

# The Groom News

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## Groom Area Hit By 2nd Snow Storm Of Season



Road closings, tourists stranded, trucks being pulled out by wreckers, and busy law enforcement officers and road crews was last week's scene around Groom and the Panhandle. The Thanksgiving snow storm slowed holiday travelers with icy roads, 35 mile per hour winds and blowing snow. Pictured above, Love's Country Store, Conway was very busy with stranded motorists. Below, 4th Street in Groom was snow packed causing very little movement on all city streets.

The blizzard of November 24th will be one that is remembered for many years to come around here. The arctic storm blew into the Texas Panhandle at approximately 4:30 am last Tuesday morning.

At 6:00 am school officials put out the word that school would start an hour late. By 6:45 conditions had deteriorated to the point that school was called off for the day.

DPS Trooper Joe Longway said, "Driving was treacherous, there were so many trucks jackknifed that it was dangerous just to be out."

Longway who writes the now infamous "As The Interstate Turns" had this report!

On Monday November 23rd a vehicle from Kentucky was stopped by Deputy Joe Leatherwood for a report of a gun being fired from the car. A search was conducted with the assistance of DPS. A 45 automatic was discovered. DPS also noticed the serial number had been deliberately scraped off. The subject was taken into custody. The weapon and the subject were turned over to ATF

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## Community Calendar

**THE GIRL SCOUT** Troops of Groom will be holding a canned food drive this month. Collection boxes will be available at various Christmas functions throughout the holiday season. The Festival of Lights and each church program are some specific times you can make your donation.

**4-H MEETING** will be December 10th at 7:00 p.m. Program will be on getting ready for stock show.

**OOPS!** The Christmas Edition will be published on December 23 instead of December 3 as previously reported.

**ATTENTION !!!!** Our picture box is full to overflowing! We have pictures of Groom Day, Graduation, Football, Basketball, and lots in between, up to three years ago. We are now offering all the pictures in the big box for 10¢ each. January 1, 1993 all of these pictures will be destroyed. Please come take a look if you are a picture lover. Many were never in print for one reason or another. This is a great offer! Don't pass it up!

**ALL ATHLETIC** facilities at school will be closed December 19-27th.

**RETAKES,** Basketball and Homecoming pictures will be made December 7th.

**GROOM COUNTRY** Neighbors will meet at the home of Theresa Wills at 1:30 p.m. on December 9th.

**THE SQUARE HOUSE** Museum will present a program at the school on December 16.

**DECEMBER 7** will be the date for Basketball pictures.

**THE GROOM ISD** will host a Christmas Concert on December 17.

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#### Nice List

Bobby Babcock and Tom Reed giving the Groom News Editor a push in front of the post office. Sad part is that the dingbat had her brake on! Oops!

Tony Treadwell, Jay Lamb and Ronny Fields pulling tourists out of the snow and bringing them to town.

The Barkley boys, Chance, Thane, and Chad being especially good and minding Mom by staying in the truck while Mom and Dad put up Christmas decorations downtown.

Randy Miller and Byron Staton for finding and turning in the band's money box.

#### Naughty List

April Burton and Marty Phillips throwing snowballs at poor Dome (the steer).

All the truckers who didn't heed Trooper Joe Longways warning to get off I-40 and stay off during the blizzard.

John Koetting giving Betty Treadwell a hard time over a little pepper.

According to Toni, Pav has been being a scrooge, but she is expecting an attitude reversal, momentarily.



## Festival Of Lights Kicks Off Christmas Season Downtown

The Christmas Season will officially begin Thursday evening with the first annual Festival of Lights in downtown Groom at 6:30 p.m.

The event is a joint effort between Ladies League and the City of Groom. Several volunteers braved cold winds to hang lights and garland over the weekend.

In addition to the lighting festivities to be held in front of the Groom Hardware Store the Groom youth will serenade spectators with Christmas carols. Mark Metzger of the United Methodist Church will give

a devotional. Refreshments,

provided by the Senior Citizens and served by Groom Girl Scouts, will be available in the community center.

Many other holiday events will be occurring over the next three weeks.

The First Baptist Church will hold their Christmas Program on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold their Christmas play on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. The United Methodist Church plans their Christmas program on December 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Other events include: The Lions Club Ladies

Night on December 5th. The Post Office will host an open-house on December 15, while the Bank will hold theirs on December 22.

The school will have a holiday program on the 17th.

The City of Groom's home decorating contest will be judged sometime the week of December 14th. Pat Ashford stated that the judges usually spend more than one evening looking at the homes. Residents need to be sure to leave their lights on in the evening that whole week.

If you have other Christmas activities please let the News know about it.

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## Local Happenings

Visiting Allie and Norris Hoyt on Monday was daughter Jerry and husband Gerald Been, and their children Sidney and Elishka Been, all of Moore, Oklahoma.

