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Josh Grimsley and Lonny White seemed to enjoy their chores Monday as they took turns removing snow from the sidewalk at the Groom Post Office.



Melody Burton and Christa Burgin were among the many children that enjoyed their Monday off from school playing in the snow.

DPS Reports No Snow Accidents

As it turned out, Monday could not have been a better day to have a teacher workday planned on the school calendar. Heavy snowfall probably would have forced school to be cancelled had it not been for the break.

Luckily, no accidents were reported in the area due to

the accumulation of eight inches of snow. Local DPS officers said that because the storm was so wide spread travelers were exercising caution in travel and stopping and getting off the roads when conditions warranted. Other than several motorists stranded in town, things for the DPS were very

quite. They also said that the Highway Department had done an excellent job of keeping roadways open during the snowstorm.

Snow began falling in the area as early as last Thursday but the heaviest accumulation fell Saturday night. Sunday morning church ser-

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School Board Extends New Contracts To Administrators

Groom School Board met in regular session last Tuesday evening. The board spent about an hour in executive session discussing contracts for administrators. Upon reconvening in open session board member Louis Ruthardt moved to offer contracts for renewal at the same rate of pay to Rex Peeples, superintendent, Kenneth Sweatt, principal and Joyce Hutsell, business manager. The motion was approved unanimously.

George Britten was hired to repair the foundation of

the teacherage on Ware Street. His bid of \$450.90 was approved over the previous bid of Herman Leven for \$465.00.

An updated policy concerning excused and unexcused absences was approved. The policy was earlier adopted by the Texas Association of School Boards to meet state requirements with the local school adding their own requirements. A copy of the updated policy is available for inspection at the school for parents having questions.

Also approved by the

board was the Superintendent's Annual Performance Report. The report is prepared each year to insure that all academic requirements from the Texas Education Agency are being met on a local level and also include local objectives to insure a good educational program.

The board also agreed to have acoustical tile installed in Classroom A at a cost of \$765. The acoustics were necessary for the Spanish class taught in that room.

Mrs. Hutsell reported that 67 percent of the tax roll was now collected.

TDHR To Conduct Immunization

Texas Department of Human Resources personnel will be in Groom Tuesday, January 27 to conduct an immunization clinic. The clinic will open at 4:00 p.m. in the Home Ec. room at the school.

The services rendered by the clinic are no longer free but determined on a sliding scale. Many will still qualify for free immunizations but charges are figured on a sliding scale with a \$10 maximum charge for any one child.

This is an excellent opportunity for school age children to update their immunization records. Immunizations available will include tetanus, DPT, Polio and MMR.

Also a new requirement mandates that parents must accompany their children. This includes high school students. Parents or legal guardians must sign a release form before any immunizations will be administered.

The clinic will provide immunizations for infants through teens.

Persons Interested In Serving City Council Can Now Sign Up

City elections will be held in April and this week opened the sign up period for those wishing to seek a seat on city government. Terms to expire this year are for mayor and two council positions. The council positions are now held by Bobby Bab-

cock and Jerry Thornton. Al Homer currently serves as mayor.

Anyone interested in running for a city office should fill out the necessary form at City Hall. The final day to sign up will be February 18.

Community Calendar

Saturday will be workday at the Groom Community Center. Work begins at 8:30 a.m.

Weigh In Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. at the Home Ec. room at the School. Everyone interested welcome to attend.

Nightin' Gals will meet January 27 at the Bank at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Ora Lee Garmon and Velma Hickox.

Something Over Sixties meets for noon luncheon today, Jan. 22, at United Methodist Church.

Extension Homemakers Council will meet Monday, Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Groom followed by a salad luncheon and officer training session.

Groom Country Neighbors will meet January 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Stella Patterson.

Christian Mothers will meet Monday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Chris Britten. Hostesses are Marcia Conrad and Barbara Homer.

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Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

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MILO \$2.50 cwt.
CORN \$3.00 cwt.

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Members of the All
Region bands will perform in
concert this Saturday at the
Amarillo Civic Center. The
junior high band will pre-
form at 5:30 p.m. and the
high school band at 7:30.

Tryouts for the high
school were cancelled last
week and are to be held
today.

Performing from Groom
Junior High will be Jolee
Burger, Kristi Case and Nick
Kuehler.

Rose Fields was taken by
Ambulance to Amarillo on
Monday. She was hospital-
ized at High Plains
Baptist Hospital with a
bleeding ulcer.

Mertie Schaffer remains
in the intensive care unit at
Coronado Community Hos-
pital in Pampa. She suffered
a heart attack last week and
is making some progress.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. John
Hughes visited with Mr. and
Mrs. John Hickox on Tues-
day. They are Amarillo resi-
dents.

