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Old State Motel Property Cleaned Off And Removed By Volunteers

The GEDC has met another goal with the tearing down and removal of the unsightly State Motel in Groom. Local volunteers spent the day Friday hauling off debris. The only cost to the GEDC was a charge of \$80 per hour by the operator of the machinery used to demolish and load the old structure. GEDC member Johnny Brumley said that a number of donations had already been received and that the group would accept donations to help defray the cost of the operation adding that success of the project was again due in the most part to those willing volunteers.

The Community Center Board did their part provid-

ing a noon meal for the volunteers and an afternoon snack prepared by Connie Fields, Glynda Eschle, Lucille Merrick and Sybil Harrell.

Bill Homer, also a GEDC member, said that no count of the number of truck loads of debris hauled away was determined, but trucks were loaded in about 15 minutes all day long and there was always a truck and driver ready and waiting.

Volunteering to drive trucks were Hap Watson, Ronny Fields, Joe Homer, Bobby Pool, Kevin Ollinger, Audie Ruthardt, David Hodges, Troy Ritter, Bill Homer, Greg Lamb, Dale Brooks, Melvin Wills, Denny Babcock, R.A.

Beverly, Bill Kerlee, Bob Woods, Johnny Brumley, Johnny Cline and Kevin Duke.

Saturday plans were to break up the concrete foundation and complete removal of the motel. Then the property will be graded. Workers ran into a snag Saturday when the engine on the backhoe gave out. Workers completed the project early in the week when the engine was back in running order.

The lots now belong to the GEDC and thereby the community. The property is available and zoned in a business district and the possibility of locating low rent housing has also been considered.

March 8 Primary Absentee Voting Underway

Absentee voting in the March Primary election began on Wednesday, Feb.

17. Absentee voting in both the Democratic and Republican primary elections will

remain open through Friday, March 4.

Absentee voting in person may be done at the Carson County Clerk's office at the Courthouse in Panhandle during regular office hours,

9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Persons qualifying for an absentee ballot by mail should also contact the clerk's office in writing.

Groom School Board Offers Contract To Football Coach

School Board members interviewed four coaches before making their selection for the new athletic director's job in Groom. A contract has been extended to James A. Branch of Newcastle. Branch, 37, serves as the principal for grades K-12 and coaches the high school

Local Fire Dept. Makes Run On Grass Fires

Groom Volunteer Fire Department sent trucks Saturday to aid in the battle of grass fires in Donley and Carson Counties. The fire in Carson County was located on the 6666 Ranch. Ranch foreman Dave Lane estimated that between 6,000 and 8,000 acres of grassland were burned by the fire which traveled northeasterly. No cause has been determined for the fire which began under a double high-line. A steady wind Saturday caused the fire to jump a railroad track and Highway 287 as it continued on its path.

Firefighters from Panhandle, Skellytown, White Deer, Groom, Hutchinson County, Fritch, Potter County and Pantex responded to the blaze. The fire was stopped on the east side of the Ranch in a field where yearling calves had just been moved. The grass in the field, short from grazing, and a fire line dug by Carson County Commissioner Jerry Strawn and employees stopped the fire.

Lane was quite overwhelmed by the assistance the Ranch received from area firefighters and from the number of private citizens who responded to the fire. Remarkably, no cattle were lost in the blaze. Work was begun Monday to access the total number of acres burned and the amount of damage from Saturday's fire.

girls basketball team, boys and girls tennis and is assistant football coach at Newcastle.

He has held position at Woodson ISD, Anton and Dawson. A qualified English instructor, he also holds a counseling certificate. He is also a qualified TTAS appraiser, which documents teacher performance in conjunction with the Career Ladder, identifying teachers with the necessary skills to qualify for Career Ladder.

Groom sought a coach who will be implementing the new six man football

program here. Branch was selected Coach of the Year in the Lake Country Area and named All-Star Coach of the 6-Man Coaches Association in 1986. His coaching record is a line of successes beginning in 1975 with a boys basketball Bi-District Championship at Anna, several state semi-finalists teams in football and list of track and tennis teams qualifying for regional competition.

Branch and his wife Carolyn have three children, Rusty, 17, Kimberly, 10 and Spencer, 7.

Tax Board Submits Property Taxable Values To Local School

The State Property Tax Board in Austin has submitted its evaluation of the status of total taxable values within each school district of the state. These adjusted figures computed by the State Property Tax Board are used by the Education Agency in setting the funding for school districts. The fact that important funding decisions are based on the Board's valuations make the reports vitally important to each district. In addition, should the Board find that the local appraisal district has values in the district too

low or too high, they can bring pressure on the appraisal district to lower or raise valuations.

Based on sales of single family residences from June, 1986 through March 1987, the Board finds that the appraisal district has valued properties in Groom at 94 percent of market value. One property valued at \$38,730 on the tax roll was sold for \$65,000, and the state places a 60 percent appraisal ratio on that percentage of sales. However, one dwelling valued at See Taxable Values, Page 4

Community Calendar

Christian Mothers meet Monday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Kay Britten.

Nightin' Gals will meet at the Community Center on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. with Loula Wall and Stella Patterson, hostesses.

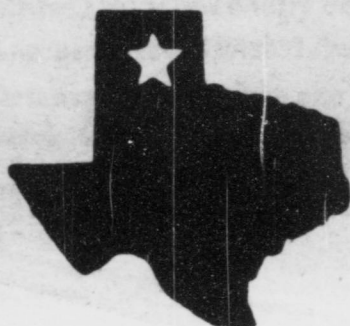
Something Over Sixties meets Thursday, February 25 at the Community Center for noon luncheon hosted by the ladies of the Church of Christ.

Ski Holiday at Groom Schools will be observed February 29 and March 1.

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Good Luck Tigers in Bi-District Playoff

Monday, Feb. 22



Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

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

WHEAT \$2.72 bushel
MILO \$3.05 cwt.
CORN \$3.52 cwt.

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Use Of Seat Belts

Dropping In Texas

Seat-belt use in Texas has dropped sharply, according to a survey just completed for the highway department.

The rate of compliance with the state's 1985 "Buckle up" statute reached a peak of 66.1 percent in 1986. But a survey of 14 cities conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) last month shows that seat-belt use has fallen to 55.7 percent.

While this compliance rate is higher than the average for states with seat-belt laws, the new figure is down 4 percentage points from the rate reported in June 1987.

"Even though belt-law states typically experience a post-law decline, we're very concerned that Texans aren't buckling up," said Gary Trietsch, safety and traffic operations engineer with the highway department.