Melanie Britten, Groom, will be featured entertainment at the Ninth Annual Festival of Christmas Trees in Pampa, Texas on December 5.

Joining Melanie will be Kim Fields, Stephanie Ollinger, Bo Burgin and Bryan Crowell all of Groom. Accompanist will be by Leslie Crowell.

Debbie, Jennifer and Jarrod Haning, Zoah and Carlene Britten attended the wedding of Michelle Britten and Kenny King, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, Saturday the 21st. Michelle is the daughter of Glenn and Beatrice Britten. As the Texans were returning home Saturday evening they met up with a snow storm and were stranded in Elk City for the night.

Mrs. Lucille Case spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mary Dell and Allen Burke in Amarillo. Other family members were Kristy Knorpp of Dallas; Steven Burke of Austin; Scott and Lori Nolan and children, Jordan and Alyssa Nolan of Amarillo.

Visitors in the Glynn D Harrell home his past week were W.M. York of Austin, brother of Mrs. Harrell and their grandson, Jason Eschle of Lubbock.

Louise and Bob Mulkey of Panhandle hosted the Harrell family Thanksgiving dinner at their home. Twenty one family members attended.

Charles Frederick Hood, Sr. of Panhandle, brother-in-law of Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, died Sunday, Nov. 22. Services were held at the United Methodist Church at Panhandle Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell and Jason Eschle attended.

Enjoying dinner at Holy and Ken Burgers on Thanksgiving were Donna and Dean Burger, Jeffery Fields; Pam, Steve, Mary and Sarah Hutsell; Joyce and Ralph Hutsell, along with Kenzi, Chris and Jolee, who came in from Texas A&M on Wednesday.

Visiting Doris and Arnold Kuehler over the holiday were Karla and Donald Vasek and family of Hereford.

Mary Nell and Bobby Crownover played host to the Britten family on Thanksgiving Day. Visiting were Marla with children, Macie, Lanie and Wyatt; Pat and children, Brett and Blaine, and Nell Britten. Also joining the crowd was Mary's daughter, Kim, who was home from San Angelo State. Mike had to stay home and work on clearing the roads.

April Burton spent the better part of the holiday with grandparents, Al and Virginia Alward of Claude.

### GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

December 3 - Calvin Clay Schaffer, Darlene Jones, Jill Ann Britten, Lillian Elizabeth Wakefield, Forrest McLaughlin.

December 4 - R. A. Snyder, Donna O'Dell.

December 7 - W. A. Cornett.

December 8 - Brooke Michelle Britten, Kay Britten, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. McLaughlin (A).

December 9 - Emolea London.

### THANK YOU CARD

A big Thank You to everyone who was so good to Gene when he was in the hospital and during the snow storm. Your friendship and kindness are deeply appreciated.  
The Gene Wade Family

### GROOM SCHOOL MENU

December 7 - Breakfast: Cold cereal, hot cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili, beans, grated cheese, tator tots, cornbread, crackers, applesauce, milk.

December 8 - Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey & noodles, cheese zombies, mixed vegetables, carrot sticks, strawberry shortcake, milk.

December 9 - Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, pickle spears, brownies, milk.

December 10 - Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk. Lunch: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot sliced bread, vanilla pudding w/cookie, milk.

December 11 - Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk. Lunch: German sausage, butter potatoes, broccoli spears w/cheese sauce, pull apart bread, Reeses peanut butter cups, milk.

After three days attempting to reach the airport, Helen Witt flew to Texarkana on Thanksgiving Day to spend the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peek and Brent in English, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt, Rheagan and Rachel, of Alto, and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Milbourne of Safety Harbor, Florida, were already there. She returned home Sunday night.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Great big thanks to Chief, Daniel and Leonard for braving the storm and bringing me home. Also a big thanks to Keith Barkley and his crew for bringing my car home.  
Kenneth Payton

The Baker's; Jo Ann, Jess, Brian and Craig went to visit daughter Karen and family in Eunice, New Mexico over the holidays. While there they went to Carlsbad Caverns. That area enjoyed much nicer weather than we did, they reported.

