

# The Groom News

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Alanreed Halloween Carnival attendees study their bingo cards closely as the numbers are called out. Many prizes were given out as several hundred people enjoyed the fun and games. The event was sponsored by the Alanreed PTO.

## Carson County Commissioners Attend State Convention

Carson County Commissioners Court recently attended the State Convention of County Judges and Commissioners Association held in San Antonio, Oct. 25-27.

Members were addressed by Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox who explained the process of receiving opinions from his office and the research involved by his staff before an opinion would be given.

Governor Bill Clements spoke to the group concerning prison overcrowding in Texas and the plan to relieve the situation. "By 1990 there should be facilities available in Texas to house 20,000 additional inmates." Amarillo and Childress are currently being considered as possible building locations for facilities in the Panhandle area.

Raymond Stotzer, head of State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, addressed the members about Texas highways and the maintenance of the

miles of roadways in Texas. Future needs of transportation in Texas were discussed.

Committee meetings were held and discussion of problems common to all Texas Counties was discussed as well as possible solutions to those problems.

Various laws passed by the 70th Legislative Session which directly affected County government were presented to the Association by Sam Seal, Executive Director of the Texas Association of Counties. County Judges and Commissioners were given the

opportunity to ask questions to the TAC legal counsel concerning their interest and interest of their respective Counties.

A reception was held in the "Institute of Texas Cultures" Center by the Bexar County Commissioners Court. Various foods representing different nationalities and cultures were served.

Judges and Commissioners from all over Texas found time to visit about new ideas and methods of operating County government more effectively.

## Driver Escapes Injury In One Car Accident

DPS Officer Don King investigated a one vehicle accident without injury, 11 miles west of Groom last week on I-40. Robin Kay Weaver of Phoenix, Az. lost control of the 1986 Lincoln limosine town car she was driving when a tire came off

tions, along with two DPS warrants being served.

This reporting includes a task force operation held last Tuesday evening, Oct. 27. Officers issued 63 tickets and gave another 38 warning citations during the operation.

The same tire had been flat earlier and was fixed at a garage.

During the period Oct. 25-31, officers issued 102 tickets and 47 warning cita-

The task force included a sergeant, five troopers and one license and weight trooper from the DPS. The officers worked an area along I-40 from Amarillo to the Clarendon overpass.

## Selective Service Ends At Age 26

Men who turn 26 during the remainder of 1987 will be reaching an important milestone according to the Selective Service System.

Young men born in 1961 were required to register with Selective Service in July of 1980 when President Carter reinstated the registration requirement. These men turn 26 in 1987. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept a young man's registration after he had reached his 26th birthday.

Harold Doyle, Texas Selective Service State Director, warned that, with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will permanently forfeit his eligibility for federal student financial aid, job training benefits and most federal employment. Additionally, non-registrants face possible prosecution as felons.

Texas has registered nearly one million men since 1980.

## County / School Property Taxes Rise At Slow Pace

For county property taxes, the 1986 increase was the lowest annual percentage increase since 1963, while the special district increase was the lowest since 1968. The last time school taxes grew

at such a slow pace was in 1979.

School district taxes accounted for 52 percent of all 1986 property taxes. City property taxes were up 20.5 percent of the total, county taxes another 15.5 percent and special district taxes accounted for the remaining 12 percent. This breakdown of statewide property taxes has remained relatively constant since 1984.

"Keep in mind that our figures represent total property taxes levied and not taxes actually collected," Patterson pointed out. "Taxing units rarely collect every dollar of their tax levy, although they may pick up some of the shortfall with collections of delinquent taxes from previous years."

On a per capita basis, property taxes amounted to \$537.63 for each Texas resident in 1986 fiscal year, up from \$494.27 in 1985.

Local property tax levies

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## 135 Achieve Perfect Attendance

The month of October is attendance accounting month for schools across Texas. The attendance records are used by the state to reimburse funds to school districts. For small school districts, such as Groom, the importance of good attendance during accounting periods is imperative.

To encourage good attendance, Superintendent Rex Peeples promised DQ ice cream treats to all students having perfect attendance during the month of October. This year of 205 students, 135 students are receiving treats this week.

## Deacons Installed At Baptist Church

Four men were installed as deacons at First Baptist Church Sunday during ordination services.

New deacons are Don Lyles, John "Rusty" Pipes, Randal Patterson and Troy Ritter. Currently serving as deacons at First Baptist Church are Bill Cornett, Bill Ellington, Mert Kendrick, Greg Lamb, Bobby Pool, Donald Ritter, Wayne Shaw and Billy Fields.

Former Groom pastor, Barry Bradley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mileshoe, gave the ordination sermon. Special music was presented by Greg and Janetta Lamb. The Rev. Rick Burton, pastor of First Baptist Church, presided over the presentation of candidates.

## Community Calendar

**Immunization Clinic** will be held at the Groom Area Clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Innoculations will be given from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Groom Lions Club** is taking donations for Girlstown near Berger. Please give donations to any Lions member.

**Lazy Dazys** meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the home of Linda Weller, 7:30 p.m.

**Groom Country Neighbors** Thanksgiving dinner will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m. at the Glynn D Harrell home with Mrs. Harrell and Mrs. R.W. Wills as co-hostesses.

**Girls Basketball Scrimmages** with Clarendon, 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at school gym. Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Girls.

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## Veterans Day

Nov. 11



## Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

WHEAT \$2.26 bushel  
MILO \$2.90 cwt.  
CORN \$3.25 cwt.

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## Tigers Season Halted Ahead Of Schedule

Groom's football season was cut short this year with Claude forfeiting the final game to Groom. Claude has played with reduced numbers all season and last week entered the game with Nazareth with only 13 players. Two players received injuries.

Claude declined this week to play Groom stating they only had 11 eligible players and could very easily get into a game that would be called anyway if anyone was hurt.

Groom ended the season with a victory last week against Kress, 13-0. Groom will most likely finish the season in fourth place in district behind Nazareth, Vega and Happy. Groom's finishes the season with 6

wins and 3 losses. All the losses came in district play.

Both Tiger scores were made by Bruce Thornton, the first from a yard out in the second quarter and the second from four yards out in the fourth quarter.

Groom gained 219 yards with Kress having only 138. Groom's rushing attack was led by Richard Koetting who had 82 yards on 15 carries. Michael Rose added 59 yards on three carries.

Lupe Huerta led the Kangaroos' rushing with 62 yards. Huerta was injured during the game and transported by Groom Ambulance Northwest Texas Hospital. He was treated and released.

Groom will begin basketball drills later in the week.

## Local Happenings

Gene and Mary Smith of Dimmitt were visitors in the home of Bea and Brent Stephens this past Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Ritter and Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell attended funeral services at the First Christian Church in Woodward, Okla. and graveside rites at Gage, Okla. for Frank Grantham, former Groom resident, Thursday, Oct. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Coffee hosted a party for their son Adam Saturday. Guests enjoyed a scavenger hunt and refreshments. Those attending were Michael Lewis, C.J. Whatley and Sean Crowell.

Groom Volunteer firemen answered a call Thursday, Oct. 29, to a fire two miles south of Boydston. Some 15 bales of hay belonging to Jerry Thornton were a total loss.

