

# The Groom News

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## Winter Snow Storm Paralyzes Groom Activities



The snow wasn't all bad as these youngsters bundled up Monday afternoon and braved the sub-zero windchill to play in the deep drifts left by the 12 inches of snow received in the Groom area.

The first winter storm moved through the area Sunday and Monday causing hazardous travel conditions and leaving behind 12 inches of snow with drifts.

Sixteen employees of the State Highway Department began clearing roads at 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning and worked around the clock

until 10:00 Monday night. Department Supervisor Randal Patterson said his department ran seven trucks and two motor graders non stop but with the amount of snow and "lots of blow back with this storm" his crews had a difficult job keeping roads open.

"We have 565 lane miles to clear in our section with our highest concentration on keeping the Interstate open. The interstate was closed west out of Amarillo during the storm but the local sections were kept open.

Numerous stranded travelers were aided by the highway department workers who also lose time clearing roads as they take

those stranded to the "nearest warm and safe place we can find," said Patterson.

Most businesses were kept from opening Monday as those who could stayed home. Exceptions were the Groom Grocery which owner Bill Ellington said he stayed busy all day as persons purchased supplies to get them through the storm. The State National Bank also opened with four wheel drive vehicles sent to bring employees to work. Federal law prevents the Bank from closing without permission from their regulating agency.

The heavy snow also caused school students to

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### Missouri Man Found Shot At Comfort Station

Carson County Authorities and Texas Rangers continue their investigation into the slaying of a Missouri man found dead in his trailer at the comfort station 20 miles east of Amarillo on Saturday, December 11.

Carson County Deputies late Saturday evening. They initially thought Sidwell had died of natural causes, but discovered blood coming from

the back of his head when the body was moved by funeral home personnel. An autopsy performed by Dr. Erdman determined that Sidwell was shot with a small-caliber gun, possibly a .22 or .25 caliber Reed said.

Maintenance personnel first noticed the travel trailer and pickup on Monday with authorities notified Friday the trailer needed to be moved from the park. Upon investigation by Carson County Officers, Sidwell's body was discovered. Maintenance personnel were unsure of when the pickup had disappeared.

The pickup and trailer are owned by a St. Louis based software company, which is owned by Sidwell's nephew.

Sidwell's billfold with identification and credit cards were also missing.

Sheriff Reed said his office is continuing their investigation with no new leads at this time.

### Board Opts To Hire Only One New Coach

Bill Baker, certified public accountant of Borger, attended the meeting of the Groom School Board and reviewed the audit with board members last Tuesday. Baker's report reflected funds of the District as they stood on August 31. He noted the school has a balance in the General Fund of \$641,548.73. Baker said all accounts appear to be in good order and all accounting and checking procedures at the school appear to serve their intended purpose although his audit was not thorough enough to determine such. All accounting practices are certainly within state guidelines and procedures.

Board members spent the majority of the meeting discussing employment of a new coach and funding for the Career Ladder.

Superintendent Rex Peep- See School Board, Page 4



Bobby Corbin wrapped up in his parka Monday as he shoveled snow from the walkways at his home.

### House Decorations To Be Judged December 19, In City Contest

Groom City Council met Tuesday evening to discuss agenda in about an hour. The council will advertise for land to locate a landfill site on. The expense of having a commercial service handle all city trash service has become enormous so the city will try and locate a landfill site that will meet specifications from the state and the EPA. The City will consider purchase or a long term lease agreement.

John Eschle was approved by his peers to present the grant proposal for the city to expand water service at the

upcoming Texas Department of Transportation contest in Amarillo.

Lucinda Mann was rehired as animal control officer. The current officer relocated to Houston and the City had been sometime without animal control. Back on the job last week six dogs were impounded with five remaining in the pound early in the week.

Council members approved the Christmas Home Decorating contest. First place winner will receive \$25., second \$15. and third \$10. Judging will be conducted December 19.

### Community Calendar

Something Over Sixties will meet at the Community Center today, Dec. 17. St. Mary's Church members will be hosts for the noon luncheon.

Groom Post Office will close early Dec. 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Deadline for Christmas Greetings to appear in The Groom/McLean News is Friday, Dec. 18.

Christmas Concert and singing programs will be held at the School tonight. Grades K-4 begin at 7:15 in the school cafeteria. Banks will play in the auditorium beginning at 7:30.

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## Kountry Kousins Met

Kountry Kousins met in the home of Mary Howard for their Christmas Party and Secret Pal revealing party. Hostesses were Mary Howard and Leslie Crowell.

Guest attending were Cindy Babcock, Belinda Britten, Kay Britten, Leslie Crowell, Judy Eatman, Mary Howard, Phylis Jackson, Angela Looten, Tony Pavlovsky, Bea Stephens, Kay Stephens, Maggie Weinheimer.

## Lazy Dazys Xmas Party

Lazy Dazys Christmas party was held in the home of C.L. Wieberg, Saturday, December 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The evening began with a barbeque dinner served by Kuntry Katers, of White Deer.

Guests enjoyed a lively game of 'Win, Lose or Draw' and also a dance was held in the basement of the home to tunes spun by Aaron Wieberg.

Approximately 40 mem-

# Local Happenings

Mrs. Glynn D. Harrell and Bertha Knight attended the annual Carson County Library Board Luncheon and party Wednesday noon in the home of Barbara Sparks in Panhandle.

Mrs. Joe Britten of St. Anne's Home in Panhandle has been hospitalized in Amarillo this past week.

