

Jr. High Boys End Year With Trophy

By Coach Dudley Kelm The Groom Junior High Cubs basketball team closed out a successful season last Thursday and Saturday by capturing the consolation trophy at the Miami Junior High Tourney. The Cubs played their first game of the tourney against a fine team from Canadian who were undefeated coming into the tournament. The Cubs lost a hard fought battle 42-35. The Cubs overcame a hugh 25-11 halftime deficit to tie the score 32-32 early in the The fourth quarter. Wildcats rallied to win but the entire Cub team performed valiantly against a very good team. Dewayne Gray led all scorers in this game with 13 points. Other Cubs scoring were Clay Ritter 11, Nicholas Anthony 6, Grant Weinheimer 3, and Garrett Britten 2.

The Cubs resumed play Saturday morning against the Allison Antelopes and won by a convincing margin of 42-22. All of the Cubs saw action in this game and played well as a unit with crisp passing, good rebounding and defense and overall good team play. Nicholas Anthony led Cub scorers in this game with 16 points. Other Cubs who scored were Dewayne Gray 12, Grant Weinheimer 8, Russell Conrad 6 and Clay Ritter 2.

In the consolation finals the Cubs met the host team, Miami and handed them a defeat by a score of 42-32. In another well played game the Cubs displayed their trademark hustling defense and excellent team play. Nicholas Anthony led the scoring parade with 12 Others who points. contributed in the scoring column were Dewayne Gray 9 points, Clay Ritter 8, Grant Weinheimer 5, Garrett Britten 4 and Russell Conrad 4. Other Cubs who played well throughout the tourney with good ball handling, passing, See Cubs, pg. 4



Coach Kelm gives Jr. High Cagers instruction during a time out at Miami.



Michele Stephens waits for a pass from her teammates in the weekend tournament.

Burgin Wins Editorial

Senior Courtney Burgin won first in editorial writing at the Dumas UIL meet last Saturday. Mary Hutsell, junior, placed fourth in news writing.

Pampa and Clarendon placed second and third in editorial; the first three places in news were taken by Plainview (first and second) and West Texas High.

Approximately 25 schools attended the meet. Those in Class A were Groom, Sunray, Channing, Texline and Hedley.

A group of 14 Groomites

Those in competition were Joe Britten, current events and headline; Jimmy Chavedo, math and science; Michael Stephens, math, science, and calculator; Sarah Hutsell, number sense; Toby Burgin, editorial, number sense and headline; Evan Crowell, science; Jessica Kepley, news and ready writing; Kristi Barkley and Trisha Broadway, ready writing; Dean Fields and Caleb Pool, editorial; and Kaylynn Britten, science.

competed at the meet.

Firefighters Answer Scary False Alarm

After a weekend of grass fires in the area, Groom Volunteer Firemen were called out Sunday morning when a false alarm came through the Carson County dispatchers office.

An alarm was issued from the Groom GTE building. When firemen arrived on the scene, no fire, smoke or sparks could be found. Officials assume that some kind of short circuit in the telephone wiring may have caused the false alarm.

Had the alarm been the real thing, the entire downtown area may have been at risk. With dry conditions bordering on the extreme, residents are reminded to be exceedingly careful with cigarettes, welding sparks and other activities that could be a fire hazard.

Kori Brown Wins Scholarship

Kori Brown, a sophomore at Groom High School and FFA member, earned a \$6,000. scholarship in the San Antonio Junior Stock Show. Brown won Grand Champion with her Angus heifer. The daughter of Lonny and Susan Brown, Kori has been showing most of her life.

"I have won a lot of ribbons, buckles and trophies over the years," she said. "But this is something that I am extremely pleased about. I always knew that as Reserve Champion heifer at the Fort Worth show. Members earn points for how they place in sanctioned shows. Points are accumulated on their placings and participation. If she places in the top 10 she will be honored at a banquet and awarded a coveted "Top Ten" jacket at the Houston Stock Show. Members also become eligible for scholarships.

Traditionally, heifers, unlike the steer at these



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THE PANHANDLE Livestock Association is celebrating its 82nd year at its annual convention on Saturday, February 8th, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. A full day of activities is planned to provide fellowship between ranching families, while informing its members of current issues pertinent to ranchers of the Texas Panhandle. PLA seeks to preserve the ranching heritage of this area.

THE TEXAS A&M Admissions recruiter will be

THERE WILL BE no school on February 21.

A DRIVER SAFETY course will be held in Pampa on Sat., Feb. 15 at the Clarendon College Pampa Center at 900 North Frost, and on Sat., Feb. 22 in Clarendon at the CC Administration Building, Room 103.

THE GROOM SCHOOL semi-annual awards ceremony will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at 10:00 a.m.

showing cattle would take me places, now I am beginning to realize just how far! I also know without the help, patience and love from my dad and grand-dad this would not be possible, and I want to thank them both for all the support."

Brown is a member of the Texas Club Calf Association and is currently listed as 26th in the standings and climbing fast, with points not yet in from several recent shows, such

shows, do not win a lot of money. While there is usually a token cash award, heifers are not sold at auction like the steers. Heifers are kept by their exhibitors to breed or sell at a later time. The stock show board at San Antonio has set a precedent for heifer shows by offering the \$6,000. scholarship for breed champions at their Exhibitors are show. hopeful that the trend will catch on at other major shows.



April Burton, a junior and FFA member also attended the show. She earned a Reserve Division Championship with her Chianina heifer. Burton is also a member of TCCA

and is ranked 7th in the Chianina heifer standings. She is also hoping for a "Top Ten" jacket. "We are all so proud of Kori! This is what stock

See Stock Show, pg. 3 2:00-4:00 pm.

at Groom High School, Friday, Feb. 7th at 1:00 pm in the Library.

AMARILLO COLLEGE will present Shakespeare's "Macbeth" on Feb. 13 at 9:00 am at the Groom School auditorium.

