

# The Groom News

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The Groom-McLean news staff feeling a little proud of their 4th place finish in the state press association held last week in Ft. Worth.

Sybil and Glynn D Harrell headed for White Deer's Senior Citizens lunch on Monday prepared by Margaret Whatley.

Phil Miller winning a fish bowl drawing for a fish lunch or dinner at Pampa's Furr's Cafeteria.

Winds in the Texas Panhandle not only gusty but disgusting.

Several Groom Rodeo enthusiast attending the Clarendon Rodeo and dance.

Records continuing to be set with the weather. 14 consecutive days of over 100 degree temperatures. July 4th temperature hitting the 105 degree mark.

Ed Hughes out for a drive on the 4th of July.

Some very tired volunteer firefighters after a weekend fighting grass fires and assisting with a huge fire south of Claude that destroyed a home.

Jay Lamb doing some fine work setting up records for the Groom Ambulance Department.

Mary and Jack Spence finally arriving at their new home in Groom. Their departure was delayed by Mary's surgery.

## Groom Volunteer Firefighters Spend Fourth Of July Fighting Blazes In Carson, Armstrong County

Groom Volunteer Firefighters deserve a medal after this weekend's events that kept them busy from Friday through Monday. However, firecrackers were not the cause of most of the trouble that kept the men operating in shifts almost around the clock.

Three weeks of 100+ weather has the countryside dry as a tinderbox just waiting for a spark. Momentum began building Friday with median fires and grass fires. In all the Fire Department responded to 13 calls on Friday. A spectacular lightning storm caused several CRP grass fires and set several bales of hay to blazing out at the feedlot.

Saturday, the firefighters responded to five calls including a small grass fire in the alley at 4th and Ware. Highline wires had fallen and sparked the blaze. They also were called to Armstrong County to help with an out of control brush fire.

"They (Armstrong County) have lost between 12,000 to 15,000 acres, and has been declared a state of emergency," stated Fire Chief Tony Treadwell. "The

fire burns out of control, much like you see in the California fires. When it gets down in the breaks of the canyons there is not much you can do. Cedar trees explode like bombs."

The men saved two houses Saturday and lost one to the blaze. The house that was lost belonged to a doctor from Amarillo who used it as a weekend retreat.

No one in this part of the country has equipment to fight this kind of fire," he continued, "The best we can do is wait until it comes up out of the canyons."

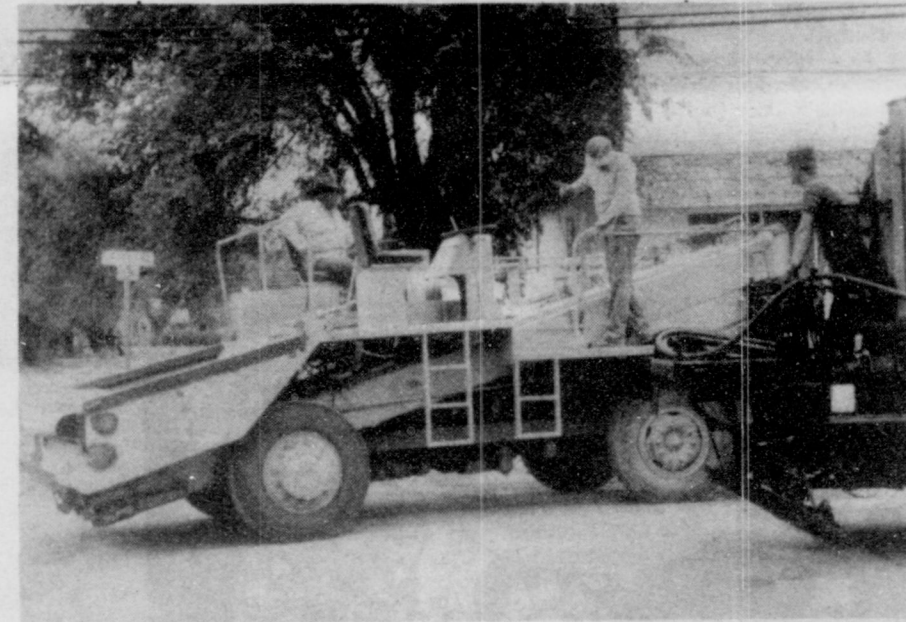
One of Groom's firetrucks nearly met with disaster. The Army tanker was in some pretty rough country when the vehicle died. Efforts to restart the truck were in vain. Finally, with the threat of fire closing in around them they had to abandon the truck. Just in the nick of time, Tony Treadwell and John Bohr made it to the vehicle, jump-started it and got it out just before it was engulfed in flames.

With as little as four to eight hours sleep in 48 hours the firemen were glad to see this July 4th end.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION AHEAD



Groom residents on the east end of town are pleased that the seal coating is done. Everyone should be aware of the loose gravel on the streets and take precautions during stopping and starting and not spin your tires.



## Britten Reunion Draws Family Members From Eleven States, 26 Texas Cities

Joannis Britten wed Susannah "Susan" Leuck on February 22, 1843 in Eft, Germany. Six of their nine children left Germany at an early age and came to America. Nicholous, Frank, Matthias "Matt", and Margarette "Maggie" lived and died in Iowa. John and Nicholous "Nick" left Iowa and came to Texas in 1908

and 1907, respectively.

The descendants of Nicholous, "Matt", John, and "Nick" Britten met on July 2 and 3 at the Groom Legion Hall for the first reunion of these families. Eleven states and 26 Texas cities were represented at the reunion with 366 people in attendance: 23 from Nicholous, 57 from "Nick", 96 from John, and 190 from the "Matt" families.

The reunion began with a celebration of the Mass at St. Mary's Church on Saturday evening followed by a meal of BBQ ham cooked by Cobb Britten and Co. and a dance featuring Melanie and Jerry Britten and friend for the young and old.

The evening ended with the talents of other Brittenites on stage.

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## Groom - McLean News Places Fourth In State Contest

The Groom/McLean News was honored at the Texas Press Association Convention, held last week in Fort Worth.

Competing in one of the largest categories, the weekly paper with a paid circulation of 1,001 to 2,000, the Groom/McLean News placed 4th in the Advertising Category.

"This is especially rewarding," Publisher Phil Miller stated, "We have worked hard to keep our advertising rates as low as possible and offer our customers the most for the advertising dollar."

