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Primary Election To Decide D.A. Race

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 12. Aside from the Presidential races, the hottest contest in

Carson County will be for the 100th District Attorney's seat.

Incumbent Randall Sims

and opponent Earl Griffin have faced off in true political form.

"We're running on our merits," stated Sims.

After serving 15 months of an unexpired term, Sims faces a backlog of cases left over from the terms of Jim Shelton and David McCoy, now district judge, some of which were 5 and 6 years old. Sims has cleared the docket of 199 cases. 69 defendants were sent to the penitentiary and 130 were placed on probation.

Griffin contends that Sims has dismissed 39% of the cases in one part of the district, Childress County. Having tried 20 to 30 felony cases in his 20 year career as a criminal defense

attorney, Griffin feels that the district needs a more aggressive prosecutor.

"The percentage of dismissals we've had is totally inappropriate and out of line.

Sims said he has prosecuted more the 70 felony cases - including capital murder cases - in his 10 years as a prosecutor. He was the first assistant prosecutor in the 47th district attorney's office in Amarillo for three years.

"I didn't get to that position by being a bad prosecutor," he said.

Sims questions Griffins intent to maintain his private practice as well as give the voters of the 100th

District their moneys worth as a district attorney.

"I can see where having a private practice could cause a real conflict of interest at times," stated Sims. "The voters will make their decision. They can have an experienced full-

time prosecutor or someone who has been a defense attorney all their lives."

"My first priority will be district attorney," stated Griffin. "If that means 110% of my time, then that's what I will give."



Senior Tiger Brandon Crump hits the short jump shot against Claude last week in the Area playoff.



Nick Ashford shoots from the top of the circle against Claude in his final game of the season.



Head Coach Randy Yelverton goes over last minute instructions of how to slow Claude down in the season finale.

All-District Basketball Team Announced For 3-1A

The District 3-1A coaches recently held their meeting to choose All-District players.

Groom was honored to have four players named to the team. Seniors Nick Ashford and Stanley Homer and Juniors Brad Sustaire and Justin Ritter were chosen.

Brandon Crump, Jeremy Chavedo and Toby Burgin

were named honorable mention.

Preston Wilson of Shamrock was named Most Valuable Player. Others who were also honored were Willie Angton, Bobby Ryan and Jeff Gilbert all of Shamrock; Travis Stevens and Jason Porter both of Wheeler and Gene McQuilty of Booker were named to the team.

Groom Tigers End Great Season With Loss To Claude

Groom Tigers had a hard time getting started at the Area Championship in Amarillo against the Claude Mustangs last week.

The slow start was compounded by the fact that the ball just would not go in for the Tigers. Many shots circled the rim only to bounce out, while Claude's would go in for the points.

The Tigers finished second in an extremely difficult district and earned the area berth at the Bi-District game against Higgins.

"I am extremely proud of

these boys," stated Coach Randy Yelverton. "They started out with 0-5 record. They have really come a long way."

Most of these boys have lived in the shadow of the extremely large and talented Class of '95. Many of them have never had the opportunity to get a lot of game time, much less play in high pressure championship games.

"This is good experience for our younger players as well as a positive experience for our Seniors," stated

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Groom Fire Chief And Fire Marshal have strongly requested that people NOT burn off yards during these extremely dry conditions.



Exercise your right and get out and vote on March 12, 1996. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Democratic Party will hold their election at the Catholic School. The Republican election will be held at the Community Center in the Lion's Club room.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE GROOM RELAYS will be held this week, beginning on Friday.

THE GROOM School Board will meet on March 19.

GROOM CITY Council will hold it's regular monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, March 7.

THE AIR FORCE Band will perform at 1:00 pm on March 19 at the Groom High School Auditorium.

THE GROOM Elementary will hold a Spring Musical Concert on March 21. The student council will have activities that night including a book fair and a hamburger supper.

A DRIVER SAFETY Course will be held at Clarendon College on Saturday, March 9. Contact Clarendon College at 1-806-874-3571 for information.

A VETERANS meeting will be held at the Ochiltree Expo Center on March 9 from 9:30 am until 3 pm to discuss the Veterans Land Program and medical benefits. Contact Ochiltree Veterans Service Office at (806) 435-3249 after 6 pm for information.

QUARTERLY EMS Volunteer meeting will be March 24 at 7 pm at the City Hall. A CPR class will be given. Guests are welcome. No fee will be charged.

Public Notice
Voting in the Republican Primary will be in the Lions Club room at the Groom Community Center.

FFA WILL SPONSOR Big Brother week, March 4-8.

SPRING BREAK is March 11-15 for Groom School.

CANDIDATES FOR Groom ISD School Board and Groom City Council can file at the Business Office and City Hall respectively until March 20th.

GROOM ISD will have school on April 4th to make up for the lost day of January 18.

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Local Happenings

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Les and Dora Neal in Clarendon on Sunday.

IMMUNIZATION Clinics will be scheduled at the Groom Community Center on March 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. At the Texas Tech Health Center, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa on March 14, and March 28, 9:00-4:00 pm and at the Claude Medical Center, 201 Parks on March 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Halee Kotara and Maria Jeffers, a college friend from Denton, were home recently to attend the wedding of Andrea and Jess Boucher. Maria made her cello debut for a select audience. A good time was had by all.

Groom Birthdays Anniversaries
 March 7 - Terri Rose, Mary Ann Koetting.
 March 8 - Grant Weinheimer, Mrs. Raymond Ruthardt.
 March 9 - Pam Ashford.
 March 10 - Jeffrey Weinheimer.
 March 11 - Mrs. Martin Hermesmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Weller (A).
 March 12 - Stacy Lynn Bertrand, Mrs. Gregory G. Lamb, Mrs. Larry D. Brown, Toby Ray Burgin, Krisanne Davis.
 March 13 - Julia McGee, Molly Erin Bertrand, Tamera L. Cockrell.

We have a whole bunch of pictures! Some belong to you! Some belong to us! Come by and take a look! Do it today. The Groom/McLean News.

Rip and Joy Snyder visited M.L. Rowan and Truman Goodlett in the McLean Nursing Home on Saturday.

Vegetable Gardening Clinic
 The Carson County and Gray County Extension Service will be conducting a vegetable gardening clinic for area homeowners and commercial gardeners. The clinic is scheduled for March 14th at 6:30 pm at the White Deer community center. Speakers will include Dr. Roland Roberts, extension horticulturist vegetable specialist, Dr. Harold Kaufman, extension plant pathologist, and Dr. Carl Patrick, extension entomologist. Topics will include vegetable garden varieties, pest management, disease problems, tomato production, and vegetable gardening scheduling. This will be a good time for you to ask questions on specific problems that you may be having with your gardens.

Rip and Joy Snyder attended funeral services in Clarendon Sunday for Mrs. Enoise McElroy, mother of Mrs. Ray Pool.




