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Groom Jr. High Cagers Win W. D. Tournament

Both Groom Junior High teams gave outstanding performances last week in the White Deer Tournament. Both teams brought home 1st place plaques.

The girls opened their games up with a match against Panhandle. The Cubettes gave an exciting performance winning 32-31. Skye Brown led the scoring with 10 points. Krisanne Davis had 8, Michele Stephens had 4, Candace Bohr had 4 and Cassie Ashford, Sarah Looten and Brooke Britten each had 2.

Their second match was with White Deer. The Groom girls won handily 31-16. Krisanne Davis led the scoring with 13 points, Candace Bohr had 6, Skye Brown 5, Brooke Britten 3,

Sarah Looten had 2 and Michele Stephens had 2.

In their last game Groom girls pulverized Highland Park 40-10. Krisanne Davis led the scoring with 10 points. Candace Bohr had 8, Brooke Britten 7, Skye Brown 4, Michele Stephens 3, Cassie Ashford 2, Macie Britten 2, Frances Britten 2 and Nichole Barnett also 2.

By Coach Kelm

The Groom Junior High Cubs Boys Basketball Team had a very successful weekend by capturing the championship of the White Deer Tournament with a sweep of three games. On Thursday the Cubs defeated White Deer 7th grade by a score of 41-24. Nicholas

Anthony and Dewayne Gray led Cub scorers with 10 points each. Clay Ritter and Garrett Britten added 6 points each. Grant Weinheimer chipped in 4 and Russell Conrad and Cody Bivens each had 2 points. Wyatt Britten rounded out the scoring with 1 point.

In the first game on Saturday the Cubs rolled to victory over Pampa 7th grade by a score of 42-27 after running up an early 18-0 lead. In this game Dewayne Gray led the Cubs with 16 followed by Garrett Britten, Nicholas Anthony and Russell Conrad with 6 each. Clay Ritter and Grant Weinheimer added 4 points each in this victory.

In the tournament final the Cubs met up with the

Panhandle Panther 7th grade team and captured the tournament championship with their third solid game as they proved victorious again by a margin of 45-24. The Cubs showed very balanced scoring in this game. Scorers were as follows: Garrett Britten 10, Dewayne Gray 9, Nicholas Anthony 8, Russell Conrad 8, Grant Weinheimer 8, and Luke Pavlovsky 2. Trey Britten and Hugh Weinheimer provided good defense and excellent rebounding for the Cubs in all three games and contributed heavily to all the victories as did all of the Cubs. All of the Cubs played significantly in all of the games and worked well

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Dara Whalley shows one of her calves in the recent Top O'Texas Stock Show.

Carson County Junior Livestock Show Set For This Weekend

A culmination of nearly a year's work will take place Friday and Saturday as Carson County 4-Hers and FFA members prepare for the Carson County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Weighing and classifying will be on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Approximately 239 pigs, 44 lambs and 9 steers

and 4 heifers will be shown.

The show will kick off with the heifer exhibitors at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. The Lamb and Steer Shows will follow immediately. The Pig Show is slated to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

The awards presentation and sale are slated to begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

As The Interstate Turns

Snow Multiplies Accidents

By Trooper Gary Davis

Well its been another week of accidents. The first occurred on 1-14-97 at 12:55 a.m. seven miles east of Groom on IH-40. A Ford Ranger pickup driven by Paul Anthon Gaebel of Weatherford, Texas was westbound on IH-40. The pickup ran off the road and hit a concrete bridge pillar at the Pampa overpass. Mr. Gaebel was pinned in his vehicle for over 30 minutes and had to be freed by the jaws of life. The Groom and McLean Fire Departments worked to free the man. Gaebel was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in critical condition. Alcohol was a factor in this accident as the roads were clear at the time of the accident. Trooper Chris Ray from Panhandle worked the accident and was assisted by Trooper's Jeremy Wallace from Groom and Ronald Shank from McLean. DWI charges are pending on this accident.

On the same day at 10:30 p.m., we had freezing rain hit the Groom area. It

started about the 109 mile marker and ended in the McLean area. I was called out at 10:40 p.m. to work an accident at the 113 mile marker. A truck jackknifed and slid down the embankment, but never turned over. After working that, I then went to the 112 mile marker where a car hit one of the large road signs. A Jessica Warbritton of West LaFayette, IN. was eastbound on IH-40 where she lost control of a 1992 Chevrolet Baretta. She slid off the embankment and knocked down the Groom Exit sign. There were truck wrecks at the 124, 139 and 140 mile markers on IH-40. Troopers from Pampa and McLean worked these accidents.

On 1-18-97, troopers arrested a Panhandle man south of Panhandle on TX-207. He was placed in jail at the Sheriff's Department. And as always happens, this is not his first. This is not a social problem, this is a criminal act. People are injured and killed every year on our roads in this state.

Just last week in Amarillo, a man hit a light post and killed his wife in the accident. He was charged with Intoxication Manslaughter which carries a 20 year prison sentence. Can you imagine going out and drinking, having an accident, killing someone you love or somebody you don't even know. I can't and I don't think anyone else can either. But this happens every day and night in Texas. When you consider how big our state is, how many miles of roads we have and that we are the second most populous state in the country. We have over 3500 fatalities a year and at least half are alcohol related. What's the difference in taking a gun or club to someone, they're just as dead. So the next time you're driving down the road with your family on a Friday or Saturday night and you meet someone weaving, bright headlights on, or worse on I-40, they're driving in your lane, they may be drunk. Till next week be safe.

Ingham, Chisum Hutsell Rehired By School Board

The Board of Trustees of the Groom Independent School District met in a regular monthly session on January 20, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. in their usual meeting place in the school administrative offices with the following members present: Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, Dennis Babcock, Pat Britten, Adela Kotara, and Steve Anthony. Ben Ingham, Superintendent, Danny Chisum, Principal, and Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager were also at the meeting, along with Curtis Downs.

(Unless otherwise noted, all votes on motions were unanimous.)

