

McLean Junior High Boys Are District Basketball Champions



THE 1982 CUBS are the champions of the Top Of Texas Junior High Basketball District. Shown are, front row, left to right, Russell Littlefield, Donnie Smith, Jim Ridgway,

Dominic Via, Darren Johnson; back row, left to right, Bob Patman, Mitch Reynolds, David Adamson, Martin Gately, Kirk Anderson, Chet Bohlar, and coach Joe Riley. (Photo by Linda Haynes)

The McLean Junior High Cub basketball team is the champion of the Top of Texas Junior High District, according to district officials.

The Cubs won eight games in district play, and lost one, to Claude. In season play, the McLean

quintet was 12 and 4. McLean's district included teams from Miami, Skellytown, Lefors, Groom, and Claude.

Deadline In City, School Election Is Mar. 3

Filing deadline for places on the ballot for the McLean city council, McLean school board election, and the Alanreed School board election, is March 3. At presstime, only two candidates, incumbent Lloyd Hunt and Tina Thomas, have signed up for the two vacancies on

the McLean School Board. Four candidates have signed for the three places on the McLean City Council. Candidates are Jim Barker and Bill Thomas and incumbents Miro Pakan and George Terry.

In the Alanreed School

Board election, five candidates have filed for four places. Candidates are Marvin Rawlings, Don Ross, Robert Leeder, Larry Mayo, and Sidney Keese. Incumbents Dick Bode and Frank Worsham have not filed.

School Open House Is Tuesday

Parents are invited to attend the annual Open House at the McLean Schools Tuesday night, March 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with tours through the

rooms at the McLean Elementary.

The music department will present a program at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The third and

fourth grade music class will play, followed by the fifth grade band, and the junior high band. Scenes from the school's one-act play will also be presented.

High School Honor Roll Announced

Principal Ron Cummings announced this week the names of the McLean High School Honor roll for the fourth six weeks. Students were listed on a 90 and above roll and an 80 and above roll.

Seniors with all grades 90 and above were Missy Billingsley, Nora Gately, Cindy Glass, Terri Glass, Donna McAnear, Leslie Stewart,

and Theron Stubbs. Sophomores were Darin Corley, Allen Patman, and Bryan Smitherman. Freshman was John Glass.

Listed on the 80 and above roll were seniors Susie Billingsley, Rene Conner, Carmel Moore, Dudley Reynolds, Billy Skipper, and Brenda Wilson; juniors Eva Anderson,

Dale Gipson, Stephanie Houdyshell, Kelly Humphries, Debi Hutchison, Kevin Nicholson, Robbin Skinner, Stacie Smith, and Teresa Woods; sophomores DeWayne Adamson, Don Bode, Jana Harris, Gregg Mann, Alicia Marsh, Tommy Milam, Terri Pipes, and Scott Stubbs; and freshmen Von Holwick and Scott Seiler.

McLean Elementary Honor Students Listed

Principal Dorman Thomas announced this week the names of the students in McLean Elementary who qualified for the 90 and above and the 80 and above honor rolls.

Listed on the 90 and above were second graders David Johnson and Destry Magee; fourth graders Laura McCarty and Deanna Sprinkles; and fifth graders Dottie Haynes, Misty Magee, Daria McAnear, Tiffany Lopez, and Karen

Williams.

On the 80 and above roll were first graders Peggy Adams, Michael Barker, Patsy Barker, Rhonda Glass, Holly Hefley, Sissy Hill, Becki McCarty, David McCarty, Quillian Rutherford, and Johnny Walker.

second graders Dale Cole, Grace DeLeon, Joseph Flores, Cody Gabel, Daniel Harris, Chris Littlefield, Glenn McCarty, Tuffy Sanders, Heidi Syfrett, and

Missy Young; third graders Michael Acuna, Cash Carpenter, Jimmy Cummings, Keith Garrison, Hollie Hauck, Jonathan Middleton, and Melissa Thompson; fourth graders Kimberly Orrick, Alicia Reynolds, Robert Sanderson, Jason Sheets, and Danna Watson; and fifth graders Dale Barker, Deana Billingsley, Sidney Brass, Skyla Bryant, Grant Mann, Wendi Smith, Kara Tate and Ronna Young.

Honor Roll For Junior High Given

McLean Junior High students were listed on an honor roll by principal Dorman Thomas this week.

Students listed on the 90 and above were seventh graders Shawn Crockett, Tanya Cummings, Angie Glass, Mark McCarty, and Kim Wiginton; and eighth grader Wendy McDowell.

On the 80 and above roll were sixth graders Jim Anderson, Tony Hambricht, Terri Lee, Jeff Parker, Angie Reynolds, and Linda Reid; seventh graders Andrew Harris, Samantha Harris, Cindy Hembree,

Rita Hensley, Clint Herridon, Colleen Orrick, and Jem Ann Rice and eighth graders David Adamson, Melanie Billingsley, Chet Bohlar, Jodi Green, Bob Patman, Jim Ridgway, Lee Ann Tate, and Dominic Via.

New Group Elects Officers

McLean Volleyball Association recently elected Jerry Hembree to be this season's president. Other officials chosen were Casper Smith, vice president; Toni Helton, second vice president; Cheryl Smith, treasurer; Sonie Bybee, secretary; and Jeanne Smith, reporter.

Several McLean volleyball teams participated in

the Shamrock tournament during the weekend of Feb. 13. The Salty Dogs of McLean, won second place in that competition, with the Shamrock Renegades taking first. Also from McLean, Brinda Hembree's team won the consolation trophy in the women's division.

Last weekend the Salty Dogs captured second place. See BALL, Page 2

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from the distaff side
by Linda Haynes

Can you believe this weather? For those of you unlucky enough to live any place besides McLean, let me tell you that we have been having beautiful spring-like days, with light winds and temperatures in the seventies and eighties. I've even gotten my first sunburn of the season.

It is very unlikely, however, that this perfect weather will continue. Since we are just ending February, we probably have at least one more cold spell in store. When we have one of those nasty dirt storms, remember Sunday and Monday of this week!

The McLean 4-H and FFA youngsters are gearing up for their annual stock show in McLean. This year's show will be at the ag barn south of town, and is set to begin at 1 p.m. March 6. One of the adult leaders told me that the kids will show 58 animals this year.

Be sure and mark this date on your calendar so you can go out and watch these youngsters with their anti-See DISTAFF, Page 2

McLEAN WEATHER

Date	High	Low
2-16-82	73	41
2-17-82	62	40
2-18-82	64	38
2-19-82	66	39
2-20-82	73	44
2-21-82	77	46
2-22-82	82	48
2-17-82	10	

Appraisal Board To Discuss Budget With Officials

The Gray County Appraisal Board will meet Thursday (tonight) at 5 p.m. at Carver Center in Pampa to discuss the proposed appraisal district's budget with representatives of the various taxing entities in the county. The \$532,530 budget was adopted by the appraisal board during its meeting Feb. 15. The budget must be approved by a majority vote of the taxing bodies in the county before it becomes official.

The budget includes \$163,000 "start up" costs to establish the district, which was mandated by state law.

The appraisal board has signed a contract with the combined appraisal office of the city of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District, with Charles Rand serving as Chief Appraiser.

Appraisal board members R.D. Wilkerson, Lloyd Hunt, and Bill Gething voted to approve the bud-

get. Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy voted against the budget. Another member of the board, Dr. Robert Lyle left the meeting early and did not vote.

The budget will be paid

for by the various taxing entities in the county, proportionately based on tax levy. On the proposed budget, the City of McLean will pay \$1,423.47 and the McLean School District will pay \$28,223.88. The largest

taxing entity, Pampa ISD will pay \$209,838.28. Gray County will pay \$117,018.64.

Taxing entities in the county have 30 days to consider the budget.

Council Hears Appraiser

The McLean City Council met Tuesday night for a work session, and heard Charles Rand, chief tax appraiser for Gray County, explain the proposed budget for the Gray County Appraisal District. No action was taken on the budget by the council. Mayor Sam Haynes said the council will probably vote on the budget at its regular meeting March 8.

McLean Pee Wee Tournament Begins Thursday At 1 p.m.

The McLean gym will be the site of the McLean Pee Wee Tournament beginning Thursday at 1 p.m. The eight-team tournament is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. and

Saturday beginning at 3 p.m. On the bracket for Thursday are Hedley girls vs. Samnorwood, 1 p.m.; Hedley boys vs. Samnorwood, 2 p.m.; Lakeview girls vs. Lefors 3 p.m.; Lakeview boys vs. Lefors 4 p.m.

Clarendon A vs. McLean 5 girls 5 p.m.; Clarendon A boys vs. McLean 5, 6 p.m.; Clarendon B girls vs. McLean 6, 7 p.m.; and Clarendon B boys vs. McLean 6, 8 p.m. Winners in Thursday's

games will play in the championship bracket, with games beginning at 5 p.m. Friday. Losers in Thursday's games will play in the consolation bracket with games beginning at 1 p.m. Friday.

Reynolds, McAnear, Nicholson, Gately Given All School Honors

Dudley Reynolds and Donna McAnear were elected Mr. and Miss MHS in school-wide elections at McLean High School last week. Kevin Nicholson and Nora Gately were elected Most Spirited by the student body.

Reynolds, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds has been active in sports at MHS, being named to the All-District football team his junior and senior years. He was voted Mr. FBIA, president of the FFA, president of the senior class, and student body council representative. He has participated in track, basketball, and tennis.

Miss McAnear is student council president. She was second runner-up in the

Miss McLean pageant her junior year, and voted Most Beautiful her junior year. She is the band queen this year, and was a homecoming queen candidate her freshman and senior years. She has participated in basketball and tennis and was a regional qualifier in track and golf her sophomore and junior years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McAnear.

Miss Gately, the senior daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gately, was Flame Queen this year. She is Miss FBIA, and was named Most Courteous her sophomore, junior and senior years. She is vice president of the senior class and FHA, and is president of FBIA. She was named the DAR Good

Citizen this year. She has participated in track, tennis, golf and basketball.

Nicholson, a junior at MHS, is completing his second year in McLean. He is the son of Jessie Parker.

He has been a standout on the Tiger basketball team this year, qualifying as top scorer in most of the games. He was voted Most Popular by his junior class and was the junior representative in the Harvest King contest.

