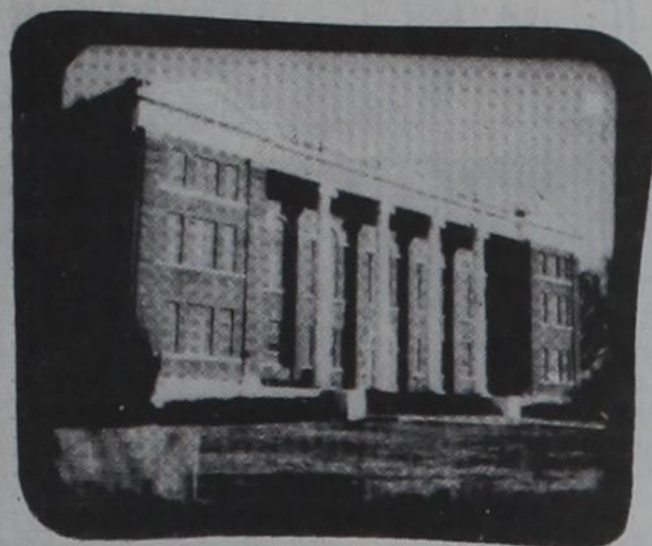




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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR

By Louis C. Stas

Once again, we bid farewell to an old friend. **Ab Gunter** left us Friday. To those who were not fortunate enough to know Ab, you may remember *Ain't it the truth*. The column was in the paper before I was. The Gunter family is Wheeler pioneers.

Ab and Benita have been gone from Wheeler for quite a while, and we heard from him regularly up until the last few years.

I am sorry the obituary does not do Ab justice, but it is all that was available.

Greg Hampton is a grandson.

The winners of the Monday night card games were so proud of their accomplishment, that they want it somewhere besides the last paragraph. There were only four of us Monday night and Mike and Dwight wanted a chance to get even with Barbara and I; the cutting of cards only determined on which side of the table we sat. The last game told the story. They won two out of three.

The clouds Wednesday morning look really good. Time will tell if we are to have rain. We can certainly hope.

The escape of a prisoner at the county jail served as excitement over the weekend. But, we don't need that type of excitement.

The situation did serve as a good training session for the area officers. Keep up the good work, Sheriff Adams!

Once again, as always, the community and area came through. At least 40 individuals were involved.

Special recognition is deserved by **Mr. Barbecue!** He furnished a complete barbecue feast for those involved in the search at the site. Thanks again!

The story is going around that the escapee was asked why he didn't steal a car. His reply was that upon finding keys in a car, he was afraid it was a trap.

No, I was not part of the search. I did witness such an event years ago, when the Mobeetie bank robbers were on the loose west of town. On a Wednesday morning, I believe.

I went through the 'morgue'—bound files of the *Times* to see what was going on in Wheeler 25 years ago. You know, back when Ronal and Cathi were teenagers and Jennifer was a baby.

Hope you enjoy the article.

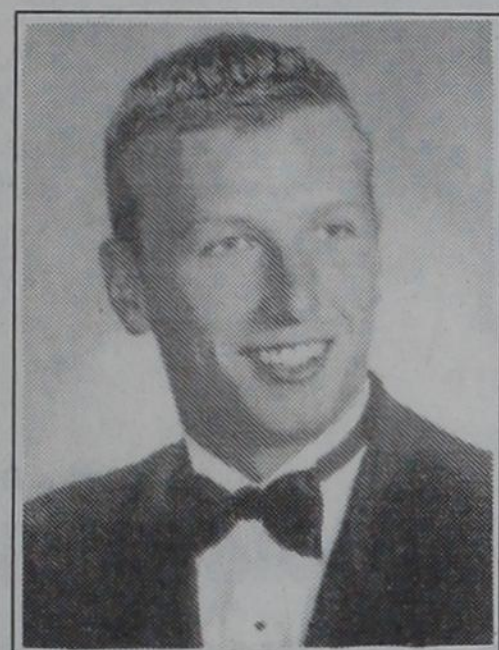
We are featuring some more of the bands to appear at the Mobeetie Music Festival. When those Mobeetie people take on a project, they are not afraid of work.

Speaking of projects, the 4th of July Celebration showed more profit than last year, or the year before. That was lots of work for a number of people. Thanks, again!

We were in Oklahoma for the weekend, there is nothing there to report.

PRISONER ESCAPES COUNTY JAIL; RETURNED TO JAIL AFTER 31 HOURS

A 36-year-old Michigan man being held in Wheeler County Jail escaped Friday afternoon about 3:20 p.m. on Friday. Bill Motsinger climbed a 12 foot wall around an exercise yard; the wall was topped with razor wire.



Kyle Masters

Dobson Cellular Names 22 Scholarship Winners

Dobson Communications Corporation on Monday announced it has awarded 22 scholarships totaling \$22,000 to graduating high school students in ten states.

Dobson Communications Corporation developed the PRIDE program in 1996 to recognize the achievements of individuals in Dobson's service areas and to aid them in furthering their education. Through PRIDE, Dobson Communications Corporation has awarded \$128,000 to more than 200 students across the United States.

Winners are: Sarah Laughlin, Salem, OH; Kara Ray, McCloud, OK; Megan Kyle, Edmond, OK; Jaron Sizemore, Weatherford, OK; Matt Stump, Oklahoma City, OK; Lisa Perkovich, Indiana, PA; Andrew Kenney, Oklahoma City, OK; Tricia Coker, Cheyenne, OK; Leisha Smith, Cheyenne, OK; Jason Giebler, Weatherford, OK; Amanda Tharpe, New Castle, PA; Joshua Boedecker, Vici, OK; Barbara Stacy, Anadarko, OK; Kyle Masters, Wheeler, TX; Gwynne Decker, Addison, NY; Melissa Smith, Walkersville, MD; Kristen Heins, Carrollton, MO; Amanda Baldini, Los Banos, CA; Alina Brandwein, Merced, CA; Kara Welton, Erie, PA; Kandi Rickles, Globe, AZ; Jessica Glidden, Tok, AK.

Dobson Communications provides rural cellular telephone services and is headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Through its subsidiaries, Dobson owns or manages cellular operations in 18 states located throughout the United States and covers a population base of 8.8 million proportionate pops. Dobson Communications may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dobson.net>.

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

Estelle Orr
Virginia Frye
Ruth Ledbetter
Mary Luna

New Admissions

7/3 Mary Richardson
7/7 Fayette Seitz
7/8 Deidra Salas
7/8 Tom Waldrop

Dismissals

7/5 Mary Richardson
7/6 Fayette Seitz
7/7 Margaret Francis
Irene Dixon

The escapee remained at large until Saturday evening around 10 p.m. 6.5 miles southwest of Wheeler on County Road Q. The capture was made as the road was being dragged to cover searchers' footprints. Motsinger was sitting in the middle of the road picking sandbars; he was first spotted by county commissioner Tommy Puryear and county road hand Luke Horton. After being spotted, Motsinger made no effort to escape, while awaiting sheriff's deputies to make the arrest.

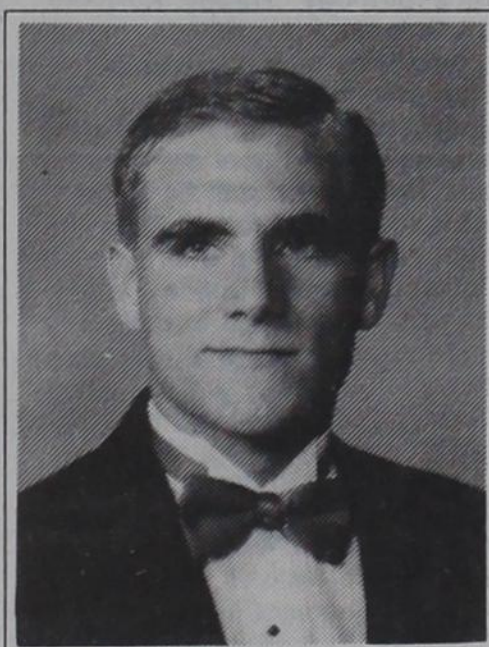
The 5'9" convict had been in custody in Wheeler since May 8. He was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The sheriff's department discovered he was wanted for a Michigan parole violation; Motsinger was being held for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

The Wheeler County Sheriff's Department, officers from Shamrock Police Department, the Texas Department of public safety, Gray County, Hemphill County, Roberts County, Roger Mills County in Oklahoma, Juvenile probation office, Texas Cattle Raisers Association, the DPS Helicopter from Lubbock, Texas, The Texas Rangers, Three Department of Corrections Dog teams for tracking including Two Department of Corrections Wardens from Pampa and Dalhart, four County Sheriffs, county commissioners, county employees, firemen, ambulance personnel and citizens aided in the 31-hour search. Approximately 40 individuals were fed on the side of the road Friday night by Steve and Joyce Walker and Harold and Katherine Jones of Wheeler.

Just prior to the capture, Motsinger had been hiding, rolled up in lovegrass. Searchers had passed within a short distance of him prior to the capture.

In a comment about the escapee's condition at the time of capture, Sheriff Jimmy Adams said, "I think he had a little bit of a laceration from the razor wire and lots of bug bites, chigger bites and stickers." He was also smoky, hot, dehydrated, dirty and very hungry.

Motsinger faces a felony escape charge and possibly charges of burglary of a motor vehicle and theft in Wheeler county; the charges in (Continued Page 6)



ON PRESIDENT'S LIST: Brandon Dukes was named to the President's Honor Roll for the Spring Semester at West Texas A&M University. He was on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. Brandon has completed his second year of college. He is majoring in Agriculture. He is the son of Garland and Charlene Dukes of Allison.

Pull Boys Win First In July 4th Tug O' War

The Tug O' War was again an enjoyable part of the 4th of July activities at the park Tuesday, July 4. Four teams were entered.

First place for 2000 went to the Pull Boys. The six members on the team were J. W. Ray, Travis Stevens, Dusty Case, Justin Chapman, Brett Moore and Casey Childress.

Taking second place honors was the Wheeler Vol. Fire Department with six members on their team. Team members were Dean Hathaway, H. L. Owen, Robert Ford, Dale Ford, Darrin Kuntz and Marcus Rose.

Boy Scouts I had six members; they were Kyle Masters, Chris Simmons, Samuel Hillhouse, Ben Dollar, Gavin McQueen and Jake Britt. Seven individuals were on the Boy Scout II team. Members were Ricky Salas, Drew Hillhouse, Josh Britt, Blaine Rutherford, Ben Ed Hillhouse, Jarrod MacArthur and Michael Tucker. Johnny and Betty Chapman were in charge of the tug o' war.

Wheeler Co. Sheriff Says . . . Thank You!

The Wheeler County Sheriff's office and employees would like to extend a thank you to all the individuals who spent countless hours in private vehicles, on horse back and on four wheelers looking for the jail escapee. The cooperation of the citizens of Wheeler County made the suspects escape from Wheeler County difficult. The suspect escaped from the exercise yard by scaling the 12-foot wall and maneuvering through razor wire. Inmates are to have 1 hour access to sunlight each week according to state and federal mandates.

