

The McLean News

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Employees Honored At Dinner

Employees of C & H Supply Inc. were honored at their annual dinner Friday, Dec. 14, 1990. Employees, their families and friends were treated to a shrimp feast at Butch's Restaurant in Shamrock.

Approximately 42 people were received by owner Tim Ray. The meal was served buffet style. The room and tables were decorated to represent the Christmas season.

Special guest included

Mr. and Mrs. John Hrciar, Mrs. Glen Clifton, John Mertel and Foy Perkins.

The employees presented Mr. Ray with a gift to express their appreciation.

Those attending from McLean were Ann Hanes, Mr. and Mrs. Arley Bentley and Bob Myers.

Services Held For

Eddie Riemer

Eddie Riemer, 47, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1990.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rodney Weatherly, pastor of Country Chapel in Wheeler and Billy Jones, pastor of West Side Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean.

Mr. Riemer, born in McLean, was reared in Pampa. He was a 1961 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1968 graduate of Texas Tech University. He married Nancy Weatherly in 1974 at Wheeler. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Coppell. He was a registered architect and was a member of the American Institute of

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Cheatheam Named Citizen Of The Year

The McLean Lions Club selects an outstanding citizen each year. For the year 1990 it is Waldean Cheatheam.

Waldean has made her home in McLean for 41 years. She has two daughters, Charlotte Backman of Lefors and Teresa Cheatheam of Tulsa,

Oklahoma. She has two grandchildren Bryan 13 and Nikki 10. She is very active in the Baptist Church. She keeps the nursery, baby sits and any other odd jobs when people need help. She is always busy, helping people who are ill and fixing food for the needy. Congratulations Waldean!

NOTES & TALES

From
OLD ROUTE 66
by D. Trew

World War II

Veteran Passes Away

HAROLD MELLOM FRANKIE

Harold Mellom Frankie, 70, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1990.

Mr. Frankie, born in Santa Ana, Calif., was a resident of Los Angeles before moving to McLean in October. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include three brothers, Edmun L. Frankie of Stinnett, Charles Frankie of North Bend, Wash. and Clarence Frankie of Whittier, Calif.; and six sisters, Doris Reborn, Elsie "Ginger" Morillo and Betty Lopez, all of McLean, Lois Myers of Roaring Springs, Edna Scrogam of Anaheim, Calif., and Mable Morillo of Garland, Kan.



It is not often that I get an Old 66 story from the younger generation, so I was surprised in visiting with Type Thompson of McLean. He was pretty well born and raised on Old 66, living beside it in McLean and later on a farm east of town. Type stated that as a child, he hated Old 66 with a passion. Time after time, year after year, every dog he acquired was eventually killed on the highway. He said he never got used to their deaths and always had a good cry, but in a few days another would show up and he had a dog again for awhile.

It is sad to see the animals and birds who don't survive the traffic, and nearly everyone has had an incident with a cow, dog, deer, hog or

coyote at some time or another.

I remember visiting with a black truck driver in Alanreed one morning. He was still scared and too shook up to drive. He topped a hill at night out by Rockledge, and hit a black Angus bull that weighed about 2,000 pounds. He said he thought it was an elephant, but knew there were none around here. It almost totaled his truck, and although he was not hurt, he probably never topped a hill again that he didn't think about that black elephant.

We must acknowledge that sad and unhappy things happened on Old 66, but hope and pray that the enjoyment and happy things that happen outnumber those many times over.



Raffle Winner Bags Deer

The 4-H and FFA Jr. Livestock Booster of McLean sponsored a guided weekend of hunting. They sold \$1.00 raffle tickets for a fund raiser to help the 4-H and FFA kids with their upcoming projects that they will be showing and selling at the Top of Texas Livestock Show in Pampa.

The hunt took place on several of the local land owners, who has children in the 4-H and FFA programs. The local adults and business has done a very good job in supporting our youth in the past years. We hope they will continue to help support our youth. A special thanks to everyone that helped put the hunt together, and thanks everyone that helps support our youth.

The lucky ticket holder Gene McBee of Amarillo was able to bring a guest with him. After hearing all kinds of stories, he chose David Richerson also from Amarillo. Gene was entitled to hunt deer, turkey and quail. David was able to hunt turkey and quail. The hunt date was set between Gene and guide Russel Bockman and Dennis Meador of McLean. The date was set for Dec. 27 and 28. Gene was very determine to kill a deer with a nice rack and was able to do so. He posted up a couple of small bucks to pick out the

one he thought was big enough to satisfy his dreams. The buck he chose and successfully killed had an inside measurement of the 19-3/18 inches and an estimate weight of 120 lbs. field dress. This is a very nice whitetail deer for the McLean area.

After listening to hunting tales for two days David Richerson said he killed a buck with a 21 inch inside spread in the Memphis area.

While Gene and David were resting between deer hunting they were able to beat the brush together and each killed a turkey. They were also able to do some quail hunting during the two days. We really don't know what to say about the quail hunting but we think the bird dogs were about as good of a hunter as Gene and David. It really looked like the quail population is still down in this part of the Panhandle.

All in all both Gene and David were satisfied with the hunt and were two tired hunters after two long days of hunting.

Oh yes, if anyone would like to hear a deer story just give Gene a call I am sure he would have something to talk about.

Please be looking for our 1991 hunting ticket next August, September and October sponsored by McLean Jr. Livestock Boosters.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The McLean Lions Club would like to say thanks to all the people who decorated their homes this year.

Since there were so many homes decorated this year, the Lions Club paid five prizes. After driving by the houses a few times, the judges picked the following winners: First place-Clarence Pierce; Second place-Wayne Bybee; Third place-Bill Terry; Tied fourth-Lloyd Bybee and Casper Smith; Tied for fifth-Cash Carpenter and Martha Jo Bailey.



McLean Lions Club will meet Jan. 7th at regular time.

Lions Club is now selling pecans at the Bank of Commerce.

The Alanreed Community Association will be having it's monthly business/pot luck meeting at the Alanreed ISD Cafeteria on January 5th, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited. Point of contact is Dan Martin at 779-2552 or Robert Bruce at 779-3178.

Practice Every Monday night at Lodge, studying the L.I.F.E. Program (Lodge information for excellence).

Sterquell Collection On Display

Smiling senior citizens stroll through the newly open Sterquell Collection of Horse-drawn Vehicles, admire the glossy wooden and wicker conveyances-phaetons, wagons and sleighs-and share childhood recollections of these transports from the past.

Amarillo accountant, U.C. Sterquell Jr., revealed his fabulous, beautifully restored treasures-on-wheels to delighted friends and neighbors recently. Long time acquaintances had no idea that such a collection existed in Texas or the Southwest, much less in Amarillo. Nor did they guess that the hard-working Sterk pursued such an avocation.

Assembled over the past 30 years from across the nation and painstakingly restored, the 48 vehicles are on display in the Blackburn's Building, 812 S. Polk Street, in Downtown Amarillo.

An 1880s vintage White-chapel wagon is the Sterquell Family's initial acquisition. Betty Sterquell's father, Knox Wright of Houston, gave the "surrey with the fringe on top" to his granddaughter Vicki in 1960. Included in the gift was Dobbin the horse. The Sterquells enjoyed driving on family outings along Highway 66 in the horse-propelled rig, providing entertainment for cross-country travelers.

In the early 1970s, Sterk began renovating and restoring this century old vehicle, beginning a project that has engulfed his spare hours for a quarter of a century.

Spruced up and on display are carriages designed for private use including a governess cart, a Bavarian wagonette, an Irish jaunting car, and a doctor's buggy, complete with authentic doctor's black bag. A gleaming black opera bus with beveled glass windows still sports its original upholstery, painstakingly restored with neatsfoot oil.

Commercial endeavors are represented by a haberdasher's wagon, a Welsh hearse, a farm wagon, a fuel tank wagon that originated with Standard Oil of Indiana, a butcher's meat wagon, a photographer's wagon, and a mail wagon.

A third portion of the collection includes horse-drawn sleighs. A Portland cutter sleigh was the first acquisition in this category. Sterk and his wife Betty spotted it alongside an Arkansas roadway. They purchased it on the spot and brought it home atop their car, securely tied to ski racks. Others in this genre include a basket sleigh, a pung sleigh, a Russian sleigh and a racing sleigh.

Opportunity for the public to view the collection arose when the Sterquells began talking with others about downtown revitalization. A

difficult occurrence in their own lives would enable them to offer such a gift to their community. Sterk suffered a

stroke a year ago, and his physician advised him to give up his accounting practice. Always one to keep his mind and hands busy, Sterk decided he could use the time & energy released in this change to ready the collection for viewing.