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## Community Calendar

**WATER AEROBICS** are held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 pm. Call 248-7453 or 248-7971.

**GROOM DAY EVENTS** Anyone needing information about a specific Groom Day event may give them a call: Parade - Curtis or Dondra Downs, 248-7917. Open Ranchhorse - Pat Britten, 248-7389. Arts & Crafts Booths - Sandra Britten, 248-7226. 3 on 3 Basketball - Shirley Fields, 248-7435. Mini Museum - Karen Brown, 248-7210. Organization Games, Kids Games, Food Booths - Debbie Anthony - 248-7954.

**MELODRAMA** Practice will be held at the Groom School beginning June 29.

**GROOM DAY FOOD PREPARATION**  
Church of Christ - Potato Salad.  
Baptist Church - Cole Slaw.  
Christian Mothers - Beans.  
Sorority - Apricots, Onions, Pickles.  
Methodist Church - Potato Salad.

**TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS**  
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Corn-\$4.27

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### GROOM BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

July 7 - Larry Stephens,  
Charlotte Miller, Mr. and  
Mrs. Arnold J. Kuehler (A).

July 8 - W.L. (Bill)  
Bohr, Barbara Fraser, Mr.  
and Mrs. Darrell Whatley  
(A).

July 10 - Ethel  
Blackwell, Sue Wills, Mr.  
and Mrs. C.L. Wielerg (A),  
Mr. and Mrs. Max Wade  
(A).

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

July 12 - Pat Ashford,  
James Huckert.

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

### BABCOCK RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The West Texas A&M  
University T. Boone Pickens  
College of Business recently  
announced scholarships  
recipients for the 1994-95  
school year.

Karen Babcock, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth  
Babcock, of Groom,  
received a Rural Electric  
Scholarship. Karen is a  
sophomore marketing major  
at the University.

Rip and Joy Snyder spent  
Monday visiting Jim and  
Sue Norton in Amarillo.

## Local Happenings

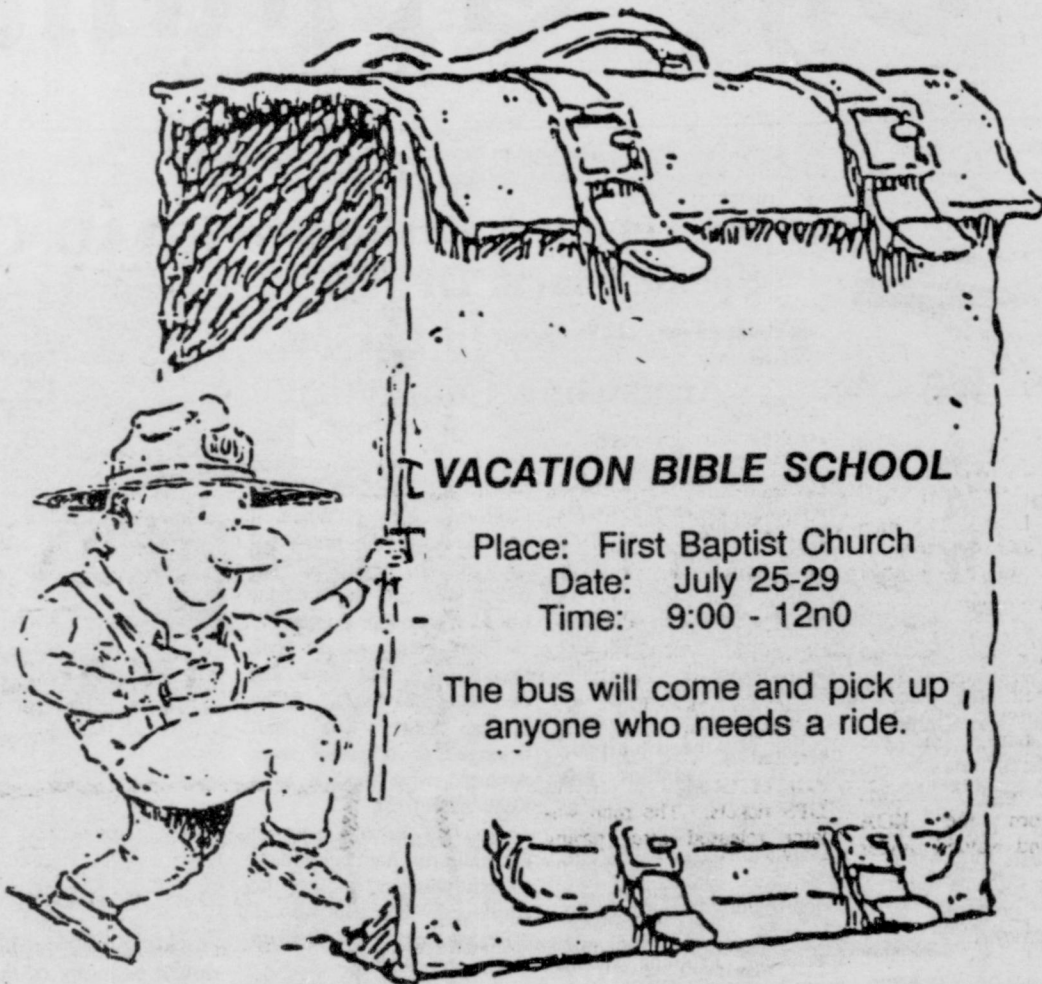
Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Quinn from Oklahoma on  
their way home to  
California visited with Rip  
and Joy Snyder on Friday

for a rest. They took  
pictures of all the animals,  
etc. in Rip's yard. They are  
going to make a tape of the  
nice visit.

### Card Of Thanks

Thank you Brittenites for  
your attendance and  
assistance in making the  
first All-Britten Reunion a  
success. The wood-cutters,  
chair and table movers,  
clean-up crews and food

preparers were  
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have done it without you.  
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Kay, and the descendants  
of the John Britten family



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## As The Interstate Turns

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By Joe Longway

On Friday, June 3rd two Oklahoma youth were arrested on I-40 near Conway for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both men pled guilty before Justice of the Peace Phyllis Tyler. They were each sentenced to four days in the Carson County Jail. Later that afternoon a North Carolina man was arrested for stealing the 93 Olds Cutlass he was driving. The man was taken to the Carson County Jail where he spent a pleasurable weekend until he was released.

On Sunday, June 5th, an Amarillo man was arrested for Criminal Non-Support of his child out of Deaf Smith County on TX 70 near Greenbelt Lake. The man was taken to Donley County Jail until he could post bond. Later that afternoon two Indiana men were arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on I-40, two miles west of Groom.

On Monday, June 6th two Lubbock men were arrested for theft of T-shirts taken from the KOA Campground valued under \$200.00. The men were taken to the Carson County Sheriff's Office where they then took two suckers without paying for them. Some people never learn.

