

The Groom News

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Thursday, November 17, 1988

School Board Approves Hiring Of Food Supervisor

The Groom Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 8, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at the school business office.

Superintendent Peeples presented the district annual performance report to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

The At-Risk Policy, which is required by the state, for each school to have a policy regarding potential student who may drop out of classes. The policy is made up of procedures of how to keep these students in school.

Groom's At-Risk Policy was amended at the meeting for clarification to read: "Groom Independent School District, in order to serve any students classified as "at-risk" will include the following: Resource; Chapter I; Tutorials; Summer School; individualized counseling; additional individualized tutorials for students in grades K-1-2-3; correlated language arts; fundamentals of math; introductory biology; and inductive physical science.

Mr. Lyles moved and Mr. Babcock seconded to approve payment of \$20.00 to each teacher for four-hours additional work to be conducted on one Saturday per month for the remainder of the school year so the Curriculum Guides can be completed. Curriculum Guides are required by the State. The motion prevailed with Janice Weinheimer obstaining.

Mr. Fields moved and Mr. England seconded to give each full time, permanent employee of the district a Christmas bonus in the amount of \$100.00. The motion carried.

Citing Article 6252-17, section 2 (G), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, President Britten called the Board into executive session at 7:45 p.m. The meeting having reconvened in open session at 8:10 p.m., Mr. Babcock moved and Mr.

Fields seconded to offer employment to Nancy Patterson as food services supervisor at the following salary equivalent to \$6.00 per hour: \$7,350 per annum based on seven hours daily for 175 school days per year, plus individual hospitalization coverage; and to offer employment to Sharon Ritter and to Betty Rae Brown as cooks at a salary of \$5,573.75 per annum, equivalent to \$4.90 per hour, 6.5 hours for 175 school days per year plus individual hospitalization coverage. The motion carried.

Mr. Lyles moved and Mr. Fields seconded to alter the meeting date for the December 1988 meeting to be set for Thursday, 15, December 1988 at 7:00 p.m. due to a basketball game set for that evening.

Administrative Assistant Judy Babcock reported on the district's high performance on the TEAMS tests administered and the results showing Groom's aggregate

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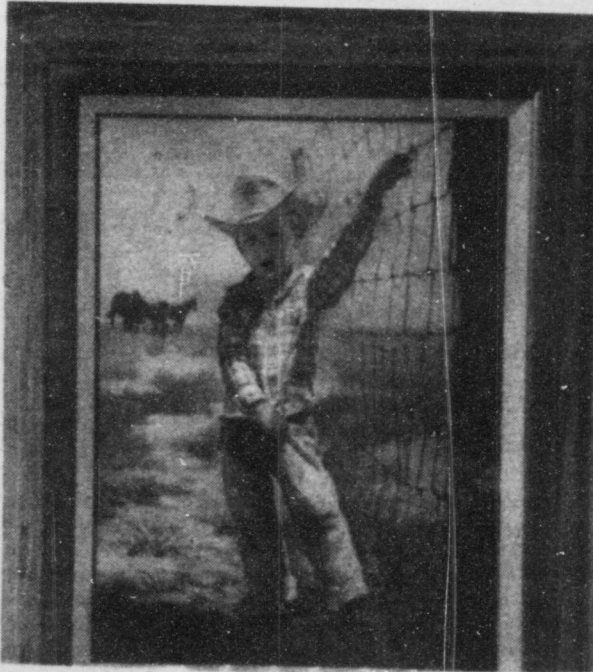
St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19

The annual St. Mary's Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall in Groom.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. The menu will be stew, cornbread and cobbler.

Festivities planned for the day include a bake sale, a decorated t-shirt contest and door prizes.

Holiday shoppers are invited to come shop at the many craft booths on display. A variety of gift ideas will be available. Mrs. Cobb Britten reported that all booth space has been taken. A large variety of ceramic work, wood decorations, clothing and jewelry, to name a few will be on hand.



Jan Bell Exhibits On Display At Museum

Jan Bell's paintings will be on exhibit through the month of November in the Annex Gallery. The public is invited to a meet-the-artist reception November 20 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

The works on exhibit are contemporary western art. Models for the paintings are generally cowboys from local ranches. The exhibit also includes a sampling of her portraits from private collections.

In addition to painting, Jan has published three books of pen and ink drawings which are sold nationwide. She will autograph copies of her books and prints purchased during her reception.

Jan Bell grew up in the community of Estelline in Hall County. She graduated from Estelline High School and attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Painting and drawing have been natural talents for her from the early age of ten when she had her first private instruction. Her rural background, including the family farm, gave her first-hand knowledge of the subject matter she so often uses in paintings. In addition to the country and western themes, Jan has always had an ability for painting people.

"Faces have been my fascination," she says, "especially the innocence of the child's face as well as the character portrayed in the weathered and lined face of the cowman." Portraiture has always been an important part of her artwork and she does several commissions each year, many of children.

Jan studies art at Wayland and works primarily in oil, pastel and pencil. She has had several exhibits throughout Texas and is represented by galleries in Midland, Kerrville and Dallas as well as Sante Fe, NM, Scottsdale, AZ and Vail, CO.

Thanksgiving Services Set

Several vocalists have met these past weeks to practice for the upcoming Community Thanksgiving Service. The choir made up of members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church will perform several selections.

The services are to begin

on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor at the United Methodist Church will bring the sermon. Father Neyer of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Troy Waller interim pastor at the First Baptist Church will assist.

Basketball Season Underway

With the seasonal changes and temperatures dropping, the idea of moving indoors for basketball is welcomed by many fans and players.

Basketball got underway Saturday with a scrimmage with Adrian in Adrian. Corch Jay Lamb reported that he felt they did a good job.

Coach Jay Lamb takes over the boys basketball program that has made the

playoffs the last two seasons. Lamb comes to Groom from Highland Park, where he compiled a 19-2 record.

The Tiger Team's roster is made up of Michael Rose, Storey Crump, Brice Ruttiardt, Kevin Kerlee, Kiley Lambert, Matt Weinheimer, Jay Britten, Wilbur Kempf, Richard Jenkins, Mike Conrad, Justin Harris, Jeff Fields see Basketball page 10

Community Calendar

United Methodist Christmas Nativity and Santa's Visit-Wednesday, December 21. Everyone is invited to include this in their holiday plans.

Groom Area Senior Citizens-Game night-Bingo and table games. White elephant donations will be prizes. Games start at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Community Center.

Kountry Cousins will meet Friday, in the home of Sharlene Lewis. The program will be on breast screening. Co-hostess is Connie Fields.

Nightin' Gals will meet Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mamie Poole. Co-hostess is Theresa Wills.