Access to the collection is a gift to High Plains residents and visitors from the Sterquell Family who lent it for exhibit by Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, operator of the Canyon museum that houses the country's best cowboy collection. Challenge grants to the Society from the Amarillo Area Foundation and the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation were augmented by private sponsors. The Blackburn Operating Corp. has given the Polk Street location for one year. Dozens of volunteers have prepared and staffed the display.

Visitors to the Sterquell Collection will pay a modest admission fee to defray operational expenses and utility costs. Charges may be waived for school groups and youth organizations by advance reservation. The exhibit can be viewed free of charge on the fourth Sunday of each month. Exhibit hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 - 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 1 - 5 p.m. on Sundays. Groups of 15 or more may view the exhibit at other times by advance reservation. The Sterquell Collection may be telephoned at 806-374-1663.

Riemer

Architects.

Survivor include his wife; two sons, Rowdy Riemer and Casey Riemer, both of the home, a daughter, Rachel Rieer of the home; his mother, Margie Riemer of Pampa; his grandmother, Bertha Smith of McLean; a brother, Keith Riemer of McKinney; and a sister, Rebecca Law of Fort Collins, Colo.

SUSANNA BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The Susanna Bible Study Group of the United Methodist Women met January 11 for a birthday luncheon.

The meeting opened with a prayer by leader, Grace Glenn. Katy Graham gave a beautiful Christmas story entitled, "The Shepherd's Birthday."

In the business meeting there was a discussion as to the study for the first few months of the New Year. It was decided the study will be Gospel Culture and the Media. The treasurer's report was given by Margaret Coleman. It was voted to make contributions to six worthy causes.

Five members were honored for birthdays in October, November and December. Grace Glenn made the birthday cake.

At the close of the program, Rev. Jill Wiley offered thanks for the food.

Those present were: Grace Glenn, Inez Trostle, Ruth Magee, Katy Graham, Margaret Coleman, Eva Peabody, Sylvia McClellan, Mardy Cable, Dorothy Patterson, Molly McDowell, Betty McCurley, Fern Boyd, Mary Powell and Helen Black. Guests were Robbie Wilson, Rev. Jill Wiley and Philip Jones.

MARIE BRAWLEY REEVES

Marie Brawley Reeves, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 1990.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reeves, born in Weatherford, married Frank Reeves April 20, 1957 at Erick, Okla. He died in 1987. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Reeves of Reno, Nev., and Pat Reeves of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, Leonard Brawley of Sacramento, Calif., and Pete Brawley of Bakersfield, Calif., five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including Bascom Sims of Amarillo.

McLean Care Center News

Another successful year has come to an end. We appreciate all the different groups that come during the year to entertain us, the Church of Christ, Pentecostal, Baptist, Methodist and Assembly of God. The Methodist Mens Quartet, Hallelujah Squares and Good Time Gospel Singers.

Many thanks to Creed and Wanda Lamb for furnishing corsages and boutonnières for all residents birthdays and for the floral arrange-

ments throughout the year.

A special thank you to Isabelle Colusins for remembering each resident on their birthdays with a decorated container of cookies. Loyce Murray and Ann Morris for playing the piano at our birthday parties to the McLean Care Center Ladies Auxiliary for planning and serving all social functions. To Lena Carter, Mary Davis and Brenda MacLain for assisting in dominos, Gib Welch for singing and playing his guitar throughout the year. A special thank you to Bertha Smith, Cliffie Heasley, Loree Barker, Sylvia McClellan, Avalee Crockett, Buna Gudgel, Lena Bailey and other senior citizens lonely heart club for their faithfulness in assisting our Bingo games. To McLean Lions Club for furnishing bananas each week for our bingo players.

A special thank you to Tom and Inez Trostle and Ginger Morilla for their great help in craft projects.

Hopefully we didn't leave anyone out as we appreciate all of you for the individual things you do for us during the year which makes for a happy home for our residents to live in.

Our Christmas party was a big success despite the extreme cold weather. Cookies and punch were furnished and served by members of the Church of Christ many thanks to Lorene Guyton, Oleta Harris, Avalee Crockett, Cliffie Heasley, Catherine Weaver and George Watson for a job well done. We appreciate all of the volunteers that came to help pass out the presents and helping residents open them. A special thank you to Jack Syfrett for seeing that Santa arrived on time.

Many gift items were given to the residents, our thanks to S.A. and Isabelle Cousins, Corinnes Dress Shop and Molly McDowell. A generous check was given by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Methodist Wesley Sunday school class and Tom and Inez Trostle to purchase needed items for the residents.

Many thanks to Monte Jean Smitherman, Jean Orrick, Ben and Ruby Jones, Inez Trostle, Oma Trew, Wanda Hill and the Gibson family for furnishing goodies for the Staff members.

We wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

Sunday School Class Host Dinner

The Wesley Sunday School class of the Methodist Church had a Christmas Supper at the home of Ruth Magee on Dec. 10th.

After a delicious meal, Jewel Meacham showed slides and talked about his recent trip to China. Those attending were Bob and Helen Black, Margaret and Jesse Coleman, Davie and Howard Gipson, Jill Wiley, Philip Jones, Mary Powell, Sue Cubine, Fern Boyd, S.A. and Isabel Cousins, Fattybell Barton, Wilma Barker, Betty McCurley and Ruth Magee.



"Now that I've seen his bill I'm sicker than I was!"

Country Corner



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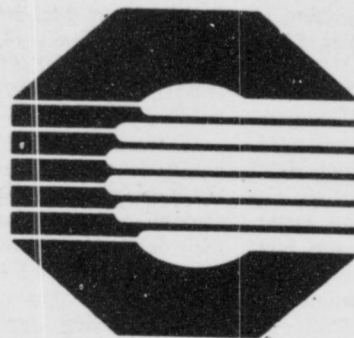
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Julie Garner, Michael Marshall United In Marriage In Amarillo

Miss Julie Lynn Garner and Mr. Michael Lynn Marshall were united in Holy Matrimony Saturday, December 22, 1990, at eleven o'clock in the morning in the sanctuary of Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, with the Reverend Earl N. Blair, District Superintendent, Plainview, Texas, officiating the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Garner, 3511 Langtry, Amarillo, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Marshall, 4412 62nd, Lubbock, Texas. Grandmother of the bride is Mrs. J.J. Railsback of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. N. Dale Garner of Turkey, Texas.

The church sanctuary was decorated with hundreds of red poinsettias, greenery, and the Christmas tree. Acolytes J. Matthew Bullock and Jason W. Bullock, nephews of the groom of Lubbock, lighted the many candles set in brass candelabra entwined with Christmas greenery.

Mrs. Resa Luscombe, organist, provided music for the ceremony and Miss Camille Day, soloist, sang "Ave Maria," "In This Very Room," "On Eagle's Wings," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Miss Susan Dale Garner, Amarillo, served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Miss Deana L. Avara of Dallas; Miss Dayna M. Edwards of Amarillo; Miss Amy R. Radcliff of College Station; Miss Jann M. Patterson of Dallas; Mrs. Lisa T. Alexander of Bedford; Mrs. Melissa M. Buirress, sister of the groom, of Lubbock; and Mrs. Denise M. Bullock, sister of the groom, of Lubbock. Their tea-length gowns of Christmas plaid taffeta featured full skirts gathered to slightly fitted black velvet bodices at shaped dropped waistlines with gathered long sleeves and a Christmas plaid back bow. They carried poinsettia bouquets arranged with Christmas greenery.

Mr. Johnny L. Marshall of Lubbock served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Jeffrey R. Railsback, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo; Ronald G. Phillips of Hale Center; James S. Guilliani of Austin; Jason N. Wilcox of Lubbock; P. Ross Lower of Dallas; Thomas S. Burress, brother-in-law of the groom, of Lubbock; and L. Wayne Bullock, brother-in-law of the groom, of Lubbock. They also served as ushers.

