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We Saw Quiet, Action...Rolling...Cut...



Coach Jay Lamb, Shirley and Matt Fields giving a helping hand to Groom's new Coach Larry Reid and wife Karen moving in Saturday.

DPS Troopers Joe Longway and Gary Davis working some long hours blocking traffic and working security for Paramount Pictures.

Louis Ruthardt using the Sunday afternoon to mow his grass.

Rick and Jason Prather taking a well deserved break from the movie biz to grab a cool drink at Allsups. ...

Sonny Sanders getting ready to be a double in the movie.

Doris and Arnie Kuehler sporting "Uncle Sam" in their front yard.

Shirley Fields at the Lefors High School Class reunion.

Sambo and Adela Kotara enjoying a Friday evening at the Dairy Queen.

Allie Hoyt, Evelyn Hubbard and Emaline Hermesmeyer practicing their "See My Frog" routine at water aerobics Thursday night.

Sam Thomas making a running catch over his right shoulder in centerfield Monday night late in the game against Memphis. ...

Jerry Moore at the Dairy Queen Monday night.

A very amused Paramount Paramedic (Jerry) as Groom News reporter traces down a rampant rumor.

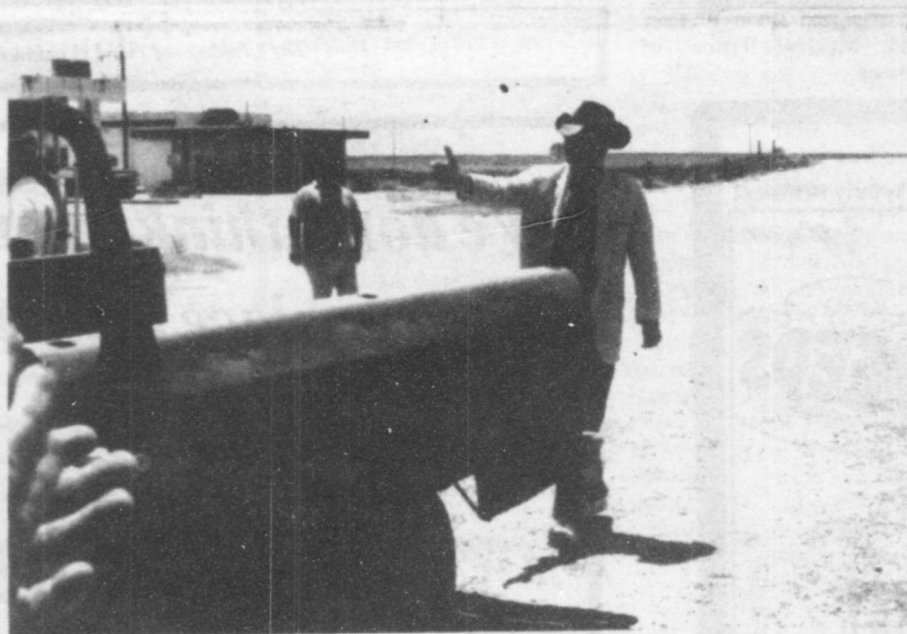
Denny Babcock and Pam Ashford discussing the pitfalls of living with a movie star.

Debra Winger and Steve Martin... Did you? ... If ya'll read this how about giving us the thrill of a lifetime and giving us an interview... your place or mine... anytime! !

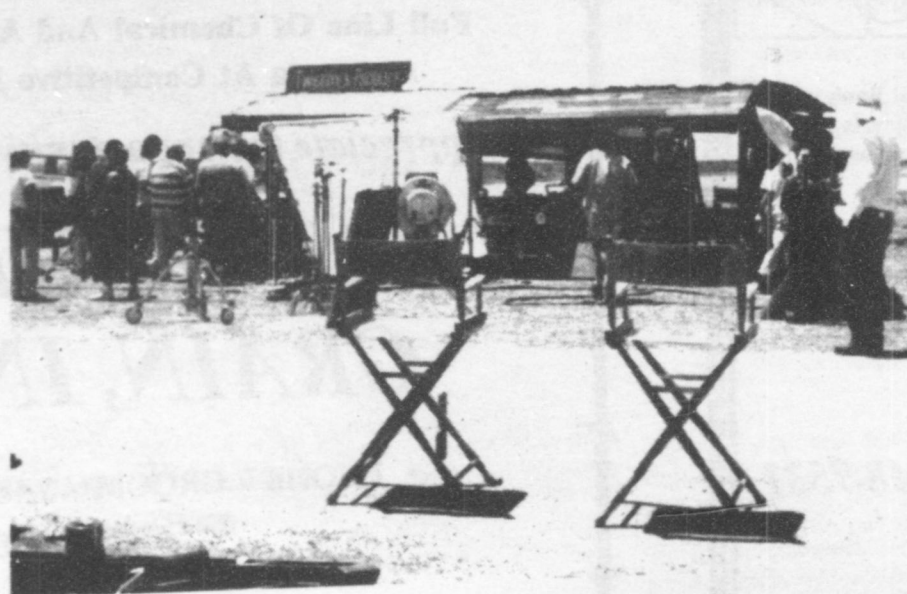
'Leap Of Faith' Shooting Begins In Groom



Groom, Texas has become Rustwater, Kansas for a month. The new billboard located on Old 66 Highway welcomes visitors to Rustwater, Kansas, the corn relish capitol of America, founded 1858 with a population of 22,418.



Preacher Jonas Nightengale, pictured above played by actor Steve Martin, completes a scene of the movie where he is shown inviting people to his tent revival.



