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**Obituaries**

**Lawrence Merworth**

BROWNWOOD—Lawrence L. Merworth, 67, died Wednesday, May 28, 1997 in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, 1997 in Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Frank Johnson and Johnnie Gray officiating. Burial was at May Cemetery.

He was born in Comanche county and was a U. S. Army veteran. He married Glenda Warnock in 1959 in West Texas and worked as a driller in Central and West Texas for several years. He then became employed by Coastal Oil and Gas Corp. as a compressor operator in 1961 in the Rising Star area. He was transferred to Tatum, NM in 1965 and was production foreman for the West Texas-New Mexico area. He was transferred to Midland in 1972 and was a senior drilling production and completion supervisor. He retired after a 32-year career with Coastal Oil and Gas and then worked as an independent consultant. He moved to Brownwood in 1994 and was a member of Early First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Lawrence Lyn Merworth of Midland; two daughters, Alicia Hanks and Larenda Warren, both of Midland; five sisters, Vivian Winfrey of Sundown, Betty Merworth and Marjorie Merworth, both of Big Spring, Robby Wyatt of Sidney and Patsy Murphy of Fort Worth; three brothers, Ray Merworth of Comanche, Dale Merworth of Sidney and Roy Merworth of Artesia, NM; five grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Othal Warnock of Santa Anna.

**Check It Out**

By Alice Anna Spillman

Schools out and we already have seen more boys and girls. We hope that everyone will think books this summer. Scientist advise us to stay out of the sun so stay under the fan and read.

By the way it's cool in the library and we have many of the latest magazines. You are welcome to read here.

We all have missed Ovella while she had been ill. She seems to be on the road to recovery.

Two new volunteers have come in. Mrs. Pat Bell worked on Friday learning the books. Soon you may see her on a regular basis. Pat is new to our town so please make her feel welcome.

Carrie Absher dropped in to offer help for the reading program. She had helped at the Cross Plains Library.

Both these ladies are blessings to our library. Doretha Faye Casey Gilmore from Mobile, Alabama came in to look at the Class of '46 annual that Artie Jean had made. The Class of '47 is working on their reunion.

A mother and two daughters came in to read while waiting to meet their grandfather. They were from San Angelo and the mother was a teacher. I wanted to go and participate with the girls. Some people are natural born storytellers!

Not often do we get donations in our jar from a child but Kayla Cloer gave us all her pennies. Thank you.

Carol Herring continues to bring the newest and best paperbacks. Her last sack had several good mysteries. You all like Steve Martini as an author and she brought *The Judge* and *The Simeon Chamber*, both hot off the press.

Thelma Bobskill is still bringing *Parent's Magazine* and our neighbor still brings the *Wall Street Journal*. These are special, come see.

Another visitor was Patsy Baucom Jones of Dallas area. Remember she donated *Unknown Texas* to honor Nowlin Myers. Reports from those who have read this book are good!

Mrs. Allen Gann donated a hand held vacuum that will reach the tops of all our bookshelves. Boy do we need this.

The library runs on your donations, and we appreciate every book or item and work you give.

If you have extra children's books please donate them here. Or we would welcome a donation to buy more books. Maybe we need to have a book tea. That's what the Self Culture ladies did in the early 1900's to help stock the library. Everyone who came donated a book.

Start planning to send or bring your children to the Summer Reading Program. Every Wednesday morning in July we will have stories, crafts and stuff. Watch this paper and our window for details.

**Brandi Horner To Be Honored With Bridal Shower**

Brandi Horner, bride-elect of Grady Clay McIver, will be honored with a bridal shower Saturday, June 7 in the home of Susie Bass from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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**Kids Find New Texas Reading Club Material At Local Public Libraries**

With school over and assigned reading lists complete, it's time to think about reading for fun! Turn to your local public library for summer reading and turn on "The Incredible Dream Machine" and the Texas Reading Club.

The Texas Reading Club is an annual summer recreational reading program for toddlers through young adults and family members of all ages, sponsored cooperatively by local public libraries and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin. Using this year's theme of "The Incredible Dream Machine", the program's goals are to encourage reading by inspiring children to seek their dreams in books.

