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House Museum project. Also pictured are Shirley Fields is conducting a watercolor painting class for children through a Square students Stephanie Ollinger and Stacy



Billie Bivens assists Halee Kotara with mixing her paints to get just the right shade House.

On a constant of purple to make her skyline look real as she paints in the watercolor class at the Club House.

Groom Artists' Work On Exhibit At Museum

their work on display this month at the Carson County Square House Museum. Don Markham, education director at the Square House

Museum said every person from Groom who submitted work had their exhibits accepted for the show.

The exhibit is located in

Three local artists have the annex building at the Panhandle museum and includes works in watercolor, oil and pastels, photographs, pottery, ink drawings and pysanky. Pysanky is the intricate art of painting eggs. It is a traditional Polish art form. The pysanky exhibit was submitted by Douglas and Jennifer Rapstine of White Deer.

Local ladies having work the exhibit are Shirley Fields, oil paintings and watercolors, Evelyn Ollinger, two water color paintings and Marion Kendrick, three oil paint-

The works will remain on display at the Museum throughout the month of

Carson County 4-H Members Showing Variety Of Skills

Carson County will be show-ing their skills in clothing construction and buying in the Carson County 4-H Fashion Show on wardrobe planning, buying grooming, textiles, careers, leadership

Athlete Physicals Now Underway

It is time to get your school physicals. All students that will be participating in athletics must have one. Dr. Black will be administering physicals at the Groom Area Clinic. Please call 248-7980 for an appointment.

The deadline will be August 18 except for high school boys playing football. They should have their physical completed before two-a-day practices begin. The proper physical forms for students and bus drivers

are available at the clinic.

Be sure and make your appointment soon.

Water Color **Program Begins**

A water color class for children began this week in Groom under the direction of Shirley Fields. The class is a part of the Square House Museum's annual summer program that presents classes that are partially funded by a grant from the Texas Commission on the arts.

Those participating in this session of the class are Stephanie Ollinger, Stacy Fields, Halee Kotara, C.J. Whatley, Terry Eatmon and Tami Ashford.

Assisting the instructor are Juandell Ritter, Evelyn Ollinger and Billie Bivens.

Other classes are available and will be conducted in Groom, Panhandle and Claude during the month of July. If you wish to sign your child up for a class contact Don Markham at the Museum, 537-3524.

and many other topics. The judging will begin at 1:00 at the Methodist Church in Panhandle with the public Fashion Show beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Museum's new Senator Grady and Audrine Hazelwood Education Building.

Members of 4-H make any

Concession Stands

Must Sign Up For Approval

Linda Bohr reminds organizations planning to sponsor concession stands and game booths on Groom Day that they must sign up with her to receive their placement assignments and for approval by the Groom Day Committee.

The Groom Day Committee limits booth space to local non-profit organizations. Mrs. Bohr stressed that a special effort is made each year to prevent duplication of booths.

To reserve your space contact Linda Bohr, 248-7457.

type of garment they prefer. They may create a swimsuit, a shorts set, a formal, a sundress, a tailored suit or even a Halloween costume. In addition to the usual construction contest, there will be a buying contest this year. In this event, the 4-H

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Garage Sale Set For Community Center Flooring

At a meeting of the Groom Community Center Associa-tion Monday evening, plans were finalized for the Garage Sale to benefit the center floor covering fund. The date of July 16 and time of 9:00 a.m. to? was set for this event and July 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. will be the date of a sale of homemade ice cream.

Both happenings will be held in the general meeting room of the center and will enable the public to see what has been done and what yet needs to be funded.

Community Calendar

organize your Groom Day voileyball team. Watch The News for details for the Lazy Dazy Tournament.

Craft Booths needed for Groom Day celebration on August 1. Contact Connie Fields at 248-7053 or Kay Britten 248-7064.

Lazy Dazys will obse their regular meeting this month. They will meet on July 28 to make prepara-tions for their Groom Day float.

Swimming meet planned for early August. Contact Bea Stephens if you want to enter. Children ages 4 and

A talent search is underway for the Groom Day Talent Show. Call Debbie Anthony, after 6:30 p.m., 248-7954 to reserve space in the show.

Rock-A-Thon to raise funds for the Groom Community Center will be Friday, July 10, noon to ?. Sponsors needed, contact

Are you planning your float for Groom day? The theme is "Bring in The Clowns".

Groom Day meeting is July 17, at the Bank, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

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Local Happenings

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Others attending were Margene Holcomb, Dr. Ron Lacy, Alicia, Cameron, Cherissa, Crystal and Darin Lacy, Donald Lacy, Tabitha Faye Lacy, Boyd and Denia Bush and Cletta Muddell.

