

The Groom News

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We Saw...

Billie Cornett having an afternoon snack...

Janice Koetting answering questions concerning Brent's new career in college football...

Father Neyer on his way to the post office...

Zeldon Jenkins searching through the trash for something inadvertently discarded...

Bob Cornett needing some clarification on numbers...

Local businesses serving the highway traffic experiencing their fall slow down...

Cannas blooming in the flower garden at the Alan Knorpp home...

Jerry Ashford's home getting readied for a coat of paint...

Rev. Copeland preparing his trees for winter with a little extra care and cultivation...

The former home of the Belcher's being prepared to be moved...

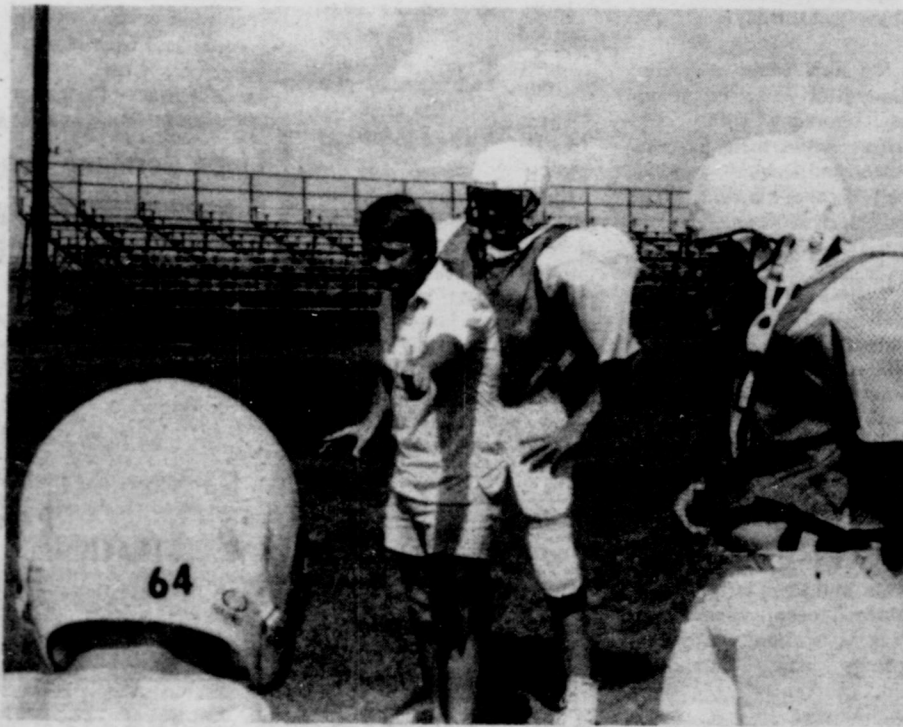
Enrollment Drops By Twenty-One

Enrollment at Groom School dropped this year by a substantial number. A total of 209 students began classes on Tuesday morning, a drop of 21 students from the opening day of school a year ago.

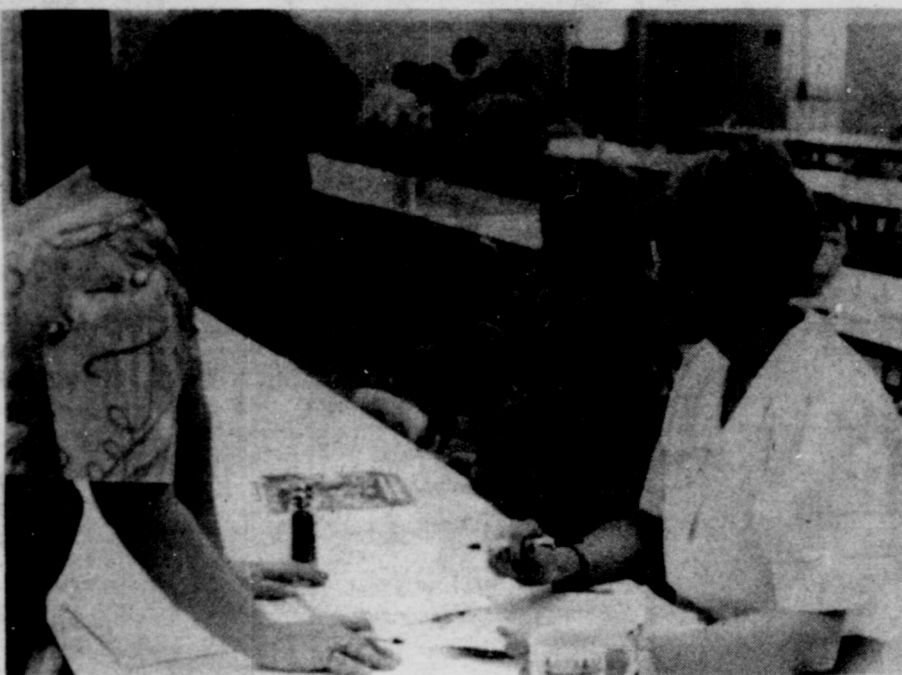
The new figures indicate there are 55 students in the high school and 154 in the elementary and junior high.

The second grade and fifth grade have the largest classes with 22 in each. There were 18 students beginning kindergarten this year.

A total of 350 are enrolled in the Claude School District and 243 will be attending classes in McLean.



Coach Gary Rambo works with members of the Tiger line on Monday going through the technical aspects of each lineman's position. The team will join area football players in opening their season on Friday night in Clarendon.



Mrs. Susan Burgin (left) aids Susan Brown Monday as she and Cory registered for school. Mrs. Burgin transferred to first grade this year after teaching fourth grade for a number of years.

Groom Tigers Open At Clarendon

Groom Tigers will open their season this Friday in Clarendon. Coach Coffee, pleased with his team's performance in the opening scrimmages, said the game promises to be a good match.

"We must be able to stop people and control the ball," said Coffee when asked his prediction for the season. "If we can do that, we can win games." He added that the Tiger fumble in last week's scrimmage on the five yard line was a costly mistake and in a game could be the difference between a win or loss.

With 22 on the roster, Coffee says the Tigers are barely covered but added "we're better off than competitors Claude having 14 and McLean with 20."

The Tigers have eight returning starters with seniors Jason McCoy at center, Tony Homer, guard; James Miller, guard; Travis Homer, tackle; Stoney Crump, split end; Brent Thompson, tight end; Bruce Thornton, quarterback; and Rocky Crump, who gained good experience last year will also be joining the starting line-

up this season as tail back. Junior Stoney Crump is the other returning starter who He will play split end.

