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We Saw

Carolyn West out making the garage sales, while Robert prepared his own.

Rene Ann and Chera Chavedo also shopping for bargains.

Kenny Shultz picking up lunch snacks at the grocery store.

Stephanie Ollinger, Mary and Sarah Hutsell, Melissa Anthony, April Burton, Allison Eatmon, Carrie Davis and Jodi Homen leaving for Dallas to a yearbook camp.

Jan, Sara and Brody Britten out for an evening ride on their bicycles. Course Jan did the pedaling for Brody! His legs just aren't long enough.

Lonnie Brown sporting a "Slick" new hair cut.

New head coach Larry Reid moving in and getting settled.

The Yelverton's swapping houses, they will now be in the house across from the Baptist Church.

Natalie Anthony Crowned 2nd Runner-Up In County Pageant

Natalie Anthony, was 1st runner up in the Carson County Little Princess Contest held at Panhandle on July 4th.

Natalie's favorite food is spaghetti, favorite animal is a kitten, her favorite toys are trucks and balls. Barney is her favorite television program.

The blue eyed blond is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Anthony of Groom. Her grandparents are Johnny and Mary Brooks of Groom; Bill and Betty Hously of Houston and Dbie Anthony of Groom. Ruth James, of Groom, is her great-grandmother.

Child In Protective Custody After It Was Injured In Fight

By Loren Brand, Sheriff
Our officers were called to a convenience store in White Deer Friday afternoon after a fight broke out over the custody of a two-year-old child. The altercation began when the child's father confronted the child's mother at the store. A male friend of the mother tried to intervene and the father and the friend were fighting while the father was holding the child. The child was injured on the front and back of the head and also had some scratches on the back of the neck. The White Deer Ambulance transported the child to Pampa where we met with a caseworker from Children's Protective Services. The male friend was jailed and charges are pending against the father and mother. We removed the child from the custody of either parent until the matter can be sorted out.

Sgt. Ray "Columbo" Davis was lucky enough to find an individual on Interstate 40 who had been robbed and abandoned by his travelling companion. The victim (who was also disabled) had even had his crutches taken from him. Deputy Fred Herrick transported the subject to

Amarillo where he could be cared for at the Salvation Army.

Sgt. Davis and Chief Deputy Lovell Kennard worked another robbery complaint near Groom which involved a Pampa man. This subject indicated that he had been the victim of a robbery, but further investigation showed that he had a history of mental illness and arrangements were made to secure psychiatric care for the man.

The Fourth of July was quiet except for the higher than average number of persons from Potter County who tried to find places in Carson County to shoot their fireworks. No major fires were reported and Carson County residents were all very considerate of their friends and neighbors in terms of where and when the fireworks were exploded.

One unarmed county officer was treated for a snakebite to the hand after attempting to remove a snake from under a lady's couch. Fortunately for the officer, the offending reptile was a bull snake, but unfortunately for the reptile, the officer was not in the mood to be bit.

Deputy Fred Herrick is
See Sheriff, pg. 4



Robert West has always been a "wheeler-dealer"! Having a good old-fashioned garage sale is right up his alley. Shoppers also loved his place because he had good shade and an air conditioner set up. West had lots of furniture and antiques (always favorites at any kind of garages sale) and interesting bric-a-brac!

Garage Sale Weekend Brings In Out-Of-Towners

Groom's big garage sale weekend has been deemed a success. People came from Claude, White Deer, McLean, Panhandle and Skellytown to find bargains and treasures.

About 16 homes hosted the sales. While only 12 were listed in the paper, a few decided to put up signs and go ahead with their sale.

Hot temperatures did little to discourage the steady stream of shoppers on Saturday. Many comments were made about the heat and according to Allsup's employees they sold a lot of Tallups. The Dairy Queen also reported being extremely busy around noon-time.

Plans are in the works to do the event again in cooler weather, like possibly early October. Many have also suggested that some type of map would be helpful to the out-of-towners.

Wilkerson Stakes Out Town

by Corrine Wilkerson Kay
Mr. Wilkerson's mother was the daughter of Lord and Lady Dilmouth, who were plantation owners of

North and South Carolina. Mr. Wilkerson moved with his parents from Jack County to the west in 1899, first settling near Lefors,

Texas when he was a young man. In 1900, he moved his family to a new home he had built out of where he
See Wilkerson, pg. 6

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CLASS OF '71 will meet at Art & JoAnn Brittens on Groom Day at 6:00 pm.

IMMUNIZATION Clinic will be held in Groom at the Community Center July 24, 8-11:30am & 1-4:30pm.

THE SWIMMING POOL will be closed on Saturday, July 20 from 1-3, for a private party. It will open to the public at 3:00 pm.

GROOM DAY SIGNS will be made at the Legion Hall, on July 15 beginning at 1:00 till ?? Come anytime, bring markers.

WANTED ITEMS for prizes for Groom Day Bingo. Contact Debbie Anthony or bring items to City Hall.

"TWO-A-DAYS" are set to begin August 7th. Contact Coach Larry Reid for more information.

SCHOOL IS SLATED to begin August 16th for students. Be sure and watch next weeks paper for some changes in the 1996-97 school calendar.

GROOM DAY IS SET for August 2, 3 & 4th.

DON'T FORGET "Clean-Up, Fix-Up" month! Be sure to take advantage of the free services the City provides.

PEOPLE NEEDED to gather wood for Groom Day Barbecue. Meet at Johnny Brook's shop at 7pm on Thursday, July 25.