Mr. Babcock dispensed with the reading of the minutes until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Anthony moved and Mr. Treadwell seconded that the board adopt and rescind policies as described in the instructions sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 53. The motion carried.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec

See School Board, pg. 6

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PLEASE MEET in the school teachers lounge Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 6 pm to start planning the Drug & Alcohol Free After Graduation Party. Your attendance to this meeting is vital for the continuation of this annual event.

GROOM SCHOOL will dismiss at 3:15 on Thursday, January 23.

THE GROOM Economic Development Corporation will meet Jan. 23rd at the Community Center for a planning session for the budget.

A DRIVER SAFETY course will be held in Pampa on Sat., Feb. 15 at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 North Frost, and on Sat., Feb. 22 in Clarendon at the CC Administration Building, Room 103.

THE CARSON COUNTY Stock show will be held Jan 24 & 25th in Panhandle.

THE GROOM SCHOOL semi-annual awards ceremony will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at 10:00 a.m. Semester awards for last spring as well as this year's fall semester will be presented.

THERE WILL BE NO Junior Varsity games at Lakeview on January 24.

GROOM JUNIOR High will play in the Miami Tournament next Thursday, January 30th.

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The January and February birthdays of the Glynn D Harrell family members were observed with a dinner at the home of Louise and Bob Mulkey in Panhandle Sunday noon.

The honorees were Bob Mulkey and Glynda Eschle of Lubbock for January and Steven Hightower of Panhandle for February.

Others present were Beverly and Jim Ingram of Amarillo, Sybil and Glynn D Harrell and Jeremy Mulkey of Groom, Sara-Allyson Hightower, Robert and Whitney and Louise Mulkey.

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Local Happenings

Buddy Weller was seen enjoying the sun in his shirt sleeves while doing a little painting after being cooped up with the snow.

Helen Witt and Glenna Reed enjoyed a day of shopping in Pampa, recently.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you, for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital for knee surgery. I am at home now and doing fine and hope to be seeing everyone again soon. Thanks again.

Breeze Kuehler

Wondering what the 'rod in the middle of Main Street, that so many of us narrowly missed, was for on Monday? Some company was surveying property and was using that to measure from.

Melody and Donna Burton recently met in Panhandle to take care of some business at the tax office. You could tell that it had been a very long time since Melody had been in Panhandle when she asked her Mom . . . "How do I get to the Courthouse?"

If you have been plagued with calls from people wanting your long distance service, instead of losing your patience and hanging up on them, tell them to put it in writing and mail it to you.

Renee and Nick Weinheimer are the proud parents of an 8 pound 12 ounce baby girl. This is an unofficial announcement and details of the new baby will hopefully follow in a week or two.

Groom School Menu January 27 - 31

Monday
 Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk.

Lunch: Lasagne, fried okra, salad, bread sticks, peaches, milk.

Tuesday
 Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken breast nuggets, mashed potatoes, cut corn, hot rolls, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk.

Wednesday
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, hash browns, juice, milk.

Lunch: Roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Thursday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, Tiger sized cinnamon rolls, milk.

Friday
 Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, french fries, yummy oatmeal cookies, milk.

The Groom News has lots of wonderful pictures that someone would like to have! Please stop by and take a look! Only 25¢!

Earning a place on the Dean's List at South Plains College in Levelland was freshman student Terry Eatmon from Groom. Terry is a graduate of Groom High School and the son of Judy Eatmon and Greg Eatmon.

West Texas Top Students

Groom had two students who made the President's List at West Texas A&M University. These students earned a 3.85 grade point average or higher out of a possible 4.0. They are Rebecca Conrad, a junior majoring in kinesiology-physical education and Stacy J. Fields, a sophomore and science major.

Earning a place on the Dean's List with a G.P.A. of 3.25 or better out of a possible 4.0 from Groom were: Bart Britten sophomore chemistry; Richard B. Britten, senior environmental science; Kendra L. Chisum, senior kinesiology, physical education; Jeffery K. Couch, senior kinesiology, physical education; Matthew K. Fields, senior PLSC, agronomy; Nick Kuehler, post-baccalaureate non-grad chemistry; Aimee R. Lyles, junior, English; and Karen L. Reid senior, general studies.

We Saw . . .

Hap Watson and Norris Hoyt visiting in their pickup. Wonder who they were plotting against.

Justin Homen working with his pig in preparation for the county stock show.

Kevin Kerlee picking up his mail after lunch Tuesday.

Breeze Kuehler getting around well after his knee surgery.

Brian Baker kissing someone (Ringer) in front of News office.

Wilbur Kemp guarding the "Rattlers" arena.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

January 23 - E.W. Lamberson, Ed Gray.

January 24 - Joseph L. Homer, Teron Howard, Tyler Jordan Fraser.

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

January 26 - Robert West, Mrs. E.W. Lamberson, Mrs. R.A. Clark.

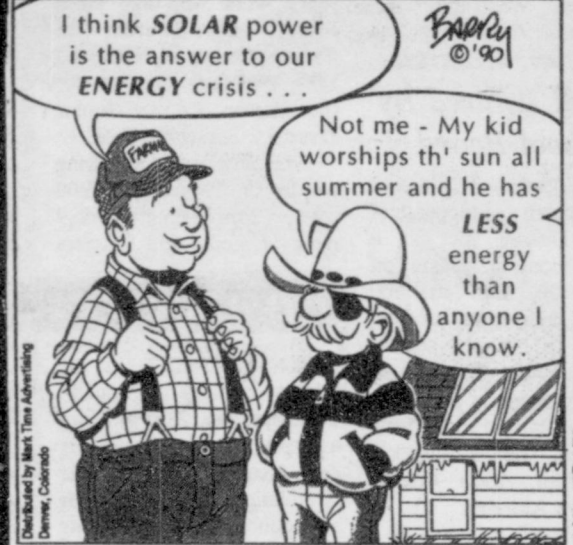
January 27 - Pat and Connie Britten (A).

January 28 - Courtney Ann Sustaire.

January 29 - Richard G. Weller, Mrs. Bobby Burgin, Douglas Floyd Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Babcock (A).

