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Groom Commissioner Files For Re-Election To Third Term



"Friends, I am asking you to vote again for me for commissioner of Carson County. I feel we have done well in the past three years. I have several accomplishments I am pleased with, and I feel we will continue to progress if given an opportunity.
"The losing of the white

oil really did take away revenue in the county. We have tried to keep taxes livable. I am a taxpayer, therefore, I am interested, as you are, in keeping taxes in bounds.

"I still reside on the Mike Britten home place. Nell and I have as a close neighbor, Pat, one of our sons. Mike lives in Groom. Mary Nell Crownover, our eldest daughter lives in Amarillo and Angie our youngest, lives much of the time with us. This past year brought us much sorrow with the loss of our second daughter, Bernie, to cancer.

"I feel the men working with me are excellent with each one ready to give his all.

"I appreciate all of you who have been so fine in the past and ask you to support me again."

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Raphael Britten, Box 416, Groom, Tx. 79039.

Carson County Voters Say Yes To Pari-Mutuel Wagering

Carson County voters exercised their freedom of choice last week in a numerical way that caught election judges, clerks and other officials unprepared. The unexpected voter turnout statewide, according to Secretary of State Jack Rains, who forecasted a 14 percent turnout showed, some 2.2 million Texans cast ballots or about 30 percent.

Election officials in Carson County had prepared for about a 10 percent turnout, by noon on election day, it became apparent that those preparations were completely off track. The county voters represented 37 and a half percent of the registered voters in the county.

Why?
Many election analysts attributed it to the pari-mutuel question, which legalized race track wagering for the first time in Texas

50 years. Another vote generator was Proposition 1 in which voters handily defeated the return of an appointed State Board of Education.

Statewide voters approved 17 of the 25 constitutional amendments on the ballot. In Carson County only 14 were approved.

The large turnout has been likened to a statewide town meeting, where citizens told the government just what they wanted.

County voters approved 783 to 768 the proposition on pari-mutuel wagering. They highly favored the return to an elected State Board of Education 316 to 1,214 and by a vote of 1,125 to 391, approved the so called super collider amendment.

Other Carson County tallies were 946 for, 539 against, a grain warehouse fund to be established by the See Election, Page 9



Sheriff Reed Seeks Re-Election

Sheriff Connie Reed has authorized the Carson County newspapers to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Carson County, subject to the Democratic Primary Election.

In making the announcement, Sheriff Reed says, "I stand on my past record, of which I am proud. I have an efficient crew of deputies, jailers and reserves with many years of professional experience which has helped establish the record that has been set by the Sheriff's Department. Our department has one of the best arrest and conviction records in the State of Texas. Thru efficient management of personnel, equipment and vehicles, I have saved the taxpayers of this county a lot of money.

"I would like to ask for the support of all the voters of Carson County, and if re-elected, I promise to do the job as well as I have in the past, and will make every effort to improve the service to the people of this county. I appreciate your support in the past and I ask for your continued support in this election."

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Connie Reed, Panhandle, Texas.

Appreciation Dinner Set

At a recent meeting of the Groom Community Center Association, plans were finalized for a pot luck appreciation dinner

See Dinner, Page 3

Coaches Call It Quits

A vocal crowd of 60 attended the regular session of the Groom School Board meeting held Tuesday night.

Board members voted to accept the resignations of Coaches Terry Coffee and Gary Rambo with Bud Fields showing obvious support to the staff by casting the only descending vote.

Coach Coffee read a prepared statement before presenting letters of resignation to Superintendent Rex Peoples.

In his statement, Coffee said every year some kind of problem seems to arise. "It doesn't matter how we perform."

He went on to say that talk of a called meeting on October 6, 1987 calling for

Council Completes Plans For Grant Application

The City of Groom held a public meeting last Monday night to discuss plans for application for a Texas Community Development Grant. In a survey taken recently, City officials learned that 54 percent of the Groom population qualify as low and moderate income households. The information will be helpful when the City makes their application.

Engineer Dwight Brandt attended the meeting to outline specifications for increasing water lines in the city from 2 and 4 inches to 6 inches. He estimates the project will cost \$226,200. Applications will be presented December 3 with John Eschle to be spokesman for the City.

John Allen Homen met with the council concerning needs of the volunteer firemen and ambulance crew. He requested pay for firemen attending meetings be upped from \$2.50 monthly to \$5.00. The increase was approved on a motion from Jimmy Britten requiring firemen attend at least four meetings in each three month period to receive the incentive.

the coaches to be fired or given an opportunity to resign was the final blow.

"At that time our team was 4-0 and ready to begin district. You can speculate all you want, but we were a good football team and competitive at that point in the season. The Tigers lost the next three games.

He stated that his decision to allow a player to come out for the team at that point in the season was the culprit of all the criticism.

"You hired me to run this program, it was the decision I made."

Turning from addressing problems created by disgruntled parents, Coffee said that since those people now have what they want,

"we would like to go about coaching not worrying about someone tearing down the programs we are trying to build or trying to run us off. Through our program, we strive to teach individuals to confront problems on their own. We don't feel we deserve the criticism we've received year after year."

He concluded saying their decision to resign would not affect their job performance during the remainder of their contracts. Both Coffee and Rambo left the meeting to a standing ovation from the crowd of spectators.

Moving on to plans for the next two years of football, whether to play 11-man or See School Board, Page 4

Homen also made a request for equipment suitable for use by a paramedic for the ambulance. City officials planned to attend the next ambulance meeting to get a better understanding of the equip-

ment needed as well as a better understanding of the expenses of the service.

Cost of emptying the large dumpster behind city hall was also discussed. Last month the dumpster was emptied three times at a cost of \$850.00. The dumpster also cost \$100 per month rental. The council plans to find a location for permanent landfill.

