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City Council Approves Drainage Work, Annual Bonuses

The Groom City Council met in regular session last week.

The 1994 budget was presented by Jenni Hahn of Grantham, Cory, Call and Heare, P.C. After a discussion the board approved the audit.

After looking over estimates to correct the drainage problem at the

intersection of Fourth and Shelton, the Council members voted to have L&R Shelton of Pampa do the work at a cost of \$1,680.00.

The members also unanimously voted to give longevity pay (year end bonus) to their employees in the following amounts: Jack Barnett \$150.00, Donnie Evans, \$150.00, Debbie

Anthony \$150.00 and Donna Burton \$25.00.

Condemnation proceedings will begin on the property at 207 Martin owned by Johnny Cline.

The employee handbook was discussed with employees, Debbie Anthony, Jack Barnett, and Donnie Evans. No action was taken.



What would Christmas be without children and Santa Claus? The Howard girls pose for a picture with 'Ol Saint Nick in the background at the Groom Dairy Queen. They are Karla, Caren, Kecia and the baby Keeli.

Tigerettes Win Valley Tournament

The Ettes brought home another trophy after winning the Valley tournament last weekend.

In their opening game the girls played Motley County to win 64-43. Misty Homen had a great night scoring 27 points to lead the scoring. Kay Case added 12 and Melanie Friemel had 11. Jessica Friemel popped the net with a 3 pointer and Jill Howard added 2.

In the semi-finals the girls played Silverton. Misty Homen led the scoring with 21 points. Melanie Friemel had 16, 3 of those baskets were from the 3-point line. Kay Case had 6, Stacy Fields, Sandie Conrad 3 and Angie Conrad had 2.

The Ettes won 53-32.

In the final championship match the Ettes pounded Valley to win 69-52.

Melanie Friemel led the

scoring with 21 points. Kay Case had 19, Misty Homen 18, Stacy Fields 9 and Jill Howard 2.

The Tigers opened the tournament with a game against Motley County. Bart Britten led the scoring with 13, Bo Burgin had 11, Bryan Crowell 9, Seth Ritter 8, Jeremy Chavado 6 and Stanley Homer 5. The Tigers lost 53-64.

The Tigers played Kress

in their semi-final game. They were slightly behind when time ran out and lost 42-49. Stanley Homer led the scoring with 9 points. Bo Burgin and Seth Ritter each added 8, Bryan Crowell had 5, Jimmy Chavado 4 and Bart Britten, Nick Ashford, Jeremy Chavado each had 2.

The Tigers won the final match against Silverton 67-52. Bo Burgin had 17 points for top score. Bryan Crowell had 15, Nick Ashford had 10, Jeremy Chavado 8, Stanley Homer 6, Brandon Crump 5, Seth Ritter 2 and Bart Britten 1.

Community Calendar

DECEMBER 20th will be the last day of classes at Groom Schools. Classes dismiss at 2:30 pm for the Christmas Holiday.

SOS MEETS Thursday noon. United Methodist Congregation hosts at the Community Center.

OPEN HOUSE at the Groom Grocery, November 15 from 1 to 4 pm.

GROOM GROCERY will be closed beginning at noon Dec. 24 and will reopen Monday Dec. 26, regular time.

THE SQUARE HOUSE Museum will present a recital of holiday music, Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 pm in the Hazlewood Arts & Education Building Auditorium. Performers will be Kent Watson, Jerry Crowell, Leslie Crowell and Melanie Britten.

Community Calendar



COMMODITIES WILL be distributed today, Thursday, December 15 at the Groom Library from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held at the J.P. Office, hosted by Mike Britten and Bill Hinson, on Dec. 20 from 9 am to 1 pm.

WEST TEXAS GAS, Inc. will hold an Open House on December 22, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

THE UNITED Methodist Congregation will host S.O.S. Thursday, Dec. 15 at noon in the Community Center.

THE 4-H Progressive Christmas Party will begin at 6 pm on Dec. 16 at Belinda Britten's home. It will proceed to Charlotte Whatley's home and end at Be Stephen's home.

SEMESTER TESTS are scheduled for Dec. 16, 19 & 20. Elementary Christmas parties will be held the afternoon of the 20th.

GROOM ATHLETIC Department will host their annual tournament on December 29 & 30. At this time, the varsity are the teams involved.

GROOM VARSITY and Junior Varsity teams will play Clarendon at Groom Friday beginning at 4:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Groom Invitational Tourney to keep gate and work the concession stand. Booster club will be in charge of the concession stand but can use extra help. If interested contact Marcia Conrad or Shirley Fields.

THE STATE NATIONAL Bank will close at noon on December 23.

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK will hold an Open House on December 15, 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00.

THE GROOM LIBRARY will be closed on December 23 and December 26.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS School will host their Christmas Program on Dec. 15th at 7:00 p.m.

CARSON COUNTY Show Board Meeting, December 15th, 7:00 pm at the County Ag Barn. Finalizing of show schedule!

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

Wheat-\$3.56
Milo-\$3.85
Corn-\$4.24



Santa Saw . . .

NAUGHTY

Jimmy Britten and Donnie Evans being very, very naughty at the DQ coffee hour. Can't say what they did, but they know they were BAD!