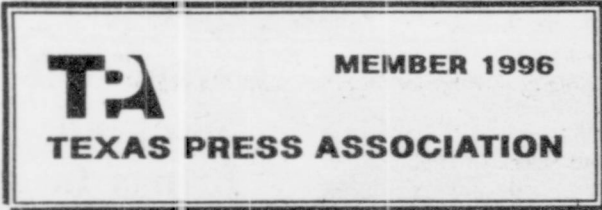
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Income Guidelines Set

The Groom Independent School District will again participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture programs dealing with child nutrition services. Assistance for providing meals to families will be carried out, as in the past, through the business office of the school.

According to Joyce Hutsell, Business Manager of the school district, families should check their income against the chart published elsewhere in this issue of The Groom News

to determine eligibility. The District policy requires that payment for student meals be made in advance. The policy allows for a three day grace period in which meals may be charged while the family makes arrangements to pay.

Lunch prices for Groom ISD students in grades 7 through 12 will be \$1.50 and for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade the meal price will be \$1.40. Breakfast will be 75¢ a student.

Local Happenings

Dan Ashford shot his age in golf at Clarendon Country Club last Wednesday. He shot 76!

Card Of Thanks
 To Don Case, Jodi Ball and the many volunteers who worked most of the day and/or after hours to open a main sewer line in the alley. They turned a potentially disastrous day into a cheerful one!
 Again, Many Thanks,
 Bill & Rose England

Tracy Britten of Lenorah, visited his parents, George and Janie Britten and other relatives and friends this week.

Bill and Jo Ann Musser entertained their children and grandchildren over the Independence Day holiday. Spending the weekend with them was Lisa and Larry Roskens, Michaela, Jess and Becah all from Fort Worth, Texas. Robin and Chris Welch visited from Scottsdale, Arizona.

GEDC WILL be painting the Craft Corner Building (next to the Grocery Store) on Sunday, July 14 at 3:00 pm. Lots of help is needed! Lots of fun, promised!

DON'T FORGET! The street between the school and the park will be closed to through traffic on Saturday, July 20th.

Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 11 - Mark Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory G. Britten (A), D. Jack and Mary Spencer (A).

July 12 - Pat Ashford, James Huckert.

July 13 - Brody Brown, Paula Brown, Pat James, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keith Barkley (A).

July 14 - Mrs. Roselle Collingsworth, Karen Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Kendrick (A).

July 15 - Billy Keith Fields, David Bruso.

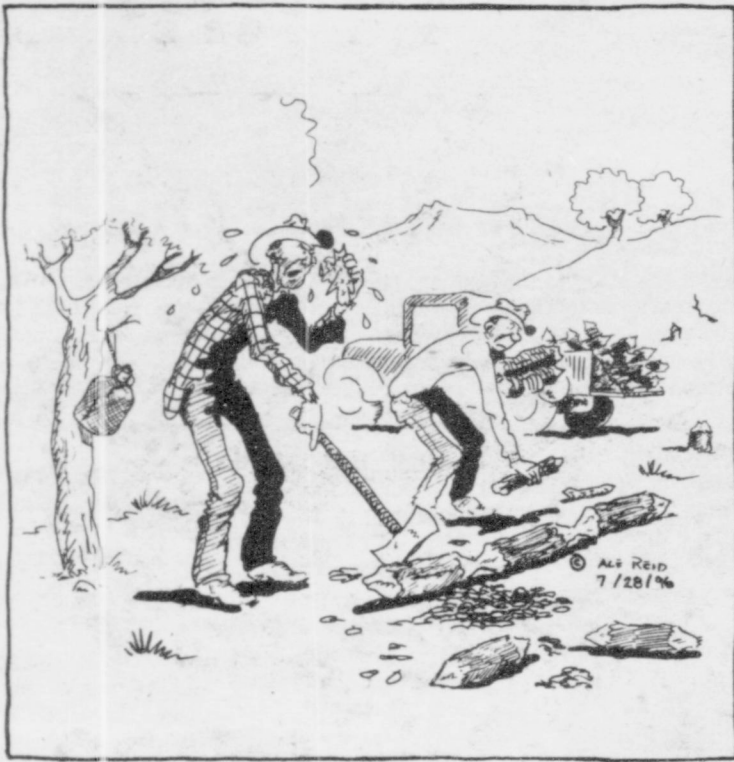
July 16 - Cassandra Dee Ashford, Bettye West, Michael Brett Friemel.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS 1996-97 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

GROOM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$10,062	\$14,319	\$839	\$1,194	\$194	\$276
2	13,488	19,166	1,123	1,598	259	369
3	16,874	24,013	1,407	2,002	325	462
4	20,280	28,860	1,690	2,405	390	555
5	23,686	33,707	1,974	2,809	456	649
6	27,092	38,554	2,258	3,213	521	742
7	30,498	43,401	2,542	3,617	587	835
8	33,904	48,248	2,826	4,021	652	928
9	37,310	53,095	3,110	4,425	718	1,022
10	40,716	57,942	3,394	4,829	784	1,116
11	44,122	62,789	3,678	5,233	850	1,210
12	47,528	67,636	3,962	5,637	916	1,304
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Wieberg's Celebrate 45th Anniversary



Nolan Wieberg plays chef cooking for the entire Wieberg clan during their parents 45th wedding anniversary celebration.

Ludeen and C.L. Wieberg were honorees at a weekend long party to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. They were married July 10, 1951. Randy and Janelle Sustaire hosted Saturday night activities, while Sherri and Nathan Wieberg took over on Sunday.