Groom Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday
 March 30, 1996
 10:00 A.M.
Meet The Easter Bunny
 At 9:30 P.M.
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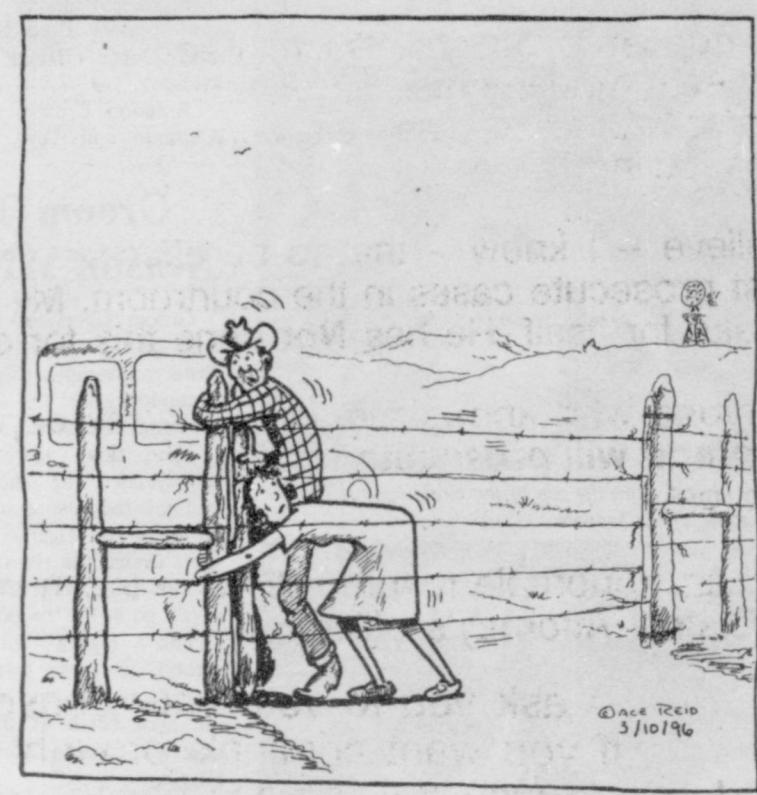
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If You Ask Me . . . And Nobody Did

By Donna Burton
What has happened to old fashioned everyday good manners? Now, I'm not talking about using the right fork or removing your hat in the presence of a lady. I'm talking about the kind of manners that you would

use in front of the preacher or your grandmother. I was in a restaurant the other day and I saw grown men sitting inside a building eating with their hats on. I saw grown people taking bites so big that their cheeks literally bulged with food. No wonder

restaurants are required to have the Heimlich maneuver posted! I would have hated to have been the one sitting across from them if they had had to sneeze or cough. Now a cough or a sneeze is something you cannot control, but how about leaving the table before you blow your nose! If you

want to behave like a pig at the table, why not get your food to go. How about saying thank you once in a while too! Perhaps if we say thank you to the person who kindly holds the door for us or carries out our groceries or washes our car, perhaps they will do it more

cheerfully the next time. And another thing that really bugs me is someone who refuses to acknowledge a greeting like "Good Morning" or "Hello, how are you." Nothing is more rude than to wish someone a "Good Morning" and have them look at you like you just crawled out from under a rock.

These are essentially small things, but they are all things that we have been lax about at one time or another. Just because we live life in the fast lane these days is no reason to believe that common courtesy costs more or takes too much time.

The 100th District Peace Officers Association wants the citizens of the 100th District to look closely at the current District race.
WE NEED YOUR INTEREST.

We, as Peace Officers, work very close to the District Attorney. We are the **ONES WHO KNOW.**

We don't speak for all Officers as our Association is only beginning. Never before has a vast majority of Officers in the 100th District endorsed a District Attorney Candidate. As Law Enforcement Officers, our fundamental duty is to make sure the citizens are aware of situations that may concern us; to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against harm or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

Vote EARL GRIFFIN, for effective prosecution.

We need your Help and Interest and Your Votes.

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Officers of the 100th District, Childress, TX 79201



Helen Witt returned late Wednesday from a visit to get acquainted with her new grandson, John Rowdy Witt, son of Jay and Melody of McKinney. She found him as adorable as his two sisters, Rheagan and Rachel. Lynell Peek of English joined them for the visit.

To Carson County Voters

This should not be an election based upon political favors, political personalities, political proficiency or unlimited advertising budgets.

Do not let it become such. Keep it what it is: an election between fundamental philosophical differences as to being District Attorney, an election between "bargaining" and "prosecuting."

I believe -- I know -- that to be effective, the District Attorney must prosecute cases in the courtroom. My opponent's record speaks for itself. He has **Not** done this for our district.

Everyone who knows me, including my opponent, knows that **I can and will prosecute** criminals in the courtroom before you as jurors.

I am an honorable man. I will bring this honor and respect to the District Attorney's office.

I ask you to vote your conscience.
If you want criminals brought to trial,
and in this way guilty pleas based upon prosecution
instead of negotiation,
**VOTE FOR EARL GRIFFIN
FOR YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.**

May God bless and keep us all.

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Groom Relays Set For Friday And Saturday

Groom Relays are slated for Friday and Saturday this week.

Events will kick off at 2:30 pm on Friday. High School events will begin with the 3200 meter run, followed by the 400 meter relay, 800 meter run, 100 meter hurdles, 110 meter high hurdles, 100 meter dash, 800 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 300 meter intermediate hurdles and the 200 meter dash.

The teams will run in these respective orders: Six-Man Girls, A-AA Girls, Six-Man Boys, and A-AA Boys.

The Junior High will run their 2400 meter race after these races in the same divisional order as high school. All of the Friday races are considered finals.

The Field events will begin on Saturday morning at 9 am, with the following schedule for A-AA Girls and Boys.

9:00 (G) Discus
(B) Pole Vault.

9:45 (G) Long Jump
(B) High Jump
10:30 (G) Triple Jump
(B) Long Jump
11:15 (G) High Jump
(B) Shot Put
12:00 (G) Shot Put
(B) Triple Jump
12:45 (B) Discus

The Junior High running events for Saturday will begin at 9:00 am in the following order: 400 meter relay, 100 meter hurdles, 110 meter high hurdles, 100 meter dash, 800 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 200 meter hurdles, 200 meter dash. These are preliminary races.

Finals will begin at 2:00 pm. They will be in the following order: 400 meter relay, 800 meter run, 100 meter hurdles, 110 meter high hurdles, 100 meter dash, 800 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 200 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, 200 meter dash, 1200/1600 meter run, 1600 meter relay.

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Groom Jets Place Third In Contest

Groom "JETS" team has begun their competitions for the spring season.

Sponsor Terry Simpson was very pleased with their performance in this early match.

Sean Crowell placed third in the Biology contest.

Nick Ashford and Sean Crowell placed third in the computer fundamental competitions.

Other members of the team are Adam Odor, David York, Terry Eatmon, Nick Ashford, Sean Crowell, Toby Burgin, Justin Ritter and Stanley Homer.

Golf Season Kicks Off

Golf season opened this week with a windy match at Childress. As a team, the boys scored 393 and placed 5th out of 14 teams.

Ray Lott was Groom's top scoring individual with 89 points. Nick Ashford had 98, Josh Evenson 100, Joe Britten had 106, and Caleb Pool had 112.

The next match is March 14th and 15th at Booker. The boys will play on the 14th the girls on the 15th.

Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Authorized

According to a letter recently received from Gary M. Leonard, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Payments-In-Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.T.) for Carson County has been authorized by the United States Department of Energy Headquarters.

Roslyn Watson, County Tax Collector, will be working with a Budget Analyst from the Pantex Plant in order to establish the amount of payment due Carson County. The entities who will benefit from the payment will be Carson County, Panhandle I.S.D. and the Water District.

The tax rate, assessment and total payment in lieu of tax proposed is for 1993 and subsequent years. "We are very pleased with this news and look forward to working with D.O.E. This will be a first for Carson County and a long time coming. We are pleased for our citizens. Especially those who were directly affected by the establishment of this facility. A tremendous amount of time and effort has been put forth in this task," said Judge Roselius.

Groom Attends Track Meet

Groom tracksters attended the Hornet Relays at Highland Park last weekend.

The girls placed 3rd in the meet with 71 points behind Panhandle with 178 and Shamrock with 95.5.

Kay Case, who qualified for State last year, and is hoping for a repeat performance this year, placed 2nd in Discus with a throw of 100-0½.

In the high jump, Sandie Conrad placed first with a 4'10" jump.

Martie Phillips placed 2nd in the long jump with a measurement of 15'8".

Groom's 400 meter relay team consisting of Sandie Conrad, Stephanie Ollinger, Sara Britten and Martie

Phillips placed 3rd with a time of 53.60.

