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Groom Ambulance Service attendants Brent Stephens, Lynn Pool, David Britten and Mark Bivens are among members looking for ways to keep cost down and revenues up to keep Groom Ambulance Service delivering medical care whenever there is a need.

Insurance Taking Bite From Ambulance Budget

Groom Ambulance Service made 60 runs during 1986. And though the service had an active year, meeting their financial obligations has become a great up-hill struggle.

Last year it took \$10,457.00 to operate the ambulance service and this was with the most costly link in the operation donated. There are no wages paid due to the volunteer efforts of 11 persons.

The bulk of cost to operate the service went to pay insurance fees. Unfortunately, even with shopping around, insurance took a sizable \$6,135.00 hunk of the budget. Equipment purchases amounted to \$1,206.71 and payment for an EMT course, required to license the volunteers, cost another \$865.00.

Further adding to the financial woes of the service are outstanding accounts of \$4,825. The service has Beverly Stephens to thank for collecting those bills that have been paid. She keeps the books for the service, a job that requires a number of hours per month and a growing mound of paperwork that must be completed on each run for reimbursement through insurance or medicare. She must also stay abreast of medicare and medicare rule and regulation requirements as well as insurance company requirements in order to be successful at her attempts to secure payment for services.

With insurance reimbursements last year, the service collected \$10,159.74. Collected from patrons before insurance reimbursements the figure would be just \$4,024.74.

The remainder of the budget is spent on fuel and maintenance for the ambulance and office expenses such as bill processing, postage, required forms that must be filed. The only small

reimbursement drivers receive for their services is a meal when runs coincide with meal times.

Currently outstanding on the books are \$4,825. Mrs. Stephens hopes to collect 80 percent of that figure from medicare or insurance companies but bad debt, or accounts on which collection strategies are exhausted amount to \$900 at present.

"Only through contributions and memorial funds, have we been able to keep going," says Mrs. Stephens. Most people seem to think that the ambulance service has plenty of money especially when they were able to collect the money needed to buy a \$40,000 ambulance in just one year. The ambulance ended up costing \$39,365 with the service borrowing about \$10,000 to make the purchase. That loan, now has also been retired.

Donations began to come in to the service after Alpha Mu Xi Chapter of Beta

Sigma Phi donated \$200 toward purchase of a collapsible stretcher. The \$899 needed for that equipment was collected in two and a half months. At that time the service launched their memorial and donation plans for a much needed modern ambulance. The fund raiser was launched in May 1985.

The new ambulance was ordered in October and delivered to Groom on October 14, 1985. As unlikely as it might seem, the ambulance was the first to be purchased for the service. The service began in 1964 with donation of a station wagon by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors in Amarillo. Ten years later, the firm donated a van. Though better than the station wagon the van too soon had a number of miles logged on the odometer. Red tape also plagued the van as more and more it was unable to meet standards set by the

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New Animal Control Officer Hired

Groom City Council met in regular session last Tuesday, Dec. 6 with all members present.

Deb Chudzinski was hired as animal control officer on a trial basis for two months. She has been trained by Lucinda Mann who previously served as the animal control officer for Groom has been employed full time with the City of Panhandle.

A new 20-year contract was approved with Kenneth Black for lease on the city water well. The contract called for a \$250 payment plus \$100 annual fee.

The item concerning establishing a municipal court was resolved with the council voting against starting the court.

A motion was made and approved to have the question of a one-half cent increase in city sales tax placed on the April 4 ballot. The move is made possible by a new state law and would in a nut shell, if approved by the voters, require that property taxes belowed the same amount that the city estimates the additional revenue would bring in. Proponents of the new tax say that it would be

more fair in that everyone would pay the tax, not just property owners. The proposed question will be discussed at length as the election approaches.

An exemption of \$9,000 was allowed on taxes for persons 65 and over on real property values. Also the taxing of vehicles for up to five years was approved.

In other action the council approved overhauling the backhoe by Yellowhouse Machinery at the cost of \$4,660.

Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Sesquicentennial chairman See City Meeting, Page 4

Three Students Named All-Region

Three Groom Junior High students were named to the All-Region Band in competition held Saturday. Band Director Hosea Munoz announced Jolee Burger, Kristi Case and Nick Kuehler each qualified for the All-Region Band.

Burger, a seventh grader,

will play 10th chair flute; Case was named ninth chair trombone, the only girl in that section; and Kuehler received second chair baritone.

Brian Baker also attended the tryouts for the drum section.

The All-Region Junior

High Band will play in concert next Saturday evening at the Civic Center.

High School Students will also attend All-Region Band tryouts this Saturday. Hopefuls are Audra Wagner, Misti Kingston, Jill Brown and Ben Weinheimer.

Community Calendar

Country Neighbors will meet Wednesday, January 21 at the home of Stella Patterson at 1:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts meet with Janice Vaughn at 4:00 p.m. today, Jan. 15.

Groom Schools will dismiss Friday, January 16 at 2:30 p.m. with the semester test schedule ending at that time.

GEDC will meet Monday, January 19 for their regular business meeting at Brumley Insurance, 7:30 p.m.

Kountry Cousins will meet Friday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Debbie Britten.

No School Monday, January 19 for students. This is a day set aside for teacher in-service.

Round Robin pinocle club will meet Thursday at the Bank, 7:30 p.m. Donna Crump will be hostess.

Girlscout Cookie Rally is Friday at Main Street at 2:30 p.m. to kickoff cookie sales.

Saturday will be workday at the Groom Community Center. Work begins at 8:30 a.m.

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Edna Terbush has been released from the hospital and is visiting her daughter in Cactus.

Bud and Margaret Babcock again hosted their traditional quail breakfast on New Year's morning. Guests present were Kenny, Linda and family; Denny, Carol and family; Gary Don, Cindy and family. The Barclays from Vega were unable to attend.

Dan Blackwell of River-ton, Wyo. arrived in Pampa last Tuesday to visit his father Page who suffered a heart attack. He returned home Friday.

Charles Fields will be serving as chairman of the Carson County ASCS during 1987. Other officers include Lewis Powers, vice chairman; Vernon Labus, member and David Hodges, first alternate.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kitchens of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox Sunday.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Schultz and family were Wilbert and Laura Anderson of Minnesota.

Vivian and Jake Lacy and Rosa Lopez visited in Amarillo Sunday afternoon and attended to some business also.

Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. RayLynn Cline hosted a birthday party Sunday for their son Greg who is one year old. Guests enjoyed angel food cake and ice cream refreshments.

