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Basketball teams play in tourney

Both varsity basketball teams of Haskell High School, boys and girls, will play Friday in the Seymour tournament against the Seymour junior varsity teams.

The girls' game starts at 11 a.m. and the boys' contest tips off at 12:30 p.m.

Should the girls win, they will play again at 6 p.m. Friday. If the Haskell boys' team wins its first match, it will play Holliday at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Finals of the Seymour tournament are scheduled for Saturday. Championship finals for the girls begin at 7 p.m. and the boys' title game is set for 8:30 p.m. Third-place and consolation games begin at 4 p.m.

Haskell's boys' team has a 2-1 record and the girls are 1-1.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 10, both boys' and girls' teams, along with junior varsities of both groups, travel to Jayton to take on the Jaybirds.

HASKELL COUNTY GIN REPORT

By Max Stapleton
 County Extension Agent
 December 2, 1985

Haskell:	
Farmers Co-op Gin	2144
Haskell Co-op Gin	4004
K & G Gin	588
Rochester:	
Farmers Co-op Gin	1842
RULE:	
Rule Co-op Gin	1490
Denson Gin	2309
O'BRIEN:	
O'Brien Gin	3780
WEINERT:	
Paymaster Gin	4079
Weinert Gin	4222
TOTAL	24,458

Haskell student in 'Who's Who'

Thomas McWhorter of Haskell is among 60 students at the University of Utah whose names will be included in the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of college juniors, seniors and graduate students from more than 1,400 colleges and universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Parade to open Christmas season

Everything is set for the annual Christmas parade Saturday evening which will usher in the Christmas season in Haskell.

The theme, "Stories of Christmas," the Chamber of Commerce sponsored event begins at 6 p.m. Some 7,000 persons are expected to witness the spectacle. (For parade route, see page 2.)

Theme floats are being entered by the Haskell Rotary Club (stories of unity), the Haskell Fire Department and Auxiliary (stories

of family), the Haskell Kiwanis Club (stories of peace) and the Progressive Study Club (stories of freedom).

Floats depicting fantasy stories of Christmas are being entered by Brian Burgess Insurance Co., Little Kritters, Allsup's Grocery, the Mental Health Assn., First National Bank, Kids Duds, Haskell National Bank and Lane-Felker.

Floats depicting the Christmas story from the Bible are being entered by the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

Other parade entries include the Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons University, Snoopy's Christmas by the Knox City News and a car with music for twirlers by Love Twirling Academy of Abilene.

New cars for the parade are being furnished by Medford Buick-Pontiac, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Oldsmobile and Bill Wilson Motor Co.

High school bands will include those from Haskell, Rochester and

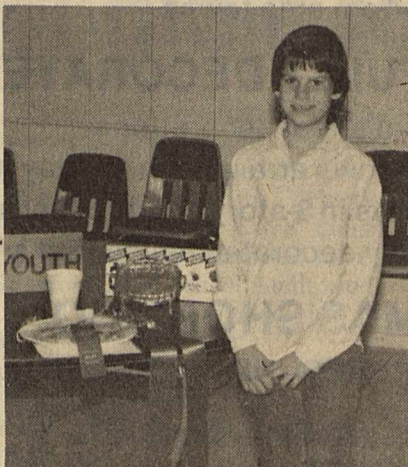
Stamford.

The Santa Claus float is an entry of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and the Happy New Year float is by the City of Haskell.

Area mayors riding in the parade will include Abe Turner of Haskell, Greg Kuehler of Knox City, Alton Byrd of Rochester, R.O. Langford of Rule, Robert A. Prichard of Stamford, D.K. Weaver of Throckmorton and J.E. Jetton of Weinert.

Chamber of Commerce presidents from area cities will include Bill Comedy of Haskell, Judy Purdue of Knox City, Harold Woods of Rule, Keith Stockstill of Stamford and Lonnie Wooten of Throckmorton.

Wanda Dulaney is parade director and the parade marshal is Grace Womack. Sandy Horton is coordinator of judges and Charles Thornhill is Christmas program chairman.



BAKE SHOW WINNERS

Grand Champion honors in last week's Pecan Bake Show went to Mrs. Gus Rueffer, left, in the adult division and Kim Gilly in the youth division.

City hears report on swimming pool

City Councilmen at their last meeting Tuesday heard a report from an Abilene swimming pool company representative on his ideas as to what it will take to bring the city pool filtration system up to state requirements.

John McAden of Southwest Pools offered a proposal which calls for the installation of four filters with pumps, as opposed to one large commercial type filter system. He estimated the cost of the project at \$16,000.

Before taking any action on the proposal, councilmen announced they would like to talk to an engineer to be certain that the Southwest Pools' project will meet the requirements set down by the state.

City Administrator Robert Baker was instructed to invite Ken Martin of Abilene to the Dec. 10 meeting for his ideas on what is needed to comply with state regulation.

Councilmen also heard a request from Don Comedy, representing the Haskell Industrial Foundation, that 10 acres of city-owned property near the airport be set aside for use by the foundation in luring industry. Comedy was told to have

the formal agreement between the City and the foundation prepared and present it at a future meeting. Councilmen indicated a willingness to go along with the request.

Baker reminded Councilmen that the hours of operation of the new sanitary landfill would be changing as of the first of December to comply with a new state regulation.

As of this week, the landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. Baker said the hours would be continuous, with no closing during the lunch hour.

In the past, the landfill has been open from 8 to 5 Monday through Saturday and from 8 to 3 on Sunday, but the City has been informed by the State that a landfill may not be open past 3 p.m. on Saturday and not at all on Sunday.

Baker also reported to the Council that the paving of the Avenue L crossing is the only major phase remaining to be completed on the Creek project. Weather has delayed this phase. Excavation and cleanup of the creek itself will continue for some time, the administrator said.

Weinert and Jayton to clash in Stamford

Weinert Bulldogs continue their bid for a state six-man football championship Friday night when they meet defending champion Jayton Jaybirds in a semi-final matchup in Stamford.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Coach Chet Forehand's Bulldogs put a 10-1 record on the line against the Jaybirds. The Bulldogs have crushed three playoff opponents

with an offensive avalanche which produced 196 points.

Jayton, meanwhile, has marched through a 12-game schedule, including three playoff victories, while hardly working up a sweat. The Jaybirds breezed to the state championship last year in their first season as a six-man team. They have never lost a six-man game.

Weinert's only loss of the year was at the hands of this same Jayton team. The Jaybirds won that one, 78-30, but Weinert took comfort in the fact that the 30 points represented the most ever scored against Jayton. In fact, it represents about half of all points scored against the defending state champs.

Weinert had only one close game all year, edging Rule 30-28. That 30-point offensive output, coupled with the 30 points against Jayton, represents the only time the Bulldogs have been held to under 44 points. They scored that many in a 44-0 rout of Benjamin in the seasons second game. Otherwise,

their lowest offensive output has been in a couple of 50-0 victories.

The Bulldog team is led by quarterback Shannon Forehand, running backs Ed Perez and Louis Perez and ends John Perez and Ricky Perez. Other players include Barry Walker, Kevin White, Mondy Mayfield, Robin Raynes and Robert Estrada.

The winner of Friday night's game will play the winner of the May-Christoval game for the state championship.

Here is the Weinert season record:

- Weinert 54, Trent 6
- Weinert 44, Benjamin 0
- Weinert 61, Borden County 20
- Weinert 61, Rochester 26
- Weinert 30, Rule 28
- Weinert 50, Leuders Avoca 0
- Weinert 30, Jayton 78
- Weinert 62, Paint Creek 14
- **Weinert 50, Ira 0
- **Weinert 80, Tornillo 43
- **Weinert 66, Three Way 16
- **Zone championship
- **State playoffs

Temperature hits new low in area

Temperature in Haskell dipped to a frigid 14 degrees Monday morning, representing the lowest temperature ever recorded on Dec. 2, said Sam Herren, official weather recorder.

Last month's rainfall total was .97 inch, bringing the 11-month total for 1985 to 26.9 inches. Normal rainfall for the period is 23.24.

November's highest temperature was 83 degree, recorded on Nov. 9, and the coldest was 28 degrees on Nov. 20.

Church to sell food Saturday

Members of the First Assembly of God Church of Haskell will sell food Saturday from the facilities of Kountry Kookin.

The Rev. J.C. Amburn, pastor, said Monday that Betty Sue Lacey of Kountry Kookin had agreed to let church members use her facilities from which they will operate their parade booth.

Stew, chili, pie and other food, as well as drinks, will be offered for sale to the public from 10 a.m. until after the parade, the Rev. Mr. Amburn said.

Bake Sale

Young people of the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches will have a bake sale Saturday in front of the Hayloft in Haskell.

The sale begins at 8:30 a.m.

Extension school schedule announced

Copies of the spring class schedule for the Haskell extension center of Western Texas College are now available, Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services, said.

Courses on the spring schedule are English 132, Psychology 231, Health-Physical Education 212 and Mathematics 134 (Trigonometry).