Darrell, Charlotte, Dara and C.J. Whatley spent the weekend of the Fourth of July at Lake Fryer near Perryton with their Aunt, Irene Baggerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hamilton, Chad and Derek were guests in the Phil Miller home July 4th.

Al and Agnes Homer spent last week visiting in Wichita Falls, Scotland and Woodlands where they visited their son Jerry Homer. He will be moving to Ocean Side, Calif. where he is being transferred by Fedeal

Ruth Kuehler of Plainview visited with her parents over the 4th of July weekend, the Robert Keuhler family.

home of Mrs. Emalea London included Melody Bentley of Portales, N.M., her granddaughter, daughter, Sandra Black of Amarillo.

Mary Stockman and children of Pampa were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuehler, Loretta, Ron and Nick on July 4th.

Troy and Rhonda Thornton of Lubbock and Curtis Thornton, Connie Thornton and Tom Britten all of Abilene were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton. They celebrated Mr. Thornton's birthday on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wage of New Richmond, Ind. and Mr. and Mrs. Don Calloway and Cheryl of Channelview have recent visitors of the ladies' mother, Julia McGee.

Mrs. Alice Kuehler visit. ed a nephew in the hospital in Amarillo last week, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Detten of Panhandle. He will remain in the hospital about two weeks for treatment of a bone infection.

The family of Velma Hickox cordially invites her friends and relatives to share in commemoration

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Grandparents are Gloria Ledwig of Groom and Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Webb of Claude.

Clarendon Celebration

Among those attending the 4th of July Celebration in Clarendon Saturday were William and Floretta Neal of Amarillo, and Bertha Knight. They met their brother and sister-in-law, Leslie and Dora Neal, Bennie and Sharon Neal and daughter Christi Plainview. Dora's niece, Mrs. Ted Lehman and son Jeff of Fritch.

After a parade, they visited in the Leslie Neal

Washington Visitors

Edna Russell was home again for the weekend with daughter, Evelyn Hubbart. Visiting from the Washington, D.C. area was Mrs. Russell's son, Donald Utsler and his children, Jeanette and James.

Donald and James visited Palo Duro Canyon, Panhandle Plains Museum and the show "Texas." They also made several stops in Amarillo including the Discovery Center. Donald took both Jeanette and James to visit the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Jeanette will continue to visit with her aunt, Mrs. Hubbart through July while Donald and James continue their trip to Washington

Mr. Alan Knorpp remains a patient this week at High Plains Hospital in Amarillo.

Bullock Says Increasing Sales Tax Likely

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said floor amendments to a tax package passed by the Texas House could change the bottom line figure the taxes will raise.

"The tax package was loaded with amendments. We are sorting through this bag of confetti to see what it will realistically raise," Bullock said.

He said a full analysis would be in the hands of Texas lawmakers by Mon-

day.
"The final yield on the bills will reflect not only what lawmakers took outsuch as breaks for the elderly and for crop insurancebut how the law would be enforced and administered," he said.

"We can't say how much less until we go over it line-by-line, section-bysection and total out the

changes and corrections," Bullock said.

Estimates for increasing the sales tax to 6 percent and extending the gasoline tax to 15 cents a gallon are likely to hold, he said.

"We've had less than a week to look at the insurance tax. There's not another anywhere America so we have little to go by," Bullock said.

Review Board Meets

Carson County Appraisal Review Board met last Wednesday hearing taxpayers complaints from 10 persons who appeared in person and answered two complaints made by letter. A spokesman from the appraisal office said the complaintants represented a cross section of the county.

Rock-A-Thon Set To Raise Funds For **Community Center**

Youth in the community will be rocking Friday afternoon to raise money for the Groom Community Center. Anyone who wishes to join the fun should contact the youth director at First Baptist Church.

Youth from the community will also be contacting local citizens to sponsor them by making pledges for the amount of time each will spend rocking. Youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate.

The fun begins at noon on Friday at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to visit the event sometime during the evening.

Thursday, July 9,

Local Happenings

Mrs. Maggie Myers of Mobeetie returned home Monday morning after a week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Emalea Londaon.

The John Howard family traveled to Wichita Falls on Friday to attend funeral services for Bill Wilson, uncle of Mary Howard.

Gerald Myers visited his Aunt, Emalea London last Thursday. Myers coaches football at Texas Tech University.

Guest in the home of the Darrell Whatleys Sunday evening was her father, Furr Standridge.



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Miss Walker **Crowned Miss Carson County**

Lorri Leigh Walker, 17, is the new Miss Carson County. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker of White Deer and She lists her hobbies as singing, cross stitching and snow skiing. She worked part-time for Wheeler Evans Elevator Company for the

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past three summers and as relief lifeguard at the city pool for three years. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in accounting.