Attending from Groom were Lacey Cline, Earl and Yvonne Braker, Judy Ruthardt, Terry and Rhonda Coffee, Agnes Homer, Bill and Norma Jean Homer and Travis, Lindsay Pool and Christopher Hintz.

Guests from Pampa were Clara Dillman, Roy and Pat Rucker, Shonda and Cassie Hamilton, Carole, Janice and Keziah Rucker and Darci and Chelsi Dunn.

Those from Amarillo attending were Leann Fulton, Karen Howard, Jeanette Homer, Les Eck and from Dumas, Duwain and Beau Baer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Howard and Caren were in Austin last week where they attended the Texas Aerial Applications Association convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Wilson of Abilene, Texas spent Monday and Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Hickox upon arriving home Wednesday, they discovered their home had been burglarized.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Friemel attended the 103rd birthday celebration for his father, E.J. Friemel in Umberger on Sunday, Jan. 11. Some 100 guests were attendance including Mr. and Mrs. Roman Friemel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Friemel and family of Groom.

Page Blackwell was moved Monday from the intensive care unit at Coronado Community Hospital in Pampa to room 222. He continues to make steady improvement after suffering a heart attack last week.

Clarence Merrick was rushed to High Plains Baptist Hospital Monday morning by Groom Ambulance Service attendants Brent Stephens and Lynn Pool.

Groom girlscouts enjoyed an after Christmas outing with a skating party in Pampa. Sponsors for the group were Donna Burton and Marcia Conrad, scout leaders, and mothers, Susan Burgin and Dejuanna Rambo. The group also had pizza for lunch.

Vernie Elliott continues to receive medical treatment in Amarillo.

Joe and Clona Blakney of Whitney visited in Groom last week. They accompanied Mrs. Ethel Blackwell home after she had spent time visiting in Whitney after Christmas.

Guests in the home of Bud and Margaret Babcock for their annual Christmas Eve party and gift exchange were Gary Don and Cindy Babcock, Marci and Cody; Denny and Carol Babcock, Buck and Dusty; Kenny and Linda Babcock, Susan, Karen and Clint of Groom and Joyce and Vince Barclay, T.J. and Kaci of Vega.

Ten area poets will read their original work at a program at the Art Center at Amarillo College Sunday, January 18, at 2:00 p.m. Helen Witt is among those presenting the program. The public is invited to attend.

Raymon Wood of Amarillo visited his aunt, Audie Martin, on Monday.

Mrs. Claude Schaffer is hospitalized in Pampa after suffering a heart attack Sunday night. She is a patient in the intensive care unit. Bill and JoAnn Musser of Big Spring arrived Monday.

Stella McWilliams and her husband of Cloudcroft, N.M. visited last week with her grandmother, Stella Patterson.

January Birthdays And Anniversaries

- 15. Nellie Ford, Wilbur Kempf Mrs. Jerry Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. John Cline (A), Mr. and Mrs. (Jigger) Britten, Jr. (A)
- 16. H.L. Mansel, Mrs. George Eschle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bivens(A)
- 17. Mrs. Bobby Wood, Mrs. Herman Leven
- 18. Aimee Lyles
- 19. Jeremy Brown
- 20. Mrs. A.J. Newsom, Larry Pool, Chadwich Bertrand

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Ivan Frederiksen Celebrates 70th

Ivan Frederiksen was honored on his birthday when he turned 70 years of age with this sign to enlight-

en friends and neighbors of the event. Frederiksen is a Groom native, born Dec. 19, 1916 to

parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frederiksen, early day pioneers of the Groom community.

He graduated from Groom High School in 1934. He had been a member of the High School Band and returned two years later as ex-student musician to rehearse one night a week and play with the band for football games and other special occasions.

By that time a newcomer to Groom had become a member of the High School Band and Frederiksen met his future wife, Dorothy Jean Major, daughter of Mr. Mrs. O.R. Major, also a trumpet player and captain of the Groom girls basketball team. At Monday night rehearsals, Major sat between Frederiksen and his brother, the late Leroy Frederiksen who also played the trumpet and was captain of the Groom boys basketball team.

Three years later the couple married, January 29, 1939 and made their home in Amarillo.

Frederiksen attended Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. and was a student of the National Radio Institute, Washington, D.C.

Now in his 40th year of government service, he began his career in 1942 at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, with the U.S. Army Signal Corp Section, before returning to Amarillo to become an instructor at Amarillo Air Force Base.

Upon closure of the base in 1946, he joined the faculty at Amarillo College to teach Radio and Electronics and Radio Broadcasting for a six year tenure. In addition to full time teaching, he also taught veterans courses five nights a week through the college vocational arts program. During his affiliation with Amarillo College, he designed and installed the sound system and broadcasting facilities in the recital hall and each Saturday morning, fed the first remote radio broadcasts of Amarillo College programs to the old KGNC studios at 8th and Harrison.

With re-opening of Amarillo Air Force Base in 1952, Frederiksen resumed government assignment as an instructor until July, 1956, when he joined the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, later to become the U.S. Department of Energy, from which he will eventually retire.

Frederiksen is a Presbyterian Elder and Deacon, member of First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo and member of the Sanctuary Choir.

He is a member of the Amarillo Masonic Lodge 731 is a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, El Paso Consistory.

Children of the Frederiksen include three sons: the eldest son, Bruce, born in 1942, was the victim of a robbery homicide at a Holiday Inn in Houston in November 1978; Ted, an 18 year veteran with Monsanto Research at Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg, Oh. returned with his family to Amarillo in 1983 to accept a position with Sandia Corporation; and Paul, also resides in Amarillo with his family and is Director of Music Ministries at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

Defense Insures Tiger Wins

Both varsity teams are now 1-0 in district play as both picked off Miami last Friday night. The Tigerettes led in scoring by Suni Barnett, defeated Miami 49-35. Barnett scored 21 points and was followed by team mate Erin Eschle with 18 points.

The Tigers, not having a good game, won by two points. The final score was 59-57. Leading scorers were within two points of each other with Daniel Lambert at 17, Michael Rose, 15 and Jack Britten, 13.

The Tigers Coach Gary Rambo is "real tickled with his team" that is playing good defense. Miami, he says, was the Tigers worst game all year, even though the Tigers won.

To avoid a foul late in the game the Tigers stepped aside and let Miami have two points. The Tigers also gave up two important lay-ups when the Warriors began to press them hard.