The lovable rottweiler puppy Carl, hero of many books by author/illustrator Alexandra Day, is the 1997 book character for the reading program. Kickoff events featuring artwork of Carl are being planned in the next few weeks to introduce the theme.

Using a program manual highlighting imagination, innovations and inventions, local librarians can design reading events that are tailored to the needs of their community. Toddlers, along with their parents or caregivers, may be invited to participate in 20-30 minute storytime sessions and preschoolers can attend 30 minute sessions involving stories, songs and activities. Elementary school-age children can, for example, read the book *Leonardo's Inventions* by Margaret Cooper, and then join in an activity of making a group display of modern day devices that can be traced to Leonardo's ideas. Libraries might also be planning activities for young adults.

"Summer reading programs at public libraries introduce kids to reading for pleasure and plant the seeds for a life-long love of reading," says Jeanette Larson, Manager of the Continuing Education Program for the State Library. "The Reading Club is as much a part of summer in Texas as are picnics and getting together for a swim at the pool."

In keeping with Governor and Mrs. Bush's emphasis on family reading, libraries participating in the Texas Reading Club offer books and videos for families, and are an ideal source for summer family entertainment. Families with children with special needs are also encouraged to participate in the program, and the librarians can make accommodations. Certificates signed by the Governor and Director and Librarian of the State Library are awarded to children who complete the program.

Over 400,000 children participated in last year's Texas Reading Club.

with 93% of Texas public libraries offering programs to encourage summer reading. Established in 1959, the statewide summer reading club began as a service offered by the Texas State Library and Archives

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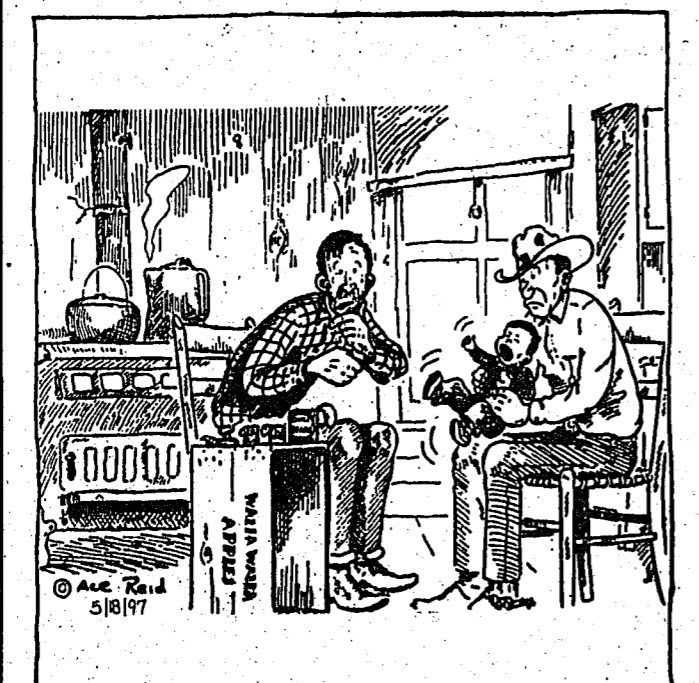
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### Promise, I'm Not Looking!

Little Christopher Wheatley, son of Danny and Debbie Wheatley, is being very careful not to look as he draws a name from a bag of tickets Monday. The winning name was that of Peggy Hensley who won a \$100 shopping spree given away by Delta Omicron Sorority. For donations, people around town were given a chance to win the shopping spree. All money raised by the annual project goes toward a \$200 college scholarship given to a worthy SAHS graduating senior. This year's recipient of the scholarship is Devin Brand, son of Karen and James Morris.

News Staff Photo

### Turner Legislation Could Be Lifesaver For Volunteer Fire Departments

Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss) has passed legislation which will give volunteer fire departments access to firefighting equipment that normally would be destroyed because of liability concerns. House Bill 680 will protect companies from liability when they donate used or obsolete firefighting equipment to the Texas Forest Service.

The Texas Forest Service already operates a program whereby donated equipment is recertified, where applicable, and distributed to volunteer fire departments around the state. "House Bill 680 already has resulted in the donation of hundreds of air packs," said Turner. "Most volunteer fire departments cannot afford to buy these and they are absolutely critical breathing equipment for firefighters who enter burning structures," Rep. Turner said.