The Groom Brownie Troop prepared Christmas Cards at their Thursday meeting to send to a local service boy stationed in Ft. Wain Wright Alaska, Richard Weller.

If you would like to send your season greeting to Richard his address is Pvt. Richard Weller, 449-29-3637, H.H.C. Aviation Bldg. 3719, Km. 219, Ft. Wain Wright, AL 99703

Stella Patterson and June Pool returned from Houston visiting her son Bud and family for Thanksgiving and attending her granddaughters Jan Kay's wedding.

Approximate 28 men were guests in the home of Curtis and Margaret Whatley Saturday noon for lunch following a eventful morning of pheasant hunting. Among those hunting on the Whatley Farm was Amarillo T.V. anchor-men, Larry Kerr and Len Slesick.

Darlene Jones attended the childrens Christams program at the First Baptist Church in Pampa where her grandchildren Lori and Kristi performed. Darlene's visit was extended due to the snow until Tuesday morning.

## Country Neighbors Set Meeting Dates

Mrs. J.E. Lee and Mrs. H. F. Britten served as hostesses of Groom Country Neighbors meeting, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 9 in the Britten home.

A box of gifts for the children at Girlstown, U.S.A. in Borger was packed and made ready for delivery during the holidays.

## Meeting dates for 1988 are drawn and will be as Fire Department & Families Enjoyed Supper

The Groom Volunteer Fire Department hosted a family supper at the Groom Community Center Saturday night, December 12. Delicious turkey and dressing prepared by Cleo Nix was enjoyed by all. Santa Clause arrived by fire truck to visit with the children and gave each a treat. About 50 attended including the mayor and city council members.

follows:

**Jan.**—Mrs. Jim Wall and Mrs. Claude Schaffer.

**Feb.**—Mrs. W.A. Cornett and Mrs. R.J. Kuehler

**March**—Mrs. B.F. Patterson and Evelyn Hubbard

**April**—Mrs. J.E. Lee

**May**—Out of town activity

**September**—Mrs. W.G. Koetting and Mrs. R.W. Wills

**October**—Mrs. John Hickox and Mrs. H.F. Britten

**November**—Mrs. O.A. Pool and Mrs. Roy Ritter

**December**—Mrs. Glynn D Harrell and June Pool

The hostess gift was received by Mrs. Ritter.

June Pool and Mrs. Cornett were welcomed as new members. Others present were Evelyn Hubbard, Mrs. Jim Wall, Mrs. Claude Schaffer, Mrs. R.J. Kuehler, Mrs. R.W. Wills, Mrs. O.A. Pool, Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, Mrs. Roy Ritter, June Pool and Mrs. W.A. Cornett.

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achieved a pass rate of 82.7 percent and a ranking of 37th among all 70 institutions.

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### Legal Notice

#### Notice Of Dissolution Of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Bill Homer, Ben W. Ballard and John K. Ballard under the firm name of Homer and Ballard d/B/a STOP-N-SHOP, 401 E. Front Street, Groom, Carson County, Texas was dissolved by mutual consent as the 10th day of December, 1987. The business will be continued under the same name of STOP-N-SHOP as a sole proprietorship composed of Bill Homer and at the same address.

Dated 12-10, 1987.

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Ben W. Ballard  
John K. Ballard

## New Optic System Installed

Jerry West, Operations Manager for GTE Southwest Incorporated in Memphis, Texas, announced today the completion of the first major fiber optic cable placement in the Panhandle of Texas. The project which began in April of 1987 completed in the first of December 1987, and involved the placement of over 90 miles of fiber optic cable.

The Panhandle areas of Memphis, Clarendon, Groom and Panhandle were selected for the advanced

### Snow

miss two days of classes. Principal Kenneth Sweat said the two days will have to be made up. The first day will be made up on March 2, the last day of the ski holiday. The second day missed will be taken off the Easter holiday and made up on April 5.

Department of public Safety officers were also kept busy assisting stranded travelers. There were no accidents reported during the worst of the storm but Officer Gary Davis investigated two accidents on Monday as traffic on the Interstate resumed. There were no injuries reported in either accident.

Local motel operators reported their rooms filled to capacity with the over flow lodging at the First Baptist Church.

fiber optic cable placement due to local service needs. The cable was placed along Highway 256 from Memphis to Clarendon, along Highway 70 from Clarendon to Interstate 40, then over to Groom and Panhandle, making this one of the longest fiber optic routes in Texas.

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THE GROOM NEWS—Page 3 Thursday, December 17, 1987 cable measures about one-thousandth of an inch in diameter, which is about the thickness of the human hair." Four of these hair-like cable wires will be running through our underground system. "These hair-like fibers, could if you wanted to, send a complete set of encyclopedia context, in seconds," he added.