She was crowned by Erin Eschle, Miss Carson County 1986 during ceremonies held at the Courthouse on July 4 in Panhandle. Miss Eschle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell of

Among Groom residents taking in the Joy Day festivities on the courthouse grounds in Panhandle were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowell and family who also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sweatt and Lisa, Mrs. Randal Patterson, Mrs. Donald Burgin whose daughter Brin was a runner up in the one-year-old division of the Little Princess contest.

John Eschle participated in the early morning run and the cheerleaders performed a pom-pom routine.

Summer Homemaking Classes Serve 49

Classes will conclude this week in the summer homemaking program. Director Judy Babcock said that during the program 24 students benefitted from the program with 15 girls attending 10 or more sessions. A total of 25 adults also participated in the program.

The color clinic hosted by

Lori Stevens of Amarillo was the best attended workshop and drew persons from a wide range of age groups. She concluded her lecture by doing a make-up make over for Mrs. Stout of Clarendon.

Other workshops included calligraphy by Joyce Hutsell, quilting by Adela Kotara and photo albums by Connie Fields.

A brunch was attended by 25 persons hosted as a project by Staci Kotara, Heather Patterson and Julie

Mrs. Babcock said," It seems students accomplished more than in recent years." Attendance was good but it has been higher in recent years. "Many of the students completed two or three garments during the classes.

Pulpit Guests At First Baptist Church

Rev. Merle Weathers of Canyon will be filling the pulpit at First Baptist Church this Sunday. Pastor, Rick Burton and fa be vacationing in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex.

Many of you may remember Bro. Weathers from the days when he was pastor of the local church.

"We invite you to come worship with us as Rev. Merle Weathers proclaims God's holy word."

Bro. Burton will return to the pulpit on July 12 with the message, "God's Solemn Charge To All Believers."

Gloria Ledwig is spending a few days in Claude getting acquainted with her new grandson, Joseph Webb.

Two Groom FFA **Members To Receive** Star Farmar Awards

Mr. Benny Clark, executive secretary Texas Future of America announces four members of the Groom Chapter of the FFA will attend the 59th annual Texas FFA Convention in Fort Worth, July 15-17.

Matt Weinheimer president of the FFA Chapter and Carlton R. Turvaville, chapter advisor will attend the three day meeting of representatives of over 920 Chapters from throughout the State which will include the awarding of advanced degrees, scholarships and the awards to outstanding members of the Texas Future Farmers of America.

Ben Weinheimer will serve as a voting delegate to the convention.

Other members attending are Scott Fields and his parents, Bud and Connie Fields and James Miller and Judy Miller.

One of the highlights of the Convention will be the awarding of 1464 Lone Star Farmer Degrees. Both Fields and Miller have earned the highest honor given by FFA.

Bruce Cobb, Lubbock. State FFA president will preside. Convention registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 in the Convention Center. The State FFA officers will conduct the Vesper Service at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Matt Weinheimer will participate as a member of the courtesy throughout convention.

Scholarships and awards will be presented on Thurs-

Fashion Show Continued from Page 1

members decide on a needed garment and accessories, compare price and quality at different stores and purchase the garment which will best fit their needs at the most reasonable price. They may purchase items at garage sales, discount stores, estate sales, department stores, etc.

The first place winners in the junior, intermediate and senior levels will advance to District competition which will be held July 27 in Borger. District Senior winners will travel to Amarillo for the State 4-H Fashion Show in August.

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Ambulance Service

Ambulance Groom Service made two calls last week. The first on Friday transporting Mrs. Ellen Dickerson to the Pampa Hospital by attendants Lynn Pool, David Britten and Mark Bivens. Mrs. Dickerson remains a patient in Pampa at this writing.

Sunday, a truck driver was transported to the hospital from the Tower. Attendants were Jerry Crowell and David Britten with Jerry Moore driving ambulance.

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McLean residents Bill Layman (second from right) and James Hefley (right) were among 126 agriculture science teachers and other personnel from across the state attending a two-day Lamb Management Short Course sponsored by Scuthwest Texas State University's Department of Agriculture. Participants were instructed in the selection, grooming, feeding and

fitting of show lambs. Layman teaches agriculture at McLean High School and Hefley is on the School's Board of Trustees. Others pictured with them are Prather Gibbs of Fast Forward Enterprises of New Braunfels(left) and course coordinator Don Knotts of SWT's agriculture faculty is second from left.