### Brownies Meet

The Brownie Troop met Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the Groom Activity Center. The girls divided into two groups and went on a scavenger hunt to various peoples homes in Groom. To conclude the evening a Halloween party was held. Refreshments were brought by Kelly Erwin.

### Country Neighbors

Mrs. Evelyn Hubbard and Mrs. Claude Schaffer served as hostesses of Groom Country Neighbors Wednesday afternoon October 28 in the Schaffer home.

During a brief business session, plans were made for the annual Thanksgiving dinner and a change of meeting date from fourth to second Wednesday was made.

Games of Bingo furnished entertainment.

Those present were Mrs. O.A. Pool, Mrs. Jim Wall, Mrs. J.E. Lee, Mrs. H.F. Britten, Mrs. Roy Ritter, Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Mrs. John Hickox, Mrs. R.W. Wills, Mrs. Glynn D Harrell and Mrs. R.J. Kuehler.

Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Harrell will be hostesses of the Thanksgiving dinner in the Harrell home, November 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. Fred Holcomb in Howe, Texas, Saturday were R.B. Thornton, Mrs. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton, Mrs. John Koetting, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wood and Helen Witt.

Others attending were Curtis and Connie Thornton and Tom Britten of Abilene, Raymon Wood of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peek and Brent of English and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt and Rheagan of Alto.

Mrs. Holcomb was a sister to R.B. Thornton.

Brent and Bea Stephens hosted their annual Halloween Party Saturday evening. Guests enjoyed nachos with all the trimmings. A special pinata prepared by Mrs. Stephens provided entertainment for the children.

Those attending were Juan and Lori Lopez, Anthony and Estaban of Hereford; Larry and Kay Stephens, Lori and Adam; Howell and Sharlene Lewis, Michael and Jeremy; Troy and Sharon Ritter, Justin, Seth, Clay and Wade Brian Collingsworth; Jerry and Leslie Crowell, Laren, Sean, Bryan and Evan and Charlotte Whatley, C.J. and Dara.

Rusty and Jan Pipes hosted a party in their home for the Young Adult Sunday School class of First Baptist Church of Groom. The party was held Saturday evening. Guests enjoyed chips, dips and games. The younger crowd in attendance enjoyed trick or treating.

Those in attendance were Marion, Caleb and Suzi Pool, Betsy and Dicki Painter, Tina and Toni Painter, Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy Lewis, Karla, Eric, Kelly, Karla and Katie Erwin, Charlotte, C.J. and Dara Whatley and hosts, Jan, Rusty, Kyle and Stacey Pipes.

### Nightin' Gals Meet

Nightin' Gals met Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of the State National Bank with Mrs. J.C. Brown and Mrs. John Hickox as hostesses.

Members were reminded the next meeting and following meetings during the winter months would be at 6:30 p.m.

Games of Pinochle were played with Mrs. R.C. Britten receiving high score prize and Mrs. H.F. Britten, low.

Others present were: Mrs. L.T. Banks, Mrs. J.L. Case, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. C.L. Fields, Mrs. Ted Friemel, Mrs. W.M. Garmon, Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mrs. W.G. Koetting, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. O.A. Pool, Mrs. B.F. Patterson and Mrs. R.W. Wills.

Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Garmon will be hostesses of the November meeting.

## Cub Scouts Visit Indian Caves Near Claude

A group of 17 boys and five adults traveled to the Harrel Ranch, 30 miles south of Claude, last Saturday to tour the Indian caves. Their two hour hike included seeing writings left by the Kiowa Indians in approximately 1870, plus the nature the canyons have to offer. On their return hike, the boys saw where one of the wagon trains crossed the canyon with their names engraved dating to 1902. Furr Standridge served as a guide for the scouts.

Those attending were Adam Stephens, Daniel Treadwell, Todd Gray, Jamie Shuck, Toby Burgin, Michael Stephens, Jeremy Lewis, Lori Stephens, Michelle Stephens, Sean Crowell, Bryan Crowell, Adam Coffee, Dara Whatley, Michael Lewis, Joe Britten, Nick Ashford, Scott McLaughlin, Terry Eatmon C.J. Whatley and sponsors, Bea Stephens, Kay Stephens, Sharlene Lewis, Greg Eatmon and Charlotte Whatley.

### Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. I really enjoyed it. God bless you all.  
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### Name Omitted

Staci Fields was among fifth graders named to the Honor Roll last week at Groom Schools.

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## VETERANS DAY

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### Legal Holiday, Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11th

Closed Wednesday, November 11, in observance

**Former Resident Buried In Canyon**

Funeral services for Wayland C. Angel were held Monday, Nov. 2 at the First Baptist Church in Canyon. The Rev. Jim Hancock, minister, officiated. Burial was in Memory Garden cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors. Mr. Angel, 74, died Friday, October 30, 1987. He was born in Groom and

lived in Canyon since 1941. He was a farmer and former Randall County Judge from 1960-64. He was married to Effie Dean Bullard at Lela Lake in 1935.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Clifford Angel, Hollywood, Ca., and Kenneth Angel, Amarillo; a daughter, Mary Rivera, Sata Cruise, Ca.; two brothers, Allan Angel of Plainview and James Wesley Angel of Pampa; a sister, Ruby Denton of Groom and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church building fund.

**County Accident Report**

Capt. Bob Russell, district supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol district said for the month of September, Sgt. Richard Gribble of Borger stated that in Carson county, troopers investigated five accidents with personal injury and 10 with property damage. Five persons suffered injuries in the accidents.

**John Nash Buried In Wellington**

Funeral services for John Nash, 74 of Wellington, were held Wednesday, November 4, 1987 at the First Baptist Church in Wellington. Dr. Keith Bruce, pastor, officiated. Assisting was the Rev. Elvis Pitts, pastor of the Quail Baptist Church. Burial was in Rowe Cemetery at Hedley under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nash died Monday, November 2.

He was born in Corsicana. He married Zell Biffle on July 21, 1935 in Memphis, Tx. She preceded her husband in death in December 1986. The couple moved to Hedley in 1955. He was a ranch manager for the Doneghy Ranch from 1955 to 1962. He was Texaco consignee in Wellington when he retired. He was a former director of the City

State Bank and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are a son Johnny Nash of Wellington; a daughter, Nancy Brumley of Groom; three grandsons, Ricky Brumley, Borger, Clint Nash, Ft. Worth, and Darrell Nash, Rusk; a granddaughter, Kim Bates, Amarillo; a great-granddaughter, Jessica Bates, Amarillo and great-grandson, Jason Brumley of Borger.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil, Claude and Salem Nash.

The family requests memorials to the Hedley Cemetery Association or your favorite charity.

Sue and Hal Howerton, Kendy, Shannon and Ashley of Lubbock were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Howard, Saturday and Sunday. The younger Howertons were joined by cousin Caren Howard for Trick or Treating Saturday night.

**Retired Missionary Speaks at Service**

Ruby Wheat of Wichita Falls, Tex. was in Groom Sunday evening to speak at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Wheat is a retired missionary from Korea and also served in China and the Philippines.

The GAs gathered at 5:00 p.m. for a Korean meal prepared by Marion Pool. Those attending were Kori Brown, Marti Jackson, Amy Rambo, Dara Whitley, Darcee Lyles, Suzi Pool, Brenda Fields, Rick and Gail Burton, Jim and Elizabeth, Staci Fields, Jan Pipes, Stacy and Kyle, Charlotte Whitley and Marion Pool.