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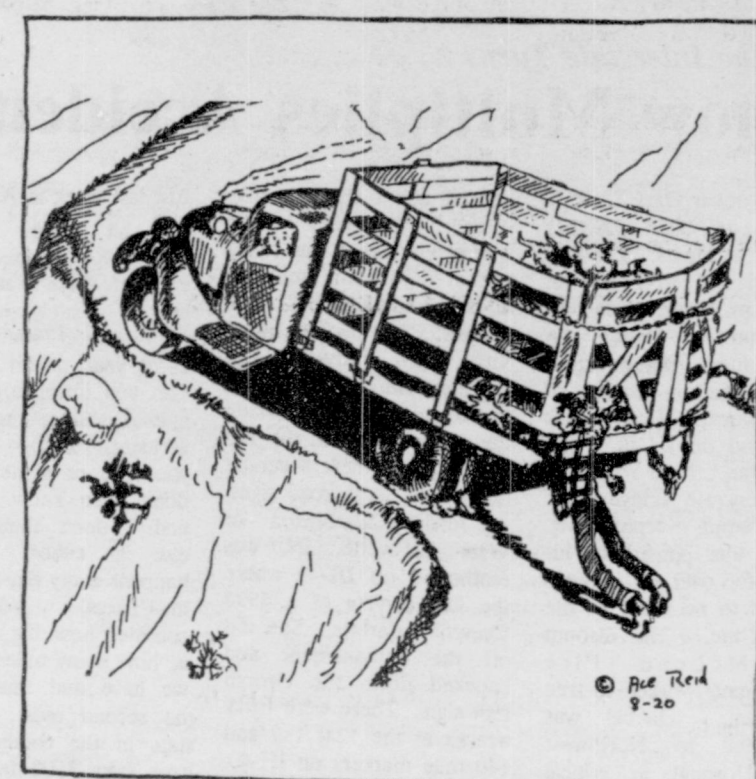
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Drivers License Renewal Requires Soc. Sec.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will require drivers to furnish their social security number in order to process their driver license application or renewal beginning January 1, 1997. The DPS announced recently.

The Texas transportation code requires the DPS to collect the social security number of any person who applies for a driver license in this state. "The law has been in effect since 1993 and we have been collecting the number on a voluntary basis," said Jimmy Tillinghast, driver license captain, Lubbock. "However, to be in compliance with state law, we will require this information after January 1, 1997."

Tillinghast also stated that proper documentation of the number will be necessary. Acceptable documentation would include your social security card, payroll or employment records, income tax documents and certain identification cards where the social security number is used and proper identification can be made. Facsimiles and employer lists will not suffice. "Without proper documentation of the number, no license will be issued," Tillinghast said.

While state and federal law allows for the use of social security numbers for driver licensing purposes, driver license personnel will not require the number for

department issued identification cards. They will continue to request the number on a voluntary basis in those instances.

"Hopefully, by getting this information out, the public can avoid unnecessary delays by having the proper documentation in hand when they walk through the door," Tillinghast said.

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Many eligible property and mobile home owners have not applied for exemptions that can lower taxable values. The homestead exemption is a ONE-TIME application. However, if you have changed your place of residence within the past year, you must reapply for the exemption, you must own or be buying the home on January 1, 1997. The home or mobile home must be your principal place of residence. A convalescent home resident who owns a home is eligible if she/he has every intention of returning to that home, even if the house is being rented out at the time of application.

The homestead exemption also applies to mobile home owners. One does NOT have to own the land where the mobile home is located in order to be eligible for this exemption.

The following types of exemptions are available to property owners in the Carson County Appraisal District:

GENERAL HOMESTEAD

Those persons qualifying for a residence homestead are entitled to a \$5,000 exemption off the market value of the homestead for school tax purposes. An additional \$3,000 county homestead exemption for assessed value is available against the portion of the county tax rate for farm-to-market roads or flood control. The county and school district may also offer up to 20% exemption of the remaining value of the homestead for 1997. This is a local option exemption.

PERSONS 65 OR OLDER

Elderly citizens are entitled to an additional \$10,000 exemption off the market value of their residence homestead for school taxes. And, while an elderly citizen's property may increase in value through the years, the school taxes owing in any one year on house and yard cannot be greater than the amount owed in 1979, or in the first year the property owner qualified for the exemption, whichever is later.

PERSONS 65 OR OLDER INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

Those individuals who are at least 65 years of age may pay at least one-fourth of a taxing unit's taxes imposed on property that the person owns and occupies as a residence homestead, before the February 1 delinquency date, and then pay the remaining taxes without penalty or interest in three equal installments. The first installment must be paid before April 1, the second installment before June 1, and the third installment before August 1.

DISABILITY EXEMPTION

Citizens who are totally disabled and qualify for the residence homestead exemption are entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 off the market value of their residence homestead. This exemption applies to school taxes only. A property owner may not receive both the disability exemption and the \$10,000 exemption for the elderly.

DISABLED VETERAN OR QUALIFYING SURVIVOR

Certain disabled veterans or their survivors may be entitled to an exemption ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 from the assessed value of any property they own. The amount depends on the percentage of service-connected disability. Documents verifying disability are required.

AGRICULTURAL-USE

Land which is being utilized for agricultural purpose may be eligible for tax relief. Qualified land owners hold the option of having an agricultural or open space land valuation applied to their property.

If you have any questions about eligibility or you are just curious as to whether you have already applied for the exemption, please give the Appraisal District office a call at 537-3569 or go by the office at 102 Main Street in Panhandle.

DEADLINE FOR FILING ANY OF THESE EXEMPTIONS IS MAY 1, 1997.

Donita Herber, Chief Appraiser

Top O'Texas CattleWomen Discuss Scholarships

The Top O'Texas CattleWomen met in regular session on January 7 in Pampa, with Darena Begert presiding. The invocation was given by Amelia Sims. Darena read "Keep it Simple", 13 ways to make life more enjoyable. Amelia Sims read the previous minutes, and they were approved as read. Lousie Coulter gave the treasurer's report. Eleven members were present.

In the business meeting, the question was asked "Do we want more cook books printed?" It was suggested we sell our beef cookbooks at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It was announced that it was time to be thinking about the scholarships that we give to a senior that writes an essay on his or her interest in agriculture. It was moved by Dianne Buckingham that we give one \$500.00, and two \$250.00 scholarships. It was seconded and carried. The scholarship committee is the same as last year, and they will get the information to the schools in our area.