THE TEXAS Department of Health will have an Immunization Clinic at the Groom Community Center Feb. 19, 2:00-4:00 pm. At the Claude Rural Health Clinic on Feb. 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. Semester awards for last spring as well as this year's fall semester will be presented.

TUESDAY PRICES AT ATTEBURY GRAIN CO. Wheat.\$4.02 Milo-\$3.97 Corn-\$4.79 No Moisture Reported This Week Page 2-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursday, February 6, 1997

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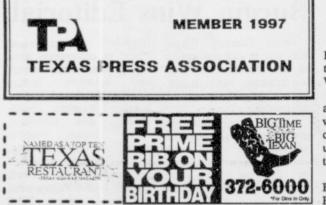
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Groom Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 6 - John Adam Stephens, Bernice Gray.

February 7 - Rick Prather, David L. Munoz, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones (A).

February 8 - Heather Patterson, Mrs. C.F. Hermesmeyer, Devey Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bertrand (A). February 9 - Jolee Burger. February 10 - Mildred Burgin McWhirter.

Burgin McWhirter. February 11 - Jodi Hornen, Justin Homen, Troy Ritter. February 12 - Skeet Brown.



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Local Happenings

Betty Martin of Watson, Oklahoma sends her "Hello" to everyone in Groom. She is Sylvia Pool's daughter. Just 10 miles from Arkansas, she said the weather was a bit chilly on Tuesday.

Listed on the Dean's List for Texas Tech University at the end of the fall 1996 semester was Trisha Treadwell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Treadwell.

Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Homen Achieves Dean's List

Misty Homen achieved Dean's List recognition for the fail 1996 semester at Wayland Baptist University. Students maintain at least

a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university level to receive this recognition.

Misty is the daughter of Brenda Homen and John Homen.

> On The Sick List Fred Brown Ray Pool Johnny Brumley

Card Of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and food sent our way during James' recent illness. God's richest blessings to you.

James & Pat Barker

Groom School Menu February 10-14

Monday Breakfast: Cold cereal, blueberry muffins, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritoes, bean dip, tortilla pieces, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Tiger baskets, curly fries, Texas toast, pears, milk. Wednesday Breakfast:

Breakfast burritoes, hash browns, juice, milk. Lunch:

As The Interstate Turns. . . South Side Edition On January 15, 1997 four men were found guilty in

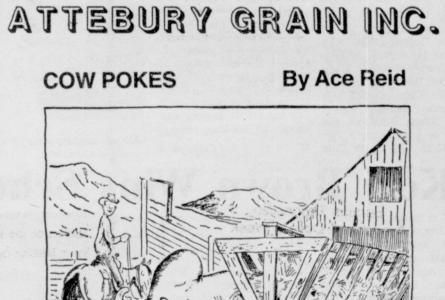
U.S. Federal Court in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver after a joint investigation by the Oklahoma City Police Department Narcotics Section, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Texas Highway Patrol. This investigation started in April of 1995 after a traffic stop by Sergeant Bill Schneider and Joe Longway. All four men will be sentenced in sixty days. The weather has not been very favorable in Houston for arresting bad guys, but we are still trying. Trooper Davis needs everyone's help. Everyone needs to be on their best behavior and ask him if he studying like he is

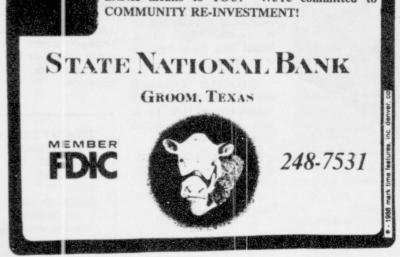
supposed to! Don't forget the Houston Livestock Show is less than 30 days away! Pizza with pepperoni or cheese, salad, crackers, peaches, milk.

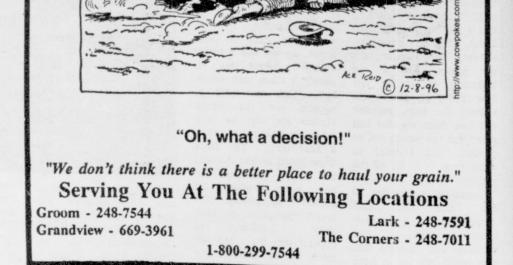
Thursday Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Charbroiled chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, pull apart bread, Rice Krispie treats, milk.

Friday Lunch: Steak or fish, mashed potatoes, cut corn, hot rolls, apple cobbler, milk.









District Attorney's **Increases To Come** From State, Not Co.

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In a recent report on the Carson County Commissioners court, the Groom News reported that the commissioners had unanimously voted to increase District Attorney Randal Sims' office expenses from \$1,500. a year to \$2,000. per year and financial support increase from \$27,650. to \$40,000.

While this information was taken directly from the minutes provided by the court, it should be clarified. The Commissioners passed a resolution that requests and supports legislative action. It will not increase

the county taxpayers bill. According to District Attorney Randal Sims, the state legislature has not increased their support since 1982, while they have mandated increases in the operations performed by the D.A.'s office.

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The Groom News works to bring you information in a timely manner and while

article essentially the expressed what we have stated here, it was taken from the raw minutes as we went to press. We regret if the story caused any confusion for our readers.

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District Attorney's from the

50th, 88th, and the 100th

Judicial District. A fourth is

going to ask this session and

another has chosen to make

this election at the next

For the two years I have

been your district attorney, I have worked full time as

such and foregone any private practice.

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and the pending case load

has been reduced. You, the

constituents of the 100th

judicial district have twice

had the option of choosing

between a candidate who

wanted to be district

attorney and maintain a

private practice or one who

would perform the elected

duties full time. Both times

the majority has chosen the

I appreciate the

opportunity to work for you.

full time candidate, myself.

legislative session.

3 Federal Land Banks To Join To Make One

PAMPA - Three Federal Land Bank Associations in the Texas Plains join together February 1 to become the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA).