In class elections, Bobby Sprinkles and Missy Billingsley were elected Most Popular seniors, with Spooky Smith and Carmel Moore elected Most Handsome and Beautiful. Other senior honors went to Van Boucher for Most Witty;

Nora Gately for Most Courteous; Theron Stubbs and Terri Glass for Most Likely To Succeed.

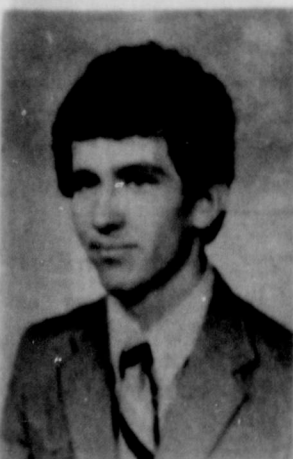
Juniors elected were Kevin Nicholson and Kim Sanders, Most Popular;

Brock Crockett and Stefanie Houdyshell, Most Handsome and Beautiful; Frank Todd, Most Witty; and Kelly Humphries, Most Courteous.

Sophomore honors went

to Darin Corley and Jana Harris, Most Popular; Don Bode and Karen Wilson, Most Handsome and Beautiful; Billy Corley, Most Witty; Alicia Marsh, Most Courteous.

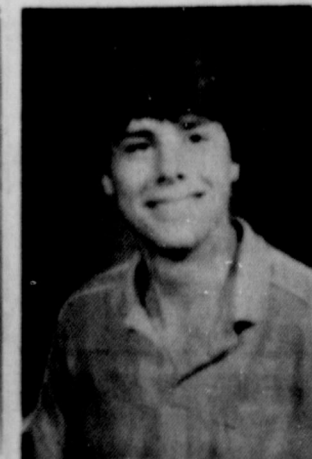
Freshmen chosen were Sammy Houdyshell and Paige McDonald, Most Popular; Billy Billingsley and Candi Carpenter, Most Witty. See HONORS, Page 2



DUDLEY REYNOLDS



DONNA McANEAR



KEVIN NICHOLSON



NORA GATELY

OPINIONS

VIEWS ARE WRITTEN BY LINDA HAYNES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED-IF YOU HAVE AN OPINION ON ANY CURRENT SUBJECT WE WELCOME YOUR SIGNED LETTERS.

County Appraisal Board Still The Subject Of Controversy

The Gray County Appraisal District, a subject of controversy in the county since the law was passed which mandated its creation, is the subject of concern again. Charges are flying through the air concerning the recent budget adopted by the appraisal board at their meeting in Pampa. Some taxpayers feel that the salaries in the budget are too high, and others object to the cost for office space.

I suspect, however, that the real problem is that most taxpayers just object to the county-wide appraisal district in the first place. I know that I do, and I fought its creation from the very beginning. But a county appraisal district is mandated by state law, and there is nothing at this point that we can do about it.

Our various governing bodies in the county, however, have the responsibility to see that this repulsive law is complied with as efficiently, as fairly, and as cheaply as possible. And this is where the trouble has come in. Where do you draw the line at what is a fair, equitable expenditure? What is a fair salary for a chief appraiser or for his assistants?

Different people can quote different statistics, comparing Gray County to other counties, or comparing the salaries of the appraiser to other county officials, but those statistics really don't prove anything.

The responsibility of the appraisal board is to assure that taxes are assessed fairly. To do that, the most experienced, competent people must be hired, and they must be hired at a salary that is commensurate with the responsibility of their position.

The members of the Gray County Appraisal Board who were appointed by our elected officials have spent hours with this problem. They have spent a great deal more time studying the various aspects of it than anyone in the county. I can assure you that the three men who voted for the budget are among the most fiscally conservative men in Gray County, and if they feel the budget is fair, then I'm willing to abide by their decision.

Our system of government is the best in the world simply because we elect officials to carry on the work of government to the best of their ability. When the majority of us voters feel that our representatives have not done their duty, then we throw the rascals out.

I suggest that we let the tempers cool on this matter, allow our various governing bodies to function, tell your city councilman or school board member your opinion, and then if time proves their decision was wrong, we'll vote the various boards out, and start all over.

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By Barry McWilliams



Be Angry, Americans!

Ben Ezzell in The Canadian Record.....

THOSE "ANGRY AMERICANS" essays and editorials which were in vogue a few years ago, almost to the point of nausea, need not be revived...but there is a crying need today for several hundred thousand honestly angry Americans, or a few million, who are willing to raise their voices in protest against the insane military and economic policies of our present national government.

If you are not angry about the burgeoning national debt which threatens to bankrupt the country, you should be.

If you are not angry about the towering interest rates which are supported by massive government borrowing to service that debt...interest rates which have almost shut down home building entirely and are strangling the economy generally...you should be.

If you are not angry about the adamant refusal of the Reagan Administration to even consider a reduction in the towering military budget which poses a constantly growing threat to the peace and safety of the civilized world, while slashing the so-called "social programs" which contribute to health and welfare of our own people, you should be.

If you are not angry about the announcement, a few days ago, that President Reagan had ordered resumption in the manufacture and stockpiling of "nerve gas"...a weapon which cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered "defensive" but, like germ warfare, has implications which are so barbaric as to be horrifying to civilized people everywhere...then you should be.

If you are not angry and alarmed at the militaristic stance of our own nation...once considered as a bulwark of humanity and sanity among the governments and the peoples of the world...and at the potential threat which our own nation now poses, not only to the peace but to the literal survival of the civilized world...then you had better become angry and alarmed.

We are developing, at tremendous cost to ourselves, a capability for military destruction un-matched in the history of our planet...and our only excuse is the paranoid obsession that our military strength is being matched by the Soviet Union. It isn't going to matter much, in the final analysis, whether the world's two superpowers succeed in destroying each other through economic bankruptcy or nuclear attack, although it seems likely that the arms race will result in the final desperate act of military madness, and it won't matter much which of us casts the first bomb. In whatever we do to each other, military or economically, we are inevitably going to involve our neighboring nations.

We are much less concerned at this point with what the Soviet Union may be doing than with what we are doing with ourselves. We believe that no nation can devote such a high percentage of its total energies and resources to preparations for war and survive economically. We believe that no government which puts a high value on peace can achieve peace by preparing to make war. We believe that no government which gives a higher priority to military power than it gives to the welfare of its own people can long endure, or be endured.

We believe that we must reduce the national debt which threatens to engulf us if we are to survive as a free nation; and that to do that we must reduce military spending by at least as great a percentage as we reduce spending for our national welfare.

We believe that the insistence of our national government leadership on its single minded pursuit of military power to the exclusion of all else is the greatest single threat which our nation faces today.

We are angry and alarmed at the course which our government is taking, and we believe that Americans everywhere should be angry and alarmed, and should let their anger be heard across the land so that it will echo in the White House and in the halls of Congress. If we are to survive and prosper as the kind of free nation which we have long believed that we are, we've got to change the course of self-destruction on which we are now headed.

Be angry Americans...and let your voices be heard.

HONORS

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Handsome and Beautiful; Billy Joe Skipper and Patricia Rodgers, Most Witty; and Amber King-ston, Most Courteous. Missy Billingsley were runners-up for both Mr. and Miss MHS and Most Spirited.

"Care, and not fine stables, makes a good horse."
 Danish proverb

DEATHS

JAMES ARCHIE DWYER

Archie Dwyer, 46, of Amarillo, died Monday at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Services are today at 1 p.m. in Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 3:30 at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Dwyer was born Feb. 2, 1936 in McLean, and lived here until 1961.

He was a graduate of McLean High School, and received a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University. He was the director of sales and public relations at the Country Squire Dinner Theatre in Amarillo, and had appeared in several productions there.

He married JoAnn Young in Dallas in 1965.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters of the home, Jean Marie, Tina Sue, and April Jane; one son, Brad of Denton; his mother, Mrs. Drucie Dwyer of McLean; three brothers, Carl of McLean, Ed of Hutchinson, Kans., and Joe of Crosbyton.

The family requests that memorials should be made to the Heart Institute for Care or the Heart Association.

BALL

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in the Shamrock March of Dimes Basketball Tournament. Wheeler captured the top spot. A tournament at Samnorwood is scheduled for this weekend.

Players on the Salty Dog team are Jerry Hambree, Jackie Hambree, Melvin Simpson, Jim Bible, Gary Skinner, and Jerry Fleming.

Brinda Hambree's teammates are Cathy Hambree, Galynn Smith, Melba Jordan, Jeri Billingsley, and Jackie Worsham.

Letters To The Editor

Mr. Jim McDonald
 Fire Chief
 McLean Fire Department
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 McLean, Texas 79057

Dear Jim:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your crew, first of all for your quick response, and for the outstanding manner in which you controlled the fire and protected our school. I am sure each member of the Department is proud of their accomplishments, and rightfully so.

As a token of our appreciation, we are sending you our check for \$300.00 Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees
 Dick H. Bode
 President

One slice of bread makes about a third of a cup of dry bread crumbs or three-quarters of a cup of soft bread crumbs.

DISTAFF

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It's always quite a show.

One of my friends remarked, after he read last week's column, "I didn't know you were a country girl!" It dawned on me later that even my closest acquaintances don't know much about my life before I came to McLean, and that's nice. I like living in a place where you are liked or disliked for what you do, not where you come from or who your parents were. Of course, some of you who grew up here in McLean don't have that option, because you've always lived in the same town.

Maybe that is what has made America such a mobile society...people moving away to prove themselves, without the prejudice that one can encounter in his hometown.

I grew up near Altus, Okla., and attended school at a rural school called Porter High. Back in the Twenties and Thirties, when there were many people in rural Oklahoma, Porter High was a thriving system, with over 100 students. By the time I became a student there, the society had changed, people had begun leaving the farms, so only a handful of students attended the school. We used two classrooms in the two-story brick structure, with the rest of the cobweb-filled rooms locked and shrouded in mystery.

One of our favorite activities, when the teacher (my dad) wasn't looking, was to sneak into these rooms and look at the biology specimens still on the shelf, stare at the dust-covered typewriters, and imagine what the school had been like when it was a vital part of a bustling community.