Miss Ashleah N. Armstrong of Amarillo and Miss Jessica N. Bullock, niece of the groom, of Lubbock, served as flower girls. They wore ankle-length dresses of Christmas plaid taffeta fashioned as those of the bridal attendants and carried Christmas wreaths. Master Nathan T. Armstrong of Amarillo served as ring bearer and wore black velvet knickers with an ivory shirt. He

carried an ivory satin pillow.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an Illisa gown designed by Demetrios. The ivory formal bridal gown was made of imported bridal satin trimmed in Alencon lace. The gown featured a high neckline covered with Alencon lace hand-beaded with bridal pearls and sequins. The satin bodice was set with heavily hand-beaded Alencon lace and featured a yoke of Schiffli lace with an inserted with an inserted Cameo applique. Each lace flower and leaf were completely outlined with sequin swirls and pearls. The back yoke of sheer illusion lined with small covered buttons and beaded Alencon lace dipped to an extended waist and was decorated with a bow. The traditional satin sleeves featured puffy shoulders with allover hand-beaded Alencon lace and came to satin bridal points over her hands and small covered buttons lined the cuffs. The skirt of the bridal gown was softly gathered and the front of the skirt was decorated with large diamond Schiffli lace appliques surrounded by smaller hand-beaded motifs. The back of the skirt and the attached extended Cathedral length train were lavishly decorated with hand-beaded open lace cutouts. The hem was edged with hand-beaded Alencon lace. Her pencil-edged Cathedral-length veil of illusion dotted with pearls and the elbow-length veil of illusion featuring lace appliques fell from a hand-beaded Alencon lace covered satin bow. The train was gathered into a bustle to wear to the reception and the cathedral-length veil was removed for the reception. She carried a bouquet of gardenias, dendrobium orchids, stephanotis and greenery. Entwined in the bouquet was the wedding ring belonging to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. J.J. Railsback; a bracelet given to her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Dale Garner, by her grandfather, Mr. N. Dale Garner, on their wedding day; a brooch belonging to her maternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. R.L. Harlan; the wedding ring belonging to her paternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. J.B. Castleberry; the wedding ring belonging to her paternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. J.B. Castleberry; the wedding ring belonging to her maternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. S.C. Railsback. She carried a lace handkerchief that had been her infant baptismal cap. She wore the traditional wedding garters and also wore the garter worn at her mother's wedding. She wore in her shoe a sixpence from London, England. For something borrowed, the bride wore a bracelet belonging to her aunt, Mrs. George C. Railsback.

The reception was held in the Church Social Hall with

Wallace Ford, harpist, providing the music. The Hall was decorated with a Christmas tree, a large floral arrangement of poinsettias and Christmas greenery, and individual tables draped in off-white linen cloths featuring poinsettia arrangements with Christmas greenery set on mirrors with votive candles. The bride's table was covered with off-white chiffon topped with an embroidered tablecloth featuring the four-tiered Italian cream wedding cake covered with off-white hand-sculptured poinsettias, stephanotis and roses. Two silver punch bowls, along with silver candelabra, nuts and mints, completed the bride's table. The groom's table was covered with an off-white linen cloth topped with an embroidered cloth and featured a chocolate cake decorated with a dark chocolate Saddle Tramp logo and raised chocolate Saddle Tramp letters. His Saddle Tramp bells, silver candelabra, and silver coffee service completed the table arrangement. The food tables were laid with off-white lace cloths and held fruit, cheese, turkey and ham with mini buns, egg rolls, stuffed mushrooms, and quiche. A mirror, decorated with a huge Christmas plaid bow draped over wall sconces, highlighted the table beneath it which held some of the dolls the bride had collected and Swiss smokers collected by the groom. The bride's portrait was set on an easel by the table.

Members of the houseparty were Miss Christi S. Tucker of Amarillo, Miss Amy K. Whittern of Duncanville, Miss Susan L. Whittern of Duncanville, Miss Jamey K. Laney of Hale Center, Miss Cynthia B. Trimble of Dallas, Miss Suzanne M. VanTil of Bedford, and Mrs. Tami H. Shofner of Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University with degrees in Home Economics education and merchandising with a kindergarten certificate. She is past president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, served as treasurer of Texas Tech Panhellenic, was a member of Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Home Economics Council, and Omicron Delta Kapp and teaches kindergarten at Brown Elementary School in Lubbock, Texas. The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in finance. He was selected to Who's Who at Texas Tech University and was a member of Saddle Tramps, Mortar Board, the Homecoming Committee, Golden Key National Honor Society, Business Administration Council, Omicron Delta Kappa, Finance Association and is currently pursuing a Master degree in Business Administration at Texas Tech University.



MARCELLA SMITH

MARGIE E. LOYD

THANK YOU

Happy New Year and many thanks to all who were thoughtful and nice to me while I was home bound and on my back most of the time for some seven weeks due to a leg injury. For the prayers, calls, visits, cards and all the good food. For the telephone extension and the use of a TV and for my mail carrier who brought my paper to me each morning and bringing my mail to my bed each day. For all that it just might be he has spoiled me and I will expect that kind of service all winter and for a handmade clock from a limb off the walnut tree that was recently cut down in my back yard.

If I have missed one thing, thanks for that too.

McLean people are the best.

Love
Loree Barker
McLean, Texas

MCLEAN BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 5-Winfred Rice, Mrs. O.K. Lee
- Jan. 6-Wayne Morris.
- W. C. Simpson
- Jan. 7-Christopher Myers, Ruth Boles
- Jan. 8-Jim Ridgway, Monica Shipman
- Jan. 9-Dorothy Steal, Randy Kennedy, Rex Long, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel
- Jan. 10-Raymond Smith, Betty Hustead, Charles Weaver, Fern Boyd
- Jan. 11-Sy Brown

Marcella Smith, 58, mother of a McLean, Texas, resident died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1990. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel in Guymon with the Rev. Joe Peterson, pastor of Goodwell First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Elmhurst Cemetery at Guymon.

Mrs. Smith was born in Butler and moved to Las Animas, Colo., in 1934 from Butler. She married Robert N. Smith in 1948 at Clayton. They moved from Las Animas to Guymon in 1959, then moved to Goodwell in 1977. She worked with her husband in the Smith Ground Sprayers Business. She was a homemaker and a maker of Marcella's Dolls. She was a member of the Women's Bowling League and the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Survivors include her husband; six daughters, Barbara Trudeau of Tulsa, Elverta Carolyn Johnson of Yarbrough, Valerie Wilson of Amarillo, Bobbi Hamrick of Turpin, Heidi Campbell of McLean and Vicki Martin of Stillwater; two brothers, Clifford James of Weatherford and Leo James of Guymon; 15 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be made to the Young American Bowling Alliance. Memorials will be accepted at Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

Margie E. Loyd, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wynes Manney, pastor of Assembly of God Church in Memphis, and the Rev. Z.A. Myers of McLean officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Loyd, born in Blue Mountain, Ark., moved to Wheeler County in 1942 from Oklahoma. The former Margie E. Cole married Howard H. Loyd in 1942 at Elk City, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church. She and her husband lived in McLean from 1950 to 1986 before moving to Shamrock.

Survivors include her husband; a sister, Gladys Loyd of Shamrock; a brother, Wilton Cole of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting Mary Lou and Dale Glass over the Christmas Holidays were Terry and Joe Luna of Waxahachie; Jamie Glass of Fort Worth; John Glass, Lubbock; Angie Glass, Amarillo; Mary Dale, Ray and Linsey Davidson who have just been transferred to Dallas; Marvin, Sherri, Rachel and Sandy Kramer of Skellytown.

On Dec. 28th the Glass family went to Friona to visit Mary Lou's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller. They had a very good visit.

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The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an Illisa gown designed by Demetrios. The ivory formal bridal gown was made of imported bridal satin trimmed in Alencon lace. The gown featured a high neckline covered with Alencon lace hand-beaded with bridal pearls and sequins. The satin bodice was set with heavily hand-beaded Alencon lace and featured a yoke of Schiffli lace with an inserted Cameo applique. Each lace flower and leaf were completely outlined with sequin swirls and pearls. The back yoke of sheer illusion lined with small covered buttons and beaded Alencon lace dipped to an extended waist and was decorated with a bow. The traditional satin sleeves featured puffy shoulders with allover hand-beaded Alencon lace and came to satin bridal points over her hands and small covered buttons lined the cuffs. The skirt of the bridal gown was softly gathered and the front of the skirt was decorated with large diamond Schiffli lace appliques surrounded by smaller hand-beaded motifs. The back of the skirt and the attached extended Cathedral length train were lavishly decorated with hand-beaded open lace cutouts. The hem was edged with hand-beaded Alencon lace. Her pencil-edged Cathedral-length veil of illusion dotted with pearls and the elbow-length veil of illusion featuring lace appliques fell from a hand-beaded Alencon lace covered satin bow. The train was gathered into a bustle to wear to the reception and the cathedral-length veil was removed for the reception. She carried a bouquet of gardenias, dendrobium orchids, stephanotis and greenery. Entwined in the bouquet was the wedding ring belonging to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. J.J. Railsback; a bracelet given to her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Dale Garner, by her grandfather, Mr. N. Dale Garner, on their wedding day; a brooch belonging to her maternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. R.L. Harlan; the wedding ring belonging to her paternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. J.B. Castleberry; the wedding ring belonging to her paternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. J.B. Castleberry; the wedding ring belonging to her maternal late great-grandmother, Mrs. S.C. Railsback. She carried a lace handkerchief that had been her infant baptismal cap. She wore the traditional wedding garters and also wore the garter worn at her mother's wedding. She wore in her shoe a sixpence from London, England. For something borrowed, the bride wore a bracelet belonging to her aunt, Mrs. George C. Railsback.