The merger of the three member-owned lending cooperatives is the result of overwhelming approval last December by members of the FLBAs of Amarillo, Caprock-Plains in Plainview and High Plains in Pampa. It culminates two years of study and preparation by the boards of directors of the three associations.

The combined association has approximately \$135 million in loans outstanding to more than 1,300 farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in 16 Texas Panhandle counties.

"These Federal Land Bank Associations have long been a part of the agricultural business economy in the area and by

joining together as Panhandle-Plains FLBA, we are really marking the start of a new era of agricultural financing for our customers," said Robert R. Williams, chief executive officer. "Our members reap the benefits of combining three strong associations into one that's even stronger, better capitalized and more diversified, without losing any of the local service and ownership. And, it allows us to centralize administrative functions thereby freeing up the lending staff to spend more time with customers." The association is under

the direction of a ninemember board of directors, comprising of three members from each of the former FLBAs. They include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Ervin J. Davis, Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper, Petersburg; Dean Turner,

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Matador; Jerry K. Oswalt, Abernathy; Jon "Mike" Garnett, Spearman; Dean H. Burger, Pampa; and John C. Duke, Follett.

No changes are anticipated in office locations. The Amarillo office will be managed by Greggory S. Lloyd, who has been president of the Amarillo FLBA. Kenneth L. Hooper, formerly vice president of the Caprock-Plains Association will manage the Plainview office. Sandy Judice will continue as manager of the Perryton office.

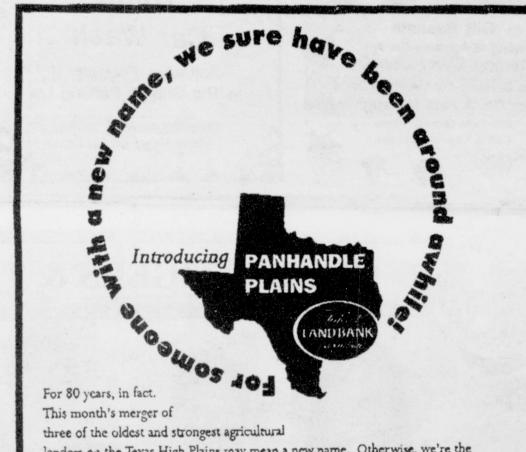
Stock Show

showing is all about," stated Burton. "Education outside of the classroom, meeting people from all over the world, and being recognized by your peers for a job well done. It makes all the lonely hours of brushing, feeding, washing, and walking worthwhile. Sometimes it is hard to remember that you may be brushing, feeding, washing and walking your whole future!"



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lenders on the Texas High Plains may mean a new name. Otherwise, we're the same familiar faces - in the same locations - that Panhandle farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses have trusted for years. In this area, we've earned a reputation for fair, fast and friendly ag financing as the High Plains Federal Land Bank Association in Pampa and Perryton.

Now we join forces as one cooperative-with the FLBAs of Amarillo and Caprock-Plains in Plainview-to begin a new era of agricultural financing. We're still member-owned, member-directed with a commitment to complete and efficient loan service. The kind of service that's old hat to us. The only thing new is the name.

Letter To The Editor

The State of Texas has 144 elected prosecutors whose salary is paid by the state. State law provides these 144 prosecutors be paid from either of two appropriation provisions. If a prosecutor has a private practice in addition to his elected position, the state paid salary is pre-set at approximately \$86,000.00 If he performs his elected duties on a full time basis without a private practice, the state paid salary is preset at a higher amount. The pay increase associated

with the district having a designated full time prosecutor comes from the State and not the county budgets.

Currently, 124 (85%) of these 144 officials are performing as full time prosecutors and being compensated by the state as That number is such. increasing. Of the 19 who are eligible to have a private practice in addition to their elected position, three have asked this legislative session

I invite anyone with questions to contact me or I will be glad to address any group. Randal Sims

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Jr High Girls **End Season 9** Wins 5 Losses

The Groom Junior High Ettes finished off the 1996-97 basketball season with a tournament in Miami.

Facing of with Canadian in the first game, the girls lost 14-48. Krisanne Davis led the sooring with 5

points. Brooke Britten had 3. Frances Britten, Candace Bohr and Sitye Brown each had 2.

In their second match, the Ettes won 23-10. Candace Bohr led the scoring with 7 points. Krisanne Davis and Nichole Barnett eich scored 4 Brooke Britten, points. Michele Stephens, Cassie Ashford, and Karri Britten each scored 2 points.

In the game for consolation, Miami beat Groom 22-31.

Candace Bohr scored 10 points to lead the scoring. Krisanne Davis scored 8, and Cassie Ashford scored 4 points.

In the Ettes last regular season game against Shamrock they lost 13-34. Skye Brown was high point with 7 points. Brooke Britten had 5. Frances Britten and Macie Britten each had 1 point.

The Junior High Ettes end their season with a 9 win 5 loss record.

Cubs

defense, rebounding and hustle were Hugh Weinheimer, Cody Bivens, Luke Pavlovsky, Wyatt Britten and Trey Britten.

The Cubs final season record was 8-4. They made tremendous improvement throughout the season and were playing their best games of the year in this tournament. They have been a great bunch of young men to coach and we

are all very proud of each and every one of them. We look forward to great things in the future from these young men as they become our Tigers. Thanks to all of these fine young men for their effort, hustle and teamwork as they always showed the true spirit of Groom Tiger athletes!!

Youth

Raise Money For Ski Trip



Local Happening

Rip and Joy Snyder had business in Panhandle and in Pampa on Thursday.



Jr. High Nicholas Anthony



Grant Weinheimer

Rip and Joy Snyder visited Les and Dora Neal at the Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude on Sunday, Rip took Les for a ride, he enjoyed it very much.

Jr. High Wyatt Britten



Jr. High **Dewayne** Gray

and Joy Snyder Rip visited in McLean on Saturday with Truman Goodlett and M.L. Rowan at the Care Center and they visited with Bill and Dorothy McKee at the Windmill RV Camp.