St. Mary's Holiday bazaar will be Saturday from 9 to 2 p.m.

Weekly Calendar
Groom ISD School
Thursday-Six weeks tests- periods 2 and 5.
Friday-Six weeks tests- periods 1, 3, & 7, 6:00 p.m.
High School Basketball game with Channing to be held in Groom for the Varsity Girls and Boys.
Saturday-WTSU Speech Tournament.

Pack Meeting-tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. New members are welcome. Scouts are reminded to bring their popcorn sales order forms.

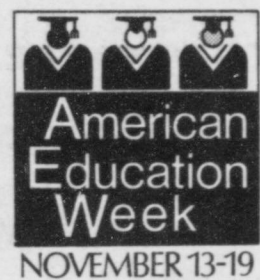
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Community
Thanksgiving Services
Sunday-4:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church



Tuesday Grain Prices At Local Elevators

Cash prices on grain posted at grain elevators serving the Groom area Tuesday afternoon:

WHEAT \$3.53
MILO \$4.05
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WMU Met

The Baptist Women met at the Church on Wednesday morning of this past week for Bible study and the Royal service Mission Program.

Mrs. Barry Fields directed the Bible study, "The Drama of Missions" Gen. 12-25 through Gen. 28:14.

Mrs. Don Ritter presented the Royal Service Program "When It's One Hour Before Sun down".

Others attending were; Mrs. Jack Bivens, Mrs. Stella Patterson, Thelma Pool, Bertha Knight, Mrs. C.L. Fields and Mrs. Melvin Asberry.

The week of prayer to be held in December.

THANK YOU —

I would like to thank all the citizens of Carson County for their support and confidence.

I look forward to working for a great county and serving its people.

THANKS AGAIN —

Terry & Trish Timmons

Friends,

for your support, contributions, and encouraging words during the race for My family and I would like to thank you county commissioner. I believe my dad had a f had a good program started and I appreciate the chance you have given me to build on it. I assure you our precinct will continue to represented in a manner in which we can be proud of.

Thanks Again,

Mike Britten

Local Happenings

Jack and Chick Howard returned home Monday evening after spending four days in Killeen Texas visiting with ner sister; Gayle King and family, Ranelle King and Billie Willless.

Dora Margaret and Dutch Crowell recently returned from a trip to Austin. They attended the Cross Country State Track Meet. Connie Crowell Barnard and her team of girls from Perryton competed in the meet. Everyone was thrilled that the team brought home the first, State Championship as a team to Perryton.

Bob and Mary Wood and Elizabeth Myers traveled to Ft. Worth this past weekend to a Gospel singing, where they met up with some of Bob's relatives. They reported a grand time.

The fire whistle blew on Monday at approximately 10:30 a.m. to summon the trucks to the 6666 Ranch.

Nellie Ford of Groom was reported to have been a patient at Coronado Community Hospital this past week.

Ambulance Crew

Elects Officers

The Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service met Tuesday night, November 8, 1988. Election of the 1989 officers resulted in David Britten-President, Brent Stephens-Vice President, Jerry Crowell-Secretary, and Lynn Pool-treasurer. The books for the past year were discussed and a payment of \$3500 dollars was made on the heart monitor leaving a balance of \$2300 dollars. Insurance premium for the 1989 year was paid at a sum of \$4800 dollars.

Recruitment of new attendants and training was discussed. Twelve individuals are certified for ambulance attendents however the bulk of the runs are handled by only five dedicated volunteers that give their best. If anyone is interested in giving their time to help the community contact any member of the Ambulance Service.

The volunteers would like to extend their thanks for the public's confidence and support over the years and hope to continue good service in the future.

Theta Delta Chapter Met

Theta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Panhandle at the First United Methodist Church. Jony Thomas of Panhandle conducted the business meeting.

Before the program a special guest, Mrs. Mary Jo Ondracek, Area XI coordinator, brought greetings from Alpha State.

"Encouraging the Growing Responsibilities of Families to Contribute to Society" was the title of the program presented by Mogie McCray with help from Dixie Surratt and Wanda Lockridge.

Members attending from Panhandle were Charlene Charless, Mary Ewing, Bette Gill, Thelma Holman, Dorothy Knierihm, Kay Mayo, Mogie McCray, Nanette Padget, Jo Ella Randel, Elizabeth Smith, Mary Ruth Smith, Jony Thomas, Becky Throgmorton, and Dixie Surratt.

Wilma Cornette, Shirley Kelly, and Wanda Lockridge attended from White Deer.

Members from Groom attending were Judy Babcock and Susan Burgin.

Virgie McGee attended from Skellytown. Exie Vantine attended from Pampa.

Visitors included Mary Jo Ondracek and Nelda Askey from Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter and granddaughter Elizabeth traveled to Irving and Kilgore this past week-end. They visited Elizabeths parents Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Painter in Kilgore. While there Elizabeth attended the football game between Kilgore and Corsicana. They visited in the home of their daughters; Chery, Rob and Robbie in Hurst. While in Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tapley and Elizabeth spent the night with her sister La Crisha.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards from Havasu, Arizona visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Painter. They are the parents of Mrs. Painter. They were enroute to Cassville Mo. and will return this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Homer and son Darrell Homer traveled to Lubbock this past weekend to visit their oldest son, Tony Homer at Texas Tech where he is currently enrolled in College.

Megan Bivens the daughter of Mark and Tammy Bivens was able to return home after being a patient at Cornado Community Hospital on Tuesday.

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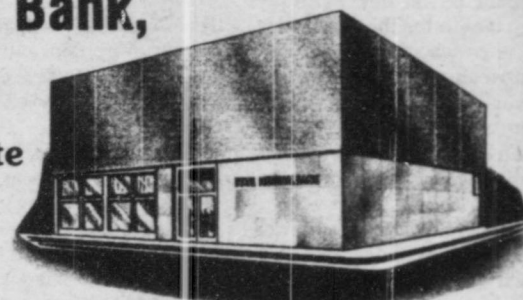
coaching staff and the Groom Tigers for an outstanding season finale and a special

"Thank You" to Coach Branch and his staff for their support of this seasons

"Players Of The Week."

Take Note-

Basketball Season Is Here!



Working With Your Interest In Mind.

**DPS
October
Report**

Total cases filed during this period was 353, warnings issued totaled 208 and accidents number 3. Two DWI's were reported. Total fines collected equal \$10,500.00 and funds to stay in the county total \$7,770.00. On October 13, 1988 Trooper Bill Sneider stopped a truck for speeding on I-40. The driver, who was from California, had been smoking marijuana. He was arrested after a search revealed a small amount of marijuana. Also found was some pills and a semi-automatic machine pistol. Subject was placed in jail at Panhandle.