Other members of the Tigers team are Kevin Kerlee, junior, tail back; Michael Rose, junior, wing back; Jay Britten, sophomore, wing back; Jeffery Fields, freshman, tailback; Robert Miller, freshman, fullback; Vincent Meaker, senior, split end; Matt Weinheimer, junior, tackle; Brian Pavlovsky, freshman, tackle; Jason Eschle, junior, guard; Ben Weinheimer, sophomore, guard; Richard Jenkins, sophomore tackle; Travis Homer, senior, tackle; Todd Cave, junior, center; Mike Conrad, freshman, wing back and Wilbur Kempf, sophomore, tight end.

The Tigers have had two players injured thus far in the season. Brice Ruthardt separated his shoulder in the first scrimmage and will be out several weeks. Freshman Mike Conrad suffered a collar bone injury early in two-a-day practices but returned to workouts this week.

Team managers are Kyle Howard and Brent Payton.

Community Calendar

Cub Scout Pack meeting will be at the Club House tonight (Sept. 3) for all registered scouts and anyone interested in becoming a scout at 6:00 p.m.

Eligible families can sign up for Child Nutrition Program at Groom School Business office during regular office hours. For information contact Joyce Hutsell, 248-7251.

PATH/Parents & Teachers Helping—Work with us to help your child become a better reader. All K-6th grade parents plan to attend the PATH meeting Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Free information and materials will be provided.

Lazy Dazys will meet at the Art Britten home on Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 p.m.

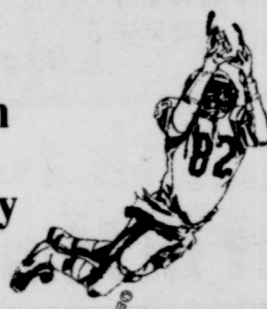
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Local Happenings

Billie, Linda and Jeremy Lewis of Hedley and Darrell and Charlotte Whatley, C.J. and Dara of Groom enjoyed dinner Monday in the home of Howell and Sharlene Lewis, Jeremy and Michael.

Greg and Dena Lambert, Tye and Tom attended the Celene picnic Saturday. Tom was winner of the Frisbie contest.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Amy and Brody attended the Amarillo Air Show on Saturday.

Jennifer and Jarrod Haning of Wheeler spent last Thursday with Zoah Britten while their parents Buster and Debbie attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Jodie Hall in Vega.

Visiting in the home of Leslie and Dora Neal of Clarendon last Friday were William and Floretta Neal of Amarillo, A.D. and Ethel Neal, Nellie Ford and Bertha Knight. They carried a birthday dinner down and surprised Leslie on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moore returned recently from a two week vacation in Hot Springs, Ark., Oklahoma and Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Outhier, Jason and Jacy of Faith, South Dakota, were visiting in Groom last Monday.

The Junior Class of the Church of Christ enjoyed pizza and shopping Saturday in Pampa. Those attending were Andrea Payton, Angela Reed, Kim Fields, Roni Fields, Tisha Burgin and teacher, Helen Witt.

Darrell and Charlotte Whatley, C.J. and Dara had a busy weekend as they attended the Celene annual picnic and dance on Saturday and Sunday the family enjoyed the air show in Amarillo.

Rhett Patterson was treated and released last Friday at Northwest Texas Hospital. He was transported to the hospital by Groom Ambulance Service attendants Lynn Pool and John Homen. Rhett injured his ankle in a bike wreck but no bones were broken.

White Deer Superintendent Resigns

Superintendent Tom Harkey of White Deer has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 1988. Harkey stated his wishes to be near his mother of Bryan who is 84 years old.

Harkey has served as the superintendent in White Deer for seven years, weathering the oil-related economic slump and the May conviction of the former school business manager for embezzling more than \$12,000 in school funds.

Groom School Menu
Sept. 7 - Sept. 11
Mon.—Salisbury Steak.
Breakfast—Cereal, toast
Tues.—Chili Cheese Dogs
Breakfast—Pancakes
Wed.—Tacos
Breakfast—Scrambled eggs and toast
Thurs.—Roast Beef
Breakfast—Bacon, biscuits and gravy
Friday—Fried Fish
Breakfast—Donuts

Card Of Thanks

Junior would like to thank Bobby and Jean Wakefield, Barbara Kerlee and Douca Brown for their help and kindness while I was so ill.
Lillian Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Babcock, Marci and Cody vacationed last week in Colorado Springs, Co.

Among Groom residents hospitalized during last week were Edna Terbush and Mrs. John Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pool of Mound City, Kansas spent a few days last week here visiting his mother Thelma Pool and other relatives and friends.

Card Of Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who stopped to see if Rhett was okay when he had his bike wreck last Friday afternoon. Thanks also to those of you who thought of us, called or came by.

You're a great town and we appreciate each of you.

Sincerely,

Randal & Nancy Patterson

New Laws Went On The Books Monday

The open container law was among legislation passed recently that went into effect on Monday. Drinking alcoholic beverages while driving became illegal on Monday.

In addition to the drinking law other laws taking effect were prohibition of late-term abortions, improper payments to college athletes, smoking in public schools is limited to designated areas and keeping vicious dogs.

Things that will cost more to do includes buying or renting a motor vehicle and staying in hotels or motels. Buying and renting a vehicle tax increased from 5 percent to 6 percent.

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Texas Department of Public Safety Urges Motorists to Exercise Caution

Texas Department of Public Safety officials are asking all drivers to think about the safety of our school children as the beginning of a new school year commences.

The first few weeks of school are the most dangerous, according to Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "This time of year presents

safety problems for both the school children and the driver," Major Cawthon explained. "Many youngsters are attending school for the first time and others might be going to a different school where they are unfamiliar with local traffic conditions."

Another problem is that during the summer vacation some drivers have gotten out of the habit of being alert for

both school zones and school buses. "Every year there appears to be an unnecessary rash of accidents caused by drivers who fail to follow safe driving habits for a stopped school bus," Major Cawthon stated.

Texas state law requires drivers on the same roadway as a school bus that is stopped to load or unload students, to also stop until the bus driver has turned off

the flashing red lights. This law applies unless the vehicle is separated from the bus by a divided highway with a median strip.

Let's all work together to make this a safe school year for our children by observing the speed limits in school zones and be alert for increased pedestrian traffic in neighborhoods at the beginning and ending of each school day.

Services Held Tuesday For Daniel Murray

Graveside services for Daniel Scott Murray, 2½-year-old son of Mr. and Ms. Scott Murry of Jericho, were held Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery. Dan Stone, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiated with arrangements under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

The child died Saturday, August 20, 1987 at Children's Memorial Hospital in Dallas where he had undergone heart surgery.

Survivors in addition to the parents are paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bell of Pampa and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kendall of Duarte, Ca.

OKC Man Arrested On Theft Warrant

Charles Langham, Jr. of Oklahoma City was arrested Thursday near Groom by DPS Officer Gary Davis.

