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They will be accompanied by their coaches and a number of their parents and other relatives plan to attend the state meet as well.

### Kuehler To Play Basketball For Eastern New Mexico University

Wayne Moore, head coach of Eastern New Mexico University's women's basketball team, has announced the signing of new recruits.

Robbie Kuehler is a 6-0½ post player from Groom. She averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds while shooting 50 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line this year.

In addition to being her team's most valuable player, Miss Kuehler was named all-district three times. Her team made it to the Class A bi-district playoffs this year.

Miss Kuehler has maintained a 95.07 grade point average through high school and will finish second in her graduating class just a few tenths from the valedictorian hundredths of a point from the valedictorian who had a grade point average of 95.6.

### Fate Or Circumstance?

Last October, Edith Wade found a butterfly pin in front of the Tower Restaurant. She and Vivian Lacy brought it in and gave it to me to keep for awhile to see if anyone asked for it. After it was not claimed, Edith said she did not need any more costume jewelry and that I (Mildred Burgin) could have it.

My sister, Thelma Vollmer's son designs and makes jewelry as a hobby. I decided to ask him if he thought it were real gold.

Thelma died Jan. 3. When her family was here for her burial, I handed John the pin and asked him if it were indeed gold and handmade. As he took the pin, a look of sorrow and concern came upon his face. Quietly, he said, "It is mine. I made it for Mom." I was stunned and elated at the same time. I couldn't believe it! I gave him a big hug and we shed tears of joy and gratitude that fate—or circumstance—had returned the butterfly pin to the man who had made it for his mom.

### Sports Camp

### Here In June

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Girls need to bring swim suits, sack lunches each day and dress appropriately for the weather.

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### Tracksters State Bound

It's become a tradition at Groom Schools for records to be exceeded and broken and each year the list of accomplishments r e m a r k a b l y seems to grow and grow.

Last week five students were in Austin to compete in the State literary meet. This week four will go to the State track meet. Two of the four were just in Austin last week for other contests. They were Erin Eschle and Jowannah Ruthardt who will compete in the 200 and 1600.

Also traveling to Austin will be seniors Robbie Kuehler for the discus event and Darron Eschle who will run the 800.

They will be accompanied by their coaches and a number of their parents and other relatives plan to attend the state meet as well.

### Kuehler To Play Basketball For Eastern New Mexico University

Wayne Moore, head coach of Eastern New Mexico University's women's basketball team, has announced the signing of new recruits.

Robbie Kuehler is a 6-0½ post player from Groom. She averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds while shooting 50 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line this year.

In addition to being her team's most valuable player, Miss Kuehler was named all-district three times. Her team made it to the Class A bi-district playoffs this year.

Miss Kuehler has maintained a 95.07 grade point average through high school and will finish second in her graduating class just a few tenths from the valedictorian hundredths of a point from the valedictorian who had a grade point average of 95.6.

### Fate Or Circumstance?

Last October, Edith Wade found a butterfly pin in front of the Tower Restaurant. She and Vivian Lacy brought it in and gave it to me to keep for awhile to see if anyone asked for it. After it was not claimed, Edith said she did not need any more costume jewelry and that I (Mildred Burgin) could have it.

My sister, Thelma Vollmer's son designs and makes jewelry as a hobby. I decided to ask him if he thought it were real gold.

Thelma died Jan. 3. When her family was here for her burial, I handed John the pin and asked him if it were indeed gold and handmade. As he took the pin, a look of sorrow and concern came upon his face. Quietly, he said, "It is mine. I made it for Mom." I was stunned and elated at the same time. I couldn't believe it! I gave him a big hug and we shed tears of joy and gratitude that fate—or circumstance—had returned the butterfly pin to the man who had made it for his mom.

Mother's Day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thornton were Troy and Rhonda Thornton of Lubbock and Connie Thornton.

### Sports Camp

### Here In June

Groom Girl Scouts will again host a sports day camp here June 10-14. The camp is open to girls in grades one through six.

Activities planned include basketball, volleyball, water aerobics, soccer and cheer-leading. The fun will begin each day at 9:00 a.m and continue through to 2:30 p.m. at the Park.

Girls need to bring swim suits, sack lunches each day and dress appropriately for the weather.

A number of volunteers have been recruited to help with camp but anyone wishing to join in the fun is welcome according to Donna Burton, leader for the camp.

The event is sponsored by Quivera Girl Scouts with registration fee \$12 for girl scout members and \$13 for non-members.

For more information or to register, call Mrs. Burton, 248-3691.

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### Lions Observe 40th Anniversary

Members of the Groom Lions Club, their wives and guests met May 10, and celebrated their 40th anniversary. Approximately 40 were in attendance. The

theme of 40 was carried out with a special carved wooden 40 center piece with lighted candles accompanied with favors at each place setting made from a wood carved shape of Texas with the inscription "Groom Lions 40th Celebration". Banquet paper with Lions logo decorated the tables highlighted

with three floral arrangements. The center piece, favors and floral arrangements were prepared by Alice Wells of the local Country Store.

The program consisted of presentation of a special certificate to Boss Lion Earl Britten outgoing president and forty year membership pins and certificates to Lions Max Wade and C.L. Culver. A ten year and twenty year pin and certificates were presented to Lions Earl Britten and Bill Homer. Special recognition was given to four charter members who are current members. They are Bill Burgin, Bill Cornett, C.L. Culver and Max Wade. A history of the activities of the Club was presented.

A delicious meal consisting of rib eye steak, baked potato, tossed salad, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake prepared by Shirley Sustaime and Sharlet Painter was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Boss Lion Ed McAneer of the White Deer Lions Club installed the new officers for the coming year. The new officers are: Bill Homer, president; R.E. Cornett, vice president; Jimmy Britten, secretary-treasurer; Father Kevin Hand, Lion Tamer; Kenneth Sweatt, Tail Twister; Johnny Brunley, Bill Burgin and Melvin Wills as directors.

Lions is an international service organization that renders services to mankind as their need may require. The Groom Lions co-sponsors the summer program annually along with other projects such as the Eye Bank, Girls Town, Christmas Fund, Cripple Childrens Camp, Fire and Disaster Victims. The Groom Lions stand ready and willing to help the local community as the need may arise. The local club has a current membership of 27 and is growing.

#### Little League

The Groom Little League played their first game of the season Monday night against the McLean Cubs. The final score of the game was McLean 19, Groom 5. Points for Groom were scored by Daryl Homer, Kristy Case, Shannon Miller, Paul McLaughlin and Lonnie White. The team will play Clarendon Cubs at home Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

Squad members for the Groom Little League announced this week are Nick Kuehler, Bruce Britten, Daryl Homer, Kristy Case, Wesley Hall, Rhett Patterson, Shannon Miller, Paul McLaughlin, Corkey Hickey, Lonnie White, Phillip Vaughn, Bronte Britten, Jimmy Kingston and Jeremy Brown.