While the main event was Ludeen and C.L.'s anniversary, Neil and Marihelen Wieberg, Aaron and Darcy Wieberg, and Arnold and Doris Kuehler also were honored for anniversaries in July.

Those attending the event were Fred, Nita, Hillary, Fred, Mike and Russell Irby of Claude; Nolan, Kari, Chase and Karisa Wieberg of Lubbock; Tom, Marie and Brandt Wilkens with a friend Jeremy of Plano; Randy, Janelle, Brandi, Brand and Courtney Sustaire of Groom; Nathan, Sherri and Maddie of Groom; Neil and Marihelen Wieberg of Keller, Texas; Fred, Lenora, April and Adam Finck of Lubbock; Aaron and Darcy Wieberg of Arlington; Arnold and



This "Born To Be Wild" bunch; Neal Wieberg, Nathan Wieberg, Fred Irby and Tom Wilkens; cool their heels in the shade, conserving their energy for important stuff...like eating!

Doris Kuehler of Groom; and Selena of Hereford and Lubbock. Karla Vasek, Bryan, Lindy Loy and Sue Smith of

Groom Day Plans Culminated...

New Events Set For Groom Day

Groom Day '96 is well underway. Most of the plans have been finalized. The following is a list of activities and who to contact for more information. If no contact person's name is listed, contact Debbie Anthony for more information.

Some of the scheduled events are: Alpha Mu Xi,

Night of Music; Groom Day Round-Up; Bingo; Chili Cook-Off; Fun Walk; Teen Dance; Flat Rock Hunt; Cow Pattie Bingo; Punt, Pass & Kick Contest; Contact Groom Coaches; Tennis Tournery, Tracy Britten; 3 on 3 Basketball, Shirley Fields; Parade, Dondra Downs; Fun Walk and Volleyball, Tim Case; Arts & Crafts, Sandra

Britten; Cutting Horse Competition, Joe Hutchinson, 248-7049.

The different churches who are responsible for the parts of the meal are as follows: Methodist Church, potato salad; Church of Christ, potato salad; Baptist Church, cole slaw; Christian Mothers, beans; and Sorority, apricots, onions and pickles.



Jessica McMahan and Beth Wakefield find plenty to do during summer vacation.

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Former Resident Is Buried At Groom

Frances Fields Moseley
KINGSLAND - Frances Fields Moseley, 87, died Monday, July 1, 1996. Services were in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Walter Knight officiating. Graveside services were in the Groom Cemetery at Groom under the direction of Waldrop-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Moseley was born at Canadian. She married Roy Moseley in 1930 at Groom; he died in 1993. She had been a Kingsland resident for 34 years, moving from McCamey. She taught school. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the last charter member of the Highland Lakes Social Club and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having received her 50-year pin.

Survivors include a daughter, Zanna R. Bickham of Alpine; a son, Fred Moseley of Sugarland; two sisters, Ester Tinsley of Houston and Martha Wagoner of Hereford, two brothers, Tom Fields of Vega and Henry Fields of Claude; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor, Mayor and City Commissioners:

For almost 20 years I have received nothing less than excellent services as a taxpayer and subscriber to Groom City services provided me. Therefore, I will not let one unfortunate incident which occurred on 3 July 1996 undermine these good feelings of trust and cooperation that stand out in my mind.

However, it is apparent to me that the on-call policy and related customer services should be reviewed and given some serious discussion. As a result of the incident mentioned above, I simply would like to ask 4 questions of the Mayor and Board Members:

1) If there indeed exists an on-call policy or 24 Hour Emergency Service, then is it not reasonable to assume that an emergency existing at 2:05 P.M. on a normal work day could be handled in a timely manner?

2) If a taxpayer/subscriber has to resort to hiring an independent operator and machine to open a city main sewer line, should not that individual expect reimbursement for all reasonable expenses?

3) If that taxpayer/subscriber is forced to evacuate the premises and seek accommodations elsewhere would the city reimburse that taxpayer/subscriber all reasonable expenses?

4) Lastly, but most

important, and again I'm not trying to be antagonistic about this whole matter, but just put yourselves for a moment in my situation. How many of you would have let this situation be treated in the manner with which my situation was treated.

I am reminded by my lovely spouse that the doctor told me to avoid these types of conflicts, therefore I hope this letter will be read during the open portion of the next meeting. I would welcome any and all one-on-one discussions concerning any part of this communication.

Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,
Bill B. England

Payton Named To President's List

More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Andrea Payton, a sophomore multidisciplinary science major, was listed on the President's List for the spring semester at the University. Andrea is the daughter of Kenneth and Frances Payton of Groom.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork.

Minimizing Risks To Our Armed Forces

Capitol Comment by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison:

As this is written the Senate is debating the authorization of military spending for 1997. Listening to the debate, I remain deeply concerned that continuing cuts in defense spending will leave us with a military that lacks the manpower and equipment to defend the United States and its vital interests. This would be disastrous, not only for the peace and stability of the world as well.

What we are talking about is making sure we have a long term strategy: that we have the technology; that we have the airlift and sealift capability for taking that last step of putting our troops on the ground. We are talking about training and arming our troops who must capture and hold that ground, while at the same time making sure we have all the strategic and technological advances which would keep them from having to go in the first place.

But if we must send our forces, we want them to

have all the protections we can give them. So we need the technology, we need the equipment, we need the personnel and we need the training.