The 800 meter relay team of Sandie Conrad, Stephanie Ollinger, Sara Britten and Martie Phillips won a 2nd place with 1:56.33.

In the 1600 meter race Karen Conrad placed 2nd with 7:16.67.

In boys action, Groom placed 7th with 36½ points. Sanford-Fritch won the meet with 107 points. 2nd place went to Highland Park with 90 points, 3rd place to Wellington with 83½ points, 4th Panhandle 83 points, 5th Memphis 62, and 6th River Road, 58 points.

Harold Cave placed third in Shot with a throw of 44-4 3/4". Brandon Crump

Fraser Named Runner-Up



Meganne B. Fraser was a contestant in the 1996 Baby Miss Amarillo contest recently. She received 1st in the beauty competition, 1st place Dimpled Darling contest and was named 2nd runner up for the Baby Miss Amarillo crown.

Meganne's parents are Nita Day and Michael Fraser, grandparents are Randy and Vickie McClelland. She has one brother and one sister, Nicholas and Heather Day.

There were 343 contestants in the pageant.

placed 3rd in the Discus with a throw of 124' 10 3/4".

Alberto Vega won the 3200 meter run a good second faster than 2nd place with a time of 11:45.30.

In the 400 meter race Abdon Carrillo ran a 55.75 for 3rd place.

Groom High School and Junior High track teams will participate in the Groom Relays this week beginning on Friday.



Terry Eatmon finishes his high school basketball career against the Claude Mustangs last week.

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Groom High School 1996 Golf Schedule

Boys	Girls	Location	Course
Mar 4		Childress	
Mar 14		Booker	
	Mar 15	Booker	
Mar 23		Vega	
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Mar 29		Amarillo	Ross Rogers
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Apr 3		Borger	Huber CC
	Apr 3	Borger	Phillips CC
Apr 9		Borger	Huber CC
	Apr 9	Borger	Phillips CC
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1996 Track Schedule

Varsity	Jr. High	Location
Mar 1		Highland Park
Mar 2		Highland Park
Mar 8 & 9	Mar 8 & 9	Groom
Open Date March 16		
Mar 23	Mar 23	Lefors
Mar 29 & 30	Mar 29 & 30	Miami
Apr 4		Claude
Apr 12 & 13	Apr 12 & 13	Sunray (D)
Apr 26 & 27		Levelland (R)
May 10 & 11		Austin (S)

(D - District; R - Regional; S - State)

Local Obituaries

Fannie Lee Asberry
Fannie Lee Asberry, 86, died Tuesday, February 27, 1996.

Services were in First Baptist Church at Groom with the Rev. Barry Bradley of First Baptist Church in Orange officiating. Burial was in the Groom Cemetery by Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors.

Mrs Asberry was born in Shamrock and had lived in Groom for 55 years. She graduated from West Texas State Teachers College. She was a retired elementary school teacher and had taught in Alanreed and Groom.

She married Melvin Asberry in 1942 at Shamrock. He died in 1990. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and had served as a Sunday school teacher, Training Union director and G.A. leader.

Survivors include a daughter, Melva Seay of Franklin, Tennessee; a brother, Everett Johnston of Tucson, Arizona; a sister, Abbie Harris of Wellington; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to First Baptist Church or Groom Ambulance Service.



Thomas V. Bates

QUANAH - Thomas V. "Vic" Bates, 73, died Thursday, February 29, 1996.

Services were in the First Christian Church with Bill Parkey and the Rev. Jesse Dea officiating. Burial was in the Quanah Memorial Park by Price-Jackson Funeral Home.

Mr. Bates was born in Sulphur Springs. He married Mary Daniels in 1941 at Altus, Oklahoma. He moved from White Deer to Quanah 21 years ago. He graduated from Childress High School and

received a master of arts degree from West Texas State University. He was a teacher, coach and administrator. He taught for 38 years and retired in 1985 from the Quanah Independent School District.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and received a Bronze Star while in the 89th infantry. He was a member of the Quanah Country Club and a member and a deacon of the First Christian Church. He also was a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Thomas V. Bates Jr. of Quanah; a daughter, Vicki Joan Holt of Quanah; a brother, Weldon Bates of Bryson; a sister, Margaret Simmons of El Paso; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church.

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Enoise Scott McElroy
CLARENDON -Enoise Scott McElroy, 86, died Friday, March 1, 1996.

Services were in Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Bryan Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery.

Mrs. McElroy was born in Sweetwater and moved to Donley County in 1940. She had lived in Clarendon since 1955. She married Sidney Alfred "Sid" McElroy in 1932 at Colorado City. He died in 1979. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Gaynelle Pool of Groom and May Ann Bishop of Houston; a son, Nat McElroy of Claude; a sister, Cathleen Ballard of Irving; a brother, Iran Scott of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Groom Senior Citizens, Groom Ambulance Department or Palo Duro Nursing Home.

Joseph Alan Weinheimer
Joseph Alan Weinheimer was born on February 25, 1996, in Pierre, South Dakota to Alan and Cori

(Nickolas) Weinheimer. He died February 25, 1996.

Services were at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota with Father Darrell Lambert, officiating.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Pierre.

Joseph is survived by his parents of Onida; grandparents, John and Char Nickolas of Pierre and Jerome and Inez Weinheimer of Onida; great-grandparents, Clara and Nick Malson of Bowdle, Monica Weinheimer of Groom and Grace and John Hanson of Pierre; seven aunts and uncles, Cody, Gina and Anthony Nickolas of Peiere, Jerry Weinheimer, Jeff and wife Tomi Kay Weinheimer, Mark Weinheimer and Ken Weinheimer, all of Onida. he was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Ignatius Nickolas, Wm. and Alice Rausch, Walter Flannery and Eugene Weinheimer.



Remember This?

July 13, 1954

Wheat Delivered To Elevator In Combine

Submitted by Al Homer

The change-over to modern farm machinery brought out a new version of mechanization at a local grain elevator Wednesday afternoon of last week. A Massey-Harris self-propelled combine, lumbered up on the scales and was weighed in at the Wheeler-Evans Grain Co. The combine then made its way to the west side of the over-flowing grain elevator and the grain was dumped on the pile of wheat at the side of the building. The combine was returned to the scales and weighed out.

According to Ralph Evans, manager of the elevator, this was the first time in his experience that grain had been delivered directly from the field to the elevator in a self-propelled combine.

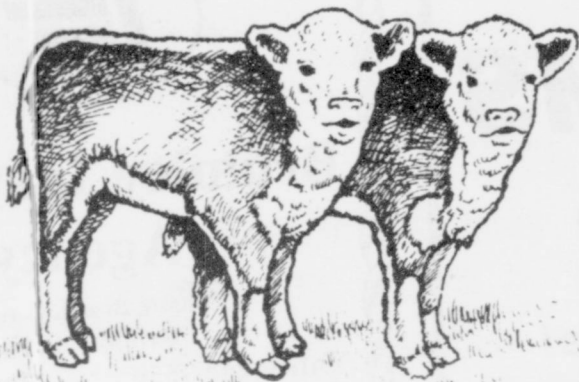
The combine, owned by Al Homer, custom harvester, was driven by Joe Homer accompanied by Greg Neumier and Bob Killian, and harvested the load of wheat on the S.K. Roach farm six miles northeast of Groom. The combine holds about 50 bushels of grain, but was not full. it was the final cutting on the wheat field.

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Brush & Palette Hold Meeting

By Billie Bivers

A few weeks ago we voted to embark on a new endeavor with acrylic paint as a medium. Shirley has videos of Jerry Yarnell teaching. A red cardinal in a tree was chosen as the subject. Most of the members participated and finished with a beautiful painting. After that an old Mission at Albuquerque was chosen. Today most finished it. Shirley painted on both paintings at home and therefore was of great help to the others as they worked on theirs.