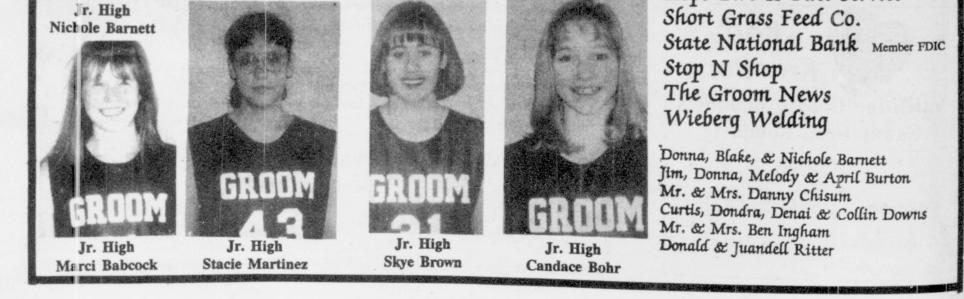
Jr. High **Elizabeth** Vega

Jr. High Jessica McMahan



Jr. High **Dewayne** Gray

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Amarillo Women's Forum Seeks Annual Nominations The Amarillo Women's

Forum is seeking nominations for the annual Distinguished Service Awards. The purpose of the Distinguished Service Award is to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and Since 1976, 180 skill. awardees from 26 communities within the Panhandle have been selected from the arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism and other fields.

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Winners of the Distinguished Service Award will be chosen on the basis of an individual's significant impact on the Panhandle of Texas through their local communities.

The deadline for nominations is February 28. Presentations will be made during a luncheon on April

in 1977, Agnes Howe 1979, Sister Mary Valentina Danzler 1980, Margaret Purvines Surratt 1981, Dixie Surratt, 1982, Jo Stewart Randel (Women's Hall of Fame) 1985, Dorothy Broadway 1987, Mary Ewing, Bethel Robinson, 1988, Margaret Dauer, 1990 and Mary Ruth Evans Smith 1992.

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From McLean Ruth Magee was selected in 1980 and Vera Back in 1983.

Inelle Bagwell from Claude was selected in 1983 and Marianne Woolridge Rutherford in 1994.

19 at the Amarillo Country Club.

For more information call 371-5426.

Former recipients of the Distinguished Service Award include Helen Witt from Groom. Helen was selected in 1981 to receive this special award.

From Panhandle Jo Stewart Randel was selected

Obituaries Area

Lonnie Riggins Lonnie Riggins, 87, died Wednesday, January 29 1997.

Services were in Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wayne Sheffield of the church officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Riggins was born in Wagoner, Oklahoma, and had lived in Amarillo for 22 years. He married Nell Robinson in 1964 at Amarillo.

He lived in England and Belgium while working as a mechanical engineer for Phillips Petroleum. He was a Methodist and a member of the Professional English Club.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jennie Lou Touschman of Houston and Diana Sue Calvin of Katy; three step-daughters, Barbara Crawford of Amarillo, Suzann Gulley of Parker, Colorado, and Janet Baughman of Mine Hill, New Jersey; a stepson, Levi Robinson of Weatherford, Oklahoma; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-great-grandchild. The family requests memorials be to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ethel Mae Schuster, and was born September 10, 1928 in Wyaconda, Missouri. He moved his family to Pampa, Texas in 1959 and lived there until 1970, working in the Pampa and White Deer area. In 1970 he moved his family to Liberal, Kansas. He was the owner of Barber Irrigation of Fowler. He had been a resident of Fowler for the past 14 years.

Survivors include Beverly Chestnut Barber, his wife of 20 years, his ex-wife of 21 years, Juanita Buford Barber Cox, three sons, Billy Joe Barber of Ft. Worth, Texas, Steven Mark Barber of Houston, Texas, and David Lawrence Barber of Arlington, Texas; three daughters, Dianna Lynne Barber McCoy of Pampa/Groom, Brenda Gail Barber Pelegrin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Lisa Gertrude Barber Jones of Ft. Worth, Texas, stepsons, Charles Carr of Middleton, Oklahoma, and David Chestnut of Amarillo, Texas; stepdaughters, Peggy Chestnut Price of Liberal, and Billie Jean Chestnut Smith of Fowler, Kansas; 19 grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren; nd 7 grandchildren.

surviving member of the Dr. J.C. Bagwell family. Her parents came to Armstrong County in 1890 from Georgia and settled on Mulberry Flats, part of present day J.A. Ranch, later moving to the Claude area. Mrs. Rodgers earned degrees at West Texas State

College as well as a master's degree from the University of Texas. She taught in

Groom, Claude, Hereford and San Angelo, retiring from the San Angelo school system after 35 years of service. She was a member of Claude United Methodist Church. She was preceded in

death by her husband, S.T. Rodgers, in 1977. Survivors include stepdaughter, Mary Belle Hay of San Angelo; two Thursday, February 6, 1997-THE GROOM NEWS-Page 5

step-grandsons; and a step-

Orval Frederiksen

Normal, Illinois died

February 3, 1997. Burial

He was born four miles

northwest of Groom to

Wm. M. Frederiksen and

Florence J. Burgin

Orval Frederiksen, 84, of

great-grandson.

was at Normal.

Groom and served in the Armed Forces of WWII.

He was preceded in death by an older brother, Marvin and a younger brother, Leroy.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, a sister, Ethel M. Nunn of Amarillo, two younger brothers, Ivan of Amarillo and Earl Gene of San Angelo.



John William Barber

John William Barber, 68, died Tuesday, January 28th at Minneola District Hospital, Minneola, Kansas. Services were February 1, 1997 at the First Christian Church in Fowler, Kansas with Pastor Doug Vasey Cremation presiding. followed the service.