Dickey Painter returned
home Saturday after having
a tonsilectomy on Friday at
he hospital in Pampa.

Kountry Kousins

The Kountry Kousins Ex-
tension club met in the home
of Debbie Britten with Be-
linda Britten serving as co-
hostess on January 16.

Toni Pavlovsky conducted
the meeting and informed
the members of the Lead-
ership Training meeting
which will be held in Groom,
Jan. 26 at the First Bap-
tist Church. The club do-
nated their sewing no-
tions from the Festival of
Trees to the Groom Home
Economics class. Members
were reminded to bring two
recipes to the next meeting
for the Tasting Tea which
will be held in Groom this
spring. Kathy Gist, exten-
sion agent from Panhandle,
gave an informative talk on
the function and types of fats
in food.

The next meeting will be
held in the home of Toni
Pavlovsky with Charlotte
Whatley hosting on Feb.
20.

Alderman and Mrs. John
Eschle attended the Texas
Municipal League meeting
held recently in Amarillo.
The city of Panhandle host-
ed the banquet. The speaker
was Dr. Charles R.
Townsend of WTSU.

Clarence Merrick was
admitted as a resident of
Palo Duro Convalescent
Home at Claude last week.
Mrs. Merrick is staying with
Mrs. Janie Lewis in Claude
while recovering from
cataract surgery.

College Honor Roll

Becky Britten has been
named to the Scholastic
Honor Roll at Amarillo Col-
lege with a grade point
average of 3.5 for the fall
semester. Mrs. Britten's
major is in business
administration.

Six hundred eighty-eight
West Texas State University
students were included on
the Dean's List for the Fall
1986 semester.

Students must achieve a
semester grade-point
average of at least 3.25 (a
possible 4.0) with a class
load of at least 12 semester
hours to be included on the
Dean's List. Students whose
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3.85 or better are listed on
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Students from Groom
qualifying for the Dean's
List were Reta Jenkins and
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Former Resident Buried Friday

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Mrs. Burgin was born in Brice March 12, 1912, and lived in the Claude area until her marriage to J.N. Burgin of Groom January 1, 1938.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters and a son. Area relatives include sisters Mrs. Ellis Stapp, Mrs. L.D. Robison and Mrs. Becky Bryant, all of Howardwick, and a brother Harmon Harred of Claude. Mrs. John Allen Homen of Groom is a niece.

Funeral services were held in Sinton Friday afternoon.

Robert Proctor Buried In Turkey

Funeral Services were held Monday, January 19, 1987 for Robert F. Proctor, 79 of Turkey. The Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor of First Baptist Church in Turkey and Steve McLean officiated the services. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Proctor died Friday, January 16, 1987.

Mr. Proctor, born in Big Springs came to this area in 1929 from Red River County. He was a rancher and a farmer. He was married to Izell Baker in 1932 at Turkey. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Gayle Hanna of Floydada; six sons, William of Amarillo, Robert Jr. of Childress, Doyle and Lowell, both of Turkey, Dwayne of Wolfforth and Alvin Lee of Plainview; a sister, Ruby Williams of Panhandle; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Laura Farley Is Rookie of the Year

Laura Farley of Weatherford, Texas riding her six-year-old sorrel mare Wendi Pesky, is the 1986 Women's Professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year.

Laura, daughter-in-law of Dan and Sarah Farley of Howardwick, received a silver tray and Ammerman trophy saddle from the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and a \$1,000 bonus, trophy buckle and Resistol hat donated by Resistol Hat Company.

Laura also received fifth place honors in the Texas Circuit standings.

Laura and husband Dan purchased Wendi Pesky from stock owned by Glyan D and Sybil Harrell as a yearling. She is sired by Wendi Zan one of the stallions owned by the Harrell's in Groom.

Mrs. Witt Speaks To Alpha Mu Xi

Alpha Mu Xi met in the home of Ila Miller for their January meeting. Co-hostess was Nita Jackson. An interesting program was presented by Helen Witt about her trip to Korea, McCao and Hong Kong.

Plans were discussed for the February Sweetheart Dance and presentation and the dinner planned for the sorority and their husbands and guests.

Members present were Ruby Babcock, Sue Britten, Susan Brown, Barbara Homer, Nita Jackson, Evelyn Schaffer, Margie Stephens, Laura Britten and Ila Miller.

Library Adds Computer Books

Groom Branch Library now has a shelf of late issue computer books available to be checked out by local patrons.

J.R. Baten and Jim G. Ingram, instructors of computer courses at Amarillo College donated the books.



Hill—Painter Exchange Vows In Home Ceremony

Bettina Veanne "Betsy" Hill and Johnny Richard "Dickie" Painter exchanged wedding vows January 6, 1987 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter. The Rev. Dewey T. Cave officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Hill of White Deer. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Burl E. Painter of Groom.