There were officers from Shamrock Police Department, the Texas Department of public safety, Gray County, Hemphill County, Roberts County, Roger Mills County in Oklahoma, Juvenile probation office, Texas Cattle Raisers Association, the DPS Helicopter from Lubbock, Texas, The Texas Rangers, Three Department of Corrections Dog teams for tracking, including Two Department of Corrections Wardens from Pampa and Dalhart, Four County Sheriffs also participated in the search. Wheeler county commissioners and personnel who were in the process of dragging the county road, making tracking across county roads possible when the suspect was spotted and detained for law enforcement. Commissioner Tommy Puryear and employee Luke Horton detained the escapee until officers were able to make the arrest on suspect. Two Wheeler County Constables also assisted in the search as well as countless citizens who called in assistance to suspicious activities. To Steve and Joyce Walker, Harold and Katherine Jones a special thank you for the meal that was brought to the search site south of Wheeler. There were forty men that appreciated a hot meal after two days of roadblocks, riding, walking, and flying in helicopters. I personally want to thank my personnel who set aside their private lives and spent endless hours on the phones and radios and in the field and to their families who sacrificed and especially to my wife who patiently and understandingly waited again for this incident to end. We thank the radio and TV stations for broadcasting our warnings and descriptions of the suspect. If I have left anyone else out, I apologize because it has to be an oversight because of my deepest appreciation of people responding to our needs. Thank You Law Enforcement, Firemen, Ambulance Personnel County Employee, and Citizens. This incident demonstrates the necessity of small county Sheriffs to cooperate in the time of emergencies in addition, have agreements such as is being accomplished throughout Texas with the STAR program. This demonstrates the necessity of all law enforcement to cooperate in times of need and emergencies.

With Greatest Respect Thank You!
Jimmy W. Adams

117 Turtles Entered In Annual 4th of July Race

This year's Millennium 4th of July hosted 117 turtle racers. There were 12 heats run.

The fastest four legged house carrier was #41, entered by Mathew Odum.

The Thursday Review Club extends congratulations to the contestants and Thanks.

First through third place winners in each of the heats were as follows:

Nos. 1-10: Richard Pride, Julie Pride, Valerie King
Nos. 11-20: Cami Moore, Tre McIlveney, Joseph Kidd
Nos. 21-30: Landry Umsted, Brennan Umsted, Kade Kemp
Nos. 31-40: Philip Odum, Brock Sabbe, Layton Hibler
Nos. 41-50: Matthew Odum, Rebecca DeBose, Stormy Lancaster
Nos. 51-60: Mathew Laminack, Taylor Wright, Bailey Brashears
Nos. 61-70: Thea Weatherly, Dallan DeBose, Whitney Haney
Nos. 71-80: Morgan Brdecko, Kylie Hill, Tyler Herd
Nos. 81-90: Brody Richardson, Jamie Taylor, Bret Johnson
Nos. 91-100: Braxton Herbel, Chris Schubert, Justin Hardcastle
Nos. 101-110: Lisa McCasland, Kaleb Sones, Dyrion Brown
Nos. 111-117: Callan Moore, Rowdy Henson, Chisum Rutherford

Old Mobeetie Jail Music Festival July 28-30



PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ben Dollar of Wheeler was recently named 101 Classic Bowl XII West Defensive Player Of The Year. The 101 Classic Bowl XII was held recently at Woodward, Oklahoma.

Co. Commissioners Conduct July Business

The Wheeler County Commissioner's Court met Monday, July 10, 2000.

Wendell Morgan and Bobbye Hill were appointed to a 2-year term on the Panhandle Water Board.

No action was taken on the remodeling and adding of air conditioning at the North Wheeler County Ambulance barn.

The Commissioners voted to leave the current \$5.00 fee for vehicle registration the same. Wheeler County

Albert W. Gunter, 79, Buried Mon. In Indiana

Albert W. Gunter, 79, died July 6, 2000 at home in Indianapolis, IN. He was formerly from Wheeler, Texas. Services were held Monday, July 10, 2000, 11:30 A.M. at the Conkle Speedway, Speedway, IN. Burial was in Lincoln Memory Cemetery.

Albert served in the Army in WWII. He was a retired land developer.

He was a member of the Speedway American Legion Post #500, Masonic Lodge in Wheeler, Texas, U.F.W., and life member of D.A.V.

He was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Lenell Hampton Tisdale.

Survivors include wife, Benita M. Armstrong Gunter of Indianapolis, IN; 2 daughters Melinda L. Potter and Marina L. Hyatt; 1 son Terrell W. Gunter; and 1 brother M. L. Gunter.

Family request memorials be to Riley Children's Hospital or Hospice for Preferred Care.



Cimarron To Play At Mobeetie Festival

A combination of talent and hard work has distinguished Cimarron as one of the top country bands in the Tri State area. This six-member group, playing ten different instruments, has the ability to emulate popular performers, as well as have their own individual style. Anyone who listens to this group knows Cimarron's roots are in country music and their performances are certain to entertain any audience.

Cimarron performed more than 120 engagements this past year with the privilege of being the opening act for Rhett Atkins, Great Divide, and Doug Stone. Cimarron's song list comes from artist like George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Tim McGraw, Terrie Clark, Dixie Chicks, and many others.

Cimarron's members reflect many years of experience in the entertainment business. Bob Avila is from Lawton, Oklahoma and is known as one of the top guitar players in this part of the country. He adds lead vocals along with excellent lead guitar and mandolin. From Altus, Oklahoma, Bobby Avila plays drums and adds lead and backup vocals. Eddie Dean Tate is from Weatherford, Oklahoma adding lead vocals, rhythm

guitar, and fronting the band. Also from Weatherford, is Greg Hernandez, who plays bass guitar and accordion and adds backup vocals. Traci Mullins also of Weatherford adds lead and backup vocals. From Wheeler, Texas is Lee Hibler playing fiddle, steel guitar, and keyboards.

Cimarron has tried to blend the talent and personalities of each member for a maximum performance. Through the love of playing and performing we hope to entertain and please everyone.

Mona Freeman Wins Medalist In Golf Tour.

Mona Freeman of White Deer and Lisa Beck of Midland won Medalist honors in qualifying for Championship Flight at the Amarillo Country Club Partnership Tournament on Monday. They will play Thursday in Partnership Match Play. Lisa and Mona played at Texas Tech during their college career.

Mona is the daughter of Larry and Bobby Jennings of Wheeler. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Dorothy Ellis of Wheeler.



The Texas Country Band is from Wickett, TX. They have been together for 4 years. They play Country, Western Swing, Gospel, and Bluegrass. They have two tapes out one bluegrass and one gospel. Two of the members live in Odessa, 2 in Wickett, one in Monahans and one is Stanton. Fred Frank plays fiddle and sings. Chuck Parks plays Dobro. Harold Ferguson plays rhythm guitar and sings. Charlie Pierce plays Banjo and sings. Cindy Inskeep plays bass and Carol Ferguson plays the fiddle. The group will be appearing at the Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival on July 28, 29 & 30.



The Harmonica Wrygrass was formed in 1997 as a part of the Amarillo chapter of the Harmonica organizations of Texas (H.O.O.T.). Harmonica Wrygrass has played for churches, schools, civic and private organizations and for town celebrations in Hereford, Silverton, Miami, Clarendon, Childress, and Borger. They have also performed annually for the children during the Amarillo Public Library summer reading program and at the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock. The group also conducts classes on the harmonica at the Amarillo Community College. Their members are Lonnie Boulware the founder of the Amarillo Chapter of H. O. O. T. John Whittington plays harmonica, guitar and sings. Richard Henry plays harmonica, guitar and sings. The group will be appearing at the Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival on July 28, 29 & 30.

Colossians 3:11: In his new life one's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters and he is equally available to all.

Happy Birthday to Margie Meadows, Michael Killingsworth, Keven Romines and Charly Helton on July 10; Donald Finsterwald, Savannah Estes and Ann Wright on July 11; Clint Miller, Blake Hathaway, Jimmy Nelson, Sarah Powledge Ford and Helen May on July 12; June Wheller, Frankie Fletcher and Brody Umsted on July 13; Wesley Steen on July 14 and Candy Hilburn, Tina Hawley and Matt McCurley on July 22; Terry Gill, Joshua Ryan, Bob Ratliff and Sarah Gentry on July 15.

Happy Anniversary to Doyle and Bulah Grimes and David and Becky Zybach on July 9; Monett and Donald Jenkins on July 10; R. L. and Rozena Zybach and Royce and Deedy Zybach on July 15.

Don and Mayme McElroy from Muleshoe and Kulani McDermott and Tannen and Donovan and LaJuana Caroland and Lucas all from Lubbock went to a funeral at Felt, Oklahoma for a good friend. (Don pastored the Felt Baptist Church and they lived there several years.) On the way home Monday night, June 26, a vehicle on the wrong side of the road collided with them in their van. (The other driver was mad at Don for being on his side of the road.) Mayme and LaJuana were riding in the back seat of the van with no seat belts. Mayme was ejected. Her face was cut and bruised and had several stitches. She looks horrible. She also has a broken collar bone and a lacerated liver. LaJuana has a broken hip and a cracked pelvis. LaJuana had hip ball replaced Wednesday.

Kulani's baby is due in August. So far, the little girl is active and they think she will be ok. Have monitors on her. Kulani also has a broken ankle. She has a big boot on it. She expects to go home soon, but they are monitoring the baby close. Pray for these sweet people.

Willis and I went up Tuesday to see them all. Several family members were there, including Don McElroy, Lana Caroland, Mayme's brother, Howard, and Lori Balensifen and Brant, Don's sister, Jeannie, and April, Lance's mom and dad and sister. (They took Lucas home with them.) Pray for these dear people. We are so thankful that no one was killed and that the three little ones were not hurt at all. Kulani's in-laws have her children. Kulani's husband, Charley, is in the Navy and expected home soon from Norfolk, Virginia. Everyone is now home from the hospital and doing pretty well.

Nice to have Amber Lehman and Charla Barnett from Minnesota come Wednesday, June 28, to visit a week. Ruth Irvine brought them from Amarillo. We went swimming Thursday and ate at Furr's. Nice to see Guy Folley and his new bride, Janice, at Furr's. A lovely couple. Joe and Nelda Johnson were at the pool. Joe had a bad stroke about 2 months ago and can move some in the water with effort, but can move very little out of the water, but is improving. Pray for these fine and friendly people. You'd never know to talk to Joe that anything is wrong, real upbeat, but when he tries to move out of the water, it is very hard.