The reception was held in the Church Social Hall with

Wallace Ford, harpist, providing the music. The Hall was decorated with a Christmas tree, a large floral arrangement of poinsettias and Christmas greenery, and individual tables draped in off-white linen cloths featuring poinsettia arrangements with Christmas greenery set on mirrors with votive candles. The bride's table was covered with off-white chiffon topped with an embroidered tablecloth featuring the four-tiered Italian cream wedding cake covered with off-white hand-sculptured poinsettias, stephanotis and roses. Two silver punch bowls, along with silver candelabra, nuts and mints, completed the bride's table. The groom's table was covered with an off-white linen cloth topped with an embroidered cloth and featured a chocolate cake decorated with a dark chocolate Saddle Tramp logo and raised chocolate Saddle Tramp letters. His Saddle Tramp bells, silver candelabra, and silver coffee service completed the table arrangement. The food tables were laid with off-white lace cloths and held fruit, cheese, turkey and ham with mini buns, egg rolls, stuffed mushrooms, and quiche. A mirror, decorated with a huge Christmas plaid bow draped over wall sconces, highlighted the table beneath it which held some of the dolls the bride had collected and Swiss smokers collected by the groom. The bride's portrait was set on an easel by the table.

Members of the house-party were Miss Christi S. Tucker of Amarillo, Miss Amy K. Whittern of Duncanville, Miss Susan L. Whittern of Duncanville, Miss Jamey K. Laney of Hale Center, Miss Cynthia B. Trimble of Dallas, Miss Suzanne M. VanTil of Bedford, and Mrs. Tami H. Shofner of Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University with degrees in Home Economics education and merchandising with a kindergarten certificate. She is past president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, served as treasurer of Texas Tech Panhellenic, was a member of Mortar Board, Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Home Economics Council, and Omicron Delta Kapp and teaches kindergarten at Brown Elementary School in Lubbock, Texas. The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in finance. He was selected to Who's Who at Texas Tech University and was a member of Saddle Tramps, Mortar Board, the Homecoming Committee, Golden Key National Honor Society, Business Administration Council, Omicron Delta Kappa, Finance Association and is currently pursuing a Master degree in Business Administration at Texas Tech University.



MARCELLA SMITH

MARGIE E. LOYD

THANK YOU

Happy New Year and many thanks to all who were thoughtful and nice to me while I was home bound and on my back most of the time for some seven weeks due to a leg injury. For the prayers, calls, visits, cards and all the good food. For the telephone extension and the use of a TV and for my mail carrier who brought my paper to me each morning and bringing my mail to my bed each day. For all that it just might be he has spoiled me and I will expect that kind of service all winter and for a handmade clock from a limb off the walnut tree that was recently cut down in my back yard.

If I have missed one thing, thanks for that too.
McLean people are the best.

Love
Loree Barker
McLean, Texas

MCLEAN BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 5-Winfred Rice, Mrs. O.K. Lee
- Jan. 6-Wayne Morris, W. C. Simpson
- Jan. 7-Christopher Myers, Ruth Boles
- Jan. 8-Jim Ridgway, Monica Shipman
- Jan. 9-Dorothy Steal, Randy Kennedy, Rex Long, Venice Wright, Lacey Steel
- Jan. 10-Raymond Smith, Betty Husted, Charles Weaver, Fern Boyd
- Jan. 11-Sy Brown

Marcella Smith, 58, mother of a McLean, Texas, resident died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1990. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel in Guymon with the Rev. Joe Peterson, pastor of Goodwell First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Elmhurst Cemetery at Guymon.

Mrs. Smith was born in Butler and moved to Las Animas, Colo., in 1934 from Butler. She married Robert N. Smith in 1948 at Clayton. They moved from Las Animas to Guymon in 1959, then moved to Goodwell in 1977. She worked with her husband in the Smith Ground Sprayers Business. She was a homemaker and a maker of Marcella's Dolls. She was a member of the Women's Bowling League and the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Survivors include her husband; six daughters, Barbara Trudeau of Tulsa, Elverta Carolyn Johnson of Amarillo, Bobbi Hamrick of Turpin, Heidi Campbell of McLean and Vicki Martin of Stillwater; two brothers, Clifford James of Weatherford and Leo James of Guymon; 15 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be made to the Young American Bowling Alliance. Memorials will be accepted at Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

Margie E. Loyd, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wynes Manney, pastor of Assembly of God Church in Memphis, and the Rev. Z.A. Myers of McLean officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Loyd, born in Blue Mountain, Ark., moved to Wheeler County in 1942 from Oklahoma. The former Margie E. Cole married Howard H. Loyd in 1942 at Elk City, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church. She and her husband lived in McLean from 1950 to 1986 before moving to Shamrock.

Survivors include her husband; a sister, Gladys Loyd of Shamrock; a brother, Wilton Cole of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting Mary Lou and Dale Glass over the Christmas Holidays were Terry and Joe Luna of Waxahachie; Jamie Glass of Fort Worth; John Glass, Lubbock; Angie Glass, Amarillo; Mary Dale, Ray and Linsey Davidson who have just been transferred to Dallas; Marvin, Sherri, Rachel and Sandy Kramer of Skellytown.

On Dec. 28th the Glass family went to Friona to visit Mary Lou's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller. They had a very good visit.

Threat to Elderly And Other High Risk Groups

Because winter is a time of increased respiratory illness, the elderly and people with underlying heart and lung conditions should take precautions to avoid the danger of pneumonia, says Texas Medical Association.

"It's not that the pneumonia is more devastating," says Michael Boyars, M.D., a pulmonary specialist at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, but rather that their bodies "don't respond as well."

Pneumonia is the sixth leading cause of death in Texas, with 3,869 deaths in 1989, according to the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics. The majority of those deaths occurred in the 60 and older age range.

Actually, the term "pneumonia" refers not to a single disease but to several types of lung inflammation and influenza caused by bacteria, viruses, and parasitic organisms. Since the 1940s and 1950s, antibiotics and other therapeutic agents have become widely available to kill the offending organisms.

While these organisms

are being killed, the rest of the lung has to provide the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide necessary for life.

"In younger, normally healthy people, the blood flow is better," explains Dr. Boyars, "and they have more alveolar function (referring to the tiny air sacs where the gas exchange takes place)." Their immune systems also are stronger.

However, that's not true of older people, diabetics, people with cardiovascular disease and hypertension, people with lung diseases such as emphysema and cystic fibrosis, heavy smokers, cancer victims, and people with the Aids virus.

The following precautions are recommended for high-risk groups:

* Get a flu shot every year. "The DNA of the influenza virus changes every year," he says, "so the antibodies your body developed in response to last year's shot aren't operative for this year."

* Ask your doctor about a vaccine for the most common type of pneumonia, caused by the

pneumococcus bacteria and its subtypes. This shot should give protection for five to 10 years.

* Don't visit someone with the flu or another respiratory infection such as a cold, strep throat or bronchitis. You can catch an infectious illness by touching a sick person, touching the surfaces he has touched, or breathing the same air.

* If you develop pneumonia symptoms, call your doctor immediately. Symptoms include fever above 102 degrees Fahrenheit, shortness of breath, a cough possibly producing sputum or blood, and increased fatigue.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 29,000 physician and medical student members. It is based in Austin and has 119 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 82 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas, and its goal is to improve the health of Texans through professional and personal development of its members.

NEWS BY JODY THOMAS

A very Happy New Year to everyone! Be sure and call me about your visitors over the holidays office 779-2141 or home 779-2698.

There were so many beautifully decorated homes in McLean and Alanreed. I hope you took the time to ride around and see them. Lots of time and effort went into each decoration.

Looking south of town was the Tony Smithermans' home. A beautiful star, lights around the house with a decorated tree at the front.

Bryon Smitherman arrived here on Dec. 16th. Bryan is a medical student at Galveston and will be home until Jan. 3rd. Beth and Jim Campbell of Dallas came in on Dec. 22nd. They had a very good Christmas and joining them were Joe Bob, Dianne, Will, Charlie and Matthew from Dimmitt also Phil, Jatou, Heather, Lance and Jamie Woody from Yukon, Okla. They also visited "Maw" Francis Kennedy at the nursing home.

MCLEAN BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Dalton, Virginia Dalton and Beth and Robin Leathers of Pampa drove to Oklahoma the 27th to attend the wedding of Brad's daughter, Cecilia.

The Dragoos, Armbristers and Tidwells and their families were together on Christmas.

Rose Hall had her children home for Christmas.

Alanreed Briefs

No services were held at the First Baptist Church Sunday due to inclement weather, but we will resume services this Sunday.

Robert Leeder accompanied the Albarados to Amarillo Friday for their medical appointments.

Visiting here during the holidays was Verna Carver and children of Lamesa.