Painter is employed by Groom I.S.D. and Mrs. Painter, formerly of Regis Hairstylists in the Pampa Mall will be employed by Kathleen Barkley at Images in Groom.

The couple now resides at 108 Bosen St. in Groom.

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Alpha Mu Xi hosted a dinner party in the home of Sue Britten for their husbands and guests. A delicious barbecue meal was served and the evening was spent visiting.

Those attending were Bernie Tyrrel, Nita Jackson, Pat and Laura Britten, Lynn and Sue Britten, Lonny and Susan Brown, Leon and Evelyn Schaffer, Joe and Barbara Homer, Kenny and Linda Babcock, Jack and Margie Stephens, Jim and Ruby Babcock, Randal and Nancy Patterson, Jim and Betty McCracken and Johnny and JoAnn Byrd.

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Varsity Teams Fall In Claude Games

Groom went home from the Claude gym last Friday night with two wins and two losses. The JV girls won 37-13 and the JV boys won 59 to 44.

The Tigers and Tigerettes however did not enjoy the same success. The crowd was on their feet as the Tigerettes and Claude girls jumped the ball at the beginning of the game. Two and a half minutes elapsed before a score was made with Claude being the first to break the hoop. Defense was good and it was 8-8 at the end of the first quarter and 19-16, Claude's favor at the half.

Claude girls had a full court press with with key pass interceptions. Claude was ahead 35-16 at the end of the third period. The Claude defense kept the ball on their end of the court during the last period and Groom scored 8 points and Claude 14 to win the game 49-34.

Daniel Lambert popped the first shot for the Tigers and Brent Thornton made some good field shots to establish leads for Groom 8 to 11 at the quarter mark and 19 to 20 at the half. It was



still a close game at the end of the third quarter with Groom trailing by two, 27-29.

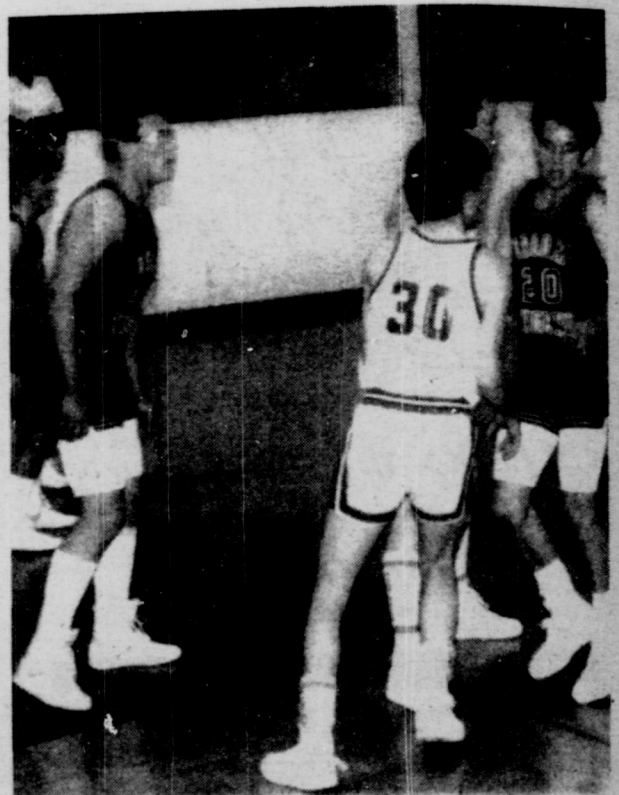
With two minutes on the clock the score stood at 36-36 and the crowd was on their

feet for the duration. Lambert made two free shots and three baskets were added to tie the score 40-40 with 12 seconds remaining. At the two second mark on the clock Groom fouled and

Claude scored with both efforts. Groom still had two seconds on the clock and took the ball out, the pass went out of bounds and with one second on the clock, Groom made a last effort but was unsuccessful and Claude won 42-40.

Earlier in the week The Tigers and Tigerettes handed defeats to McLean. The Tigerettes made their first six of six attempts to score against McLean. This was their second district game and the crowd was intense but began to relax when it appeared it would be a good night for the Tigerettes.

The McLean girls were able to catch up quickly with Shandee and Jem Ann Rice adding the majority of the points for McLean and the



score was 26-23 at the half-time break. However, with some good steals, Groom was able to take the lead and the score was 39-28 at the end of the third quarter.

Good rebounding was an asset for the Tigerettes with Erin Eschle grabbing 14 off the board. There were good passes into the post positions and Erin managed to put 28 points into the basket. Suni Barnett scored 12 points, mainly from the field. Lezlie Sweatt added 8 points to the final winning score 57-34.