Mrs. Wheat spoke at the evening services showing souvenirs from her stay in Korea.

**Girls Basketball Scrimmage Is Saturday**

The girls basketball team will scrimmage Clarendon this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The scrimmage will include the Junior Varsity and Varsity team.

Coach Eric Erwin begins a new year in Groom with a relatively new team of players. The varsity team has 11 girls out with five freshmen. Returning starters include Erin Eschle, Karen Bohr, Lezlie Sweatt and Kellye Stroope. Jenni English and Carlene Britten also gained some playing time last season on the Junior Varsity.

**Public Notice**


The Carson County Commissioners' Court is taking bids on the following:

Multi-peril insurance coverage on various county buildings, and the County general liability insurance coverage.

Specifications can be obtained from the Carson County Judge in his office in the Carson County Courthouse, Panhandle, Texas.

This notice is in accordance with Article 1659 and/or Article 2368a, Vernon's Annotated Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas which requires publication of this notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the time set for letting such contract. The date of the first publication is to be at least fourteen days prior to the date set for letting such contract. Bids are to be delivered to the County Auditor of Carson County, Texas, prior to 10 a.m., November 12, 1987, the date and time at which such bids shall be publicly opened, read and considered by the Carson County Commissioners Court. The court shall have the right to award its contract to the party who, in the judgement of the Commissioners Court, has submitted the lowest and best bid. The Commissioners Court has the additional right to reject all bids when the bids received are not satisfactory to the court.

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DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 04	Clarendon	There	8:00 PM
Sept. 11	Highland Park	Here	8:00 PM
Sept. 18	Gruver	Here	8:00 PM
Sept. 25			
Oct. 02	McLean	Here	8:00 PM
Oct. 09	* Vega	Here	7:30 PM
Oct. 16	* Happy	There	7:30 PM
Oct. 23	* Nazareth	Here	7:30 PM
Oct. 30	* Kress	Here	7:30 PM
Nov. 06	* Claude	There	7:30 PM

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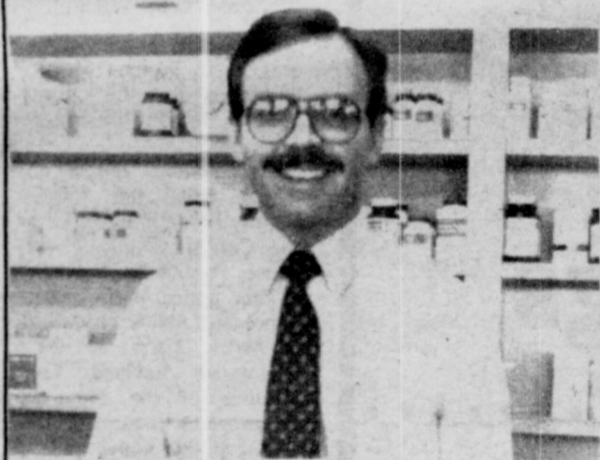
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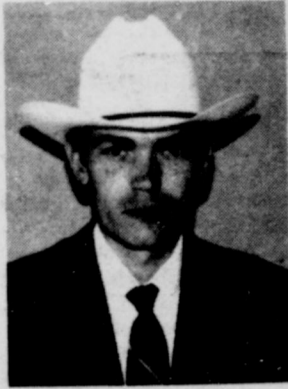
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"I have been in law enforcement since 1981 when I was employed by the Borger police department. The last three years I have served as deputy sheriff in Carson County.

"My wife, Trish and I have two children, Monty Dale and Jerica. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of White Deer.

"If elected, I will do my best and feel my past experience in the Sheriff's Department will be a great advantage.

"Your support will be deeply appreciated."

**Paid Pol. Adv., Terry E. Timmons, Panhandle, Texas, 79068**

**Babcocks Celebrate  
50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Babcock of Kermit, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, October 31 at the Pampa Country Club. The event was hosted by their children, Joe and Betty Babcock of Hobbs, N.M. and Sweetie and Dr. John Costanzi of Galveston.

Mrs. Babcock was the former Wilhelmena Johnson of the Grandview Community.

About 90 family members and close friends from Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Amarillo, Pampa and Wheeler and Hobbs, N.M. attended the celebration.

Later in the evening a large group of relatives gathered at the Ronnie Babcock home for good food and lots of visiting and exchange of memories.

Henry Babcock is a brother to Zoah Britten, Jim and Bud Babcock of Groom and Jack Babcock of Amarillo.

**Groom Voters Approve  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering**

Election Judge Nila Burgin reported voter turnout in Tuesday's election in Groom, though low, was more than election officials expected.

"They sent us 130 ballots, and by 5:00 p.m., 146 persons had voted. We had expected about 100 to vote in our precinct."

Copies of the ballot were provided for the overflow of voters.

Results of Tuesday's election for Groom were as follows:

	For	Against
1	151	41
2	76	107
3	175	20
4	118	64
5	68	103
6	96	81
7	59	112
8	117	61
9	64	112
10	90	84
11	90	81
12	166	24
13	88	83
14	114	56
15	99	47
16	108	69
17	88	74
18	80	89
19	148	43
20	77	93
21	55	103
22	124	55
23	115	61
24	97	83
25	132	33

Voters in the referendum election voted 52 for an

appointed state school board and 152 against. In the pari-mutuel issue voters cast 138 votes for and 70 against. A total of 218 votes were cast in the precinct.

**November Birthdays  
And Anniversaries**

1. Charlet Coutts
2. Michael Brown, Bobby Jones, Billy Jones, Martin Britten
3. Lauren Crowell, James Koetting
5. Mrs. R.A. Snyder, Rocky Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammers (A)
6. Mrs. J.M. Wall, Kelly Stroope
8. Mrs. Carlton Turville, Mrs. Keith Barkley
9. Mrs. Chris Eritten, Mr. and Mrs. M. George (Jiggs) Britten, Sr. (A)
10. Justin Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Hutsell (A)
11. Kristen Brooks, Ralph Hutsell, Brent Thompson, Kenzi Burger, Paul Weinheimer
12. Mrs. Jiminy Burgin, Jerry Weinheimer.
13. Mrs. Charles D. Fields, Mrs. Raymond Brown
14. R.B. Thoraton, MRs. Sam Kotara, Meredith Kendrick, Marie Latimer
15. Skye Brown, Lori Stephens, Heather Brown, Ernest Weller
17. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wade (A), Norris Hoyt, Mrs. Fred Brown, Ms. Foster Burgin, Jill Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Vaughn (A)
19. Kenneth Weinheimer, Larry Brown, Mr. and Mrs.

Ross Nix (A), Mr. and Mrs. Harris Howard (A)

20. J.L. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Friemel (A)

21. Gordon Schaffer, Greg Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bichsel (A)

22. Herman Leven, Pat Weinheimer, Jr., John Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Britten (A)

23. LaNita Schultz

24. Mrs. Dwain Weller, Rex Ruthardt, C.L. Weiberg

25. Chris Ollinger, John Mark Baggerman, Rev. Jerry Moore, Mrs. Eldred Atchley

26. Mrs. Tony Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Britten (A), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Payton (A)

27. Mrs. Jack Pool, Karen Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens (A)

28. Mrs. Ted Friemel, James Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Homer (A), Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Farley (A), Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard (A)

29. Mrs. W.A. Dickerson, Page Blackwell, Mrs. Bobby Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Barnett (A)

30. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pavlovsky (A), Callie Jo Bichsel, Marcus Miller.