A curfew for local teens was also discussed but with the lack of the ability for the city to enforce such a curfew the idea was dropped.

In other action, David Cory, C.P.A. was approved to perform the annual audit of city finances to be completed by December 15 at a cost of \$1800 to \$2000. Roman Friemel was approved to represent the city on the Carson County Appraisal District Board.

Community Calendar

Alpha Mu Xi meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Hospitality room of State National Bank with a chili supper and program on basket weaving planned.

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

Round Robin Pinochle club meets Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Bank Hospitality Room. Barbara Homer is hostess.

PTO meets Monday, Nov. 16 at the Groom School, 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 20.

SOS will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, at the Community Center. Host church will be First Baptist. Everyone 60 and over is welcome to attend the noon luncheon.

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Local Happenings

Debbie and Jennifer Haning and Jimmy Britten attended the Anadarko/Elk City football game at Elk City, Ok. last Friday night. Mike Britten, grandson of Zoah Britten is a member of the Anadarko team.

Mrs. Bill Bohr was a medical patient in the Pampa Hospital this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burke of Amarillo entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Listen of Greeley, Co. and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Case of Groom on Thursday, Nov. 5. The visit extended until Saturday when it was continued in Groom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Case. Members present were Mrs. Alvin Morrison of Lorenzo and daughter, Mrs. Kathy (Alvin) Morris of Ralls, Mrs. Allen Burke of Amarillo, Mrs. James R. Listen of Greeley, Co. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and children, Steven, Stephanie and Jennifer of Panhandle.

Hugh Weinheimer, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Weinheimer was injured in a fall from a combine parked at his home west of Groom last Tuesday. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital and is now recuperating at home.

Mrs. Glynn D Harrell and her daughter, Mrs. R.J. Mulkey of Panhandle visited relatives and friends in Norman, Okla. Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kitchens of Amarillo visited over the weekend with John and Velma Hickox.

Loula Wall and JoAnn Byrd were Pampa visitors Thursday.

Celebrates 90th Birthday

Friends met at the Dairy Queen last Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the 90th birthday of Loula Wall.

The table was decorated with a happy birthday runner, and a bouquet of red roses added to the decorations, given to Mrs. Wall by Stella Patterson. Mrs. Wall was showered with birthday cards and gifts. After singing happy birthday to her, much fun and visiting was enjoyed. A delicious brunch was served to those present: Mamie Poole, Rose Fields, Helen Wade, Stella Patterson, Mertie Schaffer, Wynona Koetting, Ethel Blackwell, Thelma Pool, Doshia Cornett and the honoree, Loula Wall. Hostesses were Bertha Knight and Velma Hickox.

It's A Girl

Congratulations to Kevin and Rena' Kuehler of Amarillo on the arrival of their daughter, Kaci Rianne. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was born November 5, 1987. She is welcomed by a sister Kylie, 2 and grandparents. Arnold and Doris Kuehler of Groom and Tom and Myrna McMillan of Lorenzo.

A surprise birthday party was held for Joy Snyder on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the

home of Kay Britten with Gloria Ledwig and Nell Britten serving as co-hostesses.

Others in attendance were Roberta Ellington, Leona Newsom, Lucille Britten, Ethel Neal and Pearl Banks.

Birthday supper was held later that evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Britten for Joy. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Britten, Gloria Ledwig, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Britten and Earl Britten.

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Commissioners Canvass Election

Carson County Commissioners approved a slate of candidates to serve on the Appraisal District Board including Raymond Blodgett, Roman Friemel, Jim McCray, Wayne Pogue and Frank Simms.

Bids from Johnny Cooper Construction to replace the wood roof on the Carson County Square House Museum were approved. The bid of \$19,752.00 allows for the current shingles to be torn off and replaced and a bid of \$17,283.00 will recover the existing roof with new shingles.

The 1987 general election returns were canvassed. The court expressed their appreciation to the election judges and clerks for their hard work and long hours spent in the recent general election.

The next regular meeting of the commissioners' court will be Nov. 23 and a special called meeting concerning county insurance will be held Nov. 12 at Panhandle.

State Sales Taxes Continue To Fall

Groom's sales tax rebate showed a bit of improvement this month according to figures from the Comptroller's office in Austin. Groom rebates remain off from a year ago some 3 percent. Other county entities collecting the one cent tax were also below figures of a year ago. White Deer had a 2 percent reduction, Panhandle was down by 13 percent and Skellytown showed a 65 percent reduction.

Payments are down by nearly 5 percent overall in the state compared to payment made by November of last year.

November checks represent taxes collected on sales made in September and reported to the Comptroller by October 20. This month's checks also include third quarter allocations, which reflect sales reported to the Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

FFA Members Advance To Area Contest

Groom FFA Chapter members will advance to Area competition in two events which they placed in at the District meet held Saturday in Clarendon.

Matt Weinheimer won first place in Extemporaneous Speaking with his topic "Trends in Beef Production Today."

The chapter conducting team won second place and will also advance to area competition. Members of the team are Matt Weinheimer, president; Ben Weinheimer, vice president; Ron Kuehler, secretary; Daniel Hinson, treasurer; Charlie Britten, advisor; Brice Ruthardt, reporter and Jay Britten, member.

Brent Payton placed seventh in the Creed contest. Also participating in the district contest was the quiz team composed of Robert Miller, Brent Payton and Mike Conrad.



Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 429 met Thursday, Nov. 5 at the community center. Popcorn sales were discussed and plans were made for the pack's Christmas party.

