RODEO PARADE will begin down Main Street at 10:30 a.m. Saturday June 16.

Anyone interested in being in the parade can meet at the basketball field at 9:30 a.m.

RODEO DANCE will be at the Gerald Tate Ag Barn on Friday and Saturday night June 15 and 16 beginning at 9:00 p.m.

FOUND two hearing aids at the post office. For more information contact the postmaster.

MCLEAN ISD will be holding a basketball camp June 11-13 for kindergarten through 4th grade and June 18-20 for 5th-9th grade. You may register the first day of camp which begins at 8:30 a.m. in the old gym.

ANNUAL RODEO will kick off with a BBQ at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15. Shows will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night.

MCLEAN EX-Students Reunion will be June 15 and 16. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Lions Club building on Main Street.

COUNTRY CLUB Dance is on June 9 from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

June 7 - Mrs. Bud Holloway.
 June 8 - Sam Houdysbell, Nora Milham.
 June 9 - George Terry, Karen Brass Gordy.
 June 10 - Rose Shank, Steve Roosa, Billy Corley, Chase Bohlar, Butch Lands, Shirley Armbrister, Dale Wall.
 June 11- Decie Mae Pool, Billy and Shawn Bybee (A).
 June 12 - Lois Myers, Cary Don Smith, E.J. Windom, Jr., Ashley Comer.
 June 13 - Margorie Jones.

BARKER REUNION

The Annual Barker Reunion was held Saturday the 26th at the home of Earl and Vonnie Barker. All the sisters and brothers were in attendance. They were Viola Graham and son Mike of Clarendon; Mildred Tomlinson and son Douglas; Barbara Tomlinson of Bartlesville OK; Nova and Bill Mooring of Clarendon; Don and Gay Nell Barker of Amarillo; Mary and Mike Murff of Clarendon; Gary, Shelia, Austin, and Macey Barker of Amarillo; Don and Mason Mooring of

TO THE LIBRARY AND BEYOND

Come and explore travel, computers, careers, history, and prepare for your future at the Lovett Memorial Library this summer. Check out books and come to our program for children. "To the Library and Beyond" the 2001 Texas Reading Club begins on June 4 and ends on June 29. There will be a halfway party June 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the library and a final party June 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the library. Come and join the fun! For more information, please call 779-2851.

WOW FUNDRAISER WINNERS

Beef prime rib from McLean Feedyard Ltd - Joe Ray Riley of McLean.

Candles from Elizabeth's Gifts of McLean - Iva Mullins of Pampa, Juanita Jacobs of Austin, Alan Licklider of Pampa, and Alma Cumberledge of Lefors.

Candle from Twice is Nice of Pampa - Gordon Flynn of Pampa.

Home Pest Extermination from Diamond G Pest Control - Shawn Heckathorn of Borger.

Red River Steak House gift certificate - Mike Young of Lefors.

WalMart gift certificate - T.D. Simmons of McLean.

Gift certificate from Wayne's Western Wear - Cheryl Lilley of Pampa.

4-H CLUB NEWS

McLean 4-Clover: There will be no meeting for 4-Clover during summer vacation. New officers for the 2001-2002 4-H year are: Anna Shackelford, president; Nicholas Odom, vice-president; Kristen Odom, secretary/treasurer; Zachary Odom, reporter; and Travis Fish, council delegate.

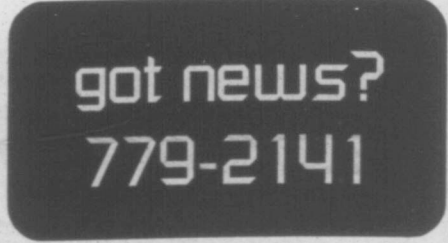
Canyon; Judy and Steve Mackey of Snyder; Jim and Rachael Graham of St. Louis Missouri; Allie May Maxey of Clarendon; Lanelle White of Borger; Schellon and Gerry Meek of Holly Lake Ranch in Big Springs; Lynn and Wanda Barker of Groom; and of course the host and hostess Earl and Vonnie Barker.

We all had a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and games. We look forward to our next reunion, a year from now.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank everyone for all the love and help you gave us in our time of sorrow. Thank you for all the food, flowers, and just for being there. We will miss him. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Family of Orphus O. Tate



Services Held For Long Time McLean Resident

ORPHUS TATE
 MCLEAN-Orphus O. Tate, 84, died Wednesday, May 23, 2001.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2001. The Rev. Thacker Haynes officiated. Burial was held at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mr. Tate was born to Robert Edgar Tate and Katie Bell Etchison Tate on January 16, 1917 at Conway, Texas. He had lived in the McLean area 58 years. He was a retired welder in the oil industry and a member of Masonic Lodge #889. He attended Heald Methodist Church. He married Betty Hill January 12, 1995 in

Wheeler. He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Tate and his first wife Virginia.

Survivors include his wife Betty Tate; one daughter, Nancy Yvonne Zimmerman of Amarillo; two sons, Orphus O. Tate Jr. of Fairfield, TX. and Harry Edgar Tate of Midland, TX.; one brother, Robert Edgar Tate of Lubbock, TX.; two sisters, Violet Marie Tate of Oklahoma City, OK. and Mary Ann Lee of Binger, OK.; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to the Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring, Waco, Texas 16708.

BOARD

feels the services are necessary, and that there will be about a 5 percent increase over last year's cost.