Dr. Gil Fleer will teach the psychology course and Dr. Frank Williams will teach the math course. D. Tidwell will teach the physical education course, physical

conditioning. This course will require lab time and will include instruction in racquetball and aerobic exercise. A lab fee of \$10 will be required for the course.

Registration at the Haskell center will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 16. Information about the center can be obtained by contacting Bill Blakley, center coordinator, at 864-2891.

Spring semester registration on the Snyder campus of WTC will be held on Jan. 20-21.

Candy Nook builds a following

By Wendell Faught

What's your taste in candy? Chances are you can satisfy your craving at the Candy Nook in Haskell.

And it won't be something made in some far-away place. It will be made right here in Haskell in the Candy Nook's own kitchen.

Owned by Sue and Nathan Patterson, the Candy Nook has been in the candy-making and candy-selling business since October of last year.

The Pattersons make 17 different kinds of candy, all priced at \$5 a pound. In addition, they produce candy novelties for parties, receptions and the like.

Among the varieties offered are amaretto, chocolate fudge, rocky road, rum raisin, maple walnut, peanut butter, chocolate peanut butter, peppermint swirl, strawberry nut, cranberry nut, pumpkin,

penuchi, chocolate with praline, vanilla chocolate and pina colada.

Business is good, say the Pattersons. About half of their business comes from local customers and the other half comes from tourists, salesmen, fishermen and other visitors—and from an increasing clientele being built up in other cities.

A group of fishermen from Gail always stops at the Candy Nook for sweets when they come through Haskell. A church group from Abilene, enroute to Wichita Falls, stopped by the store several months ago and bought a good supply of candy. On the return trip, they stopped again and bought even more. A salesman from Atlanta, Ga., who spent several days on assignment in this area, patronized the Candy Nook several times while he was in town. Before he left, he came by to purchase several pounds

of candy to take back to friends in Atlanta.

One regular customer is a woman in Abilene who works for a beauty supply company. She makes frequent trips to Haskell to buy candy for herself and her co-workers.

A local customer might purchase a single piece of candy or several pounds, Mrs. Patterson said. Often, especially during holiday season, the business gets orders for shipments of candy as gifts. The firm does the wrapping and mailing. The Candy Nook uses decorative tins for packing candy which is mailed during the holiday seasons. If the customer desires, the candy can be personalized.

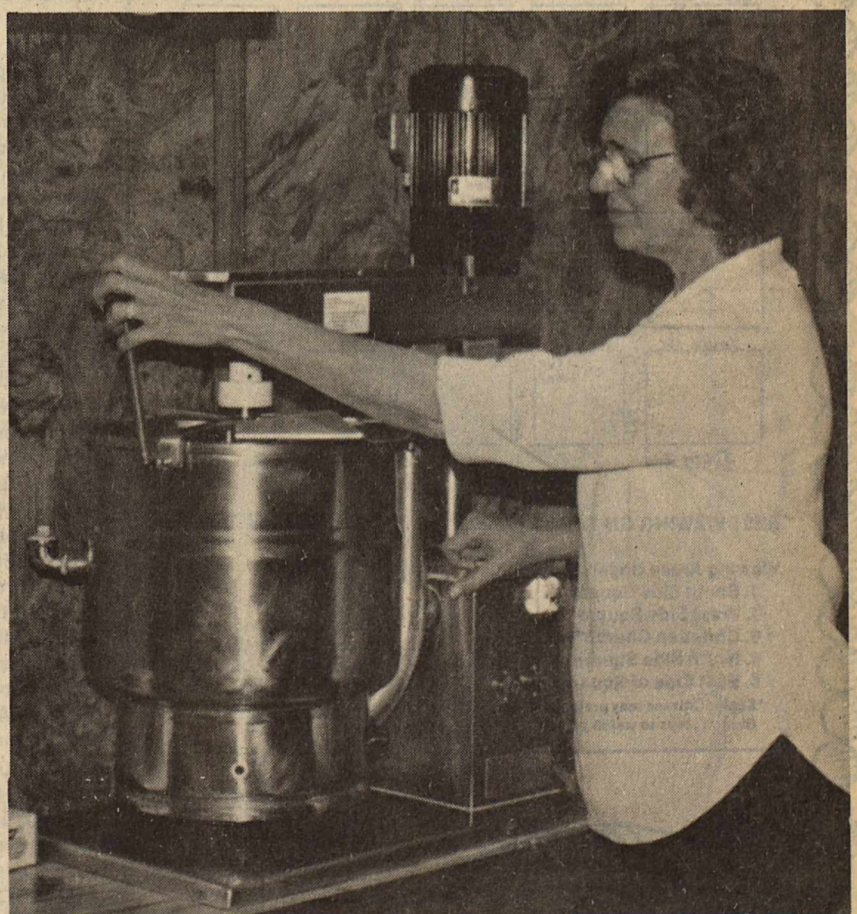
For special occasions, the Candy Nook gets orders for trays of assorted candies. And it delivers a number of orders to hospital patients and nursing home

residents.

The idea of the Candy Nook originated with Mrs. Patterson three or four years ago. She thought it would be an ideal enterprise to incorporate into her other business, Sue's Flowers, Gifts and Photography. She has been in the photography business 15 years and she added the flower shop seven and a half years ago.

While attending market in Dallas last year, the Pattersons saw a candy cooker display. They decided to buy it and start the candy company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson make the candy, cooking it in a steel kettle. Their cooking schedule varies, depending on the season and the state of business. During a holiday season, they may be cooking candy every day. In slower months, they may go several days before heating up the kettle.



MAKES CANDY

Sue Patterson of the Candy Nook in Haskell prepares a batch of fudge in the firm's giant cooking kettle.

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 Parade Marshall: Grace Womack
 Coordinator, Judges: Sandy Horton
 Christmas Program Chairman: Charles Thornhill

PARADE ORDER

Sheriff's Car (to clear traffic)
 Haskell High School Band

I. The Christmas Story from the Bible - Haskell Ministerial Alliance Series of floats telling the story from Luke: 2

Caravan of Area Dignitaries
HASKELL Mayor Abe Turner
 Chamber of Commerce Pres. Bill Comedy
KNOX CITY Mayor Greg Kuehler
 Chamber Pres. Judy Purdue
ROCHESTER Mayor Alton Byrd
RULE: Mayor R.C. Langford
 Chamber Pres. Harold Woods
STAMFORD Mayor Robert A. Prichard
 Chamber Pres. Keith Stockstill
 (Miniature Car Escorts, Coca Cola Co., Stamford)
THROCKMORTON Mayor D. K. Weaver
 Chamber Pres. Donnie Wooten
WEINERT Mayor J. E. Jetton

II. Theme Floats by Service Clubs
 Stories of UNITY: Rotary Club
 Stories of FAMILY: Fire Dept. & Auxiliary
 Stories of PEACE: Kiwanis Club
 Stories of FREEDOM: Progressive Study Club

Six White Horses, Hardin Simmons University
 Snoopy's Christmas: Knox City News
 Iley Family Tree House
 Lanco Insurance Co.
 Rochester High School Band
 New Cars (3 each from Medford Buick-Pontiac, Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Bill Wilson Motor Co.)
 Car with Music for Twirlers
 Love Twirling Academy, Abilene

III. Fantasy Stories of Christmas
 Care Bears: Brian Burgess Ins. Co.
 Mickey & Minnie: Little Kritters
 Frosty the Snowman: Allsup's Grocery
 Christmas Story: Mental Health Assn.
 Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer: First National Bank
 The Chipmunks: Kids Duds
 Dreaming of a White Christmas: Haskell National Bank
 Little Drummer Boy: Lane Felker
 Stamford High School Band
 Santa Claus: Haskell Chamber of Commerce
 Happy New Year: City of Haskell

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 2. West Side Square
 3. Christian Church*
 4. North Side Square
 5. East Side of Square
 *Senior Citizens may prefer to sit on Church steps to watch parade.

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 After the parade has passed in front of you, please do not get in your car and drive into the parade route where other viewers are waiting to see it. It causes traffic snarls and gaps in the parade. Our traffic controllers will help direct you around the parade area to avoid this problem.

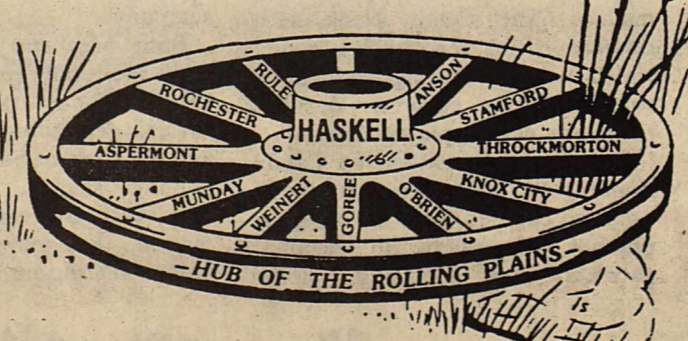
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 - Ben Franklin
 - Boggs & Johnson
 - Buster's Drive-In Grocery
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 - Carousel
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 - Frazier Appliance
 - Hartsfield Agency
 - Hassen's Dept. Store
 - The Hayloft
 - Heads or Tails Western Wear
 - Heidenheimers
 - Johnson Pharmacy
 - Jones Cox & Co.
 - Kays Cleaners
 - Kids Duds
 - Lane Felker
 - Letz Bldg. Supply
 - Little Kritters
 - Lyles Jewelry
 - M-System
 - Modern Way
 - Nanny Plumbing
 - Owen TV & Electric
 - Perry Bros.
 - Personality Shoppe
 - Pogue Grocery
 - Sears Catalog Store
 - Slipper Shoppe
 - Sport About
 - Video Vendor
 - Western Auto
 - Bill Wilson Motor Co.
- The following businesses have made donations for downtown decorations and other expenses of the Christmas program:
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 Haskell National Bank
 Holden-McCauley
 Walling-Rieger Oil Co.
 West Texas Utilities Co.