Davis said he stopped Langham for a speeding violation after clocking his vehicle at 93 miles per hour. "Langham's eagerness to pay the fine in cash on the spot," alerted Davis to run a driver's license check on him.

Langham was booked into Carson County jail after the check revealed him to be wanted for aggravated perjury in Beaumont and misdemeanor theft in Houston.



Costume Contest Adds Interest To Museum Day

To the melodies of yesteryear, a style show of pioneer dress will be staged at 11:00 in the Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Education Building, Saturday, Sept. 19 at the annual Square House Museum Day.

Mrs. Maurice Garner, chairman of the Costume Committee, will direct the show. Area residents are urged to come in costume and if at all possible, to wear a dress from their mother or

grandmother's wardrobe. Many are having dresses fashioned after those worn by their pioneer forebears.

The styles will range from the mid 1880's to the flapper age of the twenties and early thirties. Three prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and everyone, men, women and children are urged to participate.

For further details, call Mrs. Garner at 537-3071 or Laquita Hurt at the Square House Museum 537-3524.

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| 2 | 9,620 | 13,690 | 802 | 1,141 | 185 | 264 |
| 3 | 12,090 | 17,205 | 1,008 | 1,434 | 233 | 331 |
| 4 | 14,560 | 20,720 | 1,214 | 1,727 | 280 | 399 |
| 5 | 17,030 | 24,235 | 1,420 | 2,020 | 328 | 467 |
| 6 | 19,500 | 27,750 | 1,625 | 2,313 | 375 | 534 |
| 7 | 21,970 | 31,265 | 1,831 | 2,606 | 423 | 602 |
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Kindergarten teacher Pam Hutsell (foreground) registers son Brandon for school (background) looks on as Donna Crump which began on Tuesday.

DPS Plans Watch For Labor Day Holiday

The Labor Day weekend is a sure sign of things to come. Among them is the fact that another summer is about to pass. It also represents the last three-day weekend before cooler weather sets in for many Texans, which has both local and state public safety officials concerned.

"We anticipate a large number of Texas motorists will take advantage of an extra day off to make that one last summer trip before winter," stated Major V.J. Cawthon, regional commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "This means Texas drivers will be sharing the roadways with more vehicles, being driven more miles than usual, by drivers who are probably more fatigued than usual," he added.

Even though safety officials remain optimistic that this can be a safer Labor Day holiday, they also realize that people will die needlessly on the state's highways during this period. "The tragic part of our traffic fatality picture is the fact that most of these accidents are caused by driver error, and definitely are preventable," Major Cawthon continued.

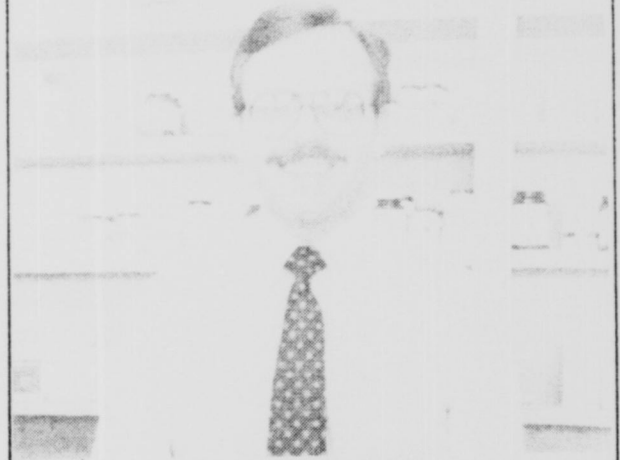
This underlines the importance of obeying all traffic laws. Studies have shown that when a traffic law is violated, property damage, injury and even death will many times be the result.

Major Cawthon concluded by asking Texas drivers to

do their part in making this a safe holiday by remaining alert, adjusting your speed to match the existing road

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Nightin' Gals met Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of the State National Bank with Mrs. J.L. Case and Mrs. L.T. Banks as hostesses.

In the business session it was announced the club had placed third with their float entry in the Groom Day parade. Also, the club voted to contribute funds for two chairs for the Community Center.

Games of Pinochle were played. Mrs. Ray Britten had high score and Mrs. E.W. Poole had low.

Mrs. Britten and Mrs. R.W. Wills will serve as hostesses of the September 22 meeting.

Others present were Mrs. H.F. Britten, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. C.L. Fields, Mrs. W.M. Garmon, Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mrs. John Hickox, Mrs. E.W. Lamber-son, Mrs. O.A. Pool, Mrs. B.F. Patterson, Mrs. Jim Wall, Mrs. R.W. Wills and a guest, LaVesta Barnett.

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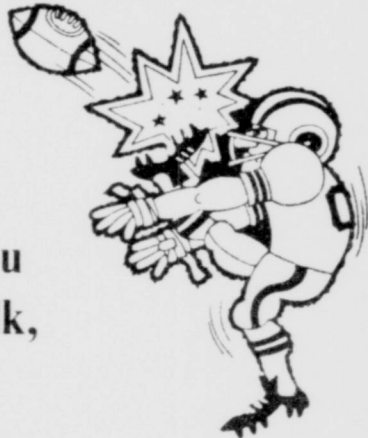
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The McLean City Council will meet Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

The Alanreed-McLean Area Museum is now open on Sunday afternoons from 2-5 p.m.

The new number to dial if you need emergency medical assistance is 1-800-692-1331. It is toll-free. Write it down and keep it by your phone in case you ever need it.

Sponsors Welcome

This week we have begun running our annual McLean Tiger football ad. It will run for the 10 weeks of the football season and provides local businesses and individuals a chance to show their support for our team.

Any business or private party can become a sponsor of the football ad for only \$5.00 per week. If you would like to have your name added to the list of sponsors, give us a call at 779-2141.

4-H Rodeo Results

The 11th Annual Gray County 4-H Rodeo was held on August 22. Among the many winners in the various events were a number of club members from McLean.

Local winners, placing in the top three in different categories, were:

-Chris Littlefield, who placed second in breakaway roping in the 12-14 age range;

-Kim Beaver, who placed second in barrel racing in the 15-18 age group;

-Shandon Stalls, who placed second in both the goat ribbon race and the flag race in the competition for 7-8 year old 4-H'ers;

-Floyd Beaver, who won first in the Boot Scramble and second in the Stick Horse Barrel Race and the Goat Ribbon Race for kids ages 6 and under.

Tigers Prepare For Season Opener Friday

"We showed some improvement on offense, but we need more work on defense." That was how head coach George Watson summarized Friday night's scrimmage against Claude.