John was the son of Joseph William Barber and

Willie Mae Bagwell Rodgers

CLAUDE - Willie Mae Bagwell Rodgers, 96, died Monday, January 27, 1997. Graveside services were in Claude Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Crumpton, of Claude United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo. Mrs. Rodgers was the last

Page 6-THE GROOM NEWS, Thursday, February 6, 1997 Cindy Babcock Elected Sorority Sweetheart



Cindy Babcock has been elected Sweetheart of the Alpha Mu Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

She has been a member for six years. She is currently vice-president for the sorority chapter and has held numerous other offices.

Cindy is the wife of Gary Babcock, the mother of three, Marci 14, Cody 11, and Tyler 5. She stays very busy with day to day activities.

High School Basketball Three of Groom's four

high school teams faced off with Hedley last week.

In the boys junior varsity game, Groom played a white knuckler, winning 42-39. Evan Crowell was high point with 12. Caleb Pool and Dean Fields each had 10 for the Tigers. Chris Ollinger and Wyatt Weinheimer each scored 4 points.

The Ettes had a little easier win, 74-52. Angie Conrad took high point honors with 16. Mary Hutsell and Jessica Stapp each had 13, Karen Conrad had 12, Jessica Friemel 5, Melissa Anthony 4, Julie Richardson 3, Stephanie Ollinger, Martie Phillips, Christy Galvan and Sara Britten each had 2 points.

The Tigers lost to Hedley by a narrow margin, 43-57. Toby Burgin was high point with 12. Brad Sustaire had 9, while Jimmy Chavedo scored 6, Justin Ritter 6, Daniel Treadwell and Josh Evenson each had 4 and Trae Kepley had 2.

In the Silverton match up held in Groom, all the teams played. The junior varsity Ettes won handily 34-19. Carrie Davis was high point with 14. Jessica Kepley and Jacey Richardson each had 6, Jodi Homen had 4, Katrina Meaker and Trisha Broadway each had 2 points.

In the junior varsity boys game the Tigers lost by 10 points, 38-48. Wyatt Weinheimer scored 12 points to lead the scoring. Dean Fields had 8, Wade Ritter and Evan Crowell each had 6. Chris Ollinger, Justin Homen and Caleb Pool each had 2 points.

The varsity girls lost 53-75 in a very fast paced match. Jessica Stapp led the scoring with 13 points, followed closely by Angie Conrad with 12. Mary Hutsell had 10, Jessica Friemel had 7, Melissa Anthony had 4, Stephanie Ollinger had 2 and Sara Britten had 2.



Melissa Anthony watches her shot as she puts one up for the Ettes.



Jimmy Chavedo dribbles down the court in the Tigers recent game against Silverton.

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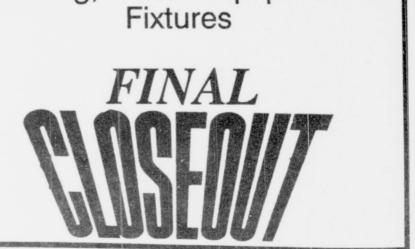
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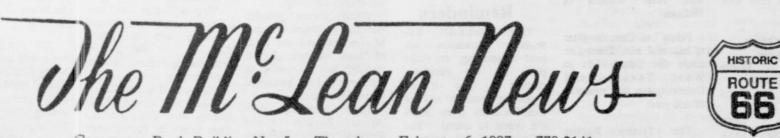
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SKEET BROWN

BoB Clements, Inc. Fine Tailoring Dry Cleaning Suit Bar 1437 N. Hobart 665-5121 A member of the International Fabricare Institute. The association of professional drycleaners and launderers. The varsity boys also had a fast and physical game but lost by 10 with a final of 52-62.

Scoring for the Tigers were Josh Evenson, Jimmy Chavedo and Justin Ritter each with 10 points. Toby Burgin scored 9, Brad Sustaire 7, Trae Kepley 5 and Joe Britten had 1 point. Groom will finish it's regular season Friday night against Hedley at Hedley beginning at 4:00 pm.



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Hall Named Miss McLean

Lorin Hall, 17-year-old daughter of David and Terri Hall, was crowned Miss McLean Saturday night at the annual Miss McLean Pageant at McLean High School. The pageant, sponsored as a fund-raiser by the McLean High School junior class, featured 21 MHS girls. First runner up was Francine Abdalla, a foreign exchange student from Brazil who is livir g with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riky during her stay in America. Second runner-up will Moriah McCracken, 16-yearold daughter of Roger ard

Janet McCracken. Miss Congeniality,

selected by the contestants as the most helpful person in the contest, was Shanna Dent, senior daughter of Doug and Rhonda Bolton.

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The new Miss McLean is a cheerleader at MHS. She has served as secretary of both her sophomore and junior classes, and was chosen Most Beautiful her junior year. She has been a member of the MHS Lady Tigers for two years and a member of Flippin' Farm Gymnastics Club in

Shamrock.

The winners were crowned and presented flowers and silver trays by Holly Jasper, Miss McLean of 1996.

Miss Jasper and Jill Hefley provided the entertainment for the audience. Joe Riley was master-of-ceremonies.

The audience was welcomed by junior class president Jesse Swafford.

Girls chosen in the top eight, in addition to the winners, were Tracy Seitz, Tanna Shipman, Lori See Miss McLean, pg. 8



First runner up Francine Abdalla, Miss McLean Lauren Hall, second runner up Moriah McCracken and Miss Congeniality Shanna Dent.

James Mantooth And Family New To McLean Church



pastor for Trinity Baptist Church in McLean. Luann and their daughter is Caitlin. They began their ministry in McLean Sunday, February 2, 1997. The Mantooth family will be at home at 501 Grove St. James was born January 14, 1964. He was ordained to the ministry by Southwest Park Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas in 1993. He was licensed by them to preach the gospel in 1984. On June 20, 1987 James married Luann Flood. She received the Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in

James Mantooth is the Psychology from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas in 1988. She was born October 22,

McLean Reminders

THE ACT TEST will be given Sat., Feb. 8 in the Clarendon College Ad. Bldg. Students must pre-register. Packets are available at local high schools. TASP test will be given Sat., Feb. 22. For information call (806) 874-3571.

