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Area Resident's Brother Buried

Funeral services for Loren Trent of Childress, who died March 13th were held in the Church of Christ March 15th in Childress.

Author Judd of Abilene, Kan. and J. R. Chism, a Childress minister, officiated.

Mr. Trent was born in Hol- lene, N.M. and moved to Childress County as a small child.

Survivors include his wife, Exa Mae; his mother, Mrs. L. E. Murphy; two sons, Harold of Carey and Vernon of Amarillo; one daughter, Mrs. Ann Hill of Lawton, Oklahoma; one brother, Elmer Trent of Amarillo; two sisters, Mrs. L. V. Keel of Carey and Mrs. Arthur Moore of McLean.

McLean To Have Volleyball Tourney

A volleyball tournament will be held in McLean starting Thursday and will continue through Saturday. The meet will start each evening at 5:15 p.m.

The tournament, which will feature 20 teams, 10 men and 10 women teams, will be sponsored by the Tiger Booster Club.

There will be teams from Shamrock, Wheeler, Wellington, Pampa, Skelleytown and McLean.

Everyone is invited to come. Admission will be charged.

McLean Students Place At Tennis Meet

The high school boys and girls participated in a district tennis meet at Clarendon, which resulted in some first, second and third places for them.

The results of the meet were Lavonda Corbitt got a third in the girls singles, and Laura Cox and Lana Duniven placed third in the girls doubles.

In the boys divisions Marty Duniven and Morse Haynes got third in the boys doubles and Skeet Lowery placed second in the boys singles.

In the ninth grade division Ricky Lowery and Billy Bob Terry placed first in the boys doubles and Roger Jones placed third in Boys singles.

The coach for the tennis teams is Edgar Bailey.

Methodist Women Plan Good Friday Tea

The United Methodist Women of the McLean Methodist Church are having a Good Friday Tea at the church, April 12th at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is urged to attend.

Pampa F. B. L. A. Represented At Houston Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Davis of Morse, have just returned from Houston where Mr. Davis represented the Spearman-Pampa Federal Land Bank Association at the annual Stockholders Meeting of the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

The meeting, held at the Houston Oaks Hotel, was attended by members of 66 Federal Land Bank Association located in Texas. There were about 500 persons in attendance at this meeting.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Spearman-Pampa makes and services loans in this area. Members of the Board of Directors are W. B. Jackson, O. C. Holt, Lynn Davis, B. W. Renner, Paul Bowers and Virgil Brock. Others attending the meeting from this area were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers. Mr. Bowers is a member of the Stockholders Committee and he represented this area at the meeting.

S. S. Information Is Available

You may obtain service or information concerning social security by going to the social security office at 1541 North Hobart Street in Pampa or by telephoning 669-3381 (area code 806). The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday (except on national holidays).

A representative is available to explain the provisions of the Social Security Act and answer questions at meetings of farm groups, teacher groups, civic groups, high school and college groups, unions and other interested organizations. There are no charges for any of these services of the Social Security Administration.

Country Club Stockholders To Meet April 9th

The annual meeting of McLean Country Club stockholders will be held in the Club building, Tuesday, April 9th at 8 p.m. Election of 2 directors and other business.

Band Boosters Set Band Banquet

Friday, April 19, is the date selected by the Band Boosters for their annual banquet. The banquet will begin at 8 p.m. at the McLean Country Club.

Advance tickets will be available at Parsons Drug or from any High School Band member. We urge as many as possible to obtain their tickets in advance.

Texas Crime Rate Is Up During 1973

Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced this week that the Texas crime rate last year rose by 3.1%.

Speir said 492,654 major criminal offenses were committed during 1973 for a rate per 100,000 population of 4,177.2/ In 1972, there were 472,011 major offenses for a rate of 4,051.9.

In urban areas of Texas there were an estimated 440,097 major offenses as compared to 422,677 a year before. The urban crime rate rose by 4.9%, but in rural sections of the state, the crime rate wad down 12.7% from the figure noted in 1972. Rural offenses totaled 43,557 contrasted to 49,334 the previous year.

The largest increase in crime was in the robbery category, up 17.1% over 1972. Murders and homicides were down by 2.1%. In other types of criminal activity, these rate increases were noted by the DPS: rape, 1.5%; burglary, 2.8%; aggravated assault, 1.1%; theft, 2.7%; and auto theft, 2.4%.

Speir said that if the major crimes in Texas during 1973 had been evenly distributed as to frequency, there would have been one such offense every minute of every day.

The Department of Public Safety's 1973 crime report, in analysis of offenses by population density, noted that the crime rate rose faster, generally, in cities of less than 100,000 population than in the largest metropolitan centers.

Resident's Grandson Dies At Richardson

Funeral services for Reginal Karl Golightly of Richardson, were held March 27 at 2 p.m. at Guardian Westside Chapel. Officiating was Dr. Lyle Tullis.

Interment was in Bethany Cemetery.

Golightly, a 19 year old, was found dead by a friend who came by to pick him up to take him to work.

His survivors are his father and mother; two sisters, one brother; grandparents, Rev. Leo Lawrence and wife of Bethany, Okla. and Birdie Golightly of McLean and many other relatives.

Mrs. Joan Sherrod and son Todd, of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Ballard of Pampa visited their son and brother at Austin, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and family. They also attended the wedding of their grandson and nephew, Allen Wayne Smith.