The tax appeal lawsuit was held as an informal hearing, and MISD won the case, in which the decision was made to use local values instead of the Comptroller's value.

The school calendar for 2001-02 was approved.

Mr. Griffin recommended that the Board regretfully accept the resignation of 6th grade teacher, Rhonda Patterson.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss teacher hiring. Neal Odom arrived at 7:45 and entered the closed session meeting.

Return to open session was at 8:36 p.m. The site-based team had interviewed five elementary teachers for two positions. Sandi McLain and Kristi Tidwell of McLean were the two applicants to be recommended for the jobs

open in 3rd and 4th grades. Mrs. McLain has 6.5 years of teaching experience from Kansas, and Ms. Tidwell has been a regular substitute teacher, and volunteered many times. Both ladies are young, energetic, love kids, and the school, and will be a new welcome to the Elementary. The motion was passed to hire Kristi Tidwell and Sandi McLain on a one-year probationary contract.

Financial reports A, B, and C were approved. The motion was also passed to approve to pay the April bills as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Graveside Memorial Service Held

MARTHA FARREN

Martha Louise Farren died on April 6, 2001 at the home of her daughter in Hillsboro, Oregon. Mrs. Farren was born May 16, 1915 in Heald, Texas, the daughter of William Nathaniel Holmes and Alice Lora Matthews.

She lived in the communities of Heald, Kellerville, and McLean, Texas until the age of 60. After the death of her husband, Archie in 1975, she moved to Oregon and resided in Lebanon and Albany before moving to Forest Grove in 1987. In 1999, she moved to Hillsboro to live with her daughter and son-in-law and resided there until the time of her death.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with Rev. Brian

Quisenberry officiating.

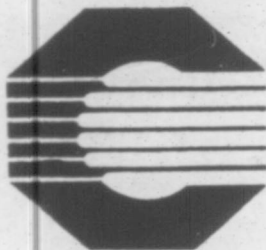
She is preceded in death by her husband, Archie Farren; sister, Wilma Vick; and a brother, Carrol Holmes. Survivors include two sons, James Farren of Scio, Oregon; Fred (Gene) Farren of Albany, Oregon; one daughter Helen Farren McConnell of Hillsboro, Oregon; two brothers, Bill Holmes of McLean, Texas and R.D. (Bud) Holmes of Pampa, Texas; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; six nieces and nephews.

In her memory, the family suggests gathering family and friends together and enjoying a good meal together with

lots of laughter. Any donations may go to charity of choice or the Washington County Hospice in Hillsboro, Oregon, 427 S.E. 8th, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.

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 3rd Grade: Tucker Adams and Caitlin Mantooth.
 4th Grade: Emory Crawford, Trenton Darsey, Stacey Estes, Evan McMordie, Jamie Sanderson, Dashae Tolleson, Arely Vega.
 5th Grade: Travis Fish, Stephanie Henson, Kristen Odom, Mark Smith, Lucas Webb.
 6th Grade: Erin Bailey, John Haynes, Samantha Krueger, Courtney Lamb, Tamara Loya, Brandon Phillips, Brooke Seymour.
 7th Grade: Savannah Williamson.
 8th Grade: Ashley McClendon.
A/B HONOR ROLL
 1st Grade: Kalya Averett, Saber Bohlar, Britnie Cooper, Trent McAnear, Jace McLain, Jack Odom, George Patterson, Rudy Rodriguez, Rena Smith.
 2nd Grade: Ashley Phillips, Zachary Seymour, Staci Smith, Sami Staton, Erin Vassey.
 3rd Grade: Nancy Castillo, Daniel Connors, Caleb Crawford, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Sheri Haynes, Hogan Ketcherside, James Krueger, Dustin Lee, Joshua Martin, Zachary Odom, Jessica Skipper, Amber Staton, Stephen Williamson.
 4th Grade: Nikki Alvarez, Chase Bohlar, Suzanne Howard, John Jeffries, Kaid Shaller, Amanda Loya, Kortney Smith, Tammy Syfrett, Tanner Wilhelm.
 5th Grade: Jacob Connors, Stephen Ingle, Kaci Maddox, Casey Phillips, Zachary Richardson, Anna Shackelford, Logan Sparling, Lacey Wallis.
 6th Grade: Justin Dillman, Amanda Fricks, David Jeffries, Chisum Smith, Kay Taylor.
 7th Grade: Russell Anglin, Nicholas Odom, Krista Smith, Connie Vega.
 8th Grade: Antonio Montoya, Zane Richardson, Chole Smith, Mitchell Steward.

Trinity Baptist Holds Bible School For Local Children

Trinity Baptist Church is having their annual Vacation Bible School from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. through Friday June 8th. Students will be participating in an action adventure journey through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East. The week has been filled with exciting Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, and of course snacks as the Truth Trackers (the students) search for the secret of the stone tablets.

If you haven't already begun your search its not too late, join them for Thursday and Friday night.

Friday will end the exciting week and the students will be able to show their parents all they have learned with a program at 6:30 p.m. and hamburgers following the program.



(Top) The three, four, and five year old class and the (bottom) Pre-k and kindergarten class enjoy fun and games at the Trinity Baptist Vacation Bible School.

Letter To The Editor...