Proud of the Tigers defense, Rambo says his team averages giving up only 39 points per game. "That's pretty tough to do in boys basketball. We've won some close games even though we haven't shot well with our defense holding down our opponents scores."

"Our team has an excellent shot at the playoffs," says Rambo, the first chance for the Tigers in four years. "If we play well it will take a good team to beat us. But we're equally vulnerable when we play lousy." It's

important too, says Rambo, that the Tigers go undefeated into the Phillips game which will be played on the home court next Friday. Between now and then the Tigers must handle Claude and Lefors.

Tax Rebate Takes A Bad Turn

Groom received rather bleak news with the arrival of the reimbursement check for sales tax collected in November. Groom's rebate check of \$835.89 fell short of last year's figure 39.82 percent. Groom's report and rebate checks have been running behind 1985 payments for several months.

Skellytown's rebate also took a dive being less by 41.89 percent. Both White Deer and Panhandle managed to move ahead with 115.13 for White Deer and 44.62 percent increase for Panhandle.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks totaling \$48.5 million in local sales tax to 1,038 cities that levy the one-percent city tax. Bullock said that the first payments for 1987 were down almost 9 percent as compared to last year's first payments.

January checks represent taxes collected on sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller by December 10.

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There are many advantages to having a farmstead windbreak. One of the most common reasons given for planting a windbreak is monetary value. A properly located windbreak containing the right species of trees can reduce your fuel bill by as much as 30 percent annually. Not only will an effective windbreak help protect

your home from the icy blasts of snow and wind in the winter, but in the summer it will provide shade around the homestead. Summer temperatures can be as much as 25 degrees Fahrenheit cooler in tree shade as opposed to direct sun.

Another advantage of a living windbreak is the aesthetic value. With proper planning and a little care each year a farmstead windbreak can be a beautiful addition to the home. Evergreens and flowering shrubs can be arranged to make the wind barriers attractive and thus pleasing to view adding to the value of the property.

Still another advantage of a farmstead windbreak is the attraction of wildlife. Wildlife have four basic needs; food, water, cover and reproductive areas. Trees and shrubs in a windbreak provide three of these needs to the wildlife and with proper planning water can be provided. So with the right planning songbirds, pheasants, rabbits and many other animals can be drawn

Public Notice

Notice To Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Aloysius F. Britten, Deceased, were issued on January 7, 1987, in Docket Number 2794, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas, to Maynard Britten, 1009 St. Helens Road, Yukon, Oklahoma 73099.

The resident agent of Maynard Britten is Marshall Sherwood, P.O. Box 947, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 7th day of January, 1987.

/s/ Marshall Sherwood
Attorney for the Estate
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Attorney at Law
State Bar Number 18255000
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Panhandle, Texas 79068

closer to the home providing enjoyment for the homeowner.

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide help planning windbreaks. Anyone wanting assistance should call 665-1751 or come by the Soil Conservation Service office located in the Gray County Courthouse Annex on Highway 60.

Baptist Women

The Baptist women met in the home of Mrs. Stella Patterson Tuesday morning for the Royal Service mission program.

Mrs. Don Case was in charge of the Bible study, "Called to Evangelism, In the Beginning," 2 Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 3:7-8, John 10:10, Ephesians 2:1-3, Ephesians 4:29-32.

Mrs. Don Ritter presented a wonderful program entitled "WMU Was There".

Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. Margie Sinyard, Mrs. Ruby Milton, Mrs. Bertha Knight, Mrs. Melvin Asberry, Mrs. Jack Bivens, Mrs. C.L. Fields, Mrs. Don Case, Mrs. Don Ritter and the hostess Mrs. Stella Patterson.

City Meeting

for the City gave a report on the activities of the Sesqui-centennial committee and also presented a letter of commendation to the City for having completed all their goals during the year. Items she mentioned included the hanging of pictures of past mayors in City Hall, a cemetery directory including both the Groom Cemetery and St. Mary's, a time capsule at the park, flag poles and Texas and Sesqui-centennial flags, and planting of state trees in Memorial Park.

The City Secretary was instructed to write letters to residents with trees and shrubs obstructing the view at intersections that the plants will have to be cut or removed. The city must keep all right-of-ways cleared.

Ambulance Service

state.

There are currently 11 active members in the ambulance service. Since 60 runs were made in 1986 that would average out to 5.5 runs per attendant, unfortunately because of the hours the runs are made and jobs held by attendants, several attendants made a considerably higher number of runs. Of the 60 runs made in 1986, 32 were transports of local residents and 28 transients.

"Many have the misconception that the service's billing pays the ambulance service's way," says Mrs. Stephens, "and memorial and donations contributions are extra cash for equipment purchases. This just isn't so anymore."

Local residents who received bills last year realize the expenses incurred by such a service. In fact, Groom Ambulance Service has set prices that are well in line with those charged by other services. Amarillo Medical Services charges a base rate of \$100 per call and \$2.65 per mile. The local service charges \$75 base rate and \$1.50 per mile. Many times when specialized care is required, patrons get bills from two services as often paramedics are called to meet the Groom ambulance on the way to the nearest hospital.

Groom Ambulance Service is a member of PMESS, the only non-profit ambulance association in the

state of Texas which is located in the Texas Panhandle. The association provides 24-hour contact through their base to hospitals and doctors to assist

volunteer and for profit services throughout the Panhandle. Through coordination of the efforts in giving first rate care, Groom Ambulance usually proceeds to the nearest hospital unless a doctor has already been contacted and is in contact with attendants. All severe trauma patients are taken to the areas trauma center located at Northeast Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Ambulance attendants

remain resourceful in their efforts to stay afloat and continue the service. They are planning to hold the First Annual Benefit Dance this month at the Legion Hall. Texas Tonight will furnish the music for the January 31, 1987 dance. Donations of \$10 per couple and \$6 single will be acceptable.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farley just returned from a holiday visit to California. They visited their son and family Ben Collard at El Toro and daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burke of Palas Verde Estate. Dan went deep sea fishing with his grandson Billy and Bill Burke. Dan caught the largest fish on the boat which was a shark.



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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1987.

/s/ Marshall Sherwood
Attorney for the Estate
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Board Reviews TEAMS April 4 Is Local Election Time For City And School

McLean School Board members heard results of student scores on the TEAMS test at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night. TEAMS, which stands for Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills, is administered throughout a student's school years beginning in the third grade and ending in the sophomore year. The results of this particular test reflect the abilities of students who were in the third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh grades last year.