Drawings

Sat., Dec. 7 Sat., Dec. 14 Sat., Dec. 21
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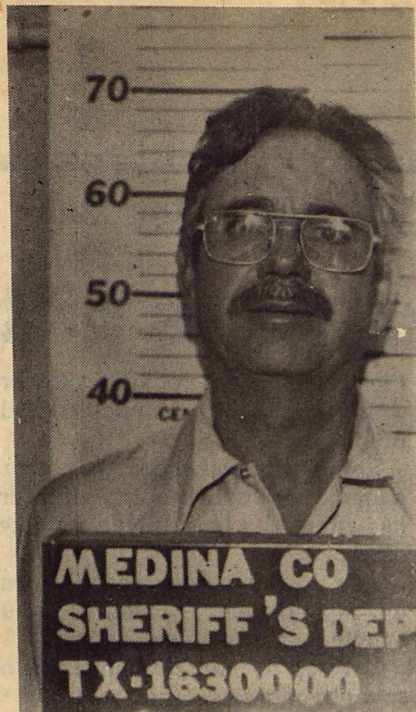
South Side of Courthouse
 First Ticket \$200, Second Ticket \$100
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Sat., Dec. 21 1985 — 2:00 p.m.
 Two Drawings of \$100 each
 (If not present, receive one-half)
 Jackpot Drawing \$500
 (Must be present to win)



Haskell—Hub of the Rolling Plains





Leopoldo Maciel Campuzano

'Wanted list' adds suspect in murder case

If the rest of Texas could match Atascosa County's homicide rate over the past five years, this would be a pretty safe state in which to live.

In the past five years, nine homicides have been reported in the south Texas county.

However, one of those murders and the person accused of it are the subject of this week's Texas Most Wanted spotlight.

Leopoldo Maciel Campuzano, 56, is wanted on warrants charging him with the November 19, 1983, murder of Juan Munzon.

Munzon, a Mexican national in his early 20's, was gunned down on a rural road near Lytle.

Police reports indicate that Munzon and Campuzano were fellow employees at a dairy in Atascosa County.

On the evening of Nov. 19, the pair had been drinking at an establishment called "Poor Richard's." It was the last time Munzon was seen alive.

His body was found by two motorists, who were driving along a dirt road near FM 2790. Munzon had been shot in the face, neck, left arm and rib cage.

When interviewed by investigators, Campuzano said he had left Munzon outside Poor Richard's and had driven home.

However, an eyewitness to the murder later told investigators that Campuzano and Munzon had a violent argument while they had been drinking. Munzon left in one vehicle, with Campuzano following behind in a pickup truck. As they reached the dirt road where Munzon's body was found, Campuzano allegedly flashed the truck's lights on and off.

When Munzon got out of the vehicle he had been in, the eyewitness said two shots were heard and the victim fell to the ground.

On Nov. 22, 1983, a warrant was issued for Campuzano's arrest. But since that date, he has not been found.

Campuzano, who also spells his last name Campusano, is 5-3, 130 pounds, with brown graying hair and brown eyes. He usually wears glasses.

This week a reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered by the Governor's Office for information leading to the capture of Leopoldo Maciel Campuzano.

Anyone with information on his possible location is asked to call the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council toll-free at 1-800-252-8477. In all cases callers do not have to reveal their identities.

Texas Most Wanted is a cooperative program between the Department of Public Safety and Texas Crime Stoppers.

Hopper serves on exam board

The Rev. Jimmy Hopper, co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City Dec. 2-5, serving on the Presbytery's Cooperative Committee on Examinations.

The committee is responsible for grading the written ordination exams that candidates for the ministry are required to take.

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Exports vital to farmers

Farmers and ranchers are part of the world's economy and farm exports are vital to them, the president of the Texas Farm Bureau said Monday at the TFA's 52nd annual meeting.

S.M. True of Plainview said that government should play the part of a referee in public affairs, making sure that agriculture is treated fairly in labor relations, taxation, environmental and safety regulations, and international trade. He said it was essential to have a stable domestic economy.

"If we can count on government in all those areas, we will be a long way on the road to recovery," True said. "These conditions, plus an

aggressive foreign sales policy and competitive pricing will do more than any farm program to bring profits to farming and ranching."

In his address to delegates, the Plainview cotton and grain farmer said farmers and ranchers would have to take positive steps to pull themselves out of the current farm recession.

"None of you has to be reminded that agriculture is in trouble," True told the delegates. "Total net farm income this year is down about a fourth from last year. Farm exports are down 10 percent from a year ago and 20 percent below 1980. It's estimated that 15 percent of the \$74

billion in Farm Credit System loans may not be collectable."

True said price-depressing surpluses and loss of farm exports in the past four years are at the root of farmers' troubles.

"Even if we did not plant cotton next year, we would still have about 11 months' supply on hand—for both domestic use and export," he said. "For grain sorghum, we would have two-thirds of a year's supply; for wheat, about nine months' supply; and some eight months' supply of rice."

He said farmers' productivity has a positive side, too.

"As the world's economy improves and its population grows, there will be an ever-increasing demand for what we produce," he said. "This is true because we are far and away the most reliable supplier of food and fiber in the world."

What farmers are concerned with

today is a profitable agriculture, the farm leader said.

"We know that net income is derived from a simple formula: price per unit, times number of units, less cost per unit, equals net farm income," True said.

Price is important, but not everything, he said. Costs are a factor, too, he added.

"It's the costs of everything we buy—both for family living and for production items—that can determine whether or not we can make a living on the farm or ranch," True said.

The main determinant of costs is the general economy, he said, and the kind of economy is determined by government policy.

"Only if we have stability in the general economy can agriculture prosper," True said. "I sincerely believe that agriculture can make it if our costs and interest rates stay in line."

Haskell girls eligible for pageant

Haskell County girls are eligible to enter the "Big Country Pageant" to be held in Stamford Feb. 22.

Under direction of Universal Pageant System of Baton Rouge, La., the event is scheduled for the Stamford High School Auditorium.

The contest is divided into the following age groups:

Baby Petite, 0-2 years; LaPetite, 3 to 6 years; Our Little Miss, 7 to 12 years; and Ideal Miss, 13 to 17 years.

Young ladies will be judged in the areas of modeling sportswear and party dress (evening gown for Ideal Miss), personal interview and

an optional talent routine and photogenic competition.

Eligible for the Stamford event are girls from Jones, Haskell, Fisher, Stonewall, Shackelford, Taylor, Callahan and Nolan counties.

More information and entry blanks are available by contacting Big Country Pageant, P.O. Box 552, San Saba, TX 76877, phone 915-372-3550.

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Sports

Weinert blasts Three Way

By Stacy Hester

The Weinert Bulldogs romped to a 66-16 quarterfinal victory over the Three Way Eagles Friday night, advancing into the state six-man semifinals.

Three Way gave the Bulldogs a slight scare when they scored first. The Eagles scored just two minutes into the game when Brett Stegall threw a 27-yard pass to Saul Guillen for a touchdown. Curtis Tucker's point after gave Three Way an early 8-0 lead.

Shannon Forehand then started his impressive night as he ran 63 yards to give the Bulldogs their first score. The touchdown came just 29 seconds after Three Way had scored. The PAT was no good, leaving Three Way with an 8-6 lead.

Forehand then threw a 21-yard scoring pass to Louis Perez with 4:27 left in the first quarter. Kevin White's PAT made it 14-8 to give Weinert a lead it never relinquished.

With 9:30 left in the second quarter, Edward Perez ran over from a yard out and White kicked the PAT.

Three Way got its only other score when Robert Zamora ran over from 2 yards out. Tucker again kicked the PAT.

Forehand then threw for two more Bulldog touchdowns before halftime. Both catches were made by Johnny Perez. The passes were for 34 and 19 yards. White kicked both PATs to give Weinert a 38-16 half time lead.

In the third quarter, Weinert came out and Forehand hit Ramon

Castorena with an 11-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was missed.

Forehand then hit another Bulldog receiver for a 39-yard touchdown. This time the pass was to Louis Perez. White's PAT made it 52-16.

Edward Perez got another

Indian foes advance in playoffs

Three 1985 football opponents of the Haskell Indians remain in the running for state championships this week as the schoolboy playoffs move into the quarterfinals.