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## 2nd Snow Storm Slows Thanksgiving Holiday Travelers

pending federal charges. On Tuesday, November 24th, the blizzard of '92 struck. With the outstanding assistance of the Groom Volunteer Fire Department, Bivens Automotive, Keith and Lee Barkley, Ronnie Gray and many others all stranded motorists from the KOA to Conway were placed safely in a warm shelter. Four accidents were worked that


day all involving truck tractors. A man was heard to have said, "I don't know if they can put out fires, but Tony and his guys sure can work during a storm." On Wednesday, November 25th the roads were reopened at approximately 12 noon. That resulted in 5 accidents on IH-40 all east of Conway. All drivers were issued a citation for Unsafe

Speed. On Thursday, November 26th several accidents were reported on IH-40 west of Conway. All accidents were worked by Trooper Ray of Panhandle and assisted by Trooper Davis. On Saturday, November 28th the last vehicle was retrieved from the snow bank on IH-40. It took 4 1/2 hours to remove hay from the trailer and pull the

truck out resulting in diverting traffic off the interstate near FM 295. It's nice to know I live in a community where the people can come together in times of crisis and help those in need. Some gave up time. Some gave up food and gas. Everyone should be extremely proud of themselves. I'm sure your help to those stranded motorists will not be soon

forgotten. Another problem created by the storm was the delay of the printing of The Groom News. "In 14 years I think only one other time have we not been able to get to Canyon

to print the papers," said Publisher Phil Miller. Between the storm and the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, it was Friday before the papers went out. The U.S. Mail, The Amarillo Globe News and The Pampa News all saw delays. Every store in town was out of bread and milk. Some restaurants ran out completely and some rationed what they had left. Warmer temperatures brought about some melting on Thursday and Friday. Groom continues to dig out and assess any damage as they await the next cold front expected Thursday or Friday.



**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of Carson County I would like to extend our appreciation to all of the many people who worked so faithfully, hour after hour, to respond to the community and county needs during our recent snow storm.

Thanks especially to all City, County, State and Federal personnel for your efforts and for the citizens who housed stranded motorists. You are to be commended.

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- \*Doctor of Medicine, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines
- \*Internship - Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn
- \*Residency - Urology - Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, NY and Methodist Hospital, New York

The medical specialty Urology is the science which deals with the genitourinary tract in males and the urinary tract in females. Dr. Grabato, who came to Pampa in 1978, treats prostate disease, impotence, male sexual dysfunction, urinary tract disorders, male infertility, kidney stones, urinary incontinence, and voiding dysfunction. His practice includes both adults and children. In addition to his practice in Pampa, he has office hours in Perryton on a regular basis.

"The technology and treatments for urology are changing so quickly that I attend several seminars each year to stay abreast of current developments," Dr. Grabato said. The Urology Clinic and Regional Prostate Center is one of the best equipped clinics of its kind in the Panhandle. "I've put state-of-the-art equipment in my office so that most many diagnostic tests can be performed here, conveniently for the patient," he said.

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### Ladies League Elects Officers

Ladies League met in November at Shonda Ruthardt's house. Members present were Karen Reid, Whitney Crum, Kathleen Barkley, Sandra Britten, Melaney Martin, Charlotte Whatley, Shonda Ruthardt, Toni Pavlovsky and Ann

Howard. Shonda made some wonderful chicken enchiladas and everyone filled up and ate more than we should have.

Kathleen Barkley and Karen Reid were the winners of the door prizes.

New officers were elected, they are: President, Toni Pavlovsky; Vice-President, Karen Reid; Treasurer, Melaney Martin; Program Chairman,

Charlotte Whatley, and Tina Painter.

Our Christmas party will be held at Ann Howard's home on December 12th at 8:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. Check with Shonda if you need to know what to bring. Also bring your Christmas and revealing gifts. A good time is guaranteed for everyone.

### Panhandle Woman New Texas PTA President

Dixie Surratt, Panhandle, was installed as president of the more than 800,000-member Texas PTA Nov. 23 at the Texas PTA 83rd Annual Convention in Houston.

Surratt had served as the first vice president of the Texas PTA since November 1990. She has been an active PTA member for almost 30 years.

Surratt has been honored with many awards for her service to PTA including the highest honor in Texas PTA, the Extended Service Award. Other awards have included: the National PTA Life Membership, the Texas PTA Life Membership, the Distinguished Woman's Award by West Texas State University, and being named

this year's Citizen of the Year for Panhandle.

Among her many activities, Surratt is active in the First United Methodist Church, Panhandle ISD Board of Trustees, American Cancer Board for Carson County, Dianthus Club, Erudite-Fine Club, Square House Museum Board of Trustees, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Circle of Friends - Harrington Cancer Center, and the School Volunteer Program for Panhandle ISD.

Surratt is married to Bill Surratt. She has three sons and one daughter.