Betty Hill spent Christmas in Lubbock and other places east with her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Daniels were in Okla. on Saturday to return grandparents to their parents after a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce were shopping in Pampa on Friday.

Weather permitting, we will have Community Improvement Meeting Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryant of Amarillo are the proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 18th in an Amarillo Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. She has a six year old brother Wesley and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter of Pampa and Janice Bryant of Fort Worth, great grandmothers Evelyn Chisum of Pampa and Lena Carter of Alanreed.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett shopped in Amarillo on Tuesday.

John and Paul Myers spent several days here with their grandparents, Robert Leeders, while their dad was in process of moving.

Spending the weekend with their grandparents the Robert Bruces were Shawn Kaye and Paul Bruce of Pampa. They planned to drive to Oklahoma with their dad to spend Christmas with maternal grandmother.

Visiting Lena Carter on Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce and David and Shelly; Mr. and Mrs. Cary Whisenhunt; Mr. and Mrs. Luke Baker all of Amarillo.

Visiting Lena Carter on Christmas Day was Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter of Pampa.

The Robert Bruces' had their family home for Christmas.

The R. D. McLains' had their children home for Christmas.

The R. L. Leeders had all their children home for Christmas.

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Groom Basketball Teams Win First At Silverton Tournament

GROOM WINS BIG AT HOOT OUT

If anyone should feel like hootin' its bound to be the Groom Tigers and Tigerettes after the Silverton Tournament last weekend. Three Groom Teams participated in the three day match, Varsity Girls and Boys and Junior Varsity Girls. Groom JV Girls played early on Thursday and were the only team from Groom that was not successful but as they are a very young team playing against varsity teams, they made a good showing and held their own. Their match on Thursday was with Silverton's Varsity. JV Tigerettes lost 28 to 54. Both varsity teams won

easily in Thursday night action. Girls easily outdistanced Cotton Center with a score of 68-49. The boys have no trouble either beating Patton Springs 87 to 47.

Friday saw another big win for the boys as they sailed easily past Silverton's Varsity with a score of 71 to 47. Mike Conrad was high point with 28, Jeffery Fields was next with 20.

JV Girls played the loser bracket against Cotton Center. Kenzi Burger, high point, scoring 15 points and Aimee Lyles coming in second with 6 points. Final score Groom JV 29, Cotton Center 68.

Varsity Girls score big against Silverton Owlettes.

Karen Babcock lead the way with 14 points followed by Kristy Case with 13. Etts score 66, Silverton 29.

On Saturday championship play began with a tight match with Groom Tigers coming nose to nose with McLean Tigers. Mike Conrad had an outstanding game scoring 37 points, Jeff Fields coming up second with 29 points. Match ended with Groom 82, McLean 66.

Tigerettes squared off with Guthrie. Lesa Sweatt was top scorer with 13 points. Shannon Fields and Karen Babcock both scored 12. Final score was Groom 51, Guthrie 37. This is the second championship trophy the Tigerettes have brought home this year.



Rep. Sarpalius Speaks To Troops

U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius returned today from inspecting troops in Saudi Arabia and said he is impressed with the morale of the troops and convinced that they represent the best-trained force in U.S. history.

"I have to admit that I'm

surprised at how high the morale is," said Sarpalius, D-Amarillo. "This is a harsh environment the troops are living in. It would be easy for morale to get low over there, but it hasn't. I think that says a lot about the quality of the officers and enlisted

personnel we have deployed in Saudi Arabia.

"One of the reasons morale has stayed high is that the soldiers are constantly training. There is no doubt we have the superior force in the region, See Sarpalius, Page 5

Looking Back At 1990

With the coming of the New Year, we all spend a little time in the past (unfortunately, many of us do this when we start working on our income tax returns). It's the time of year to reflect on past successes and failures. Remembering loved ones through the happiness and sadness that each life must bear, what has changed and what hasn't. By now, we have seen many programs and reports on what earth shaking events occurred in 1990. Here are some of the earth shaking events that occurred at the very center of our world...Groom.

The top story of the year was unfortunately also one of the most tragic. That was the violent rampage of Panhandle youth, Kenneth Milner. Killing one and attempting to murder two others. One of those being our own city council member, Jimmy Britten.

Other close calls were... fires at the Greg Britten home and the office of Chris Britten. On June 13th, tornadoes danced all around the area, luckily no one was injured and no major damage done. State National Bank had undergone many changes this year beginning with the untimely death of John Howard followed by Mary Ann Britten and Cecil Culver. Bobby Babcock became the new president.

Groom has lost many valuable citizens this year more than others it seems.

Change seemed to be in the wind with changing people in places that don't normally see that much change. Retirement claimed two-long time residents, librarian Bertha Knight and Bobby Cornett postmaster. The school has seen a few changes as two new school board members took their seats for the first time. Two new teachers were also hired, moving to Groom in the process, Ralph Ellis and Steve Kennedy. The school budget as well as the employees salaries were frozen to keep expenses down.

Other minor set backs included temporary closing of the clinic, the population of Groom declined as well as our tax revenues.

On the positive side many good things happened in 1991 was in the news with the revival of the way of life traveling on this old thoroughfare. The city was awarded a grant to improve the water system. Kent Watson and his lovely family moved to Groom and became the new minister of the Church of Christ. The Tigers and Tigerettes both won Bi-District. Groom joined higher ground in an effort to bring a better economy to our town. And last but certainly not least... the water tower got a new

paint job and a new face.

The future does indeed look bright here in the center of our world. Pampa is receiving a new prison which promises many new jobs. Clarendon may be the new home of a western theme park. Our basketball teams have a very good chance of exceeding last years championships. We now have more people involved in looking at ways to increase our population and ways to improve our way of life. So what do we have to say now? So long 1990... hello 1991 give us your best shot!

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

A New Years Eve Party was held at Pan Fork Baptist Youth Camp. Those from Groom attending were: Eddie Hogan, John Goss, Julie Lyles, Aimee Lyles, Darcee Lyles, Ty Lambert, Tom Lambert, Kristi Case, Kay Case, Kim Branch, Alicia Wood, Keicia Wood, Suzie Pool, Mike Addis, Jason Prather Shaun Crowell, Bryan Crowell, Seth Ritter, Justin Ritter, Nancy Patterson, Rhett Patterson, Nancy Patterson, Kyle Pool, Paul McLaughlin, April Conrad, Andrea Payton, Harold Cave, Brandon Crump, Rickie Zambrana, Matt Miller, Jill Howard, Misty Homen, Melissa Treadwell and Trisha Treadwell.

Carson County Appraisal District Elects To Buy New Building

Carson County Appraisal District will purchase the building in which its office had been located since February, 1984.

The decision came during the December 17th meeting of the Board of Directors after investigation concerning either paying a higher rent, purchasing the building or moving to and purchasing another building.

Preservation Builders, Inc., owners of the location on Main Street in Panhandle, recently informed the District that rent would increase at the end of the current lease agreement (January 1, 1991) and offered the building for sale as an alternative.

Board members have studied all aspects of the proposition and determined that purchasing the building would be more cost effective than paying a higher lease or purchasing and remodeling another location.

Terms of the purchase agreement are that the district will make a down payment of \$6,250 and make monthly installments of \$1,002.06 on the \$62,500 total price with 10 percent interest.

Finalization of the purchase is contingent on the approval of two-thirds of the County's nine taxing entities within 30 days.

The Thursday meeting was attended by Chief

Appraiser Dianne Lavake, Board Chairman Raymond Blodgett, Secretary Frank Simms and members Robert Counts and Roman Friemel. Wayne Pogue was absent.

Others present at the session were Groom ISD Superintendent Kenneth Sweatt, Panhandle ISD Superintendent Ronnie Teichelman, White Deer ISD

Superintendent David Sharp, Carson County Judge Jay R. Roselius, City of Groom Mayor Al Homer, City of Panhandle representative Melvin Mills, City of White Deer Mayor R.W. Standefer, and Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District #3 manager C. E. Williams.

Community Calendar

Senior Citizens Game night will be at 6:30 p.m., Community Center.

4-H Meeting, Jan. 10th at the Community Center. The Whatley family will host.

Students will be dismissed early Jan. 11.

Amarillo Christian travels to Groom Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. for Varsity Girls and boys games.

Jan. 8-Groom starts district games at McLean begins at 4:00 p.m. All teams will play.

Teacher workday-January 14.

Blood Drive-January 31, 5 to 7 p.m. Groom Community Center, sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 21 and Coffee Memorial Blood Bank.

Claude Jr. High Tournament begins tonight.

Miami Junior Varsity Tournament, Jan. 3-5.

TUESDAY GRAIN PRICES AT LOCAL ELEVATORS

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

Grain prices were not available due to holiday.

