





# DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

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Alice Bureson passed away Wednesday in the Canterbury Villa at Gorman. She was a former resident of Desdemona. She is survived by two sons, Harold Bureson of Benbrook and Bob of Stephenville; and a daughter, Imogene Norris of Carbon. Burial was in Gorman.

Pat Isbell of Grand Prairie was buried Wednesday, February 1 in De Leon. He was a former resident of Gorman and is survived by his wife, Emma Lou (Browning) Isbell of Grand Prairie; two daughters, Deb-

bie Holt of Nashville, Tenn. and Patricia Chandler of Buffalo.

Our sincere sympathy to these families.

Desdemona Community Center will sponsor an Outsiders Volleyball Tournament March 9-10-11. Entry fee must be paid by March 1. Concession stand will be open every night with plenty to eat. Call Karen Eaves at 758-2202 for more information. All proceeds go for repairs on the building.

impact on local rural hospitals. To begin with, the state's involvement in this area is limited and, almost without exception, closely directed by the federal government and its agencies. It is probably noteworthy that Governor Clements' State of the State message to the legislature on January 31st mentioned many, many areas of state concern but totally omitted and reference to local rural hospitals.

Secondly, I think I can assure you without reservation that the plan and policy of the federal administration is to create an environment through Medicare and Medicaid payment schedules and requirements in which local rural hospitals simply cannot continue to exist.

This is simply a new chapter of the old centralization urge by the federal government steeped in the theory that bigger is better. Of course, the major problem is, that it appears to be contrary to the idea that local preventive medical steps at least are as important as the treatment subsequent to the occurrence of the medical problem.

The solution, if in fact there is a solution, would appear to be the formidable task of changing federal policy as to regulation of physical facilities and as to Medicare and Medicaid payments made to hospitals. As a practical matter I am not all sure that it can be done in anywhere the approaching time frame neces-

## Graveside Rites Held Wednesday For Derrell Gene Hamilton

Derrell Gene Hamilton, 55, of Conroe, died Saturday, February 4th.

Services were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. in Brookshire Funeral Home in Houston. Graveside rites were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

A native of Rising Star, he was a 35 years employee of Port Terminal Railroad in Houston. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Hamilton of Conroe and John Paul Hamilton of Houston; a daughter, K. L. Slasser of Spring; a sister, Leota Harrison of Breckenridge; and his mother, Mrs. Winnie (McClendon) Hamilton of Breckenridge.

He was the son of the late Bill Hamilton.

sary to save many of our rural hospitals.

If the task is accomplished, it must be accomplished in Washington, on the federal level through the efforts of our United States congressional representatives and senators. While I have a lot of faith in these individuals and their abilities, I am not at all sure this is a task even they

## HSU Cowboy Band Travel To France on February 9th

Hardin-Simmons University's well travelled Cowboy Band is heading for Nice, France, again. Representatives of the school's Six White Horse Riders will accompany the band to assist.

Band members, including Stephen Slampa of Gorman, directed by W. Scott Mather, will leave Abilene on February 9th for weeklong participations in Nice's Carnival celebration. The band was a hit in the celebration three years ago and

is returning upon request from the special committee in charge of the celebration.

It will be the band's third trip to Europe this decade as it traveled under the auspices of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance in 1984 to England, France, Switzerland and West Germany.

Bandsmen will travel to Houston on Feb. 9 to depart on

an Air France plane for Paris and Nice, arriving back in Houston on Feb. 16.

While in Nice, they will participate in parades, give concerts, attend receptions and serve as goodwill ambassadors from Abilene, Texas and the U.S.A.

White Horse riders will travel without their horses, according to Dr. William O. Beazley, because of the expense in transporting them abroad. But, they will be flag bearers of the Six Flags Over Texas, including an day French flag.