Unbeaten Hamlin, champions of district 6-AA, handed Memphis its first defeat Friday night, 20-7, and earned the right to meet Abernathy in the quarterfinals. That game will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

Electra bested Jewell Leon 33-8 last Friday and now moves into the quarterfinals to take on Pilot Point at 8 p.m. Friday in Jacksboro.

Defending Class A champion and unbeaten Munday walloped Phillips 39-0 last Friday. The Moguls' quarterfinals date is with Wheeler at 2 p.m. Saturday in Childress.

Electra and Hamlin finished the 1985 season ranked 1-2 in Class AA in the Associated Press poll, while Munday was rated No. 1 in class A.

touchdown when he ran over from 3 yards out and White added the PAT.

Forehand ended his terrific night on a 71-yard pass to Ricky Perez with 57 seconds left in the third quarter. With the score then standing at 66-16 the game was called under the 45-point rule.

For the evening, Forehand passed for 334 yards and six

touchdowns. Weinert had a total offense of 543 yards, 209 rushing and 334 passing.

The defeat was Three Way's first in 12 1985 starts. The win moved Weinert into the state six-man semifinals.

Weinert will meet the only team to blemish its record when they play Jayton at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stamford.

Treatment for spider bites developed

Are you afraid of spiders? If you're like most people—you'd answer a resounding YES. That's part of the reason spider bites are relatively uncommon. But when provoked—spiders will bite. If you are bitten, you'll be glad to know that a team of Austin doctors have developed a new treatment that heals spider bite wounds more rapidly than any other treatment.

Described in the Nov. Issue of Texas Medicine, the treatment involves a new application of a procedure commonly used to treat severe wounds and burns. It consists of a temporary skin graft, which involves surgically covering the wound with a piece of pig skin saturated with a water soluble

protein called silver sulfadiazine.

This method is effective in treating many troublesome aspects of spider bites. The specially treated skin graft reduces pain, combats infection, and results in minimal scarring of spider bite wounds, according to physician authors Robert A. Ersek, Gary M. Surak, and C. Wade Peters, and David R. Denton, PhD.

There are many kinds of spiders. And while many of the bites are painful, not all require medical attention. Bites that cause extreme pain or produce other symptoms, such as a blister or swelling, should receive medical attention immediately. These bites and those from poisonous spiders, especially the brown recluse, may be candidates for the temporary skin graft.

Before the temporary skin graft can be applied, the wound needs to be prepared. Destruction of the skin surrounding the wound is a problem with certain types of bites. Superficial bites or bites from spiders whose venom does not destroy the tissue usually require removal of superficial skin of any toxins that might be present.

Severe bites by spiders whose venom does destroy the skin will result in a small blue area at the site of the bite. This usually occurs within a few hours to one day following the bite. This area will spread depending on the amount of venom released. The only way to prevent tissue damage is to remove an area of skin slightly larger than the blue spot. This usually ensures that destruction will not spread.

7th grade defeats Hamlin 53-21

The seventh grade made it three up and three down by hammering Hamlin 53-21.

Jay Scott Miller led the scoring with 20 points while Chad Gibson put in 14.

Coach Jimmy Lises said, "The Warriors controlled the game both offensively and defensively."

The Warriors will be playing in the Knox City tournament, Dec. 5, 6 and 7. In the first round of the tournament they will face the Seymour Panthers.

Also included on this year's list of players is Nole Hadaway.

Guns have become popular Christmas gift

The success of the U.S. Olympic Shooting Team during the 1984 Olympics increased interest among young people in shooting sports. As a result, guns have become a popular Christmas item.

The National Rifle Assn. strongly encourages parents intending to introduce their youngsters to recreational shooting to follow these safety tips on Christmas Day.

Contact your local gun club or the National Rifle Association and make arrangements for your youngster to attend a basic gun safety handling course as soon after Christmas day as possible.

Include a variety of safety brochures and books along with the new gun and, together with your youngster, carefully read through the information.

Set aside time to discuss safety and responsible gun ownership.

Clearly define the conditions under which the gun may be handled and fired.

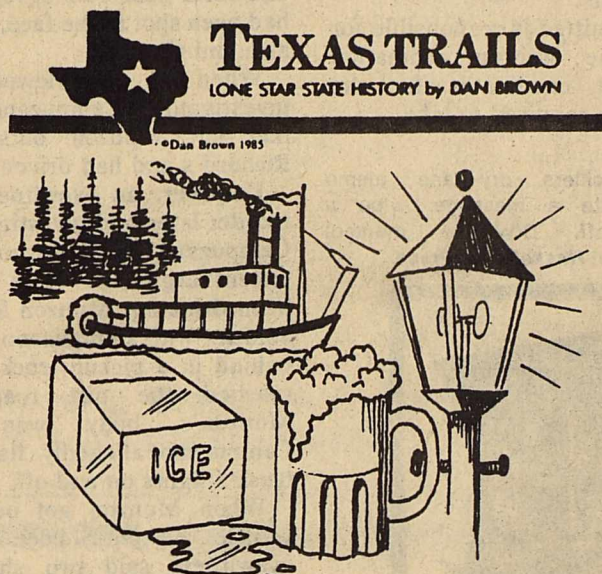
Refrain from buying BBs or other ammunition until your youngster has attended a basic firearm safety course.

After the gun has been unwrapped and whenever you handle it, always:

- 1) Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- 2) Keep your finger off the trigger
- 3) Keep the action open and unloaded
- 4) Treat every gun as if it is loaded

Training programs, brochures, books and the parents personal involvement are all effective ways of educating the junior shooter on the importance of handling his or her newest Christmas present with respect.

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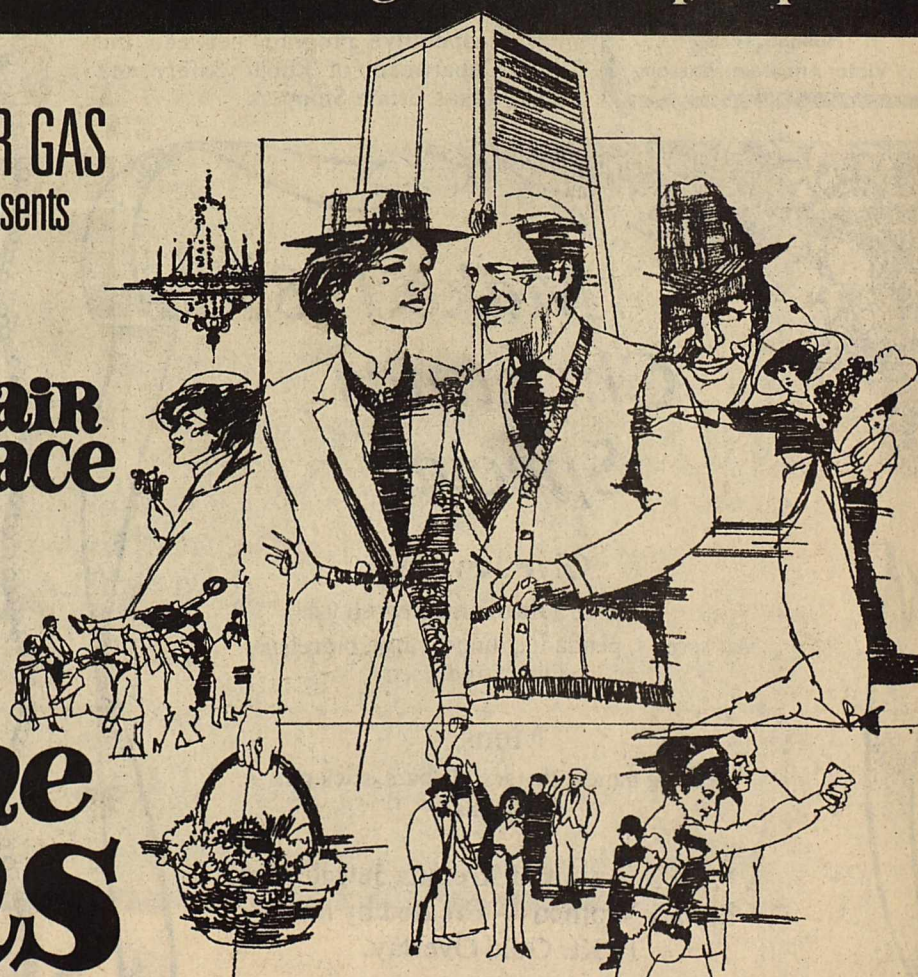
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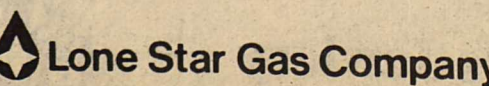
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Obituaries

Tom Hill

Funeral services for Thomas Franklin Hill, 74, of Haskell were held at 2 p.m. Dec. 3 in Holden-McCauley Funeral Home with Elder Russell I. Weaver officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Mr. Hill died Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:20 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Center.