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GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 5-Kori Brown, Todd
Edward Gray

Jan. 6-Ronald A. Kuehler,
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J.
Britten

Jan. 7-Tracy Homer
Jan. 8-Shannon D'Laine
Fields

Jan. 9-John Gregory Cline
Jan. 10-Mary Sue Lyles,
R. F. (Bob) Pool, Mr. and
Mrs. R. A. Snyder, Mr. and
Mrs. D. W. Ashford, Sr.

Connie Stephenson spent
Christmas week in Amarillo
with her son, Hank
Stephenson, and family. All
her children and grand-
children were together for
Christmas Day.

Dixie Anthony went to
Stan and Margie Anthony's
for Christmas. She was
joined by Steve and Debbie
and their children.

Local Happenings

Holiday visitors in the
home of Wayne and Adela
Kotara and Halee were: Staci
Kotara of Arlington; Kim
and Lynn Guinn of Fort
Smith, Ark.; Lindy Kotara of
Denton; Wallace and Jackie
Bichsel; Cindy and Gary
Babcock, Cody and Marci of
Groom; Terry Nepper of
Bryan; Jo Beth Nepper,
Ashly and Terrell of Canyon;
Fr. Kevin Hand of White
Deer; Charles Robinson of
Canyon; and, Woody and
Jean Guinn of Cimarron,
New Mexico.

Stella Patterson and
daughter, June Pool, spent
Christmas in Houston with
her son Dr. Barden
Patterson and family.

Attention: Friends of
Barry Bradley! Barry and
family have moved. Their
new address is 3301
Montrose, Orange, Tex.
77630-8898. New phone
number is 409-886-8101. He
is now the pastor of the First
Baptist Church of Orange.

The Bud Babcock family
met on Christmas Eve for
dinner and gift exchange.
Those attending were Kenny
and Linda, Susan, Karen
and Clint; Denny and Carol,
Buck and Dusty; Gary and
Cindy, Marci and Cody and
Bud and Margaret all of
Groom and Vince and Jo
Barclay, T.J. and Kaci of
Vega.

Betty and Kenneth Black
spent Christmas evening
with Aubrey and Nadine
Spinks in Borger. Betty and
brother Aubrey teamed up
to beat everyone at 42.
Christmas day was spent in
the company of a bunch of
"old grandmas and
grandpas" Betty's sister,
Sybel and Tex Bennett of
Fritch.

Bobby Cornett went to
Odessa and visited
daughter, Carmen
Podzemny and family over
the Christmas holidays.

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gifts left on our Nanny and
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years.

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Tyler

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Whatley hosted a family
Christmas in their home on
Saturday, December 15. In
attendance were their
grandparents, Jimmy and
Shirley DeForest of Amarillo
and Mike and Gaynelle
DeForest of Childress and
C.J. and Dara Whatley.

Correction: Caleb Pool's
name was left out of the
Baptist Childrens Program.



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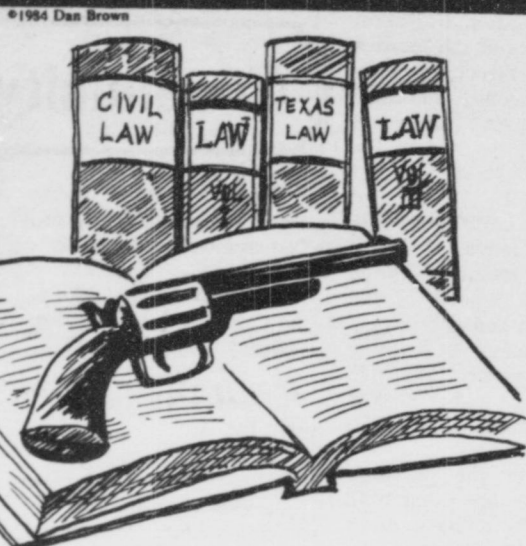


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Day Of Prayer For Foreign Missions Held

The Baptist women met at the Church last Thursday to observe a day for the week of prayer for Foreign Missions. The theme was, "Sent to serve all Nations."

Billie Bivens and Marion Hogan were in charge of the program consisting of a study of: "Easter and Southern Africa," "Spanish South America," "East Asia," "Southern Asia and the Pacific," "West Africa," "America, Middle America and Canada," and "Brazil and the Caribbean."

Refreshments were served to Marion Hogan, Billie Bivens, Charlotte Whately, Peggy Cave, Bertha Knight, Ruby Milton and Fannie Asberry.

On Wednesday evening at the Church fellowship supper, Mrs. Brenda Walker (Mrs. Alvin) a former Missionary to Brazil gave a very interesting report and showed slides of she and her husband's work while they were Missionaries in Brazil. The Walker's now live in Amarillo and Alvin is music director of the Second Baptist Church. Barbara is a daughter-in-law to Dr. Charles Walker, who was interim pastor for the Baptist Church before Bro. Eddie Hogan came to be full-time pastor.

Carson County

Hold Meeting

Carson County Commissioners met December 20. Approved was the confirmation of the installation of a communications line southwest of White Deer in Precinct 4.

Advertising for bids for the sale of a Push-Block for a dresser motorgrader was approved. Interested individuals should contact Tracy Kotara.

Court approved Robert Counts as appraisal district board member.

Court also approved the purchase of the office building where the appraisal district offices are now located.

Appraisal District is considering the purchase at this time.

Local Happenings

Glenn and Mark Britten of Anadarko, Okla.; Buster, Debbie, Jennifer and Jarrod Haning of Wheeler; Wesley, Misti, Christopher and Justin English of Abilene; and Zoah Britten had Christmas dinner in the home of Jimmy and Carlene Britten.

Jennifer and Jarrod Haning spent last week with Zoah Britten.

Holiday Visitors

The J.M. Britten Family had a Christmas Party at the home of Ralph and Mary Britten in Amarillo.

Delicious food and an evening of reminiscing, looking at photographs of reunions and football (of course) were enjoyed by Bill and Dorothy Britten of Howardwick, Tex.; Art and JoAnn Britten of Groom; Sister Mary Louise, Sancta Maria Convent of Panhandle; Paul and Red Wagner of Amarillo; E.J. and Louis of Claude; Sammie Scott of Amarillo; Dora and Eddie Homen of Amarillo; Norman and Jeanne Britten of Tranverse; Colleen and Robert Lea of Pampa and host and hostess Ralph and Mary Britten.

Art and Jo Ann Britten had a large crowd for Christmas Eve celebration. All thirteen children were present with their spouses and children. Those attending were Rana Wendell Hardin, Julie, Vickie and Kendra of Canadian; Rita and Rick Poor, Shaun, Ashli and Aubri of White Deer; Monica and Craig Howard, Caren, Kecia, Karla of Groom; Ted, Jeff, Matt, Jack and Jay; Dennis of Amarillo; Mark and Nancy, Christina, Sammie, Lindsay and Jennifer; Nila and Donald Burgin, Bo, Toby and Brin; Cliff and Susan, Garrett, Jill, Adam, Vickie and Walter Garrison of Clovis; Tiffanie, Keith Tinelle and Tanci of Trinity.

Other guests were Tisha Burgin, Lucille Britten of Groom, Darla, Stacie, Lesa and Clark.

The group had lunch then traveled to Claude, Tex. to sing Christmas hymns to E.J., who has been recuperating and Louis Britten.

They returned to Groom to attend Christmas Eve Mass.

Baggerman Christmas

Family members of the late John and Odell Baggerman met in the home of Ruben and Laura Baggerman in Groom on Sunday, Dec. 23rd for lunch. Family members prepared the traditional meal of turkey with all the trimmings.

Guests in attendance were: hosts-Ruben and Laura Baggerman, Margie, Renea and Melissa Anthony, John Mark and Lora Baggerman, Rozelle and Justin Collingworth, Curtis and Margaret Whatley, Darrell, Charlotte, C.J. and Darla Whatley, Howell, Sharlene, Michael and Jeremy Lewis, Judy and Julie Coutts of Groom. Ron, Debbie, Darin, Atisha and Cameron Tigg of Amarillo, Nace, Mary and Gigi Baggerman of Claude, Gena Baggerman of Dallas, Caroline Coutts of Pampa and daughter Janice, Maryland and Linda and families of Houston, Cheryl Coutts and daughters of Pampa, Butch and Teresa McKelvey and family and Mrs. Isaac Baggerman and son of Lubbock and Mrs. Alexander of Pampa.

Later the same evening, the immediate family of Ruben and Laura Baggerman gathered for their family tree.

HOECHST CELANESE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hoechst Celanese once again hosted dinner and dance for employees at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The event was held on Saturday, December 15. Several Groom residents reported a grand time. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Whatley.