Awards were given as follows: Jamie Shuck, Bobcat; Seth Ritter, Aquanaut, Scientist and Outdoorsman and Bryan Crowell, Aquanaut, Scientist, Outdoorsman and Webelos. Joe Britten was awarded Scout of the Month.

Popcorn sales will continue through November 16. Anyone who has not ordered their popcorn yet should contact any scout or scout leaders, Jerry Crowell, Greg Eatmon, Judy Eatmon and Beverly Stephens.

Dinner Party

Junior Girl Scouts hosted a dinner party for their parents Friday night. The girls in groups of two planned and prepared a full course dinner for four including desert. Most of the Scout year has been spent in preparation for this dinner. The scouts have learned about the four basic food groups, meal planning including regard to seasonal availability, color, texture, economy shopping and calorie content.

Each meal had a theme. Some themes were "Autumn," "After the Game", "Buzy Night Supper." Main dishes consisted of tater tot casserole, upside down cornbread cheese burger casserole, corn bake casserole and cheese soup.

Guests of the girls were Don Lyles, guest of Darcee Lyles, Mary Sue Lyles of Aimee Lyles, Holly Burger of Kenzi Burger; Frances Payton of Andrea Payton; Marcia Conrad of Rebecca Conrad; Jim Burton of Melody Burton; Brenda Homen of Misty Homen; Mary Howard of Jill Howard; Susan Burgin of Krista Burgin, Shirley Burgin of Tisha Burgin.

Community Dinner

honoring workers whose labor and planning made the Center possible. This event, to which everyone is invited, will be held in the main room of the Center Sunday, noon, December 13. Persons desiring to bring their food by enroute to church, the doors will be open from 9:00 to 9:30.

Also, during the association meeting, a committee was appointed to purchase an artificial Christmas tree to be set up for the use of those using the Center for holiday parties. Other decorations will be donated by association members.

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Asberry Hostess For Gleaners Class

The Gleaners Class of First Baptist Church met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Melvin Asberry. Mary Lee Friemel presided over the business meet-

ing. Nettie Fields gave the devotional.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Velma Hickox, Cleo Nix, Ruby Marchman, Ruby Milton, Burniece Johnson, Stella Patterson, Nettie Fields, Mary Lee Friemel, Mildred Burgin and the hostess, Fannie Asberry.

One Injured In Roll Over

DPS officers investigated two accidents last week. Ruby Rangel of Santa Monica, Ca. remains in intensive care in Amarillo a result of injuries she sustained in an accident on Friday. She was a passenger in a late model Ford driven by her husband, Anthony Rangel. Rangel lost control of the vehicle west of Groom near the Claude exit with the car rolling over once.

Both were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital by a Panhandle Ambulance.

According to DPS officer Greg Eatmon, both were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, "which saved their lives." Rangel is reported in stable and fair condition, his wife in stable and serious condition.

Rangel told investigating officers he fell asleep at the wheel.

Franklin D. Bliss of Pampa was not injured when his 1985 Lincoln Town car rolled over between White Deer and Panhandle on highway 60 Thursday Nov. 5 around 3 a.m. Bliss, 33, was charged with DWI.

Baptist Women

The Baptist Women met in the home of Mrs. Don Ritter Tuesday morning for Bible study and the Royal Service Mission program.

Mrs. Stella Patterson called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

Mrs. Don Case, Bible study chairman, was in charge of the Bible study entitled, "The Kingdom of God."

Mrs. Don Ritter gave the mission program, "Families Pray for Missions". The WMU centennial quilt blocks pattern was chosen for a quilt to be made in the near future.

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

School Board

six-man football, in Groom Robert Kuehler addressed the board. His sentiment seemed to best express the ideas of the crowd. "As a senior at GHS I was faced with the same proposition. I enjoyed it (six-man football) more than 11 man and we went as far as possible in competition at that time."

Rex Peeples stated that the McLean School Board voted Monday to change to six man and fielded questions concerning teams to be played by Groom in the future.

Board members unanimously voted to change the program to six-man ball for the next two years.

A number of persons present voiced concerns when the item of discipline management policies was presented. This item was requested on the agenda by Board member Bill England.

England stated, "I recommend at this time no action be taken and the policy remain the same."

To prevent duplication

of charts, we ask that you make appointments in advance to see

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in state funds for 1988-89. Also mandated teacher pay increases of \$25,000 would require a 13 cent jump in the tax rate. Peeples also said that other factors of reduction in operating costs could cover these deficits without a tax increase.

Janetta Lamb was approv-

ed to instruct the three week summer program for Gifted and Talented students at her present rate of salary.

Christmas bonuses were approved for teachers as well as the purchase of a new filtering system for the swimming pool.

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DON'T FORGET

McLean Board Approves Six-Man Football For McLean

The McLean School Board met in regular session Monday night at the School Business Office. All members were present.

The major item on the agenda was the issue of whether or not to begin a program of six-man football in McLean. Opening the discussion, Board President Darryl Herndon said, "We have to consider the numbers. According to projections by Superintendent Jim Rutherford, enrollment of all male students at the high school will decrease from 44 this year to 31 by 1993. This includes all male students, not just those capable of playing football."

Football Coach George Watson added that there were 26 boys on the team this year, with an average of about 17 being able to work out on any given day.

Watson continued the discussion with some figures of his own. He said, "The coaches recently wrote a letter to all of the boys who suited up this year for the Varsity and Junior High squads. We asked them how they felt about six-man football. None of the coaches discussed it with them beforehand so we wouldn't influence them either way. Seven players voted for six-man and 17 voted against it."