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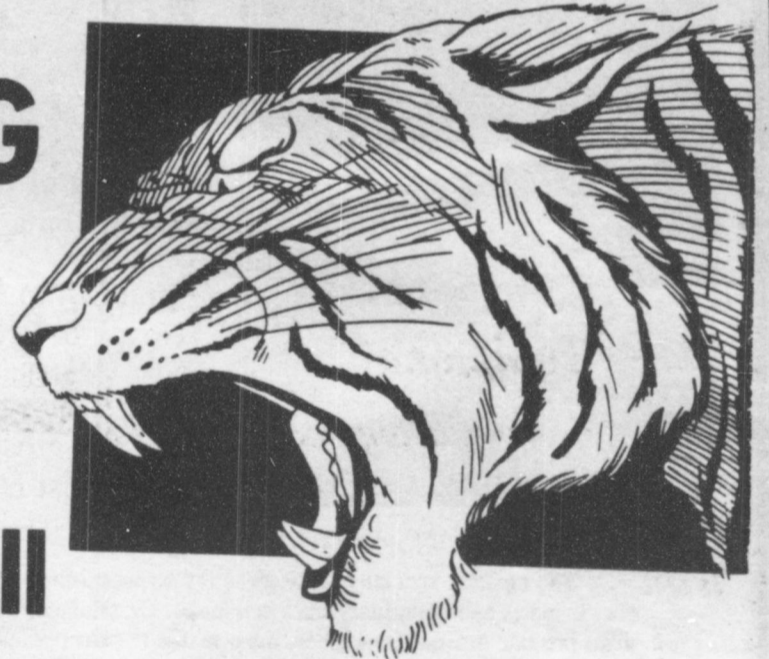
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# Obituaries

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## C. F. "Fred" Hood

Charles Fredrick (Fred) Hood died Sunday, November 22, 1992, at Vivian's Nursing Home in Amarillo after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Panhandle with Rev. John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Panhandle Cemetery with Masonic rites by Carson Lodge.

Mr. Hood was born November 20, 1899 in Denison and moved to Coal County, Oklahoma at 3 weeks of age. He attended schools in Lehigh, OK and was a graduate of Draughton's Business College of Oklahoma City.

He came to Panhandle on July 19, 1919. He married Theima York in Amarillo on September 16, 1924.

He was on the crew of the first gas well drilled in the Panhandle area and owned and operated the first Chevrolet agency in Borger. He continued in the oil business as a salesman for Universal Oil Company of Panhandle until World War II, when he went to Borger to operate a warehouse for Phillips Rubber plant until it was closed.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Charles F. Hood, Jr. of Amarillo; three grandsons; four great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; two

sisters, Ruth Vaughn of Atoka, OK and Grace Taylor of Morton; and a brother, John Hood of Atoka.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

## Donald L. Dillman

Donald L. Dillman, 56, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1992.

Services were 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa, with the Rev. Phu Phan, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Dillman was born in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. He married Sally Reid in 1981 at Pampa. He worked for Texaco Oil Co. as a pumper for 25 years. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Sally; two sons, Lee Dillman of Pampa, and Perry Dillman of Baton Rouge, La.; one step-son Tim Eads of Dallas; two step-daughters, Terri Palser and Tammy Harbin, both of Carrollton; two sisters, Janice Rucker of Pampa, and Norma Jean Homer, of Groom; a niece, Raylynn Cline, of Groom; a granddaughter; and five step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

## Douglas Clark

Douglas Clark, husband of a former Groom resident, passed away on November 27, 1992.

Services were held at 2:00 pm Monday in Pampa, with graveside services at the Groom cemetery.

Born on May 2, 1927, he was a lifelong resident of Pampa. He married Bernice Hahn on June 15, 1956. He retired from IRI International, where he had worked as a truck driver for 19 years, in 1986.

He was an Air Force

veteran of WW II, a member of the American Legion, a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 966 and a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice; two daughters, Jerry Been of Moore, Oklahoma, and

Sandra Thomas of Texas; a son, Doug Clark of Oklahoma; one brother, Alvin B. Clark of Amarillo. He also had three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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## County Sheriff's Report

By Sheriff Loren Brand

The major focus of the Sheriff's Department during the past week has been dealing with the many

storm-related assignments and emergencies which occurred.

Sheriff's deputies assisted the Texas Highway Patrol at the scene of numerous traffic accidents and provided traffic direction where semi-tractors had jackknifed on the interstate.

Deputies transported stranded motorists to shelter and assisted area farmers and ranchers in searching for and securing strayed cattle.

The sheriff's department, Texas Highway Patrol, Panhandle EMS and Pantex EMS responded to a report of a woman who had been bit in the face by a dog. The call came during the most severe part of the blizzard and the injured party was transported from her home by four-wheel drive vehicle to the awaiting ambulance for transport to Amarillo.

The Carson County Sheriff's Department worked with area law enforcement agencies in coordinating missing person reports and keeping family members of stranded persons informed of their location.

The sheriff's department was called on two occasions when a restaurant along Interstate 40 attempted to evict nearly fifty persons from the building so the restaurant could be closed. With the assistance of the County Judge, the restaurant owner was

advised of the legal consequences of not complying with the current state of emergency and the necessity to protect stranded motorists from the blizzard conditions.