**Hunting
Seasons**

According to the Texas Hunting Guide several hunting seasons are open for hunters in Carson County. Deer season is open for archery hunters until January 1. Mule Deer season is also open until December 4. Pheasant season which is very popular with local hunters begins on December 10 and will continue through December 25. Remember hunters the law states 2 cocks per day may be killed and only four in possession. Quail season began October 29 and will conclude on February 26. The law states only 15 birds may be killed per day and only 45 in possession.



**Brown & Stewart
Plan January Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Brown of Groom, Texas announce

the engagement of their daughter, Lezlie Dec, to Mr. Shawn Timothy Stewart, son of Mrs. Sharie Stewart of Lubbock, Texas. A January wedding is planned. Miss Brown is a graduate of Groom high school and attends Texas Tech University majoring in General Home Economics. She also owns a clothing store in Lubbock—Tucker Brown. Mr. Stewart was a graduate from Coronado high school, Lubbock. He also attends Texas Tech University majoring in Zoology. At present he is employed by Albertson's Inc. in Lubbock.

Obituaries

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**Joyce E.
Hancock**

Joyce E. Hancock, 48 died Saturday, November 12, 1988. Services were held on Monday, November 14, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at Quitaque with the Rev. Jerry L. Moore, pastor of Groom United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel. Mrs. Hancock was born in Quitaque and attended school there. She also attended Draughts Business College in Plainview. She was a bookkeeper for Lubbock Feedlots for over 10 years. She moved from Lubbock to Groom in 1985. Survivors include her mother, Opal Boggs of Tulia; three daughters, Shonda Ruthardt of Groom, Tama Hancock of Arlington, and Tawnya Hancock of San Marcos; a sister, Neysa Friemel of Groom; and a brother, Rick Boggs of Plainview.

**Mamie Lee
Walser**


Mamie Lee Walser, 75, died Tuesday. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Wheeler Church of Christ with Bill Morrison, minister, and Alfred White, minister of Groom Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed in Canadian Cemetery by Stickle-Hills Funeral Home. Mrs. Walser was born in Fredonia, Ala. She was a longtime Hemphill County resident. She and her husband, Clarence Walser, farmed in the Washita community. Survivors include her husband; four sons, Glenn Walser of Duncanville and Melvin Walser, Weldon Walser of Duncanville and Melvin Walser, Weldon Walser and Eldon Walser, all of Canadian; a brother, Marvin Hammack of Valley, Ala.; four sisters, Lucille Etheridge of Canadian; Lois Barbee and Ruby Whatley, both of Fort Worth, Genell Driver of Childress; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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**St. Mary's
Holiday Bazaar**
St. Mary's Hali-Groom
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **November 19, 1988**

Stew, Cornbread & Cobbler
Begin To Serve At 11:30

Door Prizes **Bake Sale** **Craft Booths**
Decorated
T-Shirt Contest


Worship In Church
THIS
Sunday, November 20,
4:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church
**Community
Thanksgiving
Service**
Community Choir To Perform.

73 Students Honored With Complimentary Blizzards

The Groom's Tiger's Tale reported that seventy-three students were honored for not missing a day of school, with a free Blizzard and a chance at a free jam box.

Trisha Treadwell, fifth grader, won the jam box in a drawing conducted by the student council.

October 3-28 was the school's accounting period of this year. Superintendent Rex Peeples offered a free Blizzard and a chance at a free jam box for any student who wasn't absent during this period.

The better the attendance the more money the school receives from the

state.

The ADA (average daily attendance) was up from last year from 95.73 percent to 98.14 percent according to Business Manager Joyce Hutsell. This means that last year out of 211 students in school, 202 students attended school for the whole accounting period. This year, out of 215 students, 211 (80 percent) were accounted for and 42 (20 percent) were absent.

Last year the school lost around \$13,500 because of absences during this period. Bouncing back this year, the school was still in a loss but only at \$7500.

Jr. High Athletes Began Season

Basketball season got underway Monday evening as Amarillo Christian Schools came to Groom for the first game of the season for Junior High.

Girl Cubs started the evening of basketball off with a good start. The final

score was Groom 37 to Amarillo's 16. Coaching these young ladies is Coach Tim Gilliland. The roster is made up of (8th graders) Amy Brown, Karen Babcock, Melinda Burgin, Marie Conrad, (7th Grade) Krista Burgin, Kenzi Burger, Aimee Lyles, Melody Burton, Rebecca Conrad, Angela Reed, Andrea Payton, Tisha Burgin and Kim Fields.

High point scorer was Kaven Babcock.

Jr. High boys carried the excitement on into the evening with an exciting game. The final score was 36 to 21.

Coach Jay Lamb is coaching these Cubs, which is made up of (8th graders) Paul McLaughlin, Rhett Patterson, David Walker, John Weinheimer, Shannon Miller, Matt Fields, (7th graders) Wes Hall, Roni Jenkins, Phillip Vaughn, Jason Trevino and Broate Britten. High point scorer

for the evening was David Walker.

Six Weeks

Testing Begins

On Tuesday students began taking six weeks tests in periods 4 and 6. High school basketball began with a game against McLean in McLean. Junior Varsity Girls, Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys played. At presstime scores were not yet known.

School Menu

Groom ISD

Monday-Breakfast- cereal, blueberry muffins, juice and milk

Lunch-chicken strips, baked beans, salad, gravy, rolls and pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday-Breakfast-donuts juice and milk

Lunch-turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, jello with fruit

Wednesday-Breakfast- homemade French Toast
Lunch-stuffed baked potatoes, ham, broccoli, cheese, sliced bread and peaches