Ladybugs for Texas

Committee Appears Before County Court

McLean's fifth grade "Ladybugs for Texas"

committee just keeps on rolling. Last week, a dele-

gation of committee members appeared before the Gray County Commissioners

Court. After listening to a presentation by members of the committee, the court

agreed to name the ladybug as Gray County's official

Committee spokesperson Erin McCracken said, "They asked us a lot of questions about how we got started and why we chose the ladybug over other insects. We

just answered their ques-

After passing the motion to name the ladybug as the county insect, the commis-

sioners said they would do what they could to get the state legislature to name the ladybug as the official state

The committee, which has also succeeded in having the ladybug named as the official insect by the City of

McLean, is going to be continuing its campaign. According to Miss McCracken,

"Our next step is to contact people who sell or use lady-

bugs, like nurseries, to see if we can get their support. We might also contact Channel 7

to see if we can get on their morning show. The group has already received publicity from Channel 10 and

several local newspapers.

We will continue to keep

mittee's activities.

you informed about the com-

insect.

insect.



Class of 1940 students at the recent reunion were Granville Boyd and Marie Eudey



The Class of 1941 included members Fuzzy and Maxine Bonner. In the above picture, they are shown standing in front of the trophy case at the high school.

Methodist Church Vacation Bible School Starts on Monday

The McLean Methodist Church will offer a Vacation Bible School for children ages 2-12 all next week. Classes will be held every day from 8:30-11:00 a.m. On Friday, there will be a picnic in the park starting at 11:00 a.m. The week's activities will conclude Friday night with a program at 7:00 p.m.

This year's theme will be "Paul's Adventures for Christ." Teachers for the various classes will be:
-2-4 year olds-Jamie Nor-

rid -1st-2nd grade-Veronica

Gibson
-3rd-4th grade-Rose Steel
5th-6th grade-Marc and

Suzanne Wilson
Music will be provided by
Janet Glass. Judy Lee and
Donna Duggan will assist
with crafts and the United
Methodist Women will provide refreshments.

All children ages 2-12 are invited to attend.

Don't Forget

The McLean Chess Club will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the Texas Restaurant.

Lovett library hosts a program of movies for school children every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

A reading program for pre-schoolers is held every Monday afternoon at 2:00° p.m. at the library.

The McLean School Board will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the School Business Office.

Don't forget that the Mc-Lean Ambulance Service has a new phone number. Anyone needing emergency medical assistance should call 1-800-692-1331. This number is toll free.

Anyone needing emergency assistance from the fire department should call 779-2226.

The McLean City Council meets Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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New Arrival

Randy and Lela Kennedy are proud to announce the arrival of their son. Garret Cleve was born on May 30, 1987 and weighed 9 lbs. 5

Grandparents are W.C. and Jeanette Kennedy and Joe and Betty Skipper of McLean.

Great-grandparents are Lucy Skipper of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradford of Jonesville, La.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their help, concern, prayers and gifts since my accident. I'm proud to be a part of a community who cares one for another. It's really nice to know that people love you and want to help you in time of need. Thanks again to everyone.

Jerry Billingsley & Family

Tech Honor Rolls

More than 1,800 students have been named to academic honors lists for the 1987 spring semester at Texas Tech University.

Students included on the list were:

-Bryan Smitherman, the son of Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman. An Animal Science major, he was named to the Dean's List.

-John David Glass, the son of Dale and Mary Lou Glass. Named to the President's List, he is a Finance

Undergraduate students who complete 12 or more hours of classwork with grade-point averages of 3.5-3.9 are on the Dean's Honor List. Undergraduates who earn a perfect 4.0 while taking 12 or more credit hours are named to the President's Honor List.

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Holiday News from Around McLean

John and Freda Holland went to Clarendon over the holiday to visit Freda's parents, Bud and Betty White. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Holland at the old family farm at Lela Lake.

Mrs. Pete Bateman was recently taken to a hospital in Brady after being bitten by a rattlesnake. The Batemans have been staying at their trailer home down there. One day last week, she was coming out of the house when the snake attacked her. She spent one night in the hospital but is doing well now.

Enjoying fireworks at the Tony Smitherman home on July 4th were the Dorman Thomases, The Bill Grahams, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glass and family, the Marvin Kramers, S.A. and Isabelle Cousins, Fern Boyd, Sue Cubine, Helen and Bob Black, Velma Kinard, Frances Kennedy, Reverend Marc Wilson and daughter and Reverend Buell Wells.

Visiting with the R.C. Parkers during the weekend were daughter Michele Bell and grandchildren Matthew and Kristen, all from Pampa. On Saturday, Kenneth Bell came to visit and picked up his family.

Roger and Janet Mc-Cracken enjoyed the holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Harkins. Also there were Janet's sister and brother-inlaw, Nell and Bryan Going, and their children.

Visiting Troy and Jerry Corbin over the weekend were her sister, Sue Modderman, and her family from San Antonio.

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Bill and Katy Graham spent Sunday with the Perry Grahams in Canyon. They helped celebrate grand-daughter Holly's fourth birthday. They said grandson Jay was proud of the trophy he received for being on the championship T-Ball team in Canyon.