#### Senior League

Groom's Senior League opened their season Wednesday evening in Lefors. Gary Eatmon is coach for the squad composed of team members Tony Rodriguez, Stoney Crump, Michael Rose, Travis Homer, Jeffrey Fields, Robert Miller, Mike Conrad, Wilbur Kempf, Richard Jenkins, Jay Britten and Floyd Wills.

**Senior League Schedule**  
May 14—Groom at Lefors.  
May 16—Groom at White Deer  
May 20—Groom at Panhandle  
May 23—McLean at Groom  
May 27—McLean at Groom  
Jun. 3—White Deer at Groom  
Jun. 6—Panhandle at Groom  
Jun. 10—Groom at McLean  
Jun. 13—Groom at Clarendon  
Jun. 17—Lefors at Groom  
All Senior League games begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### Services Monday For Karl Gerber

Funeral services for Karl Douglas Gerber, 24, of Dalhart were held Monday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gerber an Amarillo resident, died Saturday, May 10 from injuries suffered in a two-car accident Friday night south of Amarillo.

Local survivors are his uncle Roman Friemel and great-uncle, Ted Friemel. Additional survivors include his mother, Joyce Gerber of Dalhart; his father, Tom Gerber of Dalhart; two sisters; two brothers and his grandparents.

#### Russell Conrad Finalist In Baby Contest

Russell Conrad, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conrad has been selected as a finalist in the 2-4 year old category in a photo contest held at J.C. Penney's. He qualified in the newborns through four year olds. The finalists were selected by the management.

Mrs. Conrad stated the public is invited to view the photos at the studio and select their favorites this week. The results will be announced May 17.

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Award winners at the Sports Banquet Patman and Kirk Anderson, (front row) Lee were, (back row, l-r), Kristie Thompson, Ann Tate and Chet Bohlar. Melanie Billingsley, Mark McCarty, Bob

## Annual Sports Banquet Held At Country Club

The annual McLean High School Sports Banquet was held last Monday night at the Country Club to honor all of the students who participated in sports this year. It was sponsored by the Lion's Club and the schools.

Most Valuable Player awards, which are voted on by the student body, were given to:

-Melanie Billingsley for Most Valuable Girl Athlete.

-Bob Patman for Most Valuable Football Player.

-Martin Gatley and Mark McCarty for Most Valuable Boys Basketball Players.

Tiger and Tigerette Fighting Heart Awards, given by the coaching staff to the athletes who display the most courage, determination and leadership qualities, went to Kirk Anderson and Lee Ann Tate.

The Lion's Club Fighting Tiger and Tigerette Awards, given to those who show the most desire and competitive spirit, went to Chet Bohlar and Kristie Thompson.

Prior to the presentation of the awards, the coaching staff introduced all of the members of the McLean sports teams.

The members of the Girl's Tennis Team are Jem Ann Rice and Shandee Rice, who placed 2nd in Zone competition and 4th in District, Melody Collins, Denise Meaker, Tiffany Lopez, Darla McAnear and Jennifer Brown.

The Boy's team included Kyle Woods, who placed 1st in Zone competition and 5th in District, Kirk Anderson, Donnie Smith, Sid Brass, Jim Ridgway, Jim Anderson and David Ridgway.

The Boy's Golf team includes members Tony Hambright, Jim Ridgway,

Kirk Anderson, Donnie Smith, Chet Bohlar, Kyle Woods and Mark McCarty.

The Girl's Golf team, which qualified for Regional play, includes Wendi Smith, Kim Beaver, Darla McAnear, Misty Magee, Sally Worsham and Dollie Haynes.

The Boy's Track team members are Carey Richardson, Marvin Passmore, Dan Passmore, who was a Regional alternate, Kirk Anderson, Bob Patman, Chet Bohlar, Donnie Smith and Russell Littlefield, who qualified for Regional competition.

Members of the Girl's Track team are Misty Magee, Tiffany Lopez, Darla McAnear, Sid Brass, Grant Mann, Johnny Mann and Dale Barker.

The Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball team includes Johnny Mann, Cal Holwick, Sid Brass, Kyle Woods and Dale Barker.

The Junior Varsity Girl's Basketball team members are Cindy Thomas, Kim Beaver, Wendi Smith, Sally Worsham, Dollie Haynes, Tiffany Lopez and Denise Meaker.

The Boy's Varsity Basketball team includes Martin Gatley, who was voted to the All-District team, Jim Ridgway, Donnie Smith, Kirk Anderson, Chet Bohlar, Clint Herndon, Huey Green, Jeff Parker, Floyd Morris and Mark McCarty, who received Honorable Mention to the All-District team.

The Girl's Varsity Basketball team members are Melanie Billingsley, who was selected for the All-District team, Jem Ann Rice, who received Honorable Mention to the All-District team, Kim

Beaver, Darla McAnear, Misty Magee, Shandee Rice, Angie Reynolds, Shawn Crockett, Kristie Thompson, Lee Ann Tate and Jennifer Brown.

The members of the Varsity Football team are Kirk Anderson, voted to the All-District team, Russell Littlefield and Bob Patman, who received Honorable Mention to the All-District team, Donnie Smith, Chet Bohlar, Darren Johnson, Dan Passmore, Bobby Tidwell, Ronny Tidwell, Jim Ridgway, Marvin Passmore, David Ridgway, Prakash Patel, Greg Littlefield, Tony Hambright, Huey Green, Pat Gomez, Jim Anderson, Jim Bob Adams, Kyle Woods, Sid Brass, Grant Mann, Johnny Mann and Dale Barker.

Also honored were Basketball managers Dedra Watson, Le Milam, Judy Kennedy, Kara Tate and Cissy Dalton; the football filming crew, Greg Littlefield and Dan Fish; and Tiger Cheerleaders Kristie Thompson, Darla McAnear, Shawn Crockett, Misty Magee and Tiffany Lopez.

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet was Sam Haynes.

Dinner was prepared by Jo Blaylock, Myrtle Billingsley, Mary Bybee and Jeanie Smith.

The Decorating Committee included Darryel Herndon, Chairman, Joe Riley, Casper Smith, Carl Dwyer, Johnny Haynes, Bill Phillips, Keith Smith and Jack Brewster.

Tickets and programs were under the supervision of Dorman Thomas.

Supplies and technical arrangements were coordinated by Casper Smith.

## Tiger Band Receives "Excellent" Rating

The McLean High School band received an "Excellent" rating at a concert contest in Carlsbad last Saturday. Sponsored by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, it was held at the Civic Center and involved 70-75 area bands.

Band Director Roger Myers said that the rating was as good as the band has received during the past 20 years. Only once before, in 1979, did the band get a similar rating in competition.