Born June 7, 1911 in Haskell County, he was a carpenter. He married Marie Davis in Amarillo August 31, 1957. He lived in Amarillo for several years, moving to Dallas in 1958. He returned to Haskell in 1984. He was a presiding elder of Jehovah's Witnesses Congregation in Haskell.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jewel Graham of Tulsa, Sue Murry of Lewisville and Ginger Serven of Duncanville; three sisters, Susie Hough of Mebrose, N.M.; Alpha Jackson of Fallsbrook; and Dollie Wall of Lawndale, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenny Serven, Ron Serven, Keith Knutson, Mark Lipham, Bryan Novak and Werner Teichelman.

Lillie Dryden

Funeral services for Lillie Mae Dryden, 93, of Haskell were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29 in

Holden-McCauley Funeral Home with Rev. Truett Kuenstler, pastor First Baptist Church in Rochester, officiating. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery.

She died Nov. 26 at 8:45 p.m. in Rice Springs Care Home.

Born June 1, 1892 in Zephyr, she was a homemaker. She married W.D. Dryden Oct. 3, 1907 in Alpine. He preceded her in death May 27, 1965. She had lived in Haskell since 1976, moving here from Seymour. She and her husband worked for a number of years for the Halsell Ranch in Clay and Foard Counties.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Clovia Suggs of Jacksonville; one son, Vollie Dryden of Safford, Ariz.; two sisters, Effie Moseley of Monahans and Vera May of Mart; 6 grandchildren including Mrs. Howard (Estalynn) Liles of Haskell and Mrs. Coleman (Fretta) Wright of Rochester; 12 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Garth Garrett, George Mullino, Leon Newton, Roy Herricks, Tiffen Mayfield and Pat Henry.

Florence Wilson

Funeral services for Florence P. Wilson, 66, of Stamford were held at 2 p.m. Dec. 1 in First Baptist Church in Stamford with Rev. Bruce Lampert, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery

under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

She died Nov. 29 at 1:45 p.m. in Stamford Memorial Hospital.

Born April 3, 1919 in Tulsa, Okla., she was a hairdresser. She graduated from Rotan High School and had been living in Stamford since 1936. She owned and operated Florence's Beauty Salon. She married Dennis P. Wilson Sept. 15, 1960 in Stamford. He preceded her in death Nov. 24, 1975. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stamford, Lioness Club, Eastern Star, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Pierian Club and the B&PW Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Jayne D. Carpenter of Omaha, Neb.; three sisters, Mamie Brewer of Ponca City, Okla.; Nan Chester of Odessa; and Sophia Hix of Haskell; and 3 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were E.W. Mickler, Homer Lett, O.K. Jones, Clarence Teichelman, Jay Goodman, R.N. Bunkley, John Ed Youngquist and I.H. Rogers.

Hermann Sons to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Herman Sons Lodge will be held December 8 at 3 p.m. This will be the annual Christmas dinner and everyone is asked to bring vegetables or desserts. The dance will be held December 13 at Irby Hall. The New Year's Eve dance will be held December 31.

Kaigler family holds family reunion

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Kaigler, residents of Haskell during the early years of this century, held a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day, their first in Haskell since the family moved to Lubbock in 1940. Mrs. Lela Park Kaigler, daughter of early Haskell settler, M.E. Park, was married in Haskell in 1900 to C.M. Kaigler of Waco, a Spanish American War Veteran. During their forty-year stay in Haskell, Mrs. Kaigler taught speech to area residents. The couple had eight children, six of whom survived.

The six Kaigler descendants, their children and grandchildren, were guests on Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kaigler, who

recently moved to Haskell from Austin. Kaigler is the only surviving son of Lela and C.M. Kaigler. Kaigler children who attended were Miss Louise Kaigler of Haskell, Mrs. Bessie Bee Wickliffe, Mrs. Frances Kemp, and Mrs. Patsy Rodgers of Lubbock, and Mrs. Lillian Kay Rawlings, of San Antonio. Grandchildren of the Kaiglers in attendance were Barry Wickliffe and Bob Rogers of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Carmen Kay Walker and Mrs. Rosemary Kay Corley of San Antonio, Mrs. Angela Kay Key of Nacogdoches, and Dr. Karen Kaigler Walker of San Marcos. Great-grandchildren included Leslie and Kyle Corley, students at McMurry College in Abilene, Susan Rene Walker of San Antonio, and Alan and Amy Key of Nacogdoches.

Other guests at the reunion included Gibson Kemp of Lubbock, Bill Walker and Ezra Corley of San Antonio, Dr. Duane Key of Nacogdoches, M.E. (Bud) Walker of San Marcos, and H.M. Homesley of Brownwood, father of Mary Kaigler. During the day, several long-time friends of the family stopped by the Kaigler's to visit with members of the family, some of whom had not returned to Haskell in many years.

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The familiar green punched-card checks that Social Security beneficiaries have been receiving since 1940 will be replaced with a new, more counterfeit-resistant cost-effective paper check.

The U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service, the government's financial manager, began planning the paper check conversion project in the late 1970's because of new technology and the need to conform to generally accepted banking practices. Taxpayers will save \$6 million per year in costs of paper stock and storage space.

The new check is also more difficult to alter or counterfeit. More than a dozen security features—three times more than the old check—are contained in the design, the ink and the paper.

The design features a full-length reproduction of the Statue of Liberty on the left and muted close-up of the Statue's head and torch on the right over a multicolored background ranging from light blue to pale peach. The letter "USA" create a background pattern on the front and back of the check.

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Barnett member of Cisco band

Tom Barnett of Haskell, a member of the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Band, will accompany that group to Coffeyville, Kans., Saturday when the CJC Wranglers clash with the Coffeyville Community College in the Kansas Jayhawk Bowl.

The 10th rated Wranglers, boasting a 6-3-1 record, will go against the 8-2 Red Ravens at 3 p.m.

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Medicare changes won't lower quality

The head of the agency which administers Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly, has assured program beneficiaries that changes in the Medicare system will not lower the quality of their medical care.

Responding to beneficiary concerns that the new prospective payment system for hospital reimbursement was eroding the quality of Medicare services, C. McClain Haddow, acting administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration yesterday told a gathering of senior citizens that efforts to contain medical costs would not come at the cost of quality care. Haddow made his remarks at a public meeting co-sponsored by the Southwest Long Term Care Gerontology Center of the University of Texas Health Science Center of Dallas.

The Medicare prospective payment system was initiated in October 1983 in an attempt to curb spiraling health care costs which had reached 15.3 percent growth in 1980. By 1984, the first year following the implementation of prospective payment, health care inflation had dropped to 9.1 percent, the smallest increase in expenditures in 19 years.

Under prospective payment, Medicare reimburses each participating hospital a specific predetermined amount for each of 471 groups of related diagnoses, known as DRGs. If the hospital can effectively treat a patient for less than that predetermined rate, the hospital can make a profit on that

case. If treatment costs more than the predetermined reimbursement amount, the hospital can suffer a loss on that case.

Some critics of the prospective payment program have expressed concern that hospitals might skimp on care or discharge patients early in order to make a profit. According to Haddow, there has been no evidence of significant abuses under prospective payment. Haddow credits the continuing high level of care to quality safeguards implemented by HCFA.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress of the prospective payment system and with our programs which assure that high quality care is maintained," Haddow said. "This success is shared by health care providers and physicians whose efforts contributed to the smooth implementation of the program."

Haddow described HCFA's quality assurance safeguards as a system which examines the quality of a health care facility, the level of care provided by the facility and the result of the care which the patient received. Quality reviews are performed by state and local governments, by HCFA and peer review organizations (PROs) which are under contract to HCFA.

"In order to participate in Medicare and Medicaid," Haddow said, "we require that health facilities comply with all local and state safety and health standards as well as federal staffing requirements. States survey these facilities annually and we double check the

state surveys."

"We also require each hospital to have a utilization review committee to monitor the quality and appropriateness of the care it provides," Haddow added.

According to Haddow, PROs, which monitor hospital services in each state, are a key component in HCFA's determination to ensure quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries.

"Each PRO has five basic quality objectives," Haddow said. "They are to reduce the unnecessary readmission of patients due to substandard care; to ensure the provision of medical services that, if not given can cause serious patient complications; to reduce the risk of death for certain procedures; to reduce needless surgery and other unnecessary procedures; and to reduce post-operative complications. We know each state has different quality of care

problems, and so the PRO must adapt these objectives to its own jurisdiction.

The Texas PRO, for example, has the specific objective of avoiding post-operative respiratory and pulmonary complications for abdominal and thoracic surgical procedures."

Haddow added that the PROs are also HCFA's primary instrument for safe-guarding beneficiaries against premature discharge from the hospital. White noting that the decision to discharge rests with the physician rather than with the hospital or Medicare, Haddow said that beneficiaries who disagree with a discharge decision can appeal the decision to their PRO.

"We require that every hospital notify Medicare beneficiaries—in writing—two days before they plan to discharge the patient. If the patient does not agree, he can call the PRO and ask for a review.

Within three days, the PRO will make its decision. If it decides in favor of the beneficiary, he can stay in the hospital at no charge to him until discharged by his physician or until the PRO decides in favor of the hospital.

"If patients or family members have any serious doubts about the advisability of being discharged, they should ask plenty of questions. Every patient has a right to know what's going on and why. And responsible providers of health care will honor that right."