Enjoying the 4th of July at the Johnny Haynes ranch were their children and families, Sam and Linda Haynes and their children, two of Linda's brothers and one sister and their families. They played softball, pitched washers, ate hot dogs and enjoyed a fireworks show.

Enjoying the 4th of July at the Hess ranch were F.J. and Leta Mae Hess; Jake and Ida Hess and family; Mary Dwyer and all of her children and their families; Ruth Magee; Joe and Kay Magee and family; Sarah Coleman Presley; Steve Roseberry and family; and George Watson and family.



MCLEAN LODGE No. 889 AF&AM

Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday Practice Every Thursday 7:30 p.m.

VISITORS WELCOME Jim Shipman, W.M. J. Boyd Smith, Secretary

On Monday night, J. Boyd Smith visited his uncle and aunt in Wellington, Lacy and Gertie Mae Boyd and their daughter and son-inlaw, Joanne and Merlin Clark. On Monday morning, he visited Art Rhine at his shop in Pampa.

Reverend and Mrs. Archie Cooper were in Boise City, Okla. on Sunday where he

preached at morning and evening services. While there, they visited her cousin, Herman Miller. They also visited her sister, Vera Harriman, in Keyes, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley spent the weekend in Fairlie, Tx. where they visited his sister Laura Clark.

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McLean Briefs

Chester and Jean Bohlar went to Lubbock over the holiday to visit their daughter Toni and grandson Bron. They then went on to Levelland to see their daughter Becky and family.

Visitors in the home of Darryel and Jane Herndon during the holidays were Jane's daughter Gay Hill and daughters Jennifer and Allison from Dumas; Darryel's brother Durward and Sue, Shella and Jason Herndon from Dumas; Kenneth and Natalie Mathenia from Bloomfield, New Mex.; and Patsye and Mike Henley from Dumas.

Recent visitors in the M.L. Fennell home were their son Gary, of Riverside, Ca., and three-year-old grandson, Alan, of Huntington Beach, Ca. Alan enjoyed his first rodeo while in McLean and helped Grandpa harvest the corn and beans.

Visiting Buck and Stella Lee on Friday were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John McClellan, of Wilmer, Tx.

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Visiting the Hartley Davises on Friday were Bill Smith of Pampa; Mike Smith and family of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Willis May of Panhandle; and the Mays' daughter Diana and family of Murfeesborough, Tenn.

The R.D. McLains had son Dean and children of Minnesota visiting during the holiday. Also visiting were son Don and family of Borger and son Dan and family of Wheeler.

Nita McKee had daughter Margie and husband of Spearman visiting last week.

Visiting Lena Carter during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce, David and Melissa of Amarillo. Melissa remained for a long-

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce of Pampa were at Bruce Nursery over the weekend for a cookout and fireworks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Davis and Velma Hechle visited in Clarendon Sunday evening.

The Ernest Larues were here Sunday visiting the Dick Dragoos.

Former resident Tommy (Cooney) Woods lost his daughter Lisa Jobe in a tragic accident near Hereford last week. Tommy was born and raised in this area. His mother, May Hill, was also an Alanreed resident.

Visiting the First Baptist Church on Sunday were Jerry Taylor of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce, David and Shelby of Amarillo.

McLean Care Center News

McLean Care Center welcomes a new resident, Clyde Trusty, from Lefors.

Sunday, Brother David Walters, of the Victory Fellowship Church, was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Dick Wheeler, Lucille Cullison, Clyde Trusty, Elsa Stalls, Eula Morrow, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Lona Jones, Lillie Knox, Ruth Kemp, Ruby Trusty, Alice Dickenson, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields. Kittie Hessey, Odessa Beeman, Gladys Smulcer, Annie Eudey and Stella Gibson. Our helpers were Onie Gibson, Cliffie Heasley, Bertha Smith, Loree Barker and Mildred Giesler. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday, Lena Carter, Brenda McLain and Ted Robertson were here to assist the following residents in dominos: P.L. Ledgerwood, Dick Wheeler, Teresa Richardson, Leon Burch, Eula Morrow, Ruth Kemp, Clyde Trusty and Odessa Beeman.

Wednesday afternoon, members of the Victory Fellowship Church were here for a Bible study.

Thursday, Ted Robertson returned to assist several residents in dominos.

Traffic Violations About Like Usual Parker Says

Justice of the Peace R.C. Parker reports that there was the usual run of traffic violations during the holiday weekend. He said that July 4th is a peak period for traffic but nothing unusual occured this weekend. He also said that he hadn't noticed an increase in traffic violations since the new speed limit went into effect.