## CAPITOL UPDATE

by Jim Parker



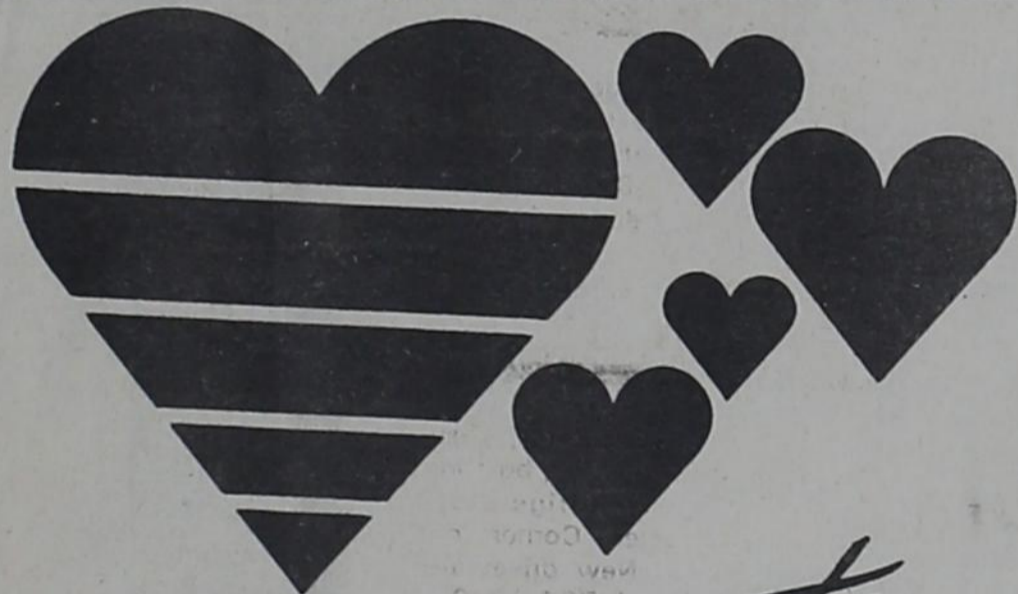
The continuing controversy concerning rural hospitals and their questionable future has been a matter of great concern in my office for the past two weeks. My district has at least five hospitals that are in immediate trouble and many more with potentially insurmountable problems.

My staff and I have attempted to educate ourselves in this area and I believe we are to the point where we can at least recognize and pinpoint the major areas contributing to the demise of local rural hospitals.

First, assuming state leadership really cares, there is very little the state can do that, in my opinion, would have a significant beneficial

### HOOS-GOW FACTS

1. WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
2. AN ECONOMIC CRISIS EXISTS IN EASTLAND COUNTY.
3. TEXAS WILL BUILD SEVERAL PRISONS SOMEWHERE THIS YEAR.
4. PERMANENT JOBS AND PAYROLL OF A PRISON LOCATED HERE COULD SOLVE OUR PROBLEM.
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"Corkey" Johnston Services Set Thursday

John W. "Corkey" Johnston, 50, of Ranger, passed away Tuesday in an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jarry Speer officiating. Burial will be in Merriman Cemetery directed by Edwards Funeral Home. A lifetime resident of Ranger, he attended Ranger schools and Texas A&M University. He was a retired self-employed oil field construction worker. Survivors include his wife, Phillis Johnston of Ranger; three sons, Wesley, James and Joey Johnston, all of Ranger; two daughters, Melba Roberts of Desdemona and Wanda Dossey of Gordon; his mother, Ima Johnston of Ranger; four brothers, Jerry Don Johnston of Cisco, Roger of Abilene, Billy Ray and Jimmy, both of Ranger; four sisters, Jo Ann Kinder of Arizona, Mary Alice

Aedelle Skaggs Henderson Laid To Rest On Monday

Ardelle Skaggs Henderson, 79, of De Leon passed away Saturday, February 4th in a De Leon nursing home. Services were held at 1:30 p. m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Michael Hale, Lowell Dean Skaggs and Cecil Harper officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home. Born in Comanche Conuty, she was a longtime De Leon resident. She was a homemaker, a member of the Rock Bluff Baptist Church and the widow of Robert Stanley Skaggs and Charlie Henderson. Survivors include three sons, the Rev. Lowell D. Skaggs of Clyde, Melvin Skaggs of De Leon, and Choate of Colorado, Gladys Walker and Betty Stowe, both of Ranger; and 10 grandchildren.

Ozy Harris Neatherlin Laid To Rest Wednesday

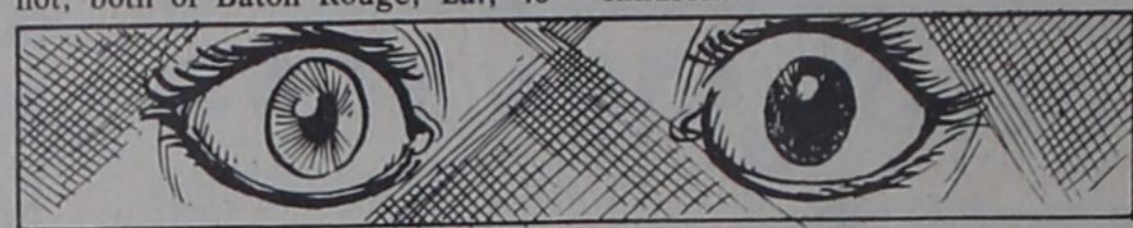
Ozy Harris Heatherlin, 82, of Sweetwater, died Monday in a Sweetwater hospital. Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at McCoy Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Paul Dawson officiating, assisted by Rev. Billy Sanders. Burial was in Roscoe Cemetery. Born in Grandfield, Okla., she lived in Sweetwater most of her life. She was the widow of Chester Harris, Sr. and P. M. Neatherlin. Shw was a homemaker and memker Stanley Skaggs of Everman; a daughter, Margie (Mrs. Argie) Hale of De Leon; two brothers, Pete Joiner of Gorman and "Cotton" Joiner of Snyder; two sisters, Agnes Baker and Geraldine Singleton, both of De Leon; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

of the Church of God. Survivors include three sons, Jasper Harris of Cheney, Wash., and Chester and James Harris, both of Sweetwater; nine daughters, Nina Kimbell of Amarillo, Neva Thompson of Gorman, Peggy Butler of Odessa, Ruth Keating of New Mexico, Nettie Sanders of Hot Springs, Ark., Linda Downs of Chughton, Kans., Nova Biggs of Sweetwater,