In the report reviewed Tuesday night, McLean students were included in and compared to a group of students who go to schools with enrollments under 1,000 and live in economic conditions similar to McLean. Their scores were also compared to results achieved on a state-wide level. The three categories covered by TEAMS are math, reading and writing.

For third graders, 92% of McLean students showed competency in math as compared to 68% for the group and 62% for the state. In reading, 70% were competent as compared to 55% for the group and 47% for the state. In writing, 78% of the students successfully passed the test compared to 65% for the group and 61% for the state.

For the other grades, the results are as follows:

Fifth grade-Math-McLean-80%; Group-70%;

State-62%; McLean-73%; Group-60%; State-53%; Writing-McLean 71%; Group-70%; State-63%

Seventh Grade-Math-McLean-39%; Group-61%; State-54%; Reading-McLean-44%; Group-51% State-45%

Ninth Grade-McLean-48% Group-62%; State-57%; Reading-McLean-67%; Group-64%; State-59%; Writing-McLean 66%; Group-66%; State-60%

Eleventh Grade-McLean-53%; Group-56; State-53%; Reading-McLean 51%; Group-51%;State-46%; Writing-McLean-44%; Group-55%; State-50

The report also showed that the number of students graduating from high school was 100 percent for McLean while the group rate was 95.3 percent and the state was 93.2 percent.

A total of 62.5 percent of McLean students said they plan to attend college while the group average was 57.4 percent and the state average was 54.2 percent.

Superintendent Jim Rutherford said that the results of the tests generally reflected favorably on McLean schools. In some of the cases where scores were lower than group or state averages Rutherford said it was due to the fact that some classes contain students with learning disabilities.

In other items of business, the board:

Heard a presentation from George Green, Jerry Cook and Martha Parker regarding the possibility of combining the school library with Lovett Library. Councilman Green said that the advantages of merging would include giving the students access to more resources and there would be financial benefits in taxation, cost of operations, etc.

Business Manager Shirley Johnson said that state regulations, which stipulate that "school resources should be centrally organized and located at the campus unit" may prevent the merger. She added that there was a case where a county and school combined their resources but that the "facility had to be on or adjacent to the school." She also expressed concern regarding liability insurance for students who are going between the school and the library.

Councilman Green said that he would report back to the council and ask that a joint committee be set up to explore some of these issues and attempt to get answers. The board agreed to this suggestion.

Rehired Shirley Johnson as Business Manager for the 1987-88 year.

Issued an order for the election of board trustees. The election will be held on April 4, 1987. Two seats, those currently held by Jake Hess and James Hefley, will be up for consideration.

Election time is upon us once again. On April 4, local voters will go to the polls to vote for a new mayor as well as three city council positions.

Mayor George Terry announced last week that he

will not seek re-election, leaving the field open to other candidates. In addition, two full-term council seats, those of George Green

and Miro Pakan, and one unexpired term, currently being held by Jerry Cook, will come before the voters.

Anyone interested in running for any of these positions can submit an application to City Secretary Stella Lee beginning this Monday, Jan. 19. The filing period will last until Feb. 18.

In order to run for mayor or city council, an individual must be a registered voter.

Stop Smoking Course Scheduled For Tonight

The smoking cessation course which was scheduled to begin last Thursday night will instead begin tonight. What was to have been the first of four Thursday night sessions was cancelled because of the wintry weather prevailing at that time. The course will be at the Lions Club Building, with sessions getting under way at 7:00 p.m. It is sponsored jointly by the Coronado Community Hospital of Pampa and the McLean Lions Club. The course will be conducted by Linda Haynes. A resident of McLean, she is currently the Public Relations Director of the hospital and has conducted a number of such courses in the Panhandle area.

For those of you who need some incentive to attend the sessions, consider the following information.

Studies have indicated that it can now be said with greater certainty than ever before that cigarettes are the most important health risk in this country, responsible for more premature deaths and disability than any other known agent. In 1985, some 350,000 deaths were estimated to be linked with cigarette smoking: 130,000 from cancer; 170,000 from coronary heart disease; and 50,000 from chronic lung

disease. The Surgeon General has said that cigarette smoking is the number one preventable cause of death. Pipe and cigar smoking, and other forms are nicotine use, have also been found to be hazardous.

According to Science News, there is increasing evidence of ill effects being suffered by non-smokers exposed to cigarette smoke. Recent studies have indicated that smokers may also be

hurting their spouses and children, and it could be presumed, others. The death rate, for instance, from heart disease among smokers' wives was in one study 2.5 times that of non-smoker's wives, and this figure increased when such known risk factors as

blood pressure and cholesterol were ruled out. Offspring of smoking fathers were found to have a 50 percent higher risk of all types of cancer. The Surgeon General has warned that smoking by pregnant women may result in fetal injury, premature birth and low birth weight.

"Quitting smoking now greatly reduces serious risks to your health," advised the Surgeon General. And, as indicated, so doing may also greatly reduce serious risks to the health of loved ones and others.

McLean School Menu Jan. 19-23

Mon.—Hamburgers, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chewies

Tues.—Burritos with Chili and Cheese, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Cake

Wed.—Soup, Tuna Salad or Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Fruit

Thurs.—Corn Dogs, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, Rice Krispy Bars

Fri.—Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls

Benefit Dance Set To Help Defray Medical Costs

Darryl Herndon and his band Country Comfort will perform at a benefit dance on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Sportsman's Club in Pampa. The benefit is being held for Kay Trimble, a nurse formerly employed at Coronado Hospital.

Recently, she underwent surgery and has accumulated substantial medical expenses. The dance is being held to raise money to help her meet the costs of her long-term medical care. Your attendance and donations will be appreciated.

Don't Forget

The McLean-Alanreed Area Museum will host its annual chili dinner on Feb. 3 at the Senior Citizens building. A meal of chili, beans and cobbler will be served from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Classes at McLean and Alanreed schools will not meet tomorrow because of a teacher workday.

The McLean Junior High School basketball tournament will be held tomorrow and Saturday at the gym. Games will begin at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow and at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Varsity boys and girls will travel to Phillips tomorrow for competition. Games begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Junior High teams will host Lefors Monday night starting at 5:15 p.m.

The Varsity boys and girls will play in Miami on Tuesday beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Pampa Men Arrested Here And Charged

Two Pampa residents were arrested in McLean last Tuesday on a variety of charges. DPS Officer John Holland, who made the arrests, said that he heard a call on the radio on Tuesday afternoon reporting that two men in a car were driving recklessly around the school grounds and were harassing students. They also were reported to be causing a disturbance at the football field and the cemetery.