William Newman from Alabama flew down to Ft. Worth and drove his mom, Eula Newman, to Shamrock to the Fillingim Reunion. Nice to have them join us for supper at Maxeys Saturday night. Also J. P. and Martha Meek. We all went out to J. P.'s and played 88 and visited. So good to see all the relatives. Also at Maxeys good to see Sue Ratliff and Ron Myers. They were on their way to Wellington to see Gabe Rodgers play in an all-stars baseball game. He is pretty good. Also at Maxeys were Keven and Janet Romines with Bill and Marilyn Kidwell.

Tuesday night, July 4, eating together at Maxeys were William and Elton Fillingim, George and Joy Hongisto and Jeremy and Karenda. (Karenda goes to college in California. Jeremy works and lives at a sheltered workshop. He earns money and goes home on weekends. They attend the Methodist church together in Prescott, Ariz. Others at Maxeys were Amber Lehman and Charla Barnett, J. P. and Martha Meek, Jerry Fillingim Willis and Verna, Ed and Laura Herschman, Brendan Fillingim. Many went out to play 42 at Gageby Church.

This week's news ... Ephesians 2: 1-2: Once you were under God's curse, doomed forever for your sins. You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air, who is at work right now in the hearts of those who are against the Lord.

Because of His kindness you have been saved through trusting Christ.

Happy Birthday to Joe Wagoner, Wilma Bible, Megan Hudson, Jeanna Jones and Marilyn O'Quinn on July 16; JoAnn Morgenstern and Patrick Bennett on July 17; Gay Purcell, Mayci Meadows and Ed Hedgecock on July 18; Dakota James on July 20; Pam Meadows, Sammie Atherton, Grace Roberson, Daniel Roberson and Larry Nelson on July 21; Candy Hilburn, Matthew McCurley, Tina Hawley and Viola Beum on July 22.

Happy Anniversary to Aaron and Claudetta Laverty on July 16; Verneal and Juanita Prater on July 17; Dennis and Peggy Thompson on July 17; Clint and Maurita Stribling on July 18; and Gene and Sue Harrison on July 21.

So sorry I didn't get any news in last week. We left early Sunday morning to go to the Rose-Fillingim family reunion church service at Irish Inn Conference Room. I thought we were coming back, but didn't get home till about 8:30 Monday night from Shamrock. Had some I could have taken. So you got a rest from me.

Donald and Billie Stuckey have left Boerne and are relocating, but not sure where. Pray for their decisions. They have been visiting Lou Dean Douthit and Bob and Debbie Kinnaman. Donald's brother and wife, E. F. and Sharon Stuckey from Arnett, have also visited at Lou Dean's, also Zane Kinnaman. Corey and Audrey

Kinnaman and Zane are now living in Wheeler. Audrey works for Chamber of Commerce office.

We are expecting daughter, Mary Newman, from Red Oak, Texas, to come Thursday, July 13, to stay a few days and go to Lindsey's and Ken's wedding at Canyon.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes went to Amarillo early Saturday morning to their son Gary Grimes' house. They all went on to Dalhart to a family dinner at a granddaughter's house to celebrate Doyle and Bulah's 62nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes to Doyle and Bulah. Doyle and Bulah spent Saturday night with Gary. They all went to church together Sunday and ate lunch at Furr's.

Congratulations to Amy and Clint Huff on the birth of their new baby girl born July 3 at Elk City and named Rachel Paige. Rachel is welcomed by big brother, Andrew. Best wishes! Nice to have Theresa Trimble back out to Gageby Church. She's been recovering from broken ribs caused by a kick from a horse. Keep praying for Theresa.

Evalyn Free, Willa Fillingim and Vea Fillingim were going to Amarillo Tuesday for Willa's appointment with the toe doctor and to visit Fay Sell at Northwest Hospital.

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Nice to have Preston and Elsie Glazner join us for supper at Maxeys Saturday night. We always have a good visit. Also at Maxeys were a group of about 32 eating supper before leaving Sunday on a Baptist Mission Trip to help with church construction in Oklahoma. Ones we saw were Von and Cindy Chapman and family. Also there were Nova Powledge and Nona Jones, Aaron and Claudetta Laverty and Caaron and Cheyenne and Scott Neighbors; also Dick and Jerene DeArment and grandson. Also B. F. and Margie Meadows and Reagan and friend. The Laverty group were celebrating Scott's birthday. Happy Birthday, Scott. Cheyenne is visiting her grandparents. Nice to have her out to church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brad Klein

Sivage-Klein Nuptials Are Exchanged In Afternoon Ceremony At Midland

On Saturday, June 24, 2000, Amy Lynn Sivage became the bride of Brad William Klein of Bayfield Wisconsin. The 3:00 p.m. ceremony was in the Crestview Baptist Church of Midland, Texas. Dr. Larry Ashlock and Dr. William Waddle of Granada, MI, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Sivage of Jinja Uganda, Africa. The groom is the son of George and Kathy Klein of Bayfield, Wisconsin.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's sister, Keri Sivage Bird. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Randolph, friend; Christina Hoffmaster, friend, and Bridget Klein, sister of the groom. The flower girl was Pearl Windle, friend of the couple.

Serving as best man was David Hagstrom, groom's cousin. Groomsman were Brandon Klein, groom's brother; Brian Klein, groom's brother, and Charlie Peterson, friend. Alex Montgomery, friend of the couple was the ringbearer. Hilding Leafblad, grandfather and friend of the groom, originally was asked to be the best man; he went to be with the Lord on February 23, 2000.

James Stahl, John David Stahl, Jeremy Stahl, Isaac Snider and Zachary Snider, all cousins of the bride, were ushers.

Isaac Snider was the candlelighter. Linda Sellers was the pianist and Betty Schuler was the organist.

Special music was by Brian Klein, Brandon Klein, and Bridget Klein. The special music was "Our God Has Made Us One" and "As It Is In Heaven" Shannon Sauders registered the guests.

Serving at the bride's table were Elizabeth Hale, Sarah Hale, Kathy Eaton, Roxie Eaton, Gaye Hale, and Sue Snider.

Following the reception, the couple left for a wedding trip to Cloudford, N.M.

The newlyweds will make their home at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Hostesses for a house party were

Elizabeth Hale, Sarah Hale, Kathy Eaton, Roxie Eaton, Gaye Hale, Sue Snider and Lana Stahl.

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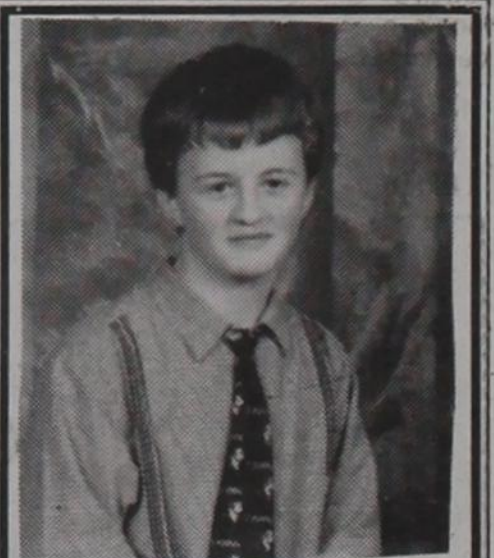
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Elk City Thursday for Laser surgery on her other eye. It went real well. Parise the Lord!

Gene Keelin visited Rosalie Sunday. She visited Lucille Helton in Briscoe one day. Lucille had been in Amarillo in the hospital, but is home now.

Ft. Elliott FFA boys expected to go to the FFA Convention at Corpus Christi and leaving Monday were Kade Zybach, Aaron Hartline, Larry Lee Horn, Kaleb Kirkpatrick, Jason Hathaway, Monty Hand and Justin Hefley. Others going were Kevin and Jona Meek and Tommy and Shantell and Tamara Hefley. Meeting them at Corpus were Myrtle Stages (Jona's mom) and John and Connie Stages and Kandie and Sunni Jo. Myrtle and husband, John, lived at Corpus about 10 years after Kevin and Jona married. They hoped to do lots of exciting things.

Ray and Glenda Hudson and Patrick and two of Glenda's granddaughters spent time in Briscoe over the 4th of July weekend and attended Gageby Church. Always good to see them.

R. L. and Rozena Zybach just returned from a trip to Montana with their camper trailer. They fished and enjoyed the sights and relaxed.

Grandma Kay Luttrell hosted a first birthday party for Brody Umsted, son of Susie and Billy Umsted. Some others there were great-grand grandma, Addie Swift, great-grandmas Wanda Childress and Ed Uryl Luttrell, Shelia Umsted, Kim Winters and Tracy, Bonnie and Richard Meadows and Reagan, Mary Jane Dukes and Jackie and Stacie Fitzer and Kami, Brandi Coomer and Kayleigh, Jason Cockran, Scott Luttrell, Tammy Andris and Timmy and Shane

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Sweetwater News

By Lois Flowers

We/me all had a very busy week. Fourth of July and school reunion too. Flags everywhere we looked and lots of banging. It's a grand Old Flag and a Grand Country. We should say thanks for it every day.

We are ready for some rain. Had a letter from Verna Ford at Wanette and they are about to float off. Walter is all enthused. He was asked to ride in the Grand Entry at their rodeo.

The gardens seem to be doing well. Anne Reed brought us some nice squash. Eva Atkinson said she was canning green beans. Saw a man with a lot of home grown tomatoes at Erick.

Everyone had a great time at the school reunions. The class of '50 had a fifty year reunion. They were Ronnie Coffey, Gerald Tipton, Faye Mong, Troy Sites, Hazel Miller, John Frank Haag, Charles Alexander, Frances McGlothlen, Loretta Killingworth, Former students, Wendell Tucker and Joyce Shirley, Inez Coffey, Brenda, Glenda and Ronna Kay were with

News from ... Around the County

by Kenny Brdecko,
Wheeler County Extension Agent

Boll Weevil Eradication
July 10, 2000
For the past couple of weeks we have seen increased activity, both by ground and by air, resulting from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program. Judging from the calls that I have received, there is at least considerable interest from Wheeler County residents concerning this activity. I thought this would be a good opportunity to explain what is going on.

First, the Boll Weevil Eradication program began in order to plan and implement a systematic approach to eliminate a very devastating insect for cotton producers - the boll weevil. Wheeler County is located in the Northern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone and we are in the first full season part of the program. The program is expected to last from three to four years and activities become less intense each year.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (which is responsible for the program) monitors Boll Weevil activity by the use of pheromone traps located around cotton fields and other host areas where weevil activity would be possible. When insect activities increase to a point where pesticide applications would be most effective, then an order to spray those areas is implemented and pesticides are delivered by air plane (for fields) and by truck mounted foggers (for shelter belts).

The pesticide used in these operations is Malathion ULV. Malathion is applied to infested areas at a rate of 12 ounces per acre. This amount is equivalent to a container the size of a soft drink being sprayed over the entire acre. Malathion is the pesticide of choice by many cities and counties for mosquito control.