Scott McLaughlin and April Burton chasing a pig in the Burton's front yard at 7:00 a.m., Sunday morning. Who forgot to shut the trailer door, kid's?

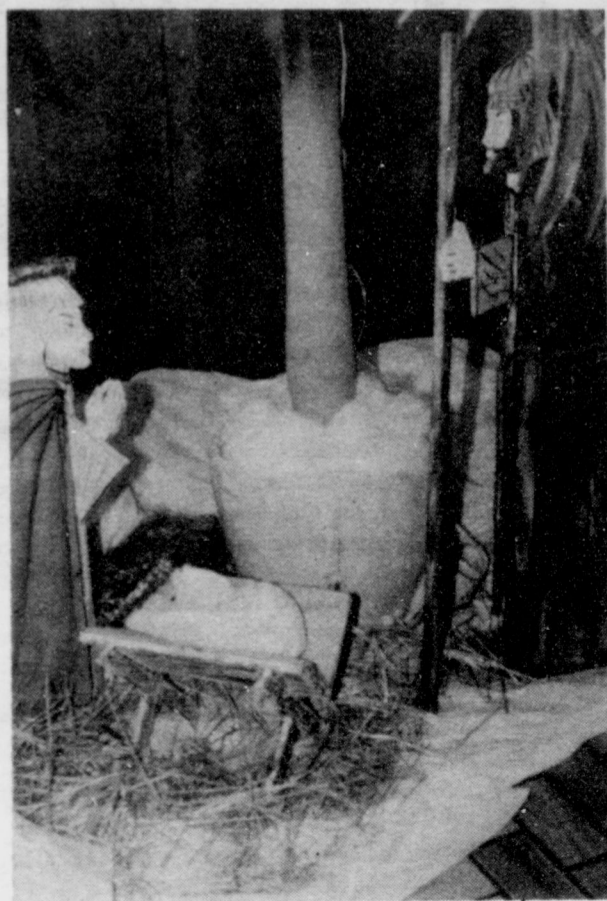
NICE

W.H. Ollinger helping start grandson Nick's car when it was really cold!

Local ambulance personnel busy over the weekend.

Sue Wills busy painting a winter mural on the windows of the old Vivian's Dress shop building.

Page and Irma Blackwell looking very Christmas-y at the Dairy Queen for lunch Saturday.



The Reason for the Season! More of Dairy Queen's pretty decorations painted by Sue Wills and others.

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Local Happenings

Saturday visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home were Melissa and Matthew Mulkey of Dallas, Louise and Bob Mulkey and Jeremy, Robert and Whitney Hightower all of Panhandle and Adrian Pilger of Bryan.

On The Sick List
Nath Helton
Peggy Ham
Rex Brown

Billy and Jan Painter have returned to Garland after a two week trip to California.

Only 11 Days Till Christmas

Billy, Jan and Nellie Painter have returned to Groom from Murrieta, California where they went to bring Nellie's dad Ray Morris home to Groom. He is 83 and Nellie is his only child. He had lived in Murrieta about 30 years dealing in cattle and horses and rodeo. He is a delightful man and has such a sense of humor. He is welcomed.

Groom School Receives Distinguished Recognition

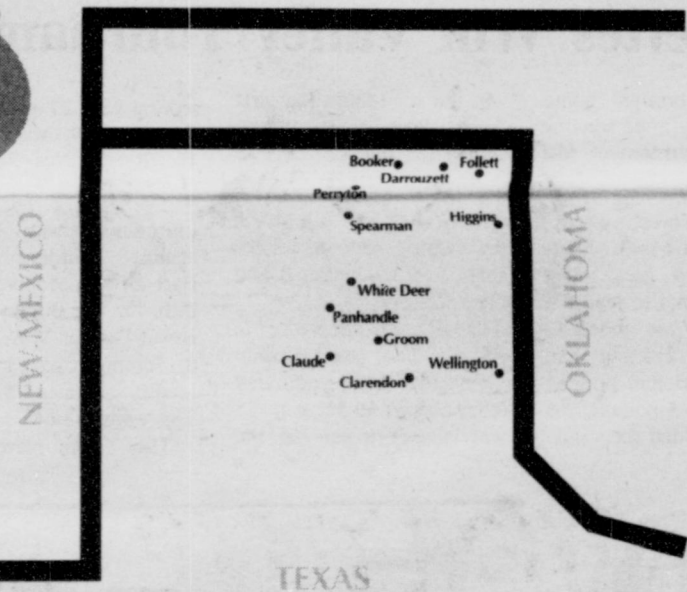
State officials recently commended several area schools for their migrant students' scores on state-mandated tests.

Groom School was recognized as distinguished because they had fewer than five migrant students, all of whom passed the TAAS.

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Marvin Talley Services Held

Marvin Talley, 80, died Friday, December 9, 1994.

Services were Monday, December 12, in First Baptist Church of Groom with the Rev. Bryan Richardson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery by Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mr. Talley was born in Silo, Oklahoma. He married Katie Johnson in 1944 at Coalgate, Oklahoma. He was a high school math teacher. He

served in the Navy during World War II and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Marvin Thomas Talley of Arlington; a daughter, Frances Janell Vaughn of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a brother, Murel Talley of Durant, Oklahoma; a sister, Frankie Hart of Tulsa, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Groom Ambulance, Groom, Texas 79039.