Sterlin Clovis Tucker Laid To Rest On February 3rd

Sterlin Clovis Tucker, 77, of Rising Star died Wednesday, February 1 at his residence. Services were held at 3 p. m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Armo Bentley officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home. Born in Carbon, he lived in Rising Star most of his life. A Baptist, he was named Outstanding Farmer of the Year in 1985 in Rising Star. Survivors include his wife, Cloia Tucker of Rising Star; two daughters Delois Duke of Fort Worth and Carolyn Ray of Odessa; three sons, Royis Tucker of Early, Berney of Southlake and Dickie of Midland; two brothers, Winston Tucker of Odessa and Wayne of Arlington; five sisters, Ona Broughton of Torrance, Calif., Naomi Allen of Fort Worth, Alma Nance of Carlsbad, N. M., Charlene Bowen and Doretta Holland, both of Desdemona; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

and Nancy Dencola and Janie Fontnot, both of Baton Rouge, La.; 40 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.



Blue eyes are more sensitive to light than brown eyes.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Mandatory Hunter Education Course Requirements

Who Must Attend: Hunters whose date of birth is on or after September 2, 1971. Any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements. When Does the Program Start? The program starts June 1, 1988. When is Certification Required? Effective September 1, 1988: Hunters whose date of birth is during the period September 2, 1971, through August 31, 1973, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Effective September 1, 1990: Hunters whose date of birth is during the period September 2, 1971, through August 31, 1974, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Effective September 1, 1991: Hunters whose date of birth is during the period September 2, 1971, through August 31, 1975, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Effective September 1, 1992: Hunters whose date of birth is during the period September 2, 1971, through August 31, 1976, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Effective September 1, 1993: All hunters who are at least 12 years of age and whose date of birth is on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Who Is Exempt? Hunters whose date of birth is on or before September 1, 1971. Hunters who have been certified in the voluntary Texas Hunter Safety (Education) Program. Hunters who have been certified through another state's resource agency. (NOTE: Check with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Section (512-389-4999) to determine whether a comparable course is acceptable or not.) Hunters under 17 years of age whose date of birth is on or after September 2, 1971, when accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older. NOTE: Hunters under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older. Minimum Age: Minimum age is 12 years. (Those under 12 may attend and receive recognition of attendance, but must retake the course after turning 12.) Successful Completion: To successfully complete the course, hunters must attend a minimum of ten hours in two or more days. Must be evaluated by instructor as acceptable in knowledge, skill, and attitude. Must have a minimum exam score - 70% on an examination prescribed by the Department. NOTE: Certification is good for life and accepted in other states and Canadian provinces. All students receive a hunter education handbook, decal, and patch. Proof of certification is a Department-prescribed card or temporary receipt which must be carried at all times while hunting with all firearms and archery equipment. Course Fee: The course fee is \$5.00. A duplicate certification card is \$2.00. Volunteer Instructor's Requirements: A volunteer instructor must have successfully completed student course. Must complete an application and be interviewed by a Department game warden. Must attend a minimum eight-hour instructor training course. NOTE: Instructors certified in the voluntary Texas hunter safety education program are certified instructors for the mandatory program. Certified teachers must successfully complete a student course, complete a "mutual agreement" application and attend a minimum four-hour program orientation. Decertification of Instructors: The Department may decertify instructors for violating provisions of these regulations, falsification of records or documents, or for actions that are detrimental to the objectives of the program. Violation: Failure to carry proper certification while hunting constitutes a Class C, Parks and Wildlife Code Misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00. For Information About Courses in Your Area: Call or write your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Office, or the Austin Headquarters at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, Attn: Hunter Education. Phone: 512-389-4999 or 1-800-792-1112. At the American Legion Hall in De Leon from 6 till 10 p. m. Friday, Feb. 24th and at 8 a. m. until finished on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Teacher will be a certified instructor from Brownwood.

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2. LEGISLATURE WORKING TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR NEW PRISONS SOON.
3. HOOS-GOW WORKING TO GATHER COUNTY DATA FOR PRISON BOARD.
4. EASTLAND COUNTY PROPOSAL WILL BE READY WHEN REQUESTED.
5. EXPECT APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL ABOUT MID SEPTEMBER.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

Table with columns for LEGAL TITLE OF BANK, CITY, COUNTY, STATE, ZIP CODE, and various ASSETS and LIABILITIES categories with dollar amounts in thousands.

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