On Friday, June 10th, a Garden City, Kansas man was arrested for Minor in Possession of an alcoholic beverage on US 83 near Wolf Creek.

On Saturday, June 11th Trooper Davis investigated an accident on FM 294, 1/2 mile south of Skellytown involving a Chevy Utility van. Investigation by Davis revealed that the Pampa man driving the van was Speeding and Driving While Intoxicated. Further investigation revealed that the man was also under suspension. The man was transported to Coronado Hospital for his injuries, where he was later arrested for DWI-Felony and DWLS.

On Sunday, June 12th a Perryton man was arrested on TX 70 South of Perryton for DWI-1st Offense. The man was transported to the Ochiltree County Jail until he could post bond.

On Monday, June 13th, an Amarillo man was arrested in Amarillo by Trooper Davis and transported back to the Carson County Sheriff's Office for unpaid traffic tickets. Later that afternoon an Amarillo man was arrested for unpaid DPS tickets on I-40, four miles west of Groom. The man was released upon paying his fine. Later, a Texan was arrested driving a Peterbilt Trucktractor for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, June 14th, a White Deer youth riding a Yamaha motorcycle without a helmet was involved in an accident at the intersection

of S. Swift and W. 8th in White Deer. The youth was transported to Coronado Hospital for his injuries. The youth was later cited for No Insurance and No Helmet.

On Wednesday, June 16th, a Kingman, Arizona truckdriver failed to keep her truck and trailer on the roadway of I-40 resulting in the truck and trailer sliding on its side blocking traffic on I-40, seven miles west of Groom. No injuries were reported. The woman was issued a citation for Failed to Drive in a Single Lane.

On Tuesday, June 21st, three Oklahoma youth were arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia near Conway. Later that afternoon an Indiana man was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Later that evening an Amarillo youth was arrested for Minor in Consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

On Thursday, June 23rd, a Wellington man was arrested on I-40, ten miles west of Groom for unpaid DPS tickets. The man was later released after paying his fines. Later that evening a Fatality accident was investigated on US 60, ten miles west of Panhandle. The driver drove off the roadway and landed on its left side rolling down an embankment. The driver sustained a fractured elbow, while the passenger was killed instantly. The driver is a Lubbock resident, while the passenger was a resident of Slaton. The driver was issued citations for Failed To Drive In A Single Lane and Driving While License Suspended.

On Monday, June 27th, an Amarillo man was arrested in Amarillo and transported to the Carson County Sheriff's Office for unpaid DPS traffic tickets in Judge Tylers Court.

On Tuesday, June 28th, Trooper Davis investigated a one vehicle roll-over accident on I-40, 4 miles east of Amarillo, when a gust of wind caught the

trailer being pulled by an Arkansas couple. No injuries or citations were reported.

On Friday, July 1st, two Connecticut men were arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on I-40 two miles west of Groom. Later that afternoon a New Mexico man was arrested for Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces.

On Saturday, July 2nd, Trooper Davis arrested a Lefors man for DWI-1st offense on TX 70 near I-40. The man was taken to the Donley County Jail until he could post bond. Later that afternoon a Hereford man was arrested for Driving While License Suspended near Greenbelt Lake. The man was placed in the Donley County Jail until he could post bond.

Here is something to think about the next time you drink and drive:

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Alcohol use is involved in:

70% of all murders; 70% of all boating accidents; 66% of fatal accidents; 65% of all arrests; 60% of sex crimes against children; 53% of fire deaths; 50% of

rapes; 45% of drownings; 44.6% of traffic fatalities; 41% of assaults; and 37% of suicides.

**GOOM DAY THEME FOR 1994 IS "MEMORIES ON OLD ROUTE 66"**

## Obituary

### Brother Of Local Woman Dies

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 7, for Elon Myers, 89, in Bakersville California.

Mr. Myers is the brother of Emalea London of Groom.

He is also survived by one son, Ray Myers of Ventura, California and two daughters. He was preceded in death by his wife.

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## Kristy Ware And Steven Lewis Were United In Marriage



Kristy Ann Ware and Steven Eric Lewis were united in marriage on Saturday, June 18th, in a candlelight service at the First United Methodist Church of Panhandle. Rev. John Wagoner officiated the double-ring ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ware of White Deer and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis of Panhandle.

Ann Pebworth of Amarillo, Art Pebworth of Salem, West Virginia and Alvin Ware of Hinton, Oklahoma are the bride's grandparents. The groom's grandparents are Mrs. Lucille Case of Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lewis of Claude.

Prelude and wedding music was performed by Joan Gortmaker of White Deer. Stephanie Lewis, sister of the groom, sang "Standing Right Next To Me" as Kevin Ware, brother of the bride, lit the candles. Sandi White of Panhandle sang "I Swear" as the unity candle was lit.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a

floor-length bridal satin gown with lace overlay, sequins and hand beading. The open window pane back featured three duplicate scallops and rows of beads. The gown was accented with pearls and iridescent sequins and a detachable chapel-length train with lace and sequin inserts. The fingertip-length veil was attached to a headpiece with pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white status and carnations with fuchsia roses accented with babies breath.

The bride's aunt, Janit Satterfield of Clarksburg, West Virginia, served as matron of honor. She wore a teal dress of prism taffeta styled with bubble sleeves, a high-low shirt in a sweetheart design with a bow on the hip and trimmed with rhinestones.

Stephanie Stiles and Stacey Whitehead of White Deer were bridesmaids. They wore fuchsia dresses identical to the matron of honor's and carried bouquets of orchids, pink carnations and babies breath.

Bob Lewis served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Doug Muir and Todd Lindsey, both of Panhandle.

The groom wore a black tuxedo accented with a white vest and bow tie. His attendants wore black tuxedos with bow ties and cummerbunds matching the colors of bridal attendants' dresses.

The bride's cousin, Kestie Satterwhite of Dalhart, was flowergirl. She wore a teal and fuchsia floral dress and carried a white basket of fuchsia petals.

Derek Satterfield, cousin of the bride, of Clarksburg, WV was ringbearer. He wore a black tuxedo to match the groom's attendants and carried a heart-shaped pillow made of satin and lace and accented with pearls.

Guests were seated by Chad Ware, brother of the bride, and Trevor McGill of Pampa.

Jennifer Lewis, sister of the groom, presided at the guest register.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Serving cake and punch from the bride's table were Amy Phillips, Missy Stover, and Markeeta Schnelle, all of White Deer, and Karlene Mickey of Amarillo. Serving at the groom's table were his sisters, Stephanie and Jennifer Lewis.