The school was heated by coal stoves in each class

room, and there were no indoor toilets in the school. We students, along with our teachers, trudged through all kinds of weather to out-houses located 100 yards away from the school.

My mother and dad and I lived in an old stucco teacherage located on the school grounds. The twelve-room house had once been divided into four apartments, but when we lived there, we were the only family in residence. We occupied five or six rooms in the house, primarily because there were not enough stoves to heat the rest of the house. So my childhood was spent in that huge, rambling old house, filled with dark hallways, and empty rooms.

As an "only" child (my brothers and sister were all older and gone from home by the time I started to school), I spent those pre-television years lost in a world of imagination in the stacks of books that were left over from the days when Porter High was a big high school. My dad, who was delighted that I loved to read, opened the library to me and encouraged me to read anything and everything that I could find there.

Since we had no neighbors, I had few playmates, and without the anesthetizing influence of television, I had to make my fun by using my imagination, and that usually involved living out the stories in the books which I read. I dug through enough of the Bronte sisters to imagine that my family and I were what those lady novelists would call the "genteel poor." I arrived at that conclusion because my teacher-father made a very low

salary, and we rarely had enough money for extras, but I was sure we were "genteel" because he insisted that I listen to, and study, classical music and opera, and because he made sure that I spoke grammatically at all times, and my mother made sure that my manners were "ladylike."

I was never ashamed of my background. In fact I was quite proud of the fact that my dad was college-educated, and even had his Master's Degree. I loved the people that I grew up with in the community around our rural school. Most of them were uneducated, some even illiterate, but they were good, honest people, always willing to help.

I was never ashamed, that is, until I transferred into Altus at the beginning of my freshman year. I convinced myself that everyone in school looked down on me because I was a "country" kid, because my parents had very little money, and because I had a very limited wardrobe. I spent a miserable few months until I realized that the only reason I wasn't accepted by my classmates was my own self-pitying attitude. When I quit thinking of myself as different, they quit treating me that way.

I've carried that lesson with me the rest of my life, so that each time I become upset at the way someone is treating me, I look at my own attitude and I usually find the culprit there. But I hope that deep down inside I'm still that "country girl" with the same values and the same basic beliefs I learned then.



COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"I ain't votin' for this commissioner agin, since he's been in office I've lost all my hub caps, torn off three mufflers and knocked two holes in my gas tank!"

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MRS. JANIE PITMAN, Bingo winner for the month.

Nursing Center News

Mrs. Lela Alderson is in the hospital in Amarillo, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Sunday, Bro. Z.A. Myers of the Assembly of God church was here to conduct church services for our residents.

Monday, our residents played Bingo. Those helping our residents were Juanita Smith, Bertha Smith, Vela Young and Loree Barker.

Tuesday morning our residents finished making their Owl Recipe holders of which most have been sold, we plan to make more in the near future. Our helpers were Virginia Tolleson, Oleta Westbrook, Mary Lou Garrison and Billie Kingston. Tuesday was such a beautiful day - Toots Henley brought us some horseshoes and Bill Thomas set the court up for us. Those pitching horseshoes were Buck Henley, P.L. Ledger-

wood, Hugh (Earl) Tolleson, Dick Henley, Bob Ford and our winner Bud Farmer, fun was had by all. Several residents not participating enjoyed sitting in the patio and watching.

Wednesday, we all had the pleasure of having the Methodist Mens Quartet, Sam Haynes, S.A. Cousins, John B. Rice and Johnny Haynes accompanied by Joyce Haynes. Many songs were dedicated to individual residents. Cookies were served by Isabelle Cousins, Fern Boyd and Francis Kennedy.

Thursday, Pauline Miller was here to lead our residents in a Sing-A-Long.

Friday, Fern Boyd took Lula Sheegog for a drive and they topped the afternoon with ice-cream and cake in her home. In the afternoon our lovely lady, Martha Parker was here with her movies. Bingo Winner for February was Mrs. Janie Pitman.

In The Kitchen

by Linda Haynes



Although we are real "beef eaters" around our house, I like a good chicken dish occasionally for a change. Here are two scrumptious chicken casseroles which you will love. They are both easy to prepare, and good enough for a company dinner.

FANCY CHICKEN
Line bottom of loaf pan with 5 or 6 slices of bacon, and cover with 1 1/2 c. cooked rice.

Over rice place 1 cut-up salted chicken. Mix 1 can cream of (mushroom soup, celery soup, chicken soup, whatever you like)

1 can water
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon onion salt
1/4 teaspoon oregano
Pour over chicken. Cover with foil. Bake 300 degrees for 2 1/2 hours.

CHICKEN GUMBO
Prepare a roue by melting 3 tablespoons crisco in a heavy skillet, add enough flour to make paste, and brown very brown.

Add 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/4 cup celery, 1/4 cup bell pepper, 1 cup cut okra. Cook until tender. Remove chicken from bones. Cook cut-up chicken in water for 30 minutes.

Add to chicken, roue, and onion mixture, 1 can tomatoes, 1 can tomato sauce. Cook until chicken is done. Serve on bed of cooked rice. (To save preparation time, substitute 2 flat cans chicken for cut chicken.)

Excess Tax Can Be Credit

If you worked for two or more employers during 1981 and received wages totaling more than \$29,700, and more than \$1,975.05 of social security (FICA) tax withheld, you are entitled to claim the excess social security tax withheld as a credit against your income tax. If you file a joint return, you and your spouse must make separate computations.

However, if you worked for only one employer and more than \$1,975.05 was withheld, you may not claim the excess as a credit against your income tax. Your employer should refund the over-collection to you.

Quotable Quotes

In the face of an obstacle which is impossible to overcome, stubbornness is stupid.

Simone de Beauvoir

I was a fantastic student until ten, and then my mind began to wonder.

Grace Paley

Character builds slowly, but it can be torn down with incredible swiftness.

Faith Baldwin

When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before.

Mae West

Don't borrow trouble; borrow money, and trouble will come of its own accord.

Maurice Switzer

Much pessimism is caused by ascribing to others feelings you would feel if you were in their place.

W. Somerset Maugham

If one word does not succeed, ten thousand are of no avail.

Chinese Proverb

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AT THOMAS NURSING CENTER

Lona Jones 3-26-1904
Lula Crisp 3-27-1887
Kittie Hessey 3-29-1904

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



McLEAN BRIEFS

Donna McAnear is a patient in a hospital in Dallas where she underwent eye surgery Tuesday.

Kim Sanders is a patient in an Amarillo hospital this week. She became ill while on a school trip last weekend.

The Senior Citizens met February 18 for their monthly birthday luncheon hosted by Ada Simmons, Elizabeth Kunkel, Barbara Hambright and Joe Graham. R.A. Nichols, one of the guests at the luncheon presented the club with 6 new sets of dominoes. Johnnie Green was also a guest of the organization.

The First Baptist Church Womens Missionary Union group met February 17 for a valentine banquet. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with pink and white streamers and hanging hearts. Linda Thomas and Linda Ford carried out the theme of "Love" by reading from I Corinthians 13 and entertaining by singing songs. The G.A. and Acteen girls served creamed turkey divine, new potatoes, pea salad, bread sticks, heart's desire cake and coffee and tea to the thirty-four present.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Clayton of Amarillo visited with her sister, Mrs. J.C. Gilbreath last week and their daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Cooper visited with their son Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper. Barney and J.Boyd Smith visited with Mr. and Mrs. Custer Lowary.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Martindale over the weekend were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Harkins of Plainview. Also visiting were their daughter and family, Carroll and Bonnie Moore of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Martindale visited in Shamrock last week with the Jack Hietts and the Buck Martindales.

The Susanna Group of the United Methodist Women met in the church parlor February 23. Pat Walker opened the meeting with prayer and Eva Peabody gave a program on love: "The Story of Naomi and Ruth." Others present were Helen Black, Robbie Wilson, Grace Glenn, Sophia Hutchison, Maggie Ruth Johnson, and Katy Graham.

John R. Bible, who works for Dresser Inc. in Dallas and is a graduate of McLean High School, had a short article published in the February issue of *Outdoor Life* magazine. The article was published in a column called "What's On Your Mind?" Bible is married to the former Janice Barker.

Visiting E.J. Windom Sr. Wednesday were Mrs. Jerry Ware of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Clella Windom of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dorman of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barker visited over the weekend in Colleyville with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bible, Karie and Jason.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy of Amarillo visited his mother Mrs. N.C. Kennedy and brother W.C. and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Kennedy and Judy and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Simy-son attended the 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard of Pampa Sunday in Amarillo in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fitch spent the weekend at Angel Fire skiing.

Nancy Turner and her two sons spent Tuesday with the J.I. Martindales. Mrs. Turner is the Martindale's granddaughter.

Ed and Lisa Patman returned Thursday from a trip to Tucson, Az., where they attended a seminar directed by Dr. Richard Diven.

Sheri Haynes visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Haynes. However, Ms. Haynes neglected to call one of her ex-friends during her visit.

Mar. 2 Is Flag Day In Texas

March 2 is Texas Flag Day. Over 10,000 flags are expected to be flying for this official Texas Heritage Day.

Around Texas, organizations and individuals are taking this opportunity to pay tribute to their state and its flag by flying the "Lone Star" on their homes and public buildings. Local activities will include flag raisings, proclamations by mayors and county judges, speeches and special programs by service clubs, historic organizations and patriotic groups.

The Texas flag was adopted in 1839 as the official standard of the Republic. It became the state flag after the Treaty of Annexation was signed in 1845.

There were several designs for a national flag prior to 1839, but each of them incorporated a single star. The star signifies that Texas was alone in the Mexican Confederation and that the star of liberty was rising.

This gave Texas its nickname, "The Lone Star State."

Texas Flag Day is a Texas Heritage Project of the Texas Historical Foundation. For more information about this and other programs, contact the Texas Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 12243, Austin, Texas. 78711. 512-472-6784.

4-H Corner

McLEAN STOCK SHOW SCHEDULE
The annual McLean Stock Show has been scheduled for 1 p.m. March 6, at the McLean FFA Ag farm.

McLean 4-H members will exhibit eight steers, six lambs, and sixteen barrows in the show. McLean FFA members will also participate in the show.