Haddow praised the American Association of Retired Persons for publishing a booklet on patients rights and noted that HCFA would be publishing a similar booklet for distribution to patients upon admission. Information on a beneficiary's right to appeal hospital discharge will also be included in the next reprint of the Medicare handbook, Haddow

added.

"It's been our belief from the very outset that quality need not suffer because of Medicare's fixed payment system. In fact, it has been our expectation that in certain important ways quality will prosper," Haddow said. He noted that predetermined payment will induce hospitals to specialize in procedures which they can perform most cost-effectively with the outcome of better results for patients since, as Haddow said "practice makes perfect."

"Our goal," Haddow concluded, "is to encourage discharge at the optimum moment, neither too early or too late. Our eventual goal is to have a comprehensive system of quality monitoring and evaluation that will track patients through their entire medical experience, in every setting of care, whether in a hospital, a nursing facility or in the home."

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One-time Haskell music teacher named 'Best'

A one-time Haskell music teacher was named this year as "the best teacher in Texas" by Texas Monthly magazine.

Edythe DeWitt, who taught music at Rule in the 1920s and operated a music and dance studio in Haskell in the late 1920s and early 1930s, is still teaching in the northeast Texas town of Detroit.

Miss DeWitt, now 83, says she still has a record book of all her students, including those in Rule and Haskell. In a letter to the **Free Press**, she said, "I occasionally see a name in the **Free Press** which I recognize as a name of one of my former students."

"I was there when Gaston Foote was pastor of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. George Wimbish and Mr. Breedlove taught in the schools. The two Murchison brothers opened the M-System which I see is still going."

"I am sure most of my former students have grandchildren by now, but I really would like to hear from them."

Miss DeWitt, who was never married, lives alone in Detroit. She says she has 27 grown cats and 15 smaller ones which have their own house with vinyl carpet, bunk beds, and automatic water fountain and a feeder.

She publishes a monthly magazine, "The Wonders of Women," and at one time had her own television show, "Edythe DeWitt's Talent Show."

Miss DeWitt was recently nominated for the "Texas Women's Hall of Fame." She was not one of the 12 elected but she did receive a special invitation from Gov. Mark White to attend the ceremonies recognizing the inductees.

She was the subject of a feature in **The Dallas Morning News** of Aug. 4. A reprint of that article follows:

DETROIT, Texas—Excellence. Like an experienced general training an elite corps of new recruits, Edythe DeWitt, 82, says she is striving for excellence — in herself as well as her "troops."

She says she labors to bring out the best, to instill a sense of confidence and triumph in the hearts of those who have come

through her door for learning.

Her vigor and her determination have not faded. There are many more hands needing direction, many more scores to be written, many more children eager for discovery.

And, besides, this is the year that **Texas Monthly** magazine named Edythe DeWitt of little Detroit, Texas, as the best teacher in the state. Her best work may be yet to come.

The floorboards of the tiny music studio seem to ebb and flow under one's feet. Antique furniture is located around the room; framed memories dot the walls. Tucked away in a corner is a piano and two chairs, occupied by the master the pupil. Notes ring out one by one and Edythe DeWitt smile. Another artist is in the making.

"Teaching is my one great joy," Ms. DeWitt says. "I have been teaching since 1920, when I gave eight lessons a month for \$1. That was big money then."

"I enjoy teaching because I feel I am giving the student something I have enjoyed all my life, since I was three. I will keep teaching as long as I can."

While the piano is her first instrument, Ms. DeWitt has also instructed students in guitar, banjo, violin, drums, accordion, tap, ballet, acrobatics, ballroom, speech, voice development and marimba. She writes and publishes her own music, poetry, greeting cards and a monthly magazine for women. And she finds the time for many other activities, including the maintenance of her one-acre yard. She doesn't hire local teen-agers to cut the grass—she does it her-self.

Few people are qualified to teach all the music subjects that she is; even fewer can write and publish their own music.

"In 1980 a music publisher in New York made a survey of all the music teachers in the United States and I was the only lady music publisher they found," she said.

"My publications are for piano and organ, grades from 1 to 10 and ensembles as high as six students at two pianos."

"When I need a piece for a student and can't find one he

needs, I get busy and write one. That's how I started being a music publisher."

"I have never made the mistake of giving the student what he likes. I give him what he needs. Every study piece should be an advancement over the last one. That's how they advance."

Edythe DeWitt's self-confidence is contagious. "I know I know how to teach, because I had four years of teacher training and because I have turned out good performers. You must feel sure you are able to help the student, and not harm him. You must be able to give him what he needs, what he can do, and what will have improved him after he has done it."

In 1923 she borrowed \$300 from a local bank and ventured off to Cincinnati for a professional education in music. "I would teach all winter, save my money and go the conservatory in the summer," she said. After completing her training she started teaching for an agency that sent her to Mississippi, Alabama (where Gov. George Wallace was her student), Florida and other states. For more than 35 years she has been teaching in Northeast Texas.

She also had a strong interest in dance and received lessons in New York from Arthur Murray. Her other activities have been varied, from photographing her cats to working on television programs, but most of her interests are tied to music—with a few exceptions. She has, for instance, been a member of the Sheriffs Association of Texas.

Reflecting on the honor she received from **Texas Monthly**, Ms. DeWitt thinks back to her father, to the talent that she inherited. "If it had not been for my father's development of his talent, I would not have had a chance to come into the world with a talent and the desire I have for music," she said. "I tell my students if they don't do anything with it themselves, they might pass it into another life like my father did."

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Incorporated's Research Center in Raleigh, N.C., woven at Texas Tech, and then returned to CI for promotion to U.S. cotton's customers worldwide.

In addition to denim concepts—like rough spun fabrics adopted by Burlington Mills—Cotton Incorporated and Texas Tech have been working on cotton/wool blends that could begin appearing in stores in 1986. "No other organization has done as much as Cotton Incorporated on the 80 percent cotton and 20 percent wool concept," said Harry Arthur, associate director of the \$6 million Textile Research

Center, which conducts more research than any other public institution on natural fibers.

Since 1971, Cotton Incorporated has invested up to \$300,000 a year on joint projects. Noting that CI projects have declined in recent years for economic reasons, he urged Texas growers to support this market development program. Says Michele Woodruff, CI's manager, Fabric Development/Weaving, "There is not another research facility that is like the Texas Tech Textile Research Center. It's been a tremendous help to Cotton Incorporated and this industry."



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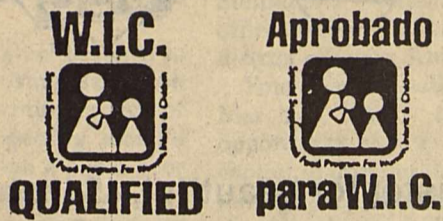


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Sagerton Community News

Week of Nov. 28

The children of Mrs. Emma Raphael of Stamford hosted a birthday dinner in her honor Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark. Guests included Weldon Tredemeyer of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hertel of Rule, Mrs. Glynn Lovvorn of Stamford, Mrs. Helga Anderson of Lueders, Charles Tredemeyer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. George Olson of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stegemoeller, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baitz of Sagerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark hosted the Thanksgiving supper for members of Sagerton Methodist Church in their home Wednesday, November 20th.

Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Meier, Mr. G.W. LeFevre, Mr. Larry Cornelson, Mrs. Allen Letz, Mrs. M.Y. Benton, guests, Mrs. Ophelia Gibson of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Toney, hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beverly of Tolar, visited Mrs. M.Y. Benton Saturday, Mrs. Beverly is a niece of Mrs. Benton.

There are several people on the sick list from here. Mrs. Arthur Knipling had eye surgery in Houston, Mr. Buster Tredemeyer is in the hospital in Abilene.

The ALC Women of Faith Lutheran Church had part in the worship Sunday morning with every one bringing their Thanks offering boxes to be used for supporting missions of the Church, to refugee camps, downtown missions, new congregations, nursing homes, schools, rural ministries and international missions. In 1984 the women's Thanks offering totaled over 2.3 million dollars. Those who took part were Mrs. Mel Swoyer, Mrs. J.B. Toney, Mrs. Danny Lammert, Mrs. Lynn Dale Dudensing, Mrs. Adela Niedieck, Mrs. Marvin Stegemoeller, Mrs. Robert Ace Turner, Mrs. Mardrel Nauret, Mrs. Franklin Mrazek.

A baby shower honoring Mrs. Lynn Dale Dudensing was held Saturday morning in the Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Special guests were Mrs. Odene Dudensing, mother-in-law and Mrs. Larry Hobratschk of Littlefield, sister-in-law.