After a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Pampa where he is employed as a deputy in the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

## Obituary

J.W. Stockman

CLAUDE - J.W. "Dub" Stockman, 77, died Thursday, June 30, 1994.

Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Plants of the church officiating. Burial was in Claude Cemetery by Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stockman was born in Hubbard and had lived in Claude 45 years. He married Waunell Medlin in 1939 at Hubbard. He owned the Texaco service station in Claude for 25 years before his retirement. He was a volunteer for the Claude Fire Department and Ambulance Service for 25 years. He was a member of the Oddfellows and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; two nieces, Janie Britten and Lana Brown of Groom.

The family requests memorials be to the Claude Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

## Obituary

Annie Laura Pfeiffer

Clarendon - Annie Laura Pfeiffer, 89, died Wednesday, June 29, 1994.

Services were in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary L. Pinion of Farmington, N.M., and the Rev. Rob Seale, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mrs. Pfeiffer was born in Hubbard. She married Otto Trinkman Pfeiffer in 1925 at Hubbard. He died in 1978. She had been a

Washburn resident for 37 years before moving to Clarendon in 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Joe Pfeiffer of Pottsboro; a sister, Waunell Stockman of Claude; a brother, Dink Medlin of Coriscana; two granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Janie Britten of Groom is a niece of Mrs. Pfeiffer.

The family requests memorials be to Medical

Center Nursing Home, P.O. Drawer 1007, Clarendon, Texas 79226-1007; or Clarendon Emergency Medical Services, P.O. Drawer 1240, Clarendon, Texas 79226-1240.

Dr. Black will be giving physicals to school athletes all through the summer to avoid the rush just before school starts. You may call 248-7980 for an appointment.

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## POOL SENTENCED

Roy Lynn Pool, formerly of Groom, pled guilty to one count of bank fraud in connection with two area financial institutions. She was sentenced to 15 months in prison Wednesday in Amarillo's U.S. District Court.

Roy Lynn Pool, 39, also was ordered to pay \$134,190 restitution to an AmWest Savings Association in Pampa and \$12,750 to The First National Bank of Panhandle.

According to court documents, Pool devised a scheme to fraudulently obtain money, funds and credits owned by AmWest and The First National Bank of Amarillo.

Pool, using her position as bookkeeper and secretary for the owner of several businesses, including a cattle company in Groom, deposited checks payable to the businessman or the cattle company into her own accounts at AmWest, documents say.

Pool forged signatures of her employer on some checks and deposited them into her AmWest accounts, according to documents. Her employer had checking accounts at First National, documents also say.

During the course of the scheme, Pool deposited into her AmWest accounts at least 35 checks that should have gone to her employer, documents say. Pool also withdrew deposited funds.

The deposits of the defrauded financial institutions have been insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

## Carson County Legal Notice

The Carson County Commissioners' Court is taking bids for the purchase of a new tandem-powered motor grader meeting the following minimum specifications:

Diesel engine with 150/180 variable net flywheel horsepower  
Articulation main frame with indicator

ROPS enclosed cab with heater, air conditioner and pressurizer and front upper and lower rear window wipers

Direct drive power shift transmission with six (6) speed forward and four (4) reverse; travel speed of at least 25 mph forward and reverse; transmission to be single lever controlled

Oil disc brakes, air or hydraulic actuated mounted on all four drive wheels  
Variable displacement hydraulic pump

Full hydraulic controls on all implements with lock valves on all hydraulic circuits

14 ft. chrome moldboard

with hydraulic sideshift and tip control; minimum of 6 circle shoes with replaceable wear inserts

Two (2) headlights mounted on cab

24 volt electrical system  
Adjustable deluxe cloth suspension seat

Low temperature starting system and ether starting aid

14:00 x 24 tires, 12 PR mounted on 10" wheel rims  
Heavy duty radiator  
Differential lock/unlock

All items which are normally standard  
Minimum operating weight of 30,000 lbs.

5 year/5,000 hour power train warranty

Options to be bid:  
#1 Frontlift group

#2 Carson County to keep chrome moldboard on present machine

The County intends to use motor grader, Serial No. 61M12957 as a trade-in on the equipment to be purchased, and bids should take such into consideration.

Any deviations from the above specifications should be so stated in the bid in order for such bid to be considered. Additionally, price and specifications are only part of the criteria which will be used to determine the best bid. Other criteria will include guaranteed maintenance costs, guaranteed minimum repurchase amounts, warranties, and the size, location and reputation of the bidder and/or manufacturer.

Contact Honorable Mike Britten, Commissioner, Precinct 1, at 806/248-7277 for any additional information as may be needed in regard to the specifications or for inspection of the intended trade-in equipment.

Bids must be turned in to Carson County Auditor, Agnes Bell, by 10:00 a.m. July 25th, in order to be considered. The Commissioners' Court will open bids at this time and take action.



## If You Ask Me . . . And Nobody Did!

Remember your grandparents saying that when they butchered a hog, they used everything but the squeal? My own grandmother's motto was, "Use It Up, Wear It Out and Make It Do!"

Well, it seems we have come full circle. In the "Fat Fifties" we began to need more "stuff" with the coming of the appliance age. And in the 60's the key selling point of any product was "Disposable!"

What ever happened to the good old days when you could just throw something away and not think a thing about it.

Heck! I was just coming out of therapy for feeling like a failure of a mother for using disposable diapers and bottles.

A real mother washes those diapers and sterilizes those bottles out of love! I was once told, "All of that throw away stuff is just sheer laziness!"

Now, after coming to terms with that, I find that not only was I a lazy mother but I was a tree murderer besides.

I did my stint for ecology by making bird houses out of bleach bottles in Girl Scouts. Why should I have to make decisions every time I go to the grocery store. I'd like to just slap that kid when he says "Paper or plastic?"

I never know what to say. If I say paper then I have helped destroy another acre of rain forest. If I say plastic, in a 100 years there will be a plastic bag blowing in the wind with the words, "Thrown here by an ecological illiterate" on it. Either way, I'm in trouble.

Don't tell me to buy one of those "Save the Earth" mesh reusable shopping bags. I can't get to the store with a shopping list much less anything else.

I hate it when those commercials come on T.V. and tell you to sort your trash. I can't successfully sort my laundry and somebody is telling me to sort my trash?!

One day I'm sure there will be an alarm on your garbage can that will alert the Garbage police when you forget and mix plastic with glass and cans.

If you think I'm a little paranoid about this...don't get me started about grass clippings.

## PAPER

The paper's last rate increase was in 1986, almost eight years ago.