Tweedy's Produce Stand was one of the first scenes being shot by Paramount Pictures. The stand is located on Old 66 Highway across the road from Bill and Sam's Motel.

Groomites are used to seeing fireworks on the fourth of July but this years holiday brought a different type of stars. Hollywood has arrived and if you don't know what that means, just drive by the school!

Paramount Pictures began production of the movie "Leap of Faith" in its Groom location Saturday. Movie buffs turned out in force to watch the filming begin. Some of the first scenes shot required the closing of a section of old highway 66. The exit number 110 from I-40 and the entire portion of the road down to nearly Allsups was shut down for short periods of time as the crew filmed "Jonas Nightengale's" trucks headed into town. "Nightengale" is the lead character played by Steve Martin.

Saturday's heat and wind showed up just in time to play it's part in the script which called for drought-like conditions. Anyone who stood around in the sun watching the production for very long feels that it gave an Academy Award performance.

The film company is amazingly self supporting, bringing with them their own tiny village. Basing their operations at the school, they have imported dressing rooms, wardrobe and makeup rooms, equipment repair shops, kitchen facilities, and trailers for the actors and actresses.

Much of the movie will take place at Bill and Sam's Motel and Robert and Alice Kuehler's field. Other locations may also be the baseball field, track and the old meat market next to the post office.

If you missed the first couple of days, have no fear, more is to come. The crew expects to film in Groom until approximately July 30th.

Many local residents have already been called to play as extras. Some of them are Dan and Pat Ashford, Donna Crump, Susan and Lonny Brown, Melvin Wills, Tim Case, James Moranic, Mike Koetting, Carol Babcock, Forrest McLaughlin, Robert West, Pete Ham, Rodney Bohr and James Miller.

"It's hard work" said James Miller, "a lot of standing around and waiting, too."

Vic Heutschy, production publicist stated that the movie is supposed to take place in a small Kansas town. In the 3 1/2 days that Jonas Nightengale (Steve Martin) is in Rustwater, he undergoes some dramatic changes. The original screenplay is an uplifting story that will be released about Christmas time.

No one seems to know how much good the economy is getting for all the commotion. The local restaurants seem to be busier than usual, even

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Community Calendar

ANNUAL COMMUNITY
Ice Cream Social, Thursday, July 9th, 7:00-8:30 pm. Proceeds will go to the Community Center. Everyone is invited.

GROOM BOYS
Basketball Camp at Groom High School Gym on July 27-31.

GROOM GIRLS
Basketball Camp at Groom High School Gym on July 20-24.

GROOM DAY DIRECTORY
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Kay Britten - 248-7252 or Karen Brown - 248-7210.
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Arts and Crafts - Sandra Britten - 248-7406.
Volleyball - Donald and Nila Burgin - 248-7916.
Quilt Show - Adela Kotara - 248-7585.
Class Reunions - Debbie Anthony - 248-7954.

GAME NIGHT will be at the Community Center on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Remember Chowline on Tuesday and Friday.

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**GROOM BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

July 10 - Ethel Blackwell,
Sue Wills, Tabatha LeAnn
Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. C.L.
Wieberg (A), Mr. and Mrs.
Max Wade (A).

July 11 - Mark Bivens,
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Corbin
(A), Mr. and Mrs. Gregory
Britten (A).

July 12 - Pat Ashford.

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

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

July 15 - Billy Keith
Fields.

**LAVERNA SAMS
CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

Laverna Sams of Lockney
was honored with a 93rd
Birthday Party by her family
recently. Cake and ice
cream was served at the
Lockney Care Center to
guests and residents.
Attending were Mr. and
Mrs. Dean Burger of
Groom; Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Luckenback of Lake
McKensie; Mr. and Mrs.
Johnny Turner and Coby of
Matador; Mike Montague,
Joe Sadvoris, Mr. and Mrs.
Limen Stubblefield, of
Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Ken
Burger, Jolie, Kenzi and
Chris; Mr. and Mrs. Bud
Fields and David, of
Groom; and Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Stone of Houston.

Jeremy Lewis, Clinton
Wakefield, Dean Fields,
Wade Ritter, Caleb Pool
and Bobby Pool returned
from Pan Fork Camp
Friday. The boys took a
special part in Sunday
services at First Baptist
Church.

Bobby Cornett's daughter
and family were visitors in
Groom this past week. The
children will be here a few
days while Mom and Dad
are in Rome.

Bryan, Linda Le and
Garner Richardson have
arrived. Bryan assumed
duties as pastor at First
Baptist Church on Friday.

CJ., Dara and Charlotte
Whatley celebrated the
fourth in Amarillo with her
parents and grandparents.

Sharlene and Howell
Lewis and family hosted a
4th of July cookout
Saturday night. Attending
were: Mildred Miller and
daughter Juanita and sons
of Austin and
granddaughter of Pampa;
Debbie and Ron Tigg and
family of Amarillo, Irene
Baggerman of Amarillo,
Sheila Whatley and friend
Kim of Amarillo, Darrell
and Charlotte Whatley and
family, Curtis and Margaret
Whatley and Darin Wheeler
and Melody Burton of
Groom.

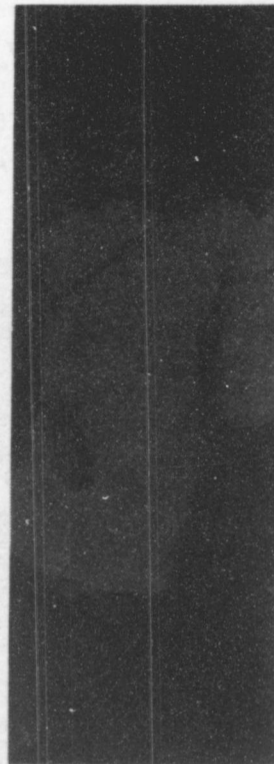
Local Happenings

Pete and Vicky Ham of
Clarendon visited his mother
Peggy Ham over the 4th of
July weekend.