The TTI survey, conducted twice a year, used 14 cities to determine average compliance in 1986. Basing comparisons on those cities only, the current rate falls to 55.7 percent. But in the January 1988 survey four more cities were added—Abilene, Laredo, Midland and Wichita Falls. With these cities included in the statewide average, the compliance rate drops to 54.1 percent.

Trietsch said, "If usage continues to decrease, traffic fatalities and serious injuries could be expected to increase. It's particularly

alarming since buckling up is the law, and several of the major law enforcement agencies have vowed to increase their citations for non-compliance."

While many of the cities surveyed did experience declines in seat-belt use of 5 to 10 percentage points, some cities showed increases. Corpus Christi's rate increased by more than 10 percentage points, making it the Texas city with the highest observed use at 77.3 percent. Laredo's is the lowest at 32.4 percent.

Amarillo had a 65.2 percent rate in 1986, 66.2 in 1987 and in January of 1988, 58.1 percent usage rate.

County Livestock Show and Sale Friday & Saturday

Preparations are gearing up for the Carson County Livestock Show and Sale this weekend. Weighing of 145 pigs will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 19 followed by 68 lambs and 16 steers.

Judging is scheduled to begin Saturday, Feb. 20 at 8:00 a.m. with the pigs followed by lambs and steers.

Judging the show this year will be Jerry Hawkins from Clarendon Junior College.

The sale will begin Saturday evening, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The show and sale will be held at the Ag Barn in Panhandle with Carson County youth involved in 4-H and FFA exhibiting animals.

Local Happenings

Fred Brown returned home this week after spending several days under observation at an Amarillo hospital.

Lynell Peek of English, Tex. returned to her home Monday after several days visit with her mother and grandmother, Helen Witt and Audie Martin.

Country Neighbors

Groom Country Neighbors met Wednesday afternoon Feb. 10 in the home of Mrs. Claude Schaffer with Mrs. Jim Wall as co-hostess. Mrs. H.F. Britten was re-elected president and Mrs. Glynn D Harrell re-elected as treasurer/reporter and Mrs. W.A. Cornett was elected vice president during the business session.

The hostess gift was received by Mrs. Cornett.

Games of Skip-Bo were played. Mrs. Rex Brown was welcomed as a new member. Others present were Mrs. W.G. Koetting, Mrs. R.W. Wills, Mrs. O.A. Pool and June Pool.

Mrs. Cornett and Mrs. R.J. Kuehler will be hostesses of the March 9 meeting.

Hand New Pastor

Monsignor Kevin Hand began duties as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in White Deer on February 12.

Father Hand recently returned from the Republic of Ireland to the Amarillo Diocese, after a six-month sabbatical which included theology studies in the Redemptorist College in Dublin City.

Msgr. Hand served as pastor of St. Mary's in Groom from 1981-1986 and has pastored churches in Dalhart, Dumas, Vega, Childress, Stratford, Sunray, Wellington, Shamrock and St. Mary's in Amarillo.

Msgr. Clifton Corcoran, who has pastored Sacred Heart parish for the past five years has been reassigned by The Most Reverend Bishop Leroy Matthiesen of the Amarillo Diocese.

Groom School Menu

February 22 - February 26
Mon.—Chicken Strips
Breakfast—Cereal & Muffins
Tues.—Cheeseburgers
Breakfast—Pancakes
Wed.—Tacos
Breakfast—Scrambled Eggs & Hash Browns
Thurs.—Polish Sausage
Breakfast—Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy
Fri.—Fish
Breakfast—Donuts

Baptists

Attend Conference

Among those from Groom First Baptist Church attending the Palo Duro Baptist Association Sunday School workers conference at Pampa First Baptist Church last Tuesday evening were, Rev. and Mrs. Rick Burton, Jim and Elizabeth, Bobby Pool, Mrs. Jack Bivens, Mrs. Barry Fields, Mrs. Earl Barker, Rusty Pipes, Wayne Shaw, Ray Pool, Mrs. Thelma Pool, Mrs. Bertha Knight, Mrs. Cleo Musser, Mrs. Stella Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lambert. Mrs. Bivens and Mrs. Fields had charge of the

Baptist Women's Missionary program, "They plow the Fields and Scatter Seeds." Mrs. Fields had on display posters the Mission Friends group from Groom had made and a map with little hands to represent our missionaries around the world who had birthdays that

A group from Groom enjoyed the weekend in Angel Fire New Mexico. The group left Friday evening and returned Sunday night. Those enjoying the weekend were Tina and Tony Painter, Dick and Betsy Painter, Darrell and Charlotte Whatley, Burt and Charlotte Painter, Dwain and Linda Weller and Sheila Whatley of Amarillo.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the cards, the visitors, and the best wishes I received while in the hospital and at home. Groom people are wonderful.

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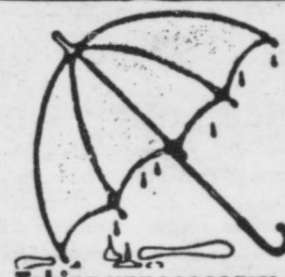
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Council Studies Landfill Proposal

Study of a new site for a city landfill to be located dominated the discussion at the Groom City Council meeting last Tuesday night. Engineer Dwight Brandt made an inspection of the site and told council members that securing a permit from the state would be difficult at best. Complications he noted included problems which could arise from water runoff at the site. On a motion from John Eschle, the council voted to allow Brandt authorization to seek permit specifications possibly applying for a burn permit as well.

Vehicles up to five years old will be taxed in 1988. The council had earlier tabled the matter.

A May 7 election date was

set for election of three members to the council. Flora Glen Hammers will serve as election judge. Councilmen now holding the expiring terms are Bill Homer, John Eschle and Jimmy Britten.

In other action, removal of trees near the residence of Beulah Shockley were discussed along with approval of the bills for payment.

December Sales Increase Rebates

Sales tax figures in Carson County showed a wave of increase with the report of December sales. According to State Comptroller Bob Bullock, Groom's monthly receipts were up 29 percent. Panhandle received a rebate of 32 percent above that a year ago and Skellytown led the way with a 53 percent increase. White Deer showed a slight decline of .19 percent. County wide the rebates were up 26 percent.

Bullock said this month's allocations increased 3.4 percent over last year's February checks, a growth of \$4.3 million statewide.

"The growth in December's holiday sales is yet another indication that the state's recession has finally ended," Bullock said. "This increase in consumer spending is a statewide vote of confidence in our economy."