Of the three judges involved, two gave the Tiger band an "Excellent" rating while one judge rated the McLean students as giving a "Superior" performance.

For its selections, the band played "Russian Sailors Dance" by Balent and "Furious Fable" by Spears.

The Band Boosters Club sponsored the trip. Every two years, the band is allowed to make such a journey. The next one, in 1988, is currently being planned and will involve a trip to Colorado for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Orange Blossom Festival.

The students were accompanied by Roger and Trudy

Myers, Margaret Milam, Linda McAnear, Brinda Hembree, Cathy Hembree, Casper and Jeanie Smith and Bill and Tina Thomas.

The group left on Thursday and spent the night in Lubbock. On Friday they drove to Carlsbad and visited the caverns and attended a barbeque dinner and Western show at the Flying X Chuckwagon. On Saturday, they traveled to Odessa and went to the Water Wonderland Amusement Park. They returned home on Sunday.

In other band activities, the 5th and 6th grade and Junior High bands will travel to Dalhart this Saturday for the XII Band Festival. They will be participating in 35 different events including a concert contest, a sight-reading contest and competition for solo performers and ensemble groups. The event will be held at the Dalhart High School auditorium.

Next Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., the entire band will give its final concert of the school year in the High School auditorium. The performance will be given in conjunction with the presentation of academic awards to this year's students.

## Don't Forget

The Senior Banquet/Prom will be held tomorrow night in the Starlight Room at Coronado Inn in Pampa at 7:30 p.m.

State Representative Foster Whaley will be the guest speaker at the Senior Citizen's Club next Thursday night, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

The 5th and 6th grade and Junior High bands will attend the XII Band Festival this Saturday in Dalhart.

The entire McLean Tiger band will give its final concert of the year next Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

## State Checks Sent

The State Comptroller's office recently sent checks totaling \$108.1 million in local sales tax to the 1,015 cities that levy the one-percent city tax.

The City of McLean received a check for \$2,273.46 as opposed to \$2,408.89 for the same period last year.

Cumulative payments to date are \$9,200.67 as opposed to \$8,512.29 for last year. This represents an 8.09 percent increase.

## McLean School Board Approves Band Letter Jackets

The McLean School Board met in its regular session on Monday night. Members in attendance were Joe Magee, Jake Hess, James Hefley, John Holland, Darryel Herndon and Jim Barker.

Others present were Shirley Johnson, Jim Rutherford, Dorman Thomas, Jane Herndon and Cheryl Smith.

Among the major items of business, the board approved the awarding of Letter jackets to members of the band who have not received jackets for participation in sports activities. A student would receive the jacket if he or she met one of the following requirements:

-Must receive a first division rating in solo or small ensemble.

-Must qualify for and perform in the All-Region band.

-Must serve as a member of the High School band for three years.

According to UIL regulations, a student can only receive a jacket once during high school and cannot get one in both sports and band activities. The purpose of the band jacket is to recognize

individuals who have participated only in band activities and have not had the opportunity to earn a jacket for other extracurricular activities.

In other business the board:

-Approved the 1986-87 transfers of students who live outside of the school district but attend school in McLean.

-Approved the rehiring of bus drivers Joe Billingsley, Frank Sparlin, Sammy Don Haynes, Roy Richardson and Tom Adamson.

-Approved the appointment of a committee to revise the student handbook during the summer months. It will consist of Jim Rutherford, Pete Bateman, Dorman Thomas and Carl Dwyer.

-Discussed the gym use fee. Cheryl Smith, representing the Volleyball Association, gave a presentation in which she stated that the association was being charged a fee for the use of the gym, while other organizations were not being asked to pay. She requested that either the fee be waived or applied consistently to all organizations wishing to use

the gym. The board approved a motion whereby all those wishing to use the gym will be required to pay the rental fee.

-Approved a budget amendment allocating \$115,000 to pay for the renovations being made at the school. In an earlier meeting on April 22, the board accepted bids from the

following companies to do the renovation work: Quarles Electric for the electrical work-\$20,294; Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. for the mechanical work-\$56,417; Denman Building Products for the acoustical/insulation work-\$15,867.

The board is still attempting to locate a contractor to perform the work on the school windows.

-Heard a presentation from Jane Herndon regarding insurance for the school. According to Mrs. Herndon, insurance premiums will increase about \$2,000 this year.



## Nursing Home News

### Lefors Boys Get Conservation Awards

Kent Kerbo and John Leadbetter of Lefors High School and Joseph Ragsdale of Grandview Hopkins Elementary were honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at the Region 1 Awards Banquet on May 6th. The Banquet was held at WTSU.

Region 1 consists of 49 counties in the Panhandle. Categories in which awards will be presented include: Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Farmer; Resident Conservation Rancher-Absentee Conservation Farmer-Rancher; Business-Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; Wildlife Conservationist; Public Media Award and Conservation Homemaker. Additional awards were presented for outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of regional awards programs are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 202 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

### Locals Score in Trap Shoot in Amarillo

Dennis Meador and Chris Littlefield shot in the Zone 1 Trap Shoot at the Amarillo Gun Club last weekend. Each won a belt buckle in the class for singles. Chris received the award in the Sub-junior Class while Dennis got his award in the Class C Singles competition.

Resident Bealle Robinson is in the hospital in Shamrock. We wish her a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, Reverend Z.A. Myers, of the Assembly of God Church, was here to conduct services.

Monday morning, Lula Sheegog celebrated her birthday. A cake was furnished by Marie Fennell. Residents attending were Thelma Hopkins, Ruby Phillips, Odessa Beeman, Ruth Kemp, Annie Eudey, Dick Wheeler, P.L. Ledgerwood, Lona Jones, Lola Graham, George Latta, Leon Burch, Delbert Murray, Cicero Turpen, Kittie Hessey and Inez Fields. Lula's sister Lucille Riley and a friend, Muri Harris from Shamrock, were here also. At noon, Lula Sheegog, Inez Fields and Betty Lopez had lunch at the Country Corner. In the afternoon, Onie Gibson, Bertha Smith, Mildred Giesler, Annie Herndon, and Cliffie Hensley were here to assist the following residents in bingo: Lucille Cullison, Dick Wheeler, Lona Jones, Delbert Murray, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Grace Swallow, Stella Gibson, Annie Eudey, Cicero Turpen and Inez Fields.

Tuesday, residents playing dominos were Annie Eudey, Grace Swallow, Leon Burch, Inez Fields, Earl Tolleson, George Latta, Lula Sheegog,

Stella Gibson, Ruth Kemp, Elsa Stalls, Delbert Murray and P.L. Ledgerwood. Our volunteer helpers were Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Brenda McLain and Ted Robertson.

Wednesday, Lois Myers and Jan Layfield were here for a sing-a-long.