Jr. High Teams

Battle Shamrock
The Groom Junior High Cubs and Cubettes battled Shamrock Monday night.

The seventh grade boys began the action with a very close game. The Cubs were led at halftime by only one point.

Evan Crowell was top scorer with 11 points. Wade Ritter and Dustin Babcock each scored 6 points. Justin Homen and Chris Ollinger each had 4 points. Dusty Crump had 2.

The final score found the Cubs winning 33-31.

The Jr. High girls lost a

tough match 20-30. Karen Conrad was the leading scorer with 6 points. Carrie Davis and Sara Britten each had 4. Kori Brown and Sarah Hutsell added 2 each and Jodi Homen had 1.

In the boys eighth grade match the boys won 38-30. Daniel Treadwell took the "hot shot" honors scoring 20 points. Josh Evenson added another 14 and Wyatt Weinheimer added 4. The boys shot 50% from the free throw line.

The Junior High's next game will be January 9, 1995 at Wheeler.

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Pantex To Hold Meeting

The U.S. Department of Energy's Pantex Plant invites area residents to attend its monthly public meeting, 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 1994, at the Sunset Convention Center, 3701 Plains Blvd., in Amarillo.

Topics to be discussed include:

- A survey of surrounding land use within a 50-mile radius of Pantex

for inclusion in the Pantex Plant Environmental Impact Statement currently being developed;

- Site landfill investigations which are a part of Pantex Plant's ongoing environmental restoration program;

- A Draft Site Treatment Plan covering proposed methods for treating mixed wastes generated at the site.



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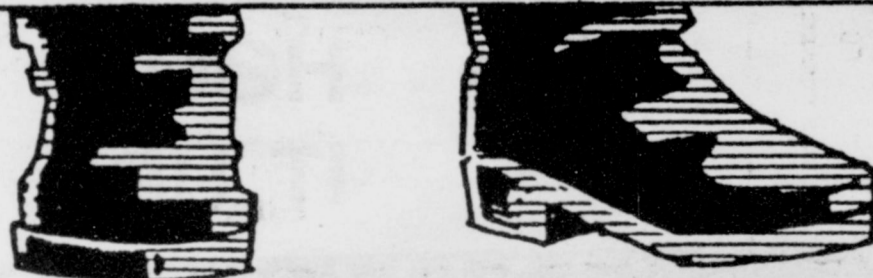
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Tigers, Ettes Beat Memphis

Groom Varsity and Junior Varsity teams played Memphis here last week in four exciting games.

The Jr. Varsity girls opened the action at 4:00 p.m. The match was neck in neck until Memphis stretched the lead to a 12 point difference at the end of the third period of play.

Mary Hutsell and Martie Phillips led the scoring with 4 points each. Melissa Anthony had 3 points. Kay Lynn Britten, Tami Ashford,

Jennifer Lewis, Christy Galvan and Brenda Fields each had 2 points. The final score was Memphis 31, Groom 21.

The Junior Varsity boys team played a very exciting game that ended when time ran out with a score of 29 to 30, in favor of Memphis.

The JV Tigers hit a whopping 53% of their free throws. Raymond Lott was high point with 11. Toby Burgin had 8, Justin Ritter

6, Terry Eatmon 2 and Sean Crowell 2.

In the girls varsity game, the Ettes handily beat Memphis 62-47.

Melanie Friemel was top scorer for Groom netting 25 points hitting 8 of 9 free throws. Kay Case and Angie Conrad each had 8 points. Sandie Conrad, Sheri Koetting and Misty Homen each had 4 points. Stacy Fields had 3, Jill Howard, Jessica Friemel and Stephanie Ollinger each had

2 points. The Ettes hit 87% of their free shots as a team.

The Varsity boys also played a white knuckle game winning 66-62.

Stanley Homer was high point with 18, Bo Burgin 15, Nick Ashford had 10, Seth Ritter had 7, Jeremy Chavedo and Brandon Crump had 6; Bryan Crowell and Bart Britten each had 2 points.

Groom 4-H Club Holds Meeting

By Lauren Crowell

The meeting began when Lauren Crowell led the group in the U.S. pledge and Brooke Britten led the 4-Her's in the 4-H motto and pledge.

Brooke announced to the group that the food and nutrition people did really great in the food show. If you are showing pigs this year you must have your pigs bought by December 1. The 4-Her's will also be gathering

toys for the Toys for Tots program. If you have any toys please contact Belinda or any 4-Her. Clay Britten motioned that we would have the program and Frances seconded it. We need all toys by December 9th. The meeting was adjourned. Everyone seconded it and the 4-H meeting was final. The meeting was a great meeting and everyone went home.

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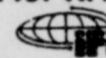
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Good Luck In The Groom Tournament



HOOP IT UP!