Where many of us get concerned is from the odor. The odor threshold of Malathion is one part per million meaning that a person can easily smell the substance from great distances. Just because a person smells Malathion, does not mean that they have been over exposed to it. USDA allows foods to be sold and consumed containing eight parts per million. Malathion is one of the few pesticides we can use to control insects in our vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Additionally, Malathion degrades rapidly.

While Malathion has a high degree of toxicity to selected insects, it is low in toxicity to humans and animals. This is due, in part, to the fact that in contrast to insects, humans and other animals possess an enzyme which rapidly breaks Malathion into non-active diacids.

Any questions or concerns you might have concerning the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program should be directed to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation by calling (800)687-1212. The Foundation has an elaborate tracking system that monitors all program activities and they can help answer any questions you might have. Remember, the pesticide user is responsible for the safe use and handling of the pesticide. Always read and strictly follow all labels and instructions when using pesticides.

Sincerely,
Kenny Brdecko
Wheeler County
Extension Agent

Ronnie.

Earl Tucker and J. M. Gamble were oldest grads, 1935. Muri Welch came the longest distance.

Joe and Faye Mong met the Trail Riders at the Sanders ranch. The six or eight wagons spent the night under the stars. They were in the big parade at Canadian's 112th celebration.

Frances McGlothlen spent the weekend with Helen Smith and they attended the reunion.

Tony and Carleene arrived from Florida Monday. We visited Joe several times. Went to Sayre one afternoon to see Alma Richardson.

Wednesday we went down to Memphis, Texas, to see cousins, Darren and Cynthia McCathern. Tony has been talking to them on the Internet a long time. They have recently moved to Memphis from Washington.

We came home, headed north from Texola through the Saltflat country. It sure has changed in the past 75 years. I was lost and really surprised when

we finally wound up at Sweetwater. Tony was surprised and pleased to find the country roads in such good shape.

Leroy and Peggy Dunlap were out to spend the fourth with her mother, Iva Thompson. Iva, Norma Zellmer, and Ollie Anderson went to Elk City that night to see the fireworks.

Eb and Eva Atkinson spent Sunday at Taloga with her mother, Faye Moore.

Eva said they went to Cheyenne for the fireworks.

Visiting Ruby Sutton during the week were Eldon and Kathy Blount, Elk City; Kinny, Terri, Skyler Oren, Sallisaw; Johnny and Beth Wilson, Sayre; Laura Anderson, Brian and Matthew Cox.

I woke up the other night and turned on the TV. They were talking about the Mormons. The man they were interviewing said he had five wives and twenty-five children. Guess they come in handy as deductions at income tax time.

The combines are really runing this dry weather. Row crops are almost non-existent.

Birthday folks are Verna Ford, Maxine Alexander, John Haag, Fran McCathern, Ina Lancaster, Colby Hagerman, Julie Frost, Steve Blevins, Donaleta Fuchs, and Lawanda Keathley. Anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McEntire, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Tucker. Happiness to all.

"Millennium" comes from combining the Latin words for "One thousand" and year".

OLD JAIL MUSEUM NEWS

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association held their monthly meeting Thursday July 6 with President Dale Corcoran in charge. Joe VanZandt led in the opening prayer. Louise Hopn presented the Financial Report. Motion by Bill Elliott to accept the report as given. Second by Jimmy Hill. Carried. Louise Hogan reported that we had 460 visitors with 25 of these from out of state. The web site had 6,759 hits for June. Melba Corcoran reported that we have 12,066 cataloged worksheets done with 27,635 items. Old business was the Old Mobeetie Music Festival. Bobbye and Melba will complete the schedule Saturday morning. The men will meet July 18th to mark off the camping spaces. Bill Finsterwald will get the marker to us. Bill Elliott reported that was a rotten pole near his camper with the meter boxes on it. He will be in charge of getting the post replaced. The following committee was appointed for the grounds Joe VanZandt, Bill Elliott, Bill Finsterwald, Dale Corcoran, Nathan Lancaster, Carlton Alexander, J. W. Turner, George Kilcrease, and Don Burke.

Hospitality Table Committee will be Melba Corcoran, Dutch Elliott, Maurita Stribling, and Willene Burke, Bernice Hefley, and Louise Hogan.

Museum workers Bernice Hefley, Wanda Stringer, LaRue Pierce, Dutch Elliott, Melba Corcoran, Louise Hogan, Willene Burke.

Joe announced that Frank Cleveland had been hired for the sound. We had been asked about booths for crafts and etc. The group will charge \$25.00 for a booth.

There will be 2 on duty for escorting the campers to the camping spaces. The campsite number will be on a poster at the admission booth with the camper's name in case of an emergency phone call.

Joe announced that he had an appointment on July 19 at KVIL at 5:45 A.M. No one volunteer to go with him.

We will have some bleacher from Wheeler to put under the trees on the side for those that do not have chairs.

The portal potties have been ordered. Extra Dumpster will be ordered also. George Kilcrease and Bill Elliott have repaired the outhouses and they are ready to go.

Motion by Melba Corcoran and second by Maurita Stribling to get all items effected by tightening repaired or replaced. Carried.

The T-shirts are in and are available for \$20.00 including tax. We got 100 the first time and have only about 70 left. They are in white or natural color with 5 colors printing on them. The design is Re the top of the posters without the dates. They will be available at the Festival or at the Museum store. Motion by Melba Corcoran to order 50 more shirts. Second by Louise Hogan. Carried.

Joe will check for flags to go on the stage area.

Joe VanZandt made a motion to charge \$4.00 for dry camping. Second by Dutch Elliott. Carried. This was after a discussion about them using the portal potties, shower house and dumpsters. The group feels that a small fee was only fair.

Bill Elliott and Bill Finsterwald put up the Employees compliance posters.

Workday was set for July 22. Jimmy Hill made a motion to adjourn. Carried.

Those attending were Willene Burke, Bernice and Jack Hefley, Bill and Dutch Elliott,

Louise Hogan, Maurita Stribling, Sandra Meek, Tommy Meek, Bill Finsterwald, Joe VanZandt, Jimmy and Bobbye Hill and Dale and Melba Corcoran.



THE WHEELER TIMES

PAGE 3—Thursday, July 13, 2000
"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



Mrs. Bradd Morgan ... nee Dedra Leah Dorman

Wheeler Church of Christ Scene Of Dorman-Morgan Wedding May 20

Dedra Leah Dorman and Bradd Lee Morgan were joined in marriage on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at 2:00 in the afternoon in a ceremony held at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas. Bill Morrison, Minister of the Wheeler church officiated.

Dedra is the daughter of Danny and Margaret Dorman of Wheeler, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Mr and Mrs Bill Swindle of Plainview, Texas and Myrtle Dorman, Wheeler, Texas. Great-grandmother is Lottie Clemmer, Silverton, Texas.

The grooms parents are Bill and Carroll Moore of Goodnight, Texas.

Serving her sister as Matron of Honor was Dee Dee Smith, Panhandle, Texas. Bridesmaids were: Rebecca Hogue Foreman, Krum, Texas and Cathy Shearer, Canyon, Texas, both friends of the bride.

Best Man was Rodney Morgan, brother of the groom, Amarillo, Texas and Groomsmen were: Troy Duck and Jamie Hand, both from Amarillo, Texas, and friends of the groom.

Other honor attendants were: Flower Girls-Kori Smith, niece of the bride, Panhandle, Texas and Bailey Fields, Panhandle, Texas, niece of the groom; Ring Bearers-Matthew Smith, nephew of the bride, Panhandle, Texas and Shey Vogt, nephew of the groom, Amarillo, Texas. Candle Lighters were: Darby Dorman, brother of the bride, Amarillo, Texas and Jake Smith, Amarillo, Texas, nephew of the groom. The Ushers were Darby Dorman, Jake Smith and Neal Hammer, nephew of the groom, Panhandle, Texas. Guest book attendant was Brooke Swindle, cousin of the bride, Sweetwater, Texas.

The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, Danny Dorman.

Her bridal gown and veil were designed and fashioned by the brides mother. The dress was a straight fitted formal length gown of white bridal satin featuring a sweetheart neckline and sheer illusion back. Beaded and sequined alceon lace covered the bodice, which was sleeveless. The overlaid bodice joined a straight skirt which was bordered with beaded and sequined alceon lace, and featured a walking slit in the back. The back of the bodice featured lace a motifs and tiny satin buttons from the stand-up collar down to the train attachment. The chapel length train attached at the lower waist and was bordered with beaded and sequined alceon lace. The bridal veil had two layers of illusion edged in satin cording and held in place with a braided band of pearls. Her bouquet was a nosegay of fresh white roses, with greenery accents and tiny pink roses. White curling ribbons cascaded from the bottom.

The bridesmaids were attired in straight formal length dresses fashioned of black crepe back satin, featuring a white satin band with bow just below the bust. The bodice was short sleeved with a scoop neckline. They carried nosegays of white roses, accented with tiny pink roses and cascading ribbons of black, white and pink.

The flower girls wore similar dresses of white satin with black satin ribbons at the empire waists and carried baskets of fresh pink rose petals.

Special music was provided by the singing group "One Voice" from Panhandle, Texas. The group members attending were Brenda Fields, sister of the groom, Nancy Burrell, Sheryl Oliver and Sherry Bronniman. The musical selections were: *I knew I Loved You Before I Met You* and *Because You Love Me*.

The parents of the bride hosted a reception immediately following the ceremony in the multi-purpose building at the Church of Christ. Attendants at the brides table were: Jodi Torres and Dina Wall, both of Amarillo, Texas and special friends of the bride. Attendant at the grooms table was Brooke Swindle, Sweetwater, Texas and cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Wheeler High School and Amarillo College where she earned a degree in Court Reporting. She is employed as the official court reporter for Potter County Court at Law No. 1, Judge W. F. "Corkey" Roberts presiding.

The groom is a graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo and attended North Lake Jr. College, Irving, Texas and was a member of the baseball team. He is self-employed at Panhandle Mechanical Contractors, Panhandle, Texas.

The couple left the church in a black stretch limousine, which was a wedding gift from Judge Roberts, and traveled to Cancun, Mexico for their honeymoon.

Dedra and Bradd will make their home in Panhandle, Texas.

Prior to their marriage the couple received wedding showers in Amarillo, Wheeler and Panhandle. The grooms family hosted a rehearsal dinner in the back yard of the brides parents in Wheeler on Friday evening, May 19th for all the wedding party, their families and friends.

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Week Ending July 6, 2000
Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Amoco Production Co., #2 Lawrence Teague, 1320' from South & 1980' from West line, James McFarland Survey, PD 11800'. Replacement well.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUF-FALO WALLOW Douglas) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #3 Flowers 'A', 2310' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 27, A-1, H&GN, PD 9000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUF-FALO WALLOW Huff) St. Mary Operating Co., #2 Huff Unit, 1600' from South & 910' from West line, Sec. 16, M-1, H&GN, PD 14200'. Rule 37.