Fourth of July weekend
visitors in the Glynn D
Harrell home were Beverly
and Jim Ingram of
Amarillo, Glynn and Kim
Ingram, Melyssa and
Stephanie of Garland, Erin
Kate Eschle of Grand
Prairie and Jeffrey Lamun
of Arlington.

Margaret and Eric
Heinrich moved into a new
home. Their new address is
RF 1 Box 60-A, Slaton,
Texas 79364. Margaret is
the daughter of Robert and
Alice Kuehler.

Norma Jean Homer and
her sister Janice Rucker of
Pampa went shopping in
Amarillo Monday.



*It was July 10, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven,
When a special gift was sent from heaven.
A precious baby was given to the Moores,
For them to love, and cherish, and adore.*

*This baby girl is one you all know,
Always smiling, her face just glows.
Carrie Ethel Blackwell is her name,
Yesterday or today she's always the same.*

*Loving and gentle and ever so kind,
Thankful like the "One" and not the nine.
She doesn't fuss, complain or whimper,
Has such patience and never a temper.*

*Years have come and years have gone,
Many a full moon at night has shown.
So now it is July, nineteen hundred and ninety-two,
And we have an invitation for each of you.*

*On Saturday, the eleventh of this year,
We plan a party for our Mother dear.
Ninety-five years, such a life to live,
Now our love to Her we want to give.*

*In the Community Center's spacious room,
This life, like a rose will be in bloom.
From 2 'til 5, please come and share,
Some time with our mother for whom we care.*

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Dec. 31, 1991, Texas Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry today said.

In making the declaration, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan named Cochran, Lamb and King counties as primary disaster areas due to all four weather conditions between Jan. 1-Dec.31, 1991. Baylor, Hall, Parmer and Wichita counties were named for freeze damage between Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 1991.

In addition, Bailey, Castro, Dickens, Foard, Hale, Haskell, Hockley, Kent, Knox, Lubbock, Parmer, Stonewall, Terry and Yoakum counties were declared contiguous disaster areas for drought, hail, flood and freeze during the entire year of 1991.

Archer, Briscoe,

Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith, Donley, Wilbarger and Young counties were named contiguous disaster areas for freeze between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, 1991.

These declarations allow family-size farm operators in both the primary and contiguous areas to apply for emergency assistance from the Farmers Home Administration.

To be designated as a primary disaster area, the Farmers Home Administration determines if a sufficient number of farmers in each county suffered losses of 30 percent or more. The counties designated as contiguous disaster were declared so because they were adjacent to the primary disaster area, but did not have the same extent of losses.

Each loan application will be considered on its own merits taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability and other requirements.

For more information, producers should contact a local FmHA county office.



Babcock Wins County's Miss Congeniality

Karen Babcock, daughter of Kenny and Linda Babcock, placed as second runner up in the "Miss Carson County" contest over the fourth of July weekend.

Sponsored by the State National Bank, she was also named "Miss Congeniality."

Fourteen contestants vied for the title. They modeled casual wear and evening wear as well as being

interviewed by the judges.

Kalina Kotara, White Deer, was crowned "Miss Carson County". She is the daughter of John Kotara III. First runner up was Sarah Walker of Panhandle. Karen Babcock, Groom's only entry, will be a senior at Groom High School. She also works at the Dairy Queen.

Driver Safety Course

A Driver Safety Course will be held at Clarendon College on Saturday, July 11, 1992. It will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in room 101. The fee is \$25.00. Please contact Clarendon College at 1-806-874-3571 for further information. Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10% discount on their liability insurance or dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of Peace. This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc.

Local

Happening

Another name for your nursing home list: Fannie Asberry, Lakeshore Meadows B-20, 8044 Coley Davis Rd., Nashville, Tn 37221.

Yes! My face is Red! The mad Momma garage sale with no address was mine! Despite the mix up the sale was a success! Donna.

Visiting Allie and Norris Hoyt over the holiday was Sidney and Debbie Been of Moore, Oklahoma. On the way to the mountains, their grandson and wife planned to spend a couple of days in Pampa before continuing their journey.

School Bell Rings for 20 Children

For 20 students school bells rang Monday morning. The summer reading, writing and math program began with Steve Hutsell,

Pam Hutsell and Marcia Davis in charge.

Over the next month students will increase their knowledge in these subject areas. The school will pick them up, even the town kids, in the school bus.

The informal classroom setting will combine individual attention with group work and fun. Students and faculty are looking forward to a fun filled month.

MOVIE

though the production has its own caterers. Many out of town sight seers are here. It will be interesting to compare this quarters sales tax receipts with last years.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Dave Schmitz, College Station, announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Robert on February 3rd.

The young man weighed in at 7 lbs and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Frances and Delfine Schmitz of Leoti, Kansas and Robert and Alice Kuehler of Groom.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Max and Helen Wade - 1978.
2. Ben Britten and Tracy Brown.
3. Stocky Lamberson, Panhandle High School.
4. Mrs. C. L. Culver.
5. Betty Hudson.
6. Connie Dean and Kent Reed.
7. T. C. Sustaire and it was in what is now Phil Miller's Groom News office.
8. Amy Brown.
The Mystery Person last week was Evelyn Conrad.

