

From the number of reunions around, everyone must have had a wonderful weekend. Tony and Carleene took us to the school home-

coming. We got to visit with about 150 folks and enjoyed a wonderful barbecue supper catered by Steve Walker of Wheeler. Up that way, he is known as Mr. Barbecue. I got a bag of treats for being Over the Hill - a '33 graduate.

I couldn't start to name everyone, but those at our table were J.M. and Eunice Gamble, Lester and Clara Davis, Howard Fuchs, Perry Pennington and his sister, Auba, from

Watonga, C.R. and Minnie Ray Tucker, Janiece Sanders, Clarence and Betty Fern Blevins, Pauline Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. McCord, Earth, TX.

Auba, from our table, was recognized as a former teacher. Will J. Roberts came the farthest - Africa. Clea Joy Cox was elected Vice President. A number of door prizes were awarded to lucky folks. James Fariss read some of his poems about Sweetwater.

Clara gave me a copy of her book Croton Creek. This is an interesting story of life in this county during this century. We may be kintfolks, since we both have a lot of Phillips ancestors.

Tony's class of '57 had a 40 year reunion. Those who were able to attend were Don Roberts, Dale Roberts, Alma Myers, Shirley Welch, Diana Wallace, Deana Weston, Ken Roper, Wanda Hobbs, Rollie Howell, Georgia Howell, Peggy Coopridner, and Tony, plus several mates.

The Tip Sparks family had a reunion at the homestead with some 65 present. The nine SW graduates came to the Homecoming: Sophia, John, Ben, Billy, Lovie, June, Ruth, Virginia, and Sue. This was quite an accomplishment, since Ruth lives in Hawaii, and Billie in Florida, and the rest are scattered across the mainland.

Iva Thompson attended the Dunlap reunion at the Holiday Inn in Elk City. She said the Fourier family was also having a reunion that day.

Jean Olson, Plainview, TX, visited

the Ray Smiths Saturday. She and Jim have been here for the Olson Reunion.

L.V. Hogue had the misfortune to have a heat stroke while visiting relatives here. He spent several days in the hospital. His son Don and grandson Jimmy came and took him to Loveland.

Our friend Gerald Martin was burned badly on his hands, arms and face, I hear. He is doing well now. I caught my gown tail afire once and burned my backside seriously. Had to lay on my stomach two weeks so know burns can really hurt. The rest of the sick folks seem to be doing better and all home from the hospital.

Iona Miller attended the Miller reunion at Allison. Some 60 were there. She says her bowling team is still number one. Keith and Travis are enjoying the wheat harvest and are in Colorado now.

Memorial services were Wednesday for Flossie McAdoo, 90, at the Spring Creek Baptist Church. She wrote the Willow News for many years and we all looked forward to it. Burial was in the Willow Cemetery.

The Buffalo Baptist Church Bible School got off to a good start with 40 children registered. Larry Parvin and helpers are teaching it.

Bill Males, Glava, Sweden, and his mother Lorenda Males, Cheyenne visited his aunt and uncle Eunice and J.M. Gamble, Texola.

Fifty year graduates at the Homecoming were June Hayes, Ken Vitato, Theresa Nabors, and J.W. Maddoux. Linda Reimer took her parents



LIBRARY NEWS

Seems like the summer doldrums have set in. Still, we had a fairly busy week. We had 130 patrons and checked out 250 books. Also, 6 audios and 6 videos went out. The use of the audios continues to climb. They do make good traveling companions, also in some areas the farmers use them to pass the time when they are plowing.

We have a few new books on the shelves, they are as follows: "Lovesick" by Mastretta Angeles, "Special Delivery" by Danielle Steel, "Stiletto" by Harold Robbins, "Public Secrets" by Nora Roberts, "The Cowboy Boot Book" by Tyler Beard and "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier.

One of our featured books this week is "Lovesick" by Angeles Mastretta. This grand love story is played out across a half-century of Mexican history, a family and a love affair. This will be a hard book to put down. Our second featured book is "Special Delivery" by Danielle Steel. This is her 40th novel and sure to be a hit. It is a story of the fun, the challenge, and the occasional absurdity of new beginnings. Two people find love where and when they least expect it. This is a "feel good" book.

Thanks to Mac Christner for helping us fix our computer desk. And we had a pretty, young helper this past week and did she ever get the work done! This was Brittany Gibson, Mary's granddaughter from Abilene. We sure enjoyed her help and company. Thank goodness for volunteers!

We appreciate all memorials and donations. A memorial was received in memory of Don Redding. He was one of our favorite patrons and we sure do miss him. He returned a book once that his pup had gotten a hold of and damaged. Don paid for the book and checked out a book on dog training. That book was in bad shape from age and use, so we have replaced it with "Good Dog Bad Dog" and placed a memorial in it with Don's name.

Come see us and get some good reading.

By the Library Staff

HOSPICE AWARENESS

Many are the needs felt by someone who is experiencing the terminal illness and death of loved one. Grief is a very personal thing and everyone has the right to grieve in their own way and by their own time line. It is not our place to judge where they should be in that process, only to be there to listen to their pain. The following poem sums up what one might feel who is anticipating a loss or actually grieving a loss that has already taken place in their life. It is also important to remember that loss is not always loss of life, but also loss of a job, a relationship, financial security, or many other incidents that present themselves to us during this lifetime.

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Don't tell me that you understand,
Don't tell me that you know,
Don't tell me that I will survive,
How I will surely grow.

Don't tell me this is just a test,
That I am truly blessed,
That I am chosen for this task,
Apart From all the rest.

Don't come at me with answers
That can only come from me,
Don't tell me how my grief will pass,
That I will soon be free.

Don't stand in pious judgment
Of the bonds I must untie,
Don't tell me how to suffer,
And don't tell me how to cry.

My life is filled with selfishness.
My pain is all I see,
But I need you, I need your love,
Unconditionally.

Accept me in my ups and downs.
I need someone to share,
Just hold my hand and let me cry,
And say, "My friend, I care."

—Joanetta Handel
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The study of ancient Egypt is called Egyptology.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower honoring **Dusti Pounds**, bride-elect of **Clifton Bradstreet** on Sunday, July 20, 1997 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the home of Barbera Brown, 4133 Tucson, Amarillo, TX. Friends and family are invited to attend. Selections can be found at Target.

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