Annual "Be An Angel" Coffee Held At Stephens

Guests were invited to "Be an angel and come for coffee" December 10th at Margie Stephens. Hostesses were Margaret Crowell, B Stephens, Kay Stephens and Margie. Assisting the hostesses were Lola Bribiesca, Lori Stephens and Michele Stephens. The mantle was decorated with gold holly, candles and a wreath circled with angels. The serving table was centered with an arrangement of candles, holly and miniature ceramic

angels. Guests were served Christmas "goodies", coffee and Christmas punch. Those attending were: Shirley Fields, Irma Blackwell, Evelyn Ollinger, Nadine Thornton, Janelle Sustaie, Sybil Harrell, Truman Goodlett, Barbara Fraser, Alice Britten, Marion Kendrick, Jan Britten, Kathy Davis, JoLynn Davis Cash, Lauren Crowell, Leslie Crowell, Hilda Duncan, Mary Gruben, Jaundell Ritter,

Mamie Ritter, Ruby Babcock, Joan Ritter, Janetta Lamb, Wilma Mollett, Vivian Lacy, Doris Homer, Gloria Ledwig, JoAnn Britten, Nila Burgin, Susan Britten, Margie Anthony, Sharon Murray, Sybil Brown, Jana Vinson, Myra Carlisle, Karen Brown, Skye Brown, Kay Britten, Francis Britten, Connie Fields, Joyce Hutsell, Holly Burger, Betty Hudson, Pearl Banks, Helen Wade, Pearl Babcock, Nancy Paronto, Darlene Jones and Yvonne Barker.

Holiday Books At Library

Library News

By Evelyn Hubbart
The Library has cook books for special diets such as a sugar free one, low cholesterol and a low calorie cook book.

Among the Christmas books at the Library are: "The Little Drummer Boy" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

The Library has "Christmas Crafts For Everyone," "Christmas Decorations," and Walt Disney's "Christmas Treasury."

The Library has two Stan Berenstain books: "Meet Santa Bear" and "The Bear's Christmas."

"Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" is at the Groom Library.

The Library has a lot of Christmas books set out for easy selection.

Check with the Library if you are having trouble finding the recipe you want for a pie, cake or candy. It may be found in one of the many books on the shelves.

The Library has numerous books on craft items, some of which can be made by children.

The Library has Norman Rockwell's "The Christmas Book," E. Keat's "The Little Drummer Boy" plus many

other children's Christmas books.

The Library does have a few 33 LP records which can be checked out. These include a few Christmas records.

The library will be closed December 23 and December 26.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries

December 15 - Audrey Cummings, Scott Weinheimer.

December 16 - David Lee Britten, Gene Earl Steed.

December 17 - Renee Anthony, Brent Stephens, Verda Lee Littlefield,

December 19 - Stella Patterson, Amanda Martin.

December 20 - Wade Ritter, Mrs. Bill Bohr.

December 21 - Thane Barkley, Franklin Leven.

Legal Notice

Notice Of Real Property Sale

Scaled bids are being accepted on the following Carson County properties. Bids will be accepted at the Carson County Appraisal District until January 10, 1995. Property will be awarded if approved by each taxing entity on January 12, 1995. at 10:00 a.m. For further information contact the Appraisal District at 537-3569.

1. Groom, City
 - A) Lt 4, Blk 66, OT - Groom, 407 Broadway
2. Panhandle City
 - A) N/55' Lt 24 & S/25' Lt 25, Blk 2, Goods Replat - Panhandle, Charles & 14th St.
 - B) Lts 7-9, Blk 16, OT - Panhandle, 1st & Groom
 - C) Lts 10-12, Blk 47, OT - Panhandle, 409 Groom
 - D) Lt 9, Blk 12, Benders - Panhandle, 407 East 11th
 - E) All Blk 2, Ellis - Panhandle, 100 Maple & Broadway
 - F) N/60' Lts 4-6, Blk 30, Ellis - Panhandle, 513 Charles
 - G) Lt 6, Blk 6, Silcott Addn - Replat of Blk 6, Bender - Panhandle
 - H) Lts 5-6, Blk 1, Vaughn - Panhandle
 - I) Lts 11 & 12, Blk 4, Youngs 2 - Panhandle, 6th & Country Road
 - J) All of Blk 8, Youngs Addition II
3. Skellytown
 - A) Lts 17-20, Blk 42, New Roxanna - Skellytown, 101 Ash
4. White Deer City
 - A) N/23.3' Lt 10, Blk 2, Skaggs, White Deer, 418 Horn
5. White Deer ISD
 - A) Sec 92, Blk 4, I&GN (.88 Acs)
 - B) 75' x 130' Tract SW/Corner Sec 92, Blk 4, I&GN (.224 Acs)
6. Panhandle ISD
 - A) Sec 4, C R Bricker Strip (2.15 Acs)

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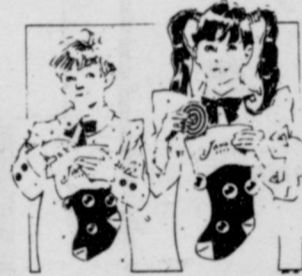
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New "Happy Hour" Rules Apply

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday, November 28, 1994, adopted changes to the agency "happy hour" rule which has been in effect since 1986.