Congress and the executive branch are having a major conflict on just what we need in terms of military capability. Congress is trying to get adequate military spending so that we will be able to win two major regional conflicts simultaneously and with the fewest possible casualties, that is what readiness is.

That is why Congress wants to spend \$10 billion more than the executive branch wants so spend to ensure that when our troops are in the field, they are trained and equipped - and to make sure our shores are protected from any kind of incoming ballistic missile, which we know 32 countries in the world have the capability to produce and some day soon send to our shores. We even have terrorist groups that are not countries with that capability.

We do not know where the threats will come from in the future, but recent history gives us an idea of the magnitude of the challenge. While we have U.S. forces currently deployed in operations other

than war in Haiti, northern Iraq, the Sinai and Bosnia, we could conceivably find ourselves facing the threat of an all-out North Korean invasion, or renewed aggression by Saddam Hussein.

We face increased risks when we dissipate our military strength through involvement in operations that do not represent clear-cut threats to our national security.

Depending on our slimmed-down forces to meet the very real threats that could become conflicts is an extraordinary expectation, but our men and women in uniform can meet them - if we provide the support they need.

The success of Operation Desert Storm proved the unparalleled capabilities of our military. Even after the post-Cold War drawdown, our armed forces remain the best trained, best led and most formidable fighting forces in the world.

Our responsibility in Congress is to minimize the risks they face. I am personally committed to that goal. As we pursue that elusive peace dividend, we must not do so at the expense of our military capability. We have always won peace through strength and it will always be so.

Local Happening

Ray and Gaynell Pool and Bertha Knight visited in Amarillo Sunday and in the Palo Duro Nursing Home at Claude with Bertie Helton and Gene Wade. Others visiting were Max and Helen Wade and their daughter Doctor Twila Wade.

Sheriff

currently investigating the allegation of sexual assault of a child. The complaint comes to us from Florida, but deals with an incident which is believed to have happened in Carson County.

We would like to ask the cooperation of persons in Carson County when it comes to the use of the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. Even though these lines are answered by the same persons who handle all of our other calls, there are only a limited number of lines to us from each town. When we have one or two lines tied up with people calling to ask questions about shooting fireworks or what time the parade starts or whether the grocery store will be open, other persons who may be in need of emergency services might not be able to get through. We will be happy to try to answer questions for you when you call in on our main line, but please don't try to use 9-1-1 for routine business.

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Off Season Scholarships

Reward Students

Many students are finding success in securing scholarships for college during the "off-season" of scholarship applications. A recent survey of college applicants found that the rush for scholarship applications comes at the start of the school semesters in September and again in January. Yet many scholarships have rotating or multiple award dates, awarding scholarships to applicants 2, 3 or more times per year.

Timing can help in receiving these scholarships. Since many of these scholarships are awarded on a first come first served basis, students are finding that their success increases when there is less competition. Since many students wait until fall and winter months at the start of each semester to apply, there is more competition at those times. Students are finding that they can have a distinct advantage of receiving these scholarships if they apply in the spring and summer months when there is less competition.

According to the National Commission on Student

Financial Aid there are billions of dollars of scholarships available to students each year yet many students are just not aware of them. Currently, there are over 375,000 scholarship and grant sources available which do not have to be paid back. More than 80% of these scholarships do not depend on family need or exceptional grades but are awarded based on factors such as the student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, heritage or parent's work or military service.

Now, through the resources of the National Academic Funding Administration (NAFA), an updated publication for 1996 is available which provides important information that will help all students seeking financial assistance.

For more information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self addressed, double stamped business envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to NAFA, 815 Middle Street, Dept. S, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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Heat Wave Hard On Crops

With the loss of so many wheat crops, and those that weren't lost, production was down tremendously over recent years; farmers desperately need a good corn and milo crop this year to put their farms back in the black.

While recent rains have helped farmers alot, it doesn't take much of 100° weather with a 10-20 mph wind to dry everything out.

Farmers who have irrigation wells are having to fire them up to keep the corn growing. Every drop of moisture whether well water or rain is precious in times like these.

It was just a few years ago when the movie production "Leap of Faith" used Groom to portray a drought stricken town in Kansas. Remember how we had one of the wettest July's in history! Remember how they had to spray paint everything brown and pour dust on the roads?!

They could come back this year and not have to touch a thing! Steve Martin's character "Jonas Nightengale" was asked "Preacher, when's it gonna rain?"

He answered "When's it gonna stop!"

FERC Clears Way For Hearings On Merger

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission recently announced a date of January 31, 1997, for an initial decision on the proposed merger of SPS and Public Service Company of Colorado to create New Century Energies.

Based on that January date, the companies expect a final decision by the commission and completion of the merger by the spring of 1997. However, the settlement with all parties before the issue goes to hearing could result in an earlier completion.

"We are pleased to be moving forward," said

Chairman and CEO Bill Helton. "We had been working toward a completion as early as this fall, but we understand the degree of change in the utility industry with which the FERC is having to deal. Still, it is important to proceed as quickly as reasonable, because there are merger cost-savings and other benefits for our customers that cannot begin until the merger is complete."

"We continue to make good progress seeking required approvals from various other regulatory

Wilkerson

later staked off the town site of Groom. In 1902 he named the town "Groom" in honor of Colonel Groom of the Franklin Land and Cattle Company.

Mr. Wilkerson was responsible for the Rock Island being built through his town. At one time, during the long ordeal of building the road, the Negro laborers got out of control. He supervised the crew while they were on his land and worked until a new foreman could be sent to take over. There were five hundred negro men including families with some of them.