The widened tax base, authorized by the Texas Legislature last year, also contributed to the increase in allocations, Bullock said.

James Hostess For Thimblette

Thimblette Needle Club met February 4 in the home of Ruth James with Lucille Case serving as co-hostess. Much visiting and catching up was enjoyed by all the club members, since they had not met since January. The business meeting was called by Bernice Brown, president. After she presented each member with a lovely new yearbook, Cleo Nix, secretary, read the minutes of the December meeting.

Delicious refreshments, carrying out the valentine motif, were enjoyed by all members and one guest. Those present were guest, LaVesta Barnett and members, Bernice Brown, Ivy Clark, Doshia Cornett, Mary Lee Friemel, Betty Hudson, Bertie Helton, Wynona Koetting, Mary Knopp, Ruby Milton, Lenabel Newton, Cleo Nix, Manie Poole, Helen Witt and the hostesses, Ruth James and Lucille Case.

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Raney's
STEAK HOUSE
Take Out Orders Available

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each and every volunteer that helped the Groom Economic Development Corporation in cleaning up the site of the State Motel. Our special thanks to those who provided trucks, the drivers, those who donated money to pay for the machinery and to the ladies that provided meals for the workers. Your efforts were truly appreciated.
Groom Economic Development Corporation

Groom Ambulance

Service Dance

Saturday, February 20

8:00 p.m. Legion Hall


Music by
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Setups Provided

\$6.00 Single
\$10.00 Couple

Jerry Gaines

For
Carson County SHERIFF



As your sheriff I will have many goals to accomplish. I have already outlined my primary goal in a previous ad. That is to provide fast and expert police response to every area of the county at all times. This is to be accomplished by establishing a large, well trained, state certified, reserve force to augment coverage provided by salaried officers. Once this plan is in place and operating I will organize and sponsor community service programs. I am particularly interested in our senior citizens and our young people. For senior citizens we need home safety and home improvement projects. They will be encouraged to call the Sheriffs office with any problem whether or not it is law enforcement related. Our young people need to be made aware of the immediate and long term dangers of using drugs including alcohol. They also need more organized activities. Something other than idly cruising the streets. I have many ideas along this line but lack of space prohibits expounding upon them. Our female population will be offered training in self defense and such things as how to change a tire. The general population will be offered firearms training among other things. I will personally teach self defense and firearms training. I am very optimistic about the role of the Sheriffs Dept. in making our county a more desirable place to live and work. I need your votes and support in the Democratic Primary on March 8th, 1988.

THANK YOU!

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Jerry Gaines, Box 291, Groom, TX 79039

Tigers Prepare For Vega

Groom Tigers are gearing up for a Bi-District playoff game with Vega next Monday night in Amarillo. The Tigers will play at 7:00 p.m. at the Amarillo High Gym.

"Vega has it all," says Coach Gary Rambo. "They have inside and outside shooters, they can handle the ball and have a well balanced team with depth."

To get ready for the bi-district game the Tigers scheduled warm-up games with Booker on Tuesday night and Kelton on Friday. The location and time for Friday's game were not available at presstime.

The Tigers ended their season 6-2 in district play and had a 10-7 overall record.

Sweatt Takes Literary Honors

Groom High School students represented the district well Saturday in Canyon competing in the West Texas Small School Literary Tournament. Groom was one of 16 area schools attending the competition.

Lezlie Sweatt won first place in poetry and Matt Weinheimer took second place in Informative Speaking. Tony Homer also competing in Informative Speaking advance to the finals.

The group sponsored by Janetta Lamb also included Heather Patterson, Julie Lyles, Erin Eschle, Michael Rose, Stoney Crump, Jason Eschle and Jason McCoy. Mrs. Lamb served as a judge for the Lincoln-Douglas debate contest.

School Board Approves 1988-89 Calendar

The Groom School Board approved the 1988-89 calendar during their regular meeting last Tuesday. The calendar includes 175 days for students to spend in the classroom. School will open on September 1 and the last day of classes will be May 26. Teachers will begin preparations for school on August 24. Holidays will include two

days for Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas will begin on December 22 and students will return to class on January 3. The three day ski holiday will be Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. Easter vacation will be March 24, 27 and 28. Students will pick up another holiday in January with a teacher work-day scheduled on January 16.

Taxable Values Important To School Systems

\$62,870 by the appraisal district was sold for \$44,190, placing 1/142 percent ratio on that percentage of sales. Of the seven sales used in the study, the 94 percent ratio resulted over-all.

According to Diane Lavake, chief appraiser for the district, a 94 percent ratio of assessed values to fair market sales is acceptable. "The percentage of single

family dwellings to the entire roll would not affect the school district's total ratios at all," reports Lavake, "and based on previous years' studies by the Property Tax Board, we are pleased with this year's."

Local business manager Joyce Hutsell continued the report with an analysis of appraisals conducted by the state for comparison with the appraisal district's figures. These outside appraisals placed overall ratios of 102 percent. "This means that the state appraisers valued Groom properties an average of 2 percent more than did the appraisal district. The real problem results from a weighted average of their appraisals. Two of the properties the state appraiser evaluated were valued by the state at a much greater price than the appraisal district had placed. One dwelling, on the tax roll at \$43,590 was re-valued by the state at \$55,218; and another on the roll at \$83,260 was re-valued by the state at \$115,196." The resulting ratio of the

sales and the outside appraisals averaged by the state board is 88.28 percent. "The state concludes then that our properties are appraised at 88.28 percent of their real value, when in reality, we feel that the values are placed too high. The state does not take into account the number of dwellings offered for sale and finding no market."

"The District is satisfied with a comparison of actual sales to appraised value, but not with these outside appraisals."

As chief appraiser, Mrs. Lavake is going to protest the values arrived at by the State Board in the matter of the appraisals conducted.

"One of the properties evaluated," she says, "has been tentatively placed on the market and did not sell, even at a selling price equal to the appraised value from the tax roll. This will be our basis of protest."

Hutsell and Lavake are continuing their studies of the Tax Board's reports in all areas of the school district's properties.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE WILL BE APPRECIATED



TO THE CITIZENS OF CARSON COUNTY:

As Sheriff of Carson County; my primary goal has been to run a highly qualified Department while spending the least amount of the tax-payers money and bringing as much of that money back into the county. This has been achieved by several means.

Our patrol cars are purchased used. We have purchased two patrol cars for \$3,800.00 which we expect to drive for 2 years.