CAREER EXPLORATION
There will be a career exploration project meeting Friday, February 26, 4 p.m. Topics to be discussed will be looking at your image, interest areas, selecting occupations for investigation, objectives and goals and plans for future meetings. If you have any questions, contact the County Extension office.

EL PASO STOCK SHOW
Three Gray County 4-H members exhibited barrows at the El Paso Stock show, February 6-10.

Julia Graham exhibited a seventh place medium weight hamshire and an eleventh place light weight hamshire. Christy George and Jeff Langen also exhibited barrows in the show.

HOUSTON STOCK SHOW
4-H and FFA members are preparing for the Houston Stock Show March 14 Gray County 4-H members with entries include Michelle and Byron Black, seers; Christy George, lamb; and Julia Graham and Troy Owens, barrows.

We wish everyone participating in the show the best of luck.

COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW

All youth planning to participate in the Gray County 4-H Horse Show need to be reminded that they must attend four (4) 4-H Horse Project activities or meetings to be eligible to participate in the show.

The next scheduled meetings include Bit and

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ALAN REED BRIEFS

Gerald Hessey, who entered Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo recently, was reported in very serious condition this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce were in Amarillo on Wednesday and visited with the Jim Bruces. Mr. Bruce was in Amarillo again the latter part of the week to be at Mr. Hessey's bedside.

Visiting the P.M. Gibson's last week were Johnny Vineyard and son Kelly of Lubbock.

Visiting at First Baptist Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Horn, Sherry, R.D., Jeremy, Lark, Shawna, Powder and Josiah of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hanes and Issac of McLean. They all were guests of Rugh and Brenda McLain.

Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Gibson were in Pampa on Friday for medical attention for P.M. He got a very good report on all accounts.

The McFarland Drilling Co. of Memphis is here this week drilling a well for Polly Harrison. Mrs. Harrison had the misfortune of hav-

ing old well casing cave in necessitating a new one.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Gibson, Ms. Pauline Wolford and Caesar and Christian, had supper and a farewell get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin French and Melinda. The Frenches are moving to Gainesville this week.

Visiting Polly Harrison Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kindle of Lefors.

Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Gibson lunched with the R.D. McLain's Sunday.

The mess left by our recent fire has been cleaned up and windows replaced in the school house cracked by the fire.

Visiting Jewel Warner during the week were Richard Wagner, Bill Edwards, Bob Slaton and Edith Little of Lubbock, Bob Holt, Ann Sherril, Mr. and Mrs. Lavez Lingo and children of Amarillo, Ted Robertson of McLean and Peggy Leeder.

Robert Bruce made a trip to Pampa and Amarillo last week.

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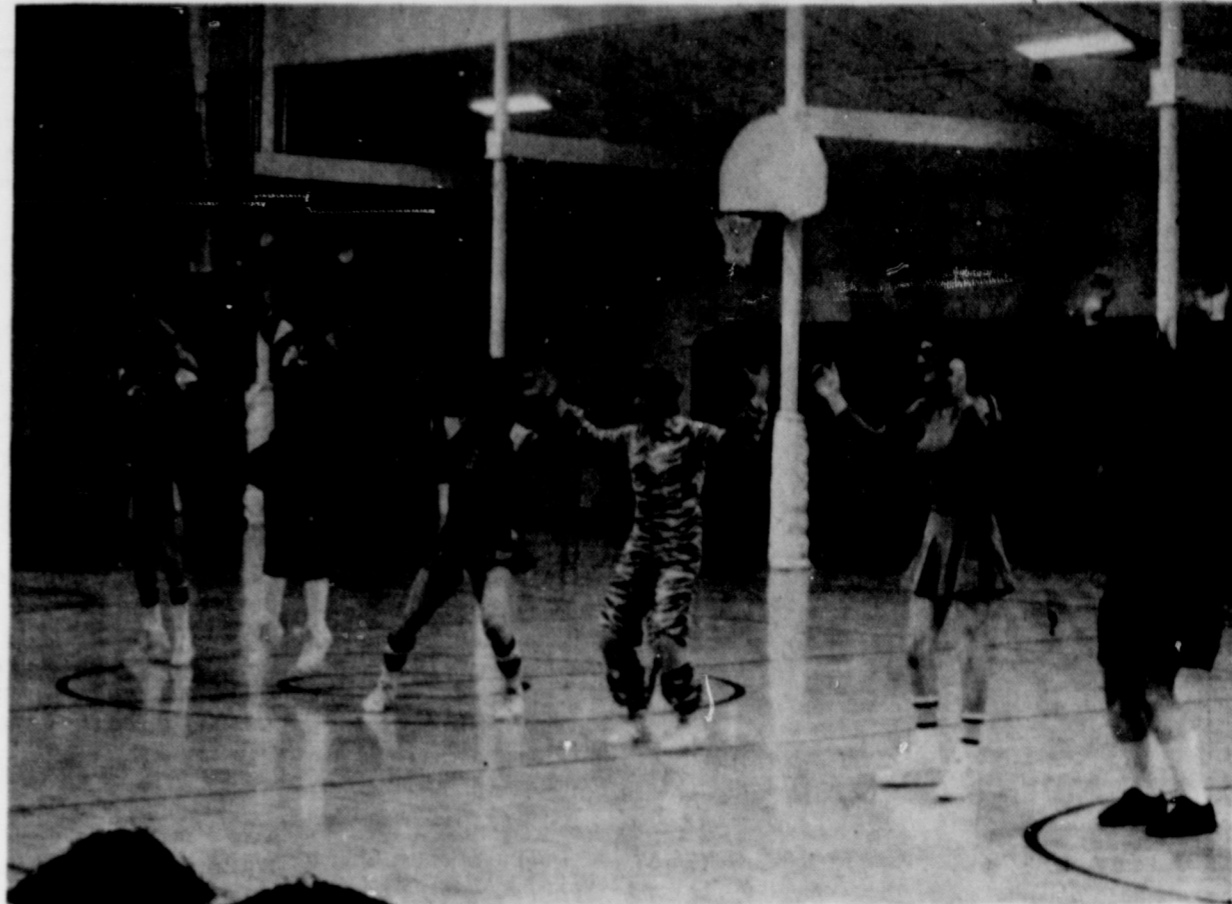
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THEY MAY BE the ugliest group of cheerleaders in the state of Texas, but these senior boys were overwhelming in their enthusiasm. Shown, on the back row from left,

are Theron Stubbs, Bill Skipper, and Dudley Reynolds. On the front row, from the left, are Van Boucher, Spooky Smith, Pete Skipper, and Bobby Sprinkles. [Photo by Kathy Carter]



THESE LOVELY CHEERLEADERS led the McLean student body in a pep rally for the final girls' basketball game of the season. The annual assembly has been a

tradition for several years when the boys decided to show their appreciation to the girls for all the pep rallies during football season. [Photo by Kathy Carter]

HOMEMAKER NEWS

The Microwave Magic program cancelled on February 3, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 3, at 3 p.m. in the McLean Library. Donna Brauchi and Deana Finck, Gray County Extension Agents will present the program.

The program will include selection and features of microwave ovens, use and care, and cooking with the microwave oven. Plenty of time will be allowed for questions.

The program is open to the public free of charge.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

MORE HOME EC STUFF

Do you have to have a cup of coffee or a cola beverage the first thing in the morning? Are you irritable if you miss your coffee break? Do you find a cup of coffee satisfying either during or after a meal? If you answered "yes" to these questions, don't feel left out of the caffeine consuming group. Do you drink tea, cola, beverages, or eat chocolate? Do you ever use non-prescription medications to keep you awake, or use Anacin, Excedrin, Dristan, aspirin, weight loss drugs, or cold medication? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are also ingesting caffeine.

WHAT IS CAFFEINE?

Caffeine or Theine is a stimulant to the central nervous system. It is found in coffee, tea, and present in small quantities in the cola-bean and kola nut. Tolerance of caffeine varies widely among individuals. A normal person can tolerate the amount of caffeine in most beverages without apparent discomfort, but people with a peptic ulcer or cardiovascular disease usually must restrict their intake of caffeine-containing products because of the stimulant effect.

EFFECTS OF CAFFEINE ON THE BODY

In small doses (1 or 2 cups), it can: increase alertness, reduce fatigue, increase awareness, and increase ability to concentrate.

Doses of 1 gram or the equivalent of 10 cups of coffee can cause: insomnia, restlessness, excitement, headaches, and irregular heartbeat.

Chronic consumption of large doses (12 or more cups) can cause: mild delirium, and benign breast tumors. During pregnancy, caffeine consumed in large quantities may cause birth defects.

HOW TO AVOID CAFFEINE

Caffeine is addicting. Withdrawal symptoms do occur and they include irritability, restlessness or lethargy, nervousness, and headaches. Experts suggest that we should: (1) begin slowly; (2) reduce the number of cups of coffee you drink each day; (3) drink half as much as you were; (4) switch to weak tea brewed with a tea bag; (5) once you are drinking only a few cups of weak tea per day, switch to a beverage that is caffeine free.

Also be aware that drip coffee contains more caffeine than percolated coffee that "boiled" coffee contains the greatest amount of caffeine.

For a chart listing the caffeine content of beverages and non-prescription drugs, contact the County Extension office.

SPRING FLING '82

Attention all of you folks over age 55, there is an Extension camp just for you! The three day opportunities take place at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood. Dates this spring are: March 30-April 2, April 13-16, and April 27-30. The three day camps are filled with recreational and educational activities designed for the modern adult. Cost for the entire event is \$54.50. This includes room, board, all meals, refreshments, linens, and insurance. For more details and for registration forms, contact the County Extension office.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The day will happen whether or not you get up.



LIBRARY NOTES

by Sam Haynes

THE ADVENTUROUS GARDENER
Nancy Wilkes Bubel
Illustrations by Barry Moser

This newly acquired volume should prove to be extremely timely, as we are ready to enter the gardening season for 1982, and it will be of invaluable assistance to those planning to have more than just the ordinary onions and 'taters type garden.

Nancy Bubel expertly and in pleasing and unusual style, offers instructions on everything from planting a traditional/medicinal garden to raising oriental vegetables, to growing a winter garden in your closet, or showing organic methods of insect control, and makes the contents replete with tips and advice worthwhile to any gardening endeavor.

though new and possibly controversial, really work, and those bored with standard, predictable "how to" approaches can explore new avenues and procedures and broaden your base of knowledge concerning all phases of gardening.