Watson continued, "Two weeks ago, I would have been in favor of keeping 11-man football. But recently, the University Interscholastic League voted that there would be no more zoning in districts. What that means is that instead of playing only 4 district

games, as we did this year, we could possibly play 8 or 9 district games in a ten game schedule. The teams that would probably be in our district would be Wheeler, Follett, Booker, Sunray, Groom, Claude, Vega, Happy, and Nazareth. That's a pretty tough situation when you are playing with a small squad." None of the football boys who were polled knew this information when they voted.

Looking at a possible 11-man squad for next year, Coach Watson said he had made some projections of his own. "We have 28 potential players for next year. However, looking at factors such as past performance, grades, attitude, health, etc. eleven of those could be considered undependable and might or might not be able to suit up."

"In Junior High," he added, "we have 11 potential players and three of these could be considered undependable. The only way we could suit up a Junior High team would be to use sixth grade players, and we would have to get UIL permission for that."

Summing up his comments, the coach said, "Just looking at the figures, we probably won't be able to play 11-man football for more than two more years."

After Coach Watson's presentation, there was a lengthy discussion. Board member Gwen Henley said, "If we don't go to six-man

ball now, we will just be at the bottom of the heap when we are forced to do it in several years. I don't want

to have to play catch up. I'd rather make the switch now and let the team start getting some experience."

Superintendent Jim Rutherford, commenting about spectator interest, said, "Last year, Lazbuddie went to six-man. They have seen a steady improvement in attendance all year. But," he added, "fan support has not been a problem in McLean this year."

Several members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. McLean pharmacist Bob Hackbardt, who played six-man football, said, "In six man, you don't have as many injuries because the heavy body contact isn't allowed. It's also a much faster game than 11-man. And there is so much running involved that a lot of players are used. Six-man football doesn't necessarily eliminate the kids who aren't fast. The tempo of the game can be fast or slow."

Another member of the audience said, "I think staying with 11-man is like riding a dead horse. To take high school kids and subject them to injury just for glory, or whatever it is, I just can't see it. By 1989, we will barely have enough players for a team. We'll have to work them to death and they will just get hurt a lot more."

Not everyone at the meeting was in favor of dropping the 11-man schedule. One person said, "I think we would be more competitive if we had a weight training program. The number of players on a team isn't as important as the kind of kids you have."

School officials said that switching to six-man doesn't mean that McLean will all of a sudden start winning. See Six-Man, Page 6

Williams Appliances Closes Doors

Williams Appliances is closing its doors after 38 years. Howard and Lillie Mae Williams first began their business in 1949 under the name McLean Electric. In partnership with George Colebank, they were one of eight other appliance dealers in McLean. In 1956, they moved to their present location and changed the name of the store to Williams Appliances.

When they started business in 1949, Mr. Williams said that his two most popular items were refrigerators and televisions. "A lot of people were getting electricity for the first time in their lives because of the Rural Electrification Pro-

gram. At about the same time, refrigerators were coming out on the market and people were trading their old-fashioned ice boxes for new refrigerators. I sold 75 during my first nine months of business."

Williams helped wire many of the homes with electricity. Then he was able to sell people a hot new item called television. "There was only one station then and it was KGNC," Williams recalls. "The reception was pretty bad but in three or four years it improved."

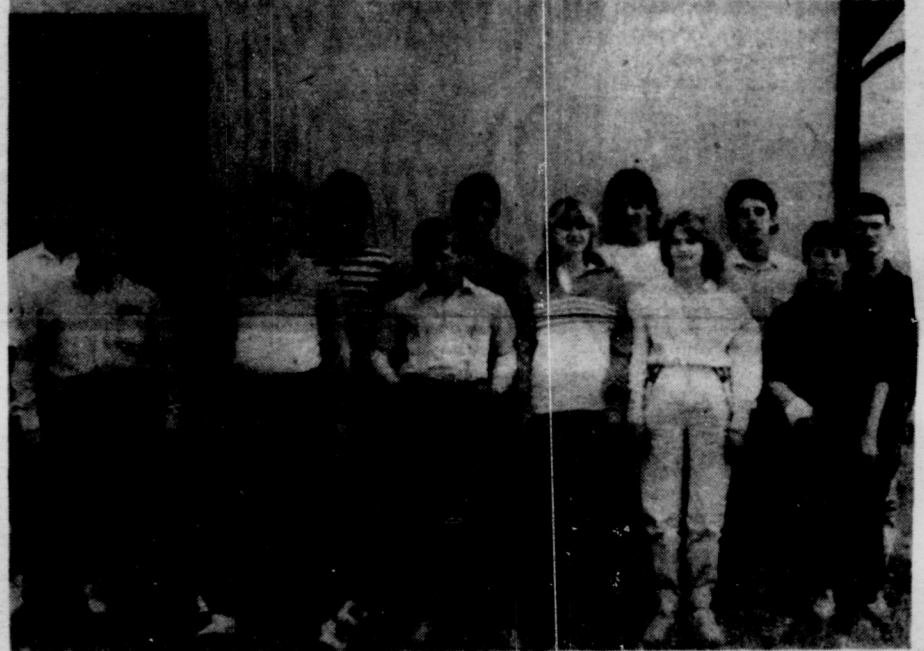
In 1959 or 1960, color television came to McLean. "Every year," Mrs. Williams said, "we would have people lining up in our store to watch the Rose Parade in color." Mr. and Mrs. Williams recall that they sold their first color set to Clyde

The McLean Variety Boys and Girls basketball teams will open regular season play tomorrow night as they travel to Allison. They will play again on Saturday night in Hedley. On Tuesday, they will host Samnorwood. All games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior High basketball teams will open their season Monday night as they host Groom starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Williams is originally from the Pakan community while Mrs. Williams is from Wheeler County. They married in Wheeler on Jan. 21, 1936 and moved to McLean in 1941. They have two sons, Charles, of McLean and Larry, of Denver. They have two granddaughters.