Officer Holland stopped the men who were identified as Julian Long, 20, and Jerry Williams, 27. He said that both men were intoxicated. Upon looking into the vehicle, he found a wadded up American flag, a three-foot spiked club and some drug paraphernalia. It was later determined that the flag had been stolen from the home of Cathy Bailey.

Holland arrested the two and took them to Pampa. They are still in Gray County jail pending payment of bond.

In the court of R.C. Parker, Long faces charges of disorderly conduct, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft over \$20, and exhibition of acceleration.

Williams faces charges of littering, theft under \$20, disorderly conduct and public intoxication.



Tiger attack by Mark McCarty (with ball) and players (left to right) Clint Herndon, Kyle Woods and Sid Brass preparing to make their move in Friday night's district opener against Claude.



McLean Tigers Mark McCarty (top left picture), Floyd Morris (top right picture) and Clint Herndon (bottom right picture) play tough offense and defense in Friday night's game against Claude.



Alanreed Briefs

The James Tidwells and their new baby visited with their parents and grandparents over the weekend.

The Robert Burces took their grandchildren home this weekend after their mother was dismissed from the hospital.

The Willis Mays of Panhandle were here on Saturday.

Bill McKee was here to visit his mother last week.

Ann Standish had son Sam and family, from Perryton, visiting Sunday.

Ruth and Brenda McLain shopped in Pampa on Saturday.

Visiting Rose Hall on Sunday was daughter Beth of Clarendon.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Brother Jeff Messer of the Baptist Church, was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Delbert Murray, Elsa Stalls, Leon Burch, Fay Wilson, Kittie Hessey, Annie Eudey, Teresa Richardson, Alice Dickenson, Inez Fields, Odessa Beeman, Dick Wheeler, Lucille Cullison, Frank Reeves, Ruth Kemp and Earl Tolleson. Each week the resident winning the most bingos will receive a bingo pin. This week our winner was Inez Fields. Our volunteer helpers were Onie Gibson, Loyce Murray, Mildred Giesler, Marie Reeves and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday, Ted Robertson, Lena Carter, Mary Davis and Brenda McLain were here to assist the following residents in dominos: Leon Burch, Pinky Ledgerwood, Earl Tolleson, Inez Fields, Annie Eudey, Dick Wheeler, Ruth Kemp, Lula Sheegog and Teresa Richardson.

Wednesday morning the following residents started making valentines: Earl Tolleson, Teresa Richard-

son, Odessa Beeman, Leon Burch, Lona Jones, Annie Eudey, Alice Dickenson, Elsa Stalls, Inelma Hopkins and Pinky Ledgerwood. Our helper was Adelita Briano.

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

Friday, our faithful lady, Martha Parker, was here with her great movies.

A valentine box is being set up in the foyer. Anyone desiring to bring valentines to the residents may get a list of names from the activity director, Betty Lopez.

Many thanks to Kenneth Gibson from Kingsville, Tx. for furnishing grapefruits for our residents.

A special thank you to Bobby Caldwell for coming several times this week to read to a resident.

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Rush-Dood Turner Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Rush and Dood Turner were honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the Baptist Church.

Hosting the occasion were their children Joann Boyd from Toledo, Ohio, Bobby Carson from Rolla, Missouri, Greg Turner of Amarillo and Glenda Roundtree of Austin; granddaughter Becky Fincher of Carlsbad, New Mex.; and Mrs. Turner's sister, Edith Bybee of McLean.

To express his appreciation to his wife for 50 years

of love and partnership, Mr. Turner sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Somewhere My Love." He was accompanied by his daughter Glenda and by Anna Morris on the piano.

The couple was presented with a new washer and dryer.

Refreshments of cake, punch, nuts and mints were served to a crowd of over 100 people. In addition to friends and relatives from Texas, some traveled from as far away as New Mexico, Ohio and Missouri.

New Phone Books Due This Month

Southwestern Bell Telephone is distributing the 1987 McLean directory with artwork which depicts Texas as the "Center of the Universe" that includes knowledge, technology and development.

Texas Artist Ross Edwards' directory cover artwork, "Telecommunications Possibilities," also depicts the far-reaching implications of Southwestern Bell Telephone's \$12 billion telecommunications network in Texas.

The artwork will appear on more than 9 million directories throughout Texas in 1987.

Gary Stevens, Manager of Community Relations, said more than 850 directories, which include seven pages of residence listings and fourteen pages of Yellow Page listings, will be delivered to area residents. Each residential customer will receive one directory. For additional copies, customers can call the Southwestern Bell Telephone business office.

Distribution of the books will be completed by the January 23, 1987, Stevens said.

McLean Sales Tax Receipts Continue Up

The State Comptroller's office recently sent checks totaling \$48.5 million in local sales tax to 1,038 cities that levy the one-percent city tax. The first payments of 1987 were down almost 9 percent as compared to last year's first payments.

Once again, Gray County showed a sharp decline. The 1987 county-wide payments to date totaled \$74,599.45 as compared to the 1986 payments of \$101,204.81. This represents a loss of 26.29 percent.

In Pampa, sales tax receipts were down 26.62 percent while McLean receipts were up. Payments to date for 1986 for McLean were \$895.27 as compared to 1987 payments of \$994.86. This represents an increase of 11.12 percent.

January checks represent taxes collected on sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller by Dec. 20.

MCLEAN VARSITY BOYS

Jan. 6-Wellington 70, McLean 50; Mark McCarty-25; Kyle Woods-16; Sid Brass-6; Clint Herndon-2; Cal Holwick-1

Jan. 9-Claude 74, McLean 46; Mark McCarty-17; Clint Herndon-8; Sid Brass-6; Kyle Woods-4; Cal Holwick-4; Jeff Parker-2; Donald Harris-2; Floyd Morris-2; Tony Polito-1

MCLEAN VARSITY GIRLS

Jan. 6-Wellington 54, McLean 36; Misty Magee-8; Jem Ann Rice-8; Shawn Crockett-7; Shandee Rice-7; Angie Reynolds-4; Kim Beaver-2

Jan. 9-Claude 50, McLean 34; Shawn Crockett-12; Angie Reynolds-9; Misty Magee-7; Jem Ann Rice-6

A TEAM GIRLS

Groom 38, McLean 19; Susan Worsham-9; Lee Ayn Jordan-6; Hollie Hauck-2; Brandy Melton-2

McLean Briefs

J. Boyd and Frankie Smith went to Amarillo Monday for business and also visited with John Mangum of Lelia Lake.

The McLean News has learned that Joseph H. Smith, former Ford dealer in McLean, passed away and was buried Dec. 15 in Kirtland, New Mexico.