Thursday evening, we enjoyed the Hallelujah Squares from Shamrock.

Friday afternoon, Martha Parker was here to show her great movies.

Saturday, we had our Mother's Day party. Mary Dwyer was here as "Fifi" the Clown and we all thoroughly enjoyed her. Lynda Syfrett and Louise Turner read some poems and Odessa Beeman sang "M is for Mother." Cakes were furnished by Louise Turner and Isabelle Cousins. Ladies serving were Ginger Morilla, Louise Turner, Fern Boyd, Isabelle Cousins, Lois Myers, Ruth Magee, Heidi Syfrett, Sheva Seymore and Jennifer Pennington. Cor-sages for all lady residents were made by Ginger Morilla. Many thanks to all mentioned above for making the party a success.

Residents celebrating their birthdays this month are: Lula Sheegog-May 5, 1912; Frankie White-May 8, 1899; Fay Wilson-May 12, 1898; and Alice Dickenson-May 13, 1893.

### Local Men Make Honor Roll at Clarendon

McLean residents Billie Billingsley, Darrell Myers and Jeffrey Price were recently named to Clarendon College's Academic Honor Roll for the Spring 1986 semester. They are majoring in Radio/TV Repair.

Requirements for the Dean's Honor Roll are a minimum of 3.6 grade points for a student carrying at least 12 semester hours of academic subjects. Vocational students must take a full program and maintain an A in all subject matter. Inclusion on the President's Honor Roll requires a 4.0 GP for a full time academic student.

### Pioneer Club Meets

Pioneer Study Club met on May 1 in the home of Mary Emma Woods. Bonnie Fabian conducted the business meeting and gave the program. She reviewed the accomplishments of some of the past governors of Texas.

The following officers were installed: President-Bonnie Fabian; Vice-president-Wanda Lamb; Secretary and Reporter-Clara Hupp; Treasurer-Bert Dorsey; Parliamentarian and Historian-Jenny Stubbs. Each was given a spray of bluebonnets.

Eleven members and guests, Vera Back and Charlie Shurley, were present.

### Lion's Club to Host Benefit for Blind and Visually Impaired

On May 31, the McLean Lion's Club will conduct their annual Journey for Sight, a project to benefit sight-impaired and blind persons in the community and throughout the world.

The Journey will be a 10 mile walk or jog-a-thon which will begin at the McLean Golf Course and continue on Highway 273 north to the John M. Haynes home.

Participants in the trek will be asked to obtain pledges of money from other generous citizens to be paid after the Journey is completed on a specific per-mile basis.

Each person who completes the 10 mile trip will receive an attractive T-shirt with the Lion's Journey for Sight logo on the front. For those who are in a hurry and are competitive, there will be gold, silver and bronze Olympic style medallions presented for first, second and third place in male and female categories.

Refreshments will be available both along the route and at the finish line. Vehicles will be ready to pick up anyone who decides they can't complete the trip.

The Lion's ask everyone to help out with this most worthwhile endeavor, either as a active participant or as a sponsor of one of the travelers. Pledge sheets are available and can be obtained by contacting John M. Haynes at 779-2087.

### Medicaid Cuts Being Proposed

Hearing aids will no longer be covered by Medicaid as of June 1, if proposed legislative rule changes and budget cuts are adopted, Jim Wilson, executive director of the Texas Hearing Aid Association said on May 9.

During a preliminary hearing, held Thursday, May 1, at the Texas Department of Health in Austin, testimonies were heard from several consumer groups and trade associations in objection to the proposed cut.

Steve Svadlenak, director of contracted health services, presided over the hearing. He said, "the Governor has asked that all state agencies cut 13 percent from their budget as quickly as possible in an effort to relieve a \$1.3 billion deficit.

"The reason hearing aids are being cut completely is that this is a non-mandatory service," he said.

A final hearing is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 27 at the Winters Complex, 701 W. 51st Street in Austin.

Persons who wish to make written comment may write before May 27 to: Cathy Rossberg, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 2960, Austin, Texas 78769. Attention Policy Development Support Division, Mail Code 153-E.



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## News From Alanreed



Don't tread on me—McLean youngsters Day on May 7 were students from the competing on the tire-rolling contest at Play elementary and junior high schools.

The L.T. Goldstons made a trip to Fort Worth last weekend.

Visiting Lena Carter last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce, David and Shelby of Amarillo.

Visiting the Hartley Davis' on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brent and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and Ross of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Willis May and daughter Debbie and children from Panhandle.

Visiting Rose Hall on Sunday was Beth Sharp of Clarendon. She and Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Adams went out to lunch to celebrate Mother's Day.

Visiting Rose Hall on Saturday was son Jack from Clarendon.

Ruth Carter of Pampa and Vickie Bryant and Wesley of Amarillo visited Lena Carter on Sunday. They went to Greenbelt Lake in the afternoon where they met Lena's son Jerry and Sammy Bryant.

Visiting the R.L. Leeders recently were daughter Sharon and family of Clarendon.

Jewel Warner and Hiram Rollins were in Pampa on business Thursday.

Visiting Jewel Warner last week were niece Marcelle and family of Amarillo.

Betty Finley and Nell Keese made a trip to Shamrock on Thursday.

Nita McKee had her children home for Mother's Day.

## Senator Bill Sarpalius



### Reports



#### REFORM STILL A MIXED BAG

AUSTIN — Almost two years have passed since the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 72, the controversial education reform package, and the turmoil that surrounds the bill still has not subsided.

Teachers are angry because H.B. 72 required them to take a competency test. Administrators are angry because they feel the bill stripped them of some local control. Parents are angry because their children are being excluded from certain school activities because of failing grades.

The anger the bill has generated has manifested itself in many ways — lawsuits, protests, increased political involvement among educators. The list is endless.

With education reform so much in the news, it occurred to us that the time is right to review just what H.B. 72 did and what the future holds for the reform movement. H.B. 72 essentially did four things. It restructured the way Texas allocates money to local school districts, granted teachers a pay raise while at the same time placing new requirements on them, changed subtly the way elementary students are educated and raised the standards expected of Texas school children.

While the new requirements of teachers and expectations of students have caused the most controversy, it is the restructuring of school finance that may be H.B. 72's biggest contribution to Texas education.

H.B. 72 recognized once and for all that some school districts have a larger property tax base than others and therefore can generate more money locally. The bill created a new fund allocation system that gives the poorer school districts more money. That extra money means the poorer districts now can offer the same quality education given students in the wealthier districts.

District 31 had enjoyed the benefits of that new system as much as any area of the state. We recently reviewed Texas Education Agency and Legislative Budget Board figures that indicated a majority of our 89 school districts have received more money as a result of H.B. 72.

Those same figures also indicated payroll expenditures increased by more than 15 percent for a vast majority of those 89 districts. Less than 20 districts had increases of less than 10 percent and almost half the districts had payroll increases of more than 20 percent.