Almost five minutes had elapsed in the Groom Tigers vs. McLean Tigers game and the score was only 4-2 Groom's favor. However the score had tripled for both teams by the end of that quarter 12-6.

The Tigers were led by Daniel Lambert's inside shots with Groom leading at the half 24-13. Lambert scored 28 points during the contest. Jack Britten added 16 points and Bruce Thornton had 10.

The substitutes saw plenty of action and monopolized the last quarter to end the game 63-49.

Snow

ices were forced to be cancelled and many people used Sunday afternoon to dig their way out of their driveways. Monday things got moving again thanks to a number of farmers and city workers joining efforts to clear streets in residential sections of the city.

Mayor Al Homer expressed his thanks on behalf of the city to all those who helped donating their time, tractors and equipment to clear streets and driveways all over the city.

By Tuesday afternoon, the sun was out and things were beginning to thaw.



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Storm Causes Cancellations, Accidents

Monday morning, local residents began digging out from the first major winter storm of 1987. The snow began falling on Thursday night just after sunset. There was a brief break on Friday, with very little added accumulation, but the storm intensified during the weekend. By the time it was over on Sunday afternoon, it had dropped more than a foot of snow and strong winds had left drifts of over five feet in some areas.

A weaker storm came through Monday night. It left little new precipitation but snow packed roads made travel hazardous at best.

Impassable roads forced the cancellation of numerous activities including the Varsity basketball games in Phillips, the McLean Junior High basketball tournament,

the All-Region High School band tryouts, and local church services. In addition, many businesses were either closed entirely or opened late on Monday while classes in McLean and Alanreed were cancelled.

Despite decreased travel on highways, several weather related accidents were reported. The first occurred on Thursday night about four miles west of McLean. Jeffrey Jerome Kirke of Des Moines, Iowa was traveling west on I-40 when he hit a patch of ice and spun out. The jeep he was driving flipped over and came to a stop in the median. He was taken to Shamrock Hospital and treated for minor injuries. A passenger was not hurt.

The second incident happened Saturday morning.

James Lee Liming of Terra Haute, Indiana was six miles east of McLean, traveling west of I-40, when he also spun out on the ice. He skidded to the right side of the road, turned over and landed in a ditch. He was not injured.

On Saturday, there were two accidents including a multiple vehicle pile-up. The first occurred in the afternoon about four miles west of Alanreed. Donald Edward Livingstone of Oxnard, Ca. driving a semi-truck, was going too fast for the road conditions. His truck jack-knifed, went into the median and rolled over on its right side. The driver, who was hauling 38,000 lbs. of lettuce and carrots, was not injured.

The second accident occurred Saturday afternoon and involved three semi-trucks.

According to DPS Officer John Holland, the first truck driven by Gregory Disotuardt of Saugus, Ca. was going too fast on the ice-slickened roads and jack-knifed near Alanreed. Two other semis, driven by Lance Jenkins of Lexington, Ohio and Fred Lee Pierce, Sr. of Pexico, Missouri, were traveling too close to the first truck and collided with it. They also jack-knifed. The accident blocked traffic on I-40 for about five hours and cars had to be rerouted on to the service roads. No injuries were reported.

The final incident happened Monday morning five miles west of Alanreed. A semi traveling east on I-40 was going too fast and jack-knifed into a ditch. The driver, Michael Allen Collins of Tuscon, Ariz., was not injured.

McLean City Council Sets Election Date for April 4, 1987

The McLean City Council met in regular session last Tuesday night in City Hall. Items on the agenda included:

-Awarding a contract to Industrial Painting of Amarillo to paint the water tower for \$18,850.

-Calling for a city election on April 4, 1987. The mayor's position and two full time and one unexpired city council terms will be up for consideration. The election will be held in the library and Jeff Messer will be the election judge. The filing period for the election began on Monday and will continue through Feb. 18. To apply for election as a city official, an individual must be a registered voter.

As of Monday one person, George Green, had filed for the office of mayor.

-Approved the transfer of retirement funds to an account bearing higher interest.

Don't Forget

The All-Region High School band tryouts, previously set for last Saturday, have been rescheduled for tonight at 5:00 p.m. at Phillips High School.

The All-Region Junior High and High School Band concerts will be held Saturday night at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Junior High Concert begins at 5:30 p.m. and the High School performance begins at 7:00 p.m.

The January 16th Varsity basketball game against Phillips, which had to be cancelled because of bad weather, has been reset for Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in Phillips.

The Junior High game against Lefors, which was to be played Monday night, is set for tonight at 5:15 p.m.