The register table was covered with a pink, blue and yellow baby quilt with a blue ceramic bootie

filled with pink flowers on the table. The refreshment table was covered with a light blue cloth with a white lace overlay. The center piece was a musical ceramic water wheel filled with yellow flowers, presented to the honoree. Sausage balls, muffins, fruit, coffee and hot punch were served in silver appointments. Baby quilts were used as wall decorations.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Clayton Stegemoeller, Mrs. Danny Lammert, Mrs. Billy Teichelman, Mrs. Billy Lamb, Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman, Mrs. J.B. Toney, Mrs. Steven Lehrmann, Mrs. Robert Ace Turner, Mrs. Johnny Baitz, Mrs. Jeff Yarborough, Mrs. Fred Baitz, Mrs. Mel Swoyer, Mrs. Tommy Davis, and Mrs. Kraig Kupatt.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Toney Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mahler, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fouts, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre.

Bruce Toney of Western Texas College, Snyder, and Rene Toney of Abilene visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Toney over the weekend.

Mrs. Larry Hobratschk of Littlefield visited in the home of her

mother Mrs. Odene Dudensing over the weekend.

Mr. Clarence Stegemoeller, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Erna and Walter Schaake played 84 in the home of Mrs. Lena Schaake Wednesday night. Of course the men had to beat the women.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Teichelman ate lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Teichelman Sunday.

The commodities will be given at Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Dec. 4th from 10 until 11 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre and Larry and Shane LeFevre of Rule went to Dallas last Saturday for the AAAAA area play off games between Plano East Senior High-Bryan-Adams High School of Dallas at the Cotton Bowl. Plano East won 21-7 and will play Conroe High School at Kyle Field on A&M Campus at Bryan Sat. at 2 p.m.

The LeFevre's grandson Rob Bailey plays center for Plano East and their son-in-law Mike Bailey is head coach at Plano East.

Those who played 84 in the home of Mr. G.W. LeFevre Thursday night was Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark, Mrs. Ophelia Gibson of Stamford.

Inspectors break cattle theft ring

Field inspectors for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, working with Sequoyah and Muskogee County, Okla., officers, have broken up a suspected cattle theft ring believed to have stolen 100 head of cattle in eight north and eastern Oklahoma Counties since mid-summer.

Subsequent investigation and voluntary statements provided to authorities by three of the suspects revealed the family, using phony names and checking accounts, fake identifications and a stolen stock trailer, may have been stealing cattle outright or by bad check in Sequoyah, Le Flore, Mayes, Wagoner, Rogers, Craig, Nowata and Pottawatomie counties, Okla. The stolen cattle were reportedly then resold at livestock auction markets from Coffeyville, Kan., to Fort Smith, Ark.

In addition to recovering the stolen trailer, officers also retrieved a stolen saddle for a Chelsea, Okla., man. Ironically, one of the suspects

allegedly had stolen the same saddle from the same man 10 years before. It was recovered at that time by Inspector Russell.

Investigators said the suspects, two of which have prior felony convictions, allegedly stole cattle that were easily penned and located near highways. While no value has yet been set on the cattle or trailer, Inspector Wade said the cattle could be worth at least \$30,000 assuming the average value per head on today's market was \$300.

Investigating officers, in addition to Inspectors Wade and Russell, were Sequoyah County Sheriff Sam Lockhart, Sequoyah County Undersheriff Tom Polk and Muskogee County Deputy Sheriff Leland Johnson.

The case was significant for the area, King said, because of the large number of thefts committed in a brief time. The case also points up the continuing livestock theft problem in Oklahoma, Texas and other cattle-producing states.

Time capsule to be buried at capitol

On Dec. 5, the Texas Historical Foundation will commemorate Texas' 150th birthday by burying a 50-year time capsule in Austin's Sesquicentennial Park located in the Capitol complex adjacent to the State Capitol building.

All Texans are invited to submit their names, at a cost of only \$1, to be included on a scroll and enclosed in the 1986 time capsule. Fifty years from now (during the 200th birthday celebration), a future generation will unearth the capsule and display its contents. By contributing your name to the capsule you will be supporting and preserving Texas culture and reminding your children and grandchildren of the unique history we as Texans share. Sesquicentennial year memorabilia representative of the state in 1986 will also be included in the capsule but the most important document to be enclosed will be those names and locations of over 10 million living Texans.

The time capsule will be buried under an official plaque along side the planned Sesquicentennial Monument also to be erected in late 1986 on the State Capitol grounds. This capsule will remain untouched for 50 years.

During Texas' 200th birthday celebration the capsule will be uncovered and presented as a gift to the State. In addition, this valuable historic drama and document will be on exhibit in Austin throughout Texas' 200 birthday celebration.

All entries must be received no later than Oct. 1, 1986, and will be accepted effective immediately. For each entry send a check or money order for \$1 with your full name and address to the Texas Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 2950, Austin, Texas 78769.

The Texas Historical Foundation is a private, non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to promoting and preserving Texas' unique rich history and culture. All money donated will be used to administer this project

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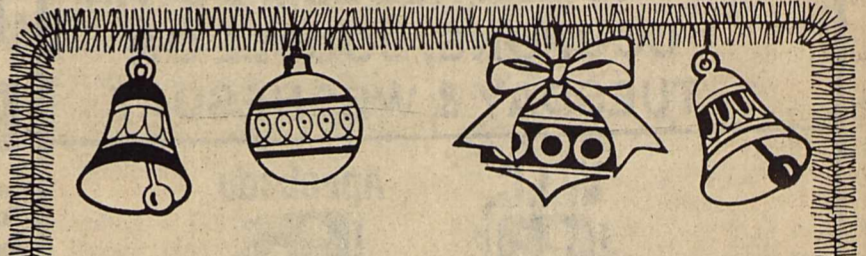
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Christmas programming featured on The Disney Channel during December will include such Disney favorites as "Babes in Toyland," "Hans Brinker (or the Silver Skates)," "Mickey's Christmas Carol," "A Disney Channel Christmas," "Shari Lewis Christmas Concert" and "The

Velveteen Rabbit" episode of "Enchanted Musical Playhouse" with guest star Marie Osmond, plus a new colorized version of Frank Capra's holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." In addition, The Disney Channel's regular lineup of series, specials and motion pictures will be shown.

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Dirty chimneys can cause fires

Chimneys with heavy creosote deposits are a leading cause of home fires in the United States each year.

Chimneys should be inspected annually for creosote build-up, and now is a good time to do so, says Dr. Gary Nelson, safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Creosote is produced when wood burns. It escapes from a stove or fireplace in the form of smoke and condenses on the inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable, and deposits one-fourth of an inch deep or more should be removed, emphasizes Nelson.

Once ignited, creosote can burn at temperatures up to 3,000 degrees F. The strong upward draft caused by high-temperature chimney fires can lift burning creosote out of the chimney and onto the roof, possibly spreading the fire to the rest of the house, or even neighboring houses.

Chimney cleaning is a messy and sometimes dangerous task which may require climbing onto the roof. Although chemical cleaners are available, most have been proven ineffective.

Nelson suggests steel brushes to clean a chimney, using extension rods to reach the entire length of the flue. To avoid getting soot all over the house, fasten a sheet over the opening of the fireplace.

Chimney cleaning may best be handled by a chimney sweep. He will have a selection of brushes and will be able to spot improper installation of wood stoves or chimney damage, notes Nelson.

Once the chimney has been cleaned, proper use of the stove or fireplace can reduce creosote buildup, he adds.

The newer, more efficient stoves and fireplace inserts allow less heat loss through the chimney. This lower temperature inside the chimney encourages the accumulation of creosote, Nelson explains. With hotter fires, creosote is burned as it is produced, leaving less to condense in the chimney.

If the chimney and stove pipes

are free from excessive creosote deposits, accumulation can be controlled by burning a hot fire for about 15 minutes each day to burn off any thin layers of creosote which may have formed the previous day.

Should a chimney fire occur, call the fire department immediately. If possible, shut off the air supply to the stove or fireplace but do not close the damper since this will force smoke into the house. If there is still a fire in the stove or fireplace, extinguish it with an approved fire extinguisher or throw baking soda onto the fire, Nelson says.

Internships for congressman being offered

Applications for summer internships in Congressman Charles Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office are now available from the district office in Abilene.

Four people will be chosen in March, 1986, to have the opportunity to work in the nation's capitol in June or July, two people during each month. Interns have the opportunity to attend committee hearings, floor debates and a special speakers' forum. They will also answer constituent inquiries and assist in the day-to-day operations of the office.

College students in or from the 17th Congressional District, teachers at any level, or residents of the district, age 19 to 25, who possess a demonstrated interest in government are eligible for the internship program. For applications and additional information, please contact Congressman's Stenholm's Abilene office at P.O. Box 1101, Abilene, 79604, or call (915)-673-7221. Deadline for application is Jan. 15, 1986.

Be careful of credit at Christmas

During the holiday season many of us overindulge in food, drink—and credit.

Family economics specialist Nancy Granovsky says consumers should ask themselves whether they need to use credit, which is really borrowing money for a price.

The answer may be "yes," says the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist, if you have a good reason and can repay your debt in a reasonable length of time.

"Using a credit card to pay for Christmas gifts can be convenient and cost relatively little if you pay the bill within 30 days," Granovsky explains. "But when you have to carry the debt beyond 30 days, you will be paying 16-18 percent interest, depending on your credit card."

In many households, a large purchase of major appliance, television or furniture is made each year as a gift for the whole family. Before deciding to make this type of purchase on credit, she suggests that considering the cost of the loan.