Teachers, it seems, did get a pay raise in the Panhandle and on the South Plains.

While those figures indicate there was quite a bit of good in H.B. 72, it's important to recognize there was bad as well. The bill created a teacher competency test that has numerous problems. It created a no-pass, no-play rule that needs to be modified if it is to be effective.

H.B. 72 also eliminated needed discipline options for school administrators and left teachers saddled with too much paperwork.

We've recognized those problems, and we've worked hard to correct them. During the last legislative session, we worked with our fellow senators to pass a bill that would have corrected the discipline and paperwork problems created by H.B. 72. That bill unfortunately was killed in the House.

At the same time, we introduced legislation that potentially would have shortened the no-pass, no-play suspension period. We came within a few votes of having our no-pass, no-play plan adopted by the Senate.

Obviously, we were disappointed our attempts to reform the reforms fell short, but we haven't given up. We're determined to address discipline, paperwork and no-pass, no-play again next session. And, after we took the competency test last month, we also called on our colleagues to consider changes there as well.

The last chapter of Texas' education reform work clearly has yet to be written. We believe most lawmakers recognize there is more work to be done. Still, we think that as the bad in reform is being eliminated, it is important to recognize the good that H.B. 72 has done.

If you have any questions about education reform and where it's headed, please write us at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas, 78711.

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### Political Calendar

The McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Party Primary Elections on May 6, 1986. A fee has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now through the election.

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

For County Commissioner  
Precinct 4:  
TONY SMITHERMAN

For Justice of the Peace,  
Precinct 4:  
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For County Clerk:  
WANDA CARTER\*

For County Treasurer:  
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**Beta Chi Meets  
In Lefors**

Beta Chi Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota met on Monday at the Lefors Cafeteria to make plans for the remainder of the year. Hostesses were Rebecca Robinson and Clarice Ross. Because of early publicity by Rebecca, there was a nice attendance of eleven members, including Paula Whitney, Laurie Daugherty, Lela Harris, Geneva Lisenbee, Helen Akins, Rebecca Robinson, Shirley McKnight, Pauline Phillips, Ardelle Briggs, Clarice Ross and Sandra Turner. The door prize, furnished by Rebecca Robinson, was won by Laurie Daugherty. The next meeting, which will be installation of officers, will be in the cafeteria on May 19, at 4:00 p.m. with Geneva Lisenbee and Paula Whitney as hostesses.

**McLean School Menu  
May 19-23  
Breakfast**

Mon.—Pancakes, Juice, Milk  
Tues.—Hot Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Wed.—Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk  
Thurs.—Creamed Beef, Juice, Milk  
Fri.—Cold Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch**

Mon.—Bar-B-Que Beef on a Bun, French Fries, Cookies  
Tues.—Crispitos with Cheese, Pinto Beans, Salad, Sopillas, Milk  
Wed.—Porkettes, Blackeyed Peas, Corn, Corn Bread, Whipped Jello, Milk  
Thurs.—Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Beans, Strawberry Short Cake, Milk  
Fri.—Baked Chicken, Au-gratin Potatoes, Salad, Hot Rolls, Milk

**Democrats Meet**

The Dixie Democrats held their monthly meeting on Monday night at the Lion's Club building.

Wanda Carter, County Clerk, gave a presentation on the proper use of ballots. It was reported that in the recent primary election, the number of Republican voters exceeded the number of Democrats for the first time ever.

The next meeting of the Dixie Democrats will be on June 9 at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Notice**

**Invitation For Bids**

The City of McLean, Texas will receive Bids for a water system improvements project until 7:00 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time) on the 27th day of May, 1986, at City Hall, McLean, Texas at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: Item 1. 638 feet of 8-inch water main; Item 2. 9,076 feet of 6-inch water main; Item 3. 429 feet of 2-inch water main; Item 4. associated appurtenances.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specification, are on file at the office of Dwight L. Brandt Engineering at 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo Texas 79110.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with Dwight L. Brandt Engineering for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the Drawings and Contract Documents are re-

turned in good condition on or prior to bid opening.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of McLean, Texas, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Community Affairs and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

In addition, if the prime contractor is not a minority-owned business, the prime contractor shall ensure that at least 0 percent (0%) of the funds subcontracted under this contract are awarded to minority businesses. In the event that the prime contractor does not subcontract any portion of the construction work funded under this contract, the prime contractor shall ensure that at least 0 percent (0%) of the work force employed by such prime contractor is composed of minority group members.

For the purpose of definition, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

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2. "Minority Group Mem-

bers" are Black Americans, Mexican Americans, and other Americans of Hispanic origin, Asian Americans, American Indians, Pacific Islanders, and Alaskan Natives.

The City of McLean, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the

City of McLean, Texas for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

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## Alanreed Improvement Club Meets May 10

The Alanreed Community Improvement Program met on May 10 in the school cafeteria for the final meeting until the fall. It started with a covered dish supper. Then Fay Connor, Vice-chairman, presided over the business session. Jeannie Adams introduced the speaker, Dr. Louis Hayden, of Hayden Chiropractic Clinic in Pampa. He gave a slide program and demonstrated the causes of lower back pain. He also discussed remedies and preventative measures. Then he asked for questions. The rest of the evening was spent in answering questions and visiting. About 20 people were present.

## Students Attend Golf and Track Regionals

Regional golf and track meets were held in Levelland last week. Representing McLean in the golf tournament were Wendi Smith, Kim Beaver, Darla McAnear and Misty Magee. They placed 9th in the competition with a score of 1,088 over a 2 day period.

In the track meet, Kristie Thompson posted a time of 64.09 seconds in the 400 meter dash. Russell Littlefield, running in the 100 meter dash, missed the finals by 3/100th of a second. His time was 11.77 seconds.

Approximately 90 schools from the Panhandle, the South Plains and the Big Bend area participated in the meet.

## Local Roads to be Fixed

Forty-three miles of roadway will be resurfaced in three neighboring counties through a project of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The state highway commission has awarded a \$5,070,969.15 contract to Gilvin-Terrill, Inc. of Amarillo and Washburn for the project that will improve roads in Potter, Carson and Gray counties.

The contract calls for resurfacing nine mile of U.S. 60 from Lake Street in Amarillo northeastward 33 miles to the Gray County line. Asphaltic concrete pavement then will be placed on U.S. 60 to provide a durable riding surface.

Some of the existing surface on a 1.4-mile section of Loop 555 through McLean at the junction of Interstate 40 will be removed and asphaltic concrete pavement will be added.

The project is expected to take about eight months to complete.

Marc Miller and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Miller entertained guests at their home Friday following the graduation program of Little Rascals. Guests included his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller of White Deer, Mrs. Margie Grayson of Olton, his great-grandmother, Mrs. Addie Howard of White Deer and his brother Matt.