In another case, the Carson County Sheriff and deputies met with an Interstate 40 motel owner when attempts were made to raise the motel rates for persons who were stranded at the motel. The Carson County Attorney assisted our department in explaining the laws regarding such activities to the motel owner.

The sheriff's department is continuing to work with the South Carolina Bureau of Investigation and a South Carolina Sheriff's Department in an investigation dealing with the disappearance of a South Carolina man. Foul play is suspected in his disappearance.

A subject wanted for Forgery in Carson County has been located and arrested in Broken Bow, Nebraska. The subject has waived extradition and will be brought back to Panhandle to face trial on the charges.

### MOVIE TO PREMIERE

"Leap of Faith" is scheduled to premiere in Dallas on December 15. Governor Ann Richards and dignitaries from the Texas Film Commission are expected to attend.

## Junior High Wins 1 Loses 3 To White Deer

Jr. High faced off with White Deer in four games Monday night. 7th grade girls opened the competition with a win 33 to 20.

Jessica Friemel led the scoring with 12 points. Angie Conrad and April Burton pulled in 6 each, while Kay Lynn Britten netted 4 and Mary Hutsell had 3 points.

The eighth grade girls lost a very close game with a final score of Groom 18, White Deer 22. Christy Galvan and Julie Richardson each scored 5 points and Stephanie Ollinger and Brenda Fields had 4 each.

The seventh grade boys had another close match. Toby Burgin collected 15 points for the Cubs while C.J. Whatley had 4, Todd Gray had 2 and Michael Stephens had 1. Their final score was Groom 22 White Deer 27.

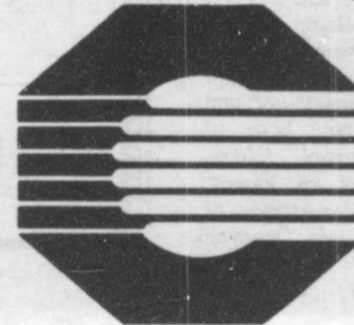
The eighth grade boys had a difficult match. The cubs lost 12-37. Brad Sustaure scored 6 points, Justin Ritter and Byron Slaton had 2 points.



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## FIRE DESTROYS BARN ... CAUSE UNKNOWN



### A FIRE IN McLEAN

On Thursday Nov. 26th about noon there was an explosion on the southwest edge of town at the "Windmill" R.V. trailer park.

A metal barn which was used to store all type of machinery, welding equipment, lawn mowers and a Volkswagon were destroyed in the fire. The fire quickly destroyed the barn and all the contents.

At presstime it is unknown what caused the fire. The park belongs to Bob and Anita Morris of Amarillo, Texas.

## BIVINS DECIPHERS PLAN

The county unit plan was conceived by Steve Ogden, a Republican state representative from Bryan. Steve is an oilman and an ex-naval officer who in his words "roamed around the bottom of the oceans in submarines doing nuclear physics." As you might guess, he is an extremely bright fellow.

The Ogden Plan, which I have filed in the Texas Senate, is the result of Steve's best efforts to respond to the latest Texas Supreme Court decision in Edgewood v. Kirby. The court found Senate Bill 351, which created county education districts, to be unconstitutional for basically two reasons. First, it created a taxing district, the CED, without allowing for a vote of the people. Secondly, the court said that imposing a tax on each CED was really the creation of a statewide property tax, which directly violates the state Constitution.

The Ogden county unit system would address these two issues by creating 254 county units. These units could levy a tax up to \$1 that would be applied to all of the property within the county and used for education. The proceeds of the tax would be used only within the county. Instead of the Legislature

mandating a tax vote as it did in Senate Bill 351, the Ogden plan allows residents of the county to vote on a tax rate. If they voted to adopt the maximum tax rate of \$1 then the students in that county would be entitled to the maximum amount of state matching aid. They could, however, adopt a lower tax rate and be entitled to a proportionately reduced amount of state aid. So if they adopted an 80 cent tax rate, for example, they would be entitled to 80 percent of maximum state aid.

This approach to the creation of the county unit system avoids both problems the court found with our prior attempt. It allows the people of the county to vote to create the district and to choose a tax rate they are willing to subject themselves to.

In the second part, the county unit system would allow each school district within a county unit to levy its own "enrichment tax" above the tax rate adopted at the county level. This enrichment tax would be limited to no more than 40 percent of the tax rate adopted at the county level. Thus if the people in a county unit voted to adopt a dollar tax rate, then each individual school district could, if it chose, impose an

enrichment tax of 40 cents above that dollar.