The Commission acted in response to a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) who earlier in the year had asked the Commission to consider banning happy hours

altogether. While an outright ban was at that time further than the commission members thought to be reasonable in that it interfered with a business's right of free enterprise, it was apparent that there were certain abuses that needed addressing.

After several months of

working with participants from MADD, the Texas Restaurant Association and interested club and bar owners, some compromise language was developed. While no consensus was ever reached, the amendment addressed the major problems that are currently occurring. The main points of the new


amendment are: It will allow only one complimentary drink to be served to any customer during any business day; no more than two drinks may be served to any individual customer at any one time and no bar or club may charge a cover charge and then sell discounted drinks.

Groom School Menu
December 19 - Breakfast: Hot and cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburgers, tator tots, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, onions, peaches, milk.

December 20 - Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot bread, Christmas ribbon cookies, milk.

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Commerce Bank Building No. 5 Thursday December 15, 1994 779-2141

Monument Erected At Devil's Rope

The Devil's Rope Museum in McLean, Texas has just erected a monument recognizing the importance of barbed wire in settling the west. Called "A Tribute To Barbed Wire", the monument

contains two huge solid spheres, of barbed wire, on post pedestals of limestone rock. Connected between, with a one hundred year old section of wrought iron fencing, the monument graces the front entrance of

the Devil's Rope Museum, the largest barbed wire museum in the world.

With over 25,000 registered visitors since 1991, the museum will host the 1995 Barbed Wire Super Show on April 20, 21, 22. The monument will be dedicated at that time along with a special permanent exhibit honoring Boone McClure, well known historian, and curator.

A special weight guessing

contest, called "HowBigIsIt?", will be conducted from now until the dedication ceremony, whereby anyone can guess at the total combined weight of the barbed wire spheres. Just fill out the printed slip, 25¢ per guess, or 4 for \$1.00, no limit to amount of guesses. Better include ounces to prevent ties, and the winner will receive a \$50.00 cash prize. Excess

money will be used to offset the monument expense incurred while moving it from Keller, Texas, near Dallas. Out of town participants welcome, as prize will be mailed to the winner. The Panhandle of Texas now has another permanent monument.

envelopes are located at the Post Office and Puckett's Grocery.

REMINDER!

PIANO RECITAL at the First United Methodist Church on December 15th given by Kent Watson and sponsored by the Pioneer Study Club.

DECEMBER 17TH will be a teachers work day. There will also be a retirement party for Sue Simmons.

THE McLEAN Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will play Silvertown at Silvertown beginning at 4:00 pm. on Friday.

VFW BAKE SALE & Craft Show is December 10th at the VFW hall.

McLEAN LIONS Club will have the Christmas decorations contest starting Dec. 1st through Dec. 21st. Get your decorations out and see how pretty your home can be!

THE PIONEER STUDY Club is presenting a Piano Concert by Kent Watson today at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Creed Lamb.

THE PAMPA AREA Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer meets the third Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 pm in the conference room of the Medical Building at Coronado Hospital in Pampa. For more information call 665-4742-669-7619 or 665-8628.

THERE WILL BE a music program presented by Mrs. Watkins elementary music class at the auditorium on Thursday, December 15th at 7 pm.

SCHOOL WILL dismiss December 16th at 1:30 pm for the Christmas Holidays. School will resume January 3, 1995 at regular time.

Angels Needed

McLean Angels will again provide clothing and toys for children and adults in McLean who are in need. The program, sponsored by Alpha Chi, the youth group of McLean First United Methodist Church, raised more than \$5,000 in gifts and cash last year to provide coats, shoes, toys, and other clothing items to more than 30 children. Some of the fund has been used throughout the year to provide school supplies for children in need, and to meet other needs of school children.

Those who wish to donate may pick an angel at the Cowboy Cafe, Country Corner, or McLean Bank of Commerce. Each numbered angel contains

information about sizes and needs for a specific child. After the gifts are purchased, those buying gifts may bring their gifts to the First Methodist Church anytime before December 20, or may call 779-2337 or 779-2126 and someone will pick them up. Gifts may be wrapped or left unwrapped. All gifts should be identified by the number of the Angel.

Those who want to make a donation, may place money in envelopes in the donation boxes at the Cowboy, the Country Corner, or the Bank, or may place checks or loose change in donation cans at the Hair Gallery, Taylor Mart, or J de K. Extra

Smith Featured As Chief Deputy Clerk



Robin Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Smith, was recently featured in the "Canyon News."

Robin will soon become

the chief deputy at the Randall County Clerk's office in Canyon.

She has been employed by the Randall County Clerk's office for 13 years. As chief deputy Robin will supervise other employees and type all the Randall County Clerk's official correspondence. She will also be the criminal clerk.

Smith went to Canyon to get an education and ended up making it her home. After attending West Texas for two years studying physical education, she worked at Randall County Feedyard before landing the county job.

Smith played basketball, was a twirler in the band and was homecoming queen her senior year in high school at McLean.

Lady Tigers Beat Lakeview Girls

The Tigers and Lady Tigers hosted four games last week, but got only one victory. The Lady Tigers walked away from Lakeview Friday night in a lop-sided game that saw the McLean team leading 26 to 1 at the end of the first quarter. With a final score of 69 to 26, McLean's Heather Hess led the scoring with 25 points, Angel Harris scored 15, Kristina Carter hit 14, and Shaley Stalls made 7.