ON FEB. 7 the McLean Tigers will travel to Samnorwood. The games will begin at 4:00.

THE McLEAN CUBS will be in the Tournament at Hedley Feb. 6, 7, & 8.

COLLEGE NIGHT for Clarendon College will be Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium.

PIONEER STUDY Club



A one vehicle accident he ppened on February 1st at about 3:30 p.m. when a Mangum Oil & Gas truck overturned 5.3 miles west of Kellerville on Farm-to-Market Road 2473. McLean rescue crews had to call out Medivac to transport the man to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The driver suffered a broken back and several broken ribs. Officials have determined that the truck was traveling too fast for the curve and the driver was not wearing his seat belt. Chad Estes of the Texas Highway Patrol was the officer in charge at the accident scene.



1966. Their precious daughter, Caitlin was born July 29, 1992.

James received the Master of Divinity degree with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas in May 1992, and received the Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in Religion from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, in 1986.

will meet Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4:00 pm at the Library.

McLEAN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous will meet at 7:00 pm, Monday at the Bank of Commerce.

THE MCLEAN CUBS will be in the Hedley Tournament Feb. 6-8. Times will be announced.

THERE WILL BE NO School for McLean students on February 17.

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Briefs

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It was good to see Ruth Magee back in the office building after her bout with an illness.

McLean Birthdays Anniversaries

February 6 - Myrtle Alien, Vivian Blackwell. February 7 - Vestal Bailey, Maybelle Nash.

February 8 - Doris Guyton, Tom Trostle, Doris Stillwell, Vera Glenn, Lanesa Sutton, Tamme Pike.

February 9 - Laura Reeser.

February 10 -

February 11 - Sandy Bowen, Fleta Hill, Peggy Adams.

February 12 - Charlie Carter, Danna Watson, Jim Barker, Doyle Lee, Anna Jean Lamb, Teresa Chatham.

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Jaylene Watkins was recently named to the President's List at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Jaylene is a graduate of

McLean High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Watkins of McLean.

Penny Lee Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darel Lee made the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University the first semester of this year.

The Trinity Baptist Church had their monthly Eaten' Meeting, Wednesday, J a n u a r y 29 with approximately 77 people present. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

Judy Howard brought Orlieu Howard home from an extended visit.

Myrtle Allen is in the Wheeler hospital.

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Shaley Stalls will be having surgery on her knee, Tuesday 4, in Amarillo.

Vola Loya will be traveling to Dallas to have some dental work done.

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Reminders

MCLEAN Ex-THE Student Association will hold a meeting, to make plans for the upcoming reunion. This is an important meeting and all local students from MHS are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at Dorothea Goodwins home at 403 Walnut at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10.

Miss McLean

Hefley, Shaley Stalls, and Jessica Rich.

Other contestants were Kristina Carter, Sara Brown, Rebecca Hembree, Jennifer Patton, Annie Weaver, Rachel Galley, Lacey Steel, Diana Vega, Dee Dee Floyd, Valerie Joiner, Stephanie Ritchie, and Jessica Fish.

Escorts for the girls were Donald Basham, Ike Hanes, Brodey Carter, Mark Bolton, Tobey Purcell, Scott Glass, Gary Bolton, Brian Fuller, Brett Montgomery, David Fuller, Anthony Albus, Derek Glass, Charles Harris, and Chris Flores. Junior class sponsors are

Bill Layman and Kim Oldham.

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J. Boyd Smith and Kenneth Fourier picked up trash on the Pampa highway on Saturday for the McLean Masonic Lodge.

The Deborah Group of Methodist Women met Tuesday, February 4th at the church for study.

Wilma Barker presided and led in prayer. Loyce Murray reviewed the study of "John Wesley". It was inspiring and interesting to learn more of the Methodist Church history.

Those attending were Wilma Barker, Loyce Sherrod, Loyce Murray, Mary Powell, Mary Dwyer, Fern Boyd, Maybell Nash, Evelyn Shaw and Ruth Magee.

Wanda Hindman had surgery Wednesday, January 29. The good news is she is doing great.

More Reminders

THE ANNUAL GRAY County Ag Day Program will be held on February 6, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

Twentieth Century Study Club meets February 13 in the home of Lena Carter, Alanreed, visitors welcome. Iast week at 90 years Denva Tidwell and Dragoo were in Par Saturday (last week).

J. Boyd Smith and Alanreed News

The James Armbristers and Nora Dragoo were in Canadian on Tuesday at the Bill Hambrights where they found grandson, Hunter, ill with strep throat.

Virginia Dalton and Lena Carter visited in Pampa Thursday with the Jerry Carters. Ruth is recuperating from recent ankle surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bruce of Amarillo visited here Sunday with Lena Carter. They drove to Pampa also and visited the Jerry Carters.

Dan Stinson came to this area with the oil company who were attending to the much touted "boom" in the late 20's. Stranger he was, but he became front page news when he and pal Tucker ran away with two of the prettiest town girls and got married. Dan with Ruth, daughter of local Baptist minister, S.T. Greenwood and Tucker with Lucille, daughter of local rancher, Kennedy, and niece of the late Ollie Hommel. Dan stayed with the oil company 40 years as they moved on and they eventually settled in Abilene, Texas where Ruth still resides. Dan Stinson died last week at 90 years of age. Denva Tidwell and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on

Ruth and Brenda McLain made a trip to Amarillo last week for medical attention for Ruth and to be with daughter Tammy and husband as he underwent surgery.

Ruth Curtis, daughter-inlaw of Lena Carter, underwent bone surgery in Oklahoma City on Friday of last week.

The Fulbright place has been sold and we will have a new family in town soon.

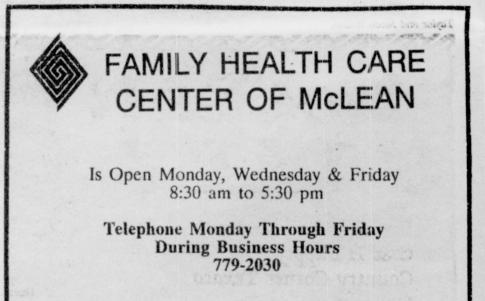
The Robert Bruces were away over the weekend visiting their children at Midland.