Included in the volume is a complete bibliography, appendices, and an up-to-date list of suppliers which will greatly assist the hunt for particular subjects.

Nancy Bubel lives on a ninety-one acre mountain-side farm in Wellsville, Pennsylvania with her husband and two children, writes for Organic Gardening and Country Journal, and is eminently qualified to write on the subject of gardening. "The Adventurous Gardener" is now available at Lovett Memorial Library.

The author, in this book, is constantly experimenting, and her methods,

He who goes with wolves learns to howl.
Spanish Proverb

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 26
Mrs. J. Stevens
Richard Hall
Drucilla Ann Dwyer
Beverly Word
Delynn Well
Diane Baggerman

FEBRUARY 27
Mrs. Forest Switzer
Mrs. Howard Williams
James Lloyd Todd
Joe Graham
Susan Simmons

FEBRUARY 28
Mrs. Keith Teeplies
Mrs. Phynelpha Rhoades
Mrs. Harris Howard

FEBRUARY 29
Mrs. Pearl Mercer
Mike Harkins

MARCH 1
Mrs. George Orrick
Dennis Kevin Roan
Jennifer Rose Hill
Shane Coleman

MARCH 2
Rosie Lee Smith
Sylvia Irene Smith
Judy Lynn Watson
Robin Lean Smith
Eric Jayson Windom

MARCH 3
Ronnie Lee Walker
Charlie Vineyard
Dale Glenn Gipson

FACTS & FANCIES

It's said that each American consumes an average of 109 pounds of beef a year. In fact, one survey among teenagers listed steak as the favorite of 36 percent of them.

The world's most expensive piece of beef was a "beefalo." That's part cow, part buffalo and it brought \$2,500,000 to a California man who sold it in 1974.

Although we all realize that steak is an expensive

Energy-Saving Taxpayers Can Get Tax Cut, Experts Say

Taxpayers who take certain steps to save energy in their homes can cut their federal income tax bills substantially.

The law provides for a tax credit of up to \$300 for energy conservation mat-

erials installed in the home, with a separate credit of as much as \$4,000 for taxpayers who install "renewable" energy source items such as solar or wind equipment, the Internal Revenue Service says.

The credit for energy conservation materials is figured at 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on such items as storm or thermal windows and doors, insulation, weather-stripping and caulking. Also qualifying are furnace replacement burners, flue-opening modifications, electrical or mechanical ignition systems to replace gas pilot lights, and clock thermostats. Only materials installed in homes that were substantially completed before April 20, 1977, are eligible for this energy credit.

Newlyweds Should Report New Name

To avoid federal tax refund delays persons who changed their names last year, such as newlyweds, should report the new name to their local Social Security Administration (SSA) office. The name and number on tax returns must match those of the SSA, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Incorrect Social Security numbers and addresses slow up processing of tax returns and can delay federal tax refunds.

Another good way to guard against unnecessary refund delays is to use the peel off identification label provided with the tax package. If the name, address or Social Security number is incorrect, changes can be made directly on the label.

to heat, cool or provide hot water for use in the home according to the IRS.

Both credits are available for items purchased and installed on a taxpayer's principal residence on or after April 20, 1977, and before January 1, 1986. The "renewable" energy credit is available for both existing and newly reconstructed homes. Renters as well as

homeowners are eligible for the credit.

For additional information on energy credits, taxpayers can order the free IRS Publication 903, "Energy Credits for Individuals" by using the handy order form in the tax package or by calling the IRS Forms/Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory.

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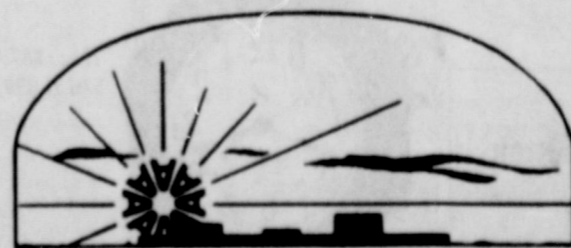
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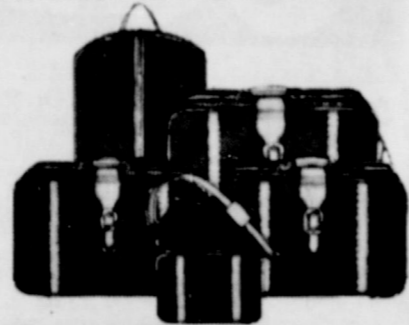
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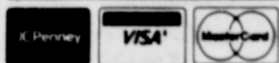
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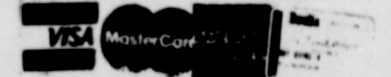
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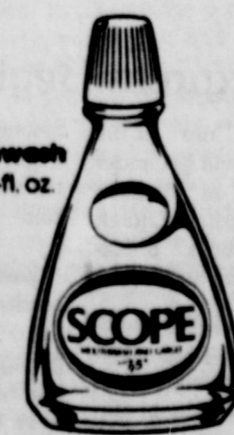
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THE END OF basketball season, and the warm temperatures brought these McLean Tigers out onto the track field to begin conditioning for track season. Shown are Theron Stubbs (in black), Brock Crockett, and Frank Todd. (Photo by Kathy Carter)

18 Million Americans Are Jogging

AUSTIN--If you haven't at least thought about taking up jogging or get in, or stay in, shape, you are one of the few Americans who hasn't. A recent Gallup poll revealed that more than 18 million people nationwide are actively engaged in jogging.

Many sporting goods and department stores are capitalizing on this popularity by offering various specialized kinds of jogging equipment and attire.

Much of this may be useful or desirable to the dedicated jogger, but our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say beginners who purchase gear are putting the cart before the horse. First and foremost, before any such activity, it makes good sense to get a medical checkup to find out if you are in good enough shape to start getting in shape.

Next, novices should determine if jogging is an activity they enjoy before making an investment in often expensive special gear. Experts say the only requisite is a properly fitting pair of shoes for jogging. You can put off buying even these for a couple of weeks, though, in order to

see if jogging is for you. Reports have reached our office of high-pressure sales tactics aimed at convincing the beginner jogger that a designer warm-up suit, which can cost close to \$100, a "signature" sweat band or similar items are needed.

Some sales persons have pushed intricate pedometers for measuring miles covered, stop watches to time speed sprints, or costly stationary exercise bicycles for preliminary warm-ups before jogging. Others may press the unwary to buy a "jogging thread-mill" to get exercise indoors when the weather is bad.

Our attorneys suggest that you resist any such pressure until you have jogged long enough to know your own needs. After you have decided that you are likely to stick with a jogging program, invest in proper shoes and buy them at a reputable store where trained sales personnel can assist you with the fit, which is critical, and with selection.

Your choice should be based on what you intend to use the shoe for and on what surfaces you expect to use it. If you are a serious

runner planning to compete in track events, you will need a different and more specialized shoe than a person who jogs a little, walks the dog a little, and strolls a little on a variety of surfaces.

After you buy a sport shoe, you probably will begin thinking about special clothes. There is a bewildering array of gear endorsed by sports stars, and it is difficult for the beginner to know what is needed. You should remember that the basic items are really loose comfortable clothes—for many persons that means shorts, T-shirt, and socks. Others may add absorbent headbands, sweat suits, warm-up suits, visored caps, and so on.

If you decide to invest in clothing, check the fabric's fiber content and care instructions. All clothes are required by law to have such labels. Some consumers who bought expensive items in fashion colors found later when they washed them that they shrank and faded.

If you have a consumer complaint about unscrupulous sales tactics or misrepresentations, contact our consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock or McAllen.

Taxpayers Could Prepare Short Forms

Most taxpayers who use the 1040A form when filing their 1981 Federal income tax returns should be able to prepare it themselves, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Last year 41 percent of U.S. taxpayers used the short Form 1040A when filing their returns.

In urging 1040A filers to try to do the 1040A themselves, the IRS pointed out that the form contains only 18 lines, and comes with easy-to-understand, step-by-step instructions explaining how to fill it in.

Form 1040A can be used by taxpayers whose income consists only of wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends, and unemployment compensation for the taxable year. Form 1040A filers also must have a total income of \$50,000 or less.

The IRS stressed that under certain conditions—for example, when itemizing deductions, claiming adjustments to income or a tax credit—taxpayers cannot file Form 1040A. The tax instructions taxpayers received in the mail cover this information.

To assist taxpayers, the IRS offers over 90 free publications on various tax topics.

These publications can be ordered by using the handy order form found in

the tax package.

For help on a particular item, taxpayer can also call the IRS Forms/Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory for assistance.

Pony Express Begins At Local Church Sunday

A second "run" of the Pony Express will get under way Sunday at McLean United Methodist Church with a "trail boss" breakfast and worship service.

An estimated 12 church members acting as trail bosses and station agents are expected for the breakfast briefing.

The Rev. Joe Walker, pastor, said church families on the Pony Express "run" will again relay stewardship saddlebags to gather "estimate of giving" cards.

Saddlebags and run route lists will be handed out at the breakfast by Ed Patman, general manager of the stewardship campaign.

The relay of saddlebags

among church members will begin immediately after the morning worship service, he said.

Each saddlebag bears the names of 10 church families. Each family fills in a giving estimate card, seals it in an envelope and inserts it in the saddlebag pouch and then hand-carries the saddlebag to another of the families on the route.

"We're excited because of the enthusiastic reception the Pony Express received at our church last year," Patman said.

He noted that the program develops a spirit of teamwork, as well as one of competition.

10 YEARS AGO...
E.M. Bailey, Editor
Visiting Corinne Trimble this week was her son Norman Trimble of Ashland Kentucky, her granddaughter, Lynn Trimble and Jim Hamner, both of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blaylock of 716 E. Boneta, Amarillo, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 15, weighing six pounds, seven ounces. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blaylock of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hulsey of Shamrock.

Adult sports participation has started, and McLean High School Coach Derral Davis Wednesday invited all persons desiring to take part to meet at the gymnasium each Monday night.