The Varsity Boys and Girls teams will travel to Lefors tomorrow. Games begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Junior High teams will go to Miami Monday night for competition. Games start at 5:15 p.m.

The Varsity Boys and Girls will host Claude Tuesday night at the gym. Games begin at 5:00 p.m.

The McLean PTA will have its monthly meeting on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The smoking cessation class, sponsored by the McLean Lions Club and Coronado Hospital, will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Sam and Linda Haynes.

The McLean Junior High basketball tournament, cancelled due to the weather, has been tentatively rescheduled for the first weekend in February.

Due to a conflict in scheduling, the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum Chili dinner has been reset for Feb. 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Senior Citizens building. A meal of chili, beans, stew and cobbler will be served.

Ambulance Runs

The McLean Ambulance Service reports three runs during the past week. On Jan. 14 a transfer was made to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. On Jan. 16, an individual involved in a wreck was taken to Shamrock. And on Jan. 17, the ambulance responded to another wreck but no transfer was made. No local residents were involved in the two accidents.

Returns Home

Johnnie Mertel underwent surgery on Wednesday. He returned home on Monday and is reported to be doing well.

County Commissioners Discuss Funding For Lovett Library

Gray County Commissioners met last Thursday to consider, among other things, what to do about the potential loss of revenue sharing funds. According to Commissioner Ted Simmons one of the organizations which could be affected is McLean's Lovett library.

Simmons said that the library currently gets \$2500 in revenue sharing monies from the county. He added that although Congress will not make a final decision until March on whether or not to continue the source of funding, the indications are that it will be dropped.

Simmons said that when the Commissioners were considering their current budget, they had to set priorities because of the loss of the federal money as well as a decrease in revenues from the old and gas industries. He said that, unfortunately, other programs had to take precedence over the library. However, he promised to do everything he could to see if there is some way to allocate money from his Precinct 4 budget to assist the library with its financial needs. He said, "I expect we will fund them but the amount hasn't been determined yet."

Ruth Magee, who is secretary to the Friends of the Library, was at Thursday's

meeting to act as a spokesperson for the library. She said, "The revenue sharing money accounts for about 20-25 percent of our budget. If we lost it, the impact on library services would be tremendous. We never even thought about not having those funds available to us." She added, "The county has supported us since 1941 and all of the Commissioners expressed their support for us. We hope something can be worked out."

Commissioner Simmons said that the library could be helped through private donations and through setting user fees. Mrs. Magee said that all along the library has received private donations and memorials. "However," she said, "that revenue sharing money is extremely important to us and we don't want to entertain the idea of having to rely on donations to keep us going."

She also wanted it to be emphasized that the installation of the new computer system had nothing to do with the library's current dilemma. She said, "It came from a separate grant and has nothing to do with the revenue sharing money."

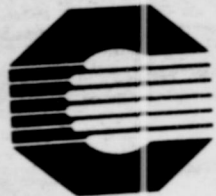
The County Commission will not make any decisions regarding the library until Congress makes its determination about the future of revenue sharing.

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By Ace Reid



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Bobby and Mary Wood attended memorial services in Dorchester, Texas for Bertha Scott, a cousin of Bobby Wood on Thursday of last week.

N.B. Helton is recovering from surgery in the Pampa Hospital.

Page Blackwell returned home Monday from a stay in the Pampa Hospital.

1987 ASC Board Members Named

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of Gray County has elected new officers for 1987. The county committee for the coming year will consist of Jay Spearman from Pampa, Jimmy Shaw from Alanreed and Ronny Babcock from Grandview.

The community committee which had the job of selecting the county committee included local residents Tony Smitherman, Clyde Brown and Teron Howard.

The county committee supervises all activities of the ASC office in Pampa. Among other things, the ASC office administers all county farm programs including regulation of crop growth, regulation of acreage available for crops which receive price supports, etc.

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County Groups Sponsor Leadership Training

A one day leadership training course will be held on Feb. 21 at the new Citizens Center in Pampa. Sponsored by the Gray County 4-H Club, Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts, the Pampa Optomists Club and the Pampa Soccer Association, the seminar will consist of a number of 30 minute sessions. Its purpose is to help train volunteer leaders working with youth.

Open to church youth workers, community volunteers and other involved with youth, it is designed to help identify common problems and develop solutions.

Kenneth Wyatt, famous Western artist, will be the guest speaker.

Thank You

We want to thank all our friends for all that was done for us while Johnnie was in the hospital and since we have been home. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, food, visits, errands run and for cleaning the snow away from our house so we could get home. It is a good feeling to know so many people care for us. God bless all of you.
Johnnie and Colleen Mertel

Texas Gas Tax Info.