Thursday-No School,
Happy Thanksgiving
From The Groom
Lunchroom Staff

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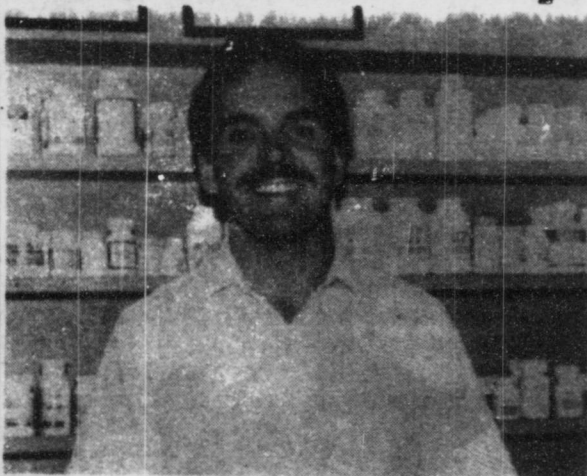
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High School Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE	TEAMS
Sat.	Nov. 12	Adrian (Scrimmage)	2:00	There	VG, VB
Tues.	Nov. 15	McLean	5:00	There	JV, VG, VB
Fri.	Nov. 18	Channing	6:00	Here	VG, VB
Sat.	Nov. 19	Highland Park	10:00	There	JVG
Tues.	Nov. 22	Shamrock	5:00	Here	JV, VG, VB
Tues.	Nov. 29	Adrian	5:00	Here	JV, VG, VB
Thurs.- Sat.	Dec. 01 - Dec. 03	Miami Tournament			
Sat.	Dec. 03	Highland Park	9:00	Here	JVB, JVG
Tues.	Dec. 06	Hedley	6:30	There	VG, VB
Thurs. - Sat.	Dec. 08 - Dec. 10	Samnorwood Tournament			
Tues.	Dec. 13	Miami	5:00	Here	JV, VG, VB
Fri.	Dec. 16	Hedley	6:30	Here	VG, VB
Tues.	Dec. 20	McLean	5:00	Here	JV, VG, VB
Tues.	Jan. 03	Higgins	6:30	There	VG, VB
Thurs. Sat.	Jan. 05 - Jan. 07	Stratford Tournament			
Sat.	Jan. 14	Pampa Sophomores	4:00	There	VB
Tues.	Jan. 17	Amarillo Christian	5:00	There	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	Jan. 20	* Claude	5:00	Here	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	Jan. 24	* White Deer	5:00	There	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	Jan. 27	* Lefors	6:30	Here	VG, VB
Tues.	Jan. 31	* Claude	5:00	There	JVB, VG, VB
Fri.	Feb. 03	* White Deer	5:00	Here	JVB, VG, VB
Tues.	Feb. 07	* Lefors	6:30	There	VG, VB

* Denotes District Games

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REMINDER!



Kim Beaver rounds a barrel as she tries for a winning run.

McLean Contestants Fare Well

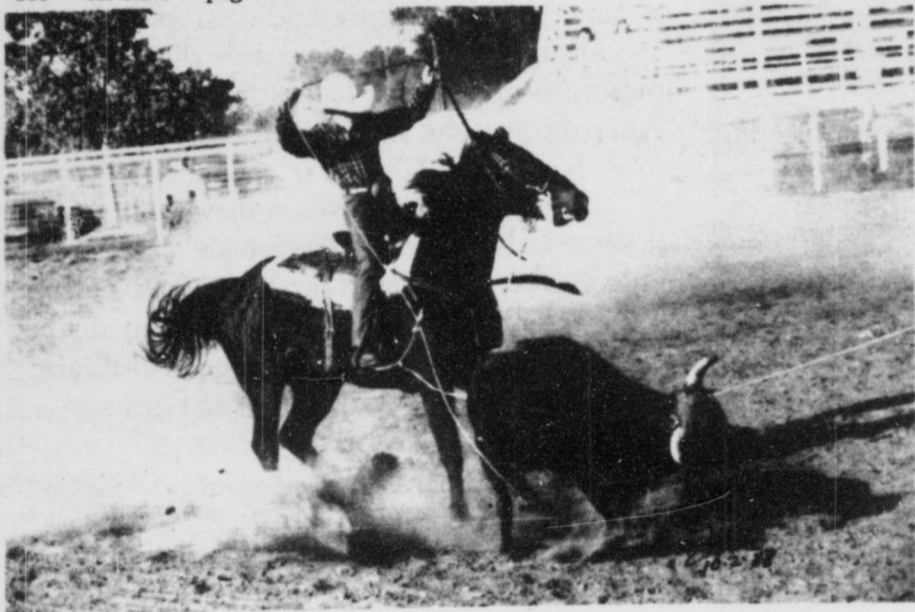
The Tri State High School Rodeo Associations fall season ended recently and three students from MHS are to be congratulated on their performances.

Kim Beaver, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beaver and a senior at MHS ends the fall season by placing in the top 15 contestants in barrel racing, pole bending and girls break-away calf roping.

Misty Coleman who is in her first year in Tri State competition is a freshman and her parents are Mr. and see Tri-State page 8



Missy Coleman giving her all in pole-bending.



Chris Littlefield trying for both heels at Clarendon.

SPS Formally Files For Rate Decrease

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) filed Wednesday, November 2, with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to implement a previously announced 4.3 percent electric-rate decrease for SPS customers outside city limits, said Sam Hunter, SPS vice president of rates and economic research.

This step is part of a

process that ultimately will result in all of SPS's residential, commercial, industrial and other retail customers in Texas receiving a decrease of 4.3 percent or 20.6 million, compared with rates in effect at the first of the year, Hunter said.

Getting the decrease approved and implemented is occurring in stages, he

noted, because of the regulatory process in Texas. Cities have original jurisdiction over base rates within city limits. The PUCT regulates rates for customers outside city limits.

The electric-rate decrease primarily reflects the lower federal-income-tax rate for corporations, Hunter said.

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Council Hires Animal Control Officer For City

The McLean City council met in regular session Tuesday November 8, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Green with the following members present; Wayne Bybee, Dale Glass, Martha Jo Bailey, W.C. Simpson and Harold Smith.

Others present were Mrs. Wayne Bybee, Mrs. Vernon Turner, Michael Colly, Donnie Basham, Stella Lee and Bob Glenn. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted after a motion by Dale Glass and a second by W.C. Simpson.

Michael Colley was hired as Animal Control Officer and police officer at \$6.00 per hour and a \$7:50 per hour respectively and 21 cents per mile as animal control officer.

This decision came after a

lengthy discussion concerning duties and certification. An application from Donna Burton for animal control officer was also read.

Mrs. Bybee appeared before council to discuss the possibility of getting Historical Route 66 signs installed along the old 66 route into and through McLean. A motion was made by Bailey to ask the state highway department about installing these signs and was seconded by Glass. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Requirements for landfill were again discussed. The council would like to meet with Missco contractor and BFI contractor to discuss their rates, requirements and contract.

The council voted to pay current bills and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

County Replaces Veteran Sheriff

Gray County voters turned their county's sheriff's badge over to a newcomer in last weeks election as Jimmy Free defeated the 38 year incumbent Rufe Jordan. Despite Jordan's Jordan, longest among the 254 Texas counties, Jimmy Free cited the main reason he ran for sheriff was because of Jordan's reluctance to join the Panhandle Regional Drug Task Force. Free won 4725 to Jordan's 4052 votes.

Gray county voters overwhelming voted in favor of the Bush-Quayle Presidential ticket by casting 7,259 out of 10,159 votes cast.

Even though Bill Sarpalius lost Gray County by a 2:1 margin-5976 to 3841 Republican Teel Bivens handily defeated Mel Phillips for state senate, 6442-3356. In Gray County Lloyd Bentsen lost to Beau Boulter 6019 to 3732 for the U.S. Senate but state-wide Bentsen had no trouble defeating Boulter.

