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**MEET THE CANDIDATES:** The following pictures and information are provided by The McLean News in an effort to inform the voters. The five candidates listed on this page are running for three positions on the McLean School Board

## Kathy's Korner

Well, hopefully by now, you've realized that Robbin and I were not asleep when we pasted up this week's paper, and that you're all the victims of an early April Fool's joke.

I must apologize to the candidates for school board. They should (and normally would) appear on Page 1 - in its proper place. But I couldn't resist an April Fool's gag, so I hope my apology is accepted.

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Speaking of apologies, I owe one to Bryan Smitherman. Bryan won the "Citizen of the Show" award the Top O' Texas Stock Show recently, and I ran up to school one day to get his picture with his trophy to put with a story.

As the week progressed, I realized we were going to have several pictures of school winners, and decided on the winner's circle page.

Somehow in the shuffle, I didn't get a story in about him.

Bryan was selected the award after showing excellence, cooperation, proper attitude, sportsmanship, good conduct, outstanding scholastic accomplishments and other characteristics deemed by the judges to contribute to good citizenship," according to a spokesman from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

All I can say is...if they only knew Bryan like I know Bryan...

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Zelda McClellan called in and said that out of the 38 letters she's sent to members of the graduating class of 1944, only eight exes have replied. She said that even some of the McLean residents had not sent in their information.

I hope if you are a 1944 MHS graduate, or know the whereabouts of one, you will drop Zelda a line.

She has put in a lot of time and effort to bring this information together for your benefit.

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Wayne and I have recently moved (yes, again...) and we have a new telephone number. I'm not in the habit of publishing my number, but I decided it might get a bit confusing for some of you who have stories, information, or even complaints.

And this is one way of letting all our relatives and friends (whom I've neglected to contact) of our new number.

Our new number is 779-3265. I hope this clears up any confusion for those of you who've needed to get in touch with me and have had to call Sam. And I hope this gets me off the hook with family and friends.



**Sonie Bybee**

Sonie Bybee, 44, has lived in McLean all her life. She and her husband, Wayne, have four children, Ronnie, Brenda, Vonda, and

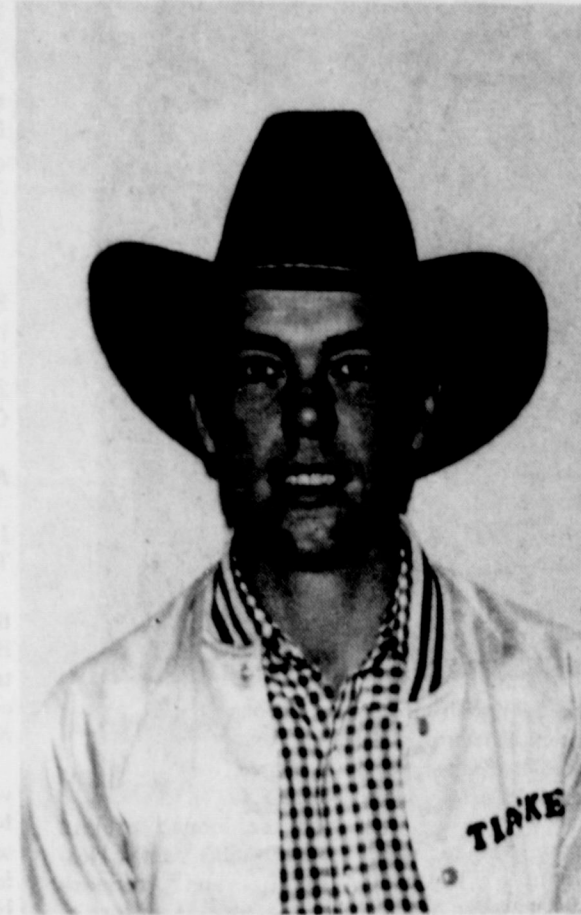
Billy. She is a housewife. She stated as her reasons for running, "I feel it is my duty, for the community. I want to help anyway I can."



**Bonnie Fabian**

Bonnie McBee Fabian, 56, has lived in McLean 27 years. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1945 and from Texas Women's University in 1949. She and her husband, Harold, have two children, Roderic and

Gregory. She is a homemaker and piano teacher. Her reasons for running are "To try to get the best possible education for the children of McLean, and to make the most economical use of the taxpayer's dollars."



**Thacker Haynes**

Thacker Haynes, 33, has lived in McLean all his life. He graduated from McLean in 1969, and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University in 1973. He and his wife, Sharon, have one son, J.T. He is

self-employed. When asked for his reason for running, he stated, "I feel it is my responsibility as a citizen of this community to do what I can to help provide high quality education for the children in McLean school without over-burdening the taxpayers."

## The Whittler's Bench

By Sam Haynes

As I am writing this column, (Tuesday afternoon) it is doing a pretty fair job of raining, and the weather boys say it has a good chance to turn to snow tonight!

We've been having typical Panhandle weather this past week, with a couple of warm windy days followed by a couple of cold windy days. Perhaps this moisture we are getting now is what we have been needing and looking for. It will at least make the farmers' and ranchers' outlook a little more promising.