Darena read the chairpersons for committees this year. Pat Youngblood moved that we not have our fall style show this year, but have a spring style show just before Easter in the spring

Thought For The Day

Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

of 1998. It was seconded and carried.

Sally Youngblood is a member of the NBA and she asked for any suggestions to take back to her committee.

Carolyn Buckingham moved we have our president and family as Ag

Family of the year. It was seconded and carried. They will write up a report to be sent to the State CattleWomen.

The meeting was adjourned to meet with Shamrock in February.

Submitted by Amelia Sims, recording secretary.



Johnson-Kotara To Wed In April Service

Mr. Jerry B. Johnson of Lubbock, and Pat Johnson of Stratford announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandi Lane Johnson, to Thomas Ronald Kotara Jr.

Kotara is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kotara of Panhandle.

The couple will marry April 19, 1997 at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect received a bachelor of science degree in exercise sports science from Texas Tech University where she was a member of

the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity. She is currently serving on the Texas Tech University Ex-Students National Board and is the regional manager for Allied Compliance Services in Amarillo.

The prospective groom received a bachelor of business administration degree in management information systems from Texas Tech University where he was a member of Saddle Tramps. He is a programmer/analyst for Hastings Support Center in Amarillo.

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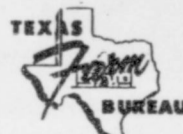
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ASCS To Switch To EFT

The Debt Collection Improvement act (DICA) of 1996 mandates that Federal payment to a recipient who becomes first eligible for that type of payment after July 25, 1996, will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The act further requires that all federal payments made after January 1, 1999, will be made by EFT.]

Producers entering a new program contract after July

25, 1996, will be required to complete an SF1199A direct deposit form, in order to receive payments for that program unless the payee provides written verification that they do not have an account with any financial institution. These forms may be obtained from the ASCS office. Producers who would like to begin EFT now should complete these forms now.

Information Available To The Public

The Freedom of Information Act which established the guidelines the ASCS office follows in regard to releasing information to the public has recently been clarified. Under the revised rule, a producer can always obtain any information regarding their farming operation and can authorize the ASCS

office to release that information to others. However, without the consent of the producer, the ASCS office can no longer release information such as farm numbers, specific crops and acreages on a farm, names, addresses, identification numbers, or payments issued to be issued to a specific producer. Therefore, any individual needing information on a producer on their farm should contact the producer to obtain the information or have the producer call the office to authorize the release of the information.

CRP Information

Those producers who took advantage of the extended grazing period need to go to the ASCS office and final certify acreages and livestock numbers.

Basketball

together as they continued to show improvement through each game. The Cubs season record is now 5-3. The next Cub game will be against Shamrock on Monday, January 27th at Groom. Come out and support the Cubs and show your appreciation of their hard work and efforts.



Justin Ritter, No. 33, goes up for a lay-up as White Deer watches in a recent game.



Julie Richardson works to get in front of the ball to stop a drive by White Deer.

Mardi Gras Dance for Adults
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January is School Board Recognition month. School board members are our friends and neighbors who make education their business. They invest countless hours of their time, and often their own resources, to set direction for your children and your local public schools.

Local trustees establish policies that reflect your beliefs and set goals that project Groom's vision for the future. They spend long hours, after their own work days, to make decisions on issues that will eventually impact everything from local business to the quality of life in Groom.

Most of their efforts go unrewarded. Often, the

only response school board members get is criticism.

When you elected your school board members, you picked people to act for you in your absence. You chose men and women you knew you could trust with the vitality of your community and the development of your children.

They play a very important role in the uniquely American school governance system that guarantees you local control of your schools.

Please show your appreciation for them during School Board Recognition Month in January. Say thanks to these board members for guiding your public school

system. Without them you would lose a vital link to your local schools. Groom board members are Denny Babcock, Adele Kotara, Steve Anthony, Barry Fields, and Pat Britten.

High School Lizard Dies

Groom High School Science students were in mourning this week after the untimely death of "The Lizard". "The Lizard" was part of the terrarium exhibit

that students have studied this year. "The Lizard" was given an appropriate burial.

Mrs. Sloan, Groom's Science teacher, stated "We will all miss his beady eyes staring through the glass at

us. "The Lizard" will be greatly missed."

Officials have ruled the cause of death was "natural causes" and no hint of foul play was suspected.

State FFA Visits Austin

Blue and gold converged at the steps of the state capitol this week when the Texas FFA State Officer team visited with top officials on January 6, 1997.

Governor George Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, Speaker of the House Pete Laney and numerous legislators and top agriculture industry leaders made time to visit with the officer team. As part of an annual event, the FFA leaders come to Austin to spend a day learning about state government and the legislative process.

"It is important for young people to learn about their government and the legislative process," said Commissioner Perry. "They are our future leaders, and if we can impress upon them at a young age the importance of democracy, we can make a real difference."

Representative Pete Patterson of Paris hosted a luncheon for the group in the Speaker's Dining Room at the capitol. Speaker Laney along with

Representative Patterson thanked the state officers for attending and encouraged them to become active in the government.

The group also participated in a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Agriculture Museum.

State Director of the FFA, Kirk Edney, said the officers are very fortunate.

"To have the governor, commissioner of agriculture and legislators donate their time for us is tremendous," he said.

Edney said, "The FFA is well represented in Texas.

These officers do an outstanding job."

The 10 officers are President Tanessa Saathoff of Devine, First Vice President Cody Nash of Tolar, Cori Lowe of Gruver, Carrie Perkins of Colorado City, Jonathan Sandel of Houston, Andrea Peck of Bellevue, Bryan Cole of Arlington, Jennifer Daniels of Van, Brant Poe of Nacogdoches, and John Wyatt of Tilden.



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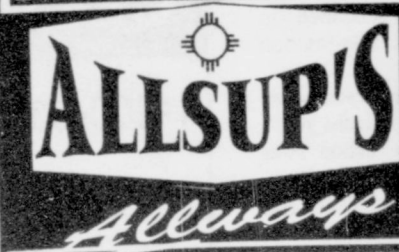
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U.I.L. Speakers Compete In Texas Tech Contest, Mary Hutsell Places Fourth

Several Groom U.I.L. participants attended a speech tournament last weekend at Texas Tech University.