They plan to remain in
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Recently, members of Bill Layman's Ag Structure Class at McLean High School completed an 8'x12' storage shed. In the class, the students learned about framing, roofing, flooring, putting in windows and everything else that goes with building a structure for agricultural purposes.

Members of the class who built the structure were: Bobby Sherman, Sid Brass, Kim Beaver, Cindy Coleman, Tony Polito, Austin Walker, Kyle Woods, Jim Bob Adams, Jimmie Fleming, Marvin Passmore, Prakash Patel, Dennis Hill, Dewayne Shakelford, Jimmy Armbrister, Donald Harris,

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Six Man Football

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games. It also doesn't mean less travel or less expense. But the feeling was that, with a six-man team, McLean could start building a program which might be more competitive with other six-man teams in the area. With a six-man squad, there is also the possibility that a Junior Varsity team could be started.

Other towns in the area that have six-man football are Higgins, Miami, Lefors, Silvertown and Texline.

After the lengthy discussion, the board voted 5-2 to adopt six-man football. Voting in favor of the motion were Darryel Herndon, Jake Hess, Gwen Henley, John Holland and James Hefley. Voting against were Joe Magee and Jim Barker.

In other business, the board:

-Voted to support the nomination of Sam Haynes to serve on the Gray County Appraisal District Board.

-Heard a request from Board member Gwen Henley from students regarding possible school support for the formation of a baseball team. The board, stating that it did not have enough information, took no action.

Williams Appliances

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McLean and enjoy their retirement. "The people of McLean have been good to us," they said, "and we just want them to know that we appreciate it."

Harvest Carnival A Success

Fire Chief Clifford McDonald said he was "real pleased" with the turnout at Saturday night's Harvest Carnival. Sponsored by the McLean Fire Department, the carnival drew a crowd of about 250 people who had a great time.

Numerous civic and local groups had booths and games and kids of all ages thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In this reporter's opinion, an award for "Good Sport of the Year" should go to Coach George Watson who sat stoically in raincoat and goggles as sponges loaded with whipped cream were hurled at him.

FFA Leadership Contest Held

Last Saturday, about 650 FFA members from the northern Panhandle attended the District Leadership Contest in Clarendon. Accompanying Ag Teacher Bill Layman were Lee Ayn Jordan, who placed 4th in the "Creed Speaking" contest; and Sid Brass, Kara Tate, and Shandee Rice, who placed 9th in the "Farm Radio" contest. Sometime during the next few weeks, the FFA will begin its annual sales of sausage and also fruit.

Alanreed News

Shirley Armbrister and Nora Drago made a trip to Pampa Wednesday for medical attention for Nora.

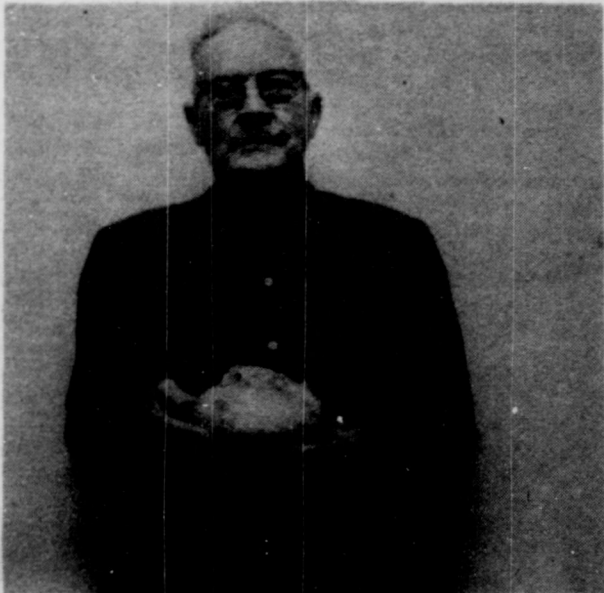
Rose Hall, Mary Davis, and Lena Carter went to Clarendon Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Willis May and a friend, from Panhandle, visited the Hartley Davises on Wednesday.

Don and Cathy Dorsey went to Lefors on Saturday to visit his mother.

Visiting the Robert Bruces on Saturday were son Bob and children of Pampa.

Mike Todd and Ray Rog-



Ted Robertson displays a turnip weighing 3.39 lbs. which he grew at his home at 508 N. Donley. It was planted in March from seed which he grew. The turnip weighed 3.50 lbs. when he dug it up.

ers, of Denver, Colo., visited briefly with Jewel Warner on Saturday.

Visiting the Hartley Davises on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willis May of Panhandle and Lorene Tipton of Clarendon.

Tammy and Marshall Hanes were at a horse show in Sweetwater over the weekend.

The L.T. Goldstons visited in Dalhart last week with daughter Sharon and family. During the weekend, their son Fred and his family, from Lubbock, visited.

Visiting the R.D. McLains over the weekend were daughter Shirley and family of Spearman, daughter Di-

ane and family of McLean and Ike and Tyler Hanes of Alanreed. Some of them drove to Wheeler to visit the McLains' son Don and family.

Cold Weather Invades McLean

Old Man Winter is trying to rear his ugly head and he is succeeding. After a wet and warm October, which seemed almost like spring-time, November is beginning to look a little winterish.

Friday night, thunderstorms rumbled through the area and dropped as much as .75 in some spots. Sunday evening there were spotty showers and on Monday a cold front moved through and the temperature fell from comfortable to downright frigid.