In Tuesday night's game, the Ladies had a tougher time with Ft. Elliott, although the game was even at the end of the first quarter. A hot-handed Ft. Elliott team scored 20 points to McLean's 11 in the second quarter to make the difference in the game. The Ladies lost 62 to 45,

Students Attend Bridge Bash

Twenty-two McLean students and two sponsors spent the day in Amarillo Saturday at the annual Bridge Bash, sponsored by the Texas Alliance of Minofity Engineers. One high school team, with members Ben Reeser, Jessica Rich, Mike Stone, and Jonathan Galley, ranked in the top five in the contest, according to Tex Buckhaults, MHS math teacher. That team's bridge had an efficiency rating of 5.01, which is very high,

with Hess again leading the scoring with 16 points, and Harris with 12. Carter scored 8 and Stalls 7.

The Tigers played a see-saw battle with Lakeview Friday night, with the lead changing constantly throughout the game. McLean's Monty Joiner popped 16 points, with Jeremy Crutcher and Blake Crockett each scoring 14. Ben Reeser scored 9 for the Tigers. Although McLean was hitting 66 percent of attempted shots to only 48 percent for Lakeview, the visiting team pulled ahead 73 to 64.

In Tuesday night's game, the Tigers lost to Ft. Elliott 84 to 54, with Joiner scoring 19, Crockett 18, and Reeser 13.

Buckhaults said. In the junior high level, most bridges test around a 2.0 efficiency level, he said. DeeDee Floyd's bridge was the best of the McLean junior high bridges, with a rating of 1.9. Sara Brown's bridge rated 1.8. Buckhaults explained that about half the bridges were disqualified on a technicality. "We had a different judge this year, who interpreted the rules a little differently than they had in the past,"

See Bridge Bash, pg. 9

More Reminders

THERE WILL BE A Music Program presented by Mrs. Watkins elementary music class at the High School Auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm.

COMMODITY DAY is Tuesday, Dec. 20. 9 am to 1 pm at the VFW Building at 218 Commerce.

SENIOR CITIZENS will again have Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25 at 12 noon for those who are alone for Christmas Day. Bring a dish of food and come join us at the Senior Citizens building on Main Street. Ham, turkey and dressing will be furnished. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, race or religion.

Update On McLean Clinic Terry Barns and Doug Garner, administrators of the Coronado Community Hospital announced Monday, Dec. 12 that they are hoping that the proposed McLean Clinic will be open for business on January 3, 1995. Located in the old Southwestern Public Service office at 211 N. Main, the administrators are awaiting an inspection for the go-ahead to open.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a ribbon cutting on December 29, 1994.

Officers Elected At Christmas Party

The Wesley Sunday school class members and groups of Methodist Women met for a Christmas party at the home of Ruth Magee on Tuesday, December 6, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. They enjoyed the Christmas decorations and visiting with refreshments of cookies and candy and hot spiced cider being served.

Loyce Murray gave a most inspirational history of the first Christmas. Wilma Barker read a letter of thanks from the Methodist Home in Waco. There was much fun in drawing for gifts that cost 79¢ which each woman brought. Members that were ill were remembered. The group sang Silent Night.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Bonnie Nell Fabian; Vice-President, Katie Graham; Secretary,

Card Of Thanks

Thanks to the wonderful people of McLean and those from far away for all the cards and messages. Thanks for all the good deeds done for me and Willie's family during his passing away.

Love to you always,
Oleta and The Harris Family

Loyce Murray; Treasurer, Loyce Sherrod; Christian Personhood, Inez Trostle; Christian Global Concern, Davie Gipson; Christian Social Involvement, Mary Dwyer; Supportive Community, Molly McDowell; Secretary of Program Resources, Evelyn Shaw; Membership, Wilma Barker; Nominations, Maybell Nash, Beverly Odom, Grace Glenn, Babe Brown; Historian, Nama

Webb.

Those attending were Betty McCurley, Dorothy Patterson, Grace Glenn, Fern Boyd, Isabel Cousins, Sue Cubine, Loyce Murray, Mary Powell, Babe Brown, Mary Frazier, Jenni Stubbs, Bonnie Nell Fabian, Mary Dwyer, Wilma Barker, Maybell Nash, Nama Webb, Beverly Odom, Adell Jackson, Helen Black, Winifred Rice and Ruth Magee.

Santa Visits 20th Century Club

The annual Christmas party for the Twentieth Century Study Club was held December 8th in the annex of the Church of Christ at McLean. The two o'clock luncheon consisted of baked ham and dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, slaw, fruit salad's, broccoli, cauliflower and carrot casserole, pies, hot rolls, coffee and spiced tea. Each member brought a designated dish. After luncheon a short business meeting was held and a program was presented by Lena Carter and Avalee Crockett. Then Santa Claus arrived and gifts were exchanged. Background

music was from The Chipmunks Christmas. The tables were smartly decorated. Members present were Relia Ayres, Laverne Brooks, Lena Carter, Avalee Crockett, Laura Edleman, Mary Groves, Buna Gudgel, Cliffie Heasley, Safrona Pettit. Visitors were Oleta Harris, Nell Hill, Brenda McLain, Pastor Pat Andrews and Mary Grove's two granddaughters. Absent because of illness was Loree Barker, Adelaide Weldon and Rose Hall.