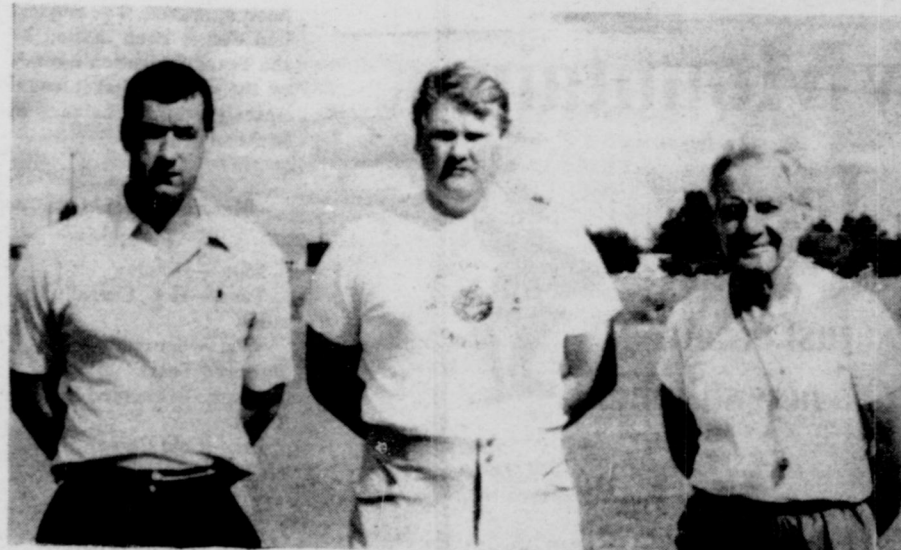
The highlights for the McLean side included two touchdowns by Huey Green, one on a reception and one on rushing, and one six pointer by James Martin on a pass reception.

Watson said the team would be working hard to improve both offense and defense as they prepare for their season opener tomorrow night against Shamrock. The game will be in McLean and will start at 8:00 p.m.

The Tigers faced the new week with both good news and bad. The good news is that Willie Cross, who was hurt in Friday's scrimmage, suffered only a bruise on his shinbone and will be able to play against Shamrock.

The bad news is that another player, Johnny Mann, is out with a condition known as shin splints. According to Coach Watson,

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The coaching staff that will guide the McLean Tigers through their season includes Joe Ray Riley (left) long-time McLean resident and coach, Richard Folsom (center)

a newly-hired coach from Oklahoma and Head Coach George Watson (right) former graduate of McLean High School and new to the coaching staff.

School Board Has Hearing On Taxes

Members of the McLean School Board held a public hearing last Thursday night to allow local taxpayers to comment on their proposed 1987-88 budget.

The tax base for the school district for 1987-88 has been estimated by the Appraisal District at \$61,095,799. This is down from a base of \$71,803,579 for 1986. To make up for the loss of revenue, because of the declining tax base, several weeks ago the board had proposed raising local taxes from \$1.00 per \$100 valuation to \$1.12. Even with the tax raise, the school would still have faced a deficit of \$145,869 for this year.

The board had intended to absorb this deficit by using part of a surplus of \$750,000 it had been able to accumulate in recent years. The surplus had been built up to give the board a financial cushion in the event that major repairs or other financial outlays had to be made. The surplus is also used to help the school with its operating expenses dur-

ing the months of September through December when little or no state and tax revenues are coming in.

The purpose of last Thursday's meeting was to allow members of the public to respond to this plan and offer their suggestions or comments.

In the lengthy meeting, a group of concerned taxpayers suggested that instead of raising taxes, the board because of poor economic conditions in the area, should use more of its surplus funds to meet expenses.

One person attending the meeting, R.L. Everett, seemed to sum up the views of taxpayers at the meeting. He said, "I can see that the board is doing everything it can to hold the line on spending. But I think that a rate increase at this time is not appropriate. I think that money from the surplus can be used to make up the deficit without raising taxes. I also think it can be done in such a way that there will still be enough of a cushion left to meet any emergencies that may come up."

He added, "I also believe that if some kind of emergency comes up at the school and a bond needs to be passed, the board can count on the people of McLean to come through for them. I am also optimistic about the economy. I think things will improve in the next few years."

Board member Joe Magee responded by saying, "We hope things will improve, too. But we want people to know that we have been building up that surplus just in case things don't get better. If we are not careful, that surplus could be gone in three or four years."

Magee added, "We have also used that surplus to make some much-needed improvements on our facilities. And we are probably also going to have to make additional improvements in the next few years. For example, the gym is going to need some work soon."

At the conclusion of the hearing, the board agreed that the time was not right for a tax hike and voted to

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Cool And Wet Fall Weather Hits Area

We reported to you last week that the weatherman was predicting the possibility of cooler, wetter weather. That was, to say the least, an understatement.

It all started last Tuesday night as a front passed through, bringing rain, clouds and cooler temperatures.

On Wednesday and Thursday, people were checking their calendars to see if it was time for winter. Rain and fog were accompanied by temperatures that barely struggled up into the lower to mid-sixties.

By the weekend, warmer temperatures had returned but on Sunday afternoon another front came through and gave the area another good soaking.

Although rainfall amounts for last week were unavailable at press time, Sunday's storms dropped about .50 inside the city limits. Some of the residents outside of town reported getting as much as 1.50 inches.

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Tigers Prepare

this is a problem where the muscles around the shinbone become strained, torn or inflamed. The recovery time for this condition varies so it is not known when Mann will return to the

team.

More bad news came when it was learned that Jim Bob Fricks won't be able to play on the team this year. Apparently he did not have enough credits to qualify for participation in interscholastic activities and according to state rules cannot play in sports.

The good news is that the spirited and enthusiastic play of the Tigers has prompted other young men in McLean to try out for the team. Coach Watson said that, although he can't release names right now, there is a possibility that several new players will be added to the team in the next few

weeks.

Don't forget about tomorrow night's game. Let's all come out and show our support for our Fighting Tigers.

McLean Briefs

Visiting in the home of Vernie and Marie Immel during the summer were: Rosa Lee and Roy and Valerie Glenn of Jacksonville, Ark.; Mick and Brad and Sherilyn Immel of Amarillo; Dave and Mary Immel of Abilene; Lynde Immel of Dumas; Marsha and Ashley Griffin of Dumas; Tommy and Kaylee Thompson of Mansfield, Ark.; Larry and Lavetta Escalante of Mansfield, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. Mike Nicholson of Walkerville, Michigan; Charley and Wilma Nicholson of Seattle, Wash.; Bessie Stephenson of Muleshoe, who also visited their sister and aunt, Lona Jones, at McLean Care Center.

eigner" starring James McArthur. Mr. Pooch was a writer for the television shows "Chips" and "The Wild, Wild West."

The McLean Ambulance Service reports that Ruth Wall was transported to Wheeler Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Just returning from a vacation to South Fork, Colo. were David and Fern Woods and son Kyle. They were accompanied by their other children Rhonda Thornton and her husband Troy from Lubbock and Teresa Woods and her friend Alan.