Local weatherman Sam Haynes reports that the low late Sunday night and early Monday morning was 33 and the high barely struggled up into the upper 40's and lower 50's. Monday night the thermometer really dropped as temperatures went into the mid-twenties. Folks had to get out the ice-scrapers to clear their windshields on Tuesday morning.

The forecast for Tuesday night was for more of the same but we are supposed to have a warming trend by the middle of the week.

McLean Briefs

Recent visitors in the home of Onie Gibson were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Patton of Los Alamos, New Mex.; daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bednorz, Kristi and Matt of Panhandle; son Jim Vinyard and his sons, Johnny of Calif. and Paul of Oklahoma City.

Over the weekend, Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper hosted a surprise birthday supper for Rev. Cooper's brother, Clarence, of Amarillo. Also attending were Mr. Cooper's wife, Doris, and his sisters Minnie Erwin, Suzie Trout and Mozell Miller.

Leonard and Arla Swanson, from Arizona, recently visited in the home of Larry and Lynn Swanson.

The Howard Williams' visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bush and family in Bentonville, Ark.

Election Judge R.J. Turner reports that 281 voters turned out for last Tuesday's election. Although he didn't have breakdown on how McLean residents voted on specific issues, he said that it was a good turnout, especially considering that no hot races were involved.

Jess and Margaret Coleman were in Colorado this weekend where their son, Max, was in the hospital. They were accompanied by Sarah Presley, and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Charla and Scott. Max was released from the hospital on Monday.

Cards Of Thanks

Thanks to everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I came home. All these mean much when you are away from your home town people. God bless all of you.

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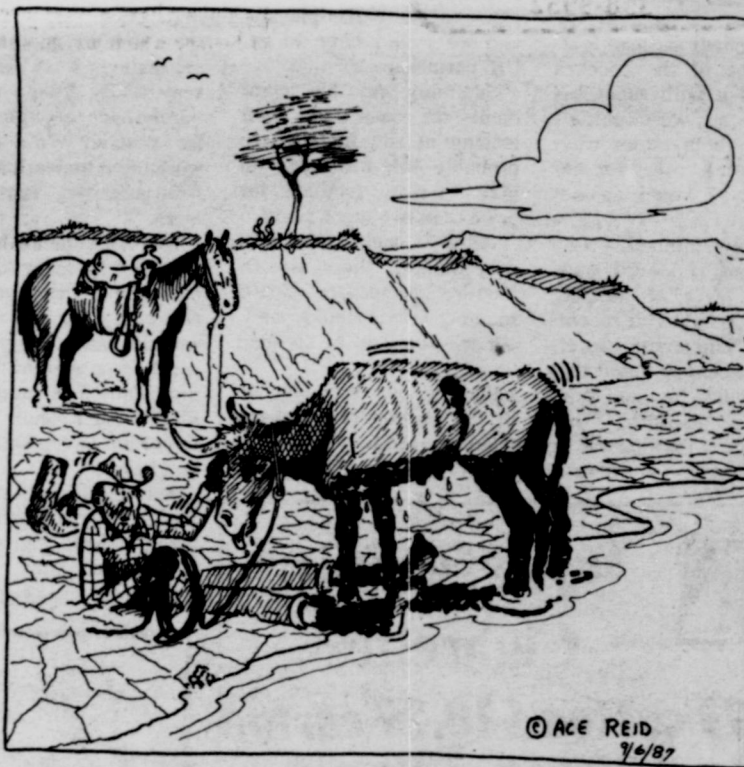
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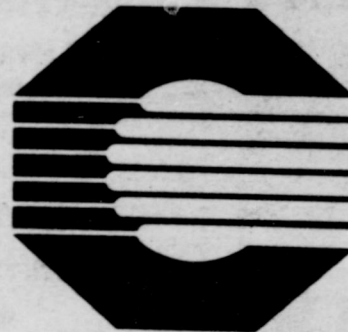
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Tigers End Season In Sunray

The McLean Tigers ended their season Friday night in Sunray with a game that was called off just before half-time because of bad weather. The final score was 27-6 in favor of the Bobcats.

McLean's score came on a long run by Huey Green who frightened on-looking fans when he received a sharp blow to his neck. Fortunately, the injury was not serious.

During the season, the team proved to be an inspiration to their fans. With the support of the cheerleaders, pep squad, and the band, the Tigers gave the fans something to be proud of. Hats off to all of these young people who showed us old folks the meaning of the words, courage, pride and class.

Our thanks also to Coaches George Watson, Joe Riley and Richard Folsom for providing the leadership and instilling the fighting spirit in our boys.

McLean School Menu Nov. 16-20

Mon.—Corn dogs, Baked Beans, French Fries, Cherry Cobbler

Tues.—Hamburger Steak, Au gratin Potatoes, Hot Biscuits

Wed.—Goulash, Tossed Salad, Spinach, Cornbread

Thurs.—Chicken Noodle Soup, Bologna and Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Fruit

Fri.—Turkey and Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit Salad

Card Of Thanks

We want to take this opportunity to thank all our good friends and customers for their patronage through the years. We are trying to retire from this business that we started back in 1949. Howard will continue in and out of the store until he can close out his inventory. We already miss the association that we've enjoyed all these years. So please come to see us at home, at 407 Waldron.

Howard and
Lillie Mae Williams

Public Notice

The City of McLean, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., November 17, 1987, at City Hall in regards to 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 the City of McLean's proposed application and review the project prior to submission of the application to TDCA by December 3, 1987.

New Arrival

Jim Bob and Cecile Webb of Cisco, Tx., formerly of McLean, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Breanna Dawn, born October 29 at 11:15 p.m. in Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland, Tx.

She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 18½ inches in length.

She is welcomed by her two-year-old brother, Justin. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webb of Winters, Enid Ellis of Midland and John Ellis of Seguin.