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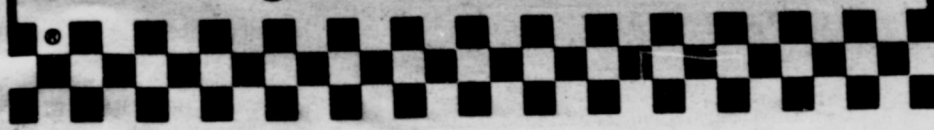
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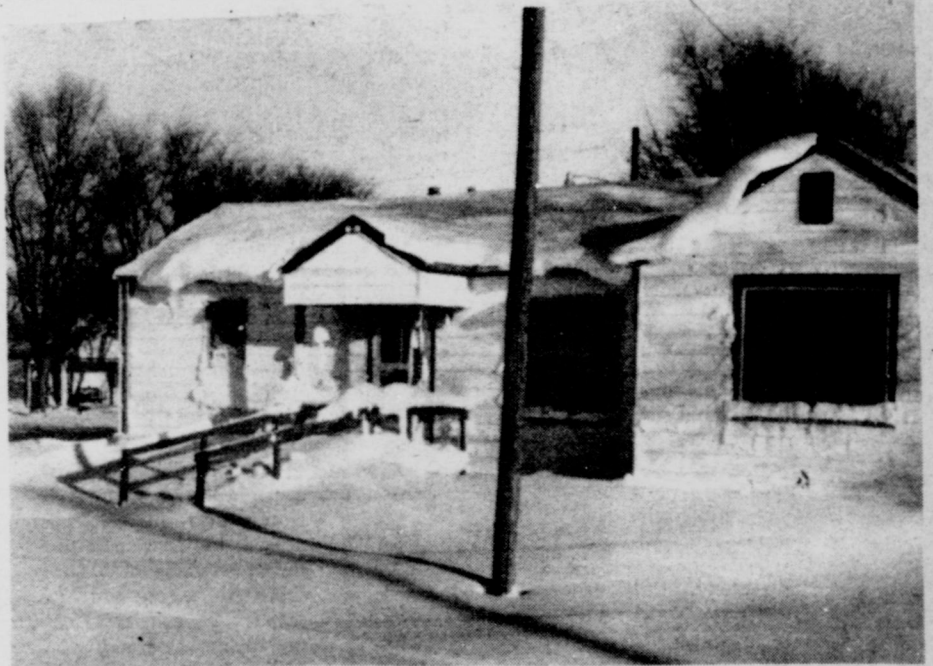


# Snow Blankets Groom.....



Zeldon Jenkins, Rex Peeples, Ronny Jenkins and Kenneth Sweatt were at the school house Monday to check on the heating and feed the critters in the science lab. Dale

Brooks, not pictured, cleared the parking area and walkways around the school using a front end loader.



Alfred White, minister of the Church of Christ, (below) began digging his way out of the driveway from the snow that dumped 12 inches on Groom. Above, the minister's house is blanketed by snow on the roof top and a four foot drift covers the front porch.



Billy Cornett's "Bug" appears to be hibernating for the winter undisturbed by the snowstorm that hit the area Sunday and Monday.

## School Board

les made his recommendations for the career ladder, in light of using "the most prudent way to handle the career ladder at this point." The board voted to maintain the present program, although as explained by administrators, actually, funding for the program through the State will be one teacher short this year. Ten teachers will be on the career ladder but no additions will be made.

According to Principal Ken Sweatt, the option selected by the board will raise the standards to keep qualified teachers at present career ladder salary levels. "You have to consider what we can afford," he said.

Superintendent Peeples added, "I don't know a soul we have, that if we had a lot of money, I wouldn't recommend."

"Placing a cap on the program stifles the teacher's motivation," Sweatt added.

It was also noted during the discussion that state base raises would be \$1,140 per teacher which will require some \$23,000 in local tax money to fund.

Peeples requested the board make a determination on whether to rehire one or two coaches to replace those leaving and what salary the district would be willing to pay which touched off over an hour long discussion. Sweatt added that the school had had a number of inquiries about the job but only two requests for applications.

Peeples reported that surveying area schools with programs similar to Groom's operate with three coaches saying coaches agree that to run a junior varsity program, along with the varsity would require three coaches. Sweatt also told board members that he had reviewed a tentative schedule and that with shifting of subjects and high school teachers, "we could get by with two coaches."

Board member Bud Fields stated he leaned toward hiring two coaches seeing more "ability on the basketball court during the next few

years than on the football field. If we go the one coach route, I'd like to be sure that coach has strong basketball ability," he said. He went on citing that the basketball program has had the greatest success in recent years. New team members from junior high had winning programs in the past two years in basketball, but the same kids have not won a football game in the past two seasons.

Hop Britten disagreed with Fields saying, "We're looking for a six man foot-

ball coach." He explained that because of the transition to a new system of football, he favored hiring a good six man coach.

That may be difficult according to Sweatt who said he had talked with a top notch six man coach from the south who could not consider coming to Groom and leaving the salary and benefits he enjoyed at his present job. The coach is paid \$6,000 above base pay, furnished a house and utilities free.

After a lengthy debate, board members voted to look for one coach, but left the option open to consider employing two coaches if one could not be found to take the job. It was also agreed that the new man could be offered from \$3,500 to \$4,500 above base pay depending on his qualifications. Another bargaining tool will be a house with two teacherages becoming available when present coaches leave Groom.

The evaluation of Superintendent Peeples performance was tabled until the next meeting as Bill England was unable to complete his evaluation form on time. Board Secretary Don Lyles reported he had compiled figures on the six reports turned in by board members. The board opted to wait until the reports were 100 percent complete to do the evaluation.

In other action the board approved the audit report, ratified Roman Friemel as a representative to the Carson County Appraisal District Board and paid the bills.



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# The McLean News

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Lovett library will be closed Dec. 23-Jan. 3 for the holidays.

The McLean Post Office will close Christmas and New Year's Eve at approximately 2:00 p.m.

## Gary Ivey Announces For Dist. 84 Seat

Gary T. Ivey, Ralls and Owens farmer, announced Sunday that he will be a candidate in the Republican primary for the District 84 seat in the Texas House of



The position is currently held by Foster Whaley (D), Pampa, who will not seek reelection.