**Groom School Board**

School Board members are scheduled to meet next Tuesday, Nov. 10 in regular session at 8:00 p.m. Items to be voted on include six-man football. Video tapes of six man football are available from Ken Sweatt for anyone interested in the issue.

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The McLean School Board will have its regular monthly meeting on Monday night at 5:00 p.m. in the School Business Office.

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

The Tigers will finish their season tomorrow night as they travel to Sunray. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

An adult night class in Computer Literacy and Software Usage is being offered by McLean High School. Anyone interested in the class should meet at the school's computer room Monday night at 6:30 p.m. The teacher will be Cynthia Ewing.

Due to the McLean Harvest Carnival, the Alanreed Community Improvement meeting will not be held Saturday night.

There will be a Cowboy Church on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Lefors Civic Center. The service will be conducted by Andy Taylor, former PRCA bull-rider from Allison.

McLean School's annual Harvest Coronation will be Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m.

## Fire Department Carnival Saturday

Don't forget the McLean Fire Department's annual Harvest Carnival on Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the Gerald Tate Ag Barn.

There will be fun and games for everyone including a cake walk, pie walk, dunking booth, and a hay ride. Door prizes will also be given away during the evening.

Before the carnival, the McLean Band Booster Club will have a turkey and dressing dinner from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Every one is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.

## Pilot Continues War Stories

The following is the conclusion of a two-part story on McLean resident and World War II veteran Ted Longino:

After a long and harrowing flight through a severe storm which claimed the lives of 12 of the 24 crews who began the trip, Lieutenant Ted Longino and his men landed their B-24 heavy bomber on the African continent in late 1944. Bad weather continued to plague them as they made their way northward to their final destination in Europe. They were "weathered in" at Oran, Algiers, Tunis and in Italy. Finally, they arrived at their assigned post at Cerignola, Italy in December, 1944.

As members of the 15th Air Force, Longino and his crew flew missions in northern Italy and Austria mostly against targets in the Po Valley and the Brenner Pass between Italy and Austria. Toward the end of the war, they also flew against targets in Germany.

Altogether, Longino's crew flew 19 missions against the Axis between December, 1944 and May, 1945. In his first one, Longino went as a co-pilot with

an experienced crew. He said that as the plane took off, it wasn't getting enough power to get off the ground with a full load of bombs. Longino said that the pilot had forgotten to switch on the supercharger which gives more power to a plane with a heavy load. He spotted the over-sight, switched on the supercharger, and the plane took off.

The first mission for Longino and his regular crew was against a target in Linz, Austria. As he describes it, "Enemy anti-aircraft gunners on the ground would plot the course our planes had to take in order to get to our targets. They would pick a spot and would put up what we called a "box." That is, they would fill that spot in the sky with as much anti-aircraft fire as possible and we would just have to fly through it and hope for the best."

On this first mission, Longino's plane ran into a box and his co-pilot froze. "He couldn't do anything," Longino said. "Fortunately, our navigator happened to be a pilot who was riding with us as an observer. He took over

for the co-pilot and we were able to complete our mission. After that one experience," Longino added, "the co-pilot was alright. He finished the rest of our tour of duty with no problems."

Although Longino and his men were never wounded, their plane got hit on more than one occasion. On one mission, their plane's engines lost half of their power. "We had to cripple back to our base," Longino explained. "At first we were all alone, but about halfway home, we were joined by another B-24. It wasn't from our squadron and that made us nervous because the Germans had captured some of our planes and we didn't know if this was one of them. We flashed the password several times but got no response. I ordered my gunners to train their guns on the plane and to open fire if it made any threatening moves. We stayed that way for most of the trip until the plane finally peeled off and headed back toward its own base. We never did identify it," he added, "but I believe it was one of ours."

On another mission, a piece of flak (anti-aircraft shell) hit Longino's plane and damaged its hydraulic system. When the plane was ready to land, the wheels had to be cranked down by hand and the brakes didn't work. Fortunately, the craft landed safely. By the way, Longino still has the piece of flak as a reminder of the incident.

The enemy wasn't the only danger Longino and his men had to face. After one mission, he recalls, his plane came back to its base ready to land. "To avoid confusion," he said, "we would return in formation and each plane would peel off one at a time to land. Our gas gauge read empty and my co-pilot See "Longino" p.6

## McLean Bands Busy With Many Activities

Members of the various McLean bands have been quite active lately. The High School Band continues to sell The World's Finest Chocolate. This week, members of the 5th, 6th, and Junior High bands are also hitting the pavements as they begin taking orders for products from their Christmas shopper's catalog.

According to Band Director Roger Myers, no advance payments will be taken for products ordered. Buyers should be prepared to pay for their orders on delivery, which should be some time after Thanksgiving. Anyone wishing to buy from the catalog can contact any band member up until Nov. 9.

## Results of City Poll On Law Officer

Several weeks ago, the City of McLean sent out an informal survey with the monthly gas bills. Its purpose was to give residents an opportunity to express their opinions on the issue of hiring a local law enforcement officer to enforce city ordinances. Survey respondents were asked to vote in favor of one of the following options:

1. To hire a night watchman, who does not have to be certified;
2. To hire a certified law officer;
3. To do nothing.

The results of the survey were:  
-170 in favor of hiring a night watchman;  
-55 in favor of hiring a certified law officer;  
173 in favor of doing nothing.

The City Council is expected to act on this issue in the near future.

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**Longino**

was flying the plane. One of our engines quit and he thought I had turned it off just to test him. I told him that we were out of fuel. We called the tower and told them we had to land right away. By the time we landed and taxied to our staging area, we were completely out of gas."

Ironically, Longino said that his most frightening mission came the day after the Germans surrendered. His and several other planes were assigned to drop supplies to a group of Allied soldiers who had been held in an enemy prisoner of war camp in Austria. "The camp was in a box canyon with steep walls," Longino said. "We had to fly in a very limited space at an altitude of about 500 feet. The thing that was most frightening was the fact that we didn't know whether or not those men knew that the war was over. We were afraid that they would hear our motors and just start shooting. At an altitude of only 500 feet, a pistol could have shot us down." A colonel had volunteered to go down into the canyon first. He made his drop and then had to make a steep U-turn to keep from hitting the canyon walls. All of the aircraft made it safely through the mission.

Longino said that during his 19 missions he saw planes explode and go down and he saw crews that had to bail out of their aircraft. But, surprisingly, the whole time he was flying, he never saw an enemy fighter plane. All of the damage done to his and other aircraft was from anti-aircraft fire.

Longino stayed in Italy for about a month after the war in Europe ended. Then he was assigned an airplane to fly back home. Taking the southern route, he and his crew flew over the Sahara Desert, across the Atlantic and on to Natal, Brazil.