Sen. Hightower To Speak At Gin Breakfast

Bill Estes, local Gin Manager, has issued a special invitation to area farmers and businessmen to a breakfast sponsored by the McLean Gin on Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 a.m. at the McLean Country Club.

State Senator Jack Hightower has been in touch with the Texas Air Quality Board and other State agencies regarding the status of retaining the McLean Gin.

Senator Hightower will speak informally to the group on this subject.

All area farmers and local business leaders are urged to be present to express their interest in retaining this much-needed asset in the McLean Community.

McLean Students Place First At U. I. L. Contests

McLean High School was represented at the U. I. L. District Literary Meet, held Tuesday and Friday of last week at Clarendon Jr. College. In competition with students from Wellington, Wheeler, Silverton, Clarendon, Claude, Valley High and Memphis McLean contestants picked up seven ribbons and qualified two for regional competition to be held in Lubbock, April 20.

Joe Sherrod, senior, placed first in Boys Prose Interpretation. Sherrod won the district competition last year and also placed fourth at regional.

Halcyon Back, a sophomore student, placed 3rd in Girls Poetry Interpretation.

Kerry Anderson, senior, placed third in the Ready Writing essay contest.

Cherylan Holmes, senior, placed first in Journalism Newswriting, third in Journalism Featurewriting, and third in Spelling and Plain Writing.



Andra Chanell Going announces the arrival of her baby brother, Chaddler Frank Going. Weighing in at 7 lb., 3 oz., on April 1, 1974.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bryan F. Going. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hefner and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harkins all of McLean. One great grandfather, Grady Graham of Wellington.

CITY - SCHOOL ELECTIONS SAT.

Girls Volleyball Team To Play Dist.

The Tigerette Volleyball team won the District 2-A tournament last Saturday at Valley High and then crouched to spring on Canadian girls this week only to have that team forfeit the Bi-District title. As a result the local girls are going to Regional Class A tournament in Levelland this weekend.

In the district tournament, McLean, in their first season of U. I. L. competition, downed Silverton two out of three games, 2-15, 15-10, 15-5. Valley High was the only other school represented in the trials.

At regional the team faces Wink in the South Plains gym at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. If the McLean team wins, they will go into the finals against the winner of a Vega-Jim Red clash.

Coach Nelson says his main spiking power sets on two seniors, 6'2" Lynda Martin and 5'10" LaVonda Corbitt. The other four starters are Lana Duniven, Lynda Eddleman, Gail Terry, and Cathy Estes. They are backed up by Melba Stooksberry, Delynn Miller, Debbie McConnell, Pam Lowery, Betty Holmes and Diann Miller.

FHA Collecting B. Crocker Coupons

By Cherylan Holmes

McLean Future Homemakers of America initiated this week a collection of Betty Crocker coupons to support the purchase of a pick up truck for Girls Town at Borger. Collection boxes have been placed in some downtown businesses and in the high school and junior high.

Approximately 600,000 coupons must be collected over 18 month period which began January 1st. If the goal is met, Girlstown U.S.A. of Borger will secure a pick up which will serve the more than thirty residents of the home.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMITTED
Ed Clifton
Faye Oakley
Lummie Pruett
Mary E. McClellan
James W. Hornsby
Maggie Brown

Visiting Mrs. Myrtle McCoy last week was Mrs. Cressie Hood from Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Turner of Post.

Voters will go to the polls this Saturday, April 6 to elect school and city officials.

The city election, which is being held to elect three city aldermen will be held at the city hall building from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. On the ballot for alderman are W. W. (Slick) Boyd, for re-election, Glenn Curry, for re-election, W. C. Kennedy, for re-election, and Miro Pakan. There will three elected.

The school election will be held at the school cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The voters will go to the polls to elect three school board trustees. There will be three names on the ballots, Casper Smith, George Eck and Leslie Darsey. Smith and Darsey are running for re-election.

A gray county school trustee at large will also be elected at the same time. On this ballot will appear the names of J. T. Trew and C. B. Haney.

An election will also be held in the Alanreed School for the purpose of electing three trustees. Those on the ballot are Frank Worsham, Dan Keller, Don Wilson and P. M. Gibson.

Track - Golf Teams To Play District Competition

By Cherylan Holmes

McLean High School boys track and golf teams will be competing for District 2-A honors this weekend along with 7 other schools. Golfers tee off Thursday, April 4th at the Clarendon Country Club and track events are scheduled for Friday, also in Clarendon.

Two golf teams are entered. "A" team golfers are David Pender, Morse Haynes, Sam Taylor, Marty Duniven and Ronnie Heasley. "B" team men are Gary Griffin, Ricky Muncrief, John Kesterson and Skeet Lowery.

Nine boys will be participating in track and field events. Joe Riley and Skeet Lowery will be taking the hurdles with Lowery also in the 100 yard dash. Handling the discuss and shot put are Wesley Brown, Ricky Kennedy, and Milton Best. Kit Long and Ricky Muncrief will high jump while running distance will be Marty Duniven on the 440 yard dash and Johnny Winegeart will sprint the half mile.

Visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mertel were Mrs. Gary Phillip of Houston and Mrs. Toni Patton and Wendy of Amarillo

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Girl Scouts Attend Cadette Camporee

Planning rock gardens, preparing flower beds, planting trees, trimming hedges and painting were all a part of the ecology day events at the Cadette Camporee held at Camp Cibola, the Quivira Council Girl Scout camp at Clarendon, March 29-31.

More than 90 girls attended the weekend jamboree directed by Mrs. Wayne Jones of Pampa. Mrs. Jones was assisted by field directors Mrs. T. M. Whiteley, Mrs. Jack Duke, and Ms. Celia Fowler, Mrs. Wallace Birkes, program committee chairman, Mrs. Jerry Carter, and troop leaders.

The roster of activities included a film festival on Friday night and a campfire sing with skits on Saturday evening. Hiking, kite making, mural and other craft decorations were also included in the schedule. Troops planned their own snack parties each night and troop 24 presented the Sunday religious service. There were two surprise birthday parties.

Those attending included Mrs. Larry Nash, troop III, Borger; Mrs. Carrol Heard, troop 182, Fritch; Mrs. Naomi Green, troop 210, Clarendon; Miss Evelyn Chamberlain, troop 219, and Miss Norma Jean Reed, and Mrs. Sue Marsh of McLean. From Pampa were troop 61, 87, Mrs. Wayne Jones; troop 90, Mrs. David Gantz, Mrs. Wallace Birkes; troop 24, Mrs. David Sims and Mrs. Mack Courtney.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

News From ALAN REED

Visit to Washington

Millions of American tourists will be visiting the nation's capital this year for a close-up look at their government. Although most of them won't realize it, they should be grateful for an unusual law called the Federal Tort Claims Act.

This Act, overturning the ancient doctrine that "the King can do no wrong," allows a citizen to hold the government liable in case he gets hurt on federal premises. For example, claims have been filed by:

a man who stumbled on uneven flooring in a Senate corridor;
a woman who skidded down the steps of the National Gallery of Art;

a woman who fell on ice behind the White House during a Christmas pageant; and,

a woman who slipped in the lobby of the Smithsonian Institute.



True, payment under the Act is not automatic. The victim must be able to establish some measure of fault on the part of the government.

Thus, a woman tourist who stepped into a hole beside the Washington Monument won her claim because she proved governmental negligence. It seems that some faulty plumbing, installed by a government crew, had undermined the paving and caused it to sink.

But a man who stepped into a hole near the Jefferson Memorial (at Cherry Blossom time) was denied damages because he had ventured into an area where the public was not supposed to go. The court said the government was not required to be as careful in places where visitors were not expected.

Of course, the Act applies equally to federal premises all over the country. You have its protection in courthouses and post offices, military bases and national parks.

In one case, a boy won damages under the Act after a wobbly mailbox toppled over on him. The court felt that the mailbox was a federal "place of business," just like the post office, and should be kept just as safe.

Alanreed Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Lucy Goldston March 27. Present was Lucy Goldston, Lucille Keller, Sue Crisp, Lena Carter, Polly Harrison, Betty Simmons and her mother, who lives in Shamrock. Other visitors were Barbara Ham-bright and Maggie Johnston of McLean. Mrs. Keller brought an interesting program on mushrooms. Growing them and about the ones that poisonous.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce are visiting their daughter's family the Jimmy Dewebbers in Jacksboro.

Mrs. Lena Carter spent Friday night in Pampa at her son's family. Her son Jerry had dental surgery Saturday morning and is reported doing fine.

Alanreed lost another resident last week. Mrs. Ruby Hill moved to McLean. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cecil of Amarillo were here to help her.

The Carl Neals, pastor of First Baptist Church in Alanreed visited several homes Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Davis returned home from Amarillo Saturday where they had been visiting in the home of their son Johnny. They visited her mother, Mrs. Terbush in Groom on their way home. Mrs. Terbush was not doing too good.

Mrs. Ocie Lefesta of Austin visited in the home of Ruby Cooke Monday.

Mrs. Ella Crabtree, a long time resident of McLean, has moved to Canyon where she will make her home with her niece, Mrs. A. V. Read at 403 Thompson Lane at Canyon.

With today's gasoline shortage there is the dangerous potential for more of these deaths.

If you do swallow gasoline or discover someone who has, do not induce vomiting. Keep the person calm and get them to medical care as fast as possible. But remember--do not induce vomiting. Gasoline is a pain in the stomach, but a killer in the lungs.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 YEARS AGO

McLean's Derrith Welch has been invited to play in the Texas Schoolboy All-Star Basketball Classic to be staged in Fort Worth in August.

"Vera Featherston Back Day" will be observed in McLean Monday, April 13, to honor Mrs. Jim Back, local school teacher whose first book is now being published.

20 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boyd are the parents of a boy born April 6 at the Groom Hospital. A luncheon honoring Mrs. R. L. Harlan on her 80th birthday was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Railsback Tuesday, April 6.

30 YEARS AGO

Charles Williams was the honoree at a party Monday afternoon celebrating his sixth birthday.

Only fifteen voters took the trouble to register at the school trustee election held Saturday.

Born Saturday, April 1, to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Carruth, at an Amarillo hospital, a 6 3/4 pound boy named Edward Patrick.

Born April 4 to Pvt. and Mrs. Robt. Dorris, a boy.