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Rustwater Review



"Hope to see you there tonight" says Nightengale (Martin) as he drums up an audience for his revival meeting.



"You're not really in Kansas, ToTo!" Authentic down to the sign, the "Leap of Faith" production replaces I-40 signs with I-70 signs. North however, is still North...



"Just a traveling billboard for the Lord," as this converted Greyhound plugs Rev. Nightengale and his back up musical group, the Angels of Mercy.

Gun Shots Turn Out To Be A Bump

RUMOR HAS IT...

If you sometimes wonder why some stories never make it to the paper here is a perfect example.

Tuesday morning...

8:52 a.m. - A usually reliable source stops in to tell me that it's all over town that shots were fired at the school late last night and an ambulance was called to the scene.

9:15 a.m. - I go to the school to try to find out what happened. No one seemed to know anything. After a while I run on to a deputy sheriff who tells me he thinks a child broke his neck at the gym last night. He tells me I should see the Highway Patrol who was on duty.

10:00 a.m. - After quite a bit of searching, I find the

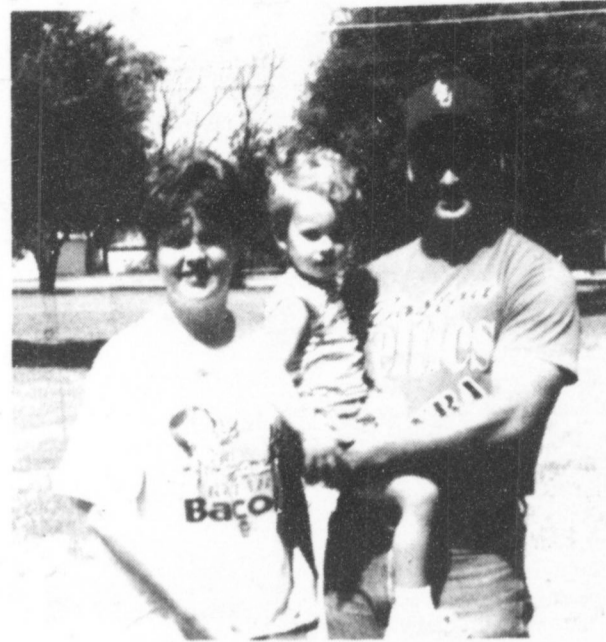
other DPS officer - he tells me that he wasn't there but a guy standing with him was. I interview this man who turns out to be a paramedic. He tells me the accident was only a lacerated scalp and a bump on the head.

10:17 a.m. - Back to the office to contact the kid's parent to verify this information.

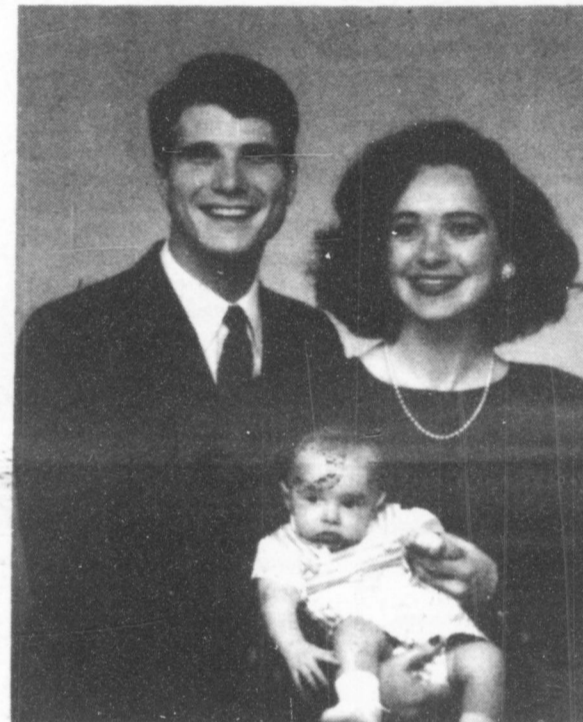
Now! If any one of these people had been out of pocket it would have stopped the chain of information that helped us get to the truth. So when you hear, "Well, I never saw anything about it in the paper," there may be a very good reason.



New Families, Welcome To Groom!



Karen and Larry Reid
With Son, James



Bryan and Linda Richardson
With Son, Garner

July 4th Visitors

Visiting with the Jack Bivens' and Mark Bivens' during the July 4th weekend were Jerry, Andrea, Drew and Shannon Jennings, enroute from Denver to their new home in Houston; and Greg and Brenda Hendricks of Amarillo. Drew played golf and attended the Range Riders Rodeo with the Hendricks on Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this special time to say thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and concern during my surgery, while I was in the hospital, and since I have been home. It's people like you that make recovery much easier.

Norma Jean Homer

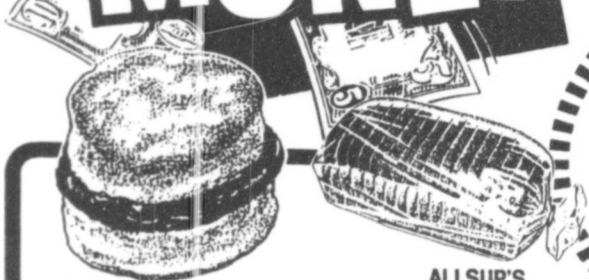
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CARSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

During the week of July 1, 1992, the Carson County Sheriff's Department continued to assist Carson County residents of Fritch in the aftermath of last week's tornado damage.

Deputies continue to investigate reports of looting and of missing property in the Fritch area. One deputy, responding to a report of a vicious dog in Fritch, was attacked by another dog and had to destroy the animal. The dog which was the original source of the call was secured by the owner.