The Sheriff's Department has a qualified reserve program in the county which consists of eight certified reserve officers. The Commissioners Court has allowed us only the eight reserves because they have to be insured, and work in connection with a certified, full time deputy.

In my seeking re-election, I have paid for my filing fees, and all advertisements. I believe if I want the position, it is up to me to pay and the citizens.

Bringing the tax-payers money back into the county has been achieved by arrests with convictions of close to a million dollars in oil thefts and oil field equipment that was being taken out of the county to other states. Not only were we losing the oil, but the taxes being paid with are now being paid back into the county.

Our department is working for the tax-payers and should do the best job possible with the least amount of money.

**RE - ELECT
CONNIE C. REED**

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

**SHERIFF
OF CARSON COUNTY**

PAID FOR BY CONNIE REED, BOX 1108, PANHANDLE, TX 79068

The following financial statements represents the receipts and expenditures of the Groom Community Center Association from its inception through December 31, 1987. The Hospital statement is presented from the same inception date through the time all monies were expended and the account closed.

GROOM COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION 9-22-86 through 12-31-87

RECEIPTS

Donations-----	\$ 12,799.43
Memorials-----	5,212.50
Building use fees-----	235.00
Sale of Piano-----	55.00
Reinbursement from Carson County for use-----	1,700.00
Fund raising projects-----	5,273.95

Total Receipts----- \$ 25,275.88

EXPENDITURES

Utilities-----	\$ 1,706.44
Office Supplies-----	231.69
Premises Liability Insurance-----	100.00
Tables and Chairs-----	4,526.90
Carpet and Tile-----	2,564.14
Supplies and Materials to remodel building-----	11,117.56
Labor-----	605.00

Total Expenditures----- \$ 20,851.73

Bank Balance as of 12-31-87----- \$ 4,424.15

GROOM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND 12-31-87

RECEIPTS

Beginning Balance-----	\$ 423.22
Income from auction of hospital equipment-----	12,952.75

Total Receipts----- \$ 13,375.97

EXPENDITURES

Advertising for the auction-----	\$ 185.50
Balance of note payment-----	1,000.00
Utilities-----	121.05
Roof Repair & supplies & materials for building-----	12,069.42

Total Expenditures----- \$ 13,375.97

Bank Balance----- -0-

The above statements submitted by Groom Community Center Board.
Johnny C. Brumley, Treasurer.

The McLean News

Commerce Bank Building, No. 5

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Tigerettes Finish Against Vega

The McLean Tigerettes have just concluded their most successful season in a long time. Monday night, they took part in the bi-district playoff game against Vega at Pampa High School gym.

No one is exactly sure when the Tigerettes last participated in a play-off game but the best guess based on school trophies is that it occurred sometime between 1955 and 1958.

The Tigerettes played their hearts out but finally went down by a score of 45-35 after a great battle.

The Tigerette offense was led by Shandee Rice who had 16 points. Kim Beaver was second with 10 points. Misty Magee had 7, Darla McAnear had 3 and Angie Reynolds had 2. Also taking part in the effort were Danna Watson and Alicia Reynolds.

Our congratulations to these girls for a great season. They and coach Bill Wilson are to be commended for their hard work and brilliant play all year. We wish you continued success.

The Tigerettes ended up their regular season with a record of 19-5, making them runner-up for the district title.

Commissioners Approve Purchase Of Property

Gray County Commissioners met on Friday to hold a public hearing and also to vote on a proposal to purchase four Pampa properties to house county employees and provide space for future expansion. A group of over 50 people gathered to either offer their support or opposition to the acquisition.

In the hearing, which lasted about two hours, most of those present expressed reservations about the proposal.

The properties under discussion were:

-The former Federal Land Bank building at 115 West Francis; the office of Attorney Rick Harris at 216 North Russell; The Corral Century 21 Real Estate Office at 125 West Francis; and a piece of property at 125 South Cuyler next to the White Deer Land Museum.

The main items of concern expressed by the public seemed to fall into two areas. First, many questioned why the county had done no feasibility studies to determine what building needs the county would have in the coming year and whether or not the buildings purchased would meet those needs.

County officials responded by saying that the facilities are being bought in order to house county employees from the Probation Dept., the Attorney General's Office, and the State Health Nurse's Office. Those employees are currently being housed in rented offices outside the courthouse at a cost of approximately \$36,000 per year, according to County Judge Carl Kennedy. Members of the court said the new facilities would be adequate to meet county needs and also believe it would be

financially advantageous to buy property outright to house their county offices rather than to keep paying rent. With the depressed real estate market, the commissioners stated that it would be a good time to buy.

Judge Kennedy said that long-term needs, such as the possibility of having to build a new jail, were figured into this acquisition but not in a binding fashion. He said, "The state Jail Standards Commission has said we must build a new jail but will not require it until Sheriff Rufe Jordan retires. Since he is running for re-election, there are no immediate plans to build a new jail.

And since the composition of this court can change every two years because of elections, we don't want to bind any future courts by making definite plans which they would be committed to. But we want to make sure that space is available for any changes that are planned."

The second area of concern was over the price offered for the properties. According to an article in the Pampa News, there was a wide discrepancy between the values of the properties set by the Gray County Appraisal District and the final purchasing price. That newspaper said that the Federal Land Bank was appraised at \$31,000 while the county offered \$45,000 to the owner; the office of Rick Harris was appraised at \$34,000 while the county purchased it for \$110,000; and the other two properties were appraised at \$42,000 while the owner of the two facilities, Gale Sanders, was offered \$160,000.

County Clerk Wanda Car- See "Commissioners, p.6

Tiffany Lopez Named 1988 Miss McLean In Ceremonies Saturday



The 1988 Miss McLean Tiffany Lopez (left) appears with her court at the pageant on Saturday night. Pictured with her are (from left to right) First Runner-Up Misty Magee, Second Runner-Up Danna Watson and Third Runner-Up Darla McAnear.

Junior Tiffany Lopez, the 16-year-old daughter of Betty Lopez, was crowned the 1988 Miss McLean in ceremonies Saturday night at the high school auditorium. She is no stranger to the pageant. During her Freshman year, she was in the Top 10 and last year was First Runner-up.

Also finishing strong in the contest were:

-First Runner-up Misty Magee, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magee. In previous years, she was in the Top Ten of the Miss McLean Pageant and was also third runner-up;

-Second Runner-up Danna Watson, the 16-year-old daughter of James and Sherry Watson. She has also made the Top 10 in previous contests;

-Third Runner-up Darla McAnear, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. McAnear. She was named in the Top 10 in the 1987 Miss McLean Pageant.