"We are proud to have the support of our local businesses," said Miller. "Those week to week ads, are the backbone of our advertising base. While we are always glad to have big full page ads, the local advertisers are our life's blood."

"This is really a win for all of us," he continued. "Without a good advertising base we could not put out as interesting a paper. There would be less pictures and less pages, among other things."

This was only the second year for the Groom/McLean News to enter the contest.

Last year the News won two 3rd place trophies at the Panhandle Press Association Convention. One for front page layout and one for best spot photo.

## The G.I. Bill Is 50 Years Old Today

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it into law on June 22, 1944, as World War II waned. A young Navy veteran by the name of George Bush used it. As did a budding young author named James Michener. So did actors Clint Eastwood and Paul Newman.

Entertainers, politicians, sports figures and millions

### Carson County Sheriff's Report

The Carson County Sheriff's Department has remained busy assisting at a number of grass fires in and near Carson County over the past week. Our department also assisted the Armstrong County Sheriff's Department with periodic checks of the Claude area while all of the Armstrong County law officers were busy with a major canyon fire.

Chief Deputy Lovell Kennard worked with the Hutchinson County Sheriff's Department in the investigation of a Hutchinson County burglary. Several pieces of stolen property were recovered in Carson County. Chief Kennard assisted Hutchinson County officers with the interviews of potential witnesses and suspects in the matter.

Carson County deputies investigated reports of a suspicious person who appeared to be following young children in White Deer.

Deputies were kept quite busy during a thunderstorm earlier in the week. During the storm there were a number of power outages, downed lines and damaged road signs in the roadways. Our department assisted the Texas Highway Patrol with a trailer roll-over near the Potter County line on Interstate 40 and then helped block traffic near Conway after a truck ran over a downed road sign and ruptured the fuel tank, spilling diesel fuel in the driving lanes of Interstate 40. Also during this time, residents in Groom reported a subject who was driving recklessly. Sgt. Ray Davis

located the subject and arrested him for Driving While Intoxicated.

Our department is also investigating a child custody matter in Skellytown and a property dispute in Groom. We have opened a case regarding sexual indecency with a child and are working with the Children's Protective Services on the matter. We are also investigating a case of stolen checks and forgery and an allegation of fraud by an investment group.

The Sheriff's Department received a complaint of prostitutes working near Interstate 40 on the east end of the county and a report of indecent exposure on Interstate 40 near the west county line. Our work seldom gets boring and with Interstate 40 it most likely never will be boring.

of ordinary men and women veterans have used the G.I. Bill to gain an education or vocational rehabilitation, guarantee a home loan, or make a smooth transition from military to civilian life.

Today is the 50th anniversary of the historic signing of a law that Michener later called "one of the two or three finest (laws) Congress has ever passed since our Constitution took effect."

One of the key elements of the G.I. Bill is the home loan guaranty program. Since the first loan was guaranteed, on November 17, 1944, to Miles E. Myers of Washington, D.C., the Department of Veterans Affairs has guaranteed more than 14 million home loans, at a value of more than \$433 billion.

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## BRITTEN

On Sunday the reunion participants enjoyed a BBQ beef meal prepared by Cobb Britten and Co. and Charlene Lewis and Margaret Whatley catering service. A short business

meeting followed and door prizes were distributed. Swimming, horseshoes, baseball, a watermelon feed, and reminiscing topped off the afternoon activities.

The next All Britten Family Reunion will be held the first week-end of July, 1996 and will be hosted by the "Matt" Britten families.

Texas alone, 25,594 loans were guaranteed. The value of these homes was in excess of \$1,974,942,000.

"Millions of men and women in Texas have had their lives dramatically improved because of the impact of the G.I. Bill," said Dr. Lois High, Director of the VA Regional Office in Waco. "Men and women have become homeowners, not renters, because of the G.I. Bill benefits they earned while in service to the country. I'm honored to help VA administer this remarkable program," Director High said.

The other key element of the bill is the education

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benefits provided to veterans. Originally, the benefit was \$500 a year for tuition and training costs. Educators at the time feared classes would be watered down.

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## Groom-McLean News Wins 4th At State Contest

The Groom/McLean News was honored at the Texas Press Association Convention, held last week in Fort Worth.

Competing in one of the largest categories, the weekly paper with a paid circulation of 1,001 to 2,000, the Groom/McLean News placed 4th in the Advertising Category.

"This is especially rewarding," Publisher Phil Miller stated, "We have worked hard to keep our advertising rates as low as possible and offer our customers the most for the advertising dollar."

The paper's last rate increase was in 1986, almost eight years ago.

"We are proud to have the support of our local

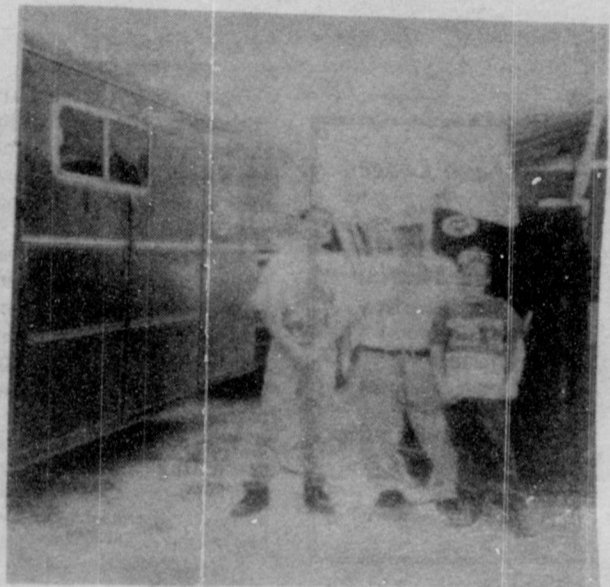
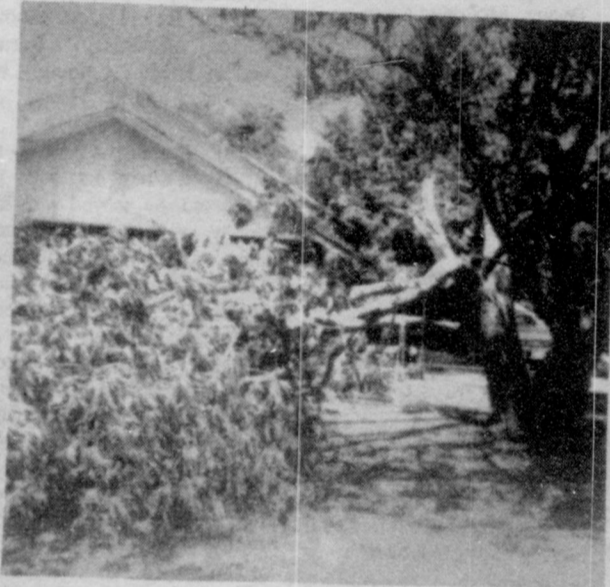
and less pages, among other things."