Gas Well Completion
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #2 Derek '12', Sec. 12, A-1, H&GN, spud 2-23-00, drlg. compl 3-9-00, tested 5-24-00, potential 227 MCF, TD 8250', PBTD 8198' --

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of Instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from July 3, 2000 -- July 10, 2000.

JULY 3, 2000
D—Barbara Weldon to Dexter Haws, et ux, 6-28-00, 150' by 150' NE 1/4 Sec. 50, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DVL—Bill C. Billingsley, et ux to Jackie Lane, et ux, 6-29-00, 1.08 acs. Sec. 37, Blk. —, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—Jackie Lane, et ux to Oliver J. Hunt, et ux, 6-29-00, 1.08 acs. Sec. 37, Blk. —, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MD—Floy May Williams to Hilda Mae Blankenship, 5-15-00, SE 1/4 Sec. 35, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—Bracken Operating LLC to BNC Inc., 3-24-00, See Instrument.
EXT. OL—Peggy Jo Hunt, et vir to EEX E&P Company LP, 6-12-00, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
EXT. OL—Ruth Ann Edwards, et vir to EEX E&P Company LP, 5-30-00, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
EXT. OL—Timothy K. Patterson, et ux to EEX E&P Company LP, 6-7-00, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
EXT. OL—Roy Allen Kroeker, et al to EEX E&P Company LP, 6-13-00, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
EXT. OL—Delores L. Simmons, et vir to EEX E&P Company LP, 5-26-00, Sec. 17, Camp County School Land.
APPT. SUB. TRUSTEE—Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. to Dieder Hood, et al, 6-9-00, S 1/2 Lot 9 and all of Lots 10 and 11, Blk. E, Potts, Add., Shamrock.
JULY 5, 2000
D—Margaret Moore Pendleton, et al to Jerry D. Hefley, et ux, 6-22-00, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, AB&M Survey.
D—Margaret Moore Pendleton, et al to Jerry Hefley, et ux, 6-22-00, W 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—Jerry Hefley, et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 7-3-00, Pt. NW 1/4 Sec. 4, AB&M Survey and W 1/2 Sec. 8, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DVL—Rodger Wayne Ferguson, et ux to Ron G. Gray, et ux, 7-1-00, Lot

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RDT—Bank of Amercia, NA to Logix Communications Corporation, 5-17-00, See Instrument.
EXT. DT—Richard Brown, et ux to First State Bank Central Texas, 4-19-00, S 1/4 Sec. 68, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT—Amarillo National Bank, Trustee to Amoco Production Company, 5-17-00, Sec. 40, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Amarillo National Bank, Trustee to Amoco Production Company, 5-17-00, Sec. 40, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
TDT—Interstate Bank to TIB-THE Independent Bankers Bank, 7-1-00, 140' x 75' Blk. 57, Stanley's Add., Wheeler.
MD—Marion Murray Giles, et ux to Family Trust of Marion M. Giles and Tula B. Giles, 6-8-00, Sec. 63, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT—Elliott Roosevelt Jr. to Bank of Texas, NA, 6-30-00, See Instrument.
JULY 6, 2000
ASSIGN.—Carter F. Bales to Halex Oil Corporation, 6-26-00, See Instrument.
ASSIGN.—Craig H. Cavalier to Halex Oil Corporation, 6-26-00, W 1/2 Sec. 34, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
ASSIGN.—Jeffrey S. Yass, et al to Halex Oil Corporation, 5-19-00, See Instrument.
OL—Mary Lynn Johnson to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 5-26-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL—Robert G. Christopher to Lariat Petroleum Inc., 6-10-00, Sec. 62, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
D—L. Raymond Allemand, et al to Terrill E. Davis, et ux, 5-20-00, Sec. 24, Blk. OS-2.

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FREMONT EXPLORATION INC., 12412 ST ANDREWS DR., OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120 has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the density of the subject field requirement for the recompletion permit for Well No. 7, Patterson Lease, 646 Acres, Sec. 45, Blk. A-5, H&GN RR Co. Survey, A-273, Mobeetie (Douglas) Field(s), Wheeler County, being 1.5 miles from the southwest of New Mobeetie, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

1,320' from the south line and 2,467' from the west line of lease.

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Field rules for the Mobeetie (Douglas) field are 1250/2500, 640 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 38 (h) (3), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Thomas R. Conroy, Production Mgr., at 405-936-0012. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

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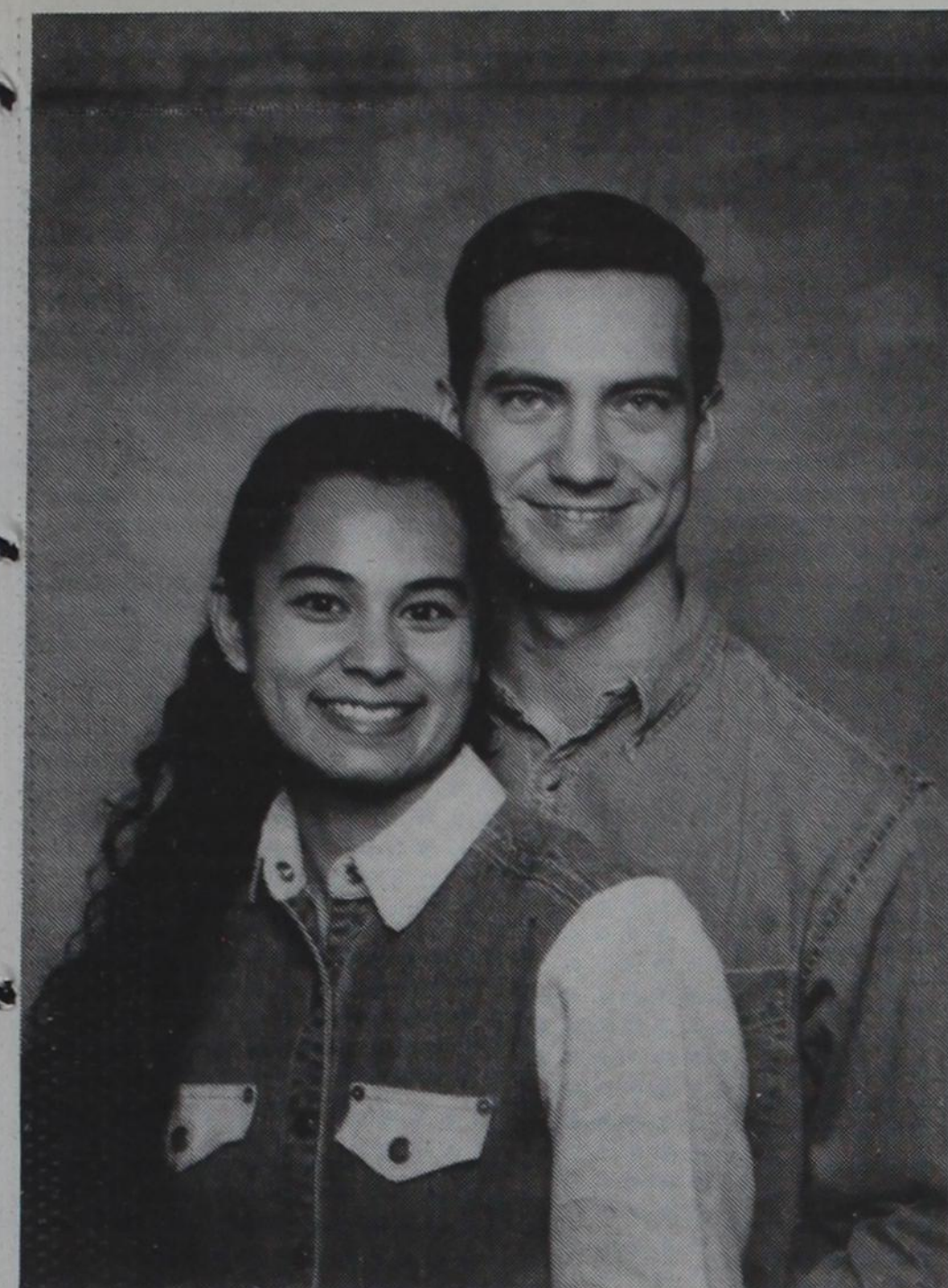
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Stribling. They had hamburgers and hot dogs and birthday cake and ice cream. Happy Birthday, Brody.

Saturday night at Jo Reddings for 42, visiting and snacks were Virginia Puryear, Edna May and Lou Dean Douthit.

Linda Lieb visited her mom, Edna May on Edna's birthday Saturday. They went to cemeteries, ate at Maxeys and enjoyed the day together.

Addie Swift and Wanda Childress enjoyed the 4th of July celebration at Wheeler at the park, especially the music. Megan and Sarah Horn sang and the Day Care kids from Country Chapel and many others. Addie and Wanda ate lunch at Pat and Amanda Childress' home. Some others there were Mary Jane Dukes and Jackie, Stacie Fitzer and Kami and Kay Luttrell and Brody. They also enjoyed the fireworks later.

Sunday night at Fat and Wanda Childress' home in Briscoe for fireworks and hamburgers and hot dogs were Dub and Mary Swift from Pampa and Kelley and Bill Shelton from Flower Mound and several other family members.

Verneal and Juanita Prater have no kids at their house now. Jeannette and Morris Jahnel and Carl Lee and Desera have moved to Whitney, Texas. Morris will be helping his dad with carpenter work. Mary Lou is working in a rest home in Amarillo.

Sincere sympathy to Margaret and Henry Leach in the death of Margaret's brother, Bob Steele, 87, in Arkansas. Henry recently had a deep mole removed between his eye and nose and he may not feel like going to the funeral. Think he will take Margaret to Oklahoma City to go with a niece to the funeral.

Several people asked about our good friends, the McElroys, who were injured in a wreck near Felt, Okla., on June 26. Kulani McDermant's unborn baby girl is still doing o.k. With Kulani's broken ankle, she needs help with the other two children. Her husband, Charlie, who is in the Navy got to come home, but don't know how long he can be there. They were supposed to be moving to Virginia. The baby is due in August, which is a bad time to travel so far. Keep praying for them.

LaJuana Caroland with a replaced hip and fractured pelvic is unable to lift her baby, Lucas, 3 months. She can hold him some and feed him if someone can give him to her. Lance has taken off work, but will have to go back to work Monday. His aunt plans

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MOBEETIE NEWS

By: Melba Corcoran

Friday last week Doug and Aline Corse took Zana Jones Ashley and Hailey of Claude, Davis Corse to Liberal KS to the Dorothy House, the Wisdom of Oz.

Sunday Doug and Aline Corse went to Claude to Rich and Zana Jones, Ashley and Hailey for Hailey's birthday.

Sunday night those spending the night with Doug and Aline Corse were Tom and Zana

Craig of Arkansas and Pierce Walker. Monday Tom and Zana took Pierce Walker on to

Dumas to visit with Kenneth and Vera Walker. Pierce was going to stay with them to

Wednesday. Kenneth and Vera Walker took Pierce back to the Care Center Wednesday.