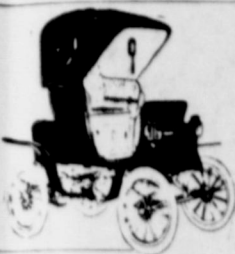
Mrs. E.L. Minix of Littlefield celebrated her 102nd birthday on February 15. She received many gifts and cards, all of which she greatly appreciated. A birthday cake with 102 candles was also presented to her. Those with her on her birthday were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Colebank of McLean; her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carpenter of Sundown; her nephew, Will Duncan of Tatum, N.M., and her niece, Mrs. Allie Studer of Littlefield.

Mrs. Hershel Smith was hostess to the Busy Bee Quilting Club last Thursday. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon. Two quilts were completed. Present were Mesdames Leon Waldrop, Earl Brooks, Ross Collier, Raymond Smith, Edgar Smith, Joe Willis, John Biggers, Ola Henderson, Irene Ledbetter, Walter Bailey, and the hostess, Lester Campbell, Editor.

McLean's winning girl's basketball team continued their winning ways Tuesday night when they downed the Panhandle girls 49-36 at Panhandle in their second victory of the two-out-of-three series. The victory gave the local girls the championship of District 1-A and qualifies them for entry in the regional tournament to be held in Canyon March 6, 7, and 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wheeler and son Dick spent Sunday in Groom with Mr. and Mrs. Foster Burgin.

Owen Rhea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ples Rhea, proved Tuesday that he definitely is a spelling champ when he walked off with the first place honors in the Gray County Spelling Bee held at Pampa. He will represent



DOWN MEMORY LANE

From the files of The McLean News

by Sam Haynes

Gray County in the district Spelling Bee at Amarillo March 8.

Miss Patricia Ann Ferguson, daughter of Mrs. W.R. Ferguson of McLean, and Rev. Henry Eugene Parmenter, son of Rev. and Mrs. C.W. Parmenter, also of McLean, were united in an impressive single-ring ceremony Thursday afternoon, February 14, at 2 o'clock.

40 YEARS AGO...

No paper available.

50 YEARS AGO...
T.A. Landers, Editor
School News...History 5A
Last week we acted out a few more plays. In one of them Jack Bogan was Captain John Smith, and one of The Indians was Pocohontas, played by Ruth Thacker.

The Embroidery Club met with Mrs. S.D. Shelburne Wednesday afternoon. At a late hour dainty refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Byrd Guill, Ercy Cubine, C.A. Strandberg, Allen Wilson, Raymond Glass, Donald Beall, Josh Turner, E.E. Dishman, Alva Alexander, Frank Winn, Chas. Cooke and S.D. Shelburne.

Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Holloway, Mrs. Ruel Smith and baby were in Pampa Friday.

Clifford Allison attended the Banker's Convention at Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss Texola Harlan visited her parents, and Mrs. R.L. Harlan on the ranch last weekend.

60 YEARS AGO...
M.L. Moody, Editor

County Agent R.O. Dunkle announces the names of the boys who will compose the Gray county team at the stock judging contest at Canyon February 24. The boys names are: Louis Calvert, Alanreed; Milton Carpenter and Homer Cash of McLean; and Frank Corum of the Back Community.

Alva Alexander has opened a tailor shop in the Christian building. Mr. Alexander is an experienced tailor and needs no introduction to McLean people.

A husky young tornado visited McLean at about 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, doing considerable damage in its path. The main part of the storm was only about thirty yards wide, or else we might be telling a different story. The first place visited was A.L. Hibler's premises in the south edge of town. It moved things around rather recklessly, the principal damage being the moving of a hen house. The next thing it struck that was capable of damaging much was the wagon yard, where it reduced the sheds to kindling wood and splinters, throwing much of the debris through the elevator, where it drove a scantling deep into the wall and tore off a door. Remains of the sheds were scattered all over the street and covered the railroad tracks. The next obstruction in the path of the

tornado was the Cicero Smith lumber yard, where it tore off part of one end of a lumber shed, demolished a picket fence, and tore up jack promiscuously. A Chapman's home was also in the way, and a lot of shingles were torn off the roof and the windmill wheel torn off. At Nugent Kunkel's place a new barn was destroyed and his home moved off the foundation. The storm blew in the windows at J.W. Mayfield's home, one window casing awakening Mr. Mayfield by striking him on the head as he slept, raising a knot over one of his eyes. This was the only casualty caused by the cyclone so far as we know. His barn was also destroyed and only a few pieces of plank can be found. All the bundle stuff was blown away, and other feed was scattered about the place. A henhouse was demolished and fences were blown down at Bryant Henry's place. These things done, the storm left town, going in a north-easterly direction. At various places along its route it did damage where the opportunity was found, and the last we heard of it, it struck W.N. Holmes place out beyond Heald, where it moved the granary off the foundation and damaged the lot fences and windmill to the extent that Mr. Holmes had to spend \$97. Wednesday for lumber to make repairs with.

70 YEARS AGO...
A.G. Richardson, Editor
One of the worst blizzards that ever hit this section of the country blew up about eight o'clock Monday night and for about twenty min-

utes it blew a perfect hurricane. Toward morning it began raining but soon turned to a wet driving snow that forced its way through every crack and cranny. The blinding snow storm continued all day Tuesday and by night had drifted into enormous mountains wherever it was the least bit protected. All the railroad cuts were filled level full and in consequence trains from both directions were annulled. The big snow plows came through Wednesday morning and cleared the track sufficiently to resume traffic.

County Court was in session at LeFors this week but cut their term short on account of the very disagreeable weather.

It is understood that J.M. Huntsman has sold his ranch interests to Mr. Johnson, his partner, and will give possession the first of March. The gentleman will move to town, but as yet has not decided as to what business he will engage in.

Notice is hereby given that the public road leading from the south side of McLean to the north side of Alanreed will be opened on the first of next April, and all parties along this road are requested to have their fences up by this time. This road was declared open by the Commissioner's Court two years ago and they have given me positive instructions to have it open on the date named. A.H. Biebrich, Overseer.

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Bentsen Asks Agriculture Department To Consider Program For Farmers

Washington, D.C.—Senator Lloyd Bentsen asked Agriculture Secretary John R. Block on Wednesday if he intends to implement a \$600 million economic emergency program to assist hard-pressed farmers in Texas and other states.

Some 35 percent of 16,000 Texas farmers borrowing from the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) are delinquent on their loan payments, Bentsen said in a letter to Block. Of these farmers, some 1,250 are not able to receive financing or other assistance from FmHA, which traditionally is the lender of last resort for farmers. These statistics are for December, Bentsen said, noting that figures for January "will be even more depressing."

"If the American farmer ever faced an emergency situation, he does today. Many farmers in Texas are being literally driven to the wall by a combination of high interest rates and low farm prices," Bentsen said.

Calling the situation the worst for farmers since the Great Depression of the 1930's, Bentsen asked Block to consider using his discretionary powers to implement the Economic Emergency (EE) loan program. The EE is designed to assist farmers who, through circumstances beyond their control, have no other means of surviving until the economic situation im-

proves. EE funds would make financing available to farmers who meet FmHA eligibility requirements.

"Many Texas farmers advise me that the FmHA, by turning its back, is forcing them and their neighbors to face the harsh prospect of either foreclosure or voluntary liquidation. These are not marginal

operators either, but farms that would be prospering during normal economic times," Bentsen said.

"I would appreciate knowing whether you consider the current farm situation to be a serious emergency and if so what steps your department is taking to help farmers survive," Senator Bentsen said.

Spring Registration Is Tuesday At TSTI

AMARILLO—Spring quarter registration at TSTI-Amarillo is Tuesday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Center.

Twenty-one programs are taught on the TSTI campus, all will be accepting new students. Those programs are: Auto Body Repair, Aircraft Mechanics, Auto Mechanics, Boot and Shoe Operations, Commercial Art in Advertising, Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Computer Science Technology, Drafting and Design, Diesel Mechanics, Electronics, Interior Design Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Meat Processing and Marketing, Machine Shop Operations, Printing Technology, Professional Truck Operations, Saddle and Tack Making, Transport Refrigeration Mechanics, Technical Office

Training, and Welding and Fabrication.

Registration for night credit classes will also be taking place, those courses are: Auto Body Repair, Auto Mechanics, Electronics, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding and Fabrication.

Registration for non-credit night classes will also be taking place, those are: Basic Auto Body Repair, Airframe Powerplant (18-30 months prior experience helpful), Auto Service Update, Cabinet Making, FCC Licensing (some electronics experience necessary), and Basic Welding.

Registration for all classes will be one day only, Tuesday, March 2. For more information contact the Admissions Office, TSTI-Amarillo 806-335-2316, Ext. 217.



HUGH TOLLESON AND Bob Ford, both residents of Thomas Nursing Home take advantage of the balmy temperatures in McLean to try their hand at pitching horseshoes. McLean enjoyed record-breaking temperature of 82 for the high Monday. (Photo by Linda Haynes)

Notes From Your County Agricultural Agent

AMARILLO CROP SYMPOSIUM

Mr. J.B. Wheeler, Chairman of the Board of Hale County State Bank in Plainview, Texas will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Crop Symposium at the Texas A & M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, on Thursday, February 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Wheeler's topic is "How Bad is the Farm Crisis."

In addition to Wheeler, Dr. Milton Holloway, Director, Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council will discuss the impact of natural gas deregulation on crop production. Wesley Masters, President of Center Plains Industries in Amarillo will tell symposium participants about the impact of natural gas deregulation on fertilizer production.

The nuts and bolts of crop budgets and cash flow analysis will be discussed by Dr. Wyatt Harman and Ray Sammons, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Research Economist and Texas Agricultural Extension Service Farm Management Specialist from Amarillo.

Other topics being discussed by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA Researchers from Bushland and Amarillo are "Management of Center Pivot Systems" by Dr. Dan Undersander, and "Water Conservation in Irrigated Crop Production", by Jack Musick. Dr. Paul Unger will discuss "Water Conservation in Dryland Crops" and Dr. Steve Winter will present his research on cropping systems. The program will be rounded out by Randy Underwood, Conser-

vation Agronomist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service from Amarillo telling people about "Limited Tillage in Action on the Farm."

The symposium is sponsored by the USDA Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Panhandle Economic Program.