Texas' temporary five-cent increase in gasoline tax on January 1 puts the state on a par with the rest of the country in highway user fees, according to an economist with the Federal Highway Administration.

"Fifteen cents a gallon is just getting up to the threshold of what is needed in the leading states, as far as taxation of motor fuel," said Tom Cooper, an economist with FHWA in Washington, D.C. "The range is wide among the 50 states, from seven cents to more than 18 cents. At 10 cents a gallon, Texas was one of the lowest in the country."

Published reports listing Texas as a high-gasoline-tax state differ from the highway department's official statistics, according to Bob Lanier, chairman of the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

"There are two major discrepancies," said Lanier. "In reports ranking Texas thirteenth highest, states having the same tax are grouped as one. For example, the five states taxing 16 cents per gallon are ranked in one place. Carrying this logic out, there are only 26 rankings. On this basis, it is true that Texas is thirteenth."

"But if the ranking allocates one position to each state, Texas ranks number 20 of 50 states and the District of Columbia," Lan-

ier said. "Three other states are tied for that ranking."

And the second discrepancy confuses the issue even further, Lanier said. "Other computations have ignored the sales tax many states charge on gasoline," said Lanier. "In some states this amounts to more than the direct gasoline tax."

Lanier said that an average of all state gasoline taxes must be considered to get the full picture.

"If you average the latest figures from the Highway Users Federation and add any state sales taxes, the national gasoline tax average is 13.76 cents a gallon, compared to 15 cents in

Texas," she said. "But our state maintains some 40,000 miles of farm-to-market roads that in many states are maintained by the counties. Since further tax increases occur throughout the year in other states, we expect our ranking to drop."

Cooper supports Lanier's prediction of further increases.

"The number of states taxing more than 15 cents a gallon is growing," he said.

But Lanier says the nickel increase enacted in 1986 has not resulted in an increase in highway funding for Texas.

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High School Honor Rolls

McLean High School has issued the honor roll for both the third six-weeks and the semester.

Those who maintained an average of 90 or above for the past six weeks are:

Seniors-Shawn Crockett, Dan Fish, Angie Glass, Le Milam, Colleen Orrick and Kim Wiginton;

Juniors-Terri Lee and Angie Reynolds;

Sophomores-Daria McAnear, Kara Tate and Karen Williams;

Freshmen-Kim Orrick. Those with an average of 80 and above are:

Seniors-Cindy Hembree, Clint Herndon, Angie Purcell, Jem Ann Rice and Dedra Watson;

Juniors-Judy Kennedy, Linda Reid and Cindy Thomas;

Sophomores-Dale Barker, Kim Beaver, Geenie Kuncce, Tiffany Lopez, Misty Magee, Shandee Rice and Kyle Woods;

Freshmen-Donald Harris, Cheri Layfield, Alicia Reynolds and Danna Watson.

Students who had a 90 or above average during the entire semester were:

Seniors-Shawn Crockett, Angie Glass, Colleen Orrick, Angie Purcell and Kim Wiginton;

Juniors-Linda Reid and Angie Reynolds;

Sophomores-Tiffany Lopez, Daria McAnear, Kara Tate and Karen Williams;

Freshmen-Kim Orrick. Those who maintained an average of 80 or above through the semester are:

Seniors-Dan Fish, Brick Fry, Cindy Hembree, Clint Herndon, Le Milam, Jem Ann Rice and Dedra Watson;

Juniors-Jim Anderson, Judy Kennedy, Terri Lee, Greg Littlefield and Cindy Thomas;

Sophomores-Dale Barker, Kim Beaver, Geenie Kuncce, Misty Magee, Shandee Rice and Kyle Woods;

Freshmen-Donald Harris, Cheri Layfield, James McClellan, Alicia Reynolds and Danna Watson.

Honor rolls for grades 1-8 will be published next week.

Local Girl Makes All Region Band-Concert Set Saturday

Eighth grader Dannie Sul-lins of McLean has qualified for the All-Regional Band-in tryouts held Jan. 10 in Borger. She will occupy the second chair contrabass clarinet in the All Regional Junior High Band concert this Saturday night at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Other McLean students who auditioned for the band were Lee Ayn Jordan on clarinet, Paul Ebbens on the saxophone, Jason Thomas on the cornet and David Johnson, Mickey Gomez and J.T. Haynes on percussion instruments.

Tonight, auditions for the All Region High School Band will be held at Phillips High School. Trying out will be Angie Glass and Cindy Thomas on the clarinet, Geenie Kuncce on the saxophone, Robert Tidwell on the trombone, Ronnie Tidwell on the baritone, Carey Richardson on the tuba, Jeff Parker on the snare, Dollie Haynes on the trumpet and Dan Fish on the mallets.