40 YEARS AGO

A new town located in the

oil field three miles east and 10 miles north of McLean is being promoted. The town will be known as Belco and is a consolidation of all the proposed towns in that section.

Ralph Caldwell manager of the Caldwell Bakery, has added an extra employee to take care of increased business.

Mrs. F. E. Stewart surprised her sister, Miss Verlin McPherson, with a seven o'clock dinner and forty-two party Wednesday, honoring her 18th birthday.

50 YEARS AGO

A number of young people went out to Skillet creek last Saturday evening for a bacon roast.

Floyd Morris of Wheeler has accepted a position in the McClesky Barber Shop and began working Tuesday.

A deal was consummated a few days ago whereby Frank Howard became the owner of Pete's Vulcanizing Shop.

A large number of votes were polled at the city election held Tuesday.

60 YEARS AGO

One of the swellest establishments in the city is the confectionery and ice cream parlors recently fitted up by Jeff Earp and into which he moved his business the first of the week.

RE-ELECT

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SYMPTOMS OF A DECLINING SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. When you grow bolder in sin and when you are more easily tempted to sin.
2. When you make a small matter of those sins that were once grievous and intolerable.
3. When you settle down to a course of religion that gives you little labor.
4. When God and our Saviour grow dim and when religion becomes men and their books, rather than God and His Book.
5. When you delight more in hearing and talking rather than in secret prayer and the Word of God.
6. When you give thanks at meals more as a matter of duty than as pure delight of your heart.
7. When you regard too much the eye of man and not enough the eye of God.
8. When you grow hot in arguing some specific point or forwarding some particular party rather than exalting Him.
9. When you grow harsh and bitter toward others who differ from you rather than love and tenderness toward all.
10. When you make light in preparing for the Lord's Day and the Lord's Table.
11. When your ministry to the lost and needy becomes a hardship and unbearable rather than a pleasure.
12. When our desire for material gain and comforts of the world interfere with God's will for our lives.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Swallowing Gas Could Be Fatal

Using your mouth when syphoning gasoline is extremely dangerous and can be fatal the Texas Medical Association warns.

Gasoline is a poison which acts as an irritant in the digestive tract. In the lungs, however, it is most often fatal.

Relatively small amounts of gasoline in the stomach will cause pain and discomfort, irritate the digestive tract and can cause ulceration and other complications. However, should a person who has swallowed even a small quantity of gasoline vomit, there is extreme danger of some of the gasoline entering the lungs.

Even one or two drops of gasoline in the lungs can be fatal. The gasoline causes chemical pneumonitis, a condition causing permanent damage to the lungs and frequently leading to death.

Recent deaths in the U. S. have been reported as the re-

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STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
by Bill Boykin
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Constitutional Convention delegates will take a break from their duties at the end of this week — until after the May 4 primaries.

They voted last week to recess for 30 days after tentative passage of local government and legislative articles — or no later than April 5. They will return at 2 p.m. May 6 to finish up.

Delegates approved by a 123-47 margin (with a two-thirds majority, or 121 votes, needed as a minimum) a 60-day extension of the convention after the recess. That means a July 30 final adjournment date whether work is completed or not.

Chances appeared brighter for agreement on a revision document for submission to voters at the general election.

Work already is completed on the preamble, bill of rights, and articles on the executive branch, education, finance, manner of amending the constitution, voting rights and local government.

The article on the legislature is expected to take all week.

Yet to be considered are judiciary and general provisions articles, which stayed in committee longer than any, and the brief article on separation of powers.

All must muster a two-thirds majority vote after the recess before they can be submitted for approval of citizens.

The convention already has cost \$1.8 million. About \$590,000 is left from the original legislative appropriation, which would be enough to run the convention about 30 days beyond May 6.

INSURANCE BREAK DUE — High risk drivers can get a break in insurance rates under a new plan approved last week.

The State Board of Insurance authorized "upward deviation" from standard rates for those drivers whose records do not qualify them for either reduced or standard premiums.

Phoenix Insurance Company of the Travelers Insurance Group made the first acceptable filing, providing a market for the high risk drivers at 35 to 115 per cent above manual rates for different classes of coverage.

Such drivers have been charged up to 300 per cent above standard.

First National Insurance Company of America (Safeco group) was also approved to provide coverage to higher risk drivers at an additional 15 per cent for all private passenger classes.

Sixty-nine companies have been granted Board permission to sell auto insurance at less than standard rates, and two

have permission to sell at greater rates.

NORMAL TRAVEL SEEN — The energy shortage will ease enough by mid-June to insure a near-normal summer travel season in the state, according to Texas Tourist Development Agency projections.

The Sunday gasoline sales ban is the biggest factor in a six per cent decline in attendance at major Texas tourist attractions during the first two months of 1974, the tourist agency figures.

Campaigns are being sponsored to encourage Texans to spend their vacations near home and residents of neighboring states to visit Texas on well-promoted package tours.

CRIME RATE UP — Texas' crime rate rose 3.1 per cent last year, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DPS reported 492,654 major criminal offenses during 1973 for a rate per 100,000 population of 4,177.2. In 1972, there were 472,011 major offenses and a rate of 4,051.9.