Marine Pfc. John A. Bentley, son of Arley and Shirley Bentley, recently reported for duty with 2nd Marine Division Camp in Lejeune, North Carolina.

JUNIOR HIGH B TEAM BOYS

Dec. 12-McLean 18, Groom 14; Cash Carpenter-5; Christian Looney-6; Caesar Looney-4

A TEAM BOYS

McLean 46, Groom 37; Destry Magee-17; David Johnson-8; Mickey Gomez-8; Daniel Harris-7; Tuffy Sanders-4; J.T. Haynes-2

C.C. Mullins Gets Masons 50 Year Award

Jim Batton of Mobeetie is the new district deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Texas. He and Worshipful Master Jim Shipman presented a 50 year award to Brother C.C. Mullins of Lefors on Dec. 28.

Tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. McLean Masonic Lodge will have a chili supper and Masters Degree following.



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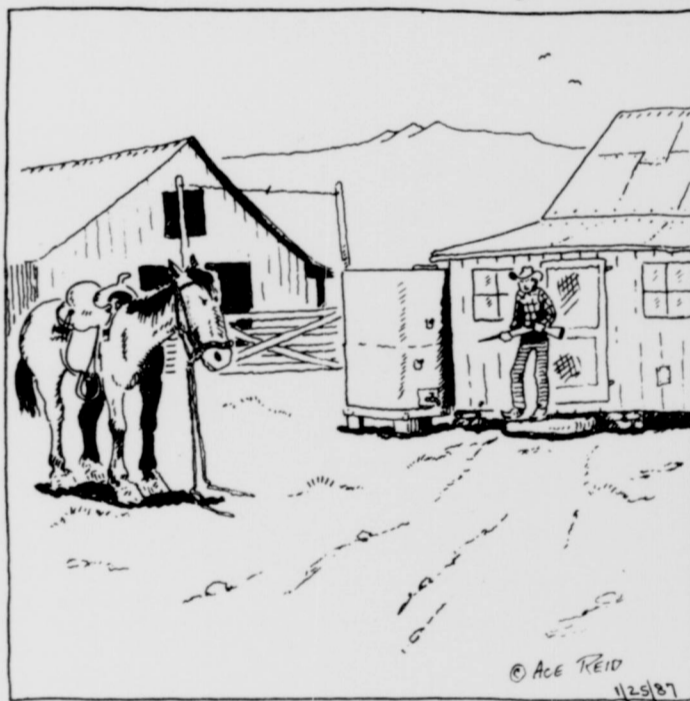
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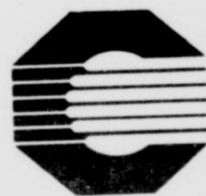
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Extension Service Offers Financial Tips to Farmers

To avoid "going broke," farmers should pay particular attention to areas of financial management that frequently pose pitfalls to expanding businesses or those having cash flow problems, suggests Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist-man-agement with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Here are some "do's" and "don'ts" provided by the Continental Bank of Chicago, which formerly was a major agricultural lender in the Midwest, Hayenga adds. Some of the points are well worth consideration, he says.

-Don't expand beyond your cash flow, don't incur more debt or other financial obligations than your income will handle.

-Do be certain to maintain adequate working capital, which by definition, is the difference between your current assets and current liabilities.

-Don't invest too much capital in fixed and intermediate-term asset at the expense of current assets. Capital invested in current asset generally is more profitable than money invested in fixed assets. In addition, debts and other current obligations of the business have to be paid out of current assets, not fixed assets.

-Do give high priority to converting your sales into cash and maintaining close control of inventories. Both are current assets but you can't pay bills with either receivables or inventories. To provide current, accurate financial information, all receivables should be aged on a monthly basis. Avoid buying up too much capital inventory in relation to inventory turnover.

-Don't live on depreciation. A common mistake is the failure to maintain and replace assets--especially intermediate-term assets such as machinery and trucks--that are essential for business operation. Living on depreciation paints an unrealistic picture of your current asset situation and serious trouble can result when the assets have to be replaced and you find yourself short on capital.

-Do keep your lenders informed of developments that affect your growth projections. Early detection of problems can help to avert them or minimize their impact.

-Don't liquidate current assets to finance fixed assets. While there are exceptions to this rule, they need to be tempered by circumstances.

-Do review your expansion program frequently and be willing to make changes if the situation warrants changes. You may discover that you are attempting to expand too rapidly or not be expanding rapidly enough. Your lender usually can be helpful in this situation.

Computers Useful in Farming

Planning and cost controls are key management activities in today's farming and ranching environment, and this is where computers can lend a hand.

Because microcomputers are becoming less expensive and more agricultural decision-aid software is available, the microcomputer has become a profitable tool for management, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist.

"A microcomputer can be profitable for a farming or ranching operation if used only for budgeting, cost and investment analysis, production records and financial statement preparation and not for farm or ranch accounting," points out Dr. Jim McGrann. "Accounting is a much more time-consuming activity that requires learning accounting procedures."

Computerized decision aids refer to the use of microcomputers to held address specific questions, adds the economist. Such questions might include these: Should I participate in the government program? How much can I pay for feeder cattle? How much machinery capacity do I need to get spring planting completed with 15 working days?

"Having a computer can enable a producer to get information quickly for more informed decisions," McGrann points out. "Such decisions can help prevent mistakes, reduce risk, and increase farm or ranch income."

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service provides microcomputer software that can help address many of the decisions faced by Texas producers. To acquire a software catalog, contact

Public Notice

The City of McLean has been notified by the Texas Department of Health that the water being supplied by our system exceeds the following maximum constituent level for Nitrate specified by the Department "Drinking Water Standards" which were promulgated as required by the "Safe Drinking Water Act", Public Law 93-523 (U.S.). The limit is set at 10 milligrams of Nitrate (as nitrogen) per liter of water. The amount of Nitrate (as nitrogen) in the water we supply was reported to be 11.95 milligrams per liter.

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Jeanie Grogan, Special Services Building Room 105, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex. 77843-2468 or call (409) 845-3929.