## State & Local Spending Increases In Texas

State and local spending in Texas increased from \$501 per capita in 1970 to \$1,861 in 1984, moving the state from 46th to 34th among all states. Where did those dollars go?

The answers are found in the March issue of Analysis, a monthly publication of the Texas Research League.

### The Winners

If dollars are the answer, Texas has made tremendous strides toward achieving educational excellence vis-a-vis the level of effort in other states, the League reports.

In 1970, state and local spending for public schools in Texas amounted to \$156 per capita, placing Texas 38th among the states. By 1984, public school spending amounted to \$549 per capita, placing Texas 16th among the states and more than 7 percent above the national average.

The League notes that equally impressive gains were registered for higher education. In 1970, state and local expenditures for Texas colleges and universities averaged \$57 per capita, ranking Texas 34th among the states. By 1984, Texas was spending \$235 per capita for higher education, placing Texas 20th among the states and more than 16 percent above the national average. Comparative data for 1985 is expected to show Texas moving further ahead as the full impact of the 1984 school finance reforms comes into effect.

The only other area of government in which Texas made significant gains in per capita spending between 1970 and 1984 was in health and hospitals, where per capita state and local spending rose from \$34 to \$182, and Texas moved from 38th to 23rd in ranking among the states.

### The Losers

In some areas of govern-

ment, despite the prosperity of the oil boom years, per capita spending by state and local governments in Texas actually fell in relation to other states, says the League.

While state and local spending for public welfare rose from \$47 per capita in 1970 to \$132 per capita in 1984, Texas' ranking among the states declined from 35th to 48th. In 1984, spending for public welfare in Texas amounted to nearly 52 percent less than the national average.

Even in the area of highways—where Texans have always prided themselves on achievement—per capita

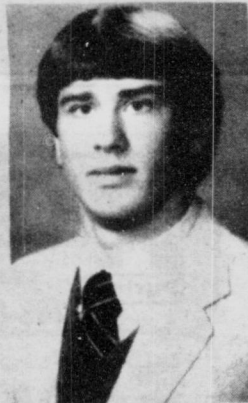
spending increased from \$79 in 1970 to \$157 in 1984, but Texas fell from 33rd to 37th in its ranking among all states. The 1984 level of per capita spending in Texas for highways was about 6 percent less than the national average, according to the League's figure. This is another area that is likely to show change when 1985 data becomes available as the impact of the 1984 tax increases in Texas takes effect.

### Increase in Debt Financing

The level of per capita debt of state and local government in Texas moved above the national average (106 %) for the first time in 1984. Between 1975 and 1984, the government debt for each Texas citizen increased from \$892 to \$2,259—a growth of 153 percent.

Corresponding to that change, the amount Texas governments spend for general debt interest rose from \$32 per person in 1975 to \$105 in 1984. That 228 percent increase reflects both the increased debt level and higher interest rates.

The Texas Research League is an Austin-based non-profit, public-policy research organization.



Sports Banquet award winners (top photo) Lee Ann Tate, left, Tigerette Fighting Heart Award and Melanie Billingsley (right) Most Valuable Girl Athlete. Center is Martin Gateley, left, and Mark McCarty, right, co-winners of the Most Valuable Boy's Basketball Player awards. Bob Pattman, bottom photo, was winner of the Most Valuable Football Player award.

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## Priority

A preacher gave a ride to a farmer and his fagged dog. In the seat Fido slumped, panting, too tired to wag his tail. The farmer explained that in their walk the dog chased back and forth examining every rock, hole, bush, noise, hen, cat, log, mouse, tree, lizard, culvert, toad, terrapin, cow and gate. If a dog barked once at him he barked back ten times.

Said the preacher, "No wonder he's all in."

People, too may be exhausted ("stressed") by marathon involvement in senseless things. Priority lessons are needed! "...seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness." Martha was "anxious and troubled about many things" (Luke 10) but Mary chose "the good part which shall not be taken away from her." Mary "sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word." Simple, glorious priority!

Only I can allow a day to frustrate me. Each day many of us "mount a horse and ride off in all directions." Thus, no "peace that passeth understanding."

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### Sheriff's Requests Tabled By Court

Carson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday in Panhandle. The court talked with Gary Pitney of the Community Affairs Department and John Ward an architect and engineer about the procedures for application for Texas Department of Community Development Program grants. The commissioners tabled action on the subject until May 27.

General Telephone Company was granted an easement in Precinct 3.

Judge Roselius advised court of a 2c per pound charge on commodities to be received in June and August. The county will pay the costs. The Judge also informed the court that Jeanie Cunningham had been selected to serve as secretary in his office.

The bid of \$4,556 from Imperial Casualty Company for a law enforcement liability insurance plan was accepted.

Other items concerning the sheriff's office were tabled until a later date. They include expansion of the office; salaries of future employees; allowing 16 additional reserve deputies; and raising the cost of civil process fees.

Tax Assessor Lloyd Sterling informed the court he would attend his state professional conference May 18.

The next meeting was set for May 27 as the Memorial Day holiday will be observed on May 26, the usual meeting day.

### Committee Plans To Apply For Funds School Board

The Groom Economic Development Committee has begun to see the fruits of their efforts rewarded. Two doctors have now expressed an interest in coming to Groom on separate days during the week. Dr. Teran of Clarendon has set no specific day as yet and Dr. Keith Black has discussed possibly coming to Groom on Tuesday afternoons with committee members.

Rex Peoples has investigated both low income housing projects and senior citizen housing in Hedley and Wellington. He expressed excitement at his findings in that Hedley, a town of 334 population has housing projects and Groom with a little effort should be able to accomplish the same.

Committee members made plans to attend a seminar in

Plainview May 20 at which time grant funds available through the Texas Department of Community Affairs will be reviewed.

The group has filed incorporation papers and made their mailing address, P.O. Box 539, Groom.

The Committee also listed their activities for Groom Day and made plans to develop a directory of Groom graduates with their addresses to be sold on Groom Day.

Anyone interested in the efforts of the group is invited to join in the planning sessions held on Mondays.

Present last week were Bill Ellington, Bill Homer, Kenneth Sweatt, Rex Peoples, Johnny Brumley, Sue Britten, Jimmy Britten, Bill Bohr, Johnny Eschle and James Duke.

by the Board who will look into the alternative means for the ag students to construct a storage facility for small tractors and equipment.

Other items set aside were telephone system update as new lines are installed in Groom affording expanded services; computer furniture for the business office and replacement of typewriters in the business classroom.

Routine items approved were contracts with Region XVI Service Center for educational media services, computer print-outs for grades and class schedules, computer software, and Chapter I and II programs. Mr. Peoples was given authority to hire summer maintenance help and funds were approved for the summer youth program. The text book committee adoptions were also approved.