Everyone interested in management techniques and new research to combat high costs and low prices will benefit from this symposium.

CALFHOOD VACCINATION OF HEIFERS IMPORTANT

Important changes in the Texas brucellosis program have been proposed and should have an important impact on the control of the disease.

Public comments are now being sought by the Texas Animal Health Commission on regulation proposals to require calfhood vaccination of heifer calves for brucellosis control under certain conditions. Amendments to the Texas program now proposed would require calfhood vaccination of all heifers born after Jan. 1, 1982 for movement into the state or when changing ownership. Exceptions would be heifers consigned to a quarantined feedlot or pasture, those consigned to slaughter, or those S branded and consigned to a special regulated pasture.

Reduced dosage of Strain 19 vaccine, which has been available for the past year, is almost effective as the higher dosage used in the past. With the old strength, Strain 19 was sometimes

blamed for causing female animals to be diagnosed as having brucellosis, when, in fact, it was a reaction of the vaccine itself.

Reduced dosage is expected to help eliminate confusion over levels of antibodies in the blood of vaccinated heifers. Some females in the past developed persisting residual blood titers after vaccination with the old strength of the vaccine. The titers are measurements of antibodies resulting from vaccination or brucellosis infection.

Titers induced by the vaccination using the reduced dose are lower and recede rapidly although the degree of immunity is practically equal to that pro-

duced by the higher dosage.

Vaccination ages for eligible heifer calves are now four to 12 months for all breeds. Being able to vaccinate animals up to 12

months of age with less worry about false reaction to blood tests is another advantage.

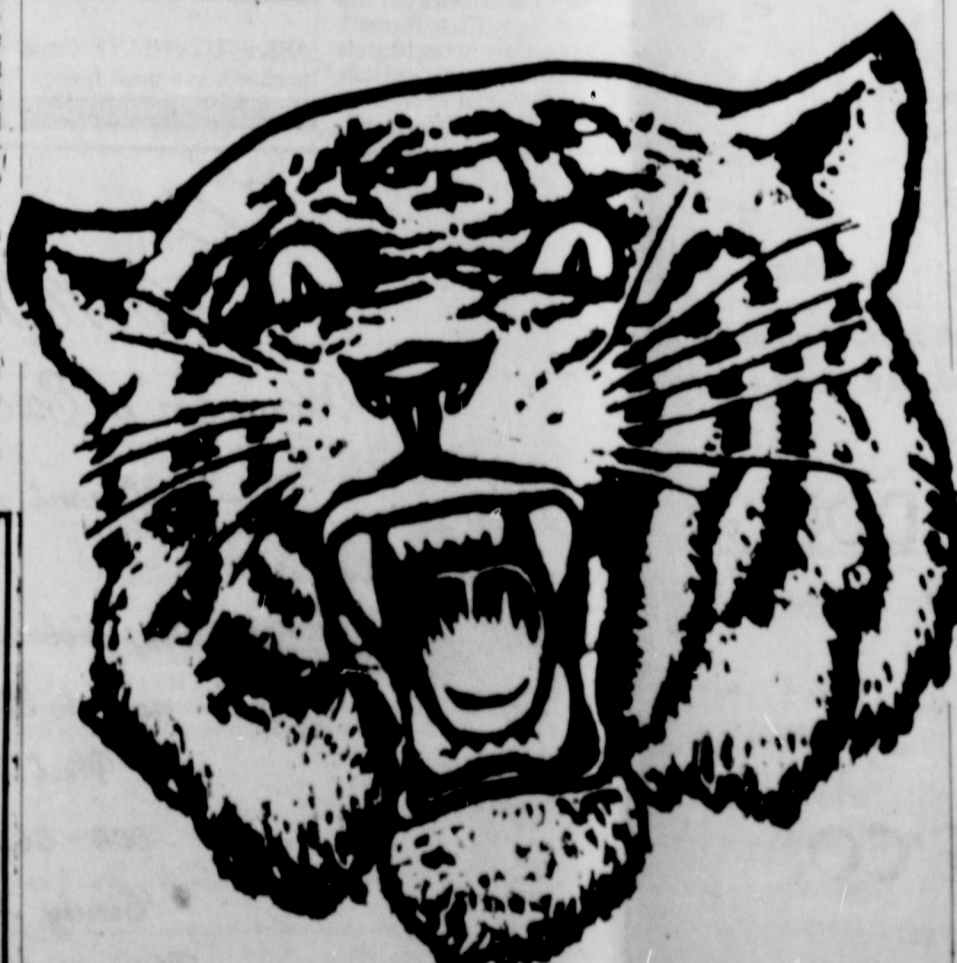
The vaccine must be administered by certified veter-

inarians or personnel approved by the Texas Animal Health Commission, since the vaccine is fragile and must be handled under controlled conditions to establish good immunity.

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Ulcers in the stomach and small intestine afflict approximately ten percent of Americans. Ulcers are erosions of the walls of the gastrointestinal tract. Typically, there is pain when there is no food present; pain is relieved by eating or drinking liquids. Since abdominal pain can be due to a variety of causes, physicians usually run tests such as the "upper GI series" to confirm the presence of a peptic ulcer.

A number of diets and ulcer-treatment programs have been advocated. The "milk and cream" diets appear to relieve pain but do not promote healing of the ulcerated area. The antacids are widely used to neutralize acids. These have been shown to promote healing. Prescription medicines used in care of ulcers include those that inhibit acid secretion and those that neutralize secreted acid.

A new approach to ulcer treatment involves the use of medicine that supposedly protects the ulcerated area from further attack by acid. A medicine, called sucralfate, forms a complex with the ulcer protein and thus produces a type of "bandage." Healing of the ulcerated area is enhanced due to the protection that is afforded by this "bandage." Time will tell us the relative value of this new approach to ulcer therapy.

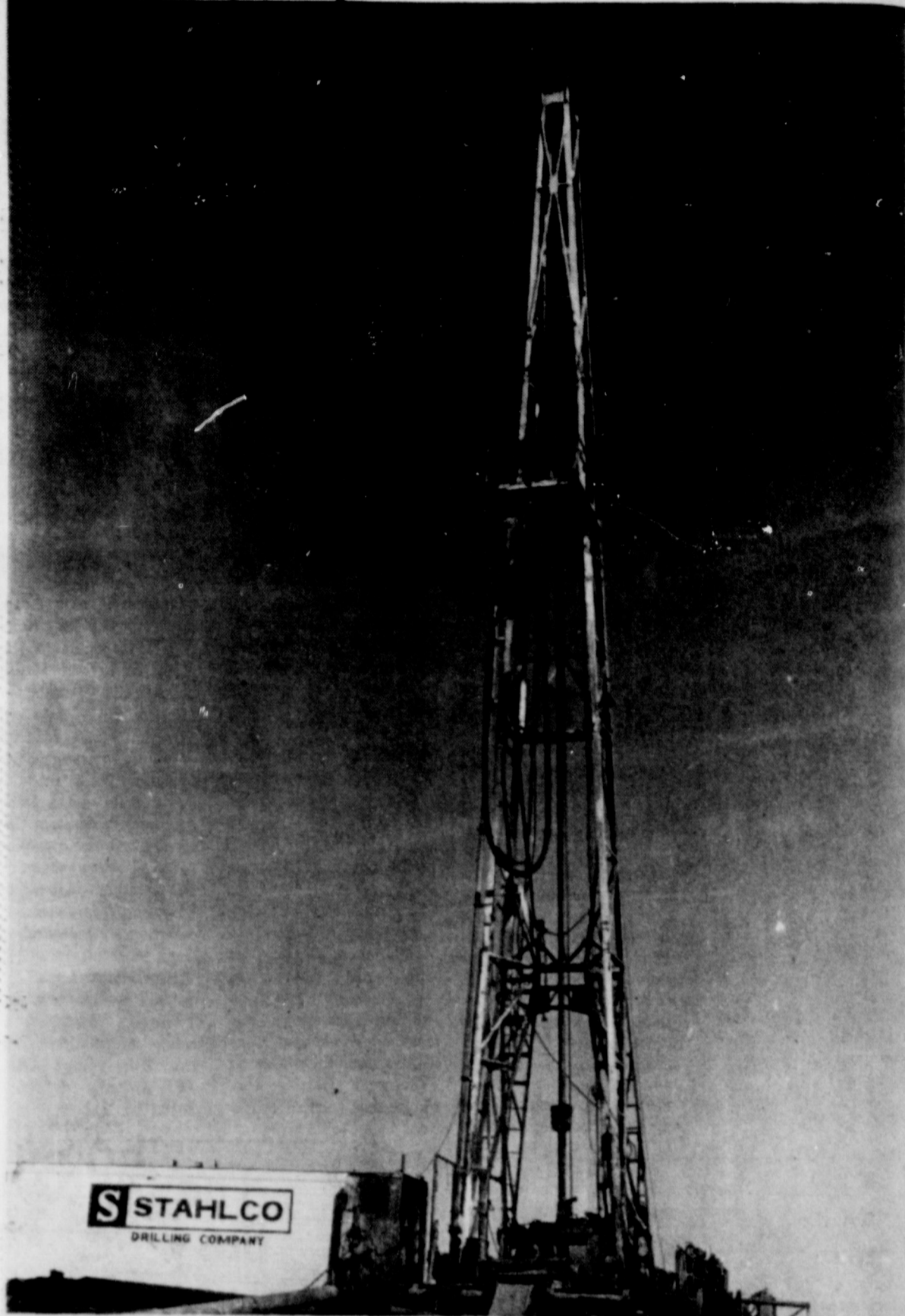
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THIS STAHLCO DRILLING rig made its appearance in the city limits of McLean Monday morning as employees of the Amarillo company put the double jackknife 87-foot

tower in place. The rig is located on city-owned property, just east of the cemetery. Officials of the company said that drilling would go to about 2800 feet and should take about six days. [Photo by Linda Haynes]



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—This is the coldest Texas winter in a long time and many of us in the central and southern parts of the state are late in restocking our firewood supply. If you are still purchasing this year's firewood, here are a few things to keep in mind.

The most important step to take in acquiring firewood is to select a dependable firewood dealer. If you do not already have an established source, ask around for recommendations before you decide to buy. Most consumers in the market for firewood never experience any difficulty, but some have been "burned" by a few unscrupulous dealers.