Jane Herndon attended an insurance seminar in Midland several weeks ago. While there, she visited with Curt and Nancy Simpson.

Mrs. Wildy Griffin returned home Saturday after having surgery at Coronado Hospital. Her daughter-in-law Mrs. Bennie Woods, the former Adella Vineyard, is staying with her. Mrs. Griffin is reported to be doing well.

Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on the 1987-88 budget for the City of McLean on Tuesday, September 8, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Transfer Approved

We are happy to report that the transfer of Willie Cross from Wheeler to the McLean School District has been approved. The request had earlier been denied by the Texas Education Agency on the grounds that it would upset the ethnic balance at McLean schools.

McLean School Menu Sept. 7-11

Mon.—Holiday
Tues.—Hot Cereal, Biscuits
Wed.—Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast
Thurs.—Creamed Beef on Toast
Fri.—Cold Cereal, Buttered Toast

Lunch

Mon.—Holiday
Tues.—Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit
Wed.—Chicken Pot Pie, Fried Okra, Tossed Salad, Bread, Jello Whip
Thurs.—Chili Dogs, Tater Tots, Beans, Cherry Cobbler
Fri.—Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peanut Butter Whip

Five-year-old Megan Fennell, of Huntington Beach, Ca., recently visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Fennell, and great-grandmother, Annie Eudey. Megan straightened Grandpa out on his gardening and honey-raising.

Stacy Smith was here this weekend to visit her parents, Carey Don and Cheryl Smith. She is currently a student at West Texas State University. Last Saturday night, the Smiths were invited by Jack Pooch, director of the Dinner Theater in Amarillo, to be his guests at a performance of "The For-

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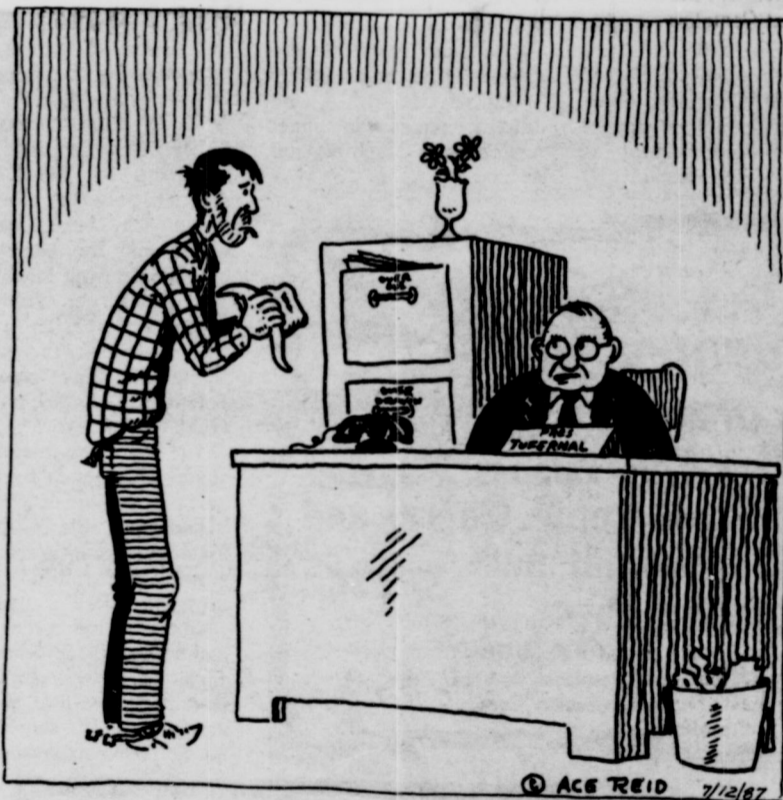
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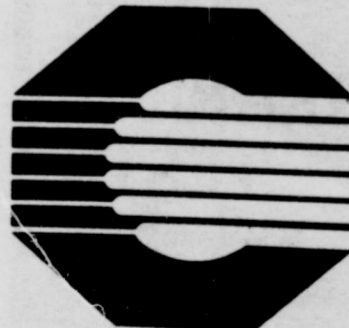
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Tax Rate

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leave the tax rate at \$1.00 per \$100. It also approved the 1987-88 budget which calls for \$1,047,135 in revenues while expenditures will amount to \$1,263,244. This will leave a deficit of \$216,109 which will have to be taken from the surplus.

According to Business Manager Shirley Johnson, an additional \$30,000 deficit may have to be tacked on if some projected state revenues don't come in by the end of the school year.

In other business, the board:

-Approved discounts for residents who pay their taxes early. Those who pay their taxes in October will get a 3% discount, November 2%, and December 1%.

-Set a fee of \$10 for the issuing of tax certificates. If an individual sells his land and wants a certificate showing that all taxes on it have been paid, the cost will now be \$10. This raise was mandated by the state.

-Approved the hiring of Richard Folsom as a new assistant coach for McLean.

Services For Granville Simmons

Services for Granville Lee Simmons, 64, were held last Thursday at the McLean First Baptist Church. Reverend Jeff Messer, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson died last Monday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

He was born on March 31, 1923 in Quail. He moved to Alanreed from Kelton in 1939. He married Mary Lowery in January 1980 in McLean. He was a stock farmer and a bus driver for the Alanreed Independent School District for 28 years. He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; five sons, Rusty of Denver, Colo., Merl of Edmond, Okla., Brett of Lubbock, Skeet and Ricky, both of Amarillo; one daughter, Pam Oldham of Amarillo; his mother, Ada Simmons of McLean; one sister, Wanelle Lakey of San Angelo; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Mercy Hospital Cancer Center in Oklahoma City.

Thank You

In times of great sorrow we find support in many places. The family of Granville Simmons would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to all those of you who have been there these past few weeks. As we begin to live our lives without Granville, we will remember your love, support, prayers, kind words and thoughts. Thanks to all of you for being such good friends and neighbors.

The Granville Simmons Family

Wayland Ayers Buried in Hillcrest Cemetery

Services for Wayland Arthur Ayers, 80, were held last Friday at the First Baptist Church in McLean. Officiating were Reverend Jeff Messer, pastor of the church, and Reverend Z.A. Myers, pastor of the McLean Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Ayers died last Wednesday at McLean Care Center.

He was born on March 26, 1907 in Childress County, Tex. and moved to McLean in 1920. He married Ruby Hunt on Aug. 29, 1926 in McLean. He was a retired restaurant owner.

Survivors include his wife; one son, James of Shamrock; one daughter, Minnie Brown of Amarillo; one brother, Jack, of McLean; two sisters, Annie Eudey and Eula Willis, both of McLean; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Methodist Church Honors Teachers

On Sunday, the Methodist Church held a special service and dinner to recognize their Sunday School teachers.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Frances Kennedy for her service to the church as a teacher. She has taught the McLean Wesley Class for 19 years. She has a total of 61 years experience as a Sunday School teacher in McLean and elsewhere. She was given a corsage

and was given special recognition at the dinner following the morning service.