The county unit system accomplishes a great deal of equalization by consolidating the tax bases of school districts within counties. CEDs did the same thing. However, the refreshing aspect of the county unit system plan is that in West Texas, there would no longer be multi-county CEDs rather each county would have its own county unit. Even more refreshing from my point of view is the taxpayers within the county would be allowed to select a tax rate as opposed to having one crammed down their throats by the Legislature in Austin.

A question that always comes up is, how would this plan handle school districts like Dalhart ISD that exist in two counties? There are two ways to deal with this issue. First, Ogden has proposed that the dollars raised within one county would go to the school district where those students attended school. He proposes this solution even

### GIRLS HIT, BOYS MISS IN MATCH UP WITH WHITE DEER

The Lady Tigers got the season off to a win, beating White Deer 63-43. The Tigers had a little more trouble, losing by the narrow margin of 56-51 in White Deer's favor.

On November 23 the Junior High traveled to Claude. Both teams ran into difficulty. The girls lost, scoring 7 to Claude's 43. The boys had a tough time, Claude winning 33-14.

November 30 brought the Col's to McLean's home territory. The Lady Cubs lost by a narrow margin 8 to 16. The boys lost 8-31 to Claude.

### HAYNES CELEBRATE

The children of Sam and Linda Haynes hosted a party Saturday night at the Devil's Rope Museum to honor the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. They were married December 20, 1967 in Dumas.

Hosting the event were Mr. and Mrs. Thacker Haynes and J. T. of

McLean; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Evans, Chris and Jack of El Paso; Kathy, Kris, and Charles Carter of McLean; Mr. and Mrs. Shearton Carter, Alexandria and Shermie of Dallas; and Dollie Haynes of McLean.

More than 100 attended the party.

if the two counties have adopted different tax rates. My bill on the other hand would simply attach a multi-county school district to the county in which the administration building of the school district exists. So that if the administration building of the Dalhart ISD is in Dalhart the people who live within DISD and also Hartley County would vote in the Dallam County election. My approach would avoid the problem of a school district having revenues per student from one county that were more than from the other county.

There are a whole host of other issues that must be addressed before we can adopt a county unit system. I believe these issues can be resolved. More importantly, I believe that the politics within the Texas Legislature at this time appear to be very positive. That is to say I believe that we are closer than ever to adopting a constitutional school funding plan. That assumes, of course, that my plan doesn't die over the holidays.

### REMINDERS

**SANTA CLAUS** will pay his yearly visit to the Bank of Commerce, Monday, December 14th. More information will be in next weeks paper.

**THE McLEAN LIONS Club** will be having the "Decorate Your Home" contest again this year. Judges will choose four homes to honor this year.

**McLEAN SCHOOL Board** will meet December 8th at 7:00 p.m.

**MASONIC LODGE** meeting will be on December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

**McLEAN CITY Council** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 10th.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS Trees** of all sizes are on sale now through December 22nd at the parking lot by the Assembly of God Church.

**BASKETBALL Tournament** at Miami beginning Dec. 3rd. Varsity girls play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys play at 7:30 pm.

**OOPS!** The Christmas Edition will be published on December 23 instead of December 3 as previously reported.

## SMITHS VOYAGE TO CARIBBEAN

Carey Don and Cheryl Smith just returned from a Carribean Cruise on the S S Norway. They spent Thanksgiving in St. Thomas, V.I. The weather was beautiful with temperatures in the 80's and 90's.

Ports of call were St. Martin, St. John, St. Thomas and Pleasure Island in the Bahamas's.

They thought of home every time the weather report for the Texas Panhandle was given.

They returned Saturday, November 28th to weather that really was unpleasant.



**McLEAN BIRTHDAYS  
ANNIVERSARIES**

December 4 - Cecil Back, Inez Trostie, Buck Lee, David Burrow.

December 5 - Tammy Carter, Ryan Swanson, Marjorie Turnage, Dean Williamson.

December 6 - Mike Long, Bud Steel.

December 7 - Mary Emma Woods, Dawson Jackson.

December 8 - Randall Wynn, Vela Gaye Richards, Jamie Glas.

December 9 - Katy Graham, Verna Biggers, Allen Turpin.

Visiting Jodie Thomas and Velma Kinard over the weekend were Donna, Kent, Ashley and Hunter Payne, Lubbock, Texas; Kathy and Lacy Thomas, Amarillo; and Jerry, Debbie, April, Megan and Zachory Beaty, Idalou, Texas.

College students home for Thanksgiving were Misty Magee from Baylor at Waco; Tanner Hess, Clarendon College; J.T. Haynes, Destry Magee, and David Johnson, South Plains College at Levelland; Heidi Syfrett, McMurray; Donna Watson, and Trac Hess, Texas Tech.

Also visiting family and friends was Heather Hess from Idalou, Texas.

A.W. Lankford and Mickey Jackson were in Plano for the holiday visiting relatives, Kay Shafer and family of Plano and Jim and Iva Dell Kahls of Galliano, Louisiana.