Mary Hutsell was the big winner of the day, placing 4th in the poetry contest. She was beaten by students from three different 5-A schools.

Mrs. Janetta Lamb, sponsor for the event stated, "The larger schools participate in another type of speaking program that, while similar to the U.I.L. events, has a little different presentation. They are much more dramatic than

the way we prepare for U.I.L. It does make some difference in the way they are judged. Our students seem to do well in spite of these slight differences and it is very good practice for them as they prepare for the district contests."

Also making the finals was Allison Eatmon in Novice Prose. Cody Britten, Sarah Hutsell, Dara Whatley, and Trisha Broadway participated in Novice Prose. Joe Britten and Michael Stephens competed in extemporaneous speaking.

Local Happening Clarendon College Accepts Applications For 1997 Autumn Semester

Clarendon College's renowned Ranch and Feedlot Operations program is now accepting applications for the Fall 1997 semester. Interviews for this hands-on program will begin January 15 and end May 1.

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have an agricultural background.

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Clarendon College offers 35 academic majors and five workforce education programs. After completing CC's Ranch and Feedlot Operations program, students may complete one

Rip and Joy Snyder visited the Les Neals in Claude on Saturday.

Granny and PaPa Brooks were visited Saturday by Jowannah and the boys from Panhandle.

Pat Ashford and Charleen Weller recently enjoyed a "day of beauty" provided by Karen Brown. Both were getting "dolled up" last Friday.

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School Board

551.074, the board went into closed session at 7:17 P.M. and came out of closed session at 9:10 P.M.

Mr. Treadwell moved and Mr. Anthony seconded to extend the contract of Ben Ingham, Superintendent for one year. The motion carried.

Mr. Britten moved and Mr. Fields seconded to extend the contract of Danny Chisum, Principal for one year. The motion carried.

Mr. Anthony moved and Mr. Treadwell seconded to extend the contract of Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager for one year. The motion carried.

Mr. Fields moved and Mr. Anthony seconded to pay all bills. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hutsell presented an analysis of the current year's budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Anthony moved and Mrs. Kotara seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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The McLean News



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Scouts Explore New Worlds, Cookie Sales



Some of our local Girl Scouts are: Front Row, Anna Shackelford, Kristen Odom, Haylee Hendrick. 2nd Row, Brooke Seymour, Erin Bailey, Tamara Loya, Amanda Fricks, Stephanie Henson. 3rd Row, Shelby Terry, Lacey Wallis, Ashley Francis, Ashley McClendon, Skylar Ferguson and Kay Taylor. (Not pictured are Valerie Bradley and Ashley Love.

McLean Girl Scout Troops will begin their annual cookie sale on January 27. Delivery is slated for February 19 through March 5.

La Donna Bradley demonstrated, to the Girl Scouts at a recent meeting, what to do in different First Aid emergencies.

Other programs enjoyed by the Brownies have included touring the Lamb-Ferguson Flowershop, making Christmas ornaments for residents of

the McLean Care Center, caroling at the Center, and visiting the Discovery Center in Amarillo.

The troop consists of Amanda Fricks, Haylee Hendrick, Stephanie Henson, Tamara Loya, Kristen Odom, Brooke Seymour, Anna Shackelford, Kay Taylor and Lacey Wallis. Leaders are Helen Taylor, Sally Seymour, and Beverly Odom.

The Junior Girl Scouts will attend the Overnight Discovery on February 21st with the leadership of

Deanna McClendon and La Donna Bradley.

Financial sponsors for the McLean Girl Scouts, Brownies and Junior Troops this year have been the United Methodist Women, B & B Turbine, Bank of Commerce and the McLean Feedyard. Kristi Tidwell and Tanna Shipman are assistant leaders.

The nine Daisy Girl Scouts are kindergarten students under the leadership of Linda Syfrett, Denise Howard and Bobbie Sanderson.

Exhibitors Compete At Gray Co. Stock Show

Results of the 1997 Gray County Stock Show are as follows:

Lambs:
Class No. 5 finewool, Jessie Fish, 1st place, Bred Champion.

Class No. 6 finewool cross, Jessie Fish, 1st place, Breed Champion; Nikki Hefley 5th place.

Class No. 7 light weight medium wool, Lori Hefley, 3rd place; Austin Williams, 4th place; Donald Basham, 5th place; Jessie Fish, 6th

place.
Class No. 8 heavy weight medium wool, Jessie Fish, 1st place, Breed Champion; Donald Basham, 4th place; Nikki Hefley, 9th place.

Pigs:
Class 18 medium heavy weight duroc, Joshua Seymour, 3rd place; Kevin Smith, 5th place.

Class 20 light weight hampshire, Rebecca Hembree, 4th place.

Class 23 heavy weight

hampshire, David Fuller, 2nd place; Jonathan Bailey, 3rd place.

Class 27 heavy weight yorkshire, Aaron Rice, 5th place.

Class 30 medium weight cross, Lucus Seymour, 6th place.

Class 31 medium heavy weight cross, David Fuller, 5th place.

Class 32 medium heavy weight cross, Jonathan Bailey, 2nd place.



Holly Jasper to End Miss McLean Reign On February 1

Holly Jasper will be giving her crown of Miss McLean away to a new and beautiful Miss McLean of 1997, February 1. Contestants are busy and excited about the pageant. Jennifer Patton, Lacey Steel, Valerie Joiner, Sara Brown, Jessie Fish, Dee Dee Floyd, Kristina Carter, Rebecca Hembree, Jessica Rich, Moriah McCracken, Shaley Stalls, Shanna Dent, Rachel Galley, Lori Hefley, Trace Seitz, Lorin Hall, Francine Abdolla, Annie Weaver, Tanna Shipman, Diana Vega and Stephanie Ritchie are looking forward to a big night.

Alanreed Residents Endure Weather

By Lena Carter
Dena and Debbie Tidwell made a trip down state where Bill Tidwell is working.