Linda Reid, was voted Miss Congeniality by her companions in the contest. She is the 18-year-old

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reid.

Besides those mentioned above, others finishing in the Top 10 were:

-Kim Beaver, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver;

-Sally Worsham, the 16-year-old daughter of Frank and Sally Worsham;

-Dollie Haynes, the 16-year-old daughter of Sam and Linda Haynes;

-Stacie Hall, the 15-year-old daughter of David and Terri Hall;

-Angie Reynolds, the 17-year-old daughter of Gerald and Kathy Reynolds; and

-Susan Worsham, the 15-year-old daughter of Frank and Jackie Worsham.

Miss McLean, the three runners-up and Miss Congeniality were each presented a silver tray and a bouquet of flowers by Shawn Crockett, the 1987 Miss McLean.

Other girls taking part in the contest were: Suzie Kunce, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunce; Cindy Coleman, the 16-year-old daughter of Stan and Betty Cole-

man; Ronna Young, the 16-year-old daughter of Mike and Anna Young; Cindy Thomas, the 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Tina Thomas; Terri Lee, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lee; Kellie Beck, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beck; Kim Orrick, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Orrick; Geenie Kunce, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunce; Wendi Smith, the 16-year-old daughter of Casper and Jean Smith; and Hollie Hauck, the 15-year-old daughter of David Hauck.

Each contestant appeared before the audience and judges in street wear and formal wear. In addition, each had an interview with the panel of judges who included: Susan Pettinger, owner and director of Susan's Modeling Agency; Tish Perry, a model for the agency; and Bill Campbell, financial consultant from Shearson, Lehman and Hutton.

During the evening, the girls were escorted by Jim Anderson, Ronny Tidwell, Tony Polito, Dale Barker, Davey Ridgway, Sid Brass, Huey Green, Jimmie Fleming and Tony Hambright.

Musical selections were performed by Ida Hess and Jacque Riley, accompanied by Bobbi Stalls on the piano. The contestants also sang one selection, "The Greatest Love".

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Dan Fish.

The program was sponsored by The Tumbleweed Staff and was coordinated by Cynthia Ewing.

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done.



Margie Gray Announces For Re-Election

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray has announced her candidacy for re-election.

Gray, 54, is a registered member of the Board of Tax Professional Examiners and earned her designation as a registered tax collector in 1983.

Tax assessors must take courses and pass tests to achieve that designation, as well as maintain continuing education units.

Gray has lived in Pampa for 52 years. She is an active member of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers and the Tax Assessor Collector's Association. She was appointed as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee in 1984.

The State Property Tax Board's education section approved her as an instructor in property tax education in 1986.

"I have enjoyed serving See "Margie Gray" p.6

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Commissioners

ter said, "No one at the county court checked these appraisal values quoted by the Pampa News and as far as I know these figures never entered into the decision of the commissioners. The court simply asked the owners to quote prices and negotiations began from that point."

At Friday's meeting, Judge Carl Kennedy said that he had checked on other properties and had found similar discrepancies between appraised values of properties and actual selling prices.

After the public hearing, the court voted 4-1 to purchase the properties for a total price of \$315,000. Commissioner Ted Simmons voted against the motion. When

asked why he said, "I felt the price was too high. If we had kept negotiating I believe we could have gotten the price down to \$250,000."

Simmons initially had favored purchasing the Hughes Building. "I had hoped we could get some other governmental entities, like the school and the appraisal district, to share the building with us," he said. "But after talking to them," he added, "I found out that they don't want to consolidate so I have backed away from the idea of buying the Hughes Building."

Simmons said he initially favored the Hughes building because it could have been bought for \$840,000 and could have been modified to meet present and future needs of the county. He added, "Those buildings we just bought will only meet our needs for another 5 or 6 years. Then we will have to

tear them down so we can build more office space plus a new jail. The new construction will probably cost us about \$80 per square foot for office space and \$100 per square foot for the jail. If we had been able to go in with other agencies and occupy the Hughes Building, it could have been renovated to meet all our needs for only about \$10 per square foot. We might have saved the tax payers \$1,400,000."

He also added that, "I was opposed to the purchase of these buildings because I felt we needed more time to study the problem and to try to get other agencies to join in with us."

After the public hearing, the commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting. In the major items of business they:

-Gave approval to a teen court proposal subject to the approval of Justice of the

Peace Wayne Roberts;
-Validated the purchase by the Gray County Appraisal District of the building it is renting;

-Accepted a bid of \$5,500 from Duncan Insurance Agency for law enforcement liability insurance;

-Tabled action on bids for pauper burial services at Fairview and Memory Gardens cemeteries;

-Granted permission for Precinct 1 to receive bids for a motor grader March 1.

MCLEAN VARSITY GIRLS

Feb. 9-McLean 61, Lefors 60, double overtime; Shandee Rice-19; Misty Magee-18; Kim Beaver-13; Angie Reynolds-6; Darla McAnear-3; Danna Watson-2

MCLEAN VARSITY BOYS

McLean 61, Miami 56; Kyle

Woods-21; Sid Brass-18; Huey Green-11; Donald Harris-6; Cal Holwick-5.

Feb. 9-McLean 45, Lefors 44; Sid Brass-26; Kyle Woods-12; Huey Green-5; Floyd Morris-2.

Margie Gray

the citizens of Gray County for the past 26 years, and look forward to continuing that service," Gray said. She is seeking her third term as tax assessor-collector.

She is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Calvary Baptist Church. She and her husband Jack have one daughter, Diane Peerson, of Pampa.

Public Notice

The City of McLean is now taking bids for lawn care at the Lovett Memorial Library and McLean Clinic, beginning April 1, 1988 thru September 30, 1988.

Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. March 8, 1988 and will be opened at 7:00 p.m. that day. You may pick up a list of requirements for this job at the City Hall.

You may mail bids to P.O. Box 9, McLean, Texas 79057 or turn them into the city hall.

The City of McLean reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

/s/ George Green
Mayor

Alanreed News

Nora Dragoo and Shirley Armbrister were in Pampa on Friday.

Visiting the Hartley Davises on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Brents of Amarillo and Debbie Sikes and children of Panhandle. They were on their way to Oklahoma to visit relatives.

The L.T. Goldstons attended the Heart Fair in Pampa on Saturday.