The most common complaint our office receives about firewood is that either less wood is delivered than was expected or that the price charged is more than was agreed on. The best way to get the amount of wood you want is to buy by standard measuring amounts. For example, a "cord" of wood, the standard unit by which wood is sold, contains 128 cubic feet and usually measures either 4 x 4 x 8 feet or 2 x 4 x 16 feet. Measure the area where wood will be stored so that when filled it will equal a cord. Then you will know whether all of the wood you ordered is delivered.

When ordering wood that is to be delivered, be sure to ask about charges for delivery or stacking. The price for wood may seem reasonable until the added charges are included.

Some dealers advertise wood at very inexpensive prices. Frequently, you will discover that they are selling wood by the pick-up truck load or by some unit other than a cord. Since pick-up truck beds can vary greatly in size, this is a risky way to purchase wood if you plan to do any comparison shopping for prices.

Never pay for wood in advance. Some dealers will deliver a partial load and demand full payment, promising to deliver the remainder later in the day. Pay for the wood only when all of the wood has been delivered as agreed.

The type of wood you buy is as important as the amount and should be determined before you buy. In Texas, oak is the most popular firewood for several reasons. It is a "hard" wood that burns slowly and it has a rough, decorative bark that many people like. Mesquite also is a good firewood. Like oak, it is hard and slow burning.

Avoid soft woods such as pine and cedar. They burn

fast and hot and are good for little more than kindling. Pine is an especially dangerous wood to use because of the sap which, when ignited, will burn nearly as fast as gasoline.

Also, be careful before using wood from trees in your yard for firewood. Some trees that are decorative and useful in the yard may produce foul smelling odors when burned.

Finally, the age of the wood you buy also is important. Wood that has dried out over

several months or a year is usually preferred even though it is much more expensive. To keep costs down, some people mix a little green wood with the dry.

Amount, price, type and age — if you determine these four things before you purchase firewood, your chances of being satisfied with your purchase are much greater.

If you have any complaints regarding firewood, contact the Consumer Protection office nearest you.



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Gray County Gardening

By Joe VanZandt

FRUIT TREES ARE CLONES

The fruit tree you purchase in the nursery is an identical clone of a variety or type of tree which has been identified, tested and selected for possessing one or several desirable characteristics. A clone is a group of plants all of whose members are directly descended from a single individual. Cloning insures that all offspring are identical and possess the desired characteristics of the parent.

Trees are cloned by taking a bud or some form of vegetation from the desirable parent tree and transferring it to a seedling (grown from a seed) tree. Desirable parent plants of some types can be reproduced by rooting vegetative parts. Cloning insures that all new plants will be the same as the desirable parent.

Is sex involved? Absolutely not! The sexual part of a tree is its seed. Trees are extremely hybridized and have many different characteristic potentials. This is apparent when one considers the different characteristics of seedling ash trees sold in Texas. Look at ash trees around your neighborhood—some are tall with sparse foliage, while others are short with thick foliage, and some lose

leaves in October while others keep their leaves until frost.

Cloning and vegetative reproduction eliminate the variability involved with the sexual reproduction by using seed. This is why seeds of good-tasting apples, peaches, pears or pecans should never be planted in hopes of growing a tree which will produce the same fruit. The odds of growing a tree from seed which will produce the same characteristics of the fruit which produced the seed are 10 million to one. A grafted or budded tree is a sure-fire winner.

One advantage to cloning rather than using the seedling procedure is that the buyer gets two trees for the price of one. The rootstock or bottom portion of the tree also can lend certain characteristics to the tree's overall performance. For instance, in selecting peaches and plums, homeowners should be aware of the rootstock on which the variety is budded. The rootstock on all peach and plum varieties grown in the home planting should be grafted on 'Nemaguard' rootstock. The rootstock is resistant to root knot nematodes, which are a major problem on peaches and plums.

The county extension office has a list of the fruit varieties recommended for

the area. For reliable results, select well-adapted fruit and nut trees with superior rootstock.

TRAINING YOUNG FRUIT TREES

Probably the most difficult thing for the gardener to grasp when dealing with young fruit trees is that half of the top growth should be removed before planting. Many nurseries provide this service to customers.

Why must a tree be topped? When a tree is dug at the nursery, about half of its root system is lost. So, an equal amount of top growth must be removed to bring top and bottom into balance again (the root-shoot ratio) and to begin the main branches in the right places. If this balance is not maintained, the tree will grow feebly, if at all, and branches may die back anyway.

Pruning does not mean "whack off the top half." Initial pruning removes the branches that total about half of the top growth starting with weak and poorly placed ones. This should produce a tree with three to five strong, well-distributed scaffold branches from which new growth will come soon. If you choose good branches now, you can avoid broken branches and poorly shaped trees later.

After planting and pruning the nursery tree, water it thoroughly. Remember that the newly established tree is operating on a limited root zone and cannot "reach" for additional soil moisture during times of stress. To retain moisture and control competing weeds, spread mulches 2 or 3 inches deep around the trunk. This early care keeps new roots actively growing and insures a vigorous, well-established tree with a potential for earlier quality and quantity production.

Once the newly planted tree has established a substantial root system, use a systematic cultural program which involves watering, pruning, thinning fruit, and controlling insects and diseases. Since these cultural requirements vary for different fruits, contact the county Extension office for specific recommendations.

With proper selection and care, a fruit tree or grape vine can be a real asset to the home gardener. By the same token, the poorly adapted, improperly cared for fruit tree will be a lasting liability.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

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JEAN SCOTT

Gray Co. Commissioner
Precinct 4
TED SIMMONS

U.S. Representative
JACK HIGHTOWER

Justice of the Peace
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Loose Marbles by Lisa Patman

Last week I introduced you to a murder plot. I told you about my neighbor-the-murderess and her two accomplices, my teenage sons. You read of their insane devotion to dragging my poor body through a series of exercises which they claim will be good for me, but which, in reality, are designed to make me weak enough that I will stumble while crossing the street and will be run over by a ninety-year-old farmer in an eighty-year-old pickup truck.

Well, my dear readers, I did not tell you all. I failed to name the murderess's other partners in crime, and believe me they are legion. I am listing them now in case, after my demise, they begin looking for another victim. I want you to be able to recognize them. They are:

1-The Blonde--She laughs sadistically when I am dragged into the exercise room. She also lies a lot, saying things like "You will feel better when you get the soreness worked out." She may be seen at the local grade school cafeteria, snatching money from children's hands at lunchtime.

2-The First Brunette--She may be the mastermind behind the whole thing, considering how sneaky she is. This demon employs outsiders to do her dirty work. For example, when I finally am able to lift one leg up off the ground, she signals a midget who immediately runs into the room, hops under my leg, and shouts "Bernice!", which I think is some kind of midget curse. Both the First Brunette and the midget laugh when I fall on my lard. The First Brunette can be found harassing third graders during the day.

3-The Second Brunette--Here we have an extremely tall hombre with long, long legs. She is assigned to stand next to me while we do leg kicks. She gets her fun by whizzing her feet past my head. Occasionally she misses and knocks me out. Last week she laughed all during my concussion. She lurks around McLean schools while poor, innocent children are trying to get their lessons done.

4-The Photographer--This crazed pervert has been known to pop into the exercise room to take photographs of the murderess and her accomplices while they are doing their best to do me in. I think he is trying to start a new book for the Time-Life series. After The Cowboys, The Indians, and The Outlaws will be a book called The Marbles Murderers. Of course, his plan may be simpler than that--he may be trying only to blind me with flash bulbs. This man often portrays an elementary school principal.

5-Mr. Kilowatt--This tall, red-headed monster waits until I emerge from the exercise room, points at my shorts-clad legs, and doubles up in hysterical laughter, thereby calling further attention to my unclad gams. His plan is to make me die of embarrassment. This guy plays with electricity for a living, which shows you how crazy he really is.

6-The Wandering Hordes--These teenaged persons take great delight in driving their cars [which are cruelly newer than my jalopy] up and down the street in front of the exercise place. Their hoots of laughter can be heard the minute the other accomplices kick my body out the door. These people get a big kick out of cellulite. They may be found masquerading as the entire student body of McLean High School.

That's the cast, friends. You'll notice they have one thing in common--they laugh a lot. I think murder makes them giddy.



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NINETY-THREE JUSTICES of the peace attended a 20-hour Texas Justice of the Peace training center seminar Feb. 2-5 in Huntsville. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Among the judges attending were, left to right, Dorothy B. Patterson of McLean, Gray County, Precinct 4; Robert H. Pine of Midland, Midland County, Precinct 1, Place 2; and Virginia Kennedy of Vega, Oldham County, Precinct 3. (Photo Courtesy of SWT News Service)

Texas A&M Gives Tips For Keeping Energy Costs Down When Using Fireplaces

COLLEGE STATION — If you have a fireplace, you should consider these maintenance and operational suggestions from the Texas A&M University Center for Energy and Mineral Resources:

— Clean fireplaces and chimneys. If you use a fireplace fairly frequently, the chimney will have to be cleaned from time to time because of the formation of creosote, a black tarry liquid that results from the condensation of wood gases not burned in the combustion process.

— Lower the thermostat setting to between 50 and 55 degrees when the fireplace is in use.

Heated air from the rest of the house will be lost, but the furnace won't use nearly as much fuel.

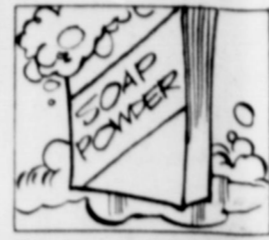
— Close all doors and warm air supply ducts entering the room with the fireplace, and open a window near the fireplace about 1/2 to 1 inch. Air for combustion will be drawn in through the partially opened window, not from the rest of the house.

— Consider installing a glass screen if you have an open masonry fireplace. Louvers at the bottom restrict the amount of air a fire consumes and can be closed when the fire burns down. This cuts substantially the loss of warmed air up the flue.

— If your fireplace damper opening can be adjusted from

outside the fireplace, try closing the damper part way. This reduces the draft and the amount of warmed air drawn in from other parts of the house.

— Close the damper when the fire is out. If the damper is left open, your furnace may consume 10 to 30 percent more fuel than it does normally.



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