Today also everyone seemed intent on painting and were very quiet as if they expected something they said would appear in the paper.

Hostess Pat provided a

delicious chicken spaghetti casserole (it will make it hard for the next hostess). The rest of us added salads: three waldorf, carrot-kraut, deviled eggs and two fruit salads. Pat served a wonderful chocolate dessert. The luncheon was a variety of mouth watering dishes.

The business meeting was called to order by Shirley, in the absence of Dorothy (she forgot it was luncheon day). The discussion was about a mural subject that would represent Groom that might be painted on the side of the Whatley building. It was requested by a G.E.D.C. member to see if it might be a viable project. We worked up a sketch, and business adjourned.

Pat worked on a Plymouth rock chicken,

Shirley on birds and a bird house, and believe it or not, I painted . . . my fingernails.

Dorothy joined us in the afternoon and visited. Guess what Nita used to splatter her painting . . . denture brush. . . it worked. She moved back away from her painting to take a critical look. She sat down, then the chair wiggled, which started her giggling. There was one chair stacked on another. Though everyone did not see it, she and I had a good time with her startling incident. I know one of our members who would have been there at least 15 minutes earlier, but she had a little difficulty fastening her jeans. You have to listen closely to hear some of these things.

UIL Meet

Out of the four journalism contests, Groom won three of them at the Canadian UIL practice meet Saturday.

Winning first place were sophomore Mary Hutsell, news writing; senior Suzy Pool, feature writing; and junior Courtney Burgin, headline writing.

Hutsell also placed third in feature writing and fourth in poetry.

Junior Brenda Fields placed third in poetry; and Angie Conrad, fourth in feature writing.

Pool also placed fifth in prose.

Fourteen schools competed in the meet, including Sunray and Wheeler in Groom's district.

Amarillo College will host the UIL district meet on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20-21.



Andrea Payton & Jess Boucher Married At Church Of Christ

Andrea Payton and Jess Boucher were united in marriage on February 17, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. in the Groom Church of Christ. Officiating the ceremony was Pastor Kent Watson.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Frances Payton of Groom. She attended Lubbock Christian University and is now a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock majoring in Secondary Science.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Boucher of Elko, Nevada. He attended Lubbock Christian for two years and now attends Texas Tech in Lubbock. He is majoring in Exercise and Sports Science.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Kenzi Burger of Norman Oklahoma, former classmate

of the bride, served as maid of honor. Halee Kotara of Dallas, Texas and Aimee Lyles of Canyon, Texas were candlelighters.

Father of the Groom, George Boucher, was best man. Guests were seated by ushers Jeff Veilleux of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Doug Bowen of Lubbock, Texas, Mark Boucher of Austin and Bret Baer of Amarillo, Texas.

Special musical selections were performed by LaRae Boucher, sister of the groom. She was accompanied by Jason Polise and Myron Pree both longtime friends of the groom.

An original poem was written and read by the brother of the bride, Brent Payton of Austin.



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Carson County Sheriff Dept. Joins Task Force

On March 1, the Carson County Sheriff's Department joined forces with the United States Marshals Service - Amarillo Division and became part of the Texas Panhandle Fugitive and Violent Crimes Task Force. Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand and the sheriffs of Donley, Childress, Collingsworth and Hall counties signed contracts with Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Albert Arias at the Donley County Courthouse in Clarendon to secure this agreement.

Administrators of the departments will assign specific officers to the Task Force and those officers assigned will become sworn as Special Deputy United States Marshals during their assignment to the Task Force. Each participating agency will identify those outstanding felony warrants

which the Task Force will target. Each agency may submit requests for assistance to locate and apprehend fugitives and, in turn, the U.S. Marshals Office may request assistance in locating a subject who may be in one of our local jurisdictions.

Sheriff Brand will be on the Steering Committee for the Task Force and will be involved in the policy, program involvement and direction of the effort. "This is a great opportunity for our department and one that we intend to take advantage of. The more cooperation you have between federal, state and county agencies, the less chance the bad guys have of getting away," said Sheriff Brand.

"We see an increasing number of dangerous fugitives each year and it

would be very naive of us to think that we can take care of all these problems by ourselves. Our contact with the Task Force gives us extra manpower and equipment when we need it for fugitive investigation and we can supply them with the street knowledge that comes from working and living in our jurisdictions, added Brand.

The primary mission of the Task Force is to seek out those persons who have unexecuted state or federal warrants lodged against them. The intent of this joint effort will be to remove from society these federal, state and local fugitives with violent and or drug histories and identified as career criminals, thereby increasing public safety. The policy, program and direction of the Task Force

shall be the joint responsibility of the participating agencies. Effective the first day of operation, the term of this understanding shall be for a one year period or shall be terminated by a majority vote of the Steering Committee. At the end of the one year period, depending on the success and member agency support, the Task Force may be continued based upon a renegotiated memorandum of understanding.

Mission Statement
Of The Texas Panhandle Fugitive And Violent Crimes Task Force

The Carson County Sheriff's Department sponsored a law enforcement officer's training seminar on Stress Awareness and Reduction for Peace Officers Saturday

at the War Memorial Building in Panhandle. The classes were taught by Sheriff Loren Brand and Rick Nichols, M.Ed. of High Plains Health Care Systems. Officers attending the class were from the Carson County Sheriff's Office, Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Tulia Police Department and the Skellytown City Marshal. The classes are accredited through the Amarillo College Law Enforcement Academy and attending officers earn educational credits for their Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education certifications.

Future classes will be held in Skellytown, White Deer and Groom to allow interested officers from the area to attend conveniently.

Basketball

Yelverton. "They have come a long way in a very short time. They are to be commended for their progress. I see nothing but great things for the future of Groom basketball with both boys and girls. It takes time to develop a consistent program where the players know what to expect from the coaches and the coaches know what to expect from the players."

Brad Sustaice and Brandon Crump tied to lead the scoring with 11 points each. Toby Burgin added 8, Nick Ashford had 6, Stanley Homer and Justin Ritter each had 5. Jeremy Chavedo had 4. The final score was Groom 51, Claude 72.

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encouraged to bring their mothers to the party where sorority alumnae will be available to answer questions about rush, recommendations, parties and wardrobe.

The Panhellenic organization provides rush forms for about 14 different

sororities that the seniors will fill out to be kept on file locally. Even if the senior has decided not to go through rush her freshman year at college, she is encouraged to fill out the forms. Many girls change their minds during the summer or decide to go through rush week the

following year. When their forms are in the files, the girls can call and have their information activated.

Seniors who cannot attend the party may contact Kristi Smith, 969 Cinderella, Pampa, Texas 79065, telephone (806) 665-2820 to obtain the rush information forms.