Pampa's Warren Chisum defeated Claude's Tom Christian by 904 votes in Gray County, 5364-4460. Christian, a former state representative, was praised by Chisum for running a clean campaign.

All three constitutional amendments passed Gray County. In the County Com-

missioner's race incumbent Gerald Wright 43, held on to his seat in Precinct 3, while Joe Wheeley from Precincts' 1 seat and Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene claimed victory for his seat on the commission. McLean Commissioner Ted Simmons was not up for re-election.

City Receives Rebate

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently sent a monthly tax rebate check to Gray County in the sum of \$142,955.98, of that sum McLean received \$2,338.30, Lefors-\$684.03 and Pampa-\$139, 933.65.

Net payments in Gray County showed an increase as a county of 2.28 percent. McLean alone showed an increase of 9.54 percent.

In 1987 payments to McLean totaled \$17,202.27, thus far in 1988 McLean has received \$19,444.80. As a county totals show an increase of 9.65 percent. McLean shows an increase of 13.04 percent.

School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Junior High basketball. November 17 and 18 Lefors Tourney, November 21-Lefors there at 6:30 p.m.

High School Basketball: November 22-Lefors Here at 6:30 p.m.

Young at Heart Turkey Dinner today at noon in the Senior Citizens Building.

Junior High opens season

The McLean Junior High Basketball teams opened their season with a bang Monday night.

The girls team coached by Joe Riley defeated Lefors 53-7.

The cubs, under the guidance of Coach Watson came away with a 43-12 victory over the Lefors Boys.

The Teams will be participating in the Lefors Tournament this weekend.

Services Held For Bob Duniven

Services for former resident Bob Duniven were held Friday November 11 in First Baptist Church of MIAMI. Mr. Duniven was born in Miami and lived in McLean for several years before moving to Miami in 1985. He was an employee of El Pasa Natural Gas Company for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons, Alan of Everman, Dennis of Dallas, Tommy of Lubbock and Marty of Abilene; one daughter, Lana Ward of Wellington; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Duniven of Miami; two sisters, Joyce Bales of Keller and Doris Wilkens of Perryton; and nine grandchildren.

McLean Briefs.....

Steve Brass was reported to have been a patient at Coronado Community Hospital this past week.

Visiting with Eva Peabody last week were her cousins, the Dick Parkers from Teneha, Texas.

Lighthouse News

Last Monday evening twenty of the Lighthouse youth group along with youth pastors Bill and Jerry Billingsley, Steve and Cris Stone and R.L. Winebrinner attended a pizza supper and Youth Crusade with Ken Freeman and Don Babin, sponsored jointly by the First Baptist Church and the Methodist Church of

Shamrock, Texas.

We all enjoyed this time of Christian fellowship and the pizza supper.

Then we were in for a real treat, Ken sang and Don Babin gave his great

testimony of the delivering power of Jesus Christ from drugs and a life of deep sin.

Many young people made decisions for Christ or reaffirmed prior commitments.

A big thank you to all of those that made this possible Mr. And Mrs. Allen Turpen and Leah were in McLean this week.



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Of Local Interest.....

The McLean News received the following article that ran in the Mineral Wells Index.

For Barbara Trew, the advantages of living in a small town like Palo Pinto far

outweigh the disadvantages. That is, if there are any disadvantages.

Trew says she and her husband Don came across the community by chance nearly seven years ago and

decided to buy the local grocery/convenience store.

The Trews moved to Palo Pinto from the west Texas town of McLean in Gray County. 'I've always liked

small communities, I don't feel like I've missed out from living in the 'big cities'.

"We go to Dallas and Fort Worth and we come back as fast as we can. I don't like the traffic," she said. Palo Pinto is a good place to raise children as the community watches out for one another.

But just because she enjoys the slower pace of the country, don't be fooled into thinking Mrs. Trew doesn't have a surprise or two. When asked where her favorite vacation spot is, this small-town Methodist woman doesn't even blink an eye. Las Vegas!"

Another interesting piece of trivia about the Trews is that they lived in Australia for five years mustering wild cattle. She loved the movie "Crocodile Dundee" because "That's the way they really are down there."

Don and Barbara have five grown children and eight grandchildren.

SPS

"If you will recall, in March 1988 SPS implemented a 3.1 percent decrease for customers within city limits, following approval of the 74 Texas cities it serves," Hunter said. "On July 8, SPS, the PUCT staff, a representative of the cities' steering committee and others worked out an agreement for a 4.3 percent decrease for customers outside city limits. SPS announced at that time it would ask cities to approve an additional 1.2 percent decrease, thus making rates the same for customers inside and outside city limits."

Before these rates for customers outside city limits can be implemented, a PUCT hearing examiner must approve them, and finally the PUCT itself must rule on the agreement, Hunter said.

That is the stage we are at now," he said. "The hearing examiner is expected to rule in about two weeks. If approved, the interim rates for customers outside city limits would be implemented a few days later.

"It is expected the PUCT will rule on this agreement and finalize rates about four weeks after the hearing examiner rules. At that time customers outside city limits will receive a credit on their bills reflecting savings accrued since July 8, when the agreement for lower rates was reached," Hunter said.

At the time of PUCT approval, SPS will file with the cities it serves to further reduce the amount of the cities' March 1988 rate reduction, Hunter said.

"If the cities approve, it will be about 35 days after we file with the cities when the additional rate reduction takes effect within city limits. Then SPS's customers within city limits also will receive a credit on their bills reflecting savings accrued since July 8," he said.

"The process can be hard to follow at times," Hunter said. "But when it's all said and done, all of our retail customers will have the benefits of lower electric rates. Rates within city limits and outside city limits will be identical."