A letter of resignation was read and approved from second grade teacher Cheryl Gillispie. She will be employed by the Amarillo School District in the fall.

A letter from a concerned parent was also read concerning traffic conditions in Groom. The person requested cooperation of all citizens to operate motor vehicles safely and suggested caution lights could be installed in front of the school as an extra measure of caution to motorists.

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### Ham Honored

Pete Ham, utilities foreman for the City of Goldendale, Washington, was recently recognized as the "Water Works Operator of the Year" for 1985 for the Columbia Gorge-Deschutes region by the American Water Works Association.

Ham, 38, has worked for the city for almost two years and has been in the water works business for 18 years.

"I felt there were others more deserving," the modest Ham said. "We're just doing our job."

The AWWA recognized Ham for his "outstanding service and contributions to the enhancement of better water for Americans through innovative and dedicated service in water works supply, operations and management and by display of model leadership and involvement in water works affairs."

Ham's duties include running the city's multi-million dollar waste water treatment plant, water treatment and distribution and even keeping the community swimming pool operational.

Ham worked for the City of Pasco, Wa. in various capacities, and jumped at the chance to come to Goldendale.

"I really enjoy being in this community," he said. "I was super excited to come to Goldendale. I even took a cut in pay to work here."

"It's a lot better place to raise kids, plus I've always looked at this area as a good place to retire."

Ham is the son of Mrs. Peggy Ham of Groom.

### Tense Homecoming

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Britten and daughter Bernie Terrell returned home safely last Thursday after Nell underwent heart surgery on Tuesday in Houston. They experienced some difficulty in Dallas when their plane made an emergency landing, but non the worse for wear, safe on the ground they immediately boarded a waiting jet and continued on to Amarillo.

### Family Gathers

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Wieberg were Marie Wilkins of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irby and family of Claude, Lenora and Aaron Weiberg from Lubbock, and from Groom were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sustaie and children and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wieberg.

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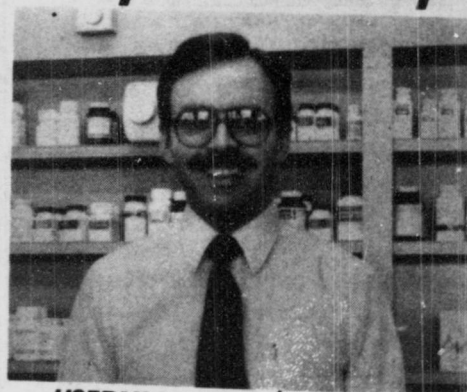
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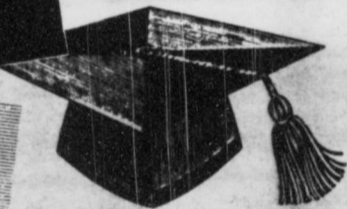
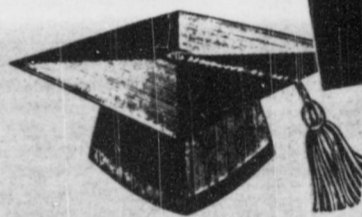
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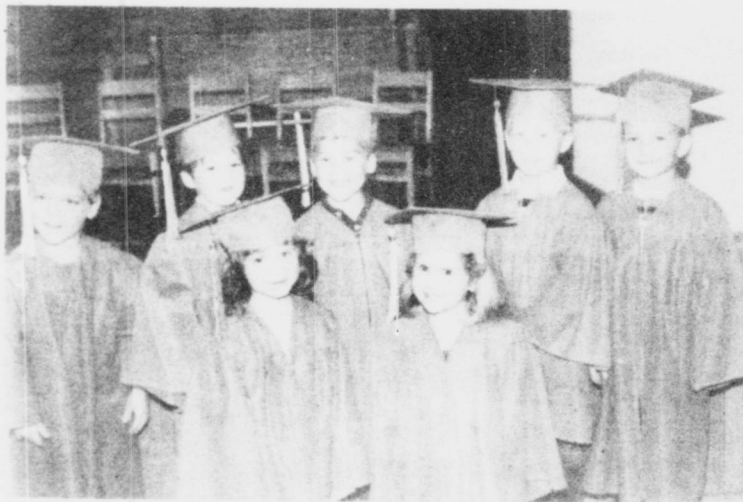
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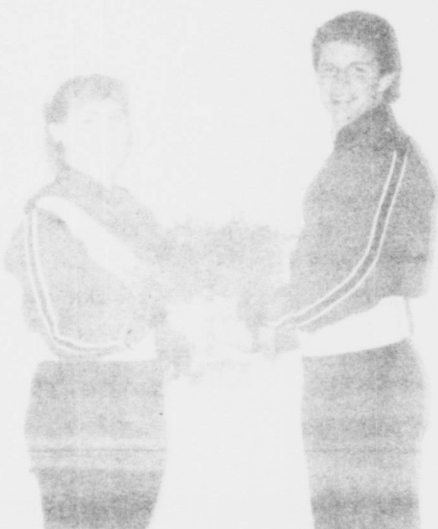


Little Rascals graduation program was held last Friday evening at United Methodist Church. Each graduate received a diploma from instructor, Mary Howard. Graduates above are, front, Sara Britten and Dara Whatley, back, Jim Burton, Caleb Pool, Cody Britten, Marc Miller and Blake Barnett.

### Mrs. Ritter Leads Royal Service Program

The Baptist women met in the home of Mrs. Ruby Milton Tuesday morning for the Royal Service mission program. President Mrs. Stella Patterson called the meeting to order. Mrs. Don Ritter was in charge of the program entitled "The Communicators." The theme was carried out as a television program with Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Jack Bivens, Mrs. Bill Burgin, Mrs. Earl Barker, Mrs. H.D. Lowrey, Mrs. Bertha Knight and Mrs. Cleo Musser in attendance.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter on Mother's Day were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cruse of Claude; Bennie Cruse, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace, Amarillo; Mamie Ritter, Groom; and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ritter and boys, Groom.



Band Queen Audra Wagner accepts a bouquet of roses from Band King Daniel Lambert.  
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## Your School

By Rex Peeples

Groom School has again made its presence known at Austin—garnering one state championship and several other high honors. A congratulation is in order to all the students and sponsors involved.

We were plagued with a long agenda at our regular meeting Monday night. Your Board approved the new track renovation and has instructed me to advertise for bids for new lights for the small gym and for needed paving.

This weekend we have another group headed for Austin for the state track meet. We wish them the same good fortune the literary contestants had.

We sprigged in some bermuda grass on the practice football field about three weeks ago and we desperately need a good rain to get it spreading. We are suffering with the farmers through this dry weather.

We received our results on the TECAT exam. I passed; however, Breeze said he would have to see the results before he would believe it.