The Roger McCracken family left Thursday to visit their son Ethan at Phoenix, Arizona.

Ethan is a student at Phoenix Institute of Technology.

Christopher Littlefield was in McLean over the Thanksgiving holiday visiting his family.

Chris is a student at South Plains in Levelland.

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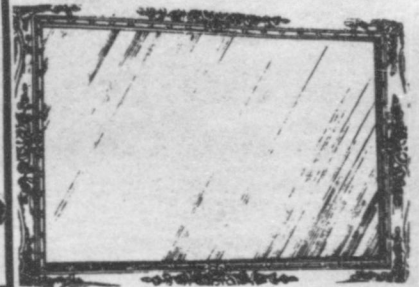
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Special thanks to Rev. Thacker Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson.

We would also like to extend our deep appreciation to E.D. "Shorty" Gaston for being a true and giving friend to our father and grandfather.

May God richly bless each of you.

The Family of  
 Bob Massey

**WEATHER REPORT**

Precipitation	
August	.71 inch
September	0
October	0
November	2.27 inches
Total for year	25.14 inches

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**McLEAN SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

December 7 - Corndogs, pork & beans, french fries, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

December 8 - Vegetable beef stew, peanut butter/jelly or pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, fruit, milk.

December 9 - Frito pie,

tossed salad, refried beans, Rice K bars, milk.

December 10 -

December 11 - Oven fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, hot rolls, butter, honey, milk.

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## McLean Care Center Highlights

This past week has been full of thankfulness and snow. Thelma Hopkins had a birthday Saturday.

Rev. Dean Williamson had services Sunday afternoon. Monday the residents

made potpourri bells out of Jet-Dry holders, cedar forest potpourri and ribbon. Those enjoying the get together and aroma were Leon Burch, Imogene King, Teresa Richardson, Nora Moore, Annie Eudey, Lorena Bailey and Eula Morrow. They also worked on their pencil holders started back in the summertime. After dinner Imogene went to her sister's home in Alanreed for the holidays. Loree Barker, Clifflie Heasley and Sylvia McClelland came to help with Bingo. The residents playing were: Adelle

Walker, Clyde Trusty, Kitty Hesse, Thelma Hopkins, Dick Wheeler, Leon Burch, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Winnie Hayes, and Mattie Wheeler. Snow greeted everyone Tuesday morning. Music was played for awhile after the lights went out. Later Robbie Wilson played some hymns. In the afternoon Eula Morrow, Dick Wheeler, Leon Burch, and Lorena Bailey played dominoes. Those spending an enjoyable day at home and eating a delicious Thanksgiving dinner were

Eula Morrow, Lorena Bailey and Claude Simmons. We are selling tickets to raffle a doll made by Oma Trew on Dec. 19 at the Christmas Party. The Holiday Dinner will be Dec. 12.

We have a covered pie plate, if you have lost one, please come by and see this one.

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### DS1 Service

DS1 Service is an intraLATA Private Line Service which provides a dedicated, high capacity channel which may be used for simultaneous two-way transmission of voice data or other digitally encoded customer information signals. DS1 Service provides a transmission speed of 1.544 Mbps and is designed to provide an average performance of at least 95 percent error-free seconds of transmission over a continuous 24-hour period.

DS1 Service is available in and between all exchanges of GTE-SW and Contel where digital facilities exist. DS1 Service is available on a point-to-point intraLATA basis between two Customer Designated Locations (CDL), between a Serving Wire Center (SWC) and a CDL, between a CDL and a point of connection with another service provider or between two SWCs.

IntraLATA DS1 Private Line Service is comprised of three rate elements: DS1 Local Loop, DS1 Transport and DS1 Transport Termination. Each element is described below.

### DS1 Local Loop

This rate element is for the cable facilities from the CDL to the SWC. The customer has two payment options for the purchase of DS1 Local Loops. There is a month-to-month plan or term contract Optional Payment Plan (OPP).

The month-to-month payment basis allows the customer to establish and disconnect DS1 Services, without penalty, other than to meet the minimum service interval of one month's service, as needed. Under the month-to-month service, the additional DS1 Local Loop rate applies only when the additional DS1 Local Loop (s) is (are) ordered at the same time and between the same two CDLs as the first DS1 Local Loop.

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### DS1 Transport

This rate element is for the mileage sensitive charges for transporting a DS1 signal between Serving Wire Centers. Transport occurs only when the two CDLs being connected are served by two different SWCs.

### DS1 Transport Termination

This rate element is for the equipment to terminate DS1 Transport at the SWCs. This charge applies only when DS1 Transport is required for the service configuration of the customer. One transport termination charge applies at each end of the DS1 Transport.