He gave lots for the first school building and offered lots to any church who would put up a building. The Methodist, Baptist and Catholics took advantage of the offer and each put up free buildings on free land. Mr. Wilkerson opened the first stores in Groom. He bought a drug store and general merchandise store that had failed in Amarillo. He moved the stock to Groom. Lum Slay come over from Claude and managed the general store that he bought in 1903. Dr. Swarinton managed the drug store until Mr. Wilkerson sold it to a Mr. White.

Mr. Wilkerson selected and hired the first school teacher. He fired him and ordered him out of town before sundown because the man severely whipped a small boy.

Mr. Wilkerson went to St. Louis and bought a piano for his girls, and had a music teacher, Miss Floy Briblo, come from Ft. Worth to live in his home and teach music to his

authorities," said PSCo President and CEO Wayne Brunetti. "Hearings are

under way in Texas, and are set to begin next month in Colorado and New Mexico. Approval already has been obtained in Wyoming and Kansas."

Brunetti added that this January 31 date will lead to the re-evaluation of the schedule for the ongoing work of the merger sub-

daughters Effie and Corrine.

Mr. Wilkerson married Clara Moss Jolly, March 9, 1882. She died when their daughter, Effie Clyde, was born September 4th, 1886. Mr. Wilkerson then married Emma Elizabeth Mullen, December 16, 1889. They had five children-- Corrine, born Aug. 19, 1893; Lessie, born July 28, 1897; Ellis Allen born Sept. 20, 1889; Oscar Therrron, born Jan. 3, 1902; and Otis Lee, born July 3, 1904.

Mr. Wilkerson died Dec 29, 1906 from injuries received when he was thrown from a cart Dec. 24 while trying out a spirited horse.

Otis Lee died Jan. 23, 1924. Mrs. Wilkerson died

Nov. 6, 1936; Effie Clyde Wilkerson Cornet McGinnis died July 15, 1957; Willis Allen died June 30, 1965 and Oscar Therrron died Aug. 30, 1965.

Mr. Wilkerson did many good deeds to start the town of Groom and to keep it going. There is a street named for him in Groom today.

[Editors Note: While something has been written on most of the businesses and the churches in Groom in the past few years, on reading Mrs. London's book I realize that the really interesting story is about the people and their daily lives. This is what I have selected from her book. Please keep in mind that these are not historical accounts, but are simply memories from the people or their families that lived through the events or were told about it. Remember your own story may be different.]

teams. All sub-teams will be involved in presentations before the Transition Management Team soon.

At the FERC, the merger should now be assigned to an administrative law judge, who will schedule a pre-hearing conference and then establish the date for hearings, consistent with issuing an initial decision by January 31.

Local Happenings

William and Floretta Neal of Amarillo and Bertha Knight were visiting in the home of their brother, Leslie and Dora Neal of Clarendon Monday and with their son and wife Bennie and Sharon Neal, who now operate the craft shop in the building where Bivens Pharmacy was located.

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Minor League Team members are (front) Jacob Tolleson, Jacob Wilson, Lindsey Ruiz and Michael Donis. (back) Kevin Smith, Nicholas Odom, Andy Ritchie, Zane Richardson, Tamara Loya, Lucas Seymour and Coach Quinton Newton.



McLean 4-Hers gathered at Rose Shank's house to work on sewing projects. (left to right) Sarah Myers, Nichole Malgesini, Jennifer Greer, Ande Shank, Kaylee Shank and Jennifer Myers.



Pictured are (back) Lacey Wallis, Zack Richardson, John Haynes, Logan Sparling, Trey Skipper, and Travis Fish. (front) Jamie Sanderson, Mark Smith, Chase Bohlar, Evan McMordie. Coaches are Missie Richardson and Alisha Reynolds. (Not pictured but on the team are Stephane Henson and Amanda Loya).

Lions Elect New Officers, Plan Summer, Fall Projects

The McLean Lions Club met on July 1 with a new slate of officers. The new officers include President Monty Joiner, Vice President David Haynes, Secretary Casper Smith, Treasurer Buddy Sutton, Tail Twister Texas Buckhaults and Lion Tamer Bob Glass. Outgoing President Tex Buckhaults was applauded for the excellent job done in the previous year as was outgoing Sweetheart Heather Hess.

The first fund raising project of the upcoming year will be the McLean Lions Golf Tournament to be held July 13 and 14. Proceeds from the tournament will go into the General Fund to be used to help purchase eyeglasses for local school children and to assist the Girlstown Coat and Shoe Christmas project. Other current projects include a teacher appreciation cookout, Christmas decoration

contest, Lions Club Fighting Heart Award, and sponsoring the Sweetheart in local and regional pageants.

Lions Club International funds a variety of projects such as eye banks, seeing eye dogs, crippled children's camp, and various civic projects.

McLean Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Lions Club Building on Main Street.



McLean ISD employees planted a cottonwood tree on the playground at the Elementary School. Fruitless pear and honey locust trees were also planted on the north side of the Elementary Building.

Emma McDonald Resumes Popular Painting Classes

With fall approaching Emma Jean McDonald has resumed her painting classes. Many of the members are ready to get started on making Christmas gifts for the upcoming holidays.

The first meeting, held July 2 at Seasons, was to decide what projects everyone was interested in. Some of the projects include acrylic painting on wood cutouts and terra cotta pots and the making and decorating of birdhouses from wood or gourds. Some of the members will be refinishing and decorating old windows and decorating old screens.