Visiting Rose Hall on Sunday were the Glen Hallums of Canyon.

The 20th Century Study Club met Feb. 11 in the home of Lena Carter with Lucy Goldston as co-hostess. The meeting was opened by president Lena Carter and the club collect, led by Cliffie Heasley, was recited by all. The minutes were read by Rose Hall and approved as read. A program on Helen Steiner Rice was presented by Rose Hall who gave her life story. Lena Carter read some of her poems from a book. Roll call was "a favorite poem" and was answered by Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Mary Groves, Cliffie Heasley, Lucy Goldston, Louise Dickinson, Bertha Smith, Rose Hall and Safronia Pettit.

Refreshments of angel food cake, topping, coffee and chocolate were served. The meeting in March will be hosted by Cliffie Heasley.

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Pinky Ledgerwood Buried Saturday

Graveside services for Pynx Lancaster Ledgerwood, 97, were held on Saturday at Hillcrest Cemetery. Rev. Z.A. Myers, of the Assembly of God Church, and Rev. Buell Wells, retired Baptist minister, officiated. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Ledgerwood died early Friday morning at McLean Care Center.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1890 in Roseville, Logan Co., Arkansas. He moved to the McLean area from Arkansas in 1928. He married Lora Stephens on Dec. 20, 1911 in Franklin County, Ark. She preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 1981. He was also preceded in death by one son, W.L. Ledgerwood, who died in 1981, and one daughter, Imogene Ledgerwood, who died in 1923.

Survivors include three daughters, Nina Garak of Ozark, Ark., Mary Alice Burnett of Dumas and Mar-nelle Presley of Amarillo; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services For Resident's Nephew

Graveside services for Olen Ray "Mac" McCabe, 62, former McLean resident, were held on Monday at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo. Reverend Howard F.M. Childers, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, assisted by Chaplain Gerald Kelly, chaplain of the Harrington Cancer Center, officiated.

Mr. McCabe died last Thursday.

He was born in Montague County. He moved to McLean in 1925 and to Amarillo in 1940. He attended Amarillo High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Pacific with the 536th Amtrac Battalion during World War II. He received two Bronze Stars for the Philippine liberation, the Victory Ribbon-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, and one Bronze Arrowhead American Theater Campaign medal for the Okinawa liberation. He attended Amarillo College and in 1947 went to work for the Southwest Public Service Co. He retired in 1986 after 39 years with SPS. He was a 32nd Degree Mason with Boise City Lodge No. 472. He was president of the chamber of commerce in Texhoma, Boise City and Dalhart. He was president of the Boise City Lions Club and the Rotary Club in Dalhart. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Guy Dell Ekelund in 1951.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Briten Ray McCabe of Oklahoma City; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCabe of Amarillo; one sister, Billie Hean Hughes of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

Mr. McCabe was also the nephew of Melvin McCabe and Mrs. Jim Stevens, both of McLean.

Former Resident's Services Pending

Funeral services are pending for former McLean resident Kelly M. Patterson, 88. Mr. Patterson, a Miami resident, died Monday.

He moved to McLean in 1905 and was a graduate of McLean High School. He attended North Texas State University and Washington and Lee University. He married Sybil Copeland in Pampa in 1922. She died in 1986. He was a deputy tax collector and deputy clerk for the Court of Civil Appeals in Amarillo. He had also worked at the Abstract Office in Pampa. He moved to Miami where he operated Roberts County Abstract Co. from 1952 until he retired in 1975. He was a member of Amarillo Masonic Lodge No. 731, El Paso Consistory, Khiva Shrine, Miami Lions Club and the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Elizabeth Sherrod of Amarillo.

Thank You

Many thanks to all of the people who came to eat chili, beans and cobbler with us last Friday. It was great.

To all of the people who brought food, washed dishes and did all of the hard work--THANK YOU!

This will help tremendously with our finances.

Remember us with your Memorials.

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Former Alanreed Resident Dies

Graveside services for Harry Wilson Pettit, 70, former Alanreed resident, were held Monday at Alanreed Cemetery. Rev. Marc Wilson, pastor of the McLean First United Methodist Church, officiated.

Mr. Pettit died Wednesday, Feb. 10, in El Paso.

He was born Dec. 9, 1917 in Alanreed. He married Yoshiko Yamada in Tokyo, Japan on Nov. 7, 1955. She died on Aug. 8, 1987. He moved from Japan to Clovis, New Mex. in 1963. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years until his retirement in 1963. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include 3 sisters, Edna Elms of Clovis;

Vesta Jeane Guill of Belen, New Mex.; and Faye Fluty of Amarillo; and one brother, Robert O. Pettit of Belen.

City Council Meets

The McLean City Council met for its regular monthly session last Tuesday in City Hall. All members were present.

In some of the main items of business the council:

-Approved a motion to write an ordinance stating that anyone wishing to install a water utility system would have to have it tied into an approved sewer system before the water could be used. Currently there are not city statutes stating that a water system has to be tied into an approved sewer system.

-Reviewed and accepted the 1986-87 city audit report prepared by CPA Gordon Maddox.

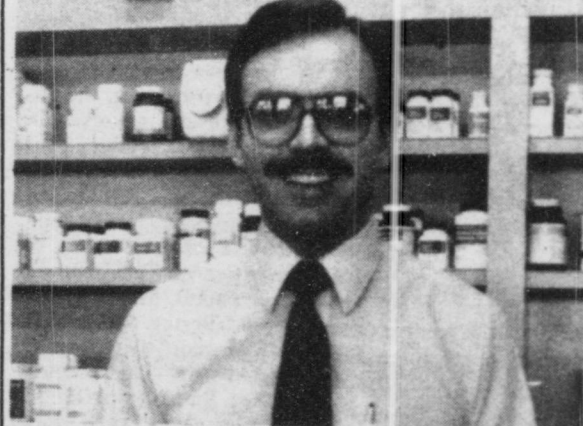
-Adopted a resolution approving the purchase of property in Pampa by the Gray County Appraisal District.

-Discussed the removal of the city sign on the east side of town. It was agreed to

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-Voted to put a new floor covering in City Hall.

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A Stocker Cattle Seminar targeted for grass cattle producers will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Clarendon at the College Cafeteria. The program starts with a free meal at 6:30 p.m. and reservations need to be made by noon Tuesday. Call either the Donley or Gray County Extension Offices at 874-2141 or 669-7429.

Following the meal, the program will feature Dr. Charles Deyhle, DVM, Clarendon, and Dr. John McNeil, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Amarillo.