I am a bit frustrated, confused, and disturbed. While all my adult life I have been a student of government and still believe ours is as good as the best that has ever existed, it is still not working like a well oiled machine. Our local or city government and our county, our State, and our Federal officials seem to be limited by the invisible boundaries around each of their domains. The energy situation in California is an example. We are like Denominational Religion-there is no community handshaking toward problems of common interest.

lived through West Texas droughts and who have had wells into the Ogallala go dry, have seen little being done to improve the supply of water over the next hundred or even a thousand years-and those of us over 75 years old know a hundred years is not very long.

I know there are many citizens of this community who have many ideas for productive, basic, non-social, non-religious but lasting improvements.

So let us get underway planning and doing-for it may be later than we think.

Sincerely,
 Garth B. Thomas

Those of us who have

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McLean Church Directory

Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon
 779-2548
 Sunday Bible School 10 am
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class 7:30

First Assembly of God 4th & Main
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Sunday Night & Youth Services 7 pm
 Wednesday Night Service 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st
 Brian Quisenberry, Pastor 779-2175
 Sunday School 9:45. Worship 11 am & 7pm
 (Youth) & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray
 Pastor Thacker Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm
 Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

Heald United Methodist Church
 Kellerville Road
 Sunday 9:15

Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce
 James Mantooth 779-3207
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am
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 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

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Care Center News

Activities began for the residents Sunday with Sunday School with the Methodist Friendship Class. In the afternoon they attended church services officiated by Rev. Dean Williams of the Assembly of God and congregation.

Monday a group of residents went to the memorial service at the cemetery. Those going were Oleta Harris, Fern Boyd, Jay Miller, Dick Wheeler, Alex Ander Watkins, Charles Weaver, Irene Pakan, and Clarence Franke. Volunteers who went to help with the residents were Mary Dwyer, Betty Lowe, Louis Myers, Raven Falcon, and Jesse

and Judith Watkins.

Monday afternoon was bingo. Tuesday morning was craft time. The residents make the crafts sold in the activity room. Stop by sometime and see what we have. The funds from these crafts go for the activities. Wednesday we had a program in the morning, centered around Memorial Day.

Thursday was beauty shop and bingo. Friday was nail care day, and dominoes in the afternoon.

Friday June 8th at 2:30 is the June Birthday party. Birthdays this month are Geneva Kingston. Come help us celebrate.

**Celebration of Jesus
Special Service At Cowboy Church**
June 10th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
At Dorsey Ranch, Alanreed, TX

Agenda: Special Songs & Music by Bill Beaty from Cheyenne, Okla. and by local groups.

Cookout: Around 5:00 will serve Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Tea & Lemonade. Bring Drinks and Snacks, if desired.

Games: Horse Shoes, Volleyball, Roping Dummy Contest and Swimming in the Pond at the Ranch.

Baptismal Service: 6:30 p.m.

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MCLEAN/ALANREED AREA MUSEUM

By Dorothy McKee
The McLean/Alanreed Area Museum had 104 visitors from 11 different states, 2 foreign countries, such as a young couple on their honeymoon from Alaska, another couple from Germany and a young man on a motorcycle from Ireland.

We had 11 juniors and sophomores of the Special Ed. class from Stratford and their teacher Jennifer Price; and 10 3rd grade students from Miami and their teacher Judy Hutchins. These 3rd graders were very interested and asked many questions. We also had 26 ABC Tours from Florida.

We also had quite a few from McLean and the surrounding area, such as John and Sandra Coleman, Bill and Lois Hensley, Martin Grahm, Fred Mann and his granddaughter, Kenzie Allen from OK., two students, Amanda Fricks and Erin Bailey.

Both show windows of

WEATHER

Moore explained the types of alerts used by the weather station. A watch means the possibility exists and a warning means it is in progress. The students discussed safe places to hide such as the bath tub or a small closet, somewhere in the center of the home away from outside walls. If the students were in a car and close to the storm, they were told to get out of the car and get into a low lying area and to protect their heads.

This is valuable information that all should know. Knowledge reduces panic. The firefighters in McLean have been trained to watch cloud formations and weather changes to help keep our town as safe as possible. McLean uses storm spotters and also sirens as warning devices.

In the event of a storm stay tuned to a local weather channel or local radio station. Be prepared to take cover. If the sirens are sounded there will be one long blast to warn that a tornado is suspected. The second time the sirens sound means something is coming. If

the sirens sound a third time it means it is worse than before. There will NEVER be an all clear signal. You must use your own discretion as to when to come out of hiding.

McLean had a voice-over on the cable tv, but that is no longer an option. Those that maintain the system cannot keep it working and the cable tv company will not work with our people.

the museum are looking good. Come by the show window and see if you can guess the ones in the pictures and play Monopoly or the game of Remembering.

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district and/or an institution of higher education. Additionally, grant funds will be used for technology staff development, including hardware and software training, network training, methodology training, and base level technology training. These grant projects officially begin May 15, 2001.

"Students are the future of Texas," said Jimmy Hannon, the Project Director for this grant. "Today, students are gaining the opportunity to use modern technology for researching via the Internet, word processing, and learning. We, as educators, want our students to succeed and become more marketable because of the education that they received while in school here. Thanks to TIF, the opportunity to fund this equipment and infrastructure is a reality."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately \$592 million in grants to its four constituent groups: public schools, libraries, institutions of higher education, and public, not-for-profit healthcare facilities. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten year period.