Commenting about his ride home, he said, "I was more apprehensive flying across the mouth of the Amazon River than over the Sahara. If we crashed in the desert we might die of thirst but around the Amazon there were all kinds of dangers. The mouth of the river is about 100 miles wide and it has thick jungle on both sides. If you crashed there, you could drown, get lost in the jungle, or get eaten by a wild animal or who knows what."

From Brazil, Longino flew back to the states. "When our plane got close to America, we switched on the radio," he said. "The first thing we heard was 'The Breakfast Club' out of Chicago. It was one of the greatest sounds I have ever heard."

The first stop in the U.S. was Charleston, South Carolina "where they fed us eggs, milk, steak and anything else we wanted," he said. This was in late July, 1945. From there, Longino was ordered to an air base in

San Antonio and had just been assigned for duty in the South Pacific when the Japanese surrendered in August, 1945. Shortly after the

war ended, he was discharged from the service.

After the war, Longino enrolled at the University of Texas and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ceramic Engineering. After school, he held a variety of positions in several ceramics and pottery companies and finally came to Eagle-Picher Industries. He was to remain with the company for 25 years, where he held a variety of sales and management positions. Upon his retirement in 1982, he and his wife moved to McLean.

Although Longino had never lived in McLean until 1982, he had visited here frequently. His father, Reverend Hugh Alvin Longino, and his mother, Ella, had

come to McLean in 1943 to serve at the Methodist Church. They remained until 1950 and Longino's youngest brother, Ray Wilbur, had attended McLean High School.

On one of his many visits to McLean to visit his parents, his mother introduced him to a young lady named Jean Peabody, from Keller-ville. In December, 1946, they were married at the McLean Methodist Church. The service was performed by Reverend Longino.

During their lives together the Longinos have raised four sons: Bob, who is Arts and Entertainment Editor for The Seattle Times in Seattle, Wash.; Joe Ted, a high school basketball coach in

Richardson, Tex.; Jay, who is Maintenance Manager at McLean Care Center; and Hugh Clayton, who passed away several years ago. Mrs. Longino's mother, Eva Peabody, is a long-time resident of this area.

**McLean Briefs**

Visiting in the home of Gladys Smith last weekend was her sister, Oleta Riddle. She also visited her sister Laeuna Caldwell, in Amarillo.

J. T. Trew is in Coronado Hospital in Pampa.

Joe Cook was due to enter a hospital in Amarillo yesterday for possible surgery.

Rose and Lloyd Erwin, of Arlington, were here Monday to visit Minnie Erwin.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Nov. 22 at the Methodist Church.

**Services For Former Resident In Oklahoma**

Services for Clyde Eugene Horrell, 82, a former McLean resident, were held Monday at the Church of Christ in Gore, Okla. Officiating was Bill Tibbles. Burial was at Sunny Lane Cemetery in Del City, Okla.

Mr. Horrell died Oct. 29, 1987 in Vian, Okla.

He was born Sept. 24, 1905 in Colchester, Illinois, the son of Roy and Ethel Horrell. He married Leola Huff on Jan. 15, 1936 in McLean. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a retired painter and paper-hanger.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Floyd and Lloyd Horrell of Gore; one foster-daughter, Mary Reagh of Centerton, Ark.; 5 brothers, Wilbur and Roy Horrell of Arlington, Tx.; Gerald and Cecil Horrell of Amarillo, and Oscar Ray Horrell of Spruce Pine, North Carolina; two sisters, Bernise Boydston and Joyce Thurston of Vega; 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



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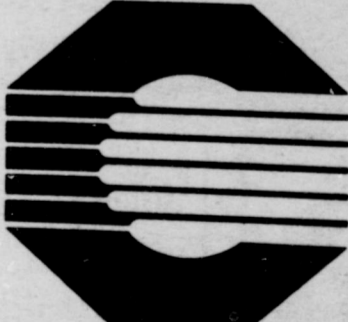
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**Eck Works on Doctorate at Arizona University**

Tom Eck, son of George and Joyce Eck of McLean, has moved to Tucson, Ariz. where he is working on a doctorate degree in nutrition at the University of Arizona.

Eck, whose father is an owner of the McLean Cattle Co. feedlot, received his master of science degree in animal science at Texas Tech University in Lubbock this August. He had a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale at Tech, where his major was ruminant nutrition.

He held a research assistantship for two years in the Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and wrote a thesis dealing with the role of protein in newly received feedlot cattle. His thesis title was "The Effect of Protein Source and Level on the Performance of Feedlot Cattle."

Eck also was the graduate adviser for Block and Bridle, a student agriculture organization, and received an award from the students for his service.

He received his bachelor's

degree at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Ok. in 1983 and is a 1979 graduate of McLean High School.

**Coronation**

**Juniors-Sally Worsham,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worsham and Sid Erass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brass;

**Seniors-Judy Kennedy,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Kennedy and Robert Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tidwell.

Before the coronation, there will be a costume contest at 7:00 p.m. It will consist of the following divisions: Preschool-kindergarten; 1st-3rd grades; 4th-6th grades.

First, second and third place winners will be named in each category and a grand prize will be awarded to the best overall costume among the various divisions.

A costume can be of any kind as long as it is appropriate to Harvest(Halloween, Fables, Story Characters, etc.). Costumes will be judged by a panel on originality and presentation.

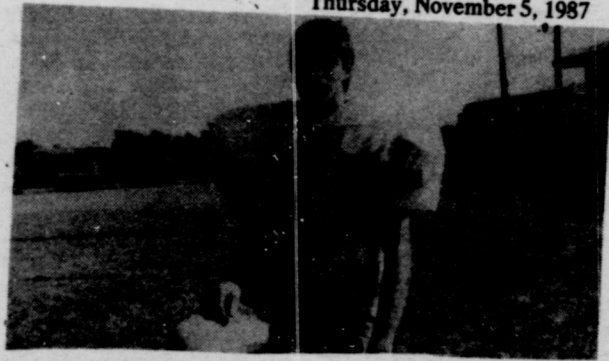
**Meet The Tigers**



Senior Huey Green, 18, is a 4th year Tiger. Playing wingback and halfback, he is a captain of the team and has been voted Most Valuable Football player. He was also named to the Second Team All District Football Squad.

He is currently president of his class and is also a

member of the basketball, track and tennis teams. Huey, who makes his home with Gwen Henley, says he enjoys waterskiing, hunting and chasing girls.



Tres Hess is the 15-year-old son of Jake and Ida Hess. A Sophomore, he is a second-year Tiger. He plays tailback and safety for the team. A member of the McLean

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The City of McLean, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 10, 1987, at the City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Community Affairs (TDCA) for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Fund Grant.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on all eligible activities under the Texas Community Development Program, the use of past TCDP contract funds, and the funding available in FY 1987.

The final application must be submitted to the Texas Department of Community Affairs by December 3, 1987

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Jan Crothero  
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**McLean Care Center News**

Lorene Sharp has returned to her home. We wish her well. Jay Gould has returned to Clarendon. We will miss them both.