If you don't think it got cold, some of the waterwells froze in spite of precautions taken.

The James Armbristers and Nora Dragoos shopped in Pampa Thursday.

Robert Bruce made a trip to Amarillo on Friday.

The Twentieth Century Study Club meeting for January had to be postponed due to weather and will be rescheduled till the February date.

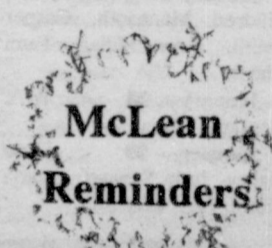
Word received here this week of the passing of Burnet Greenwood, son of

a pioneer family here, the S.T. Greenwoods. Burnet's father was a lifetime Baptist preacher and preached not only here but all the way around. Burnet lost his wife back right after Thanksgiving. He received his education in this former school.

Robert Bruce made a trip to Floydada this week.

The Robert Bruces and Shawn of Pampa were in Amarillo this week to pick up son, and father, Bob, who underwent surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital.

The James Armbristers were in Amarillo on Monday for medical attention for James.



THE AMARILLO District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting an informational meeting in the McLean Elementary School Cafeteria Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 pm.

ON JAN. 24 at 5:00 the McLean junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys will play Lefors.

McLEAN WILL HOST Samnorwood basketball junior varsity and varsity boys & girls on Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.

KEEP THE 3RD of February in mind for the McLean-Alanreed Museum's annual Chili Dinner.

THE AMARILLO District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting an informational meeting in the McLean School Cafeteria, Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

PLEASE DO NOT put anything in the recycling trailer until further notice. The program has been discontinued.

ON WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22 at 12:45 there will be practice for the Miss McLean Pageant in the auditorium.

WED., JAN 22 at 7 p.m. will be the Board of Education meeting.

Groundhog Day Is February 2

McLEAN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous will meet at 7:00 pm, Monday at the Bank of Commerce.

A DRIVER SAFETY course will be held in Pampa on Sat., Feb. 15 at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 North Frost, and on Sat., Feb. 22 in Clarendon at the CC Administration Building, Room 103.

McLean Fire Department Report

1-14-97 - 11:20 Accident at the 124 mile marker.
 1-14-97 - 12:02 Accident at the 140 mile marker.
 1-17-97 - Structure fire county line road, J.D. Roth place, total loss.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

January 23 - Sherry Watson.
 January 24 - Emory (Pete) Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Husted (A).
 January 25 - Rhonda Thornton, A.A. (Bo) Nicholas, Travis Winegeart.
 January 26 - Oma Watson, Jean Longino, Ida Wilson.
 January 27 - Pat Stubbs, Mildred Mantooth, Casper Smith, Jerry Miller, Tami Marsh.
 January 28 - W.A. Bentley.
 January 29 - Dora Bailey, Judy Stewart, Charla Smith, Sam Haynes.



New Arrival

Brock, Kristie and Clay Crockett are happy to announce the arrival of the newest member of their family.

Cody Scott Crockett was born January 9, 1997 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David K. Crockett; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson of Paducah.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burroughs and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Thomas, all of McLean; Mrs. Ruth Reed, Childress; and Mrs. Hazel Thompson of Stinnett.

Mindy Magee from McLean was named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University for the Fall 1996 semester. Mindy is a senior with an Agribusiness major.

Students on the Dean's List achieved a semester grade average (GPA) of 3.25 or better out of a possible 4.0 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

McLean School Menu

January 27 - 31
Monday
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, dessert, milk.
Tuesday
 Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Taco salad, meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, oven fries, dessert, milk.
Wednesday
 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Burritos, chili, cheese, pinto beans, salad, lemon bars, milk.
Thursday
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, dessert, milk.
Friday
 Breakfast: Pancake, sausage on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Cheeseburgers, curly fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, cobbler, milk.

McLean Honor Rolls

McLean Third Six Week Honor Roll 90 & Above 12th Grade

Francine Abdalla, Tammye Cole, Shanna Dent, David Fuller, Jason Hooper, Jessica Rich, Chad Richards, Ashley Slagle, Kristi Tidwell.

11th Grade
 Lorin Hall, Moriah McCracken, Traci Seitz, Shaley Stalls.

10th Grade
 Rachel Galley, Josh Swafford.

9th Grade
 Brian Fuller, Valerie Joiner.

8th Grade
 Cecily Cadra, Ben Ridgley.

80 & Above 12th Grade
 Tobey Purcell, Tanna Shipman, Rachael West.

11th Grade
 Anthony Albus, Jennifer Barker, Chris Flores, Walter Handlin, Lori Hefley, Krystle McClellan, Erik Vega.

10th Grade
 Brodey Carter, Pamela Greer, Chris Hauck, Destiny Kirkland, Lacey Steel, Annie Weaver.

8th Grade
 Will Frost, Josh Logan, Nathaniel Roberts, Brad Sawyer, Ricky Smith, Gabriel Vega, Lauren Williams, Twila Williams.

McLean First Semester Honor Roll

90 & Above 12th Grade

Francine Abdalla, Shanna Dent, David Fuller, Jason Hooper, Jessica Rich, Kristi Tidwell.

11th Grade
 Jennifer Barker, Lori Hefley, Moriah McCracken, Traci Seitz, Shaley Stalls.

10th Grade
 Rachel Galley

9th Grade
 Brian Fuller

8th Grade
 Ben Ridgley

80 & Above 12th Grade
 Kristina Carter, Tammye Cole, Derek Glass, Ladora Hoyt, Tobey Purcell, Chad Richards, Tanna Shipman, Ashley Slagle.

11th Grade
 Anthony Albus, Lorin Hall, Walter Handlin, Bonnie Hauck, Krystle McClellan, Erik Vega.

10th Grade
 Victoria Bradley, Destiny Kirkland, Bonnie Morgan, Valeri Nalley, Josh Swafford.

9th Grade
 Neil Campbell, Brodey Carter, Dee Dee Floyd, Pamela Greer, Chris Hauck, Valerie Joiner, Lacey Steel, Annie Weaver.

8th Grade
 Cecily Cadra, Will Frost, Terrell Hembree, Gabriel Vega.