Great-grandparents are Betty Ellis of Panhandle and Henry Webb of Winters.

Basketball A La 1913

Basketball season is upon us and we have a little piece of history which we thought would be of interest to our readers. Through the courtesy of Ruth Magee, we obtained a copy of a newspaper article which describes how basketball came to McLean. It apparently was written on the occasion of a reunion of the original members of the McLean team. There is no date or any identification on the article, but we believe it was from an Amarillo paper published sometime in 1968. We hope you enjoy it:

Late in the fall of 1913 a coal-burning Santa Fe train limped its way into McLean, two hours late. A group of young men and women climbed off, trying to scrub

the coal dust from their faces and clothes.

The group of young folks was from Shamrock. They had come to do battle with the McLean boys and girls basketball teams.

Only a short while before the McLean athletes had asked Superintendent J.R. Durrett "What's basketball?" This was the unassuming beginning of the sport at McLean.

That group of McLean kids returned last Sunday to stage a reunion at the Alanreed-McLean Historical Society. Of those 14 boys and girls who made history, 11 of them were present at the gathering.

A puzzled crease filled the faces of the more athletic boys who were called together by Durrett to ask if they would like to play.

After explaining how the game was played, Durrett was asked, "How many quarters?"

No one laughed for no one knew the answer.

"It's a game you play with a large round ball on a court marked off on the campus grounds," Durrett explained. "The idea is to throw the ball in a hoop mounted on a pole, one at each end of the court."

So, with this new knowledge stored away, basketball was born in McLean. A court was fashioned on the rocky, sandy grass-burr infested campus near the old red brick school at the west end of First Street.

The organization wasn't done in a haphazard manner. The boys were outfitted in white knickers. Con't on p.8

McLean Care Center News

Pinky Ledgerwood is in the Baptist High Plains Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

A special welcome to Lorine Sharp who has returned to the Nursing Center. John Stavenhagen has moved to the Nursing Center in Dumas where his son lives.

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

Residents playing bingo Monday were Eula Morrow, Ruth Kemp, Dick Wheeler, Clyde Trusty, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Lillie Knox, Fay Wilson, Kittie Hessey, Alice Dickenson, Ruby Trusty, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Annie Eudey, Odesa Beeman, Delbert Murray, and Ruby Ayers. Our helpers were Onie Gibson, Mildred Giesler and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday, Ted Robertson, Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Brenda McLain and Imogene King were here to assist the following residents in dominos: Dick Wheeler, Eula Morrow, Ruth Kemp, Annie Eudey, Leon Burch and Teresa Richardson.

Members of the Baptist Church were here Wednesday for a Bible study and returned Thursday for a sing-a-long.

Thursday morning, Earl Tolleson, Leon Burch, Annie Eudey and Lona Jones worked in crafts.

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Friday afternoon, Martha Parker was here to show the movies.

Saturday, Nov. 14th, starting at 9 a.m., the Ladies Auxiliary to the Nursing Center will be having a Bake Sale and the Activity Dept. will be having a Bazaar. These are items the residents have been making in crafts. Come out and help support this worthy cause. At 3:00 p.m. there will be a drawing for a beautiful Christmas Wreath.

Services For Winfred Haire

Services for Winfred Clay Haire, 57, a former McLean resident, were held Monday at Travis Baptist Church in Memphis. Rev. Tom Posey, minister of the First Christian Church in Memphis, officiated. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Mr. Haire died Saturday in Perryton.

He was born Jan. 22, 1930 in McLean. He married Anna Lou Matthews on July 3, 1951 in Hollis, Okla. He moved to Memphis in 1959 and had lived in Perryton since 1974. He had been an employee of the Texas Highway Department.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Lou, of the home; one daughter, Barbara Bartz of Perryton; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Melissa Bartz of Perryton; two brothers, Freddy Haire of Sunray and Don Haire of Hedley; and one sister, Margaret Graves of Perryton.

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Basketball

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Floyd Morris

Tackle Floyd Morris is the 18-year-old son of Shirley Morris. This Senior, who has been on the team for four years, also is a member of

the basketball and tennis teams.

In addition to those sports, Floyd also enjoys swimming and music.



Dennis Hill

Dennis Hill is a newcomer, just recently having moved to McLean. He is the 15-year-old son of Dale and Brenda Hill.

A Freshman, he also plays basketball and baseball and is active in track.

Dennis says his hobbies include riding motorcycles.

black and white long stockings, black turtleneck sweaters, and white and black-checked bill caps.

The girls also formed a team and called themselves, and appropriately so, "The Bloomer Girls." They were attired in full black bloomers, black middie blouses, long black stockings and black and white checked caps which were worn jauntily with the bill to one side, probably depending upon whether they were right or left-handed.

There were some, however, who wore skirts over the blousy bloomers because their modest mothers insisted. Needless to say one had to be in shape to run with all that garb on.

The first game with Shamrock was delayed from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. because of the late train. Despite never having seen a game of basketball, much less having played in one, McLean was

triumphant over the Shamrock boys, 16-8, before a large, enthusiastic and curious crowd.

The McLean team that afternoon consisted of Raymond Glass and Johnnie R. Back as the "goal pitchers," Bryant Henry the center and Andrew Jordan and Dolph Burrows the guards.

The Bloomer Girls were less fortunate, losing to the Shamrock Coleens. The Bloomer Girls were Millie Gardenhire, Grace Whatley, Mabel Upham, Etta Storts, Sally Lou Haynes, Vergie Heasley and Franki Mae Upham. Only the first two named were absent at Sunday's reunion.