With the money from the TIF Grant McLean ISD will install a new technology lab with 12 lab stations. Students many take classes in

computer aided drafting, 3D modeling, digital photography, digital music, B10 technology, residential wiring, plumbing and construction, desk top publishing, graphic design, fluid power-hydraulics, and digital video editing. The students were treated to a presentation of the new classes being offered and all were excited. These classes will be offered to junior and senior students next year.

Devil's Rope Museum News

By Davie Gipson

May was a very busy month for us. Jacie Riley's Dinner Theater was well attended the first day of the month. The Junior Senior Banquet was held May 4th, and Sports Banquet was held May 14 to honor all Tiger Athletes.

On May 2, we had 11 children from Stratford at noon. They enjoyed their sack lunches in the Heritage Room and

1948 and 1949 during the school reunion. The end of June and first of July there will be 1,500 HOGS traveling Old Route 66 from Chicago to LA. We look forward to visiting with them.

toured the museum. May 8th we had a bus tour of 24 people from Florida. Ten students from Miami School also brought their lunches and toured the museum on the 15th. The JOY Club (Just Older Youth) from Amarillo Christian Church visited on the 17th. There were 22 JOYs in that group. They were enjoying lunch at the Red River, too. Mindy Holwick brought her 7 kindergartner boys on the

18th from Lefors. No girls in that class! On May 25th we had a Jotaue Tour of 25 people from England, Scotland, and Ireland. We enjoyed having all these people visit the museum.

May 29th was a really rainy morning. Carvalho Raphael from Paris, France was waiting for me when I got to work about 9:30 that morning. He was roller skating from Chicago to LA on Old Route 66. Needless to say, he was rather wet. He said he didn't like to skate on I-40! A couple days later, Delbert saw him in Alanreed. Dixie Jo at the Texaco Truck Stop in Alanreed was going to take him to Conway so he wouldn't have to be on I-40 west of Alanreed. He wrote in our guest book: A little step further in a memory of road 66 for a Frech boy scout.

We had a total of 490 people visit. Thirty-two states were represented. Of these 490 people we had 78 foreign visitors from 13 countries.

Looks like June will be a busy month as we have 3 tours scheduled and the Heritage room rented for the classes of

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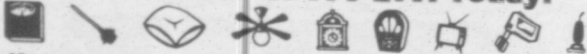
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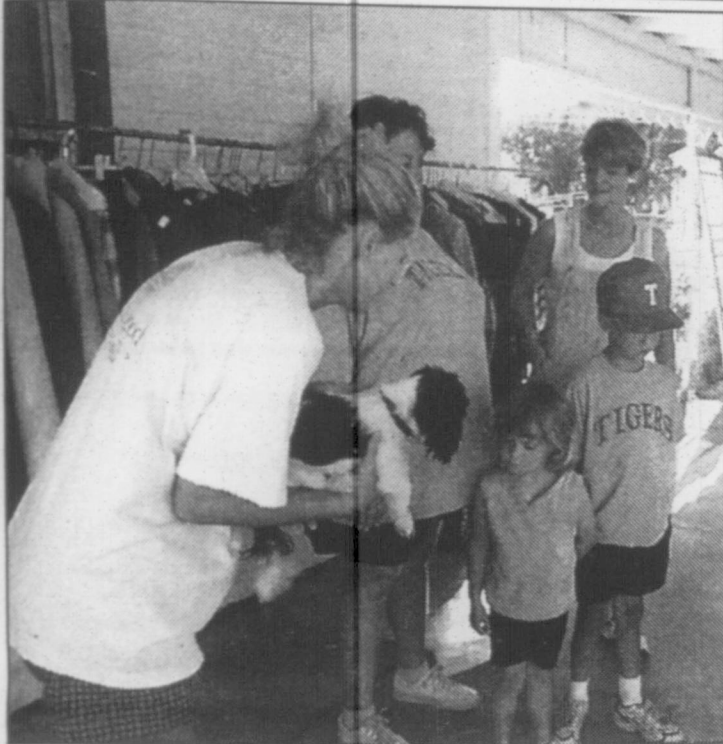
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"How much for the puppy?" asks Christy Painter, who is an avid garage sale fan. Jessica Bates tells her that petting is free but the dog is not for sale. Moms Tina and Kim get a kick out of the negotiations while Brady Painter just looks "ready to go."

2000 Census Report Shows Groom With Slight Drop In Population

The reports are finally in on those 2000 Census Reports that we all filled out last year. It was no surprise that Groom has lost population but perhaps, not nearly as much as expected. In 1990 the census reported a population of 603 which was down 133 people from 1980. The report for 2000 shows a

decrease of only 16 people, or a -2.65 decline in population.

While that does not sound nearly as bad as other area rural communities that have lost as much as 15% of their population, what has hurt Groom is not that it has lost population but its population is aging. Older residents means

less children in school, which has made it hard on our school system.

Groom has lost approximately 63 students since 1995, declining from 223 student in '95 to 161 at the close of 2001. This kind of loss is more costly in terms of revenue from the state than in local tax dollars.

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9th Rabies Case Confirmed In Pampa

Gray County has just reported their ninth case of Rabies this year within the city limits of Pampa. So far, all the animals that have tested positive have been skunks. All areas of the City of Pampa have produced these diseased animals.

No cases have been reported in the Groom

area as of yet, but now is not the time for pet and property owners to let down their guard. Make sure all dogs and cats have their rabies shots. Any skunk that is seen out during daytime hours should be reported to City Hall. Skunks are generally nocturnal and usually forage for food during the twilight and nighttime hours. While Groom has its fair share of skunks who reside in the city limits, weather changes such as dryer, hot conditions make city living inviting to these pests.