Sunday at noon, Gib Welch from Berger was here to sing and play his guitar for residents. In the afternoon, members of the Pentecostal Church were here to conduct services and returned Wednesday for a sing-a-long.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Ruth Kemp, Odessa Beeman, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Lillie Knox, Fay Wilson, Kittie Hessey, Ruby Trusty, Alice Dickenson, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Clyde Trusty and Eula Morrow. Our helpers were Cliffie Heasley, Nell Hill, Onie Gibson, Annie Herndon, Mildred Giesler and Onie Gibson. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday morning the residents sacked candy for our trick or treaters. Those participating were Lona Jones, Dick Wheeler, Mattie Wheeler, Lillie Knox, Teresa Richardson, Ruby Trusty, Leon Burch, P.L. Ledgerwood, Kittie Hessey, Eula Morrow and Annie Eudey. In the afternoon, Pete Evans, Ted Robertson, Lena Carter and Brenda McLain were here to assist the following residents in dominos: Annie Eudey, Leon Burch, Eula Morrow, Dick Wheeler, Odessa Beeman, Teresa Richardson, P.L. Ledgerwood and Earl Tolleson.

Ted Robertson was here Thursday, Friday and Saturday to assist some residents in dominos.

Saturday was our Halloween Party. A special thank you to all families for bringing their children to the Nursing Center to parade their costumes for us and to the ones that participated in bobbing for apples. Resident Leon Burch gave each child a sack of candy prepared by the residents. Cupcakes were furnished and decorated by Ginger Morilla. Ladies serving were Louise Turner, Loyce Murray, Wanda Hill, Isabelle Cousins and Mary Dwyer. Many thanks to the staff members for not only coming to work in costume but for their help in dressing the residents for this gala occasion. The party was a great success.

Our bake sale and bazaar will be held Sat. Nov. 14 at the Nursing Center. Please keep this date in mind.

**McLean School Menu**  
Nov. 9-13

Mon.—Hamburgers, French Fries, Chocolate Pudding

Tues.—Stew, Peanut Butter and Jelly or Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Cake

Wed.—Burritos, Tossed Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Whipped Jello

Thurs.—Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Cookies, Fruit

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

**Alanreed News**

Hartley and Mary Davis returned home last Saturday night after a stay with their children in Amarillo. They also visited Hattie Terbush who is in a nursing home there.

Visiting the Robert Bruces and attending the First Baptist Church on Sunday were Shawn, Paul and Kay Bruce of Pampa. Their parents went to Dallas where Mrs. Bruce entered a hospital for observation. The kids attended the Alanreed Carnival Saturday night.

Rose Hall had son Jack and family, of Clarendon, visiting Sunday.

Shawn Crockett was here from San Marcos to visit friends and relatives this weekend.

On the sick list last week were Elmer and Dorothy Daniels and Dick and Nora Drago.

**Pioneer Study Club**

Pioneer Study Club met Oct. 1st in Lovett Library. Refreshments were served by Janet McCracken who also presided over the business meeting in the absence of President Wanda Lamb.

Bonnie Fabian gave an excellent book review of "The Different Drum" by M. Scott Peck, M.D.

Other members present were Fayette Bell Barton, Nancy Billingsley, Margaret Coleman, Mary Dwyer, Margaret Grogan, Mary Lou Glass, Clara Hupp, Ruth Magee, Loyce Murray, Irene Pakan, Martha Parker, Charlie Marie Shurley, Louise Watson and Mary Emma Woods.

Pioneer Study Club met again Oct. 15 at the library. Hostess Martha Parker served delicious refreshments to members Fayette Bell Barton, Nancy Billingsley, Margaret Coleman, Bonnie Fabian, Mary Lou Glass, Clara Hupp, Wanda Lamb, Ruth

Magee, Loyce Murray, Irene Pakan, Charlie Marie Shurley, Jenny Stubbs, Louise Watson, Mary Emma Woods and Molly McDowell.

Ruth Magee presented the program. She gave many tips on how to be fit for life and how to handle stress. A lot of her information came from the book "Fit for Life" by Harvey and Marilynn Diamond. She stated that most of us would have to change our life style to be fit for life.

The next meeting will be Nov. 5th in the library.

**Johnny Day Honored**

Johnny Day was recently selected for inclusion in the 1987-88 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Day, son of Johnny Day of McLean, is a Computer Science Technology student at Texas State Technical Institute. He is also a 1979 graduate of McLean High School.

Students were nominated by TSTI faculty on the basis of grade point average, extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success.

**Accident Report**

Captain Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising 31 counties said, "For the month of September, our troopers investigated 4 fatal accidents, 63 personal injury accidents and 119 property damage accidents. There were 4 persons killed and 100 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Jim Powell of Pampa stated, "In Gray county, our troopers investigated 1 fatal accident, six personal injury accidents and 7 property damage accidents in the month of September. One person was killed and seven persons were injured in these accidents."



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September 11	Clarendon	There	8:00 P.M.
September 18	Valley	There	8:00 P.M.
September 25	Hotley County	Here	8:00 P.M.
October 2	Groom	There	8:00 P.M.
October 9	Wheeler	Here	7:30 P.M.
October 16	Booker	There	7:30 P.M.
October 23	Follett	Here	7:30 P.M.
October 30	OPEN		
November 6	Sunray	There	7:30 P.M.

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**McLean Briefs**

Band Director Roger Myers has announced that he is organizing a community band. Open to all adults, the group will get together several times each month to practice and will occasionally give a concert. Anyone interested in joining up should call Roger or Trudy Myers at 779-2663.

The City of Bonham, Tx. will be honoring one of its citizens, Katherine Campbell, on Nov. 15, by proclaiming a day in her honor. Mrs. Campbell, 80, has been active in politics and community affairs all her life. She has a grandson, J.P. Money, who is also the grandson of McLean resident Ruth Magee.

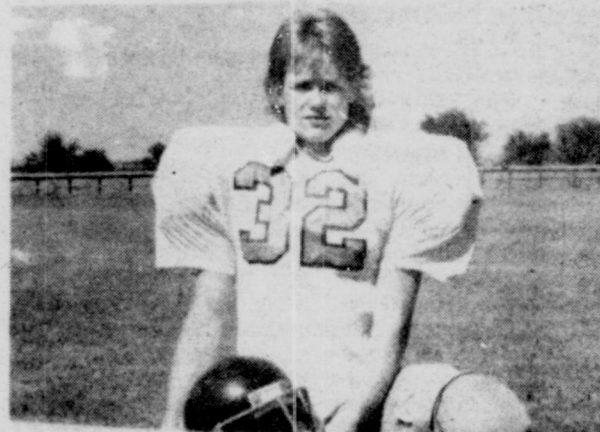
**Vows Exchanged**



Cathy Curry Adler and A.E. (Fred) Friedrich III were married in a private ceremony recently in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Okla. Pastor Hugo Schwartz officiated. The brides parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curry of McLean. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Friedrich, Jr. of Clinton. Honor attendants were Mrs. Kathy Sykes of Newcastle, Ok. and Brad Neidy of Clinton. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her son, Mickey Adler. Her daughter, Megan, was also in attendance. Mrs. Mary Ellen Hamburger of Weatherford was the organist.

The bride wore a tea length silver lace dress and carried a Calla Lily with blue Forget-Me-Nots. A reception was held in the home of the newlyweds. Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Kathy Sykes, Mrs. Donna Curry, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Delinda Loveless. The couple have established a home in Clinton where Mr. Friedrich is employed in the Clinton Public Schools and Mrs. Friedrich is employed by the State Auditor and Inspector in Weatherford.