This was only the second year for the Groom/McLean News to enter the contest.

Last year the News won two 3rd place trophies at the Panhandle Press Association Convention. One for front page layout and one for best spot photo.

businesses," said Miller. "Those week to week ads, are the backbone of our advertising base. While we are always glad to have big full page ads, the local advertisers are our life's blood."

"This is really a win for all of us," he continued. "Without a good advertising base we could not put out as interesting a paper. There would be less pictures



## Harsh Weather Causes Damage In McLean

The high wind and storms that hit the McLean area on Thursday morning about 2:30 a.m. did lots of damage to trees, fences and gardens. There were also several wrecks.

Pictured is a tree that was in the front yard of the Richardson's home. Wind or lightning broke it in two

different places. There were lots of trees and limbs broken off during the high winds.

The picture of the wrecked trailer and the people who were in the vehicle were very lucky. The driver/owner Dick Downen of Bloomington, Indiana were enroute to

Colorado. The horse trailer was loaded with furniture.

There were three persons involved in the wreck and all were uninjured and very lucky. Mr. Bowen said "The wind didn't cause this accident, I dozed off and over corrected, causing the vehicle to turn over."

Mr. Bowen was very honest in admitting that the high wind was not the cause of the accident.

On Friday evening Larry and Donna Ferree and Terry Ellis came to their rescue, bringing a big horse trailer and re-loaded the furniture and they began their trip back to Bloomington.



## Bailey Honored At Country Club

Lester Bailey was one of the first charter members of the McLean Country Club joining in 1967.

He served as president three times, and was on the board of directors for a number of years.

He took an active interest in the club. During the years when the pool was open, he was always there to make sure things went right and even after it closed he made sure the plumbing worked summer and winter, but he was never alone. There was usually a willing worker there to help. A lot of

times these repairs were taken care of out of their own pockets during the years when money was short for the Country Club.

Lester was presented a lifetime membership by his many friends of the Country Club and was presented a beautiful plaque in memory of the occasion on June 29th by Odis Calcote, June Suggs and Don Dorsey. Mrs. Dorsey and Jodie Thomas were also there.

Lester and Wanda have lived in McLean since their marriage 49 years ago. Of course Lester was born and

See Bailey, pg. 8

## Dwyer Family Holds Annual Reunion July 2nd

The Dwyer family reunion was held at CD acres on July 2. It was a pretty hot get-together, and a swel (tering) time was had by all.

Those attending were:

Arthur James Dwyer, Hobbs, N. Mex.; Jerry and Nancy Dwyer and son Jed, Canyon; Jeff and Carla Rolinc and children Matt and Amy, Carrollton; Kenny and Mary Cole and children

Mike, Tuck and Kendra, Arizona City, Arizona; Edward Dwyer, Hutchinson, Kansas and grandsons Bo and Brandon, Oklahoma; Jim and Lisa Dwyer and daughters Megan and

Christie, Vidor, Texas; Sheryl and Chuck Davis, San Antonio; Joe and Janice Dwyer, Crosbyton; Rose and Dale Steel and daughters Lacey and Shaley, Mary Dwyer, McLean; Ray and Connie Dwyer and children Lindsay and Landon and a friend Rick Smith, Samnorwood; JoAn Dwyer and daughter Jean Marie, Dallas; Tina Dwyer and Paul Geist and daughter

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## McLEAN TIGERS 1994 FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/18 #	Guthrie	Guthrie	6:00
8/26 #	Lefors	Lefors	7:30
9/2	Patton Springs	Patton Springs	7:30
9/9	Follett	Follett	7:30
9/16 *	Silverton	McLean	7:30
9/23	Miami	Miami	7:30
9/30	Chillicothe	McLean	7:30
10/7	Higgins	Higgins	7:30
10/14	Miami	McLean	7:30
10/21	Lefors	McLean	7:30
10/28	Samnorwood	Samnorwood	7:30
11/4	Follett	McLean	7:30

# Scrimmage  
\* Homecoming

## REMINDERS

THE COMMUNITY Awareness and Emergency Response Committee will meet on July 13th, 1:30 p.m. at the McLean Fire Department.

MOM'S CIRCLE will meet Monday, July 11 at the Methodist Church from 11 am to 1 pm. The nursery will be at the Assembly of God Church. Please call Beverly Odom at 779-2309 for more information.



## Hall And Stalls Do Well At Championships

### McLEAN BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

July 7 - Darrell Myers, Harold Houdyshell, Bernard McClellan, Zora Petty Billingsley, Nora Petty Loveland.

July 8 - Dale Johnston, Deborah Longino.

July 9 - Beatrice Brown.

July 10 - Kay Hallum, 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.

The Flipin' Farm recently hosted the 1994 Region 11 Championships at the Amarillo Civic Center.

On June 11, approximately 400 athletes converged on Amarillo to compete for the title of Regional Champion.

There were also four teams who were guests from other regions in the United States.

Competitors had the chance to compete in four separate events, Trampoline, Tumbling, Double Mini Trampoline and Synchronized Trampoline.

There were 32 teams from all the State of Texas

and portions of New Mexico.

There were 12 athletes representing the Flipin' Farm, two of these athletes have just moved up to the advanced level. Those two are Erica Norrid and Emily Hefley. Each of the athletes did very well in representing the gym and the community.

Results are as follows:

Trampoline: Gold Medalist, Shaley Stalls and Lorin Hall. Regional Champion: Lorin Hall. Synchronized Trampoline:

#### Dwyer

Ashley, Amarillo; and Carl Dwyer, McLean.

If I have left anyone out of the list, please forgive me. I will try to do worse next time. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to the next great cook-out without a fire. When we "roast" someone, we do it up brown.

By Carl Dwyer

#### Bailey

raised here 70 years ago.

They have three children, Walt Bailey, McLean; Connie Thompson of Canadian and Donna Walker of Beaumont, Texas and seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Regional Champion: Shaley Stalls. Tumbling: Gold Medalist, Lorin Hall, (fifth) Shaley Stalls; Regional Champion: Lorin Hall. Double Mini: Silver Medalist: Shaley Stalls.

"The Flipin' Farm brought home 38 medals. That is quite an accomplishment for 12

athletes. Three of these competed last year at the advanced level and for 9 girls this was their first year to compete on this level," said Patti Conner.