Masons Elect New Officers

McLean Masonic Lodge officers for the new year were installed in a special ceremony in Wellington Lodge Monday evening by the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden A.D. Hanna of Wichita Falls. Britt Hathaway was installed as Worshipful Master, Doyle Billingsley as Senior Warden, Sid Lands as Junior Warden, J. Boyd Smith as Secretary and Jim Shipman

Parker Becomes Lions President

R.C. Parker assumed his duties as the new president of the Lion's Club on Monday night. At the meeting, Linda Reid was named as the Lion's Club sweetheart for the coming year.

Thank You

We would like to say "Thank You" for the cards, prayers, calls, visits and your thinking of us while Jesse was in the hospital. Jesse & Margaret Coleman

1988 International Stockmen's School Set for Feb. 18-21, 1988

The 1988 International Stockmen's School, set for next Feb. 18-21 in Houston, will feature more than 150 lectures by outstanding authorities from the United States and a number of other countries.

The school is scheduled just ahead of the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"As one of a kind, the International Stockmen's School has a worldwide reputation for presenting research and technology on the cutting edge of progress," said Dr. L.S. "Bill" Pope, director.

"Indications are that the 1988 school will be the best ever, covering subjects dealing with beef cattle, horses, dairy cattle and range and ranch management," he

Subjects included in the program will deal with nutrition, breeding, management and economics. "In addition," Pope said, "there will be more live animal demonstrations next year than in 1987 at the Astrohall arena, which should be invaluable to stockmen.

The school generally attracts 300-400 stockmen from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Central and Southern America. A number of presentations are translated into Spanish.

Besides the educational activities of the school, an International Stockmen's Hall of Fame has been established to honor outstanding world leaders. This collection will be one of the most impressive arrays of stockmen and leaders who have guided the world's livestock industry, Pope said.





Representing 1960 at the student reunion were (left to right) Jerry Smith, Carey Don Smith, Don Cash, Sandra Bush and David Crockett.



The Class of '61 included (left to right) Doug Crockett, Judy Glass Howard, Rita Brown Crawford and Barney Pool.

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Tax Appraisals Getting More Accurate. **According to Report**

Property tax appraisals in Texas were more accurate in 1986 than in previous years, according to an annual study performed by the State Property Tax Board.

However, the agency's 1986 Property Value Study also shows a 1.5 percent drop in the property tax base of Texas school districts from 1985 to 1986, led by a sharp decline in the taxable value of oil and gas reserves.

According to the study, a typical property in the state was appraised at 93 percent of its actual market value on Jan. 1. 1986. These appraised values formed the basis for 1986 tax bills. By comparison, tax appraisals were at a 90 percent level in 1985 and 81 percent in 1983.

The study estimates the total taxable value of the 1986 school district tax base stood at \$691.9 billion, down from \$702.3 billion the year before. Taxable values in 604 of the state's 1,062 school districts were lower in 1986 than the year before.

"Troubles in the oil and gas industry were the main reasons for the drop in taxable value," said Ron Patterson, SPTB's executive director. He noted that the value of mineral reserves, mainly oil and gas, dropped by 26 percent from 1985 to 1986. Industrial property and rural land also posted significant value drops.

Patterson said the study's appraisal level findings indicate that most appraisal districts are doing a better job of appraising property. "Appraisals as a whole are getting closer to market value, and our figures indicate that appraisal levels for individual properties are more uniform," he said.

Appraisal levels in 117 of

the state's 253 appraisal districts were equal to or better than the statewide level of 93 percent. However, appraisal levels in 24 districts were under 80 percent of market value. In addition, appraisals in close to two-thirds of the districts were less uniform than those in the state as a whole.

SPTB completed its 1986 study on May 29, 1987, after a three-month appeals process during which school appraisal districts sought adjustments to the study's preliminary find-

ings.
"The Property Value Study performs two functions, explained Patterson.

vides a report card of sorts on the tax appraisals performed by county appraisal districts. It also estimates the taxable wealth available to each of the state's school districts, which is an impor-

tant factor in determining the amount of state aid the districts receive for the 1987-88 school year."

Patterson stressed the 1986 study reflects mineral values as of Jan. 1, 1986, before crude oil prices tumbled from \$28 to \$15 per barrel. "The taxable values of oil and gas reflect the present value of future income from the reserves," he explained. "Investors at the end of 1985 were already viewing the oil market as risky and offering lower prices for oil-producing properties. This perceived risk, well as the ongoing depletion of reserves, were the main reasons for the drop in our taxable value estimate."

The uncertain oil market contributed to a slowing Texas economy during 1985. In addition, industry and agriculture were suffering from shrinking markets and failling prices for their products.