OFFICIAL OPINIONS — Basic information from police arrest records should remain available to the press, Atty. Gen. John Hill concluded in a revised opinion Monday. The opinion replaced a controversial one written last January holding Houston airport police could withhold detailed offense reports from newsmen.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

The new lobby control law is not unconstitutional, although it may chart a fine course between lobbying and bribery.

In a series of new opinions, Secretary of State Mark White Jr. held:

Candidates can make campaign expenditures to allow the press to accompany them on their travels.

Expenditures below \$100 by friends for printing and mailing campaign letters do not have to be reported by candidates.

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COURTS SPEAK — A \$238,250 judgement against General Motors in the death of a Houston woman who died when her new car plunged out of control was upheld by the State Supreme Court.

U.S. Supreme Court upheld Texas procedures for nominations of minority party and independent candidates.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed and remanded a murder conviction of a San Antonio man because a juror was informed the man had threatened to "kill again."

Too much prosecution evidence resulted in reversal by the Court of Criminal Appeals of a 25-year rape sentence assessed a Dallas man.

The Court of Criminal Appeals upheld two 100-year sentences of a Dallas man in a rape-robbery.

REPORTS RECEIVED — Plans from 222 state agencies for insuring equal employment opportunity have been received.

Thirty-eight of the state agency affirmative action plans have been approved by the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, and 184 are being reviewed. Only five state agencies have not submitted plans and policy statements.

APPOINTMENTS — Governor Dolph Briscoe named Dr. James W. White of Houston to the Veterans Affairs Commission to succeed J. Walter Janko of Somerville.

Other new appointments by Briscoe include J. H. Jemison of Houston to the Texas Cosmetology Commission, and Anthony Cangelosi of San Antonio, Robert Uhr of New Braunfels and Ross Forney of Renner to the Interim Committee on Small Business.

Thomas L. Toone, formerly of Balmorhea, was appointed to the legal staff of the secretary of state's elections division.

VALLEY DEADLINE SET — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White ordered all Lower Rio Grande Valley cotton farmers to complete planting by midnight March 31 to further the pink bollworm control program.

The program includes planting and plow-up dates found beneficial in fighting the insects.

Counties affected by the March 31 deadline were Cameron and lower portions of Hidalgo and Starr.

Planting deadline for other counties north to Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, and San Patricio is April 20.

Mrs. James Reneau of Shamrock visited Mrs. Orphus Tate one day last week. They were Amarillo visitors on Wednesday.

Thursday evening visitors in the A. W. Lankford home were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brown of McLean, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lankford of Shamrock and Mrs. W. A. Lankford's daughter, Mrs. Paul Manget of Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Phillips and daughter, Mrs. Nancy Setzler of Shamrock were Amarillo visitors last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Clay of Hedley visited over the weekend in the Bob Bidwell home. Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Bidwell visited relatives in Pampa Saturday.

Mrs. O. O. Tate and Mrs. K. S. Rippe were in Wheeler Thursday on business and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Corbin and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Phillips were in Erick, Okla., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lankford and Mrs. K. S. Rippe visited in Shamrock Monday in the H. S. Rippe home.

Visitors in the Arlie Grigsby home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norman, Elizabeth, Rebecca and William of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones were in Hedley on Wednesday

Political Announcements

Political announcements appearing in this column are subject to the action of the Democratic Primary May 4, 1974. All announcement fees must be paid in advance.

- FOR GRAY CO. JUDGE Don Cain
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- FOR COUNTY TREASURER Jean Scott
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Mrs. Betty Skipper Teaches 4th Grade

By Robbie Turpen
Betty Skipper is the 4th grade teacher here in McLean. She has taught 12 years. She taught 1st grade in Tallula, Louisiana for one year also. She graduated from High School in Jonesville, Louisiana. She graduated from Louisiana College. She seems to like it very much here in McLean.

Shirley Field Is McLean Coach

By Toni Wynn
Shirley Fields is a coach at McLean. She teaches grade school, junior high, and high school girls athletics. Mrs. Fields has taught at McLean for two years. She lives with her husband, Keith, between Groom and Pampa. Mrs. Fields graduated from Lefors High School. From there she attended two years at West Texas. While attending W.T. she played Varsity tennis. Her junior year she transferred to Texas Tech University. She ran track and graduated with honors.

Among her honors include outstanding physical education major and she is a member of Delta Psi Kappa. Mrs. Fields has her degree in Physical Education. Her hobbies are tennis, golf, and horseback riding.

Jr. High Annuals Are Sold

By Brenda Heasley
For the past two weeks the annuals have been on sale for the Grade School and Junior High. The cost of the annuals were \$2.25 per annual. Friday March 22 was the last day to buy the annuals. The annuals will be in before the end of this school year.

Purposes of Sports

By Leisa Gabel
The purpose of sports in school is for mental and physical reasons. Sports are for fun and work.

Sports help the students body stay healthy and in shape. When playing in certain sports, such as basketball and football, plays are important. Players have to know, learn, and memorize plays. This helps players ability to learn.

Some of the sports in school are football, basketball, track and tennis.

I think the purpose for sports in school is for the students and the town. Almost everyone enjoys coming and watching McLean schools participate in sports.

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Jr. High To Go To U. I. L. Contests

By Scott Haynes
McLean Elementary and Jr. High School plans to go to Clarendon to participate in the University Interscholastic League contest.