We appreciate your support in our school.

### Band Concert

The Groom School Bands entertained parents and guests last Thursday at the school auditorium in the annual spring concert.

The 5th and 6th grade bands each played selections to show the progress they have made in the past year.

The high school band, wearing new uniforms, played selections that they performed previously in UIL and the Greater South-West Music Festival competitions.

During the concert, several members of the band were recognized and honored. Junior High Band Regional members were Jay Britten and Ben Weinheimer. Regional Bnd members for high school were Audra Wagner, Brandi Wagner, Misty Kingston and Loretta Kuehler.

The highest honor, the John Phillip Sousa Award was presented by Band Director Jerry Crowell to Audra Wagner. Miss Wagner was also named Band Queen and Daniel Lambert was selected Band King.

Members of the band honored Mr. Crowell with a gift in appreciation of his work throughout the year.

### TEL Class

TEL Class of First Baptist Church met May 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the home of Mertie Schaffer for their monthly meeting. After delicious refreshments were served, Cleo Musser opened the meeting with a prayer. Loula Wall called the meeting to order with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and led a business discussion. Thelma Pool gave an inspirational devotional on motherhood taken from Proverbs 31:10-31.

Those present were Rose Fields, Gladys Fields, Loula Wall, Doshia Cornett, Marie Rogers, Thelma Pool, Bertha Knight, Cleo Musser and hostess Mertie Schaffer.

## Cards Of Thanks

My sincere thanks to all my loved ones, my friends and neighbors who made my birthday a wonderful day for me. The lovely cards, the phone calls, gifts and visits were appreciated so much. People who have friends, loved ones and good neighbors are rich indeed.

Audie Martin

Our sincere thanks to each person who expressed concern in my surgery and car illnesses and at our recent sorrow.

To each who prepared food to meet our physical needs.

To each one who lifted us up in prayer to sustain us.

To each who sent a card or phoned to let us know you were thinking of us.

For all the beautiful floral offerings and brighten our sad hours.

E. W. and Mamie Poole

## Recital

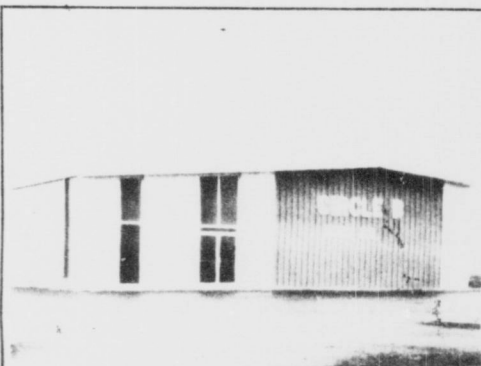
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For Carson County Judge:  
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### Reception Sunday For Carson County Artists



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The train will be camped on the TSTI campus May 17, 18 and 19. The train will make camp in Claude May 20 and continue on its way May 21.

Teachers at Groom Schools are working to make trips to the campsites where schedules will allow.

The fourth annual Carson County Artists exhibit at Square House Museum will open on Sunday, May 18 at the Purvine's annex. The exhibit will include original works by Carson County artists and will be displayed through June 22. A reception is planned for the artists, art enthusiasts and visitors at 3:00 p.m.

### Officers Elected

During the last business meeting for Brush & Palette until September, plans for participating in the Groom Day celebration in August were finalized. Also officers for next year were elected as follows: President, Marion Kendrick, Vice President, Billie Bivens, Secretary/Treasurer, Evelyn Ollinger; Reporter, Juandell Ritter.

### Blood Drive Success

Dear Editor:  
Albert Schweitzer once wrote, "In gratitude for your own good fortune, one must render in return some sacrifice on your life for other life."

Those of us in good health, therefore must share this health with others less fortunate in health, which is truly what being a volunteer blood donor is about. Your assistance in encouraging the community to share their good health through these gifts of love and life, as always is deeply appreciated and desperately needed in the future.

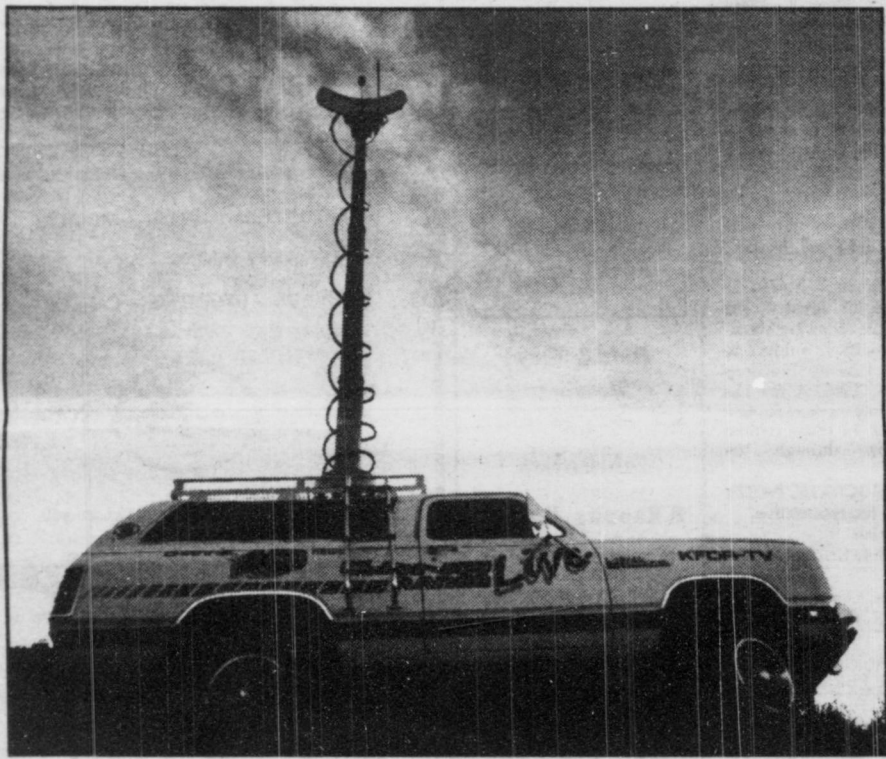
Thanks so much, Groom Lions, for extending to us this privilege of serving your club, community and mankind.

Sincerely,  
Bobby Thomas  
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### Britton Receives Associate Degree

Tracy Britton received his Associate of Science Degree at South Plains College, Levelland commencement on Saturday, May 10. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity, on the Dean's Honor List, National Dean's List, two years, a Smallwood Scholar, and outstanding physical education student of the year. Tracy plans to attend summer classes at Clarendon College, Pampa Center and West Texas State University. He will attend Texas Tech University this fall and continue toward a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education.

Attending commencement exercises Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. George Britten, Sr. and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bivens and Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Blackwell, and Coach and Mrs. Terry Coffee.



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