GROOM ISD MENU

Jan. 7, Mon-Breakfast: Cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk

Lunch: Nachos with meat and cheese, refried beans, salad, tortilla pieces, milk, strawberry shortcake

Jan. 8, Tue-Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, syrup, juice, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, french fries, pickles, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, hamburger buns, milk, Yummy oatmeal cookies

Jan. 9, Wed-Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Beef Stew with Tuna, pimento cheese, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pear, mixed vegetables, crackers and cornbread, milk

Jan. 10, Thu-Breakfast: Biscuits, bacon, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch: Stuffed baked potato with chipped ham and grated cheese, chopped broccoli, hot sliced bread, milk, jello

Jan. 11, Fri-Breakfast: Donuts, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch: Pepperoni and cheese pizza, salad, corn, crackers, milk, peaches

Christmas In Howardwick

The Bill Britten family spent Christmas Eve at their home in Howardwick after attending Christmas Eve Mass in Groom. Attending were Bill, Dorothy and Becki Britten; Gary, Sharon, Bruce, Bronte and Bart Britten; Jerry, Melanie, Jeremy, Ryan, Lori and Trent Britten; Danny, Gayla, Carey, Will, Luke and Mandi Britten; Stanley, Kristi, Joshua and Tyler Britten; Richard, Jeanne and Jacob Barnett; David and Shelley Britten; Russell Britten. Guests were Michelle Friemel and Richard Homer.

The Jerry Britten family spent Christmas Day at home this year. They were joined by Melanie's family, The Bridgmans, of Dalhart. Attending were Jerry, Melanie, Jeremy, Ryan, Lou and Trent Britten; Richard, Jonna, Rick, David, Jared and Zachary Bridgman and Claudia Schellenberg.

LINDA KOTARA UNT GRADUATE

Linda Kotara recently graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton, with a degree in Business Administration specializing in finance. The graduation ceremony concluded the Centennial Year celebration at the University.

Linda was selected from approximately 450 graduates of the College of Business to deliver their commencement address. She was chosen by the Assistant Dean of the Business School who selects one student for this based on scholastic ability, outstanding leadership and dedicated service. She is a member of the Mortar Board Honor Society, Chi Omega, North Texas Forty and Blue Key National Honor Fraternity.

The ceremonies were attended by Linda's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kotara and her sisters Halee and Staci of Arlington and Kim Guinn of Fort Smith, Ark.

JANUARY CLINIC SCHEDULE

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for January at the following locations: On January 10, 9-11:30 and 1-4 p.m., at Texas Dept. of Health Office, 408 W. Kingsmill, Suite 100, Pampa; On January 17, 8-5 p.m., at Texas Dept. of Health Office, 103 Goodnight, Claude.

Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, and Mumps.

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinics open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Visiting the R. J. Kempf home over the holidays were Katie, Stephany, Kirsten and Tyler Frazier; Quintin and Brenda Kempf, Wilbur Kempf and his friend Lori Hill from White Deer.

It was busy 'around the Don Case home during the Holidays. Visiting from Panhandle were Karla and John Neusch and their sons William and Ryan; James, Robert and Shannon Miller of Groom; Scharla Leeker of Clarendon and Tim and Tammy Case of Canyon. Karen, Kristy and Kay traveled to Goodwell, Okla. to celebrate Karen's father, Mr. Longshore, 80th birthday.

Judy Miller had a nice celebration at her home. Her three boys James, Robert and Shannon plus their friends Scharla Leeker and Katonia Meeker.

Gathering at the Burton home for a nice Christmas dinner were Donna's parents Mr. and Mrs. Al Alward of Claude; Jim's parents, Allie and Norris Hoyt and Mamie Beevers and Bessie Mae Arnold all of Groom.

Helen Witt and granddaughter, Shannon Peek of Amarillo, returned home Dec. 26th from English, Texas where they spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peek and Brent.

Those attending the family get together were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Witt of Hoisington, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Jay Witt and Rheagan of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McGill, Melissa, Katreena and Camilla of Searcy, Ark., Ben Lynell, Brent and Shannon Peek and Helen Witt.

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Happy New Year from the Jones Family. Billy and Virginia of Pampa and Jerico, Kerry, Kathy Dian, Wendy and Luke of Amarillo; Sephanie and Jeff Becker of Edmond, Okla.; Kathy and Stephen in Dallas; Kay, Merideth, Kris and Alyssa in the Colony.

Best wishes for a Happy, prosperous, health and accident free 1991.



Local Happenings

Stella Patterson's grandson Russell Pair and family from California visited in her home before Christmas. They were on their way to Pennsylvania to visit his wife's family.

Patti and Forrest McLaughlin, Scott and Paul entertained with a brunch Christmas Eve. Those attending were Emmett and LaVerne Poyner and Carol and Trent Jones from Amarillo; Pat and Dan Ashford; Mary Sue, Don, Julie, Aimee and Darcee Lyles; Jerry and Pam Ashford, Nick, Tami and Cassie all from Groom.

Pat and Dan Ashford had all their family home for Christmas dinner. Attending were Danny, Cathy, Rebecca and Kerry Ashford from Amarillo; Don and Mary Sue Lyles and girls, Jerry and Pam Ashford and family and Patti and Forrest McLaughlin and boys from Groom.

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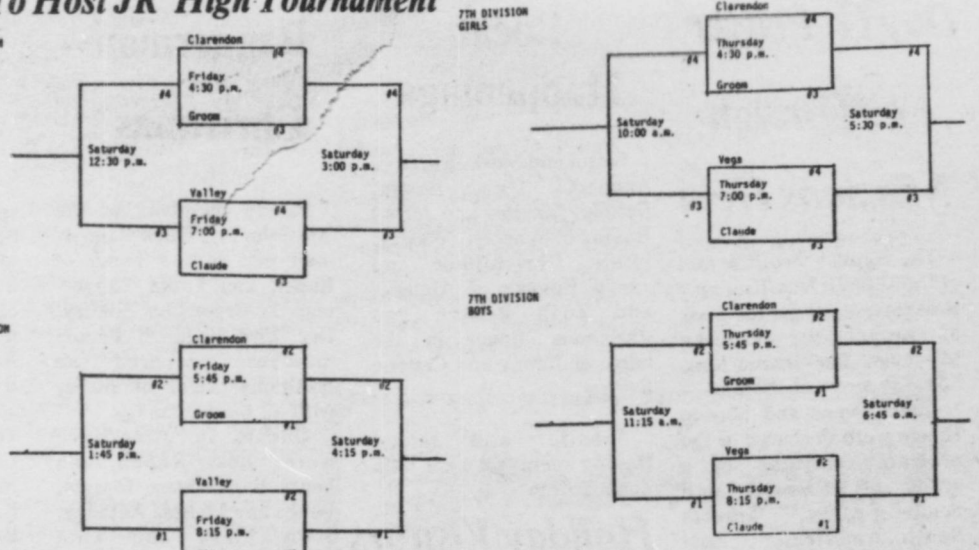
Claude To Host JR High Tournament

1990-91 Basketball Schedule

GROOM TIGERS

1/3-5	MIAMI JV TOURN			JVG JVB
1/3-5	CLAUDE JH TOURN			73 86 78 88
1/4	AMARILLO CHRISTIAN	HERE	6:30	VG VB
1/8	**McLEAN	THERE	4:00	JVG JVB VG VB
1/11	**CLAUDE	HERE	4:00	JVG JVB VG VB
1/14	*CLAUDE JH	THERE	4:00	78 86 78 88
1/15	**SHAMROCK	THERE	4:00	JVG JVB VG VB
1/18	**SAMNORWOOD	HERE	6:30	VG VB
1/21	*SHAMROCK JH	HERE	4:00	76 86 73 88
1/22	**LEFORS	THERE	6:30	VG VB
1/25	**McLEAN	HERE	4:00	JVG JVB VG VB
1/29	**CLAUDE	THERE	4:00	JVG JVB VG VB
2/1	**SHAMROCK	HERE	6:30	VG VB
2/4	*LEFORS JH	HERE	6:00	7/8 8 8
2/5	**SAMNORWOOD	THERE	6:30	VG VB
2/8	*LEFORS	HERE	6:30	VG VB

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Survivors Should Apply As Soon As Possible

Surviving dependents of a deceased worker should apply for Social Security benefits as soon as possible following the worker's death.

Prompt application will allow benefits to start at the earliest time. In addition, some benefits cannot be paid for more than a month before the month of application.

Social Security benefits can be paid to these survivors:

Unmarried children under 18, 18-19 if a full-time elementary or secondary school student. Unmarried children 18 or over who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled. A widow or

widower of any age (including a surviving divorced spouse) caring for a child or the worker under the age of 16 or disabled who gets benefits.

Widow or widower age 60 or older. Disabled widow or widower age 50-60. Dependent parent age 62 or older.