The contestants in the storytelling are second grader Brian Smitherman and third grader Margaret Horn.

Storytelling is one event where a person reads the contestants story, then the contestant goes in front of the judges and tells the story.

Purposes For Going To School

By Deloris Morgan
I think that every young person going to school should be urged to finish their education. For one reason, to get a good job.

You really need a good education for some experience at what you might be doing when you are older. You need to go to school for competition.

I would like to urge every person going to school now, to go on and finish school for his sake and for his future's sake. Remember, a good education can last you a life time.

U. I. L. Results

By Billie Lowery
There were two Jr. High English U. I. L. events which took place during the month of March at Clarendon Jr. College. They are Ready Writing and Oral Reading. The Ready Writing contest was March 26. The students who participated in this event were Toni Wynn, Rachel Glenn, and alternate, Carolyn Bailey. The Oral Reading contest took place March 29. Students who participated in this event were Melinda Hunt, Carter Trew and alternates, Jeanette Hatfield and Tommy Eck.

Girls Cancel Track Meet

By Curtis Simpson
The McLean Jr. High girls canceled their track meets at Gruver scheduled for April 5 and one at Panhandle that was held March 22. Mrs. Field the girls track coach, is trying to get a duel meet with Groom, but as of now, the only track meet left is the District track meet scheduled for April 18 at Panhandle.

New Teacher

By Kathy Beshears
Mrs. Naomi Ashcraft, a new teacher, in McLean, is a Resource teacher under ECOP, Eastern Panhandle Cooperative with headquarters in Shamrock. Mrs. Ashcraft teaches students of the Elementary grade level. Mrs. Ashcraft graduated from Eastern New Mexico University. The amount of students she teaches varies according to the needs of the children. Now she teaches about twenty students.

Mrs. Ashcraft's hobbies are reading, sewing and swimming. Her pet peave is people who try to be something they aren't.

One of McLean's School Teachers

By Carolyn Bailey
Mrs. Holwick teaches resource classes at McLean High School. She has been teaching for 14 years and likes it very much. Her hobby is reading and she likes to work with students. Mrs. Holwick graduated from Abilene Christian College at Abilene and from Mexico City College at Mexico City, Mexico. She is married to Bob Holwick and has two children, Von who is a first grader and Callie, who is two years old.

Joel Nelson Is Girls B. Coach

By Sammy Haynes
Mr. Joel Nelson is the high school girls basketball coach in McLean. He also has a history class in high school. This is his first year at McLean. He likes coaching and teaching in McLean. He graduated from Olton High School and got his degree at McMurry College. He has a wife and one son.

C. C. Provides Entertainment

By Jodette Swanner
The drama class and stage band from Clarendon came to the McLean High School auditorium last Friday. The drama class put on a play called "Free To Be". This play was written by the class. After the play the stage band performed several of the numbers they've worked on.

The Importance of Having Tests

By Ken Parker
I think tests are important because it is the only way teachers can find out whether their students have studied and what students need help in. It helps teachers know what students need extra help in and what students can work on their own. For this reason I think tests are an important part of school.

J. H. Track Boys Go To Memphis

By Tim Johnston
The McLean Jr. High track boys traveled to Memphis last Friday for a track meet. There were about 24 teams participating in this track meet. McLean won only fifteen points in this meet since there were many triple A and double A schools participating. Vernon won first place in the meet.

Teachers Aid

This year McLean has Teacher's Aide, Mrs. Sarah Cunningham. She works along with Mrs. Naomi Ashcraft. Mrs. Cunningham has three children Craig, Connie, and Leslie. She has been married and to Conald Cunningham for 19 years. She has lived in McLean most of her life, except for six years, when she lived in Washington.

By Mary Gately

BIRTHDAYS

- APRIL 5
Mrs. Bob James
Noah Cunningham
Troy Smith
Betty Simmons
- APRIL 6
Clyde Brown
Mrs. Jack Bailey
Larry Boyd
- APRIL 7
John Kalka
Marlinda Kim Howard
- APRIL 8
Wanda Jean Dorsey
Lana Sue Fry
Barney Pool
Boyd Meador
- APRIL 9
Ruby Gilbreath
J. P. Webb
Gladys Comstock
- APRIL 10
Mrs. Laura Cupell
Cleo Heasley
B. T. Watt
J. E. Smith
Douna Thrasher
- APRIL 11
Joyce Ann West
David Pool
June Bible
Jackie Steel

FFA Judging Team To Go To Lubbock

Three MHS judging teams will be involved along with more than 60 others in contests at West Texas State University this Saturday. Dairy and Poultry judging teams will be vying for district banners and livestock judges will be in practice competition.

Representing McLean in the livestock judging are Delinda Howard, Dean Terry Smith, Jerry Rollins, Dave Jefferson, Ricky Lowery, and Dale Steele. Each member will grade and mark both swine and cattle.


In the dairy division, Long, Ronnie Heasley, Darsey and Greg Tolleson are entered to class dairy stock.

Poultry judges are Jay Dee Fish, Johnny Winegar, James Thompson and Dave Jefferson. Their competition involves the grading of broiler and fryers, and egg and ready-to-cook meat.

April 20th, all FFA clubs in the area may submit their judging teams for the meet to be held at Texas Tech. McLean teams are planning to participate, striving for the top 5 positions which qualify them for state.