Ivey, former Ralls Man of the Year and County Agriculturalist of the Year, will hold a formal news conference in the near future.

Edwin Moore, Ralls, has accepted the post of Ivey Campaign Treasurer.

"One of the main reasons I decided to get into this race is because I know the people in District 84 and the whole state are as sick as I am of all the taxes the past legislative sessions has put on us," Ivey commented. "Maybe if enough of us get elected in 1988, we can do something about it."

Ivey, 52, farms 2,000 acres and custom farms 1,600 acres of cotton, grain sorghum and wheat south of

Ralls. He is married to the former Jane Tanner, and they have five children: Kelly, a Ralls farmer; Mitchell, a senior at Ralls High School; Frances Key, Arapaho, Ok.; Marvana Coggins, Abilene; and Vanessa Coleman, Ralls. Ivey's election will be subject to the Republican primary to be held March 8.

## School Holiday Programs Set

With Christmas approaching, local schools are preparing for their annual holiday programs. The McLean program will be given on Dec. 21. The elementary school (grades 1-4; will give their performance at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

After the grade school show, the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, Junior High Band and Tiger Pride Band will each perform in concert.

The next day, Dec. 22, the 6th graders will repeat their performance at the McLean Care Center at 10:00 a.m. with a few additional selections thrown in.

As a reminder of coming events, Band Director Roger Myers said that tryouts for the All-region High School Band will be held on Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school while the Junior High tryouts will be on Jan. 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school. The All-Region Concerts will be on Jan. 23 and 24 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

## Winter Storm Causes Alanreed Fatality

The Texas Panhandle's first major winter storm struck early Sunday morning and continued through early Monday evening. Before it was over, it had brought well over a foot of snow while wind gusts of 20-30 miles per hour left much higher drifts. Roads inside town were virtually impassable on Monday and I-40, though open, was extremely hazardous. The poor road conditions were still hampering travel as late as Wednesday.

The storm was a rude introduction to winter after the area had enjoyed unseasonably warm, dry days through the month of December. Although the snow ended Monday night, the National Weather Service was predicting cold temperatures through the rest of the 20's and 30's and lows in the single digits and in some areas below zero. There was also the possibility of more snow by the end of the week.

Most people found it difficult, if not impossible, to go to work on Monday due to snow-packed roads and limited visibility caused by blowing snow. Local schools were closed down on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, City Hall remained open for most of the day. The Bank of Commerce, McLean Pharmacy, Ham-bright Building Supplies, and the Cowboy opened for part of the day but closed down around midday as conditions worsened. Puckett's and Taylor Food Mart managed to remain open all day and places such as the Texas Motel and Restaurant and the Country Corner Texaco became a haven for stranded truckers and motorists.

The Baptist and Methodist churches and a private refuge for travelers who had to spend the night in McLean. One trucker told Leta

## Fire Call

Lately, the McLean Fire Department has been busier than it cares to be. You may remember that last week, we reported that there had been 5 fires in 6 days in the McLean area. Since that time, the fire department has responded to three additional alarms.

The first was on Friday when a spark from a trash can ignited the wood shingle roof at the home of Johnnie Rex and Grace McClellan. Fortunately, the prompt response of the department prevented serious damage to the McClellan residence.

The second fire resulted from an accident involving a semi-tractor trailer on Sunday (see story on winter storm).

reported at the home of Beulah Humphreys. Fortunately only some minor smoke damage was done.

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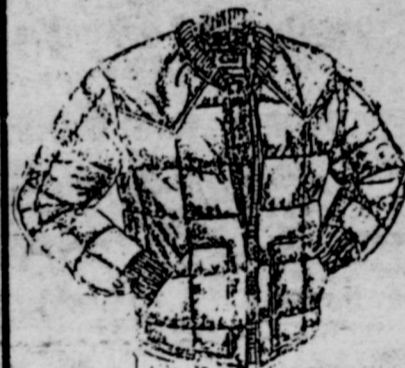
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### City Council Meeting Held

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#### Thank You

We want to thank the McLean Fire Dept. for responding as quickly as they did to the fire at our house and saving it. Thanks also to James Throckmorton for turning in the alarm and to Norma Curry for calling us.

Johnie Rex and  
Grace McClellan

#### Public Notice

The City of McLean is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1961 Model 600 Ford Tractor with 4 speed transmission. Backhoe and front end blade attachment. May be seen at County Barn.

Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Jan. 12, 1988, at the City Hall or can be mailed to P.O. Box 9, McLean, Tx. Bids will be opened at 8:00 p.m. on this date. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

City of McLean  
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### 20th Century Study Club Meets

The 20th Century Study Club met Dec. 10 in the school cafeteria for a Christmas party. After a sumptuous supper of turkey and all the trimmings, the entertainment committee gave a program. Guest Wanda Sharp read the Christmas story from Luke. Natasha Simmons led several Christmas prayers and Roy and Peggy Webb sang several songs and led the group in another. Roy also played Santa Claus and gifts were distributed. Members and guests present were Relia and Jack Ayers, Arnold and Wanda Sharp, Lena Carter, Louise Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webb, Mary Groves, Laverne Brooks and her sister Laura, Laverne and Lucy Goldston, Rose Hall, Jeannie Adams, Natasha Simmons, Safronia Pettit, Cliffie Heasley, Ada Simmons, Loree Barker and Bertha Smith.

The Assembly of God Church will have a special Christmas service on Dec. 20 at 11:00 a.m. The program will include a play and a program of songs by the congregation's children.