### Proposed Rates and Charges for DS1 Service are as follows:

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rates
<b>DS1 Local Loop</b>		
Month-to-Month		
First System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 298.00
12-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 283.00
36-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 255.00
60-month term		
First System	-0-	\$ 226.00
Additional System	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
<b>DS1 Transport</b>		
Per airline mile	-0-	\$ 16.00
<b>DS1 Transport Termination</b>		
Per Termination	-0-	\$ 40.00

### Digital Data Service

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DDS Service is available in and between all exchanges of GTE-SW and Contel where digital facilities exist. DDS Service is available on a point-to-point intraLATA basis between two CDLs or between a CDL and a point of connection with another service provider.

IntraLATA DDS Private Line Service is comprised of three rate elements: DDS Local Loop, DDS Transport and DDS Transport Termination. Each element is described below.

### DDS Local Loop

This rate element is for the cable facilities from the CDL to the SWC. The customer may establish and disconnect DDS Local Loops without penalty other than the minimum service interval of one month's service, as his/her needs demand.

### DDS Transport

This rate element is for the mileage sensitive charges for transporting a DDS signal between SWCs. Transport occurs only when the two CDLs being connected are served by two different SWCs.

### DDS Transport Termination

This rate element is for the equipment to terminate DDS Transport at the SWCs. This charge applies only when DDS Transport is required for the service configuration of the customer. One transport termination charge applies at each end of the service.

### Proposed rates and charges for DDS are as follows:

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rates
<b>DDS Local Loop</b>		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6, & 19.2 Kbps	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
56 Kbps	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00
<b>DDS Transport</b>		
Per airline mile		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6 & 19.2 Kbps	-0-	\$ 1.60
56 Kbps	-0-	\$ 3.20
<b>DDS Transport Termination</b>		
2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2 & 56 Kbps	-0-	\$ 20.00
Per Termination		

This filing has been assigned Consolidated Docket Nos. 11408/11435. The deadline to intervene in this docket is January 1, 1993.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Division of the Public Utility Commission at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



### ALANREED NEWS

The Bill Tidwells had their family home for Thanksgiving except for daughter Verna. Bad weather kept her home.

Word received here this past weekend of the passing of Virgil James at Winters, Texas. Mr. James, a Baptist minister, visited here a lot and officiated at several funerals in the family. His wife Lola was a niece of the late Mrs. F.B. Carter and cousin to the Carter boys and Virginia Dalton. He leaves his wife Lola, two daughters, Nolita Rice and Novelle Wade both of Winters and four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Burial services for Buster Painter, a Groom resident, were here Friday. Seems that Mr. Painter riding around with his son came upon our small cemetery and said "that's it!"

Bill Tidwell made a trip to Pampa Saturday to try to replenish our local supply of milk and bread.

Don't forget the Community Improvement meeting Saturday, December 5 at the school cafeteria, new time is 6:00 pm, covered dish supper.

The Bill Hambrights of Pampa were here over the weekend helping Vicki's parents celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Derna Tidwell and Nora Drago were in Pampa on Monday.

Word was received here this week of the death of Forrest Brents of Amarillo. Mr. Brents was a son-in-law of Mary and the late Hartley Davis, having married their daughter, Betty.

### HOLIDAY VISITS

The family of Ray and Eva Miller of Friona held their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Clyde and Linda Tims at Sunday on November 27th. Linda is the sister of Mary Lou Glass.

There were 52 present with 3 guests. It was reported everyone had a very good time, getting sister, brothers and all their families together at this time each year starts the holiday season out right.

Those attending with Mary Lou and Dale Glass were, Ray, Maridale, Lindsey and Lauren Davidson, Desoto; Sherry, Rachel, and Sandi Kramer from Skellytown; Jamie Glass, Ft. Worth; John Glass, Dallas; Terri Gillian Luna, Hutches; and Roddy, Angie, and Hollie, Lubbock.

The weather was bad but they all managed to make the trip.

Amy Lane and Russell Aiken, students at SWOSU in Weatherford were in route to their homes in Plainview and were stranded at Tony Smithermans on Tuesday and Wednesday.

They were turned back on the west edge of town and became stuck in a snowbank. He walked to seek help and also found lodging over night.



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**T**hank you for your cooperation and understanding during our lengthy weather related outage on November 24th.

**S**outhwestern Public Service Company wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to the following individuals:

**Ted Simmons**

County Commissioner Precinct 4

**Don Hauck**

Foreman

**Bill Billingsley • William Bradley**

**Donald Bradley • Joe Glass**

**Leland Myers**

**T**he County crews cleared snow drifts, rescued people in stuck vehicles and provided many other forms of assistance.

**W**e want to acknowledge the county's contribution to restoring service to the area and avoiding future delays.

Thank you again.

**Pat Durham**

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