The McLean Livestock Judging team placed 5th of 12 teams in a contest at Pampa earlier this year. On the team were Dennis Brooks, Terry Smith, Greg Tolleson, and Dean Trew.

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Market Report

Although beef prices may drop a few pennies, consumers this week shouldn't count on "any startling changes in meat prices," one observer predicted.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, said best beef values will appear on round steaks and roasts, arm and blade pot roasts and steaks, ground beef and liver.

Most stores will feature a number of chuck cuts and some T-bone steaks.

Pork values generally will be a shoulder roasts and steaks end-cut loin roasts and chops, smoked ham portions and picnics, Boston butt roasts, and quarter loin cut into chops.

Egg Prices are down slightly with large-size eggs offering the best economy.

At fruit counters, oranges and grapefruit offer good quality at reasonable prices, and bananas are a good value. Apples, strawberries and pineapples are other choices.

Mrs. Clyatt listed cabbage, carrots, celery, bulk turnips and rutabagas as fresh vegetable items in good supply.

Also acorn squash, mustard, collards, turnips and greens.

Consumer Watchwords: Sometimes chicken parts make as good a buy as the whole bird, but usually they don't.

When the whole bird is 45 cents a pound, parts are an equal buy, if: breast halves with ribs are 50 cents a pound, breast halves without ribs are 61 cents a pound, drumsticks are 46 cents a pound, thighs are 50 cents a pound, wings are 36 cents a pound, and drumsticks with thighs are 48 cents a pound.

The extra cost of convenience is reflected on apts with higher per-pound prices than those listed above.

Dee Davidson and Brady McCoy of Amarillo visited last week with Mrs. Myrtle McCoy.

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We want to express our appreciation to those who were so helpful during our time of sorrow. For the food, cards, flowers and word of sympathy. The love and kindness helped to make our burden lighter. Pat and Johnny Guill

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I want to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls, and cards received while I was in the hospital and especially to the Drs., nurses and staff. May the Lord bless you. Nora Clawson.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and since I have come home.

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Mrs. Buddy Day and family have moved to Pampa.

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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
 John C. White, Commissioner

Cotton In West, Sorghum In East . . . Turkey Income Hits New High . . . Texas Farm Worker Numbers Decline . . . Cattle Placements Nosedive.

Most major crops in Texas will see an increase in acres this year. Only oats, soybeans, and peanut acreages are expected to be under 1973 levels, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

Cotton acres in Texas will be up 500,000 acres this year from last year. Grain sorghum acres in the state will be up 100,000 acres this year. Wheat acreage is up 1,000,000 acres this year compared to 1973.

Some interesting figures are revealed in the location of those extra cotton and grain sorghum acres. Of the 500,000 acre cotton increase in Texas this year, only 13,000 acres will be planted in the eastern part of the state. The remainder - 487,000 acres - will be planted in the western half including the High Plains.

Grain sorghum acres this year will decrease in the western part of the state from last year. In 1973, a total of 4,542,000 acres of sorghum was planted in the western part of the state. This year, there will be 212,000 fewer acres of grain sorghum in that part of Texas.

For the eastern part of the state - from the Blacklands on east - sorghum acres are expected to total 3,880,000. This is an increase of 322,000 acres from the 1973 plantings in the eastern section of Texas.

Wheat acres will be up 1,000,000 from 1973 throughout the state, yet the crop will be about half that of 1973 because of the drought in west Texas and the Amarillo area. All sections of Texas report increases in wheat acres this year compared to 1973.

Soybean acreage in Texas is down 50,000 acres compared to 1973; oat acreage is down 200,000 acres from last year; peanut acres this year will be 5,000 acres fewer than in 1973.

TURKEY income in Texas for 1973 grossed a record \$70,500,000. Texas now ranks fifth in the number of turkeys raised and is in fourth place in gross income. Production in 1973 totaled 8,900,000 birds; this is 13 per cent higher than last year. The average price of turkeys in 1973 was 39.7 cents per pound; the total gross and price per pound is about double a year earlier.

PLACEMENTS in feedlots in Texas and the major states are down sharply. In Texas, placements are 23 per cent below February and 49 per cent below the previous month. Nationwide, placements in seven major feeding states - Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas - are down 48 per cent from the preceding month and 20 per cent below a year ago.

Texas continues to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation with 2,318,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter as of March 1. This is one per cent below a month ago, but is six per cent above a year ago.

TOTAL number of farm workers has declined from an annual average of 423,000 in 1960 to an average of 264,000 in 1973. This is a reduction of 38 per cent.

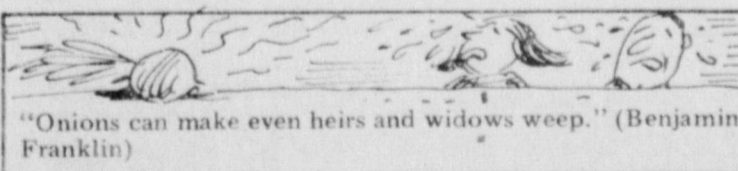
During the same period (1960 to 1973), family labor declined from 258,000 to 184,000; this is a reduction of 29 per cent.

Hired labor has dropped from 165,000 in 1960 to 80,000 in 1973, a decline of 52 per cent.