-Agreed, after hearing from Fire Chief Clifford McDonald, to take \$2,046.88 from the revenue sharing fund to purchase new fire hoses;

-Paid \$50 to members of the McLean Fire Dept. for relife and retirement and \$33 to widows of former members;

-Passed a motion to repair the Chevrolet trash truck;

-Voted to advertise bids for the Ford tractor. Bids will be opened on Jan. 12, 1988;

-Passed a motion to classify the Animal Control Officer as contract labor;

-Gave Christmas bonuses to all City employees.

#### Alanreed News

The R.D. McLains went shopping in Pampa on Thursday. Brenda got a new waterbed.

Ruth Carter, of Pampa, visited with Lena Carter on Tuesday.

Nora Dragoo, Denva Tidwell and Shirley Armbrister were in Pampa on Thursday. Nora had a doctor's appointment.

The R.D. McLains were in Amarillo on Tuesday.

Church services at the Alanreed Baptist Church were cancelled on Sunday because of the bad weather.

#### Varsity Boys

Dec. 8-Kelton 61, McLean 58; Sid Brass-18; Cal Holwick-10; Kyle Woods-9; Dale Barker-6; Jim Anderson-6; Floyd Morris-4; Donald Harris-3; Huey Green.

#### McLean School Menu

Dec. 21-25  
Breakfast

Mon.—Pancakes, Sausage

Tues.—Cream Beef, Toast

Wed.—Hot Cereal, Toast

Thurs. and Fri.—Xmas Holiday

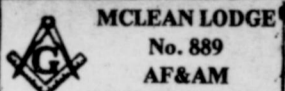
#### Lunch

Mon.—Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Chocolate Pudding

Tues.—Tacos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Sopapillas

Wed.—Soup, Chicken Salad or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Fruit

Thurs. and Fri.—Xmas Holiday



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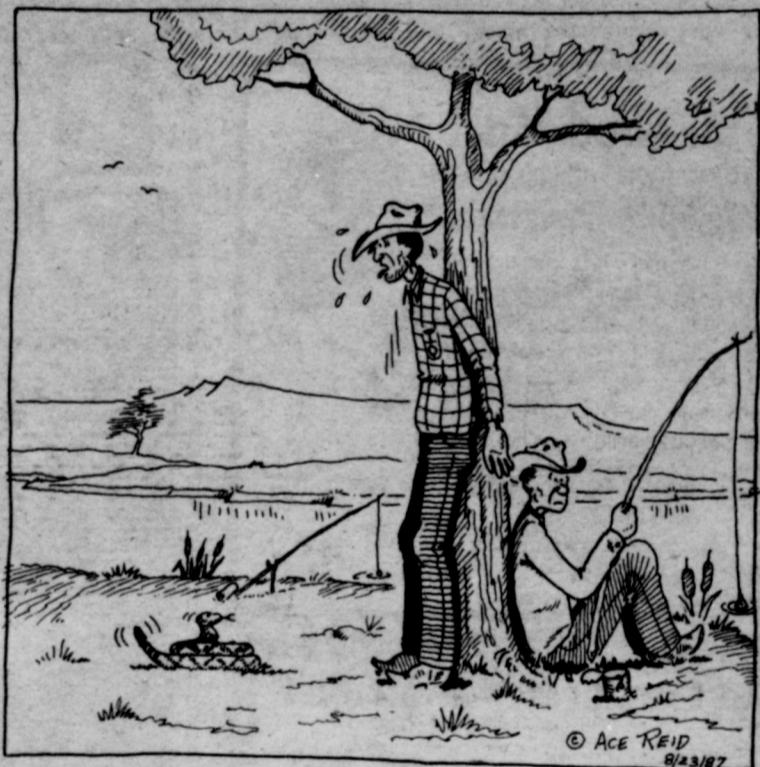
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On Friday and Saturday of last week, The News moved from its former location west of the post office, to the Vannoy building, a part of which John B. Vannoy occupies with his jewelry store.

Little Miss Jonnie Dunn spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with relatives.

The Red Cross had an executive meeting Monday. Rev. B.J. Osborn and Rev. S.R. Jones were elected to fill the vacancies left by Rev. Howell, former pastor of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Smith.

**Care Center News**

Fay Wilson is in the hospital in Wheeler. We wish

her a speedy recovery.

We are happy to report that Lucille Cullison has returned home from the hospital.

Sunday, Bro. Jeff Messer of the Baptist Church was here to conduct services.

Residents playing bingo Monday were Eula Morrow, Ruby Ayers, Ruby Trusty, Earl Tolleson, Kittie Hesse, Annie Eudey, Teresa Richardson, Inez Fields, Mattie Wheeler, Dick Wheeler, Leon Burch, Clyde Trusty, Lillie Knox, Odessa Beeman and Delbert Murray. Our volunteer helpers were Annie Herndon, Cliffie Heasley, Mildred Giesler and Bertha Smith. Bananas were furnished by the Lions Club.

Tuesday, Ted Robertson, Lena Carter, and Brenda McLain were here to assist the following residents in dominos: Leon Burch, Annie Eudey, Eula Morrow and Dick Wheeler.

Wednesday afternoon, members of the Baptist Church were here for a Bible study and returned Thurs-

day for a sing-a-long.

Thursday morning, the following residents made Frustration pencils: Teresa Richardson, Leon Burch, Lona Jones, Odessa Beeman, Earl Tolleson, Ruby Ayers, Annie Eudey and Imogene King.