All the things we do to have luscious lawns invites a skunk to dinner. Watering invites insects to the surface plus the additional water available for drinking encourages them. Open crawl spaces under houses and old buildings are like

hanging out a "free rent" sign to a skunk. Leaving pet food out doors is a sure way to attract an uninvited guest.

The City of Groom's Animal Control Officer, Donna Burton, is asking everyone to make a special effort to keep their animals confined during this dangerous time.

"With the closing of school for the summer, we always have more dogs running loose because children will forget to shut gates or let their pets loose to play" she said. "We are asking parents to please stress the importance of keeping dogs at home to their children. We would hate to see anyone have to get the painful Rabies shots. Also little tolerance will be given to

See Rabies, pg 2



We Saw...

Cobb Britten headed to Fort Worth...again...

Tyler Babcock peddling much faster than mom, Cindy Babcock as they ride their bicycles down Ware Street...

First Baptist Church members planting trees on the north side of the church...

Garage Sale-ers looking for a few good bargains...

John Wilson doing a lot of limping...

Kenny Jackson sneaking up on people in the Dairy Queen...

Chief Koetting fueling up before starting a long days work...

Marcia Davis getting ready for the first day of summer school...

Laurissa Noack cheerfully bagging groceries at the store...

Pam Ashford giving the plants that grace the entrance of the Bank a little drink.

CARSON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECEIVES AWARD

The Carson County Historical Commission received the Distinguished Service award for its program of work for the year 2000 from the Texas Historical Commission at its recent annual Preservation Conference in Austin. Morgi McCray, Carson County Historical Commission Chairman, received the award from F. Lawrence Oaks, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, and Shirley Caldwell, Vice Chairman of the Texas Historical Commission.

Twenty-three county historical commissions and one non profit historical committee received the award. The Carson County Historical Commission has received the award about 32 times since it was first instituted in 1964. To qualify for the award, a commission must complete at least three programs of work. Programs submitted by the Carson County Historical Commission were: Organization, Structure, Heritage, Archeology, Education,



Rose England finds several "Treasures" that she just can't live without.

Publications and Multi Media, Heritage Tourism, and Museum Assistance. Approximately 400 people attended the conference. Attending from Carson County were Mogie and Jim McCray of Panhandle and Viola Moore, Director of the Square House Museum. The conference theme was "Hometown Preservation from Grassroots to Great

Visions." Sessions included Visioning in Preservation, Partnering with Other Communities, Heritage Tourism, among others. Speakers included the Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., Mayor of Savannah, Georgia, and Liz Carpenter. Conference attendees visited the Texas State Cemetery and the new

See Award, pg 5

COMMUNITY CALENDER

FLAG DAY is June 14. Be sure to fly your flags.

CITY MEETING will be held on June 12 at City Hall.

ATTENTION Parents!! Please clear up lunch bills at the school as soon as possible at the Groom School Business office as soon as possible between 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

GROOM POOL will open on June 5th. Admission is \$2.00.

THE PANHANDLE Area Singles Club will hold their monthly dance on June 16th at 8:00 p.m. in the Christian Church at Panhandle.

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Students Named To Dean's List

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Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and

3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's Honor Roll include Tamara Ashford, Senior Management major, April G. Burton, Junior Psychology major, and Wyatt J. Weinheimer, Junior Mathematics major.

LOCAL HAPPENING

Bill Hinson is recovering at home from back surgery.

Local Happenings

Pat Ashford is recovering from knee surgery.

COLLEGE STUDENTS!!
 College students please tell your college your hometown, so they will send us information.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 June 7 - Burl Painter, Dean Burger, Bryan Crowell, Jim Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burger (A), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Homer (A), Kim and Joe Rae Richardson (A).

June 8 - Mrs. Skeet Brown, Greg Lambert, David York, Jennifer and Ben Weinheimer (A), Jeff & Keri Jenkins (A).

June 9 - Terry Eatmon, David Hinson, Bob Cornett, Brady Miller, Bobby Howard, Ashley Murray.

June 10 - Darrell Whately, William Weinheimer, Chris Sumerall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinson, Jr. (A).

June 11 - Mrs. Brent Stephens, Donna Bohr, Roxie Stapp, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Lewis (A).

June 12 - Howell Lewis, Justin and Julie McGee (A).

June 13 - Nicholas L. Kuehler, Megan Elizabeth Ruthardt.

CARD OF THANKS

Our deepest thanks to all who were so kind during our time of sorrow. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, delicious food, comforting prayers, visits, and memorials.

God Bless You All,
 The Family of
 Theresa Hermesmeyer

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest thanks for the many kindnesses during our fathers illness. The food, flowers, prayers, and visits were a comfort to us in our grief. Thank you so much for everything.

The Family of
 Bill Robertson



It's A Girl!

Ronnie and Cindy Lambert along with daughter, Kenlee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jayden Grace Lambert.

She was born on Thursday, May 24, 2001 at 2:37 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Sue Britten of Groom and Porter and Nancy Lambert of Memphis.

NOTICE
 The Groom News Offices has entry blanks for the Carson County Little Prince and Princess Contests and the Talent Show.

RABIES
 those who violate Groom's leash laws, especially now."