The market value of residential real estate, the largest single component of the school district tax base, grew by only three percent from 1985-85. The value of commercial real estate, on the other hand, grew by eight percent in the same

"Our study tells us that, for most types of property, appraisal districts are coming closer to meeting the standards that state law sets for tax appraisals," said Patterson. "The law requires individual properties to be appraised at market value, and mandates similar treatment for similar properties."

Oil and gas reserves were the only type of property where the quality of appraisals deteriorated. The SPTB study indicates that these properties were typically appraised at 109 percent of their market value for 1986 taxes, compared to 104 per-cent the previous year. "The uncertainty in the oil market at the end of 1985 probably made appraising these pro-perties more difficult," said Patterson.



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Members of the Groom Little League team are ctured in front, Ty Lambert, Bo Burgin, Daryl Homer, Misty Homen, Bronte Britten, Rhett Patterson and Bart

Tips Offered To Cut Air Conditioning Costs

The pleasant warming sunlight that streamed in your windows last winter can easily become a costly overload on your air conditioning this summer, said an energy specialist with the Texas Agricultural Exten-

"The best way to reduce unwanted solar heat gains is to block the sun before it enters your home," said Weedon Echols. Shading wind ws with remote, external or internal devices offers a variety of solutions.

Echols noted, remote

Britten. Standing in back are Coach Gary Britten. Paul McLaughlin, Phillip Vaughn, Brandon Crump, Shannon Miller, Matt Fields and Tom Lambert.

shading uses objects that are not part of the building to provide shade. Trees. shrubs, vines and walls can be used to block the low morning and evening sun from east and west surfaces. She said deciduous trees are particularly good for shading south-facing windows because they provide shade in

summer and shed their leaves to admit sunlight in the winter.

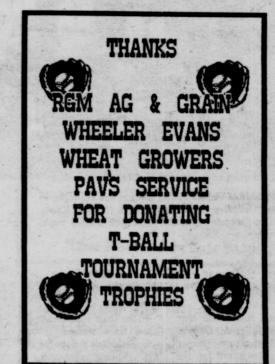
When building a house, orentation is critical to minimize summer heat gain, maximize summer ventilapotential tion maximize winter solor gain, Echols warned. A building glongated along the east-west axis will have less surface area to the west to minimize solar gain. East and west walls should have no windows. She noted, a light colored roof will reflect solar radiation that would be absorbed by a darker roof.

Exterior and interior shading devices also provide a good way to block the summer sun. Exterior shading devices can prevent up to 95 percent of the sun's heat from reaching the interior of the home, said Echols.

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Members of Groom Senior League are standing in front Josh Grimsley, Floyd Wills, Mike Conrad, Kristy Case, John Grimsley and Bruce Britten and in back,

Coach Mike Helton, Brian Baker, Michael Brown, Richard Jenkins, Jay Britten, Robert Miller and Coach John Alan Homen.

Ag Dept. Releases Wehat Program

Almost a full month late, the United States Department of Agriculture released its 1988 provisions for the wheat program today, Congressman Beau Boulter

Boulter, who was successful in including an amendment to the 1985 Farm Bill requiring the Department of Agriculture to announce its wheat provisions by June 1st of each year, said he was glad the Department finally issued its guidelines but angry that they were a month late. Boulter pointed out that the delay may cause inconveniences for some wheat farmers.

Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng announced a required 27.5 percent acreage reduction and a loan rate of \$2.17 a bushel. Lyng said the loan rate represented a 20 percent reduction from the basic loan rate of \$2.71 and was made necessary to maintain American wheat's competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Boulter was critical of the USDA for not meeting the June 1st deadline. "In failing to meet the deadline, the USDA has not only shown disregard for a mandate of Congress but also has inconvenienced our wheat farmers. The delay was unwarranted unjustified."

Boulter noted that wheat farmers need to know the basic provisions of the wheat program in order to make proper management cecisions.

Secretary Lyng also announced that the established target price for wheat will be \$4.29 a bushel, which is a statutory minimum and two percent below the 1987 target price.

In addition, producers will be required to maintain in acreage conservation reserve an area equal to 37.93 percent of the program payment acreage.

Miss Friemel Tops Honors List

More than 1,800 students have been named to the academic honor lists for the 1987 spring semester at Texas Tech University.

Undergraduate students who complete 12 or more hours of classwork with grade-point averages from 3.5-3.9 are on the Dean's Honor List. Undergraduates who earn a perfect 4.0 while taking 12 or more credit hours are named to the President's Honor List.

Junior marketing major, Michelle Friemel was named to the President's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Friemel.

More than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees in spring 1987 commencement exercises. Dorothy Kuehler, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuehler.

Groom Teams Place In Tee-Ball Tournament

Groom I emerged as the winners of the tee-ball tournament held recently in Groom. Groom I defeated the Claude Rangers 31-21 in the first game and drew a bye in their second bid. On Monday evening the team defeated Groom II by a score of 40-20 and Tuesday night Groom I clinched first place defeating the Red Raiders from Claude 27-21.