The James Armbristers and Nora Dragoo were in Pampa on Tuesday.

Word was received here this week of the death of another old-timer. Willie Belle Guill was the daughter of L.L. (Apple) Palmer, one of the earliest of settlers and owner of the very large Palmer apple orchard.

Changes in the services at First Baptist Church are as following: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.; 1st Sunday, Observance of "Lord's Supper"; 2nd Sunday, Covered dish luncheon in basement kitchen after services; 3rd week, singing will resume as soon as feasible.

The children and grandchildren of the Robert Bruces met out at the home to celebrate grandson Paul's seventeenth birthday.



Dr. Bhatia, M.D. Internal Medicine Will Be At The Clinic On Friday Afternoons

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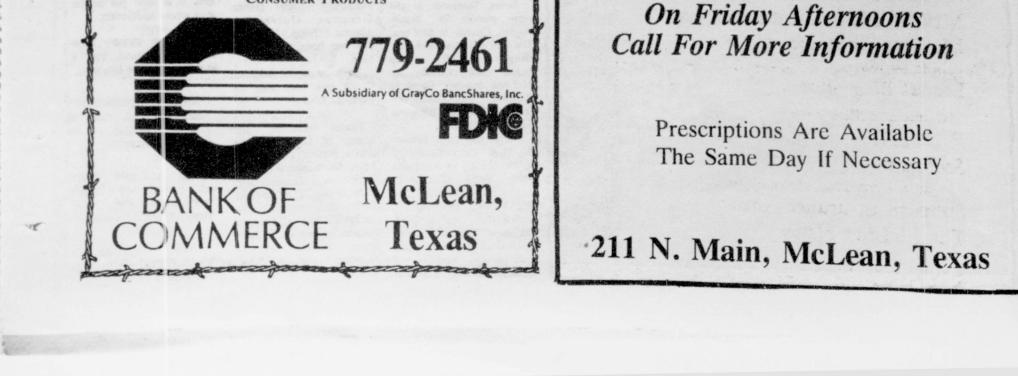
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These McLean Student met their goal Erin Coffee, 6th grade; Ashley McClendon and Mitchell Steward, 4th grade; Seth Childers, Michael Doniz, John Haynes and Shelby Terry, 2nd grade; Travis Fish, Zachery Richardson and Lucas Webb, 1st grade.

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Elementary Students Reach Reading Goal

McLean Elementary students are experiencing success with the Accelerated Reader program. Several students either met their annual goal this week or achieved one of the six reading certification levels in the - ogram. The following students have met their annual goal: Erin Coffee, 6th grade; Ashley McClendon and Mitchell Steward, 4th grade; Seth Childers, Michael Doniz, John Haynes and Shelby Terry, 2nd grade; Travis Fish, Zachery Richardson and Lucas Webb, 1st grade.

reached the Independent Reader Certification level this past week: Seth John Haynes, David Jeffries, Seymour, Kay Taylor and Jacob Wilson. Becoming an independent reader is a real because it means that they from being read to or read with, to reading totally on their own. Michael Doniz, Charli Jarvis and Shelby Terry have moved up to the

These second graders Super Reader level this week. Students are considered Super Readers when they have read three Childers, Amanda Fricks, books and passed the test on them entirely on their Tamara Loya, Brooke own, and have accumulated fifteen points. Super Readers have also made the transition from half-point milestone for these students books to one-point books. In addition to the have made the transition accomplishments of the students listed above, the whole student body can be proud of the fact that they have already read and tested on 4,136 books this year!



These second graders reached the Independent Reader Certification level this past week: Seth Childers, Amanda Fricks, John Haynes, David Jeffries, Tamara Loya, Brooke Seymour, Kay Taylor and Jacob Wilson

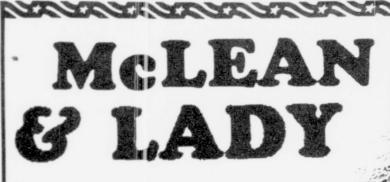


McLean Independent Readers are Travis Fish, Zachery Richardson (Not Pictured), Trey Skipper, Mark Smith, Logan Sparling, Lucas Webb, Stephanie Henson and Kristen Odom

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The Tigers & Lady Tigers Face Off Miami

By: Lorin Hall & Bonnie Hauck, Tiger Rag Staff Friday, January 31, the McLean Tiger Basketball teams took on the Miami Warriors. The Lady Tigers played a defensive first half

with the scoreboard showing 12-22, with McLean close behind the Warriorettes. McLean hustled in the third quarter to bring the score to 21-37. Despite the Lady Tigers courageous efforts



they were unable to pull ahead of the Warriorettes, forcing them to settle for a final score of 32-48. Rachel Galley led McLean with 12 points, and Vanessa Glass contributed as well with 9 points.

The McLean Tigers challenged the Warriors next. After the first half the score was 16-43. The Tigers had their work cut out for them, but showed that they were up to the

challenge by more than doubling their score in the third quarter, bringing the score to 35-63. The Tigers put up a good fight, but failed to overcome the Warriors. The final score was 51-74. High scorers for the Tigers were Tobey Purcell with 11, Brett Montgomery with 10, Anthony Albus with 9, and Charles Harris and Chad Richards with 7.

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McLean Care Center

Bro. Quenton Sunday Newton, pastor of the Assembly of God Church came to hold a worship service.

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Monday moning Bill Hulsey, from Pampa came to cut the men's hair. In the afternoon the residents played bingo. Those playing were Sylvia McClellan, Dick Wheeler, M.L. Rowan, Truman Goodlett, Teresa Richardson, Florence Drake, Varnie Lowe, Thelma Hopkins, Vernee Bowling, Virgie Everett, Phyllis Bailey, Lena Bailey, Eula Morrow, Leon Tate, and Sue Cubine. Bananas were furnished by the Lions club. The volunteer helper was Betty Lowe.