"With current microcomputers and decision-aid software, producers need only a few days to learn operating skills to make the computer a profitable decision tool," McGrann points out.

To effectively use computers in management, however, requires increased knowledge of economics and finance, adds the economist. Computer operation skills are a small part of profitable computer use in management.

Because producers need more indepth management training for effective computer use, the Extension Service has developed special intensive short courses which are taught at the Stiles Farm Foundation computer training center. The Stiles Farm is located one mile east of Thrall on U.S. 79 in Williamson County.

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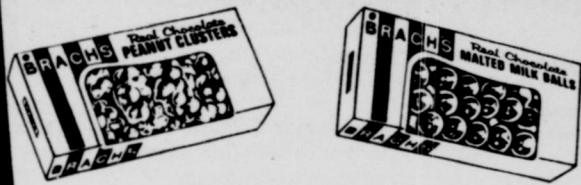
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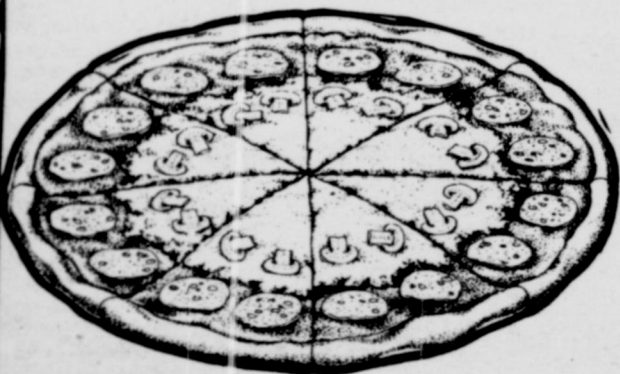
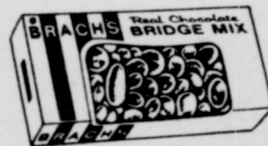


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Financial Focus

By Tom Byrd

Let's wind up our discussion of investment goals by considering what emphasis should be placed on the advice of your broker, financial planner, consultant or whomever you look to with some degree of confidence.

With most people, next to their faith in God, their family and their health, the most important thing to them is their finances. Finances are definitely an important part of our lives.

Doesn't it make sense, then, to be as selective in accepting advice on your investments as you'd be with other important decisions in your life? Yet, so many of us are "sold" an investment without understanding exactly what it is, its risk or its return. We take the word of someone that it's a good investment—that it'll make money. So, we invest.

Regardless of whom we choose as an adviser, that individual should meet certain requirements. First of all, are we reasonably assured that he or she is honest and has our best interests at heart? Has he

or she seriously attempted to determine what we want our investment to achieve or has our adviser tried to sell us a bill of goods? What are his or her credentials? Any professional is delighted to discuss educational background, graduate study, specialized training and registration. As for references, investigate your financial adviser as you would investigate your physician or attorney. It'll be time well spent.

Once you've established confidence, be candid. Remember, the information you give is held in absolute confidence.

In summary, when selecting an investment—for safety, income or growth—you must seriously weigh your personality, current position in life, future needs and the advice of a professional. Plan it out!

Investment Counsel—One whose principal business consists of acting as investment adviser. A substantial part of an investment counselor's business consists of rendering supervisory services.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
21. Howard Rose, Marcie Babcock, Mrs. Stan Anthony, Matt Miller, Mrs. Vincent Britten
22. Dixie Anthony, Stephanie Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kingston (A)

Basketball Scores

Groom Junior High Girls
Groom 7th, 38, Lefors 0.
Kristi Case 12, Angela Belcher and Brandi Sustaire, 10 each.

Groom 8th, 41, Lefors, 22.
Shannon Fields, 22.
Groom 8th 38, McLean 19,
Shannon Fields 12, Jolee Burger 10.

Groom JV Girls
Groom 30, White Deer 32,
English 8, C. Britten 7.
Groom 31, Higgins 20,
Brown 10

Varsity Girls
Groom 59, White Deer 41,
Erin Eschle 19, Suni Barnett 10

Groom 40, Higgins 29,
Karen Bohr 9, Barnett 8
Groom 49, Miami 35, Barnett 21, Eschle 18

23. E.W. Lamberson, Josephine Britten, Ed Gray

24. Joseph L. Homer, Mrs. Johnny Leathers

25. W.E. (Bill) Homer, Carlene Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fraser (A)

26. Robert West, Mrs. John Eschle, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. R.A. Clark, Robbie Kuehler, Hank McConnell

28. Courtney Sustaire

29. R.E. Barkley, Richard Weller, Mrs. Bobby Burgin, Mrs. Kent Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Babcock (A)

Junior Varsity Boys Defeat Miami Team

Experience is the foundation for future good team. The Tiger Junior Varsity teams have been building on this premise since November. Their first outing was at the Borger JV Tournament. Although Groom won over the Pampa Freshman team, Groom lost to both the Borger Red and Borger White teams and did not place in the tournament. Coach Terry Coffee stated that he thought the team had

fared well although losing their next three games for the losses were by small margins. The team lost to Silvertown 36-42 in the first competition and later that week held the loss to a 21-22 score.

Although there will be no district standings for Junior Varsity teams, the JV boys will play each team in the district once with the exception of McLean who does not have a JV team. Their first

game was last Friday in Miami. Groom had success with a 28-33 win. The Tiger JV's next game will be this Friday in Claude.

Members of the JV team include Juniors, Vincent Meaker, James Miller and Rocky Crump. Scott Fields has been side-lined for the season with injuries. Sophomores are Matt Weinheimer and Jason Eschle. Ben Weinheimer, Jay Britten and Richard Jenkins are freshmen.

Groom School Menu

January 19-23
Mon.—No School
Tues.—Barbecue on a bun
Breakfast—Pancakes
Tues.—Enchilidas
Breakfast—Scrambled eggs & toast
Thurs.—Corn Dogs
Breakfast—Bacon, biscuits & gravy
Fri.—Chicken Fried Steak
Breakfast—Donuts

Agriculture Lease Agreements Topic For Workshop In Panhandle

A four hour workshop on calculating equitable crop-share lease agreements will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the War Memorial Building in Panhandle on January 20, 1987. The instructors for the workshop will be Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist-management and Dr. Larry Lippke, Extension economist-crop management. This workshop is intended for tenants, landlords or other interested people. There is a registration fee of \$5.00, space is limited and participants are asked to bring a calculator.