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I ran on to some statistics (purely non-denominational) while preparing my Sunday school lesson last week which should be of vital importance to every parent who might chance to read this column.

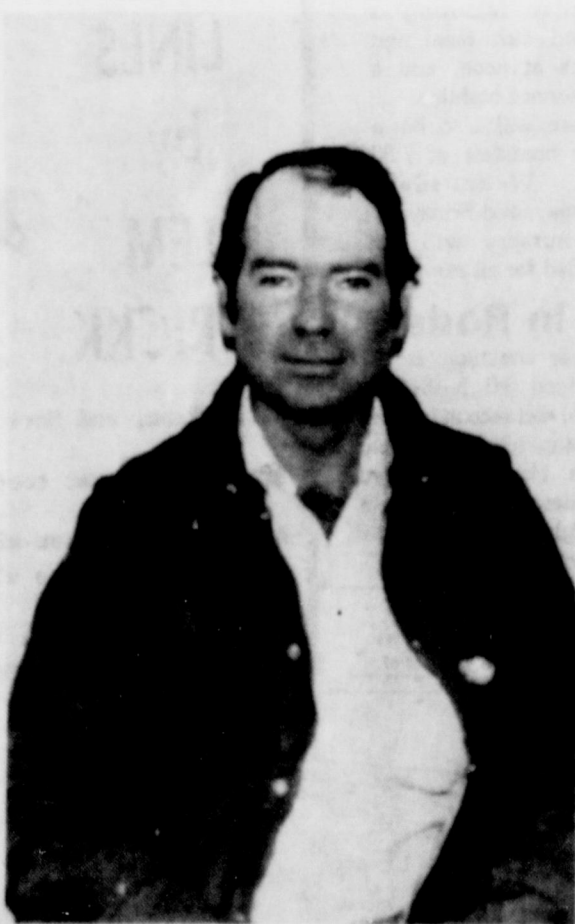
The statistics showed that if both mom and dad attended church regularly, 72% of the children remain faithful; if only dad attends regularly, 55% remain faithful; if only mom attends regularly, 15% remain faithful; and if neither of the parents attend regularly, only 6% remain faithful.

This is certainly a startling statistic, and really should open the eyes of all parents. I realize there will be some who will say "I don't go to church, and I don't care whether my children go or not!" to which statement I would ask, "What are you presently substituting for church activities in your life and the lives of your children?"

I for one am planning a springtime resolution in which I vow to include my family in as many activities as possible, including church, that will involve every member of the group, and create some togetherness, which will I hope make the "boob tube" practically an orphan for at least the rest of the summer.

You know, I don't know if any youngsters it would hurt to learn to pitch washers, pitch horseshoes, or fish, in addition to families work-

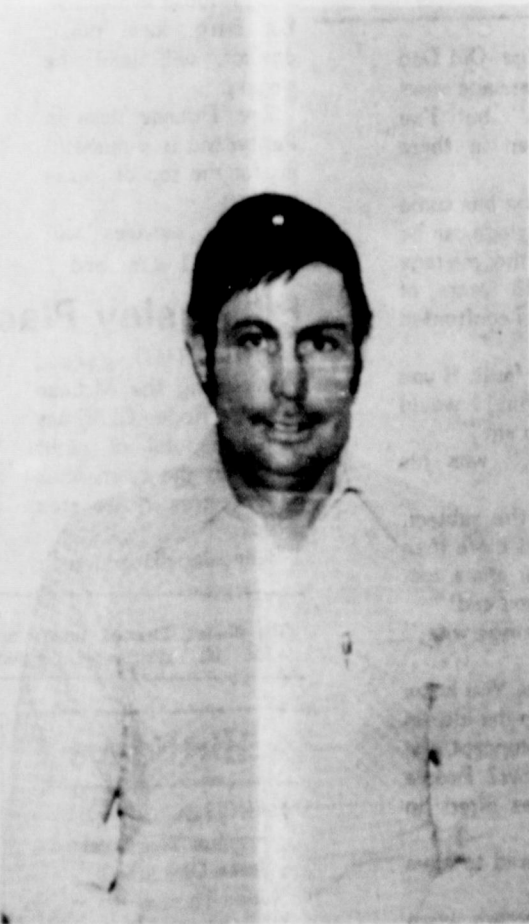
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**James Hefley**

James L. Hefley, Jr., 36, has lived in McLean 10 years. He graduated from Briscoe High School in 1965, and attended Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Charlotte, have three children, Holly, Jill, and

Lori. He is a farmer and rancher. He states, as his reason for running, "I feel it is my responsibility as a parent to help guarantee the quality of education available to the students of McLean schools."



**Jake Hess II**

Jake Hess, II, 38, has lived in McLean all his life. He graduated from McLean High School in

1964, and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1968. He is a rancher. He and his wife,

Ida, have three children, Tres, Tanner, and Heather.

He stated as his reason for running as, "I am interested in our school system and in our community."

## See Next Week's McLean News For City Profiles

# Remember To VOTE April 7

Date	High	Low
3-20-84	63	34
3-21-84	70	40
3-22-84	59	38
3-23-84	34	31
3-24-84	58	30
3-25-84	67	38
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