Dr. Deyhle will discuss Health Programs for newly arrived stocker cattle and stress correct procedures for processing these cattle.

Birthday Party

Sunday, Feb. 7 was a big day at the Essie Glenn residence. Mrs. Glenn was honored with a surprise 93rd birthday party. Sixteen friends and relatives gathered to make this a really happy and exciting time. The surprise party was given by a daughter, Naomi Smith from Phoenix, Ariz. and Dood and Rush Turner of McLean. Mrs. Glenn received many long-distance calls from other children and grandchildren plus many nice cards and gifts from everyone.

Political Calendar

The McLean News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Primary Election to be held in March. A fee has been paid by each candidate for a listing in this column from now through the election.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

For State House of Representatives, Dist. 84
Gary Ivey
Tom Christian

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

For State House of Representatives, Dist. 84
Warren Chisum

For Gray County Tax Assessor:
Margie Gray

For County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Wheeler County
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McLean Care Center News

McLean Care Center extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pinky Ledgerwood who passed away at the Home on Friday, Feb. 12. He will be greatly missed.

Sunday afternoon, Brother Jeff Messer, of the Baptist Church, was here to conduct services.

Monday morning, the following residents worked in crafts: Annie Eudey, Earl Tolleson, Lillie Knox, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Lucille Cullison and Odessa Beeman. In the afternoon Onie Gibson, Loree Barker, Mildred Giesler and Bertha Smith were here to assist the following residents in bingo: Kittie Hessey, Ruth Kemp, Odessa Beeman, Leon Burch, Earl Tolleson, Ruby Ayers, Ruby Trusty, Fay Wilson, Annie Eudey, Eula Morrow, Inez Fields, Lillie Knox, Clyde Trusty, Dick Wheeler and Delbert Murray. Our winner was Eula Morrow with four games won. Bananas were

furnished by the Lions Club. Tuesday morning the residents finished making their valentines. In the afternoon, Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Brenda McLain and Ted

Robertson were here to assist several residents in dominos.

Wednesday morning the following ladies were here to sort the residents' valentines: Louise Turner, Isabelle Cousins, Wanda Hill, Mary Powell, Margaret Nix, Loyce Murray and Toots Henley.

Thursday afternoon, members of the Baptist Church were here for a Bible study and returned Thursday for a sing-a-long.

Saturday was our valentine party. Residents voted prior to the party for a King and Queen of the Nursing Center. Our King is Earl Tolleson who was escorted by Heidi Syfrett and our Queen Lola Graham was escorted by Tommy Pennington. Both King and

Queen were crowned by Betty Lopez. Sweetheart music was played on the piano by Loyce Murray. Resident Odessa Beeman

sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Cakes were furnished by the McLean Care Center's Activity Dept. and Isabelle Cousins. Each

resident received a sack with many valentines. Individual cream-filled chocolate hearts were furnished by the Ledgerwood family. Ladies ser-

ving were Ginger Morilla, Margaret Nix, Lynda Syfrett, Marie Immel, Wanda Hill, Dorothy Patterson and Heidi Syfrett.



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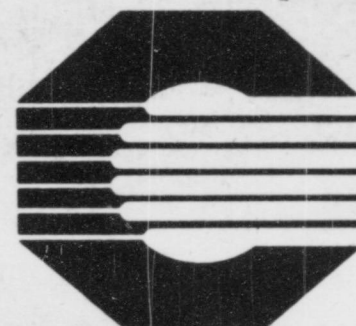
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Richard Martin Receives New Heart

Richard Martin, 56, of Austin, says enjoying play with his two-year-old grand-

son makes him feel, "great to be alive." Martin, a former Groom resi-dent, received

a new heart last October at Seaton Medical Center. He was the ninth recipient in a program at Seaton where ten transplants have been performed.

It hasn't been easy for Martin, but next to the alternative, he's grateful. Martin had a serious heart attack in 1974. Eleven years later, a pace maker was implanted and in 1986, he underwent open heart surgery. He lost his appetite, had no energy making even simple chores like brushing his teeth became an ordeal. He was forced to give up his job with Mobil Oil Co.

Three months after his transplant surgery, he was able to go shopping at the mall. "It's so good to be able to get up and say, 'Today I am going to do such-and-such and be able to do it.'"

Martin has experienced some problems with rejection since the transplant but medication now seems to have that problem under control.

All of the eight living recipients, in an article appearing in the Austin American-Statesman,

agreed that given the opportunity again, they would have the transplant surgery. All are on strict diets and follow regimes of exercise, several walking or riding stationary bicycles five to ten miles per day. All agreed that they felt better immediately following surgery than before, one recipient left the hospital after only a ten day stay. Others reported feeling the strength of the new heart when they woke up from surgery. Martin's transplant was performed in a surgery lasting only three hours.

McCaulley Exhibit Open At Museum

The fine art and the fun art of Bud McCaulley will be on exhibit in the annex of the Square House Museum through the month of February. An artist reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 and the public is invited to meet Mr. McCaulley.

Bud was born and raised in Kansas City, Mo., and his self-taught art began paying off in 1949 in commercial art in the mid-west. He moved his family to Amarillo in 1961. Having begun fine art as a "therapeutic diversion" from the demands of advertising art, his steady disciplined growth over the years has developed him into a voice to be heard in the fine art field. Although favoring western art, his diversity in subject matter ranges considerably, from a highly successful series of cartoons known as Blue Bird Prints, through commissions for two 24' x 24' murals at the Amarillo International Airport and a collection of 46 portraits of the Texas Governors and Presidents done in conjunction with the

TEAMS Testing Underway

Students in grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 at Groom Schools are being administered the TEAMS test this week. The tests are given annually throughout the state to insure students are achieving the minimum skills necessary for advancement.

The Exit Level exam was given earlier in the year to Groom juniors. Three fell short of the required skills. Those students have two opportunities to successfully master those portions of the test which they failed prior to graduation in May.

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Board Approves Phone System

Groom Schools will soon have a new phone system installed that will upgrade the phone service. The package includes six private lines, holding capabilities, and call forwarding. A phone for student use will be placed in the hallway. The board authorized the school administration to select which company to install the new system with estimates topping at \$3,000.

Band Director Steve Thomas presented the band budget for 1988-89. He requested ten new uniforms explaining that the extra sets were needed to insure fitting all the students. The budget was accepted at \$9,825.