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Superintendent's Corner

State of Groom ISD Was Never Better

By John Wilson

**FLAG DAY IS
JUNE 14**

As most people in the community are aware, I have accepted the job as Superintendent at

Childress ISD. My family and I will be moving by the end of June. As with all

moves, we have mixed emotions. We look forward to new challenges and opportunities, but we acknowledge that Groom has been a wonderful place for us. We have enjoyed our time here and would like to thank everyone in the community for their acceptance and support.

I wish to take this opportunity to review the state of Groom ISD. In my opinion, it has never been better. Many have focused on the fact that we have had to adjust programs because of declining enrollment, and certainly these are difficult issues with which to deal, but the positive movement of the school far outweighs any problems encountered.

Consider TAAS scores. These scores are an indicator of the general condition of a district. We have been an exemplary district for three years now, and this year had a remarkable passing rate of 97.5%.

This shows that no students in our school are left behind.

The 2001 graduating class was truly outstanding. Besides their accomplishments at Groom School, all of the graduates have plans to attend college. All are capable of great success in post high school education.

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At Groom ISD we offer a very full curriculum for a school our size. The numbers of students in both the vocational agriculture program and the band program could easily dictate that those programs be eliminated. Through the dedication and resourcefulness of our school board, however, we were able to save both these programs. I urge you to ignore those few negative people in the community who have said that the board cut vital programs. Instead, everyone should

be grateful that we were able to save these programs for our students.

Credit for all these accomplishments goes to a number of people. First, of course, the students themselves and their parents have done

the primary work of education. Groom is blessed with great families. Second, the teachers and staff at the school work diligently and well beyond the call of duty to give their best for your students.

None of these accomplishments, however, can take place without good leadership. Kevin Noack has proven himself to be a dedicated, resourceful, and innovative leader. He has made many curriculum innovations that have made student accomplishments possible. He has established and maintained a school climate of order and discipline that allows students to be their best. I am grateful that the school will continue to be lead by such a capable person.

If the people of Groom will continue to put trust in their elected board and in the people they hire, the best years are still ahead for Groom ISD.



SIMON GRADUATES FROM CCC

Amy Simon, daughter of John and Marva Simon graduated from Colby Community College, May 12, with an associate's of science degree in business administration.

While at Colby, Amy was involved in Presidential Scholars, Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, and Phi Beta Lambda, where she was the chapter secretary and treasurer. She was also a Student Ambassador where she gave campus tours and helped with orientation week. She worked in Student Support Services as a tutor.

Honors Amy received were representing CCC on a college CD ROM recruitment tool and representing CCC in a meeting with the Kansas Board of Regents. She was honored with becoming a member of Who's Who Among American Junior College Students and receiving an American Leadership Award. She served as an honor escort at graduation her freshman year. Recently, she was crowned the Spring Formal Queen, where she was representing Phi Beta Lambda. Amy was also a candidate for the Fall Homecoming, representing Presidential Scholars. She was named Trojan Pic for the month of February and was a member of the President's Honor Roll for both semesters this year.

Amy is a 1999 graduate of Syracuse High School. She will be attending Emporia State University next fall, where she will continue her education to receive a bachelor's degree in business administration. For the next year, she will be representing Phi Beta Lambda on the state level where she is sitting as the Executive Board Secretary.

She is the granddaughter of Jeanne Morrow.

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THANK YOU

A huge THANKS to all the parents and businesses that helped me with the after graduation party. The raffle was successful (the winner was Gary Babcock) and the party was enjoyed by 44 students. The seniors and their sponsors asked special permission to rent a limousine (using their class money) to take them to and from the party. They were allowed this request as long as each student gave the party sponsors a signed parental permission note. The seniors were still confined together (in one limo) and the after graduation party committee did not pay for any of the cost.

A special thanks to Karen Brown, Donna Barnett, Carole Fields, Belinda Britten, Toni Pavlovsky, Susan Britten, Marla Britten, Janelle Sustaire, Ed & Ellen Gray, Gary & Cindy Babcock, Nila Burgin, Debbie Ollinger, Steve Hutsell, Joe Homer, Sharolyn & Kevin Kerlee for volunteering with their help in organizing, gift collecting, sign making, bus driving, setting up the dance and gifts, and sponsoring the party. Without the help of these special parents, I would have never had the party ready. Your help and support have been greatly appreciated.

(Thanks also to all the parents who helped organize, decorate and clean up after the Athletic Banquet.)

Marcia Conrad

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Birthday Dinner Held

A birthday dinner was held May 30 for Norma Jean Homer at Abuelo's in Amarillo. Those attending were Tracy Homer and Katrina Bell of Marietta GA., Jeannette Blackwell of Woodstock, GA., Travis Homer and Brenda Appel of Amarillo, Joannie, Doug, Tiffani, and Cody Kling of Groom, and Bill Homer of Groom.

A cookout was held at the home of Bill and Norma Jean Homer on Sunday. Those attending were Tracy Homer and Katrina Bell of Marietta GA., Jeannette Blackwell of Woodstock GA., Susan and Leroy Littlefield, and Mark and Michelle Littlefield of Rosenberg, Greg and Stacey Littlefield of Houston, Mary Jo, Daniel, Brittney, Jacob, Kinzi, and Justin Schacher of Lazbuddie, John Newburn of San Antonio, Jo Newburn of Austin, and Joannie, Doug, Tiffani, and Cody of Groom.