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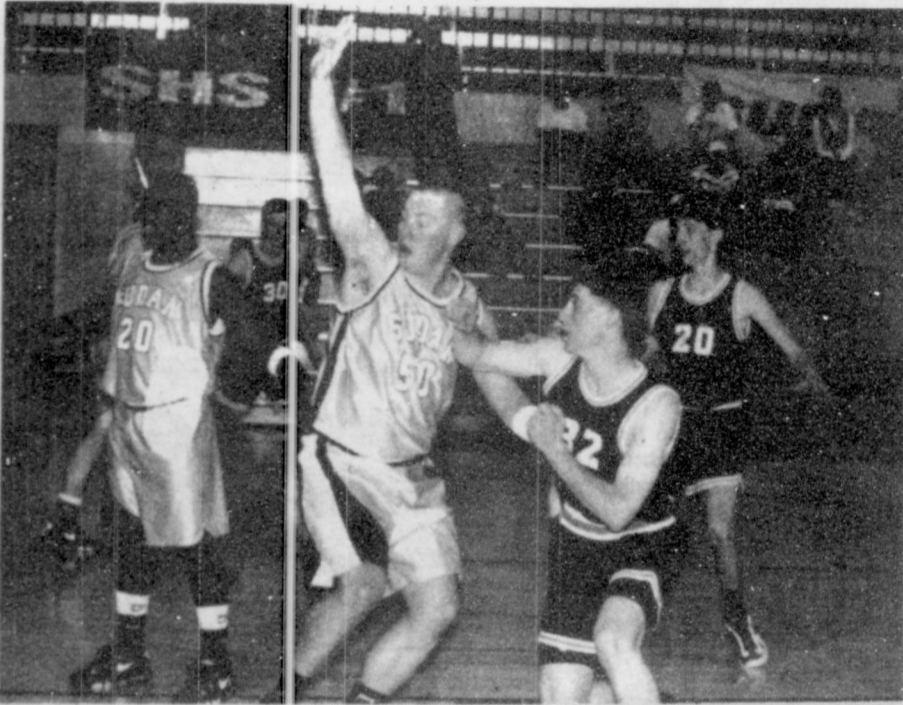
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#32 Blake Crockett puts up a shot as #20 Monty Joiner and #30 Jeremy Crutcher move in to block out the shot in McLean's Area game against Sudan.

Carpenter Opens New Business

Mary Ann Carpenter is the owner of McLean's newest business "Seasons". At the present time operations are being held in the Carpenter home. Mary Ann stated that she hoped that by Easter she will be in the new location at the corner of 1st and Gray. Once she gets moved into the new building she will be able to display a variety of items.

Seasons is the place to go for gifts, quality crafts and decorating items. Mary Ann has specialized in cookie and balloon bouquets. Some of the items she will soon have include potpourri, bird houses mounted on mesquite wood, lady bug houses and Granny Chloe's handmade pew babies.

Don't forget Mary Ann, no matter what the "Season."



Mary Ann Carpenter

District 5-A Basketball Announces All-Star Teams

The All-District 5-A Basketball teams have been announced. All of the girls starting line-up have been named. Heather Hess, senior, Shaley Stalls, sophomore and Rachel Galley, freshman, were named first team. Second team honors went to Lori Hefley, sophomore, and Vanessa Glass, freshman.

Named to the Boys All-District team are Monty Joiner, senior, first team; Jeremy Crutcher, senior and Ben Reeser, senior, second team.

Heather Hess has also been named to play in the All-Star game at Wichita Falls later this year. Monty Joiner has been selected second alternate and Jeremy



Shaley Stalls was named to the 1st team; Vanessa Glass, 2nd team; Lori Hefley, 2nd team; Rachel Galley, 2nd team and Heather Hess, 1st team.

Crutcher fourth alternate for the Boys All-Star game.

McLean Tigers End Season

The McLean Tigers traveled to Randall High School in Amarillo on Tuesday, February 27, to face defending the Class A state champion Sudan Hornets in Area play-offs. The Tigers gave another valiant effort before falling to Sudan by a final score of 89-73.

McLean fell behind early and went to the locker room with a half-time score

of 50-26. The Tigers fought back in the second half and outscored Sudan in both the third and fourth quarters and narrowed the score to within nine points late in the game.

Coach Blaze Herring, after the game stated "The boys played hard. It was fun while it lasted." The Tigers ended the season with a 12-12 record,

including second place in District and the Bi-District Championship.

Ben Reeser led McLean with 23 points followed by Blake Crockett with 16 points. Others scoring for the Tigers were Jeremy Crutcher with 12 points, Casey Carter and Monty Joiner each with 10 points and Tobey Purcell with 2 points.

Headline News Briefs

Dwyer, Lands File For McLean City Council

Incumbents Mary Dwyer and Sid Lands have announced their intention to seek another term on the McLean City Council. The two year term of Wayne Bybee will also expire this year.

McLean School Board seats expiring this year include the three year terms of Jake Hess and Eugene Galley.

Any eligible candidate wishing to run for these positions may file at the City Hall or McLean I.S.D. Business Office. The filing period will continue until 5:00 on March 20. The election will be held on May 4, 1996.

McLean Little Dribblers

McLean Little Dribblers was recently organized and has already played in their first tournament.

Coaches are Rose Steel, 4th and 5th grade girls; Marshal Haynes, 3rd & 4th grade boys; Cathy Hembree, 6th grade girls and Randy Stalls, 5th & 6th grade boys.

All of the teams participated in a round robin tournament at Samnorwood on March 1st and 2nd.

(The first number indicates McLean's score)

In the 4th & 5th grade girls; vs Wheeler 18-8, vs Samnorwood 11-8, vs Hedley 6-17.

In the 6th grade girls; vs Wheeler 42-8, vs Samnorwood 32-7, vs

Hedley 29-24.

3rd & 4th grade boys; vs Wheeler 0-36, vs Samnorwood 3-23, vs Hedley 16-19.

5th & 6th grade boys; vs Wheeler 26-19, vs Samnorwood 26-13, vs Hedley 19-29.

The Hedley tournament will be held this week-end. See Lil Dribblers, pg. 11

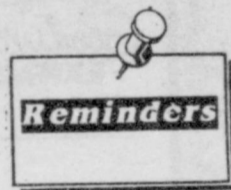
New Channels Added

Marcus Cable has announced that as of April 1, McLean cable subscribers will receive three more channels.

Added to the basic cable at no additional charge will be the History Channel on channel 14, The Learning Channel on channel 23, and The Discovery Channel on channel 24.



Jeremy Crutcher was named to the 2nd team, Monty Joiner, 1st team and Ben Reeser, 2nd team.



AN APPRECIATION dinner will be given by the Livestock Boosters on March 14 at 7 pm at the Gerald Tate Agriculture Barn at McLean. Plan to attend.

SPRING BREAK for McLean Schools will be March 4-8.

MCLEAN CHAMBER of Commerce will meet Friday, March 8 at 5:30 pm in the Bank Hospitality Room.

PIONEER STUDY Club will meet Thursday, March 7, 4:00 p.m. at the Library.

D.A.R.E. Program Visits Mrs. Close Third Grade

Deputy Jim Scott of the Gray County Sheriff's Department has been visiting McLean Elementary on Thursdays to present the D.A.R.E. program to Mrs. Close's fifth grade class.

D.A.R.E. is an acronym for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It teaches our children that popularity can be found in positive behavior without abandoning values, and that self-confidence and self-worth comes from resisting destructive temptations.

The program was created in 1983 in Los Angeles to teach children not only that

they "should" but "how" to refuse drugs and alcohol. Trained officers go into 5th and 6th grade class rooms every week for 17 weeks. They focus on topics such as personal safety, drug misuse, consequences of behavior, resisting peer pressure, and building self-esteem.

The children are presented with "real life" situations. They discuss the given problem or temptation in individual groups. Then Deputy Scott guides the entire class through the decision making process to reach an understanding of

the consequences of their choices.

This is the third year that the McLean fifth graders have participated in the D.A.R.E. program.

**To Cobb,
Thanks for the
trip, it was a
great ride.
Love,
Dad, Mom &
Brother**

FFA Celebrates FFA Week

FFA members who lead chapter meetings may one day preside at board meetings. Today's agriscience students may pioneer advances in genetics tomorrow. Students who join agricultural education and FFA know they can apply what they learn in class to more than just a test: they're learning career and leadership skills to last a lifetime.

Over the last four years, more than 60,000 students from diverse backgrounds were attracted to the program, providing them with a strong foundation of knowledge and skills essential for success in the science, business and technology of agriculture and life.

Out of the 444,497 FFA members and 7,264 FFA chapters across the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, McLean's very own FFA chapter has been participating in National FFA Week from conducting daily FFA announcements to holding an open house.