A very special thank you to Wanda Bailey and Mary Groves for making slippers for every resident's Christmas. There were a lot of hours put into this and we appreciate you very much.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p.m., the residents will open their gifts.

**Residents Brother  
Buried**

Services for Herbert C. Godfrey, 83, brother of a McLean resident, were held Thursday at the Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ in Plainview. Dean Brookshire and Jim Brewer, ministers, officiated. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park.

Mr. Godfrey was born in Parker County. He moved to Clarendon on 1923 from Oklahoma and then to Plainview in 1925. He was a barber for more than 60 years. He was a deacon and then an elder for over 60 years at the Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ. He married Berdie Mae Reynolds in Clarendon in 1925.

Survivors include his wife; one son, H.C. "Herb" Godfrey, Jr. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two brothers, Ernest Godfrey of McLean and Eldon Godfrey of Seattle; one sister, Eula Ragle of Arlington, Wash.; one step-sister, Ethel Gardner of Liberal, Kan.; 3 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

**Services For  
Martindale**

Funeral services of Joseph Irvin Martindale, 83, were held Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the McLean First Baptist Church. Wyatt Carpenter, pastor of the Keeler Baptist Church in Borger, officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

He died on Dec. 14 at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born Oct. 4, 1904 in Glen Rose, Tx. He moved to McLean in 1935. He married Virgie Harkins in Aberdeen, Tx. on Dec. 24, 1924. He was a farmer and was affiliated with the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Clifford Martindale of Pampa and Robert Martindale of Amarillo; 4 daughters, Bobbie Skinner of Pottsville, Tx., Bonnie Moore, Jessie Mason and Winnie Moore, all of Amarillo; two brothers, Burt Martindale and Buck Martindale, both of Shamrock; one sister, Eula Hiatt of Shamrock; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Hospice.

**Former Resident  
Buried**

Services for H.C. Nelson, 72, a former McLean resident, were held last Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Dimmitt First United Methodist Church. Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Nelson died Dec. 6. He was born in Quail and in 1935 moved to Dimmitt from McLean. He married Gail Ladd in McLean in 1935. He was a farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church and Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. He was a board member and officer of the Castro County Museum Association.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Norman Nelson and Stanley Nelson, both of Dimmitt; one daughter, Janice Shelton of Dimmitt; one sister, Leola Durant of La Grange; one brother, Woodrow Nelson of Dimmitt; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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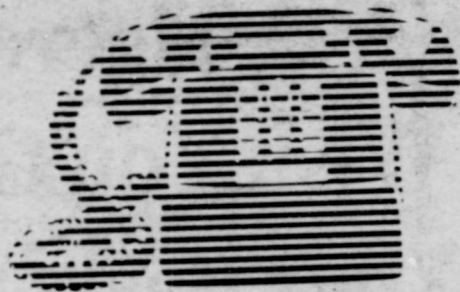
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## Aging Funding Awarded

The Texas Department on Aging has awarded \$64,106 to the Panhandle Area Agency on Aging to provide a third year of funding for a successful community-based care demonstration project in the area.

Community-based care is a system in which an elderly person's medical, social and economic needs are evaluated by a care manager who helps the client match his or her needs with appropriate in-home and community services.

Care managers work closely with hospital discharge planners so that community-based care can begin as soon as the patient leaves the hospital. In cases where a client needs resources that are unavailable, the care manager can sometimes help develop them.

A seamless network of in-home and community-based care often helps an elderly person avoid costly, unnecessary institutionalization.

The Panhandle Area Agency on Aging's program was refunded on the basis of

the Department on Aging's favorable evaluation of its progress to date.

"As this project develops, our staff will be available to help assure its continued success," said Department on Aging Executive Director O.P. Bobbitt.

## Down Memory Lane

There were about 200 girls in the University of Texas during the session of 1916-17 who paid all or part of their expenses, or who earned the money before attendance.

## Student Council

### Toy Drive

The McLean Student Council is once again sponsoring a toy drive for underprivileged children in the area. To help ensure that all the children in McLean have a Merry Christmas, you are asked to bring toys to the teacher's lounge at the high school. There will be a box where your donations can be placed.

Also, the Student Council is asking for donations of children's and adult's clothing and coats. Since school lets out on Dec. 23 at 1:30 p.m. for the holidays, the deadline for bringing in your contributions is Dec. 22.

### Winter Storm

Mae Hess, Owner of the Country Corner Texaco, "The people in this town are just great because of the way they are taking care of us. Folks in my home town wouldn't do this." By Tuesday morning, people were beginning to dig out, businesses reopened and traveling resumed their journeys but traveling was still risky at best.

Law enforcement officers, the McLean Fire and Highway Departments spent many hours helping stranded motorists and trying to clear blocked roads. The most serious incident in the area occurred Sunday morning just as the storm was really getting started. A semi-tractor trailer, driven by Lawrence Alexander Smith, Sr., of 38, of Visalia, Ca. was traveling west on I-40 about 3.4 miles west of Alanreed. Mr. Smith, according to DPS Officer Ronnie Shank, was traveling too fast for the bad road conditions and lost control of his vehicle near an overpass. The truck hit and went over a guardrail and slammed into a dirt embankment along the side of the road. The trailer collided with the cab and the two burst into flames. The driver was killed. He was pronounced dead at 12:35 p.m. by Justice of the Peace R.C. Parker. The body was taken to Lamb Funeral Home.

Responding to the accident, besides to Officer Shank, were Deputy Sheriff Wayne Carter, County Constable Jim McDonald, the McLean Fire Dept. and the Highway Dept.