The January meeting will be with Mary Groves; a luncheon meeting for the election of new officers.

Obituaries

Willard Benjamin "W.B." Franklin

Willard Benjamin "W.B." Franklin, 85, of Pampa, died Saturday, December 10, 1994. Memorial services were in First Baptist Church of Pampa, with the Rev. Earl Evans, a Baptist minister; the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor, officiating. Burial was private. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Franklin was born August 11, 1909 in Donley County. He came to Pampa in 1942 from Carson County. He married Opal Davis on May 5, 1934 in Pampa. He was a 1927 graduate of Groom High School. He had worked as an electrician for Cabot Corp. for 30 years before his retirement in 1972. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Card Of Thanks

Thank you for all the flowers, cards, calls, food and prayers you have given

to me during my surgery and illness. It is nice to know we have so many caring people in our community. There is never a substitute for friends.

Bob and Loyce Sherrod

He was preceded in death by a brother, Perry Franklin, in 1992.

Survivors include his wife Opal, of the home; three daughters, Patricia Ward of Riverton, Wyoming, Zelma Skinner of Lothair, Montana, and Delma Evanston of Lewiston, Montana; four sisters, Irene Smith and Hazel Butler, both of Pampa, Virgie Vance of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Cleo Nix of Groom; a brother, Orville Franklin of Pampa; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Child Development Center or to Meals on Wheels.

the First Baptist Church chapel in Shamrock, with the Rev. James Martindale of Adrian officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Grogan lived and worked in McLean until her marriage to Hugh Jefferson Grogan on August 8, 1931 at Sayre, Oklahoma. After their marriage, she lived and worked on a ranch southeast of McLean until she and her husband went to live in the nursing home at Booker. Mr. Grogan died in 1991. Mrs. Grogan was a member of the First Baptist Church of Samnorwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Marie Eastham of Pampa and Sherrie

Stella Ada Miller Grogan
SHAMROCK - Stella Ada Miller Grogan, 81, of Booker, died Sunday, December 11, 1994 at Perryton. Services were in

Martindale of Adrian; a sister, Exie Edwards of Canyon; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to favorite charities.

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Bridge Bash

he said. "All in all, I was very pleased with the students' efforts in the contest. They're already talking about next year and what they will build then." Students attending the Bridge Bash were Ben

Reeser, Jessica Rich, Monty Joiner, Jeremy Crutcher, Jonathan Galley, Andy Glass, Mike Stone, Rachel Galley, Victoria Bradley, Scott Glass, Ryan Swanson, Chris Bybee, Gary Jones, D.J. Basham, Sara Brown,

Jesse Swafford, Erik Vega, Brian Fuller, Amanda Cline, DeeDee Floyd, Frank Sparling, Misty Campbell, and Chris Hauck. In addition to Buckhaults, Mrs. Cynthia Hauck helped sponsor the group.

Briefs

J. Boyd Smith and Randal Patterson attended the 59th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco, Texas on December 1st through 3rd.

Hand Waving . . . Heel Flies Or Imaginary Punctuation

By Delbert Trew

I attend a lot of meetings each year, and hear a lot of speakers in various presentations. In the last few months, I witnessed a strange phenomenon in four different speeches.

The first speaker was a very nice lady, making a good pitch for tourism. A few sentences into her speech, she suddenly raised both hands to each side of her head and then wiggled her first two fingers. Not sure of what I had seen, I watched closely, and sure enough, she did it again. She seemed to be looking at someone, so I decided she was just waving at an acquaintance. Next time she was looking right at me when she waved, so I waved back, even though I didn't know her all that well. I got a funny look, so I didn't wave anymore. I decided it was just a nervous tic.

The next time I observed this action, it was an older lady doing the same thing. She was too old to have a nervous tic, and when I waved back at her, I disrupted her talk, so I knew I still didn't have the answer.

The third time the action occurred, was by a nice,

young, well-educated man. As his waving action took place closer to his head, I finally came to the conclusion that he was being bothered by heel flies. You can't see them, but just like

on cattle, they bite hard and will drive you crazy. Heel flies bother my wife, Ruth, so I know it happens. Nearly every time we attend a picnic or camp-out and sometimes when walking, she starts to waving at heel flies. They get in her hair and actually leave small itchy bumps along her hairline and behind her ears. So far, she hasn't come up with any grubs on her back.

Then last week, it happened again. As the waving began, I punched Ruth and said, "see there, they have heel flies too." She went to laughing and finally explained in a whisper, that these people were making imaginary quotation marks in the air, about something they were saying and wanting to accent.

Well, I've thought on this for a spell, and if it looks as silly to everyone else, as it does to me, they will quit it.