This year's theme, "FFA - Leadership for a Lifetime," promoted throughout communities nationwide, emphasizes how FFA activities and agriculture classes help students develop the critical skills they need for a diversity of young people are aware of their responsibilities as agricultural leaders for tomorrow. Our members realize that FFA fosters the skills they need to succeed in life. They will be leading the effort to provide food and fiber for a growing population and to keep America competitive in the global marketplace."

To bring this year's National FFA Week to a close, the McLean FFA chapter is going to hold an open house Thursday, February 29, at 6:30 pm at the McLean High School Ag Shop. This will be a great opportunity for the teachers, school board members, parents and community to get a close look inside the doors of McLean's FFA chapter. They will be able to hear

what events the chapter participates in, types of classes the chapter offers, and examine some of the tools students are able to put to use in the shop.

National FFA Week is held each year during George Washington's birthday in order to recognize his leadership and commitment to American Agriculture.

Students Go To Discovery Center

Kindergarten and First Grade students made a trip to Amarillo on February 16th. They went to the Discovery Center to see the planetarium show "Our Friendly Sky". Students say they learned about the sun, moon, the planets and the stars. They learned about constellations such as the Bear, the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper.

"It felt like we were moving," stated Seoul Chapel when actually it was the picture of the stars on the ceiling that was moving.

After the show, they enjoyed lunch and games at Mr. Gatti's before the trip home.

The End Of The Line

By Jaylene Watkins
McLean FFA Reporter

What really happens after all the area stock shows? Do the pigs really go "up north" as is said in the movie "Gordy"? For some yes, but for five of McLean's FFA members a glimmer of success was in each of their eyes. Lee Shaw, Jonathan Bailey, David Fuller, Anthony Albus, and Scott Glass traveled to the metropolis of San Antonio, February 12, to participate in the annual San Antonio Stock Show.

From the time they arrived to the time they journeyed home, all they saw were pigs, pigs, and more pigs. Wednesday, February 14 was one of the biggest days in each of the boys lives. This was the day of the sift. Each boy's pig was slicked down, looking good, and ready for the big test. With the adrenaline pumping, temperature rising, and heart racing, each boy and his pig advanced to the scales to be weighed, checked in, and finally advance to face the judge. Would the judge point out toward the truck or would he motion to return to the pens? It was a moment of truth. . . this was the final destination and the last chance to discover the payoff of all the hard work and determination of raising these show pigs.

Out of the five boys, three made it through the sift and were able to show their pigs. Jonathan Bailey, David Fuller and Anthony Albus awoke Thursday morning with another adrenaline rush. Thursday was The Big Day to show their pigs. This was the final chance the judge had, to take a good look at each of their pigs and place them accordingly.

Unfortunately, this story does not end "happily ever after" for the pigs, of course, but for Jonathan, David and Anthony who did not place in the show, and Lee and Scott, who did not make it through the sift, they could put their worries behind them and just enjoy the beautiful sights and the rest of their time in San Antonio. A drive to the famous River Walk and some good Mexican food ended the boys' memorable trip for another year. Will they participate next year? Hopefully all will return to try their luck again, but as for Lee Shaw, a Senior at MHS, he states, "I have traveled to San Antonio for the past four years and have enjoyed every moment of it, when this time rolls around next year, I'm going to miss it!"

Looks like another meaningful FFA event has come to a close for the year. But the boys' pigs didn't quite get as far "up north" hopefully they'll enjoy south-central Texas!!

Drama Team Prepares For UIL


The McLean High School Drama Department and Director Virginia Holwick made a trip to Amarillo last Wednesday, February 28 in preparation for UIL contests. Their first stop was famous 6th Street where they browsed through the antique shops and checked on necessary costumes and props for their production of "Little Women."

The group then had dinner at the Food Court in Westgate Mall before going to WTAMU to attend the production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Branding Iron Theater.

McLean Drama Department will perform "Little Women" for UIL on March 26. In April they will have a Dinner theater in which they will also perform a Melodrama.

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March 11 - Barbara Richards, Valcie Bradley, Angie Purcell, Wilbur Lee Wilson.

March 12 - Almeda Blankenship, Elmer Ware, Leigha Messer, Rick Reeser.

March 13 - Maudire Rutherford.

Evelyn Hunt has moved to Tyler, Texas to be close to her daughter, Marsha. Loyd will be staying in Tyler temporarily.

Elaine Sims and her daughter Louise McBride went to Shamrock last Wednesday to visit Elaine's Sisters-in-law, Mrs. J.L. Jolly of California, Mrs. Hartman of Nevada and Thelma Reeves of Shamrock.

Ruth Magee attended a Retreat at Camp Butman near Abilene last week-end. She attended with Judy Nelson of Spearman, Emma Lou Cox of Borger and Jeanne Gramstorff of Perryton.

Jane Herndon spent the week-end in Fort Worth for the "National Farm Life" 50th anniversary celebration.

Lil Dribblers

March 7-9. All teams will play on Thursday. The 4th & 5th girls and 3rd & 4th boys will play on Friday. All teams will play on Saturday.

McLean Area Obituaries

Craig Morris
Craig Morris, 79, died February 27, 1996.

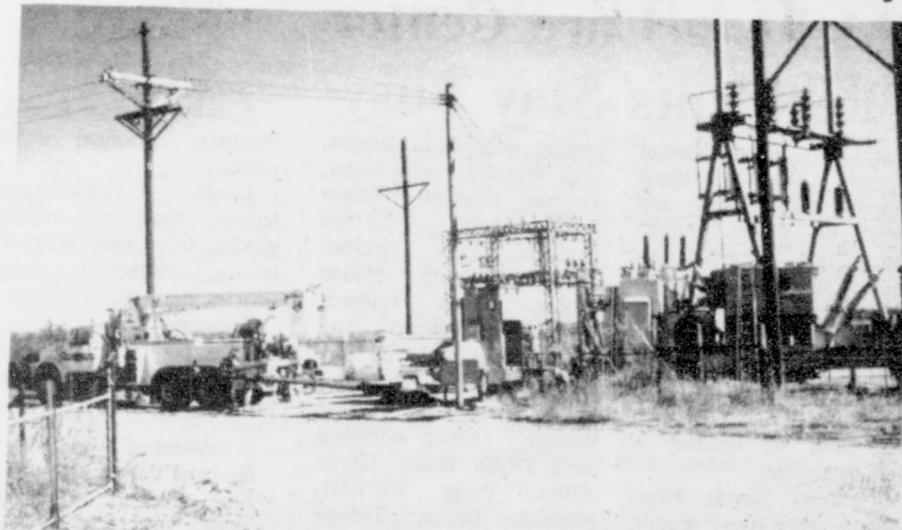
Services were in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Martindale, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon.

Mr. Morris was born in Mason County. He lived in Alanreed before moving to McLean in 1968. He married Winona Grace "Winnie" Jackson in 1935 at Burnet. She died in 1994. He also was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Edgar Morris and Glen Morris.

He had been a longtime rancher before his

retirement and was a past member of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. He was a veteran, serving in the Army during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Alanreed.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Oliveria of Oklahoma City; three sons, Wayne Morris of McLean, Kenneth Morris of Dumas and Vernon Morris of Spearman; three sisters, Joyce Carr of Wheeler, Mildred Plemons of Pampa and Doris Morris of Amarillo; three brothers, Curtis Morris of Pampa, Carl Morris of Burnet County and Gerald Morris of Burnet; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.



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McLean Briefs

Joe Howard of North Pine Beach, Florida has been in McLean visiting his mother, Orlicu Howard and Aunt Winifred Rice.

The Jay Dee Fish family went to Canyon on Saturday to watch a WTAMU basketball game.