There were other accidents on Wednesday morning but no details were available at press time.

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## Appreciation Dinner Drew Large Crowd

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Thursday, December 17, 1987

An appreciation dinner was held Sunday, Dec. 13 with the spirits of the crowd of 86 not dampened by winter weather. The dinner was held to show appreciation to those whose hard work helped to complete the Groom Community Center.

Mrs. Glynn D Harrell, spokesman for the Community Center Board, praised the volunteer workers whose names could not be listed as no record had been kept of the many who spent hours of donated time in the crea-

tion of an adequate meeting place. "The dinner," she said, "it was hoped would show some measure of the appreciation felt by the community."

Mrs. Ken Jackson, in charge of entertainment, introduced a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Lamb, Mrs. Kenny Weller and John Eschle who opened the program in the spirit of Christmas with carols. They were accompanied at the piano by Erin Kate Eschle.

Girl Scout Troop No. 57 directed by their leader, Mrs. Jim Burton and Brownie Troop No. 21 led by Mrs. Donnie Conrad and Mrs. Darrell Whatley, sang several Christmas carols and led the crowd in "We Wish You A Merry Christmas", to conclude the program.



Asst. Brownie Leader-Charlotte Whatley. (Back Row) Darcee Lyles, Misty Homen, Andrea Payton, Jill Howard, Amy Lyles, Becky Conrad, Melaney Burton, Tisha Burgin, (Front Row) Amy Rambo, Cory Brown, April Burton, Tammy Ashford, Angie Conrad, Karen Conrad and Dara Whatley sang at the Appreciation Dinner held this past Sunday.

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### Letter To Editor

Dear Mr. Miller,

During the month of February, citizens of Groom and McLean will have the opportunity to voice their concerns about the future of surface transportation in Texas and the nation.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, with the cooperation of the Texas Good Roads /Transportation Association and the Texas Highway Users Conference, is sponsoring six forums across the state in February.

As the department's representative in this area, I would like to invite all Groom and McLean area residents to participate in the forum. The meeting for our area will be held on February 17, at Lubbock.

The American Association of State Highway Officials and more than 100 cooperating groups nationwide initiated this long-range planning effort, called "Transportation 2020." The program begins with forums held in every state to give citizens the opportunity to voice ideas, suggestions and concerns in a setting where they will be heard by lawmakers at both the federal and state levels.

The Texas forums provide a unique occasion to be a part of a nationwide, grass-roots planning effort. We encourage all to participate. We will be happy to send you details about how to make your voice heard, even if you cannot attend the forum. Call Dan Slak at (806) 355-5671 before December 18.

Sincerely,  
James N. Moss  
For W.A. Lancaster  
District Engineer



Winter Begins ...  
December 22, 1987

## Cynthia Crowell & Van Fleet Announce January Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crowell are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Cynthia Lu to Mr. Lee Andrew Van Fleet of Houston. Mr. Van Fleet is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Van Fleet of Lubbock. The wedding will be held January 16, 1988 in the United Methodist



Church in Groom, Texas. Cynthia graduated with honors from Bowie High School in Arlington, Texas. She received a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from Texas Christian University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She did a post

graduate internship specializing in critical care and trauma nursing at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She will graduate this month from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston with a master's of science degree in nurse anesthetics.

Mr. Van Fleet received his B.B.A. in accounting and a

J.D. with honors from Texas Tech in Lubbock. He is currently in private practice with the law firm of Wyckoff, Russell and Frazier in Houston.

## Sheriff Connie Reed Seeks Re-Election

I, Connie Reed, am seeking re-election as Sheriff of Carson County. I have enjoyed

serving as Sheriff. "It has been a challenge but I feel that some positive things have been accomplished, and your suggestions and recommendations have been sincerely appreciated. I have appreciated the opportunity of serving the people in this capacity. I pledge to you to do my very best should you see fit to continue my serving as

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### C.L. Sterling Announced Candidacy

C.L. Lloyd Sterling announced this week he is a candidate for re-election as Carson County Tax Assessor Collector, subject to the Democratic Party Primary, March 8, 1988.

Sterling is a native of Carson County. He

graduated from Panhandle High School and attended Texas A & M University prior to entering the U. S. Army in World War II.

The candidate is a registered tax collector with the board of Tax Professional

Examiners. He is a member of First United Methodist Church, Liona Club, Disabled American Veterans and the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas.

"Even though it is difficult to contact each individual personally, your vote and support will be appreciated," said C.L. Sterling.

### Appraisal District Met

The Carson County Appraisal District met in Panhandle, December 9, in open session at 9:00 a.m. at 102 Main St., Present were: Chief Appraiser Dianne Lavake, Chairman Jim McCray, Secretary Raymond Blodgett, and Members Frank Simms and Sheri Daves. Roman Friemel was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCray. Raymond Blodgett moved, Frank Simms second, motion carried, to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Simms moved, Blodgett second, motion carried, to approve the accounts payable for November and December.

Blodgett moved, Sheri Daves second, motion carried, to accept the results of the November Board of Directors election.

Blodgett moved, Daves second, motion carried, to amend the budget by taking funds from Legal Services and transferring the deficit accounts.

An alternate method of electing Board of Directors members was discussed. Action was deferred until December of 1988. At that meeting the Chief Appraiser is to have a resolution prepared to be sent to the taxing units.

Simms moved, Blodgett second, motion carried, to continue membership in TAAD for 1988.

### STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS STATE PROJECT C 275-2-39 AMARILLO, CARSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Sealed proposals addressed to the State Engineer - Director for Highways and Public Transportation for the **Rehabilitation of the Safety Rest Areas** located approximately 16 miles east of Amarillo, Texas, will be received at the office of the State Engineer-Director, Room 100, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas, until 2:30 p.m. local time, Tuesday, January 5, 1988 then publicly opened and read.

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Come to our new location at the old William's Appliance building. We have arrangements, candles, potpourri, poinsettias, Christmas tree decorations and do-it-yourself supplies. Lamb Holiday Shop. 218 N. Main. McLean.

Wanted to buy—Used exercise bicycle. Call 779-2818. McLean.

Two Day film processing, 24 exposure for \$4.10 plus tax. See Kenneth Payton.

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For all your concrete and backhoe service, call Barker Redi Mix 779-2703 in McLean.

For Homemade pies, cinnamon rolls, hot rolls, donuts, cakes and cookies. Call Margret Whatley 248-7920 or Sharlene Lewis 248-7481, Groom.

Need a last minute Gift! All Christmas Catalog items in stock 25% off. Special discounts for men shoppers in every price range. Gift wrapping and Delivery Available. Mary Kay Cosmetics-Donna Burton-248-7453.

The City of Groom is taking bids for purchase on long term lease agreement for land to be used as a landfill. For information contact City Hall 248-7929.

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Chowline Day every Tuesday at the Community Center in Groom 11:30 to 1:30. Everyone welcome. All proceeds go into the Senior Citizens Program. If you need a ride please call Monday after 6:00 p.m., Jan Pipes 248-7253. Play to stay for games after the meal.

Babysitting—my house or yours for the holidays. Call Melody Burton 248-7453. Also for sale—2 bicycles—1 like new except needs new intertubes (3 speed)—1 rides good but not too pretty. Make offer!!

Donate trading stamps for the Groom Community Center. Bring donations to Brumley Insurance Agency.

Extend holiday greetings with friends and neighbors via The Groom/McLean News with a \$2.00 Greeting. Call 248-7333, Groom or 779-2141, McLean.

### Political Calendar

The Groom News is authorized to present the names of the following candidates for office, subject to the Primary Election to be held in May. A fee has been paid by each candidate for a listing in this column from now through the election.

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

For County Sheriff  
Chuck Flemings  
Terry Timmons  
Connie Reed\*

For County Commissioner,  
Precinct 1  
RAPHAEL BRITTEN\*

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY

For State Senate, Dist. 31  
Teel Bivins  
\*Denotes Incumbent

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Light Bulbs,  
Replacement Glass  
House Of Shades  
& Lamp Repairs

2613 Wolflin Ave.  
Wolflin Village  
Amarillo, TX

Please send memorials or donations to Groom Community Center to be used to help pay operation and maintenance costs for the facility in care of Brumley Insurance Agency, Groom, Texas 79039.

### Bas Pro Shop Representative

Carlton's Tackle Shop. If you have need of special tackle, I will or der it. Please call 248-7369 or come by my home at 503 Martin St. Groom. License also available.

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Weaver Sewing Machine Repair. Clean and adjust \$34.50, in home service for residents. Weekends and evenings, no extra charge. 883-8181 White Deer.

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### NOTICE OF BIDS

ALANREED ISD Board of Trustees is offering for bid a 1974 Dodge W.B. Sportsman Van, Model B300, School Bus. Condition is Fair-Usable, minor repairs necessary. Bids will be opened at 8:15 p.m. December 17, 1987 at Alanreed School. Bidders are urged to inspect the bus, failure to inspect will not constitute grounds for the withdrawal of a bid after opening or award. The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to waive all technicalities. Contact Billy B. Adams, 779-3163 for more information.

For sale—Approx. 1500' of seven-eighths rod of used corrugated tin and lumber. Various lengths. Call 779-2610. McLean.

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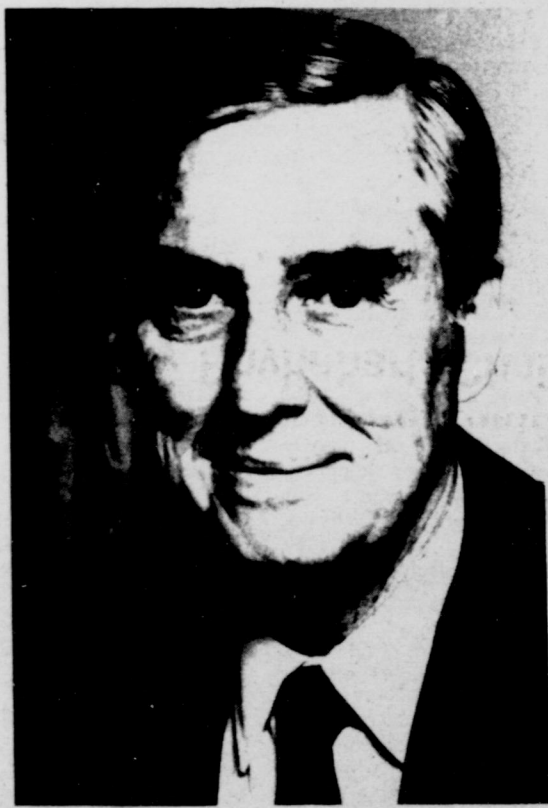


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# Senator Bentsen

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Let's keep Senator Bentsen working for us by supporting his reelection in 1988.

**Carson County Senator Bentsen  
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