A decrease of 15 per cent in the number of Texas farms is also noted during the period 1960 to 1973.

The number of Texas farms now totals 209,000. While the number of farms was decreasing, the size of the average farm continues to rise.

In 1960 the average size farm in Texas was 619 acres. In 1974, the average size is 678 acres, an increase of 10 per cent.



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Gardens Help Keep Down Food Bills

Reducing food bills is just one good reason for having a home garden, according to a local soil conservationist.

Many young people, and adults too, have never had the satisfying educational experience of cultivation the soil. Rodney Hyatt, soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service said.

"Children are pretty sick these days of being told that they are living in a pre-packaged, quick frozen world—even if it is true. A small garden can teach a lot about soil-plant relationships, soil and water conservation, and an appreciation for the productivity of the earth," Hyatt continued. "This is a good enough reason for having a home garden."

Another thing you hear a lot about these days is 'quality of life,' Hyatt said. "And it is my view that the superb flavor of your own fresh wilted-lettuce salad, corn-on-the-cob, and homegrown tomatoes improve your quality of life. This is another good reason for having a home garden."

"When you put in your garden, don't forget the need for soil and water conservation," Hyatt said. "Contact your local Soil Conservation office and obtain two little leaflets

CATTLE MARKET

Fat Cattle are having a hard time holding their own. The encouraging thing is the fact more cattle are being slaughtered the last few weeks than in sometime. Retailers have lowered their price. If we can continue at this heavy a pace for the next six weeks to two months we should be getting out of the woods. The mid May threatened truck strike could have another very severe affect on the market. Cattle feeders should continue to market in an orderly manner. Continued withholding action coupled with a truck strike could put us behind the eight ball again. The troubled fat cattle market is having a adverse affect on Stockers. We don't look for any speculator price movements upward even if fat cattle does move up as much as four or five dollars per cut. There are probably more cattle being boylogged outside the feedlot than in the feedlot.

COTTON GIN

It is my understanding efforts are underway to retain the gin so it will be available for ginning area cotton here at McLean. Loss of the gin would probably mean the last

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of the cotton crop in Gray County. It is difficult enough to get cotton ginned even with a gin close by. When it has to be transported 25 to 50 miles in bulk before ginning, other crops will be substituted.

According to Bill Estes, Gin Manager, the McLean Gin is sponsoring a free breakfast at the McLean Country Club for the purpose of retaining the gin for area farmers.

The breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m., April 6th at the McLean Country Club. According to Bill anyone interested in retaining the gin is invited and urged to attend. **COYOTE CONTROL**

We have had very little response to our plea concerning the coyote problem. If you feel another aerial shoot program would be helpful you should visit with representatives of your county comm court. Last year they had a most successful pilot program. Some 275 coyotes were shot from helicopter.

GARDENING

Pat Durham asked me to send her a bulletin on gardening. We have a new home gardening publication that's a dandy. I'll send a few to McLean News. You may pick up one there.

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J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

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The rabies becomes very personal. You may have to pay a fine, have your pet put to sleep and a rabies examination performed, or—worse—have your child submit to a series of painful rabies shots.

During 1973, reports the Veterinary Public Health Division of the State Health Department, there were 271 labo-

that will give you some good suggestions on home-garden conservation. If you have questions on garden pests, varieties or diseases, you should contact your University Extension Service office.

ratory confirmed animal rabies cases in Texas. This is a decrease from the 343 cases reported in 1972 but still a sizable figure. The State Health Department furnished 721 anti-rabies treatment series to people of the state in 1973.

Only a small fraction of the cases of confirmed rabies appeared in pets. But, during 1973, seven dogs and 18 cats had confirmed rabies cases. Most pet owners are extremely lax about having their cats vaccinated.

Forty cases of rabies were confirmed in livestock during 1973, five more cases than were reported the previous year. Cattle accounted for 23 cases, horses 16 cases and sheep one case.

Rabies in livestock can be a rather dangerous situation for both farmers and ranchers and for veterinarians. Often in attempting to diagnose an animal illness, a person will expose himself to rabies.

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- Grows old

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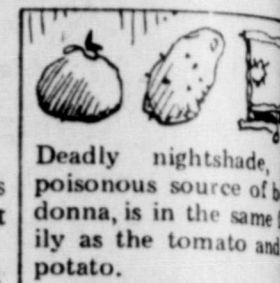
ANSWER

Wildlife produced the largest number of rabies cases last year. Two hundred six rabies cases were confirmed in wildlife, and skunks headed the list with more than half the total. Skunks accounted for 140 cases, foxes 31 cases and bats 26 cases. Rabies also was found in raccoons, bobcats, coyotes and ringtails.

Which brings up another good point. If you observe any wild animal acting strangely, with no fear of man, keep away from it. Also train your children to avoid animals in the wild. These friendly animals could be rabid. It's a sure bet that something is wrong if they don't flee from man.

Rabies appeared in 97 Texas counties last year, and suspected rabies specimen were sent into State Department of Health Laboratories from all sec-

tions of the state. In fact, 6,757 specimens were tested by Health Department laboratories for rabies examination. Rabies may be of little concern to the average person these days, but to your local health department and health departments rabies is a very serious matter. You can do your part to insure safety of your family and friends by having all pet animals vaccinated against this disease.



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