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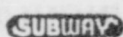
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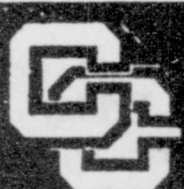


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McLean Care Center Residents Stay Busy

McLean Care Center extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lorene Coleman and Craig Morris who passed away at the Care Center. They will be greatly missed.

Sunday Bro. Quenton Newton, pastor of the Assembly of God Church was here to conduct a worship service.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Annie Eudey, M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler, Sylvia McClellan, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Teresa Richardson, Thelma Hopkins, Eula Morrow, Lena Bailey, Vernee Bowling, Hadda Moore and Beryl Halbert. Our volunteer helpers were Cliffie Heasley and Avalee Crockett. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club. The residents also worked in crafts making pencil holders. They were Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Sylvia McClellan, Beryl Halbert, Eula Morrow, Teresa Richardson, Imogene King, Vernee Bowling and Thelma Hopkins. Refreshments were served following crafts.

Tuesday morning the residents chose to play bingo once again. Those

playing were M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler, Phyllis Bailey, Truman Goodlett, Teresa Richardson, Thelma Hopkins, Eula Morrow, Vernee Bowling, Hadda Moore, Beryl Halbert, Marguerite Ward and Zelma Madison. In the afternoon Kim Hernandez was here for musical therapy. Those attending were Phyllis Bailey, Myrtle Allen, Polly Burnett, Florence Drake, Thelma Hopkins and Loma Lou Gibbs. Dick Wheeler, M.L. Rowan and Teresa Richardson played dominos.

Wednesday morning Laura Reeser, member of the Assembly of God Church was here to give the residents a social where refreshments were served. In the afternoon Lula Sheegog, Florence Drake, Dick Wheeler, Beryl Halbert, Truman Goodlett, Helen Glass and Polly Burnett watched a Shirley Temple movie.

Thursday Inez Trostle was here to style the ladies hair and several ladies had manicures. In the afternoon M.L. Rowan, Teresa Richardson and Imogene King played

McLean School Menu March 11 -15

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, blueberry muffins, milk, juice.

Lunch: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, tator tots, pork & beans, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, hash browns, milk, juice.

Alanreed News
By Lena Carter
Jim received a nice surprise Sunday morning when his former neighbors the Carr's dropped in on him at First Baptist Church Sunday.

R.L. Reeder made a trip to Pampa Friday.

The Leeder's daughter was here Friday and she and her mother made a trip to Childress.

The Robert Bruce's were in Pampa on Friday.

Rush Turner was in Amarillo this past week for medical attention. He was able to be back in church on Sunday.

Barbara Bode was on the sick list this week.

Sid and Orval Keese were in Ft. Worth this week to visit their brother who has been ill.

Cathy Dorsey was in Pampa on Saturday for the Republican election school.

Lunch: Ravioli with sauce, fried okra, broccoli, garlic toast, lime sherbet, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Waffles, peanut butter, milk, juice.

Lunch: Taco salad with meat and cheese, cut corn, pinto beans, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, milk, juice.

Lunch: Smoked sausage, fried squash, cole slaw, Texas toast, apricots, milk.

McLean Little League

To have a ball club this year the McLean Little League desperately needs people to volunteer to help run it. A Director, Coaches and Umpires are needed.

Last year there was one Senior League team and two Minor League teams. There was enough interest from the children to have added another Little League team and a Tee-Ball team, but there was not enough help to do it.


The businesses in McLean were great in supporting the teams last year. All is needed is support from the community to volunteer to help. Your name is needed before March 15th. Please call 779-2439 to volunteer to help the youngsters of this community have a fun summer involved with Little League.

Friday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, applesauce, milk, juice.
Lunch: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

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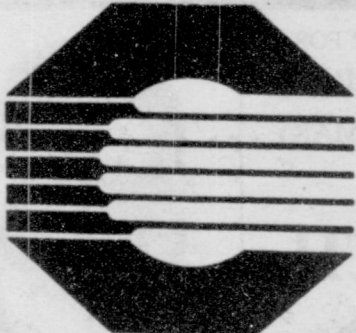
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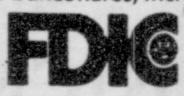
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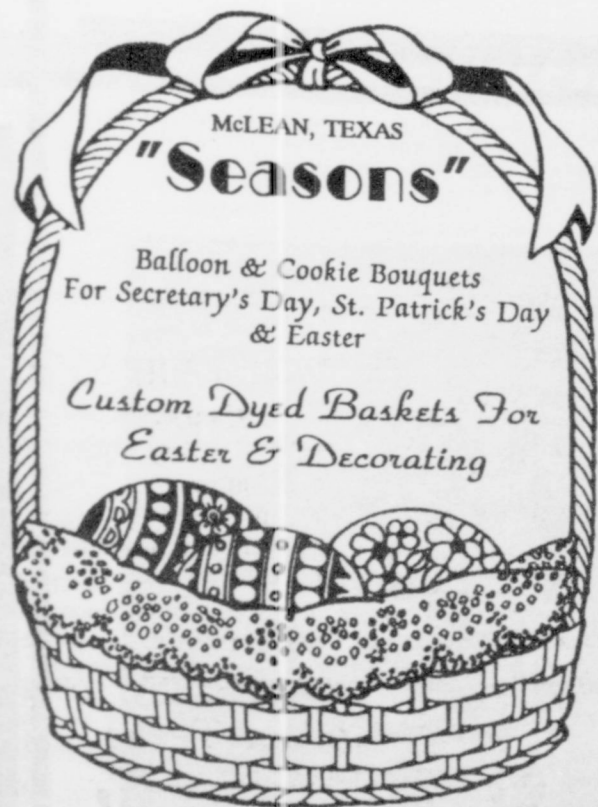
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Accelerated Reader Program Implemented

The Accelerated Reader Program is an innovative way to encourage students to read. The students will be visiting the library and selecting books from the Accelerated Reader book list. The titles range in reading level from first grade through seventh grade. Plus, there are many high/low selections for hesitant and remedial readers.

Students take a computerized test after reading the book. The five, ten or twenty multiple-choice test is carefully designed to verify that the student has read the book. With the test completed, the computer instantly reveals how many questions he or she answered correctly, and awards reading points based on the book's length, reading level, and number of correct answers. If the student passes the test, the librarian can be assured he/she has really read the book.

Accelerated Reader is a highly motivational tool when used with incentives to encourage students to read.

There will be prizes for the students when they reach certain point levels.

The Accelerated Reader books are labeled by

reading level, and the number of points that each book provides. The more books the students read the more points they earn.

The prizes will be displayed in the hall of the Elementary School and they will be labeled with the number of points the students will need to earn, in order to choose the prize.

This program is designed for independent readers and since most children are not

reading independently until the second semester of first grade, the Accelerated Reader will be used during story time in the library with kindergarten and first grade. As students are identified to be reading independently, they will advance to the next level.

The Library Coordinator, the Computer Lab Coordinator and the teachers will monitor the progress of each student by

analyzing the report that is printed out following each test. Each student will be assisted in finding his/her correct reading level to make sure he/she is scoring appropriately on that level.

Several area schools have been using Accelerated Reader for years and have had great success with the program. The facts that their test scores have come up significantly



Pictured above are Mrs. Watkins 6th grade students as they performed their Junk Band concert. From left to right are Chris Sparling, J.R. Shaun, Austin Williams, Cody Seitz, Tedra Simmons (behind instrument) and Nikki Hefley.