Players for Groom I received individual trophies for first place, the Red Raiders members for second place and Groom II for third place. Trophies were also presented to each team.

The first place team was coached by Tony Treadwell and his wife Mari. Team members were Toby Burgin, Daniel Treadwell, Jamie Shuck, Dusty Crump, Justin Homen, Allison Eatmon, Evan Crowell, Jessica Friemel, Adam Stephens, Amber Weller, Cody

Britten, Katie Britten, Dean Fields, Brenda Fields, Wade

The Groom II team had defeated the Claude Red Raiders and accepted a forfiet from the Claude Yellow Rose team to advance in the tournament.

Marchman Reunion

The Marchman Reunion was held June 27 and 28 at the Legion Hall in Groom, Texas. Family members enjoyed playing ball, swimming, games and much visiting. A worship service was held Sunday morning and everyone joined in the singing. Speaker for the service was Rev. Fines Marchman of Perryton, the son of Fines and Ruby Marchman of Groom.

Saturday evening before the evening meal Jackie Marchman of Stinnett spoke. Jackie is leaving this week for California to help with a mission Baptist church.

Those attending were Durwood and Loreta Smith of Brady; Norman and Ronita Henson of Shattuck, Ok.; Gary, Evelyn, Katie, Tom and Tim Osborne of Woodhaven, Mi.; Marie Shaw, Elk City, Ok.; Freida Weir, Sharon, Ok.; Francine and Brad Brittain, Yukon, Ok.; Charles, Franka, Julie, Elk City, Ok.; Berta Babek, Tenaha; Bobby, Betty and Howard Gable, Sweetwater; Kenneth, Betty and Traci Howell, Stinnett; Jackie, Cathy, Bryan and Scott Marchman of Stinnett; Earnestine Osborne and Tina Anzalone, Romelus, Mi.

Also, Jeff and Betty Roberts, Coleman; Lisa Shaw, Elk City, Ok.; Russell, Denise, Jennifer and Johnny Rhea, Borger; Bo and Donna Shaw, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Randy Marchman, Stinnett; Fines, Pat and Dana Marchman, Perryton; Jerry and Nearl Helm, Paris; Roy, Irene and Bryan Thurmond, Skellytown; Jennifer Germany, White Deer; Johnny Yvonne, Debbie Gallagher, Hereford; Dana Marchman, Hereford, Jack Marchman Jr., Sayre, Ok.; Charlie and Helen Marchman, Amarillo; Ray Marchman, Erma Dean

McKee, Andre, Brenda, Jeanie and Joel Palmateer, Pampa and Fines and Ruby Marchman, Dwain, Linda, Amber and Aaron Weller of Groom.

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Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fields, Melissa, Jeff and David enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday in Amarillo at the home of Lori Stephens. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zielke also of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burgin and Tisha spent July 4th enjoying activities at the KOA campgrounds.

Jean Anderson of Ransom Canyon, Texas, freshman college roommate of Mildred Burgin visited in her home recently.

Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fields traveled to Borger where they ate dinner at Sutphens and played bridge.

Forest and Patti McLaughlin, Scott and Paul visited relatives in Temple, Tx. over the July 4th weekend.

Johnny Burgin called home recently reporting that everything is fine in Nigeria and sending a warm hello to all his Groom friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reed and Angela visited Sunday in Stratford with Thomas and Lisa Reed. Angela continued on to Black Mesa Bible Camp.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britten were Danny Wilhelm and son Keith of Amarillo and Lisa, Brad and Brian Williams of Canyon.

Wieberg Celebrate 36th Anniversary

C.L. and Ludeen Wiet celebrated wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 4th. Far attending the celebration included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irby, Hillary, Fred, Mike and Russell of Claude; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Wieberg and Chase of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilkins and T. and Brant of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sustaire Brandi, Brad and Courtney of Groom; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wieberg, Groom; Neil Wieberg and Marihelen Akin of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finck, April, Adam, Carma and Duane of Lubbock, Aaron Wieberg of Groom and Mr and Mrs. Lloyd Herigon and family of St. Thomas, Mo.

Observe July Birthdays

July birthdays of Matthew Mulkey and Darron Eschle were observed with a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Mulkey in Panhandle on Saturday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Ingram of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. John Eschle, Jason and Erin Kate, Robert Cox of Houston, house guest of the Eschles, Jack and Ted Britten and Jeremy Mulkey.

Others visiting in the afternoon were the Groom cheerleaders, Katonia Meaker, Heather Patterson, Karen Bohr, Leslie Sweatt, Suzanne Smith, Jay Mac Britten and Kiley Lambert.

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