The 1988-89 school calendar was also approved. School will begin on September 1, with no holiday for Labor Day. The last day of

school is May 26. The designated snow days will come off the ski holiday, March 1 and Easter holiday, March 28 if necessary. The calendar was approved with no votes from Bill England and Hop Britten who objected to the ski holiday. Teachers present at the meeting agreed the holiday gives a good break for students as the second semester is a long stretch between vacations.

A decision was made on the school's plan of action for asbestos location and control. The school will join the TASB/TSSF Partnership Plan for Operations and Management and hire an independent inspection.

Board members will soon attend a six hour session on Effective School Training approving a 24-hour training session for administrators.

Members split their vote on maintaining pay scale increments at the present level of \$1,200.00 per annum above the state minimum for all instructors on the staff. Casting no votes were Charles Fields, Don Lyles and Bill England.

A contract renewal was extended to Judy Babcock as teacher and administrative and counseling assistant for the 1988-89 school year.

The board voted unanimously to table the employment contract of Eric Erwin.

After an hour long executive session a contract was offered to James Branch as athletic director, coach and teacher.

In other action, the textbook committee appointments were approved.

Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Primary Election to be held in March. A fee has been paid by each candidate for a listing in this column from now through the election.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

For County Sheriff

Chuck Flemins
Terry Timmons
Connie Reed*
Jerry Gaines

For County Attorney

Ed Hinshaw*

For U.S. Congress

Bill Sarpalus

For State Senate, Dist. 31

Mel Phillips

REPUBLICAN PARTY

For County Sheriff

Tam Terry

For U.S. Congress

Jim Brandon

For State Representative, Dist. 88

Dick Waterfield*

For State Senate, Dist. 31

Teel Bivens

*Denotes Incumbent

SCS To Prepare Conservation Plans

Farmers with highly erodible cropland have less than two years to begin meeting the conservation requirements of the 1985 Farm Bill to remain eligible for USDA benefits.

James L. McDonald, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Pampa, said these provisions require farmers who have highly erodible cropland to have a conservation plan approved by their local Soil and Water Conservation District by 1990.

"The plan must be prepared by January 1, 1990, if they want to remain eligible for farm program benefits, loans or guarantees on all their land," McDonald said.

"We estimate that about 215 new conservation plans need to be prepared for farmers in Gray County by our staff by 1990."

The sooner farmers ask SCS to help them develop a conservation plan, the greater the chance we will have to get to everyone by the deadline," McDonald stressed.

McDonald said that since highly erodible land is not always obvious, farmers should check with their local SCS office to see if they have land that meets the criteria if such a determination has not

already been made.

Another option is to enroll highly erodible land into the Conservation Reserve Program. Under CRP, farmers receive annual rental payments for putting such cropland in grass or trees.

The 6th CRP Sign-up, which is currently underway, began Feb. 1 and will continue through Feb. 19.

Obtaining Good Grass Stand

Most native grasses should be planted into crop residue or a cover crop to provide protection for the seedling grass. The cover crop may be small grain such as wheat or oats. That is allowed to grow until the heads are in the soft dough and then shredded to prevent seed production. Another alternative is to chemically control the wheat with an approved contact herbicide.

Grass is then seeded into a small grain during the time period of December 1 to June 1. A dead litter crop of forage sorghum can be planted May

1 to August 1. Forage sorghum should be planted at a rate of 8 pounds per acre.

Wheat can be planted August 15 to November 15 at 30 pounds to the acre and killed in the boot stage for seeding grass into.

The condition of the seed bed must be firm, not loose or cloddy. Stubble should not be plowed after the cover or litter crop is shredded. Drill grass into undisturbed stubble.

Species of grass approved for Carson County are Blue grama, Plainsbluestem, W W spar bluestem, blue grama, sideoats grama, green sprangletop and Buffalo grass.

Another important factor in obtaining a stand of grass is weed control. More grass stands are lost to weedy competition than any other adverse factor. Shredding operations may work well.

For more information contact your local soil and water conservation district at 305 Euclid St., Panhandle, Texas 79068 or phone 806-537-3732.

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Let's Visit With

Chuck Flemins



Q. Mr. Flemins, a statement has been made that you have not lived in the county long enough to be Sheriff. Would you like to respond to that?

A. Well, first of all, I have been here long enough to meet the legal requirements to run for Sheriff. Secondly, don't forget I'm really not a newcomer to this county. My parents moved to Carson County in 1942. They moved to Amarillo in 1952. So, for 10 years I lived and attended some elementary school grades here. Some of the teachers that taught then still remember me. One of those teachers just recently returned several school pictures that were in her scrap book. We visited and laughed about some of those times. So coming back to Carson County and Panhandle was like coming home. I have traveled all over the world, and I was pleased to return to Panhandle, Texas as Chief of Police. We have been here now for 3 years. My wife, Marcelline, and I enjoy Panhandle and the surrounding area. We considered going to a larger area but we like Carson County; so we bought our home and settled in here. You know, with a love for people, friendships are not hard to acquire. The people have opened their hearts and homes to us, and we certainly feel accepted.

Q. Okay, Chuck, that does bring up another question related to the first. Do you feel you can be effective having only been back in the community for the past three years?

A. You might ask some of the people around Panhandle that have worked with me in Neighborhood Watch. Or, you might look at the past three years in my tenure as Chief of Police. Many positive advances have been made. We solicited the assistance of Panhandle people in community-police cooperation. They never failed to support. You know police work can be tough. Many times tough decisions have to be made. But, utmost in our minds is fair treatment under the law. Justice tempered with mercy. Public popularity is needed, but this alone should not dictate the decision for picking top law enforcement officials.

Q. What do you mean by that statement?

A. Well, without credibility and some public trust, a law enforcement officer cannot function properly. However, in tough decisions, I find the majority of people want fair treatment under the law. If that is done, and the rules are followed, justice is achieved. People appreciate that in their law enforcement officers. The people of Carson County are rough on offenders. This is shown in the number of offenders that choose to plea rather than face a Carson County jury. This is also a tribute to our County and District prosecutors. Law enforcement's job is to bring the violator before the courts. The prosecutors are to handle the case from that point. It is not our job to be judge and jury. Sometimes these things are not popular. I feel I have been able to help Panhandle achieve this balance in Police-Community relations, and I can do the same for Carson County. My length of residence has nothing to do with my effectiveness.

That is left up to my ability, and if you will look at the Panhandle Police Administration these past three years, it will attest to that ability. The question is, "Can I do the job?" I know positively YES!!!

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