DPS Troopers and Carson County deputies assisted Pantex Security in dealing with protesters who marched near the Pantex gates. The Panhandle Emergency Medical Service and a Carson County deputy responded to a report of a man down with chest pains near Conway. The man was transported to AERC for treatment.

An incident involving Indecency with a Child which was being investigated by Deputy Joe Leatherwood resulted in the arrest of a Fritch man who had been evading arrest by Carson County officers. The subject was located and detained in Lubbock and then returned to Carson County by Sheriff Timmons to face trial on the felony charge.

Notes From Texas Film Commission

Kathryn Laurene Kemp is a volunteer with the Governor's office with the Texas Film Commission. From her experience the following is a list of do's and don'ts for extras and observers.

Do not talk to the stars. They have lines to remember and cannot be distracted.

Do not ask for autographs while they are shooting. Your children have a better chance of getting an autograph. Find out who is directing your scene and do exactly what he or she tells you to do. Many times there will be different directors for different scenes.

Wear something comfortable with no advertisements on it. Be sure it is easy to clean because sometimes you have to wear it for weeks depending on the length of the shoot. They take polaroid shots of continuing scenes so the film editor can match the film, so keep track of your seat or position.

Do not eat or move the props.

Kathryn Lourene Kemp has relatives in Groom, she is kin to the Steed family.

Stanley Homer received five stitches Monday night after a collision with brother Daryl knocked him to the gym floor. He received a bump on the head to go with his stitches.

High Plains East All Stars beat Memphis Monday night 7-6 in the first round of tournament play in Childress. High Plains East were scheduled to play Childress All-Stars Tuesday night, as they beat Quanah.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Sunday in Alanreed with Ray and Kitty Harris who own the Bed and Breakfast.

They also visited in Hedley with Junior and Martha Hill who lived in Groom several years ago.

Obituary

Lilla R. Hess
Lilla R. Hess, 96, of Amarillo, died Monday, July 6, 1992.

Services were Wednesday in Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn Shaw Bell Avenue Chapel with the Rev. Robert Field, pastor of South Georgia

Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Hess was born in Ringgold. She was a resident of Groom from 1926 until 1978 and had been a resident of Amarillo for seven years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Groom and a lifetime member of the Order of the

Eastern Star. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Robert "Jack" Hess, in 1964.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Ray Hess of Corpus Christi and Jim L. Hess of Amarillo; a daughter, Joanne Ferrin of Bucklin, Kan.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

GROOM TRIVIA

1958

1. Edith Beauty Shop moved in 1958. Where to?
2. Two local Deputy Sheriffs captured three escaped criminals from the Hutchinson County Jail southeast of Jericho. Who were the Deputies?
3. One of our local churches builds a new parsonage, which one?
4. Guess how much car license plates cost in 1958.
5. Speaking of movies. . . Guess what was showing at the Groom Theatre in late March.
6. At Guy Blackwell's Chevron a person could purchase four Goodyear 3-T Safety Cushion blackwall tires for this low price. . .
7. B. J. Koetting owner of Koetting Butane and Oil sold butane for ??? much per gallon in 1958.

MYSTERY PERSON

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McLean Students Present July 4th Program



Veterans pictured here are. Front row, left to right, L.L. Rogers, Roger McCracken, Jake F. Hess, 2nd row, Howard Gibson, Steve Brass, Doug Guthrie, James Hefley. Back row, Jim Gilmore, Thomas Trostle, (not pictured) John Bible.

"America, We Love You!", a program of patriotic songs, poems, and tributes was presented at the downtown plaza on July 2 by the students and faculty of the McLean Elementary Summer Fun: "Learning Activities."

The program was written and directed by June Stubblefield Close. Two original songs, "I Pledge Allegiance" and "I'll Stand Up and Shout That I'm an American," were composed by Ms. Close.

Sy Brown, son of David and Ann Brown, performed on the drums during the opening and closing songs. Mrs. Bobbi Stalls, pianist, recorded the musical accompaniment for the program.

Howard Gibson, Tom Trostle, and John Bible of the John Windom V.F.W. Post conducted the flag raising ceremony and the Pledge to the American Flag.

Veterans from each branch of the armed forces and the widows of veterans were presented small American flags during the tribute portion of the program.

Robert Brass, 7 year old son of Steve and Patti Brass, recited in the order they served the names of the Presidents of the United States of America. This feat of memory, which Robert accomplished when he was only five years old, continues to astonish all who hear him.

Students who participated in the program were: B.J. Basham, Drew Barker, Lisa Billingsley, Melissa Billingsley, Robert Brass, Sara Brown, Sy Brown, Christopher Bybee, Charlie Carter, Amanda Cline, Tanya Daniels, Ty Daniels, Jessica Fish, Dee-Dee Floyd, Vanessa Glass, Jaclyn Grigsby, Matt Guthrie, Whitney Guthrie, Sara Hall, Nikki Hefley, Allison Hill, Sarah Holland, Valerie Joiner, Destiny Kirkland, Julie Marsh, Tami Marsh, Dustin Moody, Stephen Pierce, Randi Jo Riley, Chris Sparling, Frankie Sparling, Lacey Steel, Chris Vega, Diana Vega, Patrosinio Vega, Salvador Vega, and Victor Vega.

Faculty for the three-week Learning Activities were June Stubblefield Close, Director and Math Teacher; Bobbi Stalls, TAAS Writing; Freda Holland, Language Arts/Computer; Kristie Crockett, Reading/Phonetics; and Karen Brass and Shelly Holland, Kindergarten.