Things got worse before they got better for the McLean teams. The next game was a rematch in Shamrock. The teams and their fans rode the 11 a.m. train to Shamrock (90 cents round trip), expecting to return on the afternoon passenger train which was nearly always late.

You guessed it. The train was on time and the McLean troupe had to return on the late freight home, preferring the coal dust to some of the other odors and discomforts. And to top it off, they lost both contests.

A competitive spirit engulfed the boys of McLean and by mid-November the lineup included Glass and Back, Ed Newton, Henry and Jordan with Doyle Foster and Fred Thompson as subs. The quality of play had also improved.

Durrett reported at mid-term that "The teachers are pleased with the interest shown by pupils in athletics. The leaders on the basketball court are the leaders in the classroom. Not a single cigarette smoker has been able to make the first team."

It was then that the boys suffered the humiliation of

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Basket Ball

their young lives. Their masculine ego was practically wrecked when they took on Clarendon and discovered that they had been playing under girls rules.

In order to overcome this embarrassment the McLean boys improved and it was on

Thanksgiving that Basketball week was declared for McLean and what was believed to be the first lighted night game in the Panhandle was played.

The campus was lighted with kerosene balls at intervals around the court and the McLean teams engaged in games while hundreds watched and applauded, sitting upwind of the kerosene lamps.

McLean took on Clarendon College and Clarendon High just before Christmas and beat back Erick, Okla.

The sport took on its full importance in February when the first tournament was held with McLean, Al-anreed and Shamrock competing and fans had to pay 25 and 10 cents to watch, the beginning of paid athletic admissions in McLean.

In the Shamrock game Ed Newton scored as many individual points (16) as the entire team had in the first game. But Johnnie Back immortalized himself breaking all previous records by meshing 21 points.

Evan Sitter of McLean still recalls that Giles Phillips--when he found there was no goal-tender--would haul off and fire at the backstop from far reaches of the court ala Ozark Ike of comic strip fame. And more often than not, he would sink the basket, a rare feat now as then.

The recent visitors recounted their experiences of over half century ago.

All but two of the Bloomer Girls were there. The missing were Mrs. Grace Whatley Glenn of Douglas, Ariz. and Mrs. Mollie Gardenhire Dunne of North Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Dunne may be remembered by football fans in the Panhandle as the mother of "Wild Horse" Mays who made history on the gridiron as an Amarillo Sandie.

Mrs. Sallie Lou Haynes Campbell remembered the stifling odor from the kerosene balls. Mrs. Mabel Upham Dickey of Tulia recalled with pleasure of their automobile trip to Groom as did Mrs. Etta Storts Evans of Erick.

Mrs. Franki Mae Upham White of Pampa revealed that she and Grace Whatley Glenn wore the skirts over their bloomers, Mrs. Vergie Heasley Everett displayed an enlarged picture of the group taken 55 years ago.

The men present were Newton of Houston, Henry of Socorro, N.M., Back of Borger, Jordan of Channing and Glass and Burrows of McLean. They couldn't remember how many games they won or lost, settling the argument by saying they never lost, they just had a few taken away from them.

In that case, basketball hasn't changed much, has it?

Election

grain industry for the protection of farmers and depositors in public warehouse facilities;

547 for, 916 against, raising the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention districts but only if approved by the district residents;

1,317 for, 201 against, limiting school tax increases on the residence of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least 50 years old;

722 for, 711 against, authorizing the legislature to provide assistance for encouraging economic development;

515 for 909 against,

authorizing agreements between the state department of transportation and the Texas turnpike authority.

664 for, 783 against, allowing legislature to provide for state financing of the development of Texas projects and businesses;

464 for, 954 against, issuance of general obligation bonds to finance local public facilities;

866 for, 573 against, issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to correctional and mental health and mental retardation facilities;

627 for, 820 against, providing a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation granted to that office during the legislative term to which he is elected;

783 for, 650 against, allowing the legislature to exempt from advalorem taxation certain personal property;

661 for, 749 against, allowing the legislature be exempted from advalorem taxing on certain property located in the State temporarily;

1,263 for, 222 against, permitting spouses to hold community property with the right of the survivorship;

784 for, 641 against, allowing the creation and establishment by law of special districts to provide emergency services;

914 for, 510 against, giving the State of Texas a limited right to appeal in criminal cases;

689 for, 611 against, the ablishment of the office of

County Treasurer in three Texas counties;

848 for, 587 against, certain justice precincts containing more than one justice of the peace court;

619 for, 766 against, the legislature defining for all purposes of government and propriety functions of a municipality;

671 for, 723 against, creation, operation and financing

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of jail districts;
664 for, 759 against, the legislature providing advalorem tax relief for certain off shore drilling equipment that is not in use;
938 for, 511 against, limiting the authority of a governor to fill vacancies in State and District offices.

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Cuttin' Corners in McLean has a few new McLean Tiger jackets priced low, also country Christmas crafts arriving almost daily, lots of primitive country.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to you who donated green stamps to be used for getting card tables for the Groom Community Center. Enough came in to be traded for nine tables.

Now, our need is for punch cups and cake plates so please continue to share. Bring them to Brumley Insurance.

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For sale or trade—Round bales of hay. Wheat, sorghum or love grass. J. Boyd Smith. 779-2257. McLean.

New shipment of Texas Ropers and Boots for Christmas, red, pink, grey and turquoise. Vivian's in Groom.

To prevent duplication of charts, we ask that you make appointments in advance at Groom Area Clinic each Tuesday. Call 248-7980.

Sealed bids are being accepted by the Groom Community Center Association for the piano at the former Groom Club House. Bids can be left at Brumley Insurance.

Found—A ring in front of the Grocery Store. Describe and claim at The Groom News. 248-7333.

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