Emma Jean has been having paint classes for McLean residents for five years. She also has had out of town people from Vega and Mobeetic. Classes are held on Monday nights starting at 7:30 pm at Seasons and Mary Ann Carpenter is always there to give a hand. For members who cannot come on Monday nights Emma Jean is there all day during the week also.

Those who attended these last two weeks are Tammy Hanes, Carla Kirkland, Dolores Beville, Lana Stump, Margaret Milam and Rhonda Sparling.

Booster Club Sale Successful

The McLean Elementary Booster Club with the help of many parents held a bake sale on July 3. Tables were set up at Taylor's, Puckett's and the Country Corner. Items sold ranged from cakes and cookies to homemade fudge. All proceeds will be used to purchase incentives for the accelerated reading program. Deanna McClendon, organizer of the sale, stated that it was very successful and went beyond their expectations.

REMINDERS

CITY COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7 pm at City Hall.

TWO-A-DAYS are tentatively scheduled to begin Wed., Aug. 7 with no contact activities until Aug. 12.

Briefs

Thacker Haynes is in Durham, North Carolina until July 21.

Dorothea Goodwyn's daughter Dara was recently in McLean visiting.

Visiting recently in the home of Marvis and Gladys Godfrey were grandchildren Amanda and Bryan.

Pat and Joann Andrews have been enjoying grandchildren Dustin and Shaaron Barber from Wichita, Kansas.

During the recent basketball camp of Bob Schneider's in Canyon Lacey Steel and Jess Fish received basketball shoes for their 5th year of attendance.

Valerie Joiner received a gym bag for her 4th year of attendance.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to thank the Booster Club, parents, the community, Puckett's, Taylor's and the Country Corner for a very successful bake sale to support our accelerated reading program.

Dick Crockett & McLean Elementary Teachers

Thank You Card

Special thanks to Jeremy Doyle Lee and Blake of the McLean Ambulance Service for their kindness on June 29, when they picked up Charlie. We always feel better knowing you are close by.

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McLean Brief

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department did not have any calls related to fireworks over the July 4th holiday. It was reported to be very quiet.

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, members of the Trinity Baptist Church were here to hold a worship service.

Residents playing bingo Monday afternoon were Annie Eudey, Thelma Hopkins, Hadda Moore, Beryl Halbert, Eula Morrow, Phyllis Bailey, M.L. Rowan, Truman Goodlett, Sylvia McClellan, Jessie Watson, Teresa Richardson, Lena Bailey, Vernee Bowling, Florence Drake, Dick Wheeler and Sue Cubine. Bananas were furnished by the Lion's club.

Students Attend Yearbook Workshop

The McLean High School annual staff attended a three-day yearbook workshop on June 23-25. Jostens, the publisher of the McLean yearbook, holds the camp at West Texas A&M University at Canyon each summer to aid in the planning of the yearbook.

Members learned computer skills and chose the theme and cover design for the 1996-97 yearbook. The staff attended the workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily and enjoyed shopping and swimming in the evenings. Annual staff members attending were Kristi Tidwell, Shanna Dent, Moriah McCracken-Editor, Tracy Seitz, Walter Handlin, Kristina Carter, Lorin Hall and Sponsor Linda Haynes.

Volunteers were Avalee Crockett and Betty Lowe.

Tuesday morning the Reminiscing program was held. Residents attending were Phyllis Bailey, Lula Sheegog, Mable Dickey, Thelma Hopkins, Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Loma Lou Gibbs, Sylvia McClellan, Christine Shipley and Truman Goodlett. The subject was on dreams.

Wednesday Inez Trostle came to style the ladies hair. The residents enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon the following residents attended Musical Therapy: Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Hadda Moore, Thelma Hopkins, Loma Lou Gibbs, Polly Burnett, Myrtle Allen and Helen Glass. Betty Stewart gave each of the residents an American flag.

Thursday the fourth of July the residents enjoyed a movie, "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Watermelon and cantaloupe was served. Betty Lowe came to assist.

The birthday party for the month of July will be Saturday, July 20th. Residents celebrating will be M.L. Rowan, Duella Beverley, Virgie Everett, Farrar Guyton, Lena Bailey and Betty McCurley.

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Ministerial Alliance Holds Annual Event

The McLean Ministerial Alliance held their annual 4th of July get together on Sunday evening at the City Park.

The turn out was very good with representatives from every church in McLean and approximately 85 in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed ice cream, cookies and cake.

Patriotic songs and familiar hymns were led by Pat Andrews as the evening progressed. The message was brought by James

Martindale from 1 Peter on being a good American citizen. Special singers for the evening were Carey Richardson who sang "In The Garden Alone", and "Rock Of Ages." Pat Andrews brought a special rendering of "What A Lovely Name."

Each year the Ministerial Alliance gets together to raise money to be used for local and transient people in need. This year \$175.38 was collected at the annual event.

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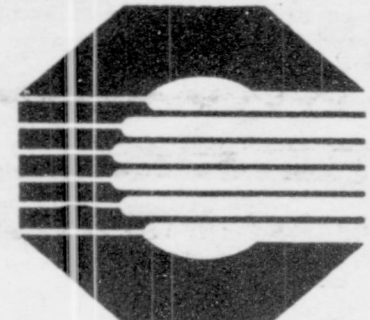


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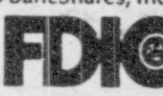
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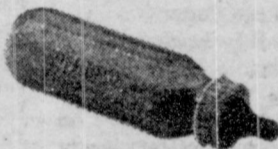
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- Anniversaries**
July 11 - Bonnie Nell Fabian.
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July 13 - Joyce Haynes, Z. A. Myers, Angie Staton.
July 14 - Peri Grigsby.
July 15 - Jim Bob Adams, Evelyn Stubblefield, Donna Gail Brown, Dean Crockett, Chantell Hicks.
July 17 - Jeanette Fish, Nikki Bockmon.