**Meet The Tigers**



Sophomore Rob Sanderson is the son of Bobby Sanderson. This 15-year old plays offensive tailback and defensive linebacker. This is his first year with the team. Rob's hobbies include music and playing the guitar.



Offensive and defensive guard Scott Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Green. He is a 14-year-old Freshman. Scott is also a member of the Tiger basketball and track teams. His hobbies include football, drawing and sleeping.

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- Nov. 5-Ruth Caudill, David Brown, Gladys Smulcer
- Nov. 6-Bob Fish
- Nov. 7-Glenis Jenkins
- Nov. 8-Dale Glass
- Nov. 9-Kenneth Davis, Jerrel Gardner
- Nov. 10-Charlotte Hefley
- Nov. 12-Onie Gibson
- Nov. 13-Velma Willis, Ruth Holmes, Joe Taylor
- Nov. 14-David Day, Troy Corbin
- Nov. 15-Mary Lee Boyd, Mary Dwyer
- Nov. 16-Kaylee Shank, Pearl Lerner, Connie Dwyer, Billy D. Rice, Bob Glass
- Nov. 17-Jean Bohlar, Cas Dale Barker, Bobbi Stalls
- Nov. 18-Lynn Stilwell
- Nov. 19-Essie Howard, Truman Smith, Mary Lou Glass, Ray Dwyer
- Nov. 20-Valerie Joiner, Edith Bybee
- Nov. 21-Destry Magee
- Nov. 22-Dale Barker, Seth Brown, David Crockett
- Nov. 23-Freda Holland, Evelyn Hunt, Ann Gardner
- Nov. 24-Jesse Coleman, Sophie Hutchison, Velma Kinard
- Nov. 25-Bill Hambright, Terri Lee
- Nov. 26-Tonia Webster
- Nov. 27-John Bentley, Brodey Carter, Kay Magee
- Nov. 28-Billy Rigsby
- Nov. 29-Versie Collie, Hartley Davis, Jeannie Adams
- Nov. 30-Cliffie Heasley, Pansy Mounce, J.W. Meacham



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To: W.S. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of W.S. WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of W.S. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of W.S. WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said W.S. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of W.S. WILKERSON; E.E. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of E.E. WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of E.E. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of E.E. WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said E.E. WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of E.E. WILKERSON; EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT and the unknown spouse of EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT and the unknown spouse of EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT and the unknown spouse of EFFIE CLYDE WILKERSON CORNETT; EFFIE C. WILKERSON CORNETT and the unknown spouse of EFFIE C. WILKERSON CORNETT, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of EFFIE C. WILKERSON CORNETT and the unknown spouse of EFFIE C. WILKERSON CORNETT; MRS. R.M. CORNETT and the unknown spouse of MRS. R.M. CORNETT, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of MRS. R.M. CORNETT and the unknown spouse of MRS. R.M. CORNETT; CORINNE WILKERSON KAY and the unknown spouse of CORINNE WILKERSON KAY, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of CORINNE WILKERSON KAY and the unknown spouse of CORINNE WILKERSON KAY, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said CORINNE WILKERSON KAY and the unknown spouse of CORINNE WILKERSON KAY.

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KAY; LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL and the unknown spouse of LESIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL and the unknown spouse of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL and the unknown spouse of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON RANDALL; LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN and the unknown spouse of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN and the unknown spouse of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN and the unknown spouse of LESSIE ERMINE WILKERSON EDMAN; WILLIS ALLEN WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of WILLIS ALLEN WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said WILLIS ALLEN WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of WILLIS ALLEN WILKERSON; WILLIE ALLEN WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of WILLIE ALLEN WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said WILLIE ALLEN WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of WILLIE ALLEN WILKERSON; OSCAR THERRON WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of OSCAR THERRON WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said OSCAR THERRON WILKERSON and the unknown spouse of OSCAR THERRON WILKERSON, if any, if living, but if deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the said OSCAR THERRON WILKERSON and the un-

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LEE WILKERSON; and the unknown heirs of each and all of said Defendants, if the unknown heirs of such Defendants are deceased, and each and all unknown persons claiming and asserting an interest in and to the real property hereinafter described, all of whose places of residence and whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiffs, all being Defendants, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear before the Honorable 100th District Court of Carson County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Panhandle, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 30 day of November, 1987, to Plaintiffs' Petition filed in said Court on the 13 day of October, 1987, in this cause, numbered 6964 on the docket of said Court and styled MAURICE BRITTEN and wife, KAY BRITTEN and wife, KAY BRITTEN, Plaintiffs, vs. W.S. WILKERSON, et al, Defendants, in which MAURICE BRITTEN and wife, KAY BRITTEN, are Plaintiffs and all persons and parties first named in this writ and to whom this citation is directed are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass-to-try Title Suit, wherein Plaintiffs are seeking to recover of and from Defendants title to and possession of the following described land and premises:  
Lots One (1) through Twelve (12), inclusive, in Block Sixty-Four (64), Original Town of Groom, Carson County, Texas, according to the map or plat on file in the Office of the Carson County Clerk, as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' Petition on file in this suit.  
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to require-

ments of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Panhandle, Texas, this 13 day of October, 1987.

Attest: Sue Persons, Clerk  
100th District Court, Carson County, Texas

**Call First**

It is a good idea for people in the panhandle area to call Social Security before taking the time to visit the office. The reason is that most Social Security business can be taken care of by telephone. Unless the person's business is urgent, it is best to call after the middle of the month and later in the week. Inquiries can be handled more quickly then.

Even if a person needs to visit the office, it is a good idea to call for an appointment.

Examples of the business that can be handled by phone include:

- Applying for Social Security benefits. A claim can be started by phone and completed by mail.
- Apply for Medicare.
- Changing name and address in Social Security records.
- Reporting stopping or starting work or to report any other event that can have an effect on benefits.
- Reporting a lost or stolen check or delayed payment.
- Getting help in completing a Medicare form.
- Arranging for direct deposit of checks.
- Getting a benefit estimate.
- Requesting a statement of earnings.
- Getting help in requesting a review of a claim decision.
- To ask any question about Social Security.
- The telephone number for the Pampa Social Security office is 806-669-1018.

**Scholarships Provide Financial Aid**

Students in need of funding for the current and next academic terms were urged today to order a free financial aid planning calendar from the Scholarship Bank. This vital planner includes critical aid deadlines, addresses and phone numbers of aid sources and tips on applying for aid.

According to the director, Steve Danz, over 500 million dollars is available in private aid to college students, and in many cases can cover up to 25 percent of a student's annual college costs. These funds are contributed by corporations, trade, civic and non-profit

foundations. They are normally awarded on non-traditional basis', such as academic standing, college major, geographic preferences and even on a student's willingness to undertake a special research project or enter a contest.