To register for the workshop or for more information, contact John Fields at the County Extension Office, phone 537-3882. This event is sponsored by Carson and Armstrong county crops committees and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Your School

By Superintendent
Rex Peebles

School is back in the swing after the holidays and again I see excellent teaching-learning going on. We are out of school Monday, January 19, for a required teacher workday. After that we will start on our second teacher appraisal.

Both our basketball teams are exciting to watch this year. We have a very good chance to advance to the state playoffs this year.

In the Past—Motion by L.M. Britten, seconded by Rudolph Tucker, that we move the football lights to the American Legion field provided that a satisfactory contract could be worked out with the Board also agreeing to help sod the field. Motion carried 4/20/48.

Give Your Pet Needed Attention

Hypothermia is a lowering of the total body temperature below normal values due to prolonged exposure to low environmental temperatures. Wet conditions aggravate the process tremendously. Symptoms of hypothermia include sluggish reactions, depression, difficulty in arousing from sleep, and low body temperature. Hypothermia may occur without frostbite and frostbite may occur without hypothermia. Obviously, if a pet is exposed to conditions leading to hypothermia, frostbite is often next in line.

Treatment consists of warming the animal to a normal body temperature. Get him out of the cold, wrap him with warm coverings and massage him. Veterinarians strongly recommend you take the animal's temperature with a rectal thermometer. If his temperature is below 98 degrees, call your veterinarian for complete instructions. Severely low temperatures may result in death if not properly treated.

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Something Over Sixties meets today, January 15, at the Methodist Church for the noon luncheon.

Band Boosters will meet Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the band hall.



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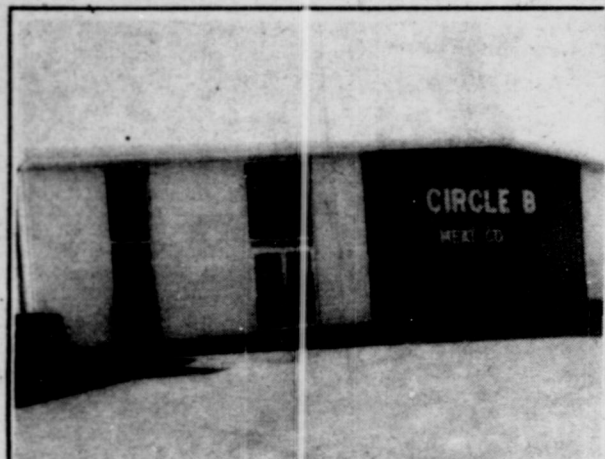
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Men Approaching 26 Reach Milestone With Selective Service

The selective service system has announced that men who will reach their 26th birthday in 1987 are reaching an important milestone.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 1987, men who are required to register with selective service in 1981 will be turning 26. Selective service does not have the authority to accept registrations after age 26. By failing to register before turning 26, a young man will have permanently forfeited his right to certain benefits including federal student aid, job training and federal employment. In addition to these federal benefits, some states require registration for state student aid, entrance to a state supported college or university, state employment and permission to practice law.

Many of the 25-year-olds who have still not registered may be unaware of the requirement or do not understand the importance of the obligation to register. Some may even have

served in the military but failed to register either before entering the armed forces or after leaving active duty. Others may have been institutionalized or incarcerated at the time of their 18th birthday and not realized that they were required to register if released prior to age 26.

For those men born in 1961 who have registered, 1987 also marks the year that ends their eligibility for selection for induction under present law should there be a return to the draft. Over 17 million men, age 18 through 25 have registered with selective service since registration was reinstated in 1980. These men comprise over 97 percent of those required to register.

Men age 18 to 25 who have not yet registered still have a chance to avoid risk of prosecution and loss of benefits by registering promptly at any local post office. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, up to 5 years in jail, or both.

Emergency Farm Loans Available To County Farmers

Applications for Emergency Farm Loans for losses caused by natural disasters (drought, hail, highwinds, excessive rain, flooding, early frost, and freezing weather) are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Amarillo, FmHA County Supervisor James Black said today.

Carson-Potter counties are two of 26 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the natural disasters.

Jim Black said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business of \$500,000 whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Black said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure

in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 31, 1987, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Black said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations of cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Amarillo is open from 8:00 to 4:45 Monday through Friday.

State Spending According To Bullock

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday forecast Texas will have an estimated \$35.1 billion to finance the state's 1988-89 budget, down slightly from the past two years.

"Whether this means there will be a deficit? or what size it might be—rests squarely with the Legislature because they set the level of spending,"

Bullock said, "but even if they hold the line as suggested by the LBB, we're looking at a \$5.8 billion shortfall."

"Neither state finances nor the Texas economy are as vibrant as they have been in the past and the state's economy will expand modestly in the next two years."

Bullock's estimate also cautioned that there will be less money available for general spending because of the state's heavy reliance on dedicated funds and the \$1 billion deficit being carried over from the current budget.

"The final story will be determined by how the Legislature mixes and matches income with costs," he said.

The bulk of the money to operate government will come from tax collections, which are expected to total about \$20 billion.

Tax receipts are expected to be about three percent less than currently being collected and the drop is the first biennial decline in some 30 years.

Sales tax collections, which account for more than half of all collections, will increase by only 2.5 percent above the current level because of modest economic growth and the 1987 temporary tax rates expire on August 31, 1987.

Oil taxes are expected to fall nearly 20 percent over current levels because of low prices and declining production. The revenue estimate is based on an average price of \$15 a barrel of

oil. The revenue estimate also noted that Texas' tax system is out of step with the state's economic system.

"The state's tax system leans too heavily on oil and gas, barely touching the service-reducing industries that will be growing in 1988 and 1989," the estimate noted.

Income from oil and natural gas taxes amounted to 12.7 percent of collections in the 1986-87 budget, but will only account for a total of 10.3 percent in the next two years.

Key economic assumptions in forecasting revenue to Texas government show the state's population is likely to grow only 2.3 percent in the next two years, compared to 3.1 percent in 1986-87 and more than 4.4 percent in the 1984-85 period.

The value of the state's gross produce will climb from \$283.6 billion in 1987 to \$290 billion in 1989, a modest 2.3 percent.

Commissioners

Carson County Commissioners met Monday in regular session. The revised 1987 budget was reviewed by the court and approved.

Commissioner Strawn delivered a signed affidavit concerning his interest in Panhandle Butane and Oil stating that he would abstain from voting on any transactions involving the firm.

Judge Roselius gave new commissioners an overview of county services and functions provided by the County.



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