Tuesday morning the residents made valentines. Those working in crafts were Truman Goodlett, Phyllis Bailey, Imogene King, Teresa Richardson, Vernee Bowling, Marjorie Turnage, Florence Drake, Helen Glass, Sylvia McClellan, Leon Tate and Sue Cubine. Refreshments were served following the session. In the afternoon M.L. Rowan, Imogene King and Teresa Richardson played dominos while other residents worked in crafts. Those enjoying the craft session were Christine Shipley, Truman Goodlett, Sue Cubine, Phylis Bailey

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Wednesday morning Phyllis Bailey, Sue Cubine, Truman Goodlett and Teresa Richardson made name tags for the Valentine party. In the afternoon a video tape taken of several events at the Care Center in 1996 was watched.

Residents playing bingo Thursday afternoon were Ruby Ayers, Phyllis Bailey,

Teresa Richardson, M.L. Rowan, Dick Wheeler, Sylvia McClellan, Lena Bailey, Eula Morrow, Truman Goodlett and Thelma Finson.

Saturday, February 8 will be the Valentine party at which time a King and Queen of the Care Center will be crowned. This will take place at 2:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun.

McLean School Menu February 10-14

Monday Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas w/fixings, salad, ranch style beans, no bake cookies, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and topping, milk.

Wednesday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger stew, bologna/cheese or pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, fruit, milk.

Thursday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, English pea salad, bread, dessert, milk.

Friday Breakfast: Waffles, fruit, juice, milk. Lunch: Stuffed potatoes, meat, cheese sauce, salad, bread sticks, dessert, milk.





Amber McColum - Brad Dickey Exchange Vows the bride, was matron of

best man.

honor and John Dickey,

brother of the groom, was

Texas A&M University

pursuing a degree in

psychology. The groom

attended West Texas A&M

University and is employed

by Amarillo Grain

Exchange. The couple

reside in Canyon.

The bride attends West

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McColum of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dickey of McLean are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Amber Breck McColum and Brad Glen Dickey.

ceremony was The performed January 12, 1997, by Q.D. Bevill in the home of the groom's parents. Melanie Cannon, cousin of

Volunteer Ambulance Service Report

1-16-97: Responded to 401 E. 6th on a medical. Transported one to Columbia in Pampa.

1-17-97: Responded to 8 miles east of Groom on a medical. Transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

1-19-97: Responded to 2nd & Clarendon on a medical. Transported one to Columbia.

1-20-97: Responded to 200 block of Kingsley on medical. Transported one to Columbia.

1-23-97: Responded to the 400 block of 5th Street on a medical. Transported one to Parkview.

1-27-97: Responded to the 600 block of North Pine on a medical. Transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony's. 1-27-97: Responded to the 400 block of East 4th on a medical. Transported one to Columbia.

1-28-97: Responded to McLean Care Center on a

Area Obituaries

Samuel G. Robinson

WICHITA FALLS -Samuel G. Robinson, Jr., 69, brother of McLean residents, died Tuesday, January 28, 1997. Graveside services were in Chillicothe Cemetery at Chillicothe with the Rev. Brian Hughes, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Robinson was born at Tompkinsville, Ky. He had been a Texas Panhandle and Wichita Falls resident most all his life. He retired as section foreman for Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran member of Lodge and

#1082 of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Ways.

Survivors include daughter, Elizabeth Shorter of Lawton, Oklahoma, five sons, John Robinson of Lubbock, Rick Robinson of Austin, Mike Robinson of Wichita Falls and Sammy Robinson and Ken Robinson, both of Vernon; three sisters, Ruby Nell Dismuke and Mildred Dalton, both of San Antonio, and Olene Brown of McLean; four brothers, Carter Robinson of Fort Worth, Elenny Robinson of McLean and Lewis Weldon Robinson of Lewisville; 17 grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Willie Bell Palmer Guill

Willie Bell Palmer Guill, 92, died Saturday, January 25, 1997.

Graveside services were in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Guill was born in Van Zandt County and her family settled on McClellan Creek at Alanreed, Gray County in 1918. She married Harry Gray Guill in 1927 at Clarendon.

She had lived in Pampa

more than 55 years, where she had served as assistant county auditor. She had beena Sunday school teacher in the primary department of First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Historical Society. She was an avid gardener.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include daughter, June Guill Persing of Plainfield, Mass., and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.



The McLean-Alanreed Museum had a nice warm day for their chili dinner. Approximately 90 people attended and enjoyed to good food and music by Steve Brass. The items from the Country Store were auctioned off by James Hefley. beverly Odom won the drawing for a beautiful afghan, donated by Mary Emma Woods.

A Note From Zora Petty Billingsley I have a question? For awhile last year, you would

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2-2-97: Responded to 9 miles north and 21/2 miles east on an 18 wheeler rollover. Transported one patient to Medivac.

2-3-97: Responded to 140 mile marker on I-40 on a Code 99. Transported one to Shamrock General.

The Groom/McLean News. I believe now and way back just this: The Groom News. Is there some reason for the deletion of McLean? Naturally, since McLean was my hometown of many, many years ago, I'd like it there, but I guess you know best. Often, I Xerox from your newspaper and have been asked "How did that get in 'The Groom News'"? Whatever.

(In answer to your question Zora Lee, the Post Office told us to stop using McLean on the page numbers. PJM.)

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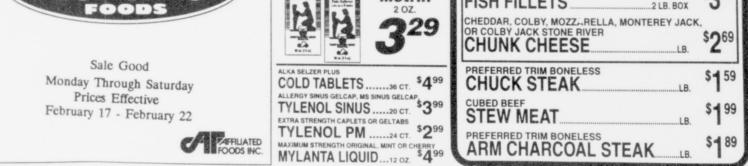
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