- McLean ISD Calendar**
AUG 1996
 12 - Teacher preparation day
 13-14 - Teacher In-Service
 15 - First Day of School

- SEPT 1996**
 2 - Holiday
 27 - End of 1st Six Weeks

- OCT 1996**
 14 - Holiday

- NOV 1996**
 8 - End of 2nd Six Weeks
 27-29 Holiday

- DEC 1996**
 19 - End of 3rd Six Weeks
 20 - Teacher Work Day
 23 - Jan 3 - Holiday

- FEB 1997**
 17 - School Holiday
 21 - End of 4th Six Weeks

- MAR 1997**
 10-14 - Holiday
 28-31 - Holiday

- APR 1997**
 11 - Bad Weather Day
 18 - End of 5th Six Weeks

- MAY 1997**
 12 - Bad Weather Day
 29 - End of 6th Six Weeks
 30 - Graduation

Obituary

Charles R. Jasper, Sr. Passes Away

Graveside services were July 3, 1996, at South Park Cemetery for Charles R. "C.R." Jasper, Sr., 72, of McLean, Texas, who passed away Monday, July 1, at the VA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Rev. Q.D. Bevil of Trinity Baptist Church in McLean, Texas officiated. Military graveside services were conducted by the Roswell Veterans Honor Guard.

Charles was born Jan. 3, 1924, in McKinney, Texas. He married Esther May Price on June 27, 1942, in Roswell.

Mr. Jasper was a veteran of WW II and a past member of the Lions Club. Since the 1960s, he was an avid bowler, having bowled in several leagues at the Red Rooster Bowling Lanes and the Town and Country Bowling Lanes. Charles was a retired Roofing Contractor and of the Baptist faith.

His survivors include his wife, Esther; four sons, Charles R. Jasper, Jr.; Allen L. Jasper and Ronnie Jasper, all of Lubbock, Texas; and Rickie D. Jasper of McLean, Texas; one daughter, Judy Stewart of California; two brothers, John L. Jasper of California and James P. Jasper of Nevada; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jasper is preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

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V.B.S. Attended By 54 Kids

[Editors Note: Nama Webb wrote the following VBS News].

"God's Wonderful Creation" Vacation Bible School held on June 10-14 at the United Methodist Church was a big success. On Friday, June 14th, 54

certificates were awarded to the children who attended. The children enjoyed Assembly with Thacker

Haynes and Tex Buckhaults; Bible Stories from Vicki Smith; Arts & Crafts taught by Evelyn Shaw, Beverly Odom, and Shelly Holland; Snacks served by Adella Jackson and Rose Steel; Singing led by Jaylene Watkins and Kristina Carter; and Playtime with Rose Steel and Adella Jackson.

Children present at Vacation Bible School were: Nicholas Odom, Kristen Odom, Zachary Odom, Jack Odom, Dustin Lee, Lucas Webb, Clay Crockett, Jacob Tolleson, Dashae Tolleson, Tammy Syfrett, Staci Smith, Kortney Smith, Evan McMordie, Michael Doniz, Janie Jackson, Kassi Jackson, Jay Wallis, Lacey Wallis, Emilee Bolton, John Ruel Haynes, Sheri Haynes, Katrina Thomas, Travis Fish, Jamie Kingston, Kay Taylor, Cameron Taylor, Bailey Taylor, Chase Bohlar, Sabe Bohlar, Nicole McClendon, Neci Chappell, Seoul Chappell, Tez Chappell, Stephanie Henson, Tapp Bybee, Billy Corley, Neva Corley, Jeremy Tidwell, Ashley Byron, Trenton Darsey, Amanda Fricks, Erin Baily, Terrence

Fite, Slade Terry, Jamie Sanderson, Jordan Herring, Minnie Buckhaults, Nikki Jo Alvarez, Shelby Terry, Jamie Alvarez, Alex Carter, Sheraton Carter, and Kim Broadway.

Special helpers of Vacation Bible School in addition to those already mentioned were Judy Lee, Lacey Steel, Shaley Steel, Scott Glass, D.J. Basham, Coy Tolleson, Bron Bohlar, Veronica Fite, Helen Taylor and Amanda Hauck.

There were many others who donated cookies, kool-aid, craft materials and money.

The children rode in the McLean Rodeo Parade for a fun ending to Vacation Bible School. The Bible Schoolers won first place in the float division.

Alan Reed News

By Lena Carter

The R.L. Leeders had all of their children and families visiting this month. The Leeders were in Clarendon on Thursday at daughter Sharon's home for a steak (grilled outside) supper. Daughter Becky and son Robert were also here.

The Robert Bruces attended the annual barbecue given by the Les Dorseys for friends and neighbors on Thursday.

The R.L. Leeders were in McLean Sunday evening for the ice cream and cake party given by their cake.

Paul Bruce of Pampa was here at the Robert Bruces over the weekend.

Edith Bybee of McLean visited at First Baptist Church Sunday. Rush lost his hat and since he and Robert Bruce have the same size head and had been wearing the same kind of hat it caused quite a bit of examining. But Robert won the toss so Rush's hat still is very much missing.