Those enjoying a cookout and fishing at die home of Don and Willene Burke were David and Melba Seitz, Audrey Seitz, Bill and Dutch Elliott and Dale and Melba Corcoran. Dutch, Willene, Melba Seitz, and Melba Corcoran enjoyed fishing while the others visited.

Scott and Neva Corcoran, Kayle, Nathan and Brandon left for Fort Hood Tuesday morning.

Lorene Rector and Orville Greenhouse went to Wheeler shopping Wednesday.

Bill Elliott had to go to the eye doctor Wednesday in Pampa. The Doctor is hoping his eye will clear up with out treatments.

A group from Pampa celebrated the 4th at the Museum Grounds. They enjoyed a cookout and set off fireworks. Nelda and Nathan Lancaster's daughter hosted the party.

Wednesday night Pauline Barnes and Dale and Melba Corcoran visited with Densel and Fern Reed.

Arica and Aaron Lancaster came down Tuesday to spend the week. Aaron had to go back and work one day and came back. It is always race to have them down working on their house.

Arica Lancaster, Stormi and Laramie Lancaster, Cody and Chelsea Selby visited Thursday in McLean with Ariza Corcoran.

Mt View Quilting Club met Friday at the Totty Schoolhouse with Charlotte Coward as hostess. The group got both sides of her quilt told. It is a beige background Double Wedding Ring quilt. Those attend were Charlotte Coward, Audrey Seitz, Martha Meek, Betty Haines and Melba Corcoran.

Glen D. and Estelle Hodges went to Amarillo Thursday. Glen D. was having eye surgery early Friday morning. They spend Thursday to Saturday with Eddie and Gail Moke.

Jane Seitz went to the doctor in Amarillo to have her pacemaker checked on Thursday.

Charlotte Coward went to Canadian to Gene and Judy Cowards on the 4th and spent the night. She attended the rodeo and the celebration on the 4th.

Doug and Aline Corse went to Canadian to the rodeo on the 4th.

Gary Morris had a new roof put on his house this week. Gary is doing real well.

Delmar and Elizabeth Newman are having lots of work done on their house. They put the blue tin roof on the house and lots of other work. It sure is looking nice.

Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Midwest City, OK visited Tuesday night with Randy and Carol McCurley, Collin, Matt and Hollie. Others there were Pete and Sue Seitz and Jane Seitz. Nolan stayed with Pete and Sue Seitz.

Friday nigh Barry and Terri Corcoran and Nolan of Midwest City, OK visited with Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Jimmy Walker of White Deer got Pierce Walker Thursday and bought

him home for the day. Jimmy mowed the yard.

Visiting Friday and Saturday with Pete and Sue Seitz was Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody, Justin and Nolan of Midwest City, OK.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jackie Arnold. He was the grandson of Stacy and Dollie Arnold.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ab Gunter. Ms articles about life in Wheeler will be missed.

Dale and Melba Corcoran and Lorene Rector went to Reydon, Ok and visited with Mae Combs and Danny Pierce Saturday afternoon. They then went on to Berlin, Ok to the home of Wesley and Evelyn Pierce and Blake for a fish fry. Others there were Dale Pierce, Cleo Pierce and Carl Pierce of Cheyenne, Luther Pierce and John Alvin Pierce of Reydon, Tommy and Gayle Green, Jennie, Jared, Miranda, Miklyn and husband Randy Pierce and wife, Jarad Pierce, Connie and Myrtice Pierce of Sayre, Wayne Pierce of Shamrock Twylia and Randy Boyd, Trasey, Dylan and Wade of Erick.

Virginia Mixon of Dumas spent the weekend with her mother Orville Greenhouse.

XYZ met Friday night at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church with President @on Grimes in charge of the meeting. Marion Grimes presented the program. Louise Hogan took blood pressures. 2 tables of 42 were played. Those attending were Lorene

Rector, Marion Grimes, Doris Finsterwald, J. P. and Martha Meek, Willis and Verna Fillingim, Doyle and Bulab Grimes, and Louise Hogan.

Saturday Bobbie and Sonny Burchfield of Minco, OK picked up Jess Mixon and took him to Dumas for Juanell and Travis Brooks 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bobbie and Juanell are Jess's daughters.

Bill and Dutch Elliott and George and Marie Kilcrease went home Sunday to tend to their work at home. They will be back Monday or Tuesday.

Payton and Shelton May of Fritch visited with Tini and Sallie Adcock over the weekend. They also visited with Amanda Childress, Jayton, Garrett and Jarrett.

D. L. and Coleen Rector and Mindy and Bradley and Ashley Stone all of Amarillo visited Sunday afternoon with Lorene Rector.

Orval and Rosa Brewer of Pampa visited Tuesday with Doyle and Bulah Grimes.

On Wednesday Gary and Marilyn Grimes of Amarillo came and took Doyle and Bulah Grimes to Elk City, Ok for Doyle's colon test. Doyle got a good report and didn't have to have the laser used on the colon.

Those attending the Pampa Kid Pony Show Sunday night to watch Corey McLaughlin ride a calf were Byron Simpson, Joe and Melba Darnell, Gayla Hathaway, Jason, Andrea and Brandon, Kent and Debbie McLaughlin, and Nad= of Mobettie and Jerry Simpson's daughter, Theresa, and Dianne and her children Caleb and Christopher.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday. They went to Gary and Marilyn Grimes in Amarillo. Gary, Marilyn, Doyle and Bulah went to Dalhart to the home of Chad and Kendra Hicks for a big cookout with home made ice cream. There were about 15 there. Including their granddaughter De'wan Grimes and son Devin.

Sunday Doyle and Bulah Grimes went to church in Amarillo with Gary and Marilyn Grimes. Following church they all went to Furs for dinner others joining them were De'wan Grimes, Hazel Noble, Jerry and Beverly Grimes and Kelley all of Amarillo.

Old Mobettie Assoc. Has July Meeting & Prepare

Those helping in the booth at the Fourth of July celebration in Wheeler were Chuck and

Louise Hogan, Clint and Maurita Stribling, Jimmy and Bobbye Hill, Johnny and Donna

Velasquez, Dale and Melba Corcoran, Dutch Elliott, Joe VanZandt, and Anca Corcoran.

Maurita Stribling worked on the ads for the program book for the music festival

Wednesday. Joe VanZandt sold ads for the program book on Wednesday.

Lawrence Scribner and George Kilcrease worked on the stage floor Wednesday. Melba Corcoran worked on the music festival Wednesday. Dutch Elliott worked on the archives Wednesday. George Kilcrease got the stage all painted and ready to go. George and Marie Kilcrease, Lawrence and Bonnie Scribner and Bill and Dutch Elliott have been camping at the grounds working. Several of the members including Bill Finsterwald, Jimmy Hill, Bill Elliott, George Kilcrease, Joe VanZandt, got the steel post in the ground ready to be roped off for the festival. Bobbye Hill, Dutch Elliott, Joe VanZandt and Melba Corcoran got the schedule, Welcome, and rules worked out for the festival Saturday morning. Friday afternoon Bobbye I-Hill and Melba Corcoran went to the board meeting for Northwest Texas Museum Association that was held at the Quarter Horse Museum. This group will be the ones to own the Playa Lake Traveling Exhibit. Bobbye Hill is the exhibit manager.

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- Be thoughtful of the opinions of other people.
- Be alert to give service to other people.

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."



Mrs. Scott Dyer

Culwell-Dyer Marriage Vows Are Exchanged At June 17 Ceremony

Kara Culwell of Tulia and Scott Dyer of Allison were united in marriage on Saturday, June 17, 2000 at 3:00 PM in the United Methodist Church in Vigo Park. Pastor Michael Dyer, father of the groom performed the traditional double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Greg Culwell of Tulia. Grandparents of the bride are Ed & Earlyne Hutsell of Silverton and Dayle and Zula Culwell of Vigo Park.

Parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dyer of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Zeland and Charlene Rainey of Allison, Elizabeth Dyer of Lubbock, and Avis Parker of Wheeler is the groom's great-grandmother.

The sanctuary was decorated with an archway of tulle and greenery intertwined with small white lights. The arch was flanked with two white pedestals topped with large green plants and two heart shaped candelabras with greenery and white candles. The pews were accented with white tulle bows with baby's breath. Dreamsicle figurines were displayed throughout the church.

Serving as Matron of honor was Melissa Culwell, sister-in-law of the bride, of Lewisville. Bryn Mayfield, cousin of the bride, of Silverton was the bridesmaid. They wore coral silk shantung capri pantsuits with inserts of organza accented with embroidered flowers. They carried a single long stemmed white rose with coral ribbon.

Standing as best man was Ron Weller, brother-in-law of the groom of Amarillo. Cody Culwell, brother of the bride, of Lewisville served as groomsman. Zachary Weller, nephew of the groom, of Amarillo was the ring bearer. The ushers were Nathan Rainey of Allison and Randy Hall of Amarillo, cousins of the groom. Their attire was a black tuxedo, with black vests and white tuxedo shirts accented with black onyx buttons. Their boutonnieres were coral roses.

The Bride, escorted by her father, wore a dress of white matte satin with re-embroidered lace on the bodice. Pearls lined the curved neckline and adorned a beautiful crisscross strapped back. The complete top was embellished with hand beaded schiff embroidery all set within with pearls. The empire waistline was accented with hand beaded lace. The princess line satin skirt fell into a chapel train of matte satin. The bride carried a bouquet of coral and white roses.

The groom's attire was a black tuxedo with a white vest. His white shirt was accented with black onyx buttons. He wore a white rose boutonniere.

Registering the guests was Katrisa Britton, cousin of the bride. The registry table was accented with pictures and favorite toys of the bride and groom when they were children.

Providing the music, Cannon in D and the Wedding March, was Mrs. Kim Youree, friend of the groom, of Sayre, Oklahoma.

The song, "The Love of My Life" was played as Gid Mayfield cousin of the bride of Silverton, lit the candles.

The soloist was Shrona Seamster, aunt of the groom of Branson, Missouri, sang "Now That I Found You" and "The Wedding Song".

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was covered with a white cloth accented with white sheer bows and adorned with the bride's bouquet and a silver candelabra with white candles. The wedding cake was square, four tiered, and accented with fresh coral roses and topped with a Dreamsicle bride and groom.

The groom's table was covered with a white cloth with English ivy draped around the edge accented with a golf theme table top fountain. A German chocolate cake was served with golf ball shaped mints and coffee.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Tulia High. Kara attended Texas A&M University and will graduate with a Masters in Physical Therapy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in May 2001.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Allison High. He earned a B.S. in Biology in 1997 from West Texas A&M University. Scott will graduate with a Masters in Physical Therapy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in May 2001.

The couple will make their home in Amarillo, Texas. They are planning a honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico in August.

A grandmother clock does not exceed 6 feet, 6 inches in height.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in the contiguous 48 United States was -70 degrees F, at Rogers Pass, Montana, January 20, 1954.