Ambulance Report

1-7-97: Responded to the 200 block of east 7th on a fall. Transported one patient to Shamrock General.

1-8-97: Responded to the 138 mile marker of I-40 on a one vehicle accident. No injuries, no transport.

1-8-97: Responded to the 144 mile marker of I-40 for a three vehicle accident. No patient transported.

1-9-97: Responded to Shamrock General for an advanced life support transfer to Northwest Texas in Amarillo. Transported one patient.

1-9-97: Responded to McLean Care Center on a medical. Transported one patient to Shamrock General.

1-10-97: Responded to the east side of McLean on a fire standby. No patients transported.

1-12-97: Responded to Shamrock General for an advanced life support transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Transported one patient.

1-14-97: Responded to the 121 mile marker of I-40 on a one vehicle accident. Transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

As reported by Robbie Sanderson, Secretary, McLean Ambulance Service.

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Stevens - Johnson Married In December

Sandi Stevens and David Johnson were united in marriage on December 21, 1996 at the First Baptist Church in Canyon. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Thacker Haynes.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Jean Stevens of Canyon. She is a 1993 graduate of Canyon High School and attended

Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. She will graduate from West Texas A&M in May with a degree in exercise sports science.

The groom is the son of Mike and Cherry Johnson of Vernon and Sam and Jan Haynes of Pampa. He is a 1992 graduate of McLean

High School. He attended South Plains College in Levelland and will graduate in May with a degree in pre-pharmacy and chemistry from Texas Tech University.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending the bride were matrons of honor and sisters of the bride, Shonna Covin and Joanie Ivy both of Canyon. Attendants were Star Stephens of Canyon, Christa Moore of Canyon, Angie Sides of Canyon, Paige Bizzell of Lubbock, Mandy Garrison of Oklahoma City, Julie South of Oklahoma City, Nian Newsom of Mesquite, Astou Ndiaye of Dakar, Senegal, Africa, and Ashlee Covin was junior bridesmaid.

The bestman was Darren Johnson of McLean, brother of the groom. Attending the groom was J.T. Haynes of Lubbock, Destry Magee of Canyon, Tanner Hess of Austin, Tom Pennington of Lubbock, Sid Brass of

Pampa, Cal Hobwick of McLean, Chris Littlefield of McLean, Randy Nichols of Pampa and Brent Skaggs of Pampa. The junior groomsman was Andrew Covin.

Aven Covin of Canyon and Sherri Ann Haynes of McLean were the flowergirls. Candlelighters were Lane Ivy of Canyon and Austen Covin of Canyon. Cross carriers were Brent Ivy and Wheatley Stevens.

Residents Hold January Birthday Parties

Residents playing bingo Monday were Dick Wheeler,

Phyllis Bailey, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Sylvia McClellan, Truman Goodlett, M.L. Rowan, Florence Drake, Mary Carter, Jessie Coleman and Lena Bailey. Bananas were furnished by the Lion's Club. Crafts was held on Monday. Those working in crafts were Truman Goodlett, Imogene King, Sue Cubine, Phyllis Bailey and Helen Glass. Refreshments were served following the session.

Tuesday Sylvia McClellan, president of the Resident Council held a meeting. Those attending were Phyllis Bailey, Lula Sheegog, Teresa Richardson, Sue Cubine, Eula Morrow and Truman Goodlett. In the afternoon Teresa Richardson, Dick Wheeler and Imogene King played dominos.

Wednesday members of the Builders Methodist Sunday School class came to give the residents an ice cream social. Members attending were Sam Haynes, Grace Glenn and Betty Lowe.

Thursday Inez Trostle styled the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon the following residents played bingo: M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler, Sylvia McClellan, Eula

Morrow, Truman Goodlett, Lena Bailey, Teresa Richardson, Phyllis Bailey, Thelma Hopkins, Vernee Bowling, Florence Drake and Jessie Coleman.

Friday the residents watched a movie.

Saturday was the birthday party. Steve Brass brought his electric piano to play music. Corsages and boutonnieres were furnished by Lamb-Ferguson florist.

Evelyn Pennington baked and decorated a chocolate cake, the angel food cake was furnished by Betty Lowe. Ladies serving were Betty Lowe, Jessie Bailey and Rose Steel.

Words Of Wisdom

Advice is like mushrooms. The wrong kind can prove fatal.

Gray County Sheriff's Report

By Don Copeland, Sheriff Opps, Sorry I missed last weeks news.

We have been rather busy with the transition.

On January 11 a basic jailer school was began in our facilities. This is a forty hour school and has 34 students enrolled. The school will conclude on January 25 with TCLOSE

testing on January 27 at Amarillo College.

The jail population seems to be holding steady between 60-66 inmates.

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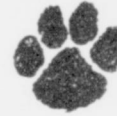


McLean Basketball

By Bonnie Hauck & Ashley Slagle, Tiger Rag Staff

The Tigers and Lady Tigers played the Allison Antelopes Friday, January 17th. The Lady Tigers Varsity was defeated by the Lady Lopes, 56-33. In the first half, the Lady Tigers held the Lady Lopes defense to its minimum with the score tied, 12-12. In the third, the Lady Tigers fell behind 46-26 but tried to struggle their way back, but failed. High scorer was sophomore, Rachel Galley.

The Tigers fought hard, but were defeated by the Allison Antelopes, 43-55. In the first half the Tigers score was 15-19, with junior, Erik Vega top shooter. In the third quarter, the score was 32-40, in the Lopes favor. In the final quarter the Lopes blew past the Tigers and trotted on home with a victory. High scorer was senior, Tobey Purcell.





Sharps Celebrate 60th

On Jan. 9, 1937, Wanda Geneva Blaylock, 20, became the bride of Arnold Sam Sharp, 21. Parents of the couple were Lafaeite McDuffy and Katie Louella McGuire Blaylock, and Sam Edwin and Sherita Shell Fitzwater Sharp. Both were from McLean.

The wedding was in Wheeler, Texas (for reasons long forgotten, but perhaps because there was no waiting period). Traveling in a model A Ford coupe, they were accompanied by a friend and Arnold's sister, Relia, it was cold and snowy.