The Robert Bruces were in Pampa on Saturday to attend the wedding of granddaughter Kaye to Jason Newhouse of Pampa. They will live in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Larue of Lovelady came

Saturday to visit Nora Dragoo and others. Unknown to them Nora and the girls had planned a 50th wedding anniversary surprise party which came off on Sunday with a neighbor hiding a lovely 3 tier white cake decorated with green leaves and red roses. Ice cream was served with the cake. Coming up from Oklahoma was Nora's niece, Judy and son of Oklahoma City and old, old friends of the Larue's Earl and Elsie Brown of El Reno, Oklahoma. Also here from California was Anna Huffman of Fairfield, California. Visiting and enjoying the surprise party was Lester Lee and family of Dumas, Jimmy and Jennifer and Calvin Armbrister of McLean, Denva and Kristi Tidwell, James and Shirley Armbrister and Lena Carter. The recipients also received several lovely gifts. Mrs. Larue was the late Dick Dragoo's sister and has gotten to be well known here.

Bill Tidwell took a short breather from his job and was home over the holiday.

The community was real quiet over the 4th. Most people do worry about fires, etc.

Ranch Offers Legends

By Delbert Trew

In 1950, my father and T.L. Griffin purchased the Rana Ranch just north of Endee, New Mexico. Each time I traveled there to work, it was like stepping back 25 to 50 years in time. The way of life, the matter of work, and the neighbors, all seemed to belong to an earlier time. I became fascinated with the history of the area, and enquired of everyone to tell me the old time stories of the ranch.

The history was fresh, as the area was homesteaded in 1908. Drought and depression drove most of the original settlers away in 1916 and 1918. Jules Bivins, of Amarillo fame, began to buy up the small 160 acre blocks of land, and eventually acquired 100 sections in one block. Through the years, the land sold several times, with Trew and Griffin buying 60 sections on the head of Rana Creek, along the west side. The Canadian River was the north boundary, and the school community of Porter the south boundary.

Some of my favorite stories include the following: A young couple who taught school in Clovis, New Mexico, bought one of the early homesteads in 1908. They built a small two room frame house on the property to live in each summer. When school turned out in the spring, they traveled to the site by

wagon and worked throughout the summer. When school started each fall, they packed up and moved back to Clovis. As soon as the couple left, a neighbor jacked up the house, placed in on long poles, and dragged it to his place to help house his rather large family. Each spring the couple had to get the sheriff to make the man drag the house back to their farm. This process went on for years and years.

In the Bull pasture, near a small dirt dam, I found 5 white rocks, carefully placed in the shape of a body. This was where Boss Jackson, an unliked man of the Porter area, was found murdered. No clues were ever found as to his killer. A death bed confession, 30 years later, revealed the killer had been let out of the Santa Fe prison, furnished with a relay of horses, allowing him to ride to Rana Creek, kill Jackson, and return to the prison without many people knowing. He was released early in the sentence.

I discovered a remote grave site while feeding cattle, and returned to build a fence to protect the site. I could find no one who recalled the burial, and most thought it must have been an earlier site before the homesteading era.

As my feeble mind recalls the stories I heard about the area, I'll pass them on to you.

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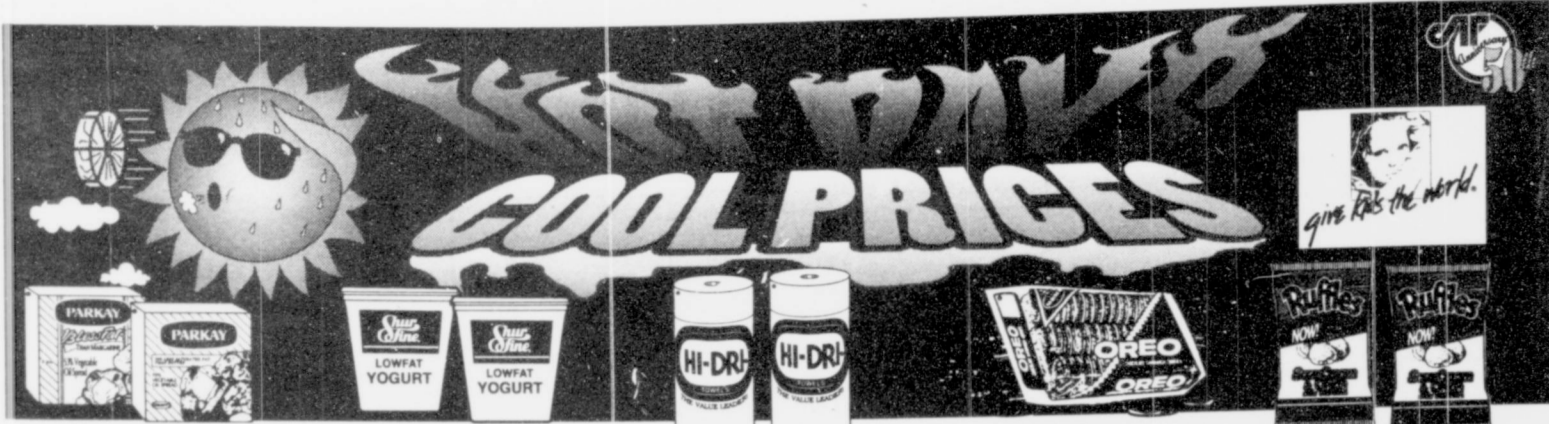
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