Aides were Michelle Basham, Christina Carter, Penny Lee, Shaley Stalls, and Shannon Stalls.

Ninety students were enrolled last year in grades K-5 at McLean Elementary. Fifty seven of those students

attended the Summer Fun: Learning Activities either full or part time.



These students are proud to be an American as they wave flags to show their patriotism.

Club Plans Tournament

The McLean Lions Club is planning a tennis tournament for the second weekend in August if sufficient interest is shown by local tennis enthusiasts.

There will be divisions for adult men and women and

high school and elementary boys and girls.

If you are interested in entering this tournament, please notify a McLean Lions Club member as soon as possible so that definite plans may be formulated.

Association Hosts Scramble

The McLean Golf Association held its second Jr.-Sr. Scramble on July 4.

First place went to Donnie and Michelle Basham. Second place was a tie between Matt and David Hall, and Jonathan Bailey and Brian Kanelakas. Other teams participating were Bob and Andy Glass; Barbara and Jared Windom;

Monty and Monty Joiner; Ruben and Chris Flores; Connie and LeAnne Flores; Jimmy and Brett Shipman; Judy and Penny Lee; and Chuck and Stephen Pierce.

Teams for the Jr.-Sr. Scramble must consist of at least one student.

The next scramble will be held Saturday July 11 at 9:00.



More McLean patriots listen to the song composed by June Close.

"Texas" Continues To Play To Full House

Few theatrical productions can boast nightly full houses and sets as big as all outdoors, and none produce a storm scene where a lightning bolt strikes a cliff and slithers down to explode a tree.

Welcome to "Texas," where this crowd-pleaser is hidden in the 110 mile long Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, surrounded by sheer cliffs reaching 1,000 feet in the air.

Since 1966 over two million visitors have seen the multi-million dollar musical drama in its Pioneer Amphitheatre in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Regarded as the most attended outdoor drama in the United States for the past three years, "Texas" opened its 27th consecutive

season on June 10, 1992, and plays nightly except Sundays at 8:30 p.m. through August 22.

Using every inch of the 600 foot canyon walls, its rocky surfaces are ridden, climbed and lighted to recount the historic settling of the Panhandle.

Written by the master, Pulitzer Prize winning author Paul Green, "Texas" uses the latest sound and light technology to make the action come alive.

Farmers battle ranchers for possession of the prairie in this 1880 story. The plot thickens as a spicy, love triangle complicates the rising feud. Drought, storms, an Indian raid, and a prairie fire add intrigue as the drama unfolds.

All is well that ends well,

however, as the ranchers collaborate with the farmers to bring a new town and prosperity to the region.

A cast of 80 spins the tale, accompanied by seven horses, a mule and a dog. The actors, singers, dancers and musicians came from 12 different states and two foreign countries in 1991. They are attracted to the opportunity to study with Director Neil Hess and play to the nightly full houses.

Hess joined the production at its beginning in 1966, becoming the director in 1985. He works yearly to keep the show fresh, adding new touches that keep audiences returning year after year. Over half the 1991 audience had previously seen the production.

In 1992 new surprises are planned, but Hess will keep them a secret until show time on opening night.

Produced by the non-profit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc., "Texas" encourages its 2,000 members to attend opening night.

Last year the Foundation completed a half million dollar electrical renovation in the theatre and on the canyon walls, adding more efficient and safer methods in producing the sound and light. This year's gala opening night allowed members an opportunity to see the finished work during a unique backstage tour.

Visitors will notice a new, additional paved parking lot, located just across from the existing one and a "spruce

up" in the patio area with new rock walls, lighting and some resurfacing.

The Paul Green Foundation in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, recently awarded "Texas" its first Paul Green Seminar grant to provide a three hour seminar at the Institute of Outdoor Drama National Conference.

"The award is designed to offer to drama organizations distinctive, high-quality, practical marketing information and to honor an individual theatre company which has clearly excelled in that field of theatre production," said Marsha Warren, director of the Paul Green Foundation.

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REMINDER!

REGISTER FOR the Summer Reading Program at the Lovett Memorial Library.

NEW HOURS for the Devil's Rope Museum are: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

THE McLEAN School Board will meet July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

THE McLEAN Lions Club will meet July 20th, regular meeting and installation of new officers.

McLEAN BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES
 July 9 - Beatrice Brown, Gwen Henley.
 July 11 - J.D. Fish, Bonnie Fabian, Lisa Patman.
 July 12 - Russell Littlefield, Laura Morris, Justin Phillips.
 July 13 - Joyce Haynes, Z.A. Myers.
 July 14 - Lori Hefley, Bob Massey, David and Dixie Jo Crockett (A).
 July 15 - Eva Terry, Jim Bob Adams, Evelyn Stubblefield, Donna Gail Brown, Dean Crockett.

WINNERS NAMED IN 4-H FASHION SHOW
 Twenty-one 4-Hers competed in the Gray County 4-H Fashion Show on June 27 in the Pampa Mall. The Fashion Show competition concludes the 4-H clothing project.
 In the Junior Division Jessica Fish from McLean's 4 Clover 4-H Club took top honors in the Casual Daywear division.
 The Project Record Form drawing winner was Lori Stephens from Grandview 4-H Club.



McCarty Graduates From Basic

Airman Kevin D. McCarty has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.
 During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.
 In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.
 McCarty is the grandson of Hershel and Naomi McCarty of McLean.