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In Roman mythology the eagle was associated with lightning.

Peter 3: 12-14: Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of

Back from the ... MORGUE

... from the files of the Times

The following is a look into the past; these items appear in the second issue of the Times in July, 1975.

The county and the town bid farewell to long time Wheeler resident and county clerk, Harry Wofford. The opening line of a Memorial reads: "The foundation of our community is tilting somewhat today because of one of the pillars has been removed from its place."

Final preparations were being made for the twentieth annual Wheeler Riding Club Rodeo. A free barbecue preceded the first night of the rodeo.

The Eastern Panhandle All-Stars traveled to Elkhart, Kansas to play in the Babe Ruth All-Star Tournament. Making the trip from Wheeler were Russel Phipps, Ted Phipps, Myron Jolly, Kevin Lasley, Billy Stewart, Sammy Sutton, Johnny Sutton and Coach Leon Sutton. Mobeetie was represented by Randy Stuart, Greg Estes and Steve Knoll.

Wheeler County was represented at 4-H Electrical Camp by four young people at Cloudford, N.M. for training in leadership and electrical projects. Those attending from Wheeler County were Charlotte Smith of Shamrock, Phoebe Meek of Briscoe, Kimberly Hathaway and Zana Course of Mobeetie.

Reba Wofford attended a Wofford family reunion at Hot Springs, Ark.

Sallie Harris just returned from a week's visit to points in New Mexico.

A city-wide cleanup was scheduled. Two trucks were to make the rounds and pick up items left at the curb.

Snelgrooves Mobil Service had an ad advising their customers: "Due to increased gasoline prices, we find it necessary to operate on a cash basis."

Lloyd's Ben Franklin advertised to inform their customers of their approaching "First Year Anniversary Sale!"

Roark's Fine Food had chuck roast for 98c lb. and sirloin steak for \$1.39. A 10 lb. bag of sugar was \$2.59. A 5 lb. bag of Gold Metal Flour was 89c and 48 oz. bottle of pure vegetable Crisco oil was \$1.89. At Thriftway a 32 oz. bottle of Downy fabric softener was 79c.

"Gone with the Wind" was showing at the Rogue theatre.

Court

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JULY 7, 2000

D—Mary Nelson to Carol Dene Archer, 8-25-98, Lots 1-4, Blk. 9, Allison. D—Carol Dene Archer to Don Vinson, et ux, 7-7-00, Lots 1-4, Blk. 9, Allison. ASSIGN.—Masonic Homes of Pennsylvania to Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership, 6-13-00, All Interest in: Wheeler County Land.

ASSIGN. OVERRID. ROYALTY—Don A. Hillin to Royalty Clearinghouse Partnership, 7-5-00, Sec. 85, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

POA—Opal M. Phipps to Ocil W. Phipps, et al, 6-16-88.

C/C PROBATE—Ocil William Phipps to Ex Parte, 5-30-00.

MD—Opal M. Phipps to Donna Dickson, et al, 5-17-00, NE 1/4 Sec. 12, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

RDT—Garland Moore to David Lopez-Garcia, 7-7-00, W 1/2 Lot 12, Blk. 32, Wheeler.

D—Inez Hubbard to Linda Sue Hagar, et al, 7-6-00, N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

PARTITION D—Inez Hubbard, et al to Inez Hubbard, et al, 7-6-00, SE 1/4 Sec. 8, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

JULY 10, 2000

ASSIGN.—S & W Oil Investments to John B. Elder, et al, 6-30-00, Sec. 17, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

D—Jimmy Keys, et ux to Dawna Lyn Keys Stogner, 7-3-00, N 1/2 Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Blk. 2, PBA, Shamrock.

D—Dawna Lyn Keys Stogner to Robert Nobles, 7-3-00, N 1/2 Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Blk. 2, PBA, Shamrock.

DVL—Robert Nobles to Deborah Dion, 7-5-00, N 1/2 Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Blk. 2, PBA, Shamrock.

DT—Deborah Dion to Natiaol Bank of Commerce - Shamrock, 7-5-00, N 1/2 Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Blk. 2, PBA, Shamrock.

HOME EQUITY DT—Cherry Lou Lackey to National Bank of Commerce, Shamrock, 7-3-00, Lot 4, Blk. 54, WSSA, Shamrock.

RDT—FirstBank Southwest NA to Steve A. Shennum, et al, 6-23-00, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. & BOFS—Robert P. Rittereiser to Halex Oil Corporation, 6-30-00, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. & BOFS—Deep Down Partners to Halex Oil Corporation, 7-6-00, See Instrument.

ASSIGN. & BOFS—Capricorn Energy to Halex Oil Corporation, 7-6-00, See Instrument.

ASSIGN.—Baker Recovery, Inc. to (The) Mahoney Children's Trust, 6-29-00, Sec. 2, Blk. 5, Brooks & Burleson Survey; Sec. 18, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Sec. 29, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey; and Secs. 34, 47 and 48, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

ASSIGN. & QC—Marathon Oil Company to Marathon Oil (West Texas) LP, 6-30-00, See Instrument.

ROY. D—Leonard Waddell to James A. Garner, 7-6-00, S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 5, I. M. Wright Survey.

God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

A bright sun shined Monday morning here in Allison, the making of another hot July day.

Lou Dean Douthit, Irene Keys and Virginia Puryear took Edna May to Erick for her 84th birthday. The event took place at the Rafter T. Lovel and Lovel Hobbs from Erick met them there. Lovel is Irene Keys' sister. Good food and a nice time had.

Linda Lieb from Stinnett visited Edna May over the weekend and visited Laura Herschman at the flower shop. Laura and Linda were roommates in college years ago. They ate dinner at Maxeys. Edna appreciated the calls and cards she said so nice to have friends. Nova Powledge and Edna May ate dinner at Maxeys on Sunday.

Wilma Gilmer and I visited Eddy and Wanda Walker's home last Monday afternoon. Pearl Harrison was also there visiting. We enjoyed visiting with Richard and Melody Draper and Victoria, Elizabeth and William, who are spending a few days with the Walkers. Wilma and I enjoyed seeing the twins and holding them.

Christine Gilmer's last Saturday's dinner guests were Darrel and Johnnie Harrison from Amarillo. Darrel brought the riding mower and mowed my yard for me. I appreciated that very much. Jerry and Cathy Gilmer from Amarillo attended church with me on Sunday morning. We went to Wheeler after church and ate dinner at Maxeys. We had a good restful visit in the afternoon. Jerry did do a few little jobs around here before they went home later in the evening.

Leota Black spent the weekend in Amarillo with Tim and Tina Thomas and Savanna and Sawyer.

Opal and Juanita Boydston's Sunday dinner guests, Curtis Boydston, Bobby and Karen Boydston and daughters, Crystal and April, from Barling, AK. The Bobby Boydstons are visiting relatives here at Allison.

Roma and Billy Brown were in Pampa last Thursday for Roma to see the eye doctor.

Richard and June Green and Louise Woodruff from Anson spent a long weekend with Roma and Billy. Other visitors there were Larry and Carrie Brown from Melvern, AK—they came Sunday evening and will be spending a few days with Roma and Billy.

Red and Anna Dukes went with Don and Donna Vinson and Minnie Bell on the 4th of July to Wheeler to the fireworks display. Minnie Bell's son, Don, and his wife, Donna, spent a week with Minnie Bell.

Red and Anna were in Elk City last Thursday for Red to see the doctor. On Friday they went back to Elk City for Anna to see the doctor.

Friday evening Anna's son, Claude, and Pat Pewitt from Mineral Wells arrived and spent the weekend and went home Sunday evening. They all went to Dill City on Friday night to a Gospel meeting at the Church of Christ.

Pearl Harrison's dinner guests July the 4th were Eddy and Wanda Walker, Bennie Boydston, Richard and Melody Draper, Victoria, William and Elizabeth of Whitehouse, Justin and Stephanie Walker and Tyler and Pastor McDaniel. Afternoon visitors were Jessie Smith and Mildred Skelton from Gorgo, AL, and also Hershel Sanford from Higgins. Jesse and Mildred spent last Tuesday night with Pearl and left, going home Wednesday afternoon.

Some of the Baptist folks went to the Care Center at Wheeler last Sunday afternoon and sang gospel songs to the residents and Bob Meller brought a short message to them. Those going were Shorty and Helen Crawford, Nona Jones, Nadine Reynolds, Nadine Lane and Judi Cornell and Bob Meller.

Irene Keys attended a Parson family reunion last weekend at the Holiday Inn at Elk City. There were nine brothers and sisters there. They enjoyed being together, visiting, telling the old time tales, taking pictures and eating.

Alan and Cheryl Lane, Jimmy Alan and J. W. attended the fireworks display at Foss Lake in Oklahoma on July 8th. It is called Christmas in July. Cheryl said it is awesome and a beautiful sight to see. Earlier last week Cheryl's uncle passed away. They attended the funeral at Woodson, Texas, on July 5th.

Nadine Lane and Vicki Gilmer will be closing the Allison Grocery store this week, Friday, July 14, 2000. The store has been there a long, long time and will be missed by many.

Eddy and Wanda Walker, Stephanie Walker and Tyler, Richard and Melody Draper, Victoria, Elizabeth and William went to Amarillo last Wednesday to the Wonderland park.

Justin and Stephanie Walker and Tyler's weekend guests were Ross and Lorrie Rodriguez and children from Amarillo.

Take time to pray—it is the greatest power on earth.

Escapee

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Wheeler County could mean 20 years. There is the possibility Molsinger could face sentencing as a habitual criminal. Sheriff Adams reports he will be sent back to Michigan where he faces multiple charges of burglary and auto theft.

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Fillingim Family Holds Reunion July 1-3

We had a wonderful Fillingim family reunion with relatives from many states. We felt so much love and friendship, such a fine group of people. Ruth Irvine organized and planned this event and the one for the Rose family with meals, games for all ages, door prizes with a church service with songs and speakers, delicious meals on Sunday night at Irish Inn Conference Room and dinner and supper on Monday at the spacious Shamrock Community Center. Steve Walker with help from Joyce and Caitlyn and Harold and Katherine Jones and Phillip Singleton catered Monday noon meal—delicious as always. Of course Dick Irvine always helps in many ways. And so many pitch in with food and help to get ready and clean up. We are grateful to each one. There was a treasure hunt in the park for small fry, fireworks Sunday night at the Hershmans, a 42 tournament and many other games, lots of swimming at Irish Inn Pool, besides much visiting. Also Chicken Foot and card games.