After spending the night at Wanda's older sister's home, Helen Mann, they prepared to move to their new home at the Taylor Ranch, near Alanreed. Being the depression and Wanda not having a "Hope Chest", the newlyweds stopped to buy a set of sheets. Wanda had just quit her job as waitress for J.A. Meador. She was to become the new ranch cook and Arnold a ranch cowboy. Having grown up the second oldest of 9 children, Wanda was used to cooking, but she was nervous about cooking on a wood stove and a hungry bunch of cowboys.

Arnold drove out the ranch truck and Wanda drove out the Ford coupe. With no real roads or highways, she was in fear of driving off into a

canyon or getting stuck in a creek bed. However, they arrived with no real mishaps, at least on this trip. Their new home was the cooks shack. There was a bedroom, dining room and kitchen. The first night, Arnold, who never met anyone he couldn't visit with, sat in the kitchen with the cowboys until very late. Wanda waited in the bedroom getting madder and madder. She was wearing English styled riding pants and tall, tight leather riding boots that she couldn't remove without help. Too embarrassed to call her new husband to the bedroom to ask for help, she sat for hours with swelling feet and a growing temper.

Wanda prepared breakfast the very next morning. All meals were prepared from scratch, and were mostly variations of beef, potatoes, beans, biscuits and gravy. Any fresh vegetables or fruits, the cook had to buy herself. Beef was butchered on the ranch and Arnold cut off whatever Wanda needed to prepare the meal. A young nephew, junior Mann, often stayed at the ranch with them. When he saw the hanging beef, he asked what it was. Arnold also milked, chopped wood and got up to build the fire in the cook stove.

Their salary was \$40.00 per month. A hitch occurred early

in the marriage when Arnold spent a whole month pay on a big black cowboy hat. It must have been a good hat, for it is still in the family. Wanda, however, was not at all happy about working for a whole month, for something that she couldn't wear.

In the early years they worked for the Taylor Ranch on and off and once for an isolated gas station and cafe in the Davis Mountains. WWII brought news of work on the West Coast. Arnold went ahead and got a job at a shipyard. Wanda soon followed on the longest train ride of her life. Their first child, Peggy, was born while they lived at Vancouver, Washington in 1943.

When Peggy was 10 months old, they returned to McLean and Arnold joined the Navy. He was stationed in San Diego and was assigned to drive Liberty buses and staff cars. He was away for 2 years. Wanda and Peggy stayed in McLean where the Blaylock and Sharp families lived. Like everyone else during these times, they worried about rationing and men going off to war.

When Arnold returned home, he found work at local service stations until he was finally hired by Warren Petroleum. He recalled his starting wage was 75¢ per hour, quite a lot of money, in those days. When Peggy was 4, the family grew with the addition of a son, Val. Their two room house was enlarged by a bedroom and a bathroom. They also acquired a collie, Lassie, who quickly learned to drag Val back into the yard by his diaper when he tried to escape. Neither child could be spanked in Lassie's presence. She was a loved member of the family for over 15 years. In 1959 the family moved to a farm east of McLean where Arnold could have a few head

of cattle, and Val could have a horse and finally get out of the yard without Lassie coming after him.

Wanda went to work for Marie Foundations. She began as a cutter, trained as a pattern maker and was assistant supervisor to Avalee Crockett. She retired after 19 years. Both of the Sharp children graduated from McLean High School. Peggy married Gary Gordin in 1963. They had two children, Tracy Lyle, in 1964

and Val Marie in 1967.

Val enlisted in the Army in 1965 and became a paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne. He was wounded several times in Viet Nam and left a field hospital to lead his patrol as point-man. He was fatally wounded by a sniper at Dac To, South Viet Nam and awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously.

Wanda and Arnold moved back into town in 1976. He retired from Warren Petroleum in 1973 and began working for the McLean Feed Lot as night watchman. About this time, their son-in-law was critically injured and they stepped in to help raise the grandchildren, periodically for the next two years. They managed very well, although Arnold never got the knack of fixing Val Marie's long curly hair.

After their retirement, they bought the first of several travel trailers and enjoyed seeing the states. They are longtime members of the First Baptist Church and enjoy doing volunteer work for the Devil's Rope Museum. Arnold owned and rode his last horse, "Punkin" till he was in his late 70's. He taught the grandchildren to ride, handle guns, and drive. Wanda is known as a great cook and enjoys sewing for all the girls in the family. They have made hundreds of trips to attend any event connected with their grandchildren and later their great grandchildren. They saw to it that their grandchildren had bikes and later cars and experienced numerous things that they would have never known except for Grandpa and Grandpa.

Arnold has not been in the best of health for the last three years. Their 60th anniversary was spent with him as a patient at Integrated Health Service in Amarillo. They were served a private candle light dinner. As she had been for 60 years, Wanda is with Arnold every day.

When asked how they met, Wanda said that she had known him since the Blaylocks moved to McLean in 1928. She laughed and said, "I should have known better, but I married him anyway!"

Their family and friends wish them good health and many more years together.

Happy 60th Anniversary, Mama & Daddy, Grandma & Grandpa, & Great-Grandma & Great-Grandpa! We Love You.



Browns Celebrate Anniversary

January 14, 1934, Emory David "Pete" Brown and Zella Mae Lankford married on a cold night in the McLean Methodist parsonage after church services. This January 14, 1997, marked their 63rd wedding anniversary. They did not have a big celebration due to the weather.

Pete and Zella Mae met by becoming neighbors and attending school at Ramsdell; a Rock Island Railroad cattle shipping

point east of McLean which bloomed as a nice little town then faded away.

Their life and work has always been cattle related southeast of McLean. Presently they remain active ranchers and still reside five miles south east of town.

Daughter of the couple is Rita Crawford, recently moved from Amarillo; Grandson Shaun Crawford and spouse Amanda; with great-grandchildren Emory and Caleb; all of McLean.

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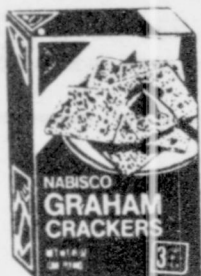
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