Janyth Bowers will direct a basketball camp featuring legendary girl's basketball coach Dean Weese. The Shooting



It's A Girl!

Chance, Thane, Chad, and Kyler Barkley welcomed their new baby sister, Halle Kathleen, to the family on May 30, 2001. Halle Kathleen weighed 7 lbs and 10 1/4 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

The proud parents are Keith and Kathleen Barkley of Groom. The happy grandparents are Mary Koetting of Groom and Natalia Barkley of Hereford.

Camp will be held June 18, 19, and 21 at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The camp is for incoming 9th through 12th graders, both girls and boys. Camp times will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fee is \$50.00 per camper.

Campers will be limited and taken on a first-come, first serve basis.

Camp director will be Sheri Haynes, former

McLean High School star, a member of the Wayland Baptist University Flying Queens and an assistant coach at Lockney High School under Marsha Sharp.

Weese combined for 10 state championships while coaching at Levelland and Spearman High Schools. He led the Flying Queens to National Championships as a college coach at WBU.

Weese, a Higgins native, is a member of the National High School

Basketball Hall of Fame, Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, and National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. He was named National Coach of the Year in 2000.

Weese, who is now retired, had a combined record of 1,207 wins and 197 losses.

For more information, write Janyth Bowers at HCR 3, Box 54, Pampa, Tex. 79065.

In conjunction with the shooting camp, Weese will also conduct a regular camp June 8-21

at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp is for incoming 3rd through 5th graders (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.) and incoming 6th through 8th graders (12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Fee is \$60.00 per camper.

Bowers, girl's basketball coach at Pampa Middle School, will direct the camp. She played for Weese at Spearman.

Camp assistants will be coaches and former players from the Panhandle area.

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Incoming Grades 3rd Through 5th
9 A.M. To 11 A.M.

Incoming Grade 6th Through 8th
12:30 P.M. To 2:30 P.M.

Fee: \$60 Per Camper

Camp Director: Janyth Lackey Bowers
Girls Basketball Coach Pampa Middle School

SHOOTING CAMP
JUNE 18-19 & 21

Incoming 9th Through 12 Graders
Girls & Boys Welcome
6 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Fee: \$50 Per Camper

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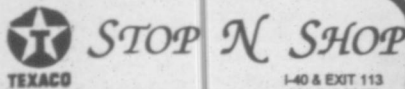
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Watson Named Top Student At Claude



Aaron Watson was the Top Student of the Claude 8th Grade Class of 2001 and spoke during the promotion ceremony recently. He was also chosen All-Outstanding 8th Grade Boy and received Algebra I and Science awards. Aaron also received a Silver Presidential Service Award for 50 hours of

community service. He is the son of Kent and Donna Watson.

This night was extra special for the Watsons since Kent played the piano during the ceremony and was the quest speaker. He is the minister at the Claude Church of Christ and formerly served at the Church of Christ in Groom.



Services Held For Two Area Men

BILL ROBERTSON GROOM - Bill Robertson, 73, died Thursday, May 31, 2001. Private family services will be held at a later date in Restland Cemetery at Roxton.

Mr. Robertson retired from the Army and was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He worked for Wheeler-Evans Elevator in Groom for several years.

Survivors include a son, Marshal Robertson of Groom; two daughters, Gayle Thomas of Plainview and Nicky Evans of Groom; two sisters, Evelyn Kerbow of Commerce and Virginia Tarter of Hawkins; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and special friend, La Wanda Redd.

The family suggest memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice or Groom Ambulance Service.

LESLIE NEAL AMARILLO - Leslie Neal, 93, died Friday, June 1, 2001.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on

Sunday, June 3, 2001 at Groom Cemetery in Groom with the Rev. Rob Seale, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon, officiating.

Mr. Neal was born on August 28, 1907 in Rhea, Arkansas and was a resident of Portales, NM. before moving to Clarendon in 1980. He married Dora Edith Brown on July 16, 1933 at Armstrong County. She preceded him in

death on May 16, 2001. He had been a rancher much of his life before his retirement. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Harold Neal on August 4, 1999.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Neal of Gun Barrel City, TX., Frank Neal of Fort Collins, CO., and Benny Neal of Ossian, Indiana.; one sister, Bertha Knight of Groom; one brother, William J. Neal of Amarillo; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

THREE GROOM MEN TO BE HONORED

The Amarillo VA Health Care System invites the public to attend the "Patio of Honor" Flag Day and Bricklaying Ceremony on Thursday, June 14, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Medical Arts Building located at 6010 Amarillo Boulevard West. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. For further information please call Christina Frohwein, Chief, Community Resource Service at 354-7811.

Three Groom men will be honored: Guy Blackwell, Page Blackwell, and Norris Hoyt.

AWARD

Bob Bullock Texas History Museum.

Sponsors of the conference with the Texas Historical Commission were the Texas Historical Foundation and Preservation Texas, Inc.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On May 29, 2001, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Carson County, Texas met in pursuant to adjournment with the members and officers present as follows: Hon. Lewis W. Powers, County Judge; Commissioners Mike Britten, Pr. 1, Kenneth Ware, Pr. 2, Jerry Strawn, Pr. 3, and Kevin Howell, Pr. 4.

The minutes of the May 14, 2001 meeting were read and approved. The motion was passed to pay all claims.

The court heard a request to move Tom Tyler to full time position as a Precinct #2 road hand. The motion was passed to advance Tyler from the part time

status.