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Nov. 14	Lefors	Jr. High		Here	6:30
Nov. 15	Groom	High School	VG,VB&JVB	Here	5:00
Nov. 17&18	Lefors Tourney				TBA
Nov. 21	Lefors	Jr. High		There	6:30
Nov. 22	Lefors	High School		Here	6:30
Nov. 28	Silverton	Jr. High		Hedley	6:00
Nov. 29	Shamrock	High School	JVB&JVG	There	4:00
Dec. 2	Clarendon	High School	JVG	There	5:00
Dec. 5	Lefors	High School		There	6:30
Dec. 8&9	Samnorwood Tourney				
Dec. 12	Lakeview	Jr. High		There	6:00
Dec. 13	Highland Park	High School	JVB&JVG	Here	4:00
Dec. 15&16	Whitdeer Tourney				
Dec. 19	Hedley	Jr. High		There	6:00
Dec. 20	Groom	High School	JVB	There	5:00
Jan. 3	Clarendon	High School	JVB	Here	5:00
Jan. 6	Lakeview	High School		There	6:30
Jan. 9	Hedley	Jr. High		Here	6:00
Jan. 10	Hedley	High School		There	6:30
Jan. 13	Valley	High School	JVB	Here	5:00
Jan. 16	Mobeetie	Jr. High		There	6:00
Jan. 17	Samnorwood	High School		Here	6:30
Jan. 20	Silverton	High School	JVB	There	5:00
Jan. 23	Lakeview	Jr. High		Here	6:00
Jan. 24	Lakeview	High School		Here	6:30
Jan. 27	Hedley	High School		Here	6:30
Jan. 30	Silverton	Jr. High		Hedley	6:30
Jan. 31	Valley	High School	JVG	There	5:00
Feb. 2	Hedley Tourney	Jr. High			
Feb. 3	Samnorwood	High School		There	6:30
Feb. 4	Hedley Tourney	Jr. High			
Feb. 7	Silverton	High School	JVB	Here	5:00

VB-Varsity Boys
VG-Varsity Girls
JVB-Junior Varsity Boys
JVG-Junior Varsity Girls

Study Club Meets

The Alanreed twentieth Century Study Club met November 10 in the home of Safronia Pettit. Co-hostess was Relia Ayers.

The meeting was opened by club President Lena Carter.

The club collect was led by Mary Groves and was said in unison by members present.

The minutes were read by Rose Hall and then approved and the Treasurers report was also given.

Mary Groves who is chairman of the Christmas party committee passed out slips showing what each member should bring for the Christmas party.

The program was The History of Thanksgiving and was given by Mary Groves. A Thanksgiving Story told by Mary Davis followed the program.

The roll call was what I have to be thankful for and was answered by Relia Ayers, Lena Carter, Mary Davis, Mary Groves, Safronia Pettit, Ada Simmons, Rose Hall and Wanda Sharp who was a guest.

Refreshments of pumpkin pie, cool whip, nuts, mints, coffee and spiced cider were served to all. The next meeting will be the Christmas party.

Alanreed News

Denva Tidwell took the Dick Dragoos to Pampa, Thursday for medical attention.

The R.D. McLains have a new great-granddaughter. Granddaughter Michelle recently had a baby girl.

Visting with the Laverne Goldstons last week were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goldston of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and Katlin of Amarillo visited with the Hartley Davis.

Visiting with Rose Hall over the weekend were Jack Hall and son of Clarendon.

James Norvil visited his grandparents, the R.D. McLains Saturday.

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Mailing Of Social Security Checks

If you are retired, disabled, are entitled to survivors benefits, you should know when to expect your Social Security benefits every month.

Your Social Security check usually will arrive in the mail on the third of the month. If the third of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, you will generally receive your check on the last banking day before then.

For example, in December this year, the third of the month falls on a Saturday. So, you should expect to get your check on Friday, December 2nd.

Sometimes, for one reason or another, there are delays in delivering Social Security Checks. You should allow at least three full days from the third of each month for your check to arrive. If you do not receive your check by the sixth of the month, then you should call 1-800-2345-SSA.

Aged, Blind or disabled people who receive SSI checks can expect to receive their checks in the mail usually on the first of the month. If the first falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the check will usually arrive on the Friday before.

For example, October 1, fell on a Saturday, so SSI checks arrived on Friday, September 30. New Year's Day, January 1, 1989, falls on a Sunday, so SSI checks should be delivered on Friday, December 30.

If your SSI check does not arrive in the mail on the usual day (around the beginning of the month), you should look for it to come in a few days. If your check does not arrive by the fourth of the month, contact the Toll free number 1-800-2345-SSA.

If your Social Security and/or SSI payment is deposited directly into your checking or savings account in a bank, savings or loan or other financial institution, you do not have to worry about when your check will be delivered. The benefit will be deposited automatically into your account every month.

Today, almost half of all Social Security beneficiaries and 15 percent of SSI recipients use direct deposit. This eliminates any worry, particularly for the elderly and the disabled, about when their checks will arrive or if they will be lost or stolen.

Any time you have question about your monthly checks, or if you want to sign up for direct deposit, call 1-800-2345-SSA.

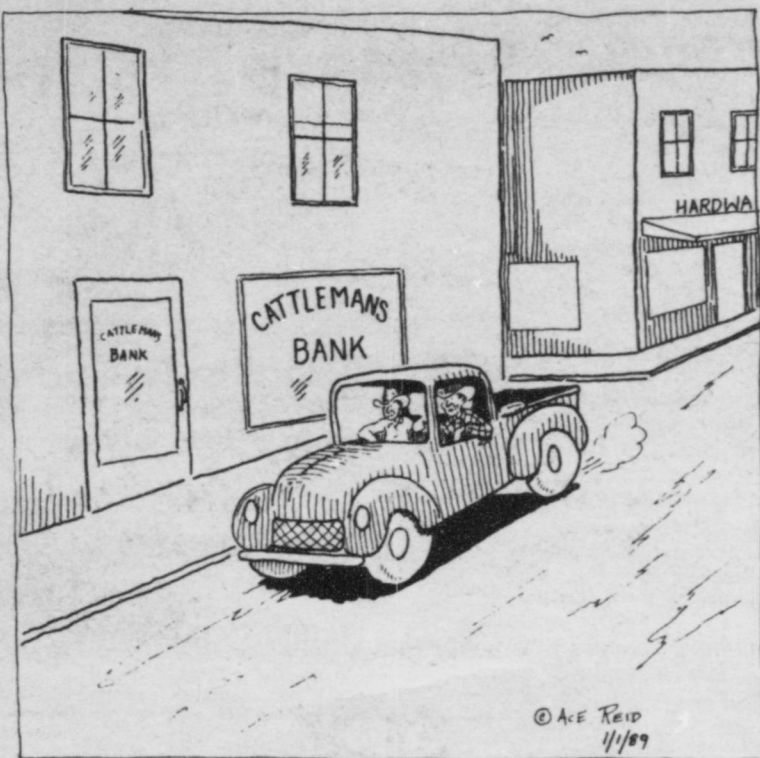
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Mrs. Stanley Coleman. Misty had had a very good first half, placing in the top 15 pole benders.

Chris Littlefield is the third member of the team and the only boy competing from McLean. Although he hasn't placed yet, he continues to improve and make impressive showings. He is a freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Meador and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Littlefield all of McLean.

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School Board

internal score to be second-highest in the State, or 86.75 percent. The district will be participating as one of the top 109 campuses from the State's 6,000 campuses to assist the State in evaluating factors for high performance.