I know it's hopeless to list everyone but I'll name ones I can remember. We appreciate each one that made the effort to come. Many of the family groups had a skit involving many of their members. That was fun and very creative. Some there from Leola Root family were Eddie and Nancy Root from Clovis, New Mexico and Raymond and Jan Root from Dumas and daughters Beverly, Dayna and Andee and some of their families; from Leon Fillingim family were Vea Fillingim, Joe and Ann Myers from Florida, Evalyn Free from Tyler, Tex., Dick and Ruth Irvine and Casey Tipps and Justin and Marie Irvine, Craig and Stephanie Brock and Bryant, Timothy and Joshua, Charles and Sharron Gowin and Dakota from Pampa, Violet and Kenneth Farris from Houston, Mozelle and Glenn Thomas and Micah and Cole from Amarillo, Estelle and Everett McAdams and Lacey and Andrea McAdams; from Eula Newman family were Maxiene Oldham and Mike Oldham and wife and baby, Dub Oldham and wife and children, William Newman from Alabama, Cannie Mae, Laura Faye Huddler, Joe and Maurine Huddler and Ashley, Robbie and Steven Bleakley, Steve Jr., and Cathy Bleakley from Houston area; from E.

William and Flora Rose Descendents Gathering

The offspring of William and Flora Rose gathered for a reunion with supper at Baptist church in Wheeler Friday night and at Irish Inn Saturday and Sunday, June 30-July 2.

For a great time together were Vea Fillingim, Ann and Joe Myers from Florida, Evalyn Free from Tyler; Dick and Ruth Irvine and Casey Tipps, Stephanie and Craig Brock and Bryant, Timothy and Joshua, Justin and Marie Irvine from White Deer (Brooks from Mabank), Kenneth and Violet Farris from Houston, Estelle and Everett McAdams from Plains, Lacy and Andrea McAdams from Oklahoma, Mozelle and Glenn Thomas and Micah and Cole from Amarillo, Fay Sell and Glynda, Garland and Sharon Sell from Amarillo, Rex and Joyce Hardage, Willa Fillingim and Ed and Laurel Herschman and Brad and Sarita Dawson and Dallas, Micaela and Shelby, Gayle and Helen Singleton and Maralee from Amarillo, Randy and Kathi Singleton and Sara from Lewisville, Andy and Lisa Singleton and Phillip and Katie from Frisco, Charles and Lajo Crownover and Terri and Londa, Alan Herschman from Vincent, Indiana, Lacy Crownover, Gay Andler and Bonnie and Sandy and Gordon Stitts from Breaux Bridge, LA., Connie Cutner from Florida, Eda and Donald Bynum from Moss Point, MS. Larry and Iona Stroup from Canon City, CO (cousins). Also many others from the Fillingim reunion attended part of the reunion.

Laurel Herschman was in charge of Sunday morning Church service at Irish Inn. Gayle Singleton led many songs with Pixie Miller at the Keyboard. Others singing were Gay Andler and Bonnie, Connie and Sandy. Speakers included Don Bynum, William Fillingim, Estelle McAdams, Alan Herschman, Willa Fillingim and Bobby Maddox.

Also at Rose Reunion were Gladys Rose and daughter-in-law, Barbara Rose, from South Dakota and Drs. John and Alexandria Miller and children, Mark and daughter, Connie and Mark Upton and twin daughters and Amy and husband from Warner, Ok. Esther Rose, widow of Vergil Rose, also was there and Jed Brooks.

Some staying with Willa Fillingim were Jan Fillingim and Brian and Dana, Joan Fillingim and Chad, Creston and Lance from Arizona and Jerry Fillingim and Brendan from Calif. The guys helped build a bridge for Willa so hunters wouldn't have to wade in water.

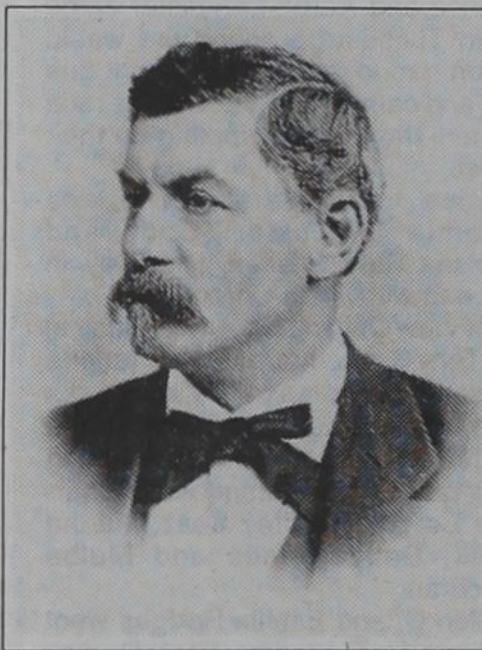
William and Elton Fillingim family members attending Rose and Fillingim reunions were William and Elton, Jerry and Greta Fillingim and Brendan and Angelia and Jeff and Cherene Fillingim-Selk and Nathan from California, Joy and George Hongisto and Jeremy and Karenda and Joan Fillingim and Chad, Creston and Lance from Arizona. Also Jan Fillingim and grandchildren, Brian and Dana.

Congratulations to Lynn Fillingim and Rick Martin. They were united in marriage Saturday night, July 1, in an outdoor ceremony at the Horace and Juanita Fillingim Country Bed and Breakfast. Juanita made the beautiful tiered wedding cake and had supper for the wedding of family members. William Fillingim performed the ceremony. An extra bonus was Rick's kids, Randi Jo and Zach. Welcome to the family. Pray for Randi Jo, 12, who had had cancer and lost her hair, but is pretty up-beat.

G. Fillingim family were Willa Fillingim, Laurel and Ed Herschman, Alan Herschman from Vincent, Indiana, Sarita and Brad Dawson and Shelby, Micaela and Dallas, Gayle and Helen Singleton and Maralee, Andy and Lisa Singleton and Phillip and Katie from Dallas, Randy and Kathi Singleton and Sarah, Charles and Lajo Crownover and Londa, Terri and Lacy, Jodi and Kenny Striley and Andrew; from Talmadge Fillingim family: A. T. and Shirley from Utah, Sandy Fillingim and Dawn and Jim Jones and Heather from Longmont, CO, Vaughan Fillingim from Utah, Lynn and Rick Martin and Zach and Randi Jo from Utah; from William Fillingim family were Jerry and Greta Fillingim and Brendan and Angelia, Cherene and Jeff Selk and Nathan, William and Elton, Jan Fillingim, Joy and George Hongisto and Jeremy and Karenda, Joan Fillingim and Lance, Creston and Chad all from Arizona; Willis and Verna Fillingim, and Danny and Dallas, Horace and Juanita Fillingim, Lawrence and Wanda Fillingim, Bonnie Maddox and Bobbye and Christene and her fiancé; none from Hugh's family; from Cornelia Lehman family were Cornelia, David and Elaine Lehman and Ginger, Lauren and Katherine from Indiana and Tim and Lucy Lehman and Jeffrey and Jennifer and Amber Lehman and friend Charla Barnett. Also from the Coker side (mom Fillingim was a Coker) were J. P. and Martha Meek and Cindy and Don Hartsfield and Glory and Hayden and Tamara and Aaron Hartline. Good to have each one there. Also Jan Fillingim's grandchildren were there: Brian and Dana. Also others of the Rose family were present.

To honor the veterans, Heather Jones, David Lehman, Dallas Dawson and friend and Chad, Alan Herschman, modeled uniforms worn by Talmadge and William Fillingim, Brad Dawson, Ed Herschman and Bob Lehman.

We had many veterans present.



George Brinton McClellan

1826 - 1884

George was a well educated gentleman. The caste system prevailed then as now. Gentlemen only associate together, they thought, and have nothing whatever to do with those others who were not of their class. But not George - he took to the Southerners saying their manners, feelings, and opinions were far, far preferable to those of the Northerners.

He was a complex contradictory man. It was said by those who knew him that he was possessed by demons and delusions.

McClellan was second in his graduating class from West Point but was arrogant enough to think it was a gross mistake - he should have been first! Everything about McClellan was outsized, his vanity and his political ambition, except his size - he was smallish in height - five foot 8 inches and slim.

In March 1852, he was ordered to report to Captain Randolph B. Marcy at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to serve as Engineer, Commissary, Quartermaster and Second-in-Command on an expedition to discover the headwaters of the Red River. Capt. Marcy named McClellan Creek for George.

The Army adopted his famous McClellan saddle, which remained standard issue as long as there was horse cavalry.

At age 37, he was nominated for the presidency of the United States by the Democratic party but was defeated by Abraham Lincoln.

(Editor's) Vicie Godwin Dysart is compiling a book on Panhandle history and has done profiles on several of the pioneer individual from this area. The above article is a profile on George B. McClellan.)

Water Is Fast Becoming Most Valuable Commodity

Forget oil and gas. Water is fast becoming our most valuable commodity. Without it, Panhandle farmers couldn't grow certain crops, including corn—and nearly 50 percent of Texas corn is supplied by our region. Adding to public concerns surrounding the issue, Dallas businessman, T. Boone Pickens wants to pipe water from Roberts County to cities in other parts of Texas. All this while experts worry that the region's water supply won't last through the next century. How valid are these concerns? Is there anything we can do now to prevent future shortages? These are questions that were addressed on "Going, Going, Gone: The Bid For Panhandle Water," Tuesday, July 11, at 9:00 p.m. on KACV-TV, the area's local public television station.

Host Ellen Roberson Neal and guests, Dallas businessman, T. Boone Pickens; Panhandle farmer, Randy Darnell; Regional Water Planning Coordinator, Jarrett Atkinson, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District General Manager, C. E. Williams, addressed local concerns and searched for answers throughout the course of the half-hour program.



FIRST IN THE CREEK: Samuel Hillhouse, a member of the Boy Scout I team, was the first to get pulled into the creek at the 4th of July Tog O' War. The picture was taken just before he dropped into the water. In the background is Drew Hillhouse. Pictured to the right are Jake Britt, Ben Dollar and Chris Simmons



BOY SCOUT I: The Boy Scout I team is doing their best to avoid getting pulled into the creek at the park during the 4th of July Tog O' War. Pictured are (l. to r.) Ben Dollar, Chris Simmons and Jacob Britt.



SECOND PLACE: The Wheeler Fire Department took second place honors in the annual 4th of July Tug O' War. Putting forth their best effort are four members of the team: (l. to r.) H. L. Owens, Marcus Rose, Robert Ford and Darrin Kuntz. Not pictured are Dean Hathaway and Dale Ford.

Signers of Declaration of Independents

(Editor's Note: This information was printed in Ann Lander's column in the 4th of July edition of the Amarillo Globe-News. It was written by Ellen in New Jersey.)

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons who served in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers and plantation owners. All were men of means and well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags. Thomas McKean was soounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Ellery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnet, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British Gen. Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged Gen. Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from the bedside of his dying wife. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and gristmill was laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children gone. He died shortly thereafter, heartbroken. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged "for support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of the divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

They gave us a free and independent America. The history books never tell us much of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We were British subjects at that time, and we fought against our own government. Too often, we now take these liberties for granted.

So—while you are enjoying the festivities of the July 4th holiday, take a few minutes and silently thank these patriots for their heroic contributions. It is not too much to ask for the price they paid. Freedom is never free.