"For two of the athletes the season is not over yet. Shaley Stalls and Natalie Conner have qualified in all four events and will travel to Nashville, Tennessee to compete in the National Championships the first week in July and will compete through July 10. Natalie will be trying to make the U.S. team which will travel to Portugal in October to the world age group games," said Conner.

"For all of you who came to Amarillo to support these kids in the efforts we want you to know how much we appreciate you and how much you do for us. You will never know what your presence meant to each of us," concluded Conner.

#### MOM'S CIRCLE

"Changing the Picture", a video tape by Zig Zigler, was the program for Mom's Circle on June 13th at the Baptist Church. Mr. Zigler emphasized steps to building

a positive image by stressing that each person is a child of God so everyone has a strong heritage to live up to. The ladies left the meeting with more self-esteem.

Kristi Crockett provided the supplies to paint a scene on a white tin can for a pencil holder. Some chose boots or a farm setting while others chose bows and hearts.

A delicious taco salad was made by Adella Jackson and Beverly Odom baked the lemon bar dessert. Others enjoying the fun were Nama Webb, Rose Shank, Cindy Lee, Rose Steel, Lezlie Stewart, Sally Seymour and Freda Holland.

The Mom's Circle appreciates the Baptist Church for the meeting facilities and the Methodist Women for the continued financial support of the nursery. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11th at the Methodist Church from 11am to 1 pm. The nursery will be at the Assembly of God Church. Anyone interested in Christian parenting is invited to attend.



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#### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The 4th of July celebration got off to an early start when the Ministerial Alliance planned their services held at the city park.

Needless to say it was plenty warm about 6:30. Lots of ice cream, cake and cookies were served before the services started. The churches of McLean joined together for this event.

There was singing, preaching and good fellowship that made everyone thankful for our free country.



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## Obituary

### SERVICES HELD FOR ELZIE IMMEL HIGGINS

Elzie Immel, 76, died Tuesday, June 28, 1994, in Shattuck, Oklahoma. Services were in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Philip Hilton and the Rev. Harold Hook, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Higgins Cemetery by Mason Funeral Home of Shattuck.

Mr. Immel was born in Kress. When he was 10 years old, he moved with his family to Higgins, where they farmed and ranched. He married Coralee Alice Beum in 1941 in Arnett, Oklahoma. They lived in Higgins, where he worked as a mechanic. Mr. Immel began a 37-year career with the city of Higgins in 1946 and rose to the position of city manager. He then worked for Lipscomb County in the road maintenance division until his retirement in 1986. He also was a justice of the peace in Higgins for 33 years. He was a veteran, serving in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Higgins Fire Department, the Higgins Ambulance Service and the Higgins Chamber of Commerce and was active in various community projects.

Mr. Immel was preceded in death by his wife in 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Rodney Immel of White Deer and Robert Randall Immel of Higgins; two brothers, Vernie Immel of Amarillo and Bill Immel of Kerrville; a sister, Louise Turner of McLean; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Higgins EMS or the White Deer Volunteer EMS.

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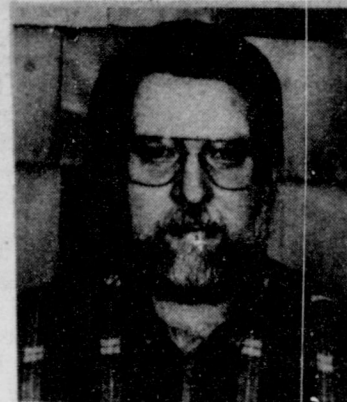
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### McLean Care Center News

McLean Care Center welcomes a new resident, Shell Gulley from Pampa, Tx.

Sunday Bro. Dean Williamson, pastor of the Assembly of God Church was here to conduct a worship service.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Dick Wheeler, Jessie Coleman, Ruby Ayers, Virgie Everett, Polly Burnett, Lorena Bailey, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Mayme Hathaway, Kattie Hessey, Leon Burch, Annie Eudey, Lucille Cullison and Clyde Trusty. Our volunteer helpers were Loree Barker, Cliffie Heasley, Avalee Crockett and Brandon Woods.

All bingo players enjoyed the bananas furnished by McLean Lions Club.

Tuesday morning the following residents played Ring Toss: Annie Eudey, Virgie Everett, Ruby Ayers, Adelle Walker, Thelma Hopkins, Dick Wheeler, Jessie Coleman, Lucille Cullison and Lorena Bailey. In the afternoon Eula Morrow, Craig Morris, Dick Wheeler, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Beryl Halbert, Annie Eudey and Ruby Ayers played dominos. Our helper was Brandon Woods.

Tuesday morning members of the Assembly of God Church gave the resident a home made ice-cream social. A Sing-A-Long was led by Bro. Dean Williamson and wife Susan. By special request Bro. Dean played his saxophone.

Thursday several ladies had manicures and Inez Trostle was here to style their hair. They all enjoyed the donuts furnished by Leta Mae Hess. In the afternoon Sue Marsh was here to assist Dick Wheeler, Craig Morris and Teresa Richardson in games of "42" while Shell Gulley, Leon Burch, and Imogene King played regular dominos.

Residents playing Bingo Friday were Shell Gulley,

Jessie Coleman, Dick Wheeler, Mayme Hathaway, Leon Burch, Teresa Richardson, Eula Morrow, Lorena Bailey, Ruby Ayers, Annie Eudey, Polly Burnett, Kattie Hessey and Lucille Cullison.

Our birthday party will be this coming Saturday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m. Residents celebrating will be Clyde Trusty, Duella Beverly, Jewell Warner, Farrar Guyton and Virgie Everett. Please come and help your loved one celebrate.

#### HEALTH BREAK

By: McLean Home Health

A major burn is a horrifying injury, requiring painful treatment and a long period of rehabilitation. It's often fatal or permanently disfiguring and incapacitating, both emotionally and physically.

In the U.S., about 2 million people annually receive burn injuries. Of these, 300,000 are seriously burned, and more than 6,000 die of burn injuries, making burns the nation's

third largest cause of accidental death. Burns can result in complications such as respirator distress, hypovolemic shock, anemia, malnutrition, and infection.

If a burn victim is under age 4 or over age 60, he'll have a higher incidence of complications and, consequently, a higher risk of death.

The following guidelines allow you to determine a burn's severity:

\* First degree - Redness appears, and the patient will complain of pain. Damage

is limited to the first skin layer.

\* Second degree - Blisters and mild to moderate swelling develop, and the patient will report pain. The first and second layers of skin are damaged.