Benefits can also be paid to a surviving divorced spouse at 60 (50 if disabled) if the marriage to the worker lasted 10 or more years. Benefits can also be paid to grandchildren or great grandchildren under certain circumstances.

There is a one-time lump sum payment that can be made to an eligible widow or widower or, if none, to a

child getting benefits.

Before any benefits can be paid, the worker must have had credit for a certain amount of work covered by Social Security. In 1990, the amount ranges from 1-1/2 to 9-3/4 years depending on the worker's age at death.

You can make an appointment to file for these benefits or to get more information by calling the Toll-free Telephone number 1-800-234-5772, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. weekdays.

The Pampa, Texas Social Security office is located at 125 South Gillespie and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except on National Holidays.

Carson County Livestock Board

Carson County Junior Livestock Association met December 17th. President Rex McKay called the meeting to order. The following decisions were made: Weight limits for animals were set and pigs may weigh 200 to 260 pounds;

lamb must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds; steers must weigh a minimum of 850 pounds; not top weight on lambs and steers this year.

The number of animals to be offered for sale are pigs-60, lambs-40, steers-24. At this time only one

judge has been chosen. The pig judge will be Laney Tucker. All animals must be in the show barn by 5:00, Thursday before the show. Weight-ins will begin at 6:00 p.m. with steers, 6:30 p.m. with lambs and pigs will follow. The show will begin on Friday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. with the pigs and continue with the lambs at 8:00 a.m. with lambs immediately followed by the steers and heifers. Sale time will be 6:00 on Saturday evening. Entry estimates project 235 pigs, 70 lambs, 27 steers and 5 heifers.

Deadline for entry is Jan. 23rd. Entry fee is \$5 per head. Something new this year will be that winners will receive belt buckles instead of trophies. Champions will get a buckle

School Calender

JANUARY 11, 1991	END OF FIRST SEMESTER
JANUARY 14, 1991	TEACHER WORKDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 1991	EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 18, 1991	SKI HOLIDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 1991	END OF FOURTH SIX WEEKS
MARCH 23, 1991	EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30 PM
MARCH 26, 1991	SNOW DAY (HOLIDAY)
MARCH 29, 1991	FIRST DAY OF EASTER HOLIDAYS
APRIL 2, 1991	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER EASTER
APRIL 11, 1991	END OF FIFTH SIX WEEKS
APRIL 12, 1991	HOLIDAY
MAY 6, 1991	SNOW DAY (HOLIDAY)

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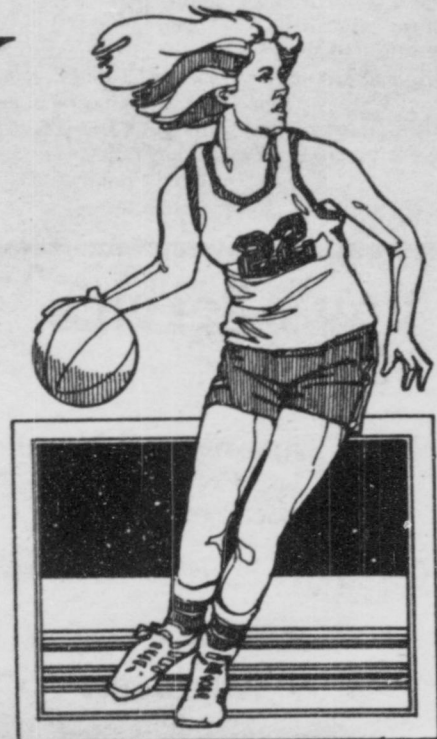
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Sarpalius

and that they will do a tremendous job if called into action."

Sarpalius, however, said he still is unsure whether the United States should commit those troops to war.

Every soldier I talked to believes war is inevitable," he said. "But, they also believe that the sanctions are having a serious effect

on Iraq and the Iraqis occupying Kuwait. For example, the Iraqi soldiers on the Kuwait-Saudi border are so poorly fed that they routinely cross the border to eat with the Saudi soldiers stationed at the front. There may come a time when we have to fight, but I would like to believe that we gave sanctions every chance to work."

The congressman said he had not determined how he will vote if President Bush

asks for a congressional resolution supporting action or for an outright declaration of war.

"No one can, or should, make a decision like that in advance," Sarpalius said.

"You have to evaluate the circumstances of the moment when making a decision like that. War is a terrible thing, and you don't commit to war lightly. There is no question that it will be the toughest vote I have ever had to make."

Sarpalius said that, whatever the ultimate outcome, Americans have every reason to be proud of the soldiers stationed there. The congressman said everyone should take the time to write or send a card to the troops in Saudi Arabia.

Pointers For Parents Single Parenting Success

If you're a single parent, you're not alone. There are nearly nine million single parent families today, raising some fourteen million children.

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For a free brochure write: Parents Without Partners, 8807 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call 1-800-637-7974.

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"I had a chance to talk to many soldiers from Texas and from the 13th District," he said. "All of them said the letters and cards of support they received from home meant more to them than anything else. They told me to tell everyone to keep the letters coming."

Jerry, Andres, Shannon and Drew Jennings of Denver, Colo., were visitors in the home of Jack and Billie Bivens during the holidays. Lynette Bivens of Oklahoma City, Okla. made appearance along with local family members Mark and Tammy Bivens and children.

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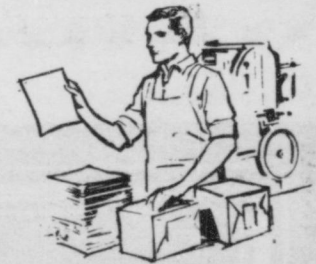
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**Receives Gift
Library**

Barbara Sparks, head Librarian/Director of the Carson County Library system was surprised to learn that our local library system received a check for \$5,000.00. The money was left over from George Bush's 1989 presidential inauguration.

Mrs. Bush has targeted literacy as her personal project during her tenure as first lady. She has, as Honorary President of Girl Scouts, launched a campaign to make literacy loom large in Girl Scout projects all over the country. It is consistent that she would continue the effort in support of libraries in rural areas in her native Texas.

Sparks stated that the money arrived with no strings attached. It may be used for whatever the library needs. Ms. Sparks states, "I want to do something that would benefit every library in the county and every patron of the library system." She is considering putting fax machines in each branch. These fax machines will be for public use. There will be a nominal user fee for sending a fax. This would also speed up in the library system as well as keep each branch connected directly to the main office in Panhandle as well as in Amarillo.

The county requires three bids to be taken on major purchases. Sparks hopes to start the process within the next few days.

Mrs. Back Remembered By Student

My Dear McLean
by Vera Featherston Back

There are towns of many people,
There are towns of riches great:
Low flat roofs, and towering steeple,
Churches, schools, and halls of state.

There are towns whose names make music,
There are towns on hill and

Quiet places, those with traffic;
Best of places is McLean!

Here the young and old are brothers,
Here each thinks not of his own,
But what he can do for others;
None dwells here who dwells alone.

Joy within! I cannot show it,
But my heart o'erflows like rain,

And I want the world to know it:

Thanks again, my dear McLean!
Sincerely,
Mike Haynes
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Editor:

As Mrs. Vera Featherston Back passed away last week, not only did her family, friends and former students lost someone special, but so did the town of McLean.

I know how much Mrs. Back meant to many people of several generations who were lucky enough to have her as an English teacher or

class play sponsor or giving guidance in some other way. I remember her most for impressing upon me the importance of excellence. Mrs. Back was demanding, and she did not settle for less than the best. But you knew that beneath her stern exterior was a love for the young people under her care.

I made it to the regional spelling bee in Amarillo as an eighth grader not because of the efforts of Mrs. Back. I had some talent in that area, but she is the one who insisted that I listen to her voice on recorded tapes as she pronounced each word precisely, & she is word precisely, and she is the one, along with my parents, who made sure I came by her house after school and on weekends to practice for the spelling bee. She pushed me, and the results were an accomplishment I could be proud of. I know she did the same for countless other students in McLean.

In my copy of her book, "Feathers," Mrs. Back wrote something that I think speaks to everyone. In her careful penmanship, she wrote: "...I hope your dreams come true--Keep dreaming. Some of them will." I've always believed she was right, and I think that advice is true for us all--especially if we follow the guidance of the God who made us and who Mrs. Back also trusted.

I always took pride that she had taught my grandparents and my parents in




addition to my generation. I think she took pride, too, in the fact that she had been a positive influence on so many families in McLean. And despite her education and knowledge of the world which would have enabled her to be successful in the largest city, she loved McLean its people.

Although Mrs. Back wrote books and newspaper columns, I think a short poem about her town might show best where her heart was. Mrs. Back knew McLean for more than 70 years of its 90-year history, and I hope the people of McLean in 1990 will read her poem and try to keep that same spirit of oneness and neighborliness that always has been here. I still have a copy of the poem, and I think this is a good time to share it:


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