Those who qualify will perform at the All-District High School concert Saturday night at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Junior High band is scheduled to perform at 5:30 p.m. while the High School concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

McLean School Menu Jan. 26-30

- Mon.—Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Cookies
- Tues.—Baked Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Jello
- Wed.—Stew, Peanut Butter and Jelly or Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Cake
- Thurs.—Chalupas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cobbler
- Fri.—Spaghetti, English Peas, Salad, Applesauce

MCLEAN VARSITY BOYS

- Jan. 13-Groom 63, McLean 49; Mark McCarty-20; Sid Brass-13; Clint Herndon-9; Kyle Woods-4; David Ridgway-2; Floyd Morris-1

McLean Care Center News

Sunday, Brother Billy Wilson, of the Methodist Church, was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Frank Reeves, Gladys Smulcer, Ruth Kemp, Elsa Stalls, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Kittie Hessey, Fay Wilson, Stella Gibson, Annie Eudey, Alice Dickenson, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Delbert Murray, Lona Jones, Dick Wheeler, Odessa Beeman and Lucille Cullison. Our winner was Dick Wheeler. Volunteers assisting were Onie Gibson, Mildred Giesler, Marie Reeves and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Residents celebrating their birthdays Tuesday were Nora Moore, Elizabeth Miller, Ethel Meador and Mattie Wheeler. Corsages were furnished by Creed and Wanda Lamb. Our entertainment was furnished by Lois Myers, Jan Layfield and La Donna Bradley. They led in a sing-a-long and Name

That Tune. Residents singing solos were Odessa Beeman, Stella Gibson and Annie Eudey. Cakes were furnished by Molly McDowell, Loyce Murray and Louise Turner. Ladies serving were Fern Boyd, Isabelle Cousins, Ginger Morilla, Molly McDowell, Louise Turner, Mary Powell and Margurite Burgin.

Wednesday afternoon, the Methodist Mens Quartet were here to sing for our residents accompanied on the piano by Joyce Haynes. Following the singing, the Wesley Sunday school class furnished cookies for all.

Thursday morning the following residents made valentines: Lorine Sharp, Odessa Beeman, Pinky Ledgerwood, Earl Tolleson, Leon Burch, Lona Jones, Thelma Hopkins, Teresa Richardson and Delphia Carpenter. In the afternoon, Ted Robertson was here to assist several residents in dominos.

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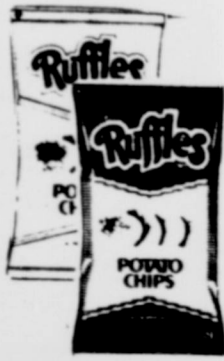
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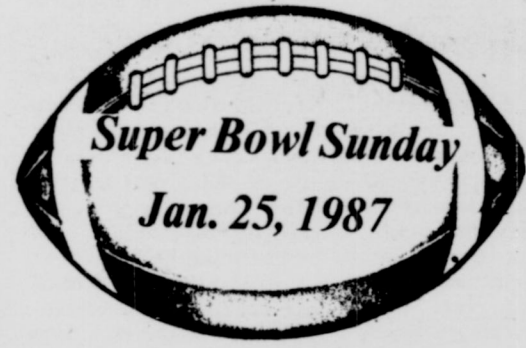
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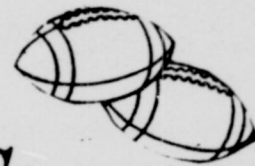
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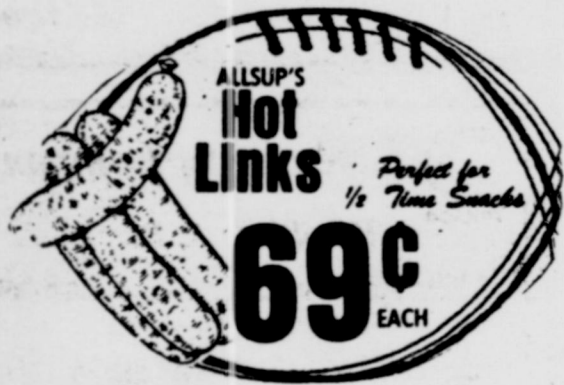
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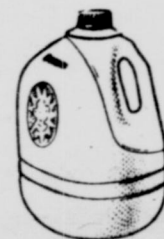
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Upon arriving at the scene of the emergency, they react with decisive, intellectual decisions. Quickness in

making transports is often vital.

If the patient, or patients family requests a specific hospital or doctor, the attendants will transport to the hospital required. However, in order to give first rate care, in situations when time is of the essence, the attendants often suggest traveling to the closest hospital. The attendants will also contact the hospital and request the paramedics to meet them enroute if medical assistance is necessary.