The Cunninghams, a family formerly residing in McLean, sang at both the morning service and at a special performance following the dinner. The musical group's members include Connall Cunningham, his daughters, Connie and Leslie, and son Craig.

Alanreed News

The R.D. McLains visited in Wheeler last week with the Don Horns.

Betty and Ramona Finley were in Shamrock on Tuesday.

The Robert Bruces spent the weekend in Midland with daughter Sandra and family.

George Smith, former superintendent of Alanreed schools, now of Oklahoma, was here to attend the funeral of Granville Simmons.

Nora Drago and Shirley Armbrister were in Pampa on Friday.

Joyce (Smith) Robinson and husband, of Oklahoma, visited with Jewel Warner after the Granville Simmons funeral.

The R.D. McLains went to

Brownfield, Lubbock and several other places recently to attend a reunion of his family. THE GROOM NEWS—Page 7 Thursday, September 3, 1987

Pioneer Study Club Meets

The Pioneer Study Club met Aug. 22 at the home of Ruth Magee. Mrs. Magee, Janet McCracken and Wanda Lamb were the hostesses for a lovely breakfast served to club members and guests.

Members brought bells from home and each one told a short story about her bell. Programs for the year will be related to story telling. Wanda Lamb presided at the meeting.

Others present were Fayette Bell Barton, Nancy Billingsley, Margaret Coleman, Mary Dwyer, Bonnie Fabian, Freda Holland, Clara Hupp, Irene Pagan, Jenny Stubbs, Mary Emma Woods, Velma Kinard, Louise Watson, Charlie Marie Shurley, Joy Roseberry, Evelyn Stubblefield and a guest, Rose Miller, from California.

McLean Residents Make TSTI Honor Roll

Greg Tolleson was recently named to the President's Honor Roll for the Summer Quarter at Texas State Technical Institute. The son of Carrol Tolleson of McLean, Greg is a 1976 graduate of McLean High School. He is a Drafting and Design Technology student.

Honorees must achieve a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and must be enrolled on a full-time basis.

Johnny Day, Jr. son of Johnny Day of McLean, was named to the Vice President's Honor Roll. A 1979 graduate of MHS, he is a Computer Science Technology student of TSTI.

To be included on the Vice President's list, a student must achieve a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 list.



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McLean Tigers

VS

Shamrock Irish

1987 McLean Tiger Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|--------------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| September 4 | Shamrock | Here | 8:00 P.M. |
| September 11 | Clarendon | There | 8:00 P.M. |
| September 18 | Valley | There | 8:00 P.M. |
| September 25 | Motley County | Here | 8:00 P.M. |
| October 2 | Groom | There | 8:00 P.M. |
| October 9 | Wheeler | Here | 7:30 P.M. |
| October 16 | Booker | There | 7:30 P.M. |
| October 23 | Follett | Here | 7:30 P.M. |
| October 30 | OPEN | | |
| November 6 | Sunray | There | 7:30 P.M. |

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Arrest Made

Deputy Sheriff Wayne Carter reports making an arrest last week. John Bencomo Oroz, 21, who lives 4 miles south of town, was arrested late Monday, Aug. 24, and charged with burglary. He is out on a \$3,000 bond.

The arrest resulted from the alleged theft of a motorcycle on June 15 from the residence on Don Crockett, two miles south of I two miles south of I-40 on FM 3143. Carter said, "The vehicle was found at the residence of Mr. Oroz and a complaint was filed."

To date, there has been no indictment.

Enrollments Down

Once again, another school year has started. As of Tuesday morning, grades K-8 in McLean reported an enrollment of 161 students. This is down slightly from last year's figure of 165.

At the high school level, the enrollment was 82 compared to 85 for last year.

In Alanreed, there were a total of 27 enrollments, down from 37 at the beginning of school last year.

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Smiths Make Mexican Cruise

Carey Don and Cheryl Smith just returned from an eight day cruise to the Mexican Riviera on the Tropical, a Carnival Cruise Liner.

Leaving from San Pedro Harbor in California on Aug. 16, they sailed south to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas, all in Mexico. They returned Aug. 23 to Los Angeles where

they visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Willingham and children for three days. They also spent one day at Disneyland and other special attractions. While gone on their trip, the Smiths celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary.

The ship they traveled on The Tropicale, was 36,674 tons, 671 tons and had a crew of 550 men and women.

Tri-State Rodeo Results

High School age cowboys and cowgirls from McLean took part on Saturday and Sunday in the Tri-State Rodeo competition in Canadian.

Kim Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver, was one of the winners as she placed third in barrel racing.

Also placing was James Reynolds, a young man from Quail who will be riding with

the McLean club this year. He placed fifth in bareback bronc riding.

Others from McLean who rode this weekend were Willie Cross, and Sally and Susan Worsham.

This coming weekend, the club members will take part in the rodeo being held in Clarendon.

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Corrections

In last week's paper, several omissions were made and we would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the oversights and make the proper corrections.

In the first, we inadvertently left the name of Paul Ebben out of our football story. Paul, the son of Dave and Marilyn Ebben, will play offensive and defensive guard for the Tigers this year. A freshman, Paul will make a valuable addition and we look forward to his participation on the team.

We also ran a brief story on people attending the Dutton 25th wedding anniversary. The item should have read:

Attending the 24th wedding anniversary celebration of Tommy and Mary Dutton in Granbury, Tx. recently were Minnie Erwin, mother of Mrs. Dutton; Mr. and Mrs. Grant (Butch) Pierce and their daughter-in-law and a friend from Las Cruces, New Mex.; and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martindale of Pampa.

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**Shamrock Counseling
Center Open**

The Shamrock Center of the Institute of Christian Family Counseling is finishing its third month of offering professional services for the Shamrock, Wellington, McLean, and Wheeler area.

Professional counseling services are offered by appointment on Fridays at First Baptist Church, 401 North Main. Appointments can be made by calling First Baptist Church during regular office hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

A counseling assistance fund has been set up to help defray the expenses of those who cannot afford the full cost of their counseling.