"A lot of industrial and chemical companies have fire brigades on site at their plants. OSHA requires them to upgrade their firefighting equipment periodically, and a lot of this equipment never even gets used. Until now, companies would actually destroy the obsolete equipment rather than donate it because of the liability. I am talking about things like breathing apparatus, bunker gear, hose, nozzles and gas metering devices—equipment that could save a volunteer firefighter's life and that was literally going into the trash heap," Turner explained.

"I am very proud of this legislation. I know it will save lives. Moreover, it will reduce insurance premiums in areas served by volunteer fire departments, because more VFDs will be able to meet the fire protection standards set by the state

### Delta Omicron Represented At ESA District VII Meeting In San Angelo

Contributed  
ESA District VII met Sunday, June 1 at the Shannon Women & Children's Center Meeting Room in San Angelo with Theta Alpha Chapter as hosts.

Five chapter including Delta Omicron of Santa Anna were present. During the business meeting two by-laws were changed. Everyone had great things to say about the State Convention held in Dallas last month.

Delta Omicron received seven awards.

The 50th International Convention will be held in Tulsa, Okla. July 13-20 and the Texas State Council Leadership Seminar-Board Meeting will be held in Irving August 9-10.

There were 30 members attending including Bernidine Watson, Debbie Wheatley and Pat Vance of Santa Anna.

The next District VII meeting will be September 14 at the Bangs High School Cafetorium.

Insurance Services Office," said Turner.

Rep. Turner, who represents 17 mostly rural counties in Central and West Texas, is the chief proponent of private property rights in the Texas House of Representatives and a strong advocate for rural Texans.



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### Fishing Lake Ivie

Contrary to what you might have read otherwise in another area newspaper, the bass are biting at Lake Ivie. Don't know where this fellow got his information.

The spring catch on bass at Ivie has been very good and still is. There were at least two 10 lb plus bass caught last week. Those are the ones we know about.

Some fellows were fishing with me one day, using Carolina rigs with 6-inch and 8-inch Gator plastic lizards in about 15 feet of water, and they were having a ball catching bass over the grass beds and underwater humps.

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### School Awards

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English 8: Buffy Martin  
Mathematics Class

Awards:  
Math (7): Shyler Farley  
Most Improved Math (7): Jamie Wade

Algebra (8): Jaci Kuykendall  
Pre-Algebra (8): Ignacio Guerrero

Pre-Algebra (7): Jenna Hensley  
Math (7): Tristan Tomme

History Awards:  
Texas History: Jenna Hensley  
Texas History: Tristan Tomme

US History: Jaci Kuykendall  
US History: Austin Voss

Career/Technology Class

Awards:  
Computer Literacy: Jaci Kuykendall

Computer Literacy: Buffy Martin  
Career Investigation: Erwin Loyd

Career Investigation: Jenna Hensley  
Speech: Daena Castillo

Life Management Skills:  
D'Amber Goss

Keyboarding: Tristan Tomme  
Science Class Awards:

Earth Science: Connie Weaver  
Earth Science: Chrystal Pelton

Life Science: Erwin Loyd  
Life Science: Jenna Hensley

### Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, JUNE 6  
Beef enchiladas, refried beans, spanish rice and fruit cobbler

MONDAY, JUNE 9  
Chicken and dumplings, mexican corn, tossed salad and mixed fruit

FRIDAY, JUNE 13  
Lasagna, tossed salad, hominy, toasted garlic bread and pineapple pudding

**Thank You**

*The B.B. Bryan family gratefully acknowledges the many acts of love and kindness during our recent loss. May God's grace shine daily upon each of you.*

**Lola Bryan,  
Patricia, Judy  
and Serena**

### To The Friends Of Tommy Watson

who were so kind to us in our recent loss.  
We wish this Irish Blessing

*"May the road rise to meet you,  
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### 'Round & About

Visiting on Thursday with Dale and Carol Herring and Casey Wade were their son Derek Little of Brownwood and his friend Tracy Reid of Early. They all attended the eighth graduation exercises that evening in which Casey Wade took part. Casey Wade accompanied Derek to Brownwood and spent the night before returning home.

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