Local volunteer, Lynn Pool, is currently attending classes to qualify her to administer I-V treatment when necessary. This extra knowledge and ability will enrich our ambulance service and will help our community even more.

Everyone should be proud, grateful and relieved to know that we have such

dedication and trained help in our community to be there for us in an emergency of any kind.

Our continued thanks and support to these who care: Lynn Pool, Tony Treadwell, John Allen Homen, Jerry Crowell, David Britten, Forrest McLaughlin, Brent Stephens, Mark Bivens, Kenneth Payton, Randal Patterson, Stan Anthony, Denny Babcock and Gary Don Babcock.

Without them, where would we be?

Marcia Conrad

Good Records Help Make Farming Profitable

Good records can help farmers and ranchers to manage their operations more effectively and to recognize opportunities for increasing profitability.

"The benefits of keeping and using records are many," points out Richard Paterson, Jr., an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The first big payoff to good record keeping is planning. With records from past years, a farmer or rancher can prepare a financial picture (cash flow) for the upcoming year or years."

This will enable him to see the timing of expenses and receipts month by month and just exactly when and how much operating money he needs to borrow—all before he spends a dime on his operations, notes the economist.

Using the cash flow statement, a producer may be able to make adjustments to reduce interest expense by borrowing later or to consider production or marketing alternatives which may enhance the "bottom line."

"Records also can help the farmer or rancher know his current financial position," says Patterson. "Relying on good records and the cash flow statement prepared at the beginning of

the year, he can compare actual receipts and expenses to his budgeted estimates. Any adjustments that need to be made can then be planned for rather than coming as a surprise to him and possibly his lender."

Keeping records will provide the farmer or rancher the necessary information to prepare his tax return and avoid making mistakes. Common problems include failing to include all deductions on Schedule F and over-reporting taxable income due to bank deposits which do not show the source of funds.

Protect Your Pet From Frostbite

People are constantly reminded to be careful of frostbite during extremely cold periods. Let's be sure to not forget our animals, as they too are susceptible to frostbite.

Frostbite is the actual freezing of tissues as a result of exposure to the freezing elements. Slight frosting causes the skin to become pale followed by intense redness, pain and swelling. The hair may fall out and the skin may begin to peel much the same as with a severe sunburn. If the area is then warmed, the affected area will usually heal fine on its own. If, however, the freezing continues, the area will become very painful, swollen and cold. Blood circulation is poor. If unattended, this area will be sharply defined by a line between the damaged tissue and the tissue with good blood circulation. After a period of time, the frozen portion will more or less rot away and the adjacent anatomy will be permanently disfigured.

The extremities are most commonly affected. The ears go first, followed by the tail, then the toes. Keep a close watch during these cold spells and help avoid frost-

bite in your animals by providing adequate protection and warmth. In the event of a suspected frostbite, call your veterinarian immediately for his assistance.

A few words of advice. Warm the affected areas gently. Gentle massage, warm compresses (100-105 degrees fahrenheit) and soothing ointments will help until professional assistance can be obtained.

Your School

By Rex Peeples
Superintendent

Winter is here! Gone are the days that we will have cheap electric and gas bills like last month. Gas only \$3,495.03 and electricity only \$2,123.13. However, we experience this every year and there isn't much we can do about the cold weather.

At our last regular school board meeting, your Board approved lowering the ceiling in Classroom A. The acoustics are so terrible that we cannot use it for teaching foreign languages. Also, the lowered ceiling will help out on the heating of that room.

Basketball Scores

JV Girls
Groom 37, Claude 13, Jill Brown 14, Jenni English 12
Junior High
Groom 7th 22, Miami 12, Kristi Case 11, Brandy Sustaire 6.

Groom 8th 30, Miami 19, Shannon Fields 12, Heather Brown 8

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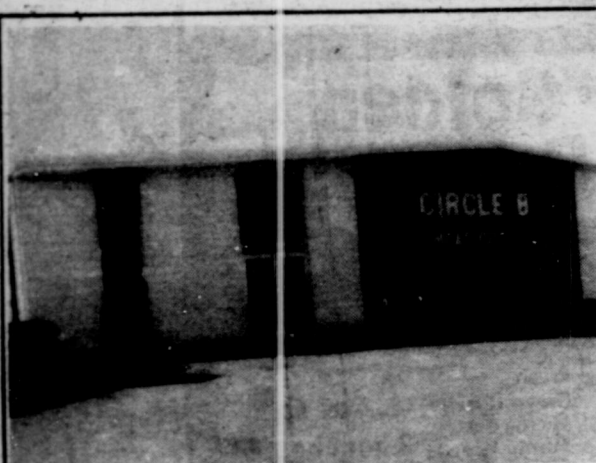
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