**Gray County
Accident Report**

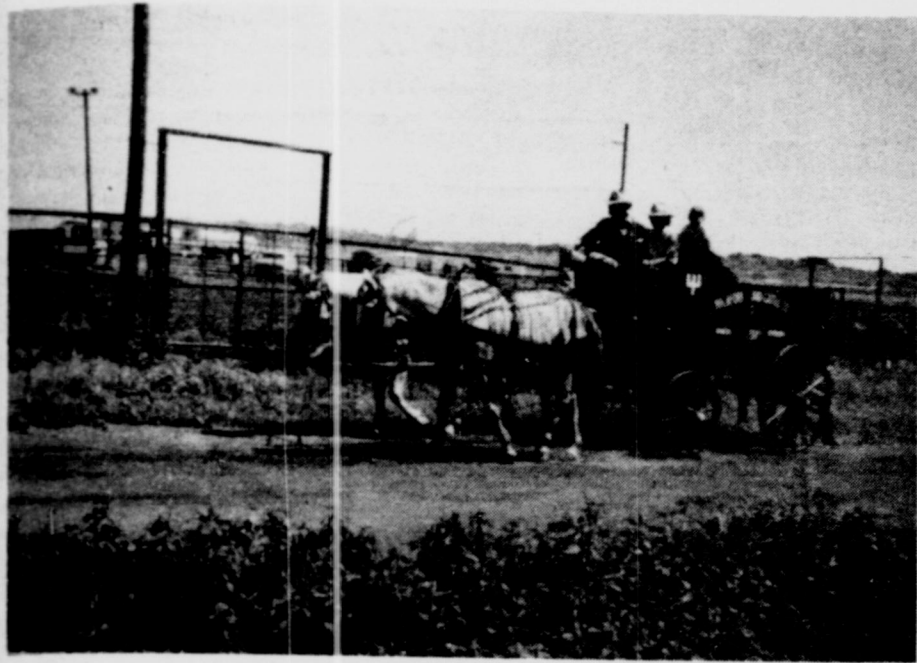
Captain Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising 31 counties, said, "For the month of July, our troopers investigated 8 fatal accidents, 93 personal injury accidents, and 95 property damage accidents. There were 9 persons killed and 131 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Jim Powell of Pampa stated, "In Gray county, our troopers investigated two personal injury accidents and 12 property damage accidents during July. Three persons were injured in these incidents."

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Britten Family Enjoys Wagon Train Rides

Sue Britten and Katie are passengers on the Pitchfork Ranch ice wagon which was among wagons making the trip earlier this summer from Sweetwater to Dickens, Texas, a nine day trail ride for the Brittens.

Sue Britten and children Leo, Katie and Cody returned Saturday following a week long trail ride. They joined the Jines Reunion Wagon Train in Perryton and rode with the train along the Canadian River to Canadian. Mrs. Britten and Katie served as outriders for Clyde Devers wagon from Booker. The train included 27 wagons and 75 persons riding on horseback.

Mrs. Britten said it rained everyday on the trip, but even so, wagons and horsemen were ready to roll each morning at 8:00 a.m. Dinner was served each evening from the chuck wagon and the menu featured buffalo stew and barbecue.

Arriving at the Jines Ranch near Canadian on Thursday, an old fashioned barbecue and barn dance was attended by wagon train participants and area residents.

The Jines Wagon Train is an annual event which began 11 years ago.

The Brittens rode earlier in the summer in a nine-day trip joining a wagon train at Sweetwater traveling to Dickens, Texas.

Tax To Be Collected On Cable Services

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said a new law should clear up confusion over sales tax rebates to cities from taxes on cable television.

"Lawmakers have untangled the web of confusion that resulted from cities attempting to split sales tax revenue from cable television subscriptions," Bullock said.

The new law states that tax collected on cable service will be rebated to the city where the service is received, instead of where the service originates or is billed.

"This bill will insure that each city gets its fair share of the tax rebate," Bullock said.

The law, effective September 1, will apply to the first regular monthly bill for service received on and after that date.

State Attorney General Clarifies Bible Class Ruling

There has been confusion recently over the meaning of an Attorney General's opinion regarding Bible classes at state universities.

Bible classes, for which students receive college credit, have been structured in a variety of different ways at different state universities.

At some schools, the instructors of Bible classes were chosen and paid by various religious organizations. However, the instructors were given official university status.

A 1985 opinion by my Office stated that such an arrangement between a state school and a religious organization was a violation of the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution prohibits the active involvement of the government in religious activity, and vice versa.

The opinion did not prohibit state universities from offering Bible classes if the universities had complete control and responsibility for the classes. Nor did it prohibit universities from giving transfer credit for Bible classes offered by religious organizations.

Because of additional questions about the matter, my office issued a second opinion in May 1987, answering the questions.

The opinion stated that allowing a religious organization to nominate or pay the salary of a university faculty member gives the religious organization the opportunity to control the faculty member. A religious organization cannot participate in running state affairs. To allow that also would

require allowing the reverse—allowing the State to select or pay ministers or pastors of churches.

There are a variety of ways that a state university may offer college credit for Bible classes without violating the Constitution.

The simplest method may be for the arrangement to continue as in the past, but with one exception, removing the official university status given the classes and instructors.

Another method may be for the universities to assume complete responsibility for the Bible classes as

they do for any other class on campus by selecting and paying the instructors themselves.

My office has offered to help the universities restructure the Bible classes so as not to violate the Constitution.

'87 FOOTBALL

Groom Tigers VS Clarendon Broncos There 8:00 p.m.

1987 GROOM FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | TEAM | PLACE | TIME |
|----------|---------------|-------|---------|
| Sept. 04 | Clarendon | There | 8:00 PM |
| Sept. 11 | Highland Park | Here | 8:00 PM |
| Sept. 18 | Gruver | Here | 8:00 PM |
| Sept. 25 | Phillips | There | 8:00 PM |
| Oct. 02 | McLean | Here | 8:00 PM |
| Oct. 09 | * Vega | Here | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 16 | * Happy | There | 7:30 PM |
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/s/ Nancy Blackwell
Executrix of the Estate of
Guy Blackwell, Deceased

**Labor Day Activities
Planned By Pampa Fine Arts**

Labor Day festivities at Pampa's Central Park will feature a free stage show, artists and exhibitors, children's activities and a foods fair beginning with a 5K and fun runs for United Way at 7:45 a.m.

Sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association for the sixth year, the day-long Chautauqua is a community entertainment and education effort for all ages that attracts thousands in celebration of the last holiday of summer.

Bands, vocalists, karate, tumbling and even Harvester cheerleading will comprise a full stage show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. emceed by Danny Parker-son.

Following the invocation by Darrell Cory of the First Presbyterian Church, the stage program will begin with the Fence Walker country western band. Two blue grass bands will perform. Various other bands will perform during the day with classical guitarist Charles Pinzon and Esther Kreek will perform on stage at 11:30 a.m. and in the park during the day.

Numerous organizations will have exhibits during the day. Over 20 children's activities will also be included. Artists will be to work painting with displays of photographs, paintings in all media, stained glass lamps and kaleidoscopes, flower baskets, frames, cross stitch and other hand-made items.