Mr. Fields moved and Mrs. Weinheimer seconded to waive billing on emergency transportation performed for the First Baptist Church of Ferguson in St. Louis, Missouri. The groups bus broke down near Groom and the school transported the travelers on to Amarillo in the school's buses. The motion carried.

Following a review of the Budget analyses for the period ended on October 28, and a listing of accounts payable, Mr. Fields moved and Mr. Lyles seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried.

Sales Tax Up

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Tuesday that the monthly tax rebates sent to cities and counties that collect local sales tax increased again in November.

"The payments to cities and counties continue to improve," Bullock said. "The state's economic recovery continues to pick up steam."

Bullock's office sent checks totaling \$118.4 million to 1,045 cities.

Statewide, the 1988 year-to-date payments to cities are up 12.4 percent over last year.

City Council

In the Groom City Council meeting on November 1, Ronny Fields moved to not accept sealed bids on the Gibbons property of \$777.00

from T.C. Sustaire and \$900.00 from Leo Edmondson, Sr. Jerry Thornton seconded.

Checks totaling \$52.6 million were sent to the state's six metropolitan transit authorities and one city transit department. This reflected a year-to-date increase of twelve percent over the same period last year.

Checks totaling \$10.2 million were also mailed Tuesday to the 81 counties that collect the one-half percent county sales tax.

Carson County received a total net payment this period of \$12,255.59. Groom received \$2,605.92, Panhandle received \$5,484.69, Skellytown-\$1,440.76 and White Deer received \$2,724.22 of the net payment. Payments showed an increase of 10.77 percent county-wide over a comparable payment last year. Groom showed a 14.08 percent over last year's payment.

In 1988 Carson County received \$114,955.39, in 1987 payments totaled \$89,847.47, which shows an increase of 27.97 percent over last year.

Gas Prices May Jump As Much as 50%

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Railroad Commission Chairman James E. (Jim) Nugent said recently that, based on his research, economic information and talks with producers and users, he believes natural gas prices may jump as much as fifty to seventy-five cents per thousand cubic feet by January.

Citing recent research conclusions, Chairman Nugent said, "The market for natural gas in a firming trend, and the price of gas should make a substantial upward movement of 50 to 75 cents per Mcf by the first of next year. This is good news for the Texas Treasury and the Texas economy. Each 50-cent increase in the price per Mcf of gas generates over 200 million additional dollars per year in severance taxes

for the state.

Gas production continues to decline while there is an upswing in demand, both in Texas and the interstate markets. Texas produced only 5.5 trillion cubic feet last year, compared to 7 trillion cubic feet in 1980. Nugent pointed to an increase in the Texas Industrial usage, increased interstate exports and shift to gas co-generation and winter heating as demand factors which will exert an upward influence on gas prices.

"We are beginning to see the selling price of natural gas approaching the replacement cost," Nugent said. "As the price of natural gas reaches replacement cost, we have a better chance of maintaining adequate supplies of this clean-burning fuel, and there is

incentive for operators and investors to drill and find new gas reserves. "This increased drilling activity equates to more rigs running, and that means more jobs and additional income for many segments of the economy. Studies show that every rig brought back into operation creates at least 200 new jobs. If we increase our rig count by 500, that will bring 100,000 jobs to Texas and add \$1.5 billion in salaries" Nugent concluded.

"With the current average wellhead price of about \$1.50 per Mcf, it costs more to find and develop the gas than it has been selling for. Gas must move up and sell for more than replacement cost for drilling activity to increase and our reserves to be replaced." Nugent added.

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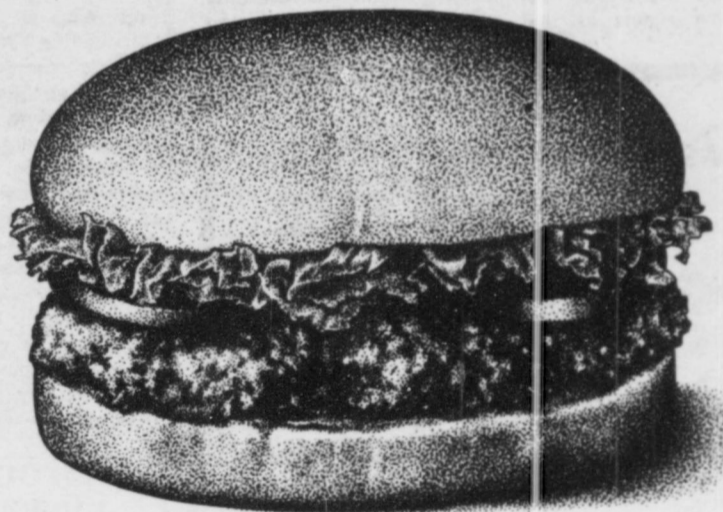
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State and national issues affecting farmers and ranchers will be the main concerns when the Texas Farm Bureau holds its 55th annual meeting at the Bayfront Plaza Convention Center, December 4-7. Theme of this year's convention is "The Spirit of Agriculture."

More than 1,300 voting delegates from 216 organized counties will decide policies for 1989 and elect a president and directors from even-numbered districts.

Main state issues include public school financing, reform of workers' compensation, farm chemical regulations, farm chemical regulations and control of water. On the national level, the first work will begin on a new 1990 farm program.

Approved resolutions dealing with state matters will become the organization's policy for next year. Adopted resolutions on national issues will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting January 8-12 in San Antonio.

William Banowsky, vice president of National Medical Enterprises, Inc., of Los Angeles, will be keynote speaker on the morning of December 5. Banowsky was president of Gaylord Broadcasting Co. from 1987 until earlier this year. He also served as leader of the Dallas-Fort Worth Superconducting Super Collider Authority.

TFB President S.M. True of Plainview will speak that same morning. TFB Secretary-Treasurer Neal Burnett, also from Plainview, will make this report at that session.

Warren Newberry, TFB executive director, will give his annual administrative report Tuesday morning, December 6. The business session will also begin that morning and conclude Wednesday afternoon with the election of directors and a president.

Five special conferences will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., December 5. These include farm programs-1990 farm bill; animal rights, biotechnology and environment; state legislative session outlook; economic services, communication and information; and labor relations.

They will be followed by eight commodity conferences from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. these include wheat, feed grains and cotton; rice and soybeans; peanuts; beef; dairy; hay, forage, forestry and pecans; sheep, goats and poultry; and wild-life.

Youth activities will include the selection of Miss Texas Farm Bureau and winners of talent find and free enterprise speech contests. The TFB this year is awarding a total of \$35,800 in scholarship money to participants. Contestants have already won district competition and are assured of a scholarship, with the opportunity to increase their awards in the state contests.