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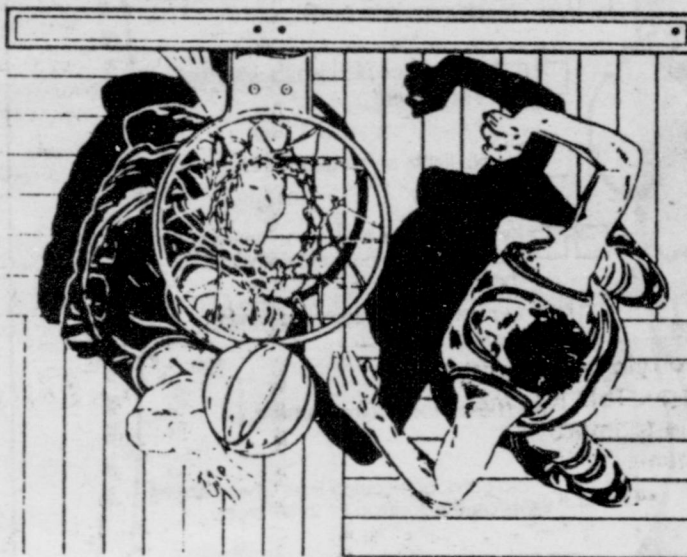
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December 16 - Shorty Burr, Clint Herndon.

December 17 - Dorotha Bybee, Wanda Hill.

December 18 -

December 19 - Colleen Mertel, Ginger Holwick, Martha Jo Bailey, Wayne Carter, Stacie Bolton, Catherine Calcote.

December 20 - Candi Morris, Jamie Kingston, Ann Lamb.

December 21 - Jana Davis.

Alanreed News
By Lena Carter
Denna Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were shopping in Pampa Wednesday.

The O.J. Weldons were in Amarillo this week for medical attention.

The James Armbristers had their grandchildren (Vickie's) visiting during the weekend.

Nita McKee was home this week after a recent illness in Shamrock hospital.

Several of the homes around have their Christmas lights making a fairy land at night.

Want to know the origin of the trimming of trees at Christmas? Read Jeremiah 10 - 1:5.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce were in Pampa on Friday.

MHS Students Donate 125 Pounds Of Food

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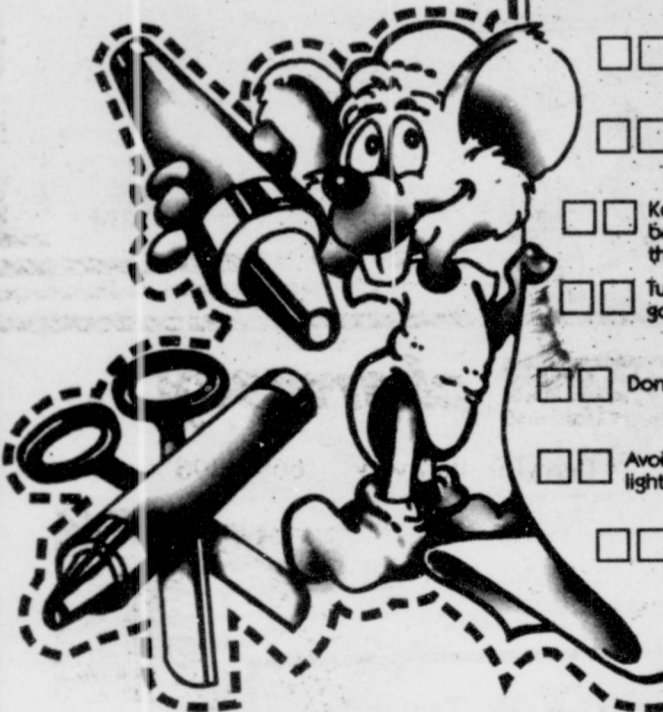
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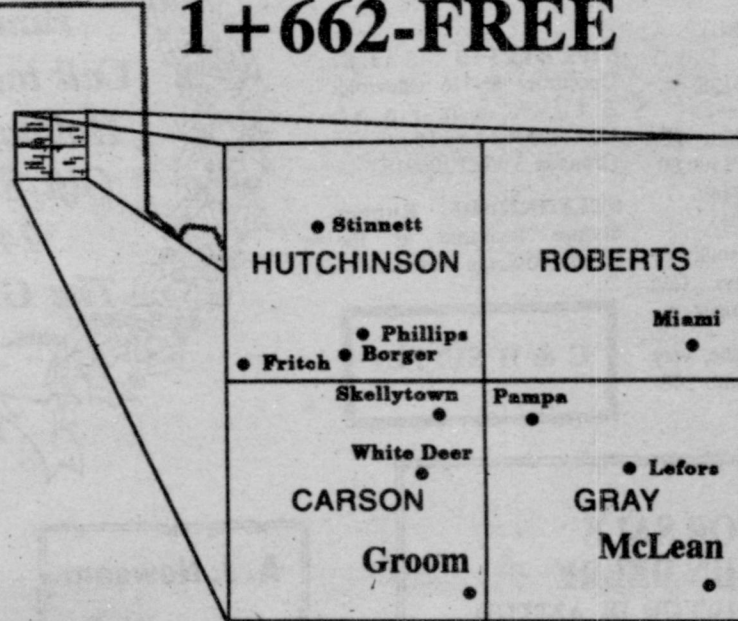
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