Texas

Warren referred to the remarkable attendance record of the musical drama as it grew from 62,388 audience members in 1966 to 110,621 people in 1990--"a whopping 99% of capacity."
 Warren called "Texas" "the best that the outdoor drama movement has ever produced."
 In 1991 "Texas" experienced two rainouts, but still drew season crowds of 100,208 from every state and over 100 foreign countries.
 Last year "Texas" rolled out the red carpet for 761 groups. This year the

outdoor drama already has booked more groups to date than in its history.
 "Texas" shines in hospitality. Groups are recognized at intermission. A chow call triangle, awarded each night to the person from the greatest distance, has never been won by anyone from the United States since 1966.
 The cast gathers after the show to sign autographs and perform an original skit called, "wax works." Maps of Texas, the United States, and the world bristle with pins stuck by visitors from across the world who sign a guest book.

Trout Family Holds Reunion

The Trout family's reunion was held June 26, 27 and 28, 1992 at Lake McClellan with a big success and lots of relatives and friends from different parts of Texas.
 The people brought camper trailers, trailer homes, and vans. They camped on the lake. A very good time was had by all. It was reported there were 95 who attended.
 Those attending were: Susie Trout, Myrtle Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Antonia Acuna, Birtie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crutcher, Vada Matthews, Jim Bible, Ms. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Richardson, Robert Cooper, and Clay Cooper of McLean; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Trout, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ortigo, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Johnson, Amber Tidwell and son, Doug Fulton, of Amarillo, also many other friends attended from Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trout, Mr. and Mrs. James Trout, Burkburnett, Tx; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Johnson, Borger, Tx; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alexander, Lefors, Tx; Mr. and Mrs. James Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruton, Pampa, Tx; Mr. and Mrs. Don Carie, Fritch, Tx; Mrs. Randa and children, Dalhart, Tx; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams, Wheeler, Tx.

OBITUARIES

Austin (Boss) Stafford
 Austin (Boss) Stafford, 89, died Tuesday, July 9, 1992 at the Coronado Nursing Center.
 Services are pending.
 Stafford was a former resident of McLean. He was born February 2, 1903 in Athens, Texas. He married Dollie Mae Wise in Erick, Oklahoma. He was a farmer and a Methodist.
 He is survived by one daughter, Mary Janice Cliett, Roswell, N.M.; three sons, Wayne Stafford, Wetumka, Okla., Don Stafford, Pampa, Tex., Jack Stafford, Skellytown, Tx; one sister, Edith Spivey, Clarendon; four brothers, Raymond, Tunas, Mo., Silas, Las Vegas, Nev., Allen, Jack, Hedley; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Maudelle (Carum) Burrows
 Maudelle (Carum) Burrows died June 28, 1992 at the age of 76.
 She formerly lived in the McLean area attending schools there. She was a member of McLean Church of Christ.
 She married James Dee Burrows also of McLean in 1934. She had been a resident of Albuquerque for 55 years.
 She is survived by three daughters; two sons; 14 grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.
 Burial was in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

4-H Rodeo Planning Meeting To Be Held July 16

A 4-H Rodeo planning meeting will be held Thursday, July 16, at 8:00 p.m. at the Gray County Courthouse Annex meeting room. This will be the final meeting before the rodeo to get all the loose ends tied up.
 The main fund raising event for the Gray County 4-H program is coming up August 14-15, the Gray County 4-H Rodeo.
 All 4-H families need to get involved and help with this once a year activity. It takes all of us to put on this activity. The money raised from this activity will be used for all 4-H happenings during the year.
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Obituary

Betty Lou Davis
 Betty Lou Davis, 65, died Monday, June 29, 1992.
 Services were Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Messer, pastor of Southland Baptist Church in Amarillo, and the Rev. Q.D. Beville, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.
 Mrs. Davis was born in Gray County. She married Kenneth Davis in 1974 at Wheeler. She owned and operated Betty Davis Antique Shop in Shamrock. She was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean.
 Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Cindy Wicker of Lubbock, Pam Atkins and Patty Williams, both of Amarillo and Paula Reed of West Chester, Pa.; four sons, Lee Bruton of Lakewood, Colo., Jerry Bruton of Los Gatos, Calif., Joe Bruton of Golden, Colo., and Monroe Davis of Amarillo; a brother, J.D. Roth of Pampa; and 11 grandchildren.

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McLEAN CARE CENTER NEWS

Sunday morning the residents attended Sunday school, their leaders were Mary Frazier, Maebelle Nash, Jenny Stubbs, Troy and Jerry Corbin, Inez Trostle and Ella Mae Massey who sang and played the piano for them. In the afternoon Bro. Dean Williamson, pastor of the Assembly of God church was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday afternoon were Nora Moore, Adelle Walker, Lorena Bailey, Annie Eudey, Dick and Mattie Wheeler, Leon Burch, Eula Morrow, Bertha Smith, Teresa Richardson, Kittie Hessey, Clyde Trusty, Leon Burch, Mary Sligar, Ellen Jordan, Winnie Hays, and Lucille Cullison. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Tuesday Nora Dragoo, Lena Carter and Brenda Maclain were here to assist the residents in dominos, residents playing were Annie Eudey, Adelle Walker, Leon Burch, Lorena Bailey, Dick Wheeler, Imogene King, Teresa Richardson, Eula Morrow, and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club.

Thursday residents attending our reminiscence program were Adelle Walker, Teresa Richardson, Jewell Warner, Polly Burnett, Virgie Everett, Mary Helen Boston, Dick and Mattie Wheeler, Leon Burnett, Mayme Hathaway, Lorena Bailey, Lufa Sheegog, Kittie Hessey and Christine Shipley. In the afternoon the residents played bingo, those playing were Kittie Hessey, Teresa Richardson, Adelle Walker, Eula Morrow, Theilma Hopkins, Ellen Jordan, Dick and Mattie Wheeler, Leon Burch, Polly Burnett, Clyde Trusty, Mary Sligar, Lorena Bailey and Annie Eudey. Once again bananas were furnished for all players.