The speech and talent find contests will be Sunday evening, December 4. The Miss TFB contest will be Monday evening.

Announcement of the winners of the Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher and Outstanding County Young Farmer/Rancher Chairman

Olney Savings
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Eleven Texas thrifts opened their doors Friday, October 14, 1988, as Olney Savings and Loan Association.

The Central and West Texas thrifts are: Olney Savings Association, Olney; First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Amarillo; San Angelo Savings Association, San Angelo; Odessa Savings Association, Odessa; Southwest Savings and Loan Association, Abilene; Banc Home Savings Association, Midland; Southern Savings and Loan Association, Brownwood; Heart O' Texas Savings Association; San Saba; Shamrock Federal Savings Bank, Shamrock; Petroplex Savings Association, Midland; and Security Federal Savings and Loan Association, Pampa.

An infusion of \$80 million cash from Mr. Don A. Adam, a Bryan, Texas, Businessman and now sole owner of Olney Savings, makes OSLA one of the strongest thrifts in Texas with a risk adjusted capitalization rate of 3.3 percent.

Mr. Alan D. Myers, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer said, "As always, all deposits in Olney Savings and Loan Association are safe -insured under the terms and conditions of FSLIC with the full faith and

awards will be made during the Miss TFB pageant Monday.

Both winners will each receive one year's free use of a 1989 1/2-ton Ford pickup provided by Bird-Kultgen Ford Co. of Waco. The Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher couple will also receive an expenses-paid trip to attend the AFBF annual meeting in January in San Antonio.

All six finalists in the two awards will receive a trip to the TFB Young Farmer/Rancher Legislative Development Seminar in Washington, D.C., in April. Two additional couples from the winning country will also attend the meeting.

credit of the Federal Government."

If any depositor carries more than \$100,000, by the combining of these associations, the FSLIC grants a grace period of six month, or up to the first maturity date, for the depositor to work out satisfactory arrangements.

Myers stated, "We are standing by, ready and eager, to answer every question. We invite everyone to call us or drop by and see us at any time."

"At Olney Savings and Loan, we never forget that each of our customers chooses us. Every time we get the opportunity to conduct a business transaction it's one more opportunity for us to get to show our customer how much we want his business and how much we appreciate it," Myers commented.

"Olney Savings and Loan will begin making its history with deep Texas roots. Led by native Texans, management at the "new" institution believes in hard work, high personal integrity, professional competency at every level, and showing gentle respect for customers and each other," Myers replied. Myers grew up in Olney, Texas, which is halfway between Dallas and Lubbock on Highway 114.

Basketball
Cont.....

Bruce Britten, Brian Baker, Kirk Wilkinson, Daryl Homer and Jimmy Dale Kingston.

Groom is picked second in district behind Claude. Coach Lamb feels that White Deer will be a force to be reckoned with, and Lefors will be much improved.


Tigerettes will be coached for the first time this year by Coach Jimmy Branch and assisted by Tim Gilliland. "Overall I feel we will do well. We have a long way to go, we're not quite skilled yet", said Coach Branch.

Tigerettes this year include: Karen Bohr, Carlene Britten, Jenny English, Heather Patterson, Julie Lyles, Shannon Fields, Susan Babcock, Elizabeth Painter, Heather Brown, Kristi Case, Jolee Burger, Lesa Sweatt and Katonia Meaker.

and worked at Olney Savings for 30 years before coming CEO of the "new" Olney. Offices located in the Groom area are in Amarillo, Pampa and Shamrock.

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Texas Water Development Board Completes Report On Ground-Water Conditions In Texas

The Texas Water Development Board, using ground water data collected from 1980 through 1985, has completed and published a report on the state's ground-water conditions. According to Report 309-Ground-Water Conditions in Texas, 1980-1985, the average annual quantity of ground water available from the state's aquifers in 1980 was estimated to be 12.9 million acre-feet. The report goes on to say, however, that if current and projected rates of water use continue, the average annual quantity of ground water that will be available in the year 2030 is expected to drop to 9.6 million acre-feet.

The report covers the recorded changes in ground-water levels and quality in the state's major and minor aquifers and is intended to aid local and regional water users in operating their present water wells and in planning to meet future water needs.

Report 309 provides interesting and important statistical data gathered from the state's aquifer monitoring network. Changes in the depth of ground water are determined by reviewing the records of 8,200 wells. Maps and hydrographs showing changes in water levels from the period 1980-1984 are included in the report.

Finding relative to the occurrence, availability and dependability of the supply of water that can be obtained from the state's major aquifers including the Ogallala, Carrizo-Wilcox, Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Trinity Group, Alluvium and Bolson Deposits, Gulf Coast and Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) are discussed and illustrated in the report. Increases and decreases in water-levels or water tables for eighteen minor aquifers are also reported.

Of the 15.5 million acre-feet of water (one acre-foot equal 325,851 gallons) used in Texas in 1984, 60 percent or 8.8 million acre-feet was ground water from the state's aquifers. Most of the ground water pumped, some 78 percent of the 1984 total, was used for irrigation purposes with 74 percent of the 78 percent being pumped from the High Plains (Ogallala) aquifer. Despite the large percentage of water pumped from the Ogallala, over half of the southern high plains area experienced water-level rises. Reduced agricultural activity resulted in a 23 percent reduction in irrigation pumpage when compared to amount recorded in 1980. The areas primarily affected by these reductions were the High Plains, (Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa regions), irrigated areas of the Pecos region of West Texas, and along the Gulf Coast from Victoria to Port Arthur.

Municipal pumpage in 1984 totaled 1.48 million acre-feet, which accounted for 17 percent of the total

pumpage and represented a 10 percent increase over the 1980 municipal pumpage. All of the major aquifers experienced an increase in pumpage in 1984 for municipal use over their 1980 totals.

Municipal and industrial pumpage from the Trinity Group aquifers of the north and central parts of Texas have resulted in water-level declines of over six feet per year in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and 18 feet per year in the Waco area. Decreased industrial pumpage plus the efforts of the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District

have resulted in water-level rises occurring in areas of the upper Gulf Coast which had previously experienced declines.

Pumpage for livestock and steam-electric purposes showed 1984 increases of percent and one percent respectively when compared to 1980 records. Due to the economic recession, pumpage in 1984 for manufacturing and energy uses showed declines of eight and 35 percent respectively.

Small changes in water quality may be occurring in individual wells, but no

areas of deterioration of native groundwater quality have been identified except in the Dell City area in far west Texas. In this area, recirculated recharge from the use of slightly saline ground water for irrigation purposes continues to result in a cumulative increase in the total mineral content of the water.

Report 309-Ground-Water Conditions in Texas, 1980-1985 is available from the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711; 512/463-7834.

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