\* Third degree - White, brown, or black leathery tissue and inflamed vessels, although no blisters appear. The first and second layers of skin are damaged.

\* Fourth degree - Damage extends through deeply charred subcutaneous tissue to muscle and bone.

If burns are minor, immerse the burned area in cool water or apply cool compresses. Give the patient Tylenol or other analgesic to help relieve pain. Avoid placing ice directly on burn wounds because the cold may cause further thermal damage. Any burns other than minor burns should be treated professionally. Take the victim to the hospital immediately or call 911.

**NEW ARRIVAL**  
Chet and Sally Bohlar welcomed a new daughter on May 26th.  
Saber Bronte Bohlar weighed in at 8 lbs and 2 oz. She was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jean and Chester Bohlar and Frank and Jackie Worsham.



#### ALANREED NEWS

By Lena Carter  
The Robert Bruces attended the funeral of Irene Phillips in Pampa on Saturday. The late Warner Phillips was a member of First Baptist Church here while they had the concession at McClellan Lake.

Neil and Sid Keese were recently granted letters of recommendation for Harper Baptist Church near Mason to become members of First Baptist Church here.

Shawn and Paul Bruce of Pampa spent the weekend here at their grand parents the Robert Bruces.

The R.L. Leeders had daughter Sharon and family visiting over the weekend.

The Olin Weldons had friends visiting during the weekend enroute to Colorado for a longer visit.

Ruth McLain entertained all her family over the weekend in a family reunion.

Melinda Daniels and sister Angela and families were in Pampa on Tuesday.

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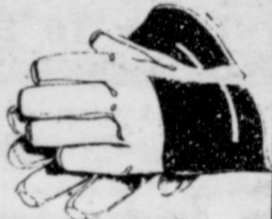
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## Thomas Attends Reunion



The school reunion was held June 25th honoring the graduating class of 1944 at Brock School.

This class consisted of eleven seniors. The graduation was May 14, 1944 and at that time the school was very small compared to the size today.

The school is now a Class A school and growing.

Of the eleven students there were seven which made it back this year. Yvone Jones had to be with sick relatives in California. Three are deceased, Dorman W. Thomas, Sandra Doss Catten, and Loyd Gene Polk.

Those attending were Arnold Pitchford, Margaret

Jones, Sammie Phillips

Harris, Anveja Wolf Winston, Naomi R. (Jodie) Cornell Thomas, Juanez James Walker and Clyde (Guber) Bell.

After a very delicious meal which was held in the school's now air conditioned cafeteria, the program began with the recognition of the oldest teacher, the one who came the longest distance, and the one who had taught the longest at Brock School.

After the gifts were presented an introduction was given to the Class by the former President, Arnold Pitchford. The old will was re-read and also the prophecy. It is surprising

how close it was.

A memorial service was given for the three who had passed away. Bud vases with white carnations and ribbon with their name was given to relatives.

Following a business meeting, there was lots of visiting. There were 92 present.

The Class of '44 departed for a now retired, Arnold Pitchford and wife Lil's home on the farm where his parents had lived and that he never intended to live on again. Needless to say it was nothing like it was long ago. A beautiful almost finished house, a beautiful old round card table and some folding chairs was their furniture.

Pictures and even diplomas were passed around and then everyone began to say good-bye to return to their homes.

### EMERGENCY FARM LOAN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by EXCESSIVE RAIN, FLASH FLOODING, HAIL AND LIGHTNING WHICH OCCURRED ON May 9, 1994 are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Amarillo, TX, FmHA County Supervisor AUGUST H. HESSE III said today.

Moore County is one of the three counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from excessive rain, flash flooding, hail and lightning.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in

business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan", Hesse said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 7, 1995, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Hesse said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Amarillo, serving Carson, Hutchinson, Moore and Potter counties is located at 3002 East 3rd, Amarillo, TX, is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is (806) 373-6156.

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## Farmers Are Good Welders

By Delbert Trew

It seems that all coffee shops have some pretty good welders present. Most are pipe line welders who have passed all kinds of tests. The dialogue of their accomplishments reach the point to where something needs to be done.

Recently, at the now famous Alanreed Coffee Shop, this point was reached as the residing welders approached the ridiculous. As the son of the man who purchased the FIRST acetylene "generator" in Ochiltree County, now owned by a professional welding shop, and the son of the man who purchased the first D.C. army surplus, 200 amp Lincoln, stolen welder in that county, and as the eldest son of a cowboy who wouldn't touch either one of these with a ten foot pole, and was told at the age of 12 years old, to run both, I felt I had to respond.

After about 10 seconds of thought, I issued a challenge. I would

challenge any welder to a contest based on my experience.

The rules would state specifically: A pull-type Gleaner-Baldwin combine would be parked in the thickest patch of grass burrs known. The object was to weld a piece of galvanized tin to a two-inch angle iron, upside down. Equipment would be a stopped-up cutting torch, a piece of rusty baling wire, and goggles with only one lens. The torch would be started with a kitchen match, and you had no assistance when the straw in the combine and the grass burrs caught fire. The extra matches in your shirt pocket would then catch fire, and the stopped up torch would pop and the resulting sparks would lodge in your Fruit of the Looms. The resulting weld would then be judged and tested by the neighbors.

So far, after three years, no one has accepted this challenge. So weld on, farmers, you may be the best yet!

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On July 4th, America will celebrate with great pomp and pageantry the 218th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a crucial moment in world history. On this day, I hope your readers will join the reaffirmation of the American Dream.

When the Founding Fathers gathered in 1776 in Philadelphia to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for liberty's sake, they not only initiated an experiment in democracy that gave rise to what has become the most powerful, prosperous nation on earth, they redefined the very concept of freedom.

The idea was that America was a unique place in the world; that you could leave the Old World, come to America and be a part of a new nation; where you would be judged not by your ethnic group or by who your parents were, but on the basis of your God-given talent and your effort. This was a revolutionary

idea in 1776, and it is a revolutionary idea in 1994. But it is an idea that took root in America.

We don't have much trouble defining the American Dream because for most of us, our parents dreamed it and we lived it.

The secret of the American success is not that the most brilliant and talented people in the world came to live here. What made America successful is that ordinary people like us had the opportunity and freedom to achieve extraordinary things.

We need not be historians to understand that we owe a debt to the courage of past generations for freedom that was won and preserved at an enormous cost. We should celebrate the joys of liberty and pausing for a moment to honor those who sacrificed so much to guarantee our chance to partake in the American Dream.

Phil Gramm  
United States Senator

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