Judge Powers discussed the county's retirement system with the court. The motion was passed to continue the current plan with the Texas County and District Retirement System which is 7.00% for employee and 7.89% for employer.

County Auditor Jacqueline West addressed the court with news concerning the Government Accounting Standards Boards or "GASH" 34 which is a federally mandated system for accounting. West told the commissioners the bill will create a business accounting program for the county where an inventory of all equipment, roads, buildings, all assets, and accounts receivable will be itemized, effective at the beginning of 2003 fiscal year.



Thanks



The After Graduation Party Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who contributed in any way to this year's after graduation party. The party began at 10:00 pm with a dance in the little gym at the school. At 11:00 pm the freshman through junior students all loaded up onto school buses and the seniors loaded into the limousine (which they had rented) and the party moved to Pampa to Harvester Lanes Bowling. Pizza and soft drinks were served to 12 seniors, 12 juniors, 11 sophomores, 9 freshmen, and 10 adults. The bowling ended at 1:30 am and the students were returned to school, where each student received a party gift. Again, THANK YOU for your support with your contributions in the form of cash donations, merchandise, and or raffle ticket purchases. Without your support, this party would not have been a success. THANKS!

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Reminders

Carson Co. Museum will hold an art exhibit by Rella Oxley and Ann Crouch & Marissa DeBord from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on June 10th.

CENSUS

An aging population also means there are more people claiming the senior citizens exemption on property tax. Approximately 75 of Groom's 260 (estimated) homes are qualified to receive the \$10,000 senior citizens tax reduction in addition to \$15,000 homestead exemption.

The following is a list of how area towns have changed: Borger -8.76%, Canadian -7.73%, Clarendon -3.38%,

Follet -3.96%, Fritch 4.28%, Gruver -.85%, Happy +11.74%, Hart 1.88%, Hedley -8.67%, Higgins -5.76%, Howardwick +113.17%, Kress +9.69%, Lakeview -22.05%, Lefors -13.60%, McLean -3.26%, Miami -13.40%, Pampa 10.38%, Shamrock 11.24%, Silverton 11.24%, Skellytown 9.50%, Wellington 5.91%, Wheeler, no change, and White Deer -5.78%.

Information About Your Ration Stamps

Gasoline — In 17 states of eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are good. In states outside the eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are good through September 21. All gasoline coupons in the possession of car owner must be endorsed with the owner's license and state of registration.

Sugar — Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamp Nos. 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds each for home canning purposes through October 31.

Shoes — Stamp No. 18 is good for 1 pair through October 31.

Stoves — Consumer purchases rationed stoves must be made with a certificate obtained at local War Price and Rationing boards.

Meats, Fats — Red stamps X, and Z good through October 2. Brown stamp — becomes good September 12 and remains good through October 2.

Processed Foods — Blue stamps R, S and T, expire September 20. U, V and W, now good, expire October 20.

Miss Helen M. Strite To Teach Music Here

Helen M. Strite will be in Groom each Thursday starting September 16, giving lessons at the high school building on piano, violin, guitar or accordion. She will also conduct a music kindergarten class.

Miss Strite has been teaching music in Groom for five years and has been connected with the Amarillo College of Music for 18 years.

Third War Loan Bond Drive Starts Thursday

Goal For Groom Is Set At \$750 For Every Local Boy In Service

Every man, woman and child living in the Groom community has the opportunity to back up our local boys and girls in the armed forces of Uncle Sam in the Third War Loan Bond Drive which opens Thursday, September 9. A goal of \$750 for every Groom boy and girl in service has been set for the Groom community and it's up to our people to put the drive over.

The quota for Carson county is \$580,200 and the Groom community is expected to raise about ninety-four thousand of the county quota. Many towns over the country set as their goal enough bond purchases to build a battleship or something of that nature, so the local bond sales committee, headed by U. L. Culver decided to take the lot of Groom boys and girls serving in Uncle Sam's forces and have as their goal \$750 worth of bonds for each one of them.

This appears to be a large quota for a community of this size but in the second bond drive Groom bought better than forty-five thousand dollars worth of bonds as their part of the \$352,000 county quota. As the county quota has been practically doubled in the Third War Bond Drive it is not unreasonable to expect Groom people to buy twice as many bonds.

Every individual must realize that war costs have kept pace with the change from defense to offense to invasion. The increasing tempo is indicated by the daily war cost of 71 million dollars in the fiscal year 1942, 196 million dollars a day in the fiscal year 1943, and 265 million dollars a day or more than 10 million dollars an hour for the current fiscal year.

The appeal to buy more war bonds is directed to you as an individual. You, and you, and you. In order to

raise the immense sum of 15 billion dollars which is the national goal every person must contribute a part, from the smallest purchase to the largest, every bit will help. The government is urging that every bond buyer purchase \$100 more in bonds than his regular purchases.

One of the glorious privileges that Americans have is that they can decide for themselves how much they will invest in bonds. Considering the fact that the boys in service are going through hell in doing their bit for us it is evident that the minor discomforts of higher living costs and lack of a few luxuries appear insignificant and the least the individual can do is not be a slacker in doing what he is being ASKED to do by the government—purchase more war bonds.

The Third War Loan Bond Drive which opens Sept. 9 will close Sept. 30. The members of the local bond sales committee have been assigned lists of names of people in the community to see during the month. When you are called on by your bond salesman be ready to do your part—don't be a SLACKER in your bond buying!



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