Food will be served beginning with the pancake and sausage breakfast from 7-10 a.m. The food and beverage booths open at 9 a.m.

Proceeds earned by the non-profit organizations participating in Chautauqua support many service projects in the area throughout the year. Proceeds earned by PFA pay for the stage show, promotions, and park improvements.

**Rural Hospitals
Continue To Close**

Rural hospitals in Texas are in a financial crisis which has steadily worsened in the 1980s. Twenty-one rural Texas hospitals have closed since 1984, with a large number of those closing in the last 12 months.

The problems faced by rural hospitals have been studied for several years by the Southwest Center for the Study of Hospital and Health Care Systems, based in Houston. In a recently released study, the Center claims that the downward economic spiral for rural hospitals can be traced back to the early 1980s. The cause of the problem is complex.

According to Gerald E. Sussman, PHD, director of the Center, "The combined effects of low occupancy, Medicare certification problems and lower operating margins in small rural hospitals present a pessimistic outlook for the continued viability of many of these rural hospitals, particularly in a poor economy." Dr. Sussman suggests that more recent data and continued study are needed, focusing on the effects of hospital management, community support and the state's recent higher unemployment rates.

Because rural hospitals depend heavily on Medicare reimbursement, hospital administrators blame tighter Medicare accreditation standards, peer review requirements, and reduced Medicare payments for their financial instability. The Center's study does not bear this out. Dr. Sussman states, "More objective data suggest these factors are secondary, mainly aggravating the existing financial problem but not providing its root cause. In particular, hospital performance didn't appreciably worsen between 1983 and 1984 when Medicare's prospective payment system and peer review were introduced." The Center will continue to monitor the rural hospital situation to see if these trends continue.

While the Center tracks the cause of the financial problems for rural hospitals, Dr. Sussman and his staff also are actively seeking solutions to the crisis. Commenting on the Center's interest in rural hospitals, Dr. Sussman stated, "We are trying to discover what it is that makes certain hospitals perform better than others and how hospitals with similar problems can be organized and managed to improve their present status." The Center is pursuing the concept of hospital networking as an economical approach to providing needed medical services to people of Texas, particularly those in the sparsely populated, rural parts of the State.

**New Laws Reduce
Speed Trap Incentive**

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that fewer Texas speed traps

and increased funding for the training of Texas enforcement officers are the results of new legislation. "City revenue generated by enforcing speed limits on

state highways will be limited under the new law," Bullock said. "Texans will benefit from the law because towns will no longer have an incentive to operate speed traps."

Under the new law, municipal courts in a city of 5,000 or less that collect fines for speeding violations issued on state highways may keep \$2 for every mile the driver exceeded the speed limit.

Any money collected in addition to the \$2 per mile must be turned over to the state treasurer.

Those convicted of speeding and other legal violations will pay more in court costs beginning September 1 as a result of new legislation.

The additional fee, which went from \$1 to \$1.50, will

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Water Conservation Key To Profits In Farming

Texas farmers are being equipped with cost-effective technology to improve water use efficiency and engage in water quality management strategies.

Present-day water management strategies are focused on maximizing precipitation effectiveness, limiting irrigation and maximizing precipitation effectiveness, limiting irrigation and maximizing water use efficiency (crop yield per unit volume of water use), points out Dr. John Sweeten, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Dryland, or totally rainfed, crop production is riskier but its acreage is increasing due to irrigation pumping costs. Key components of water management on dryland farms include reduced soil evaporation by conservation tillage and narrower row spacings for soil shading; weed control to reduce evapotranspiration; reduced runoff and increased soil moisture storage by conservation tillage, land leveling, level terraces, deep chiseling and furrow diking; and selecting crops, varie-

ties and planting dates to coincide with rainfall probabilities.

Conservation tillage improves soil moisture. For example, conservation tillage, which involves maintaining crop residues on the soil surface, has increased soil moisture by 2.1-2.8 inches per fallow season following irrigated wheat as compared to conventional tillage, according to agricultural engineers and soil scientists with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service based near Amarillo. Increased storage of rainfall results from increased infiltration and reduced evaporation.

Furrow diking, in which soil dams are mechanically placed every few feet along furrows, prevents runoff from most rainfall, notes Sweeten. Researchers have reported that dryland grain sorghum yields more than doubled using furrow dikes as compared to open furrows which lost more than 3 inches of runoff. Furrow diking increased cotton yields by 25 percent at Lubbock. Other tests have shown benefit-cost ratios for furrow diking usually exceeded 10 to 1.

Graded furrow irrigation systems, which are the predominant type used in Texas, have been improved in recent years to reduce tailwater runoff and deep percolation losses, Sweeten points out. Irrigation water use efficiencies have been increased through the use of shortened furrows, land leveling, limited irrigation, tractor wheel compaction in irrigated furrows, conservation tillage and furrow diking.

Surge flow is an innovative method of graded furrow irrigation in which furrow streams are intermittently applied in on-off watering cycles controlled by a surge valve and timer. Light irrigations of 2 to 3 inches can be applied. Surge flow irrigation results in faster furrow stream advance due to partial soil sealing during off-cycles and primarily reduces deep percolation losses, especially for the first seasonal irrigation, notes Sweeten.

Surge valve sales in Texas have increased from only one in 1982 to 3,000 in 1986 or an estimated half-million acres. It appears that a 20 percent water savings with surge flow is a realistic expectation for many furrow irrigated farms, Sweeten points out. Benefits appear to be greatest on soils with moderate or high infiltration rates. Careful management

is necessary to reduce excessive tailwater losses.

A Texas Agricultural Experiment Station engineer has developed an advance-rate feedback irrigation system (ARFIS) which is essentially a computer-controlled surge flow system for each furrow. Remote sensors in each furrow trigger calculations of rate-of-advance and infiltration rate and result in furrow stream adjustment. Irrigation water application efficiencies have ranged from 90-100 percent and distribution efficiencies from 85-92 percent.

In center pivot systems, which are labor efficient, low pressure spray nozzles operated at 25-30 psi just above the crop canopy have largely replaced higher pressure nozzles, notes Sweeten. Low pressure nozzles reduce evaporation losses but tend to increase runoff, which can be virtually eliminated through conservation tillage, soil chiseling and furrow diking.

Agricultural engineers in Texas are aggressively developing and helping to implement technology for water conservation, water supply enhancement, and water quality protection, says Sweeten. Enhanced productivity and economy, conservation and natural resources and new business opportunities are frequently the result.



Frances Payton, kindergarten aide entertained kindergarten youngsters giving them an idea of what to expect on Tuesday while their mothers signed the children up the new school year.

Coach Terry Coffee's father underwent open heart surgery Monday and was reported to be doing well at press time.

Marion Pool and children Suzy and Caleb recently returned from a visit in Florida with her parents.



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