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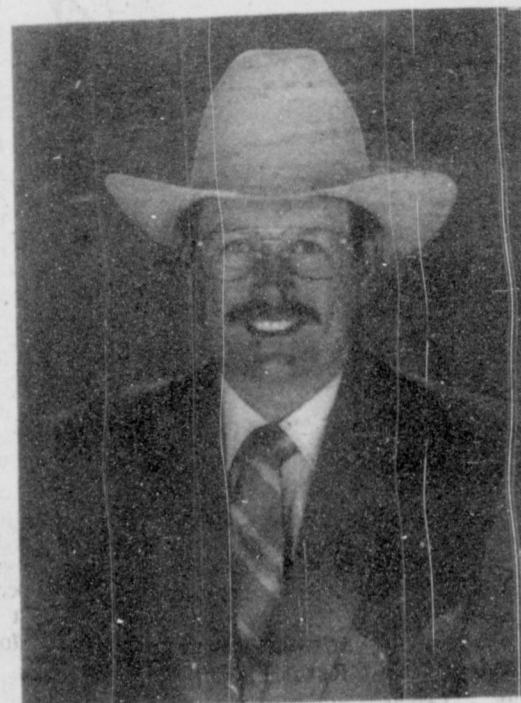


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- ★ In past 3 years has booked over 2,000 prisoners in to Gray County jail - 500 were felons.
- ★ I have received over 400 training hours since I have been in office that includes:
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 - 1 Major Crime Scene Investigation,
 - 1 Livestock Theft, 1 Interstate Drug Intervention.
- ★ Our Deputies and Jailers currently exceed all minimum required training.
- ★ I feel that the Sheriff's Department should have experienced personnel that can investigate major crimes and civil proceedings and Not Work Radar and Traffic.
- ★ Gray County Resident for past 42 years.
- ★ Pampa High School graduate.
- ★ 51 college hours - W.T.S.U., Amarillo College & Frank Phillips College.
- ★ Over 900 Law Enforcement training hours.
- ★ Over 7 years law enforcement with Pampa P.D., Roberts County Sheriff's Office and Gray County Sheriff's office.
- ★ I have arrested and jailed many felons including murderers and rapists.
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There are many pictures at The McLean News Office. Please come in to see if there are any that are yours or that you would like to have!

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Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Elections to be held on March 12. A fee of \$35.00 has been paid by each candidate for listing in this column from now till the final election in November.

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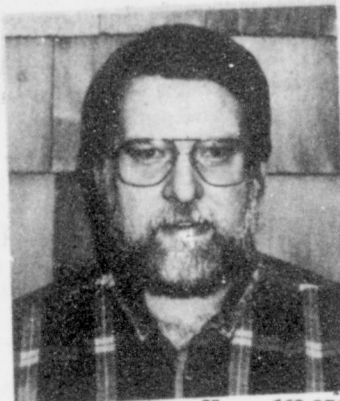
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"Family In Training" Program Recognized

As a part of a joint national effort to highlight rural development programs, the National Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA), the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently recognized the Families in Training program for its outstanding contributions to rural Texas.

The key to successful employment is education. However, for low-income families, and especially single parents, it is difficult to manage the roles of parent, caretaker, wage earner and student. In addition, many of those in such households must also struggle to overcome the burdens of broken homes, poverty and abuse.

The Families in Training program focuses on providing rental assistance, case management and other

services to low-income persons who are pursuing post-secondary education. The program provides financial assistance, emotional support and information to assist families in healing the scars of broken homes, poverty, and in many cases, abuse. Applicants for the FIT program must be eligible for rental assistance, be a parent of dependent child(ren) and be attending or preparing to attend college or post secondary vocational education.

Ninety percent of the program participants are female, single heads of households. Seventy percent of the participants

are AFDC recipients. Upon eligibility determination, each applicant must go through an intensive assessment process to be accepted into the program. This process includes completion of an extensive application before being interviewed by a "Community Task Force." This task force is comprised of community leaders and representatives from resource agencies, and is responsible for determining admission to the Families in Training program.

Participants receive individual career counseling, personal development seminars, support from other Panhandle Community

Services resources such as energy and transportation assistance, emergency food, information and referral, and rental assistance until their training is completed. In return, participants must maintain grade point averages of "B" or better and participate in the case management provided by FIT. Participants may remain in the program for two years, or until their education is completed if all program requirements are met.

Obituary

Lorene Coleman
Lorene Coleman, 87, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, February 26, 1996, at the McLean Care Center. Burial was in Jasper County, Illinois under the direction of Harper-Swickard Funeral Home of Charleston, Illinois.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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Copeland Offers Experience, Dedication And Honesty

Veteran law enforcement officer Don Copeland, a Republican, believes a change is needed in the Gray County Sheriff's Office and says he is the person to make that change.

Copeland has 31 years in law enforcement experience. He retired in August 1995 as a state trooper for Texas.

He holds the distinction of a master's certificate with Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). Of 57,107 total peace officers in the state of Texas, only 3,318 have earned a master certificate with TCLEOSE.

Copeland has accumulated 2061 hours of TCLEOSE training hours which includes courses in Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Criminal Evidence, Vernon Civil Statute, United States Constitution, Texas State Constitution, and many other fields of law enforcement training. "With the amount of training and the continuous years of service I am certainly qualified for the responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff," Copeland said.

Copeland, who opposes incumbent Sheriff Randy Stubblefield in the March primary, says he can provide better management of the present sheriff's office.

"Excluding the nine people not rehired there have been 45 personnel turnovers under the current administration, which is during the last three years," Copeland said.

"Of those 45 turnover, 12 people were fired and 33 quit. 'Is that good management?' Copeland asks. That will be your decision (in the election)."

Copeland said the facts of the turnovers are public record at the Gray County Courthouse, available to anyone.

Another area of questionable management is the number of comp time hours which have been accumulated. These records are also available for public inspection at the courthouse.

"The total comp time hours remaining on the books as of February 29, 1996, are 3980.40 hours, which equals \$37,383.31 total liability to the Gray County citizens and taxpayers," Copeland said.

In the year 1995, 2996.90 hours have been carried over for \$28,274.88 worth of liability and in the first two months of 1996 there have been 983.50 hours that are still on the books totaling \$9,108.43 in liability for citizens and taxpayers of Gray County.

Copeland, with his vast knowledge of law enforcement, says he is qualified to deal more effectively with managing the Gray County Sheriff's Office, which would save the taxpayers money.

Copeland cited his qualities of experience, dedication and honesty as being reasons that he is well qualified for the office of Gray County Sheriff. Copeland also stated that if elected, he will assume full responsibility for his actions as Sheriff.

He was born in 1938 in Shamrock. He graduated from Shamrock High School and began his career with the Shamrock Police Department in 1963 and went to the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department in 1966. In July 1967 he became a Texas State Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Upon successful completion of



the DPS recruit school, he was stationed at Wichita Falls with the Texas Highway Patrol. During his career with the Texas Highway Patrol he also was stationed in Electra, Shamrock and Pampa. He possesses a special Texas Ranger Commission as an honorably retired member of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"If elected, I am going to take an aggressive stance on narcotic enforcement," Copeland said.

"I also want to expand drug awareness programs to all areas of Gray County for youth and civic organizations."

"I do believe the secret to stopping narcotics trafficking is the law of supply and demand. And as long as there is no demand, there won't be a supply. I think we need to do this through education."

In working with other law enforcement agencies, Copeland said he intends to create a spirit of cooperation with all of the agencies which will enhance the effectiveness of enforcement in criminal activities.

"I want to increase the efficiency of the department by utilizing all of the available resources," he states.

"It is my desire, if elected Sheriff, to provide the citizens of Gray County with fair, swift, and equal law enforcement services, enabling you to have the confidence in the officers who serve you."

Copeland has been married to his wife, Marilyn, for 38 years. They have been residents of Gray County since 1980. He has three children, Randy, Suzann and Ed. Randy is stationed in San Diego, California, in the U.S. Navy. Randy and his wife, Monique, have four children. Suzann is a homemaker and lives in Bristow, Oklahoma, with her husband Craig Shaull and their four children. Ed is an eligibility specialist with the Texas Department of Human Services. He lives in Pampa, with his wife, Amanda, and their two children.