The Scholarship Bank works with financial aids offices throughout the U.S. to distribute information on the over 5,000 sources.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAMS
Fri.	November 13	Channing	T	6:30	JVG, VG
Tues.	November 17	Higgins	H	6:30	VG
Fri.	November 20	Shamrock	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	November 24	Briscoe	H	6:30	VG, VB
Tues.	December 01	Sunray	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Thurs. - Sat.	December 03 - 05	Miami Tournament			VG, VB
Thurs.	December 04 & 05	Pampa Tournament			JVB
Tues.	December 08	Silverton	H	6:30	VG, VB
Thurs. - Sat.	December 10 - 12	Silverton Tournament			VG, VB
Tues.	December 15	Sunray	H	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	December 18	Briscoe	T	6:30	VG, VB
Sat.	January 02	White Deer	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	January 05	Higgins	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	January 08	* Miami	H	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	January 12	* McLean	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	January 15	* Claude	H	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	January 19	* Lefors	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	January 22	OPEN			
Tues.	January 26	* Miami	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	January 29	* McLean	H	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	February 02	* Claude	T	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	February 05	* Lefors	H	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	February 09	OPEN			

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GHS stadium cushions are being sold by members of the CYO of St. Mary's Parish. Cost is \$5.00.

Strayed one mile west of Groom. Two 600 lb. steers, No. 10 brand on left shoulder. Call Tony or Jigger Britten.

Donate trading stamps for card tables at the Groom Community Center. Bring donations to Brumley Insurance Agency.

14 x 60' 1984 trailer home two bedroom, two bath, fireplace, call 248-7091 or 248-7054.

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Senior Citizen's discount days Oct. 31-Nov. 14 at Cuttin' Corners in McLean.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the students, parents and community as a whole that offered their support following an incident that involved my position at Groom ISD this past week. Your words of encouragement strengthen and unify the entire school.

School Secretary Mary Wood

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For Sale—French provincial bedroom furniture, eight pieces including single twin beds with head board. Like new. Louise Mulkey 537-3079 Panhandle.

### Public Notice

#### Notice To Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Viola Harrell, Deceased, were issued on November 2, 1987, in Docket No. 2823, pending in the County Court of Carson County, Texas, to Glynn D Harrell, Box 366, Groom, Texas 79039 and Topaz Harrell Hughes, 711 South Coulter Drive, Bryan, Texas 77803.

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 2nd day of November, 1987.

/s/ Marshall Sherwood Attorney for the Estate Marshall Sherwood Attorney at Law State Bar Number 18255000 P.O. Box 947 Panhandle, Texas 79068 806-537-3591

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### SPS To File For Rate Reductions Saving Customers \$11 Million

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) announced today it is preparing to file for an annual rate decrease of approximately \$13 million, or 2.8% for its residential, commercial, industrial and other retail customers in Texas, primarily due to savings resulting from federal tax reform.

In addition, SPS is requesting to credit to its Texas retail customers \$11 million in fuel-cost savings and interest.

The lower rates and the one-time credit could be effective by December, said Sam Hunter, SPS vice president of rates and economic research.

Currently, SPS is conferring with the cities it serves in Texas and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) on the amount of timing of the rate reduction. In Texas, cities have original jurisdiction over base rates within their city limits. The PUCT establishes base rates in rural areas and regulates the fuel-cost portion of electric rates.

Effective with SPS's current fiscal year, which began September 1, its federal income tax rate was dropped to 34% from 44%.

Although some corporate tax credits and deductions were eliminated by tax reform, the net effect is a smaller tax burden, Hunter said. Taxes are included in the cost of providing electric service.

"The fuel-cost savings resulted from several factors," Hunter said. "First, we obtained lower prices for coal and natural gas. Second, because of the relatively mild summer, we did not have to operate older, less efficient power plants as much as in the past. Third, we have continued to improve the efficiency of our plants."

SPS recently was cited as seventh best among the 100 largest investor-owned electric utilities in the United States, in terms of generating efficiency.

In New Mexico, SPS is preparing to file for a rate reduction of \$2.65 million, or 2.1%, because of tax reform, Hunter said. Fuel-cost savings have been passed through the SPS customers in New Mexico by monthly automatic fuel-cost adjustments, which are not allowed in Texas.

Wholesale customers of SPS—rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities—in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma are expected to receive a rate decrease of \$13.2 million, or 6.9%, and a one-time credit of \$5 million Hunter said. SPS is discussing the proposed wholesale

rates with its wholesale customers prior to filing a rate request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington, D.C. SPS provides wholesale power to 16 rural electric cooperatives in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma and to municipal electric utilities in Lubbock, Floydada, Tulia and Brownfield, Texas.

For SPS's retail customers in Oklahoma, the benefits of tax reform were factored into rates from a previous rate case and placed into effect Oct. 1. Tax-savings also will be factored into SPS's Kansas rates.

Southwestern Public Service Company primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area of eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwest corner of Kansas.

#### Groom Ambulance Service Memorials—

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lamberson  
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### Christmas Sales Important to Economy

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Wednesday said a plunge in Christmas retail sales would be the first indicator that the stock market's drop is affecting the Texas economy.

"A slowdown in consumer spending will tell us that the fallout from the problems of the stock market has hit home," Bullock said.

Taxable retail sales in the fourth quarter last year in Texas totaled more than \$16.3 billion. Sales are expected to grow slightly this year to about \$16.9 billion.

Bullock said any lack of confidence in the economy that translates into a steep drop in retail sales could spell trouble for the state's budget.

"About 50 percent of all tax revenue comes from the state sales tax and a slump in sales will naturally drag down sales tax collections," he said.

Bullock's latest revenue estimate predicts moderate economic growth in Texas in the next two years.

The mildly-optimistic forecast comes on the heels of a couple of years of declining economic activity.

"We're hopeful that there's better than a 50-50 chance there won't be a national recession that will drag Texas back into the economic doldrums," Bullock said.

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made up 44.6 percent of all state and local taxes in Texas during fiscal year 1986, up from 41.08 percent the year before. "Property taxes accounted for a larger share of all state and local taxes because of the sharp drop in state tax collections for 1986," explained Patterson. State tax revenues fell by 4.6 percent from their 1985 levels, led by declines in oil and natural gas production taxes.

An SPTB analysis of school taxes indicates a marked shift in the property tax burden between 1981 and 1986. "According to our figures," said Patterson, "residential properties are paying a bigger share of property taxes while business properties are paying less."

He noted that the share of school taxes generated by residential property grew from 33 percent to 40 percent of the total during this period. On the other hand, property taxes paid by business properties, including real estate, inventories, equipment, industrial machinery, oil and gas reserves and utility companies, dropped

Jowannah Ruthardt, a student at Angelo State, was visiting in Groom over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brooks, other relatives and friends.

ped from 56 percent of all school taxes in 1981 to slightly less than half in 1986.

Patterson pointed to several factors that contributed to the shift in property tax burdens. "Real estate prices rose steadily—in some cases dramatically—until 1984," he said. Population growth stimulated the Texas economy and increased the demand for residential property."

"In addition, the taxable values of industrial, mineral and agricultural properties have been declining, and homeowners and other owners of real estate have been making up the difference."

Improvements in tax appraisals of residential property have also helped shift the tax burden away from business properties," Patterson noted. "Before the advent of appraisal districts, residential properties were appraised less often than other types of property," he explained.

As the appraised values of residential properties have come closer to market values, these properties have assumed part of the tax load previously borne by industrial, commercial and mineral properties that were traditionally appraised closer to market value." Statewide and local-option homestead exemptions have apparently not been sufficient to reverse this trend.



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