Our birthday party will be Thursday, July 16th at 2:30 p.m.

ALANREED NEWS

Visiting Nora Dragoo and other relatives here this week was Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Larue of Lovelady.

The Robert Bruce's had grandson Shawn visiting over the weekend. They attended a 4th of July barbecue at the Les Dorseys.

The Elmer Daniels were in Oklahoma this week to return grandson Logan to his home there.

Robert Leeder was in Clarendon on Friday.

Cheryl and Carey Don Smith of McLean and Stacie, Keith and Kameron Knight left Friday for San Diego, California to meet Donnie Smith when his ship comes in.

Fred Cable left Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Kansas and Oklahoma and will return sometime this week.

J. W. Meacham, and daughter, Donna Vineyard and grandson Shane Vineyard, Charlie Don, Laurie, and Katy, spent a week vacationing in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Katy is the great-granddaughter of Mr. Meacham. Donna Vineyard and family traveled on to Calif. to visit Nancy and Doyle Billingsley.

Visiting Jodie Thomas and Velma Kinard over the 4th of July weekend was Sandra and Mika Clark of Pampa and Debbie, Jerry, Megan, April and Zachory Beaty from Idalou.

Jerry Stubblefield formerly of McLean has returned to M.D. Anderson Hospital at Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Stubblefield spent the 4th of July with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Light at Lake Tanglewood.

Denna Tidwell, Kristi and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on Friday.

BRIEFS

Ethan McCracken registered Monday, June 26 at the Phoenix Institute of Technology in Phoenix, Arizona. He enrolled in their two year electronics course. His mailing address is: Ethan McCracken, 5104 East Van Buren, Apt. #2087, Phoenix, Az 85008.

Briefs

Visiting the Ruben Flores family for two weeks was Buck and Craig Weston from Richland, N.C.

Buck enjoyed playing golf again this year. He played in the golf scramble.

Visiting Venice Wright was her daughter and son-in-law, Roy and Rowena Brewer, Trevor and Travis from Barstow, Calif. They went on to Arkansas to visit and will return to McLean to visit again before returning home.

The Gray County 4-H Fashion Show was held June 27th at the Pampa Mall. Lacy Steel and Jessica Fish in the junior division modeled casual daywear. Jessica won and modeled in the district wide area at Panhandle July 7, 1992.

UPCOMING STOCK SHOWS

Cow Chip Classic - Beaver, Oklahoma; July 31 - Swine Show and Sheep Show; August 7 - Steer-Heifer Show.

Wheatheart Summer Classic - Perryton, Texas; August 8 - Steer, Heifer, and Lamb Show.

Tri-State Fair - Amarillo, Texas, September 20-25.

State Fair of Texas - Dallas, Texas, October.

Dawson County Fair Swine Show - Lamesa, Texas, September 19 - Swine.

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by Carl Dwyer
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1. Carl Dwyer and: Carla Dwyer with her two children, Amy and Matt Beghtel, and her finance, Jeffrey Rolinc; Mary and Kenny Cole with their children, Desiree, Kendra and Tuck.

2. Joe and Janice Dwyer and: Dale and Jana Boyce with daughter Erin; Robbie and Jenny Shaver with son Zack.

3. Mary Dwyer 2nd: Nelson Dwyer. Ray and Connie Dwyer with their children, Lindsey and Landon, and their nephew, Scott Roberts. Dale and Rose Steel, 2nd their children, Lacey and Shaley.


4. Brad and Joy Dwyer and their son, Sean. Brad is Archie Dwyer's son.

5. Jerry and Nancy Dwyer, and their sons, Joe and Jed. Jerry is the son of Arthur Dwyer.

6. Martha Sue Lunsford, 2nd her son, Eddie, and his friend, Jason Savage. Martha is Martin Dwyer's daughter.

7. Oran Durham and his grandson, Dusty Rodgers.

We're looking forward to next July 4th if we are still kicking.


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The usual check delivery days are the 1st of the month for SSI checks and the 3rd of the month for Social Security checks. Social Security can process a claim, for a lost SSI check on the 4th of the month or for a lost Social Security check the 6th of the month.

If the delivery date falls on a weekend or on a legal holiday, checks are delivered on the last banking day before then. And claims for lost checks can be processed three postal delivery days later.

The most common reason checks are late is because changes of address are not reported to us. If you move, be sure to put in a change of address form with the post office - in addition to informing the Social Security of your new address. Many people use direct deposit to have their benefit checks sent to a savings or checking account at a bank. They generally find that direct deposit is safer and more convenient than getting their checks by mail. If you want to start direct deposit call your bank, or our office at 806/669-1010.

The local Social Security office is located at 125 South Gillespie. Office hours are 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except on national holidays.

people who continue to work after age 65, your most recent earnings are your highest earnings and

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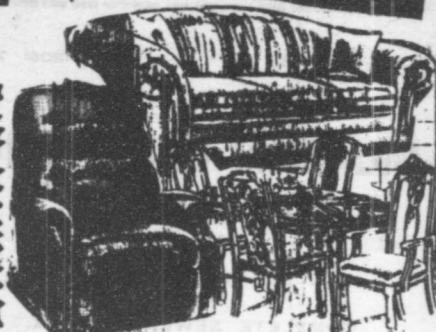
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