According to the specialist, you can find the total cost of any loan by multiplying the number of payments by the amount of each payment, then subtract the purchase price. This resulting figure will be the cost of the credit.

"The longer the loan," she says, "the more it will cost." Your monthly payment may be smaller, but the total amount you pay back in finance charges will be more.

"Be sure the payments are affordable," Granovsky cautions. "A loan may seem appropriate by itself, but when added to other payments it could be more than you can afford."

If your debt load goes over 20 percent of your take home pay, excluding your rent or mortgage, you may wind up in financial trouble. Ten to 15 percent is more manageable debt load, she says.

When the cost of credit will be more than you need or want to spend, says Granovsky, consider using some of your savings for the purchase.

Cattle price recovery expected to continue

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus—and yes, cattlemen, the market finally seems to be turning around.

In the coming weeks, cattlemen may have another reason to feel a bit joyous other than the approaching holiday season.

Based on a variety of reports, cattle numbers are down and that trend should last into next year. The price recovery that began a few weeks ago should continue at least until the spring, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service livestock marketing economist.

Dr. Ed Uvacek feels the latest cattle-on-feed report (covering 13 states) gives another "shot in the arm" to the cattle industry. "The number of cattle on feed has

declined steadily in recent months and finally appears to be having an impact on market prices," Uvacek says.

Oct. 1 figures show cattle and calves on feed down 12 percent, fed cattle marketings for July-September up 5 percent, cattle and calves placed on feed during July-September down 13 percent, other disappearance of animals during that same period down 25 percent, and expected fed cattle marketings for October-December down 4 percent.

"These figures suggest that the oversupply problems of the beef industry caused by larger marketings of overweight feedlot cattle are about over," Uvacek

points out. "Even though slaughter weights are still running a little above a year ago, some feedlots are already selling some cattle that are not quite ready."

Uvacek feels that the reduction in feedlot placements during the July-September period is the best news for cattlemen. "This 13 percent reduction should assure light supplies of fed beef for the last quarter of this year and continued lower marketings through the first quarter of 1986," says the economist.

All in all, the future is starting to look a little brighter for the beef industry, and it couldn't have come at a better time with the Christmas season approaching.

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Michener's novel 'Texas' to commemorate anniversary

To commemorate the Texas Sesquicentennial, the University of Texas Press in Austin will issue a lavishly illustrated two-volume edition of James A. Michener's historical novel "Texas". The publication date for the book is Texas Independence Day, March 2, 1986, which marks 150 years of Texas' independence from Mexico.

According to John H. Kyle, director of the University of Texas Press, the book combines the legendary storytelling skills of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author with the fine pencil illustrations of Texas artist Charles Shaw.

The illustrated, unabridged UT Press edition of Texas will be published by special arrangement with Random House, Inc., which has published the trade edition.

Kyle said that the illustrated edition of "Texas" will be presented slipcased in two volumes that include 938 pages and more

than 250 pencil illustrations specially commissioned for the book.

"The publication of the illustrated edition of "Texas" is a significant episode in the history of fine bookmaking and publishing in Texas," Kyle remarked.

"How often are novels—except children's books—illustrated like this at all?" he asked.

The press director added that the two 9-by-12-inch volumes will be bound in full buckram and slipcased in fine linen over heavyweight boards. Other special features include distinctive stamping in two colors and gold and use of a Lone Star motif to reflect the rich heritage of the state. The volumes will be printed on heavy acid-free paper in two colors throughout and will include full-color endpapers.

According to Kyle, publication of the illustrated edition of Michener's novel will commemorate the Texas

Sesquicentennial and promote interest in Texas' colorful past.

"The mere publication of Texas will create great interest in Texas and Texas history in the Sesquicentennial year. It will stimulate Texas' interest in their own heritage and bring about a better understanding of the state by both Texans and non-Texans," he explained.

"The book carries the reader through 450 years accompanied by Spanish explorers Mexican colonists and generals, Indians, Anglo settlers, Scottish and German immigrants, and a host of other characters," Kyle said.

"And all of these characters play out their stories against a backdrop of cattle, cotton, oil, and a hunger for land," he added.

The result, the press director said, is a book that will be the most prized memento of the Texas Sesquicentennial, one crafted to be read for generations.

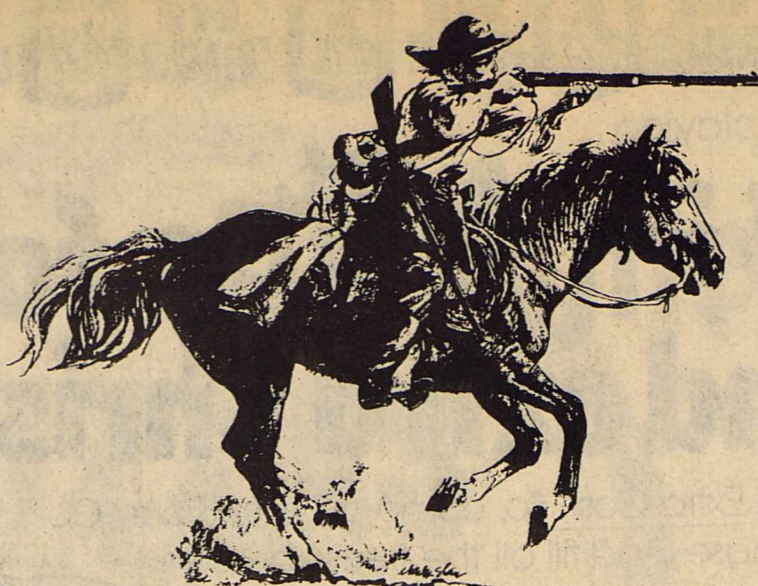
The illustrated edition of "Texas" will be available March 2 for \$125 in bookstores. The book may also be ordered directly from the University of Texas Press, Box 7819, Austin, Texas 78713.

The press will also issue a limited edition of 400 copies, signed by both Michener and Shaw, in a special quarter binding of buffalo hide. Not available for purchase, the limited edition will be presented to major donors to the press' fellowship training program. Kyle said that Michener himself has made a major financial contribution to the fellowship training program, one that should ensure the program's success.

Bingo crackdown

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said a preliminary computer analysis of charity contributions from Texas bingo games shows as many as 200 operators may lose their licenses.

Bullock said requirements that charity bingo games contribute at least 35 percent of adjusted gross receipts to authorized charities will be strictly enforced in early 1986.



'TEXAS'

Artist Charles Shaw's impression of Otto McNaab, frontier fighter, and hero of James A. Michener's novel Texas. The University of Texas Press will issue an illustrated two-volume edition of the novel March 2, 1986, to commemorate the Texas Sesquicentennial. (Illustration © 1985 by the University of Texas Press.)

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Good records important at tax time

Keeping accurate financial records is probably one of the best tax saving actions that a taxpayer can take, the Internal Revenue advises.

When the time comes for filing a federal tax return, good records can mean the difference between filing an accurate return or an inaccurate one, the Internal Revenue Service says. Also, good records can help taxpayers take all the deductions and benefits to which they are entitled.

Taxpayers are not required to use a specific record keeping system. However, receipts, cancelled checks, bills, old returns and other written documents are essential in proving expenses. Tax records should be kept at least three years after the return is due or filed, or two years after the tax was paid, whichever is later. Real estate records should be kept for as long as they are helpful.

Input sought by agency

The Texas Department of Human Services, the state agency which provides assistance to needy families and children and aged and disabled persons, will conduct a hearing in Abilene to obtain public comment regarding program directions, budget priorities, and expenditure of federal block grant funds including Title XX and Low-income Home Energy Assistance.

The hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 5. It will be held at 4380 Spindletop Drive, Abilene. Facilities are accessible to disabled persons and interpreters will be available for deaf or Spanish-speaking persons.

Conducting the hearing will be members of the department's advisory committees and staff of the agency. Comments from individuals, representatives off interest groups, and recipients or providers of agency services will be recorded for consideration by department



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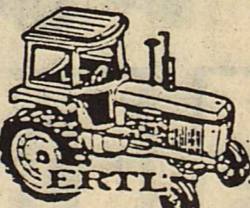
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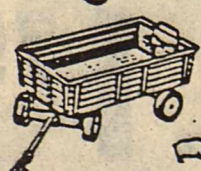
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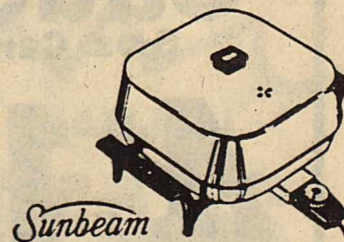
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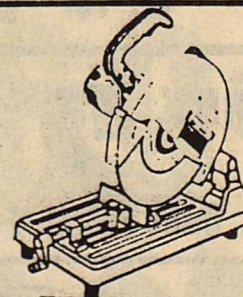
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When Christmas lights were turned on at the Jones County courthouse on Friday, a bright new season began at the old Opera House in Anson as well.

Although it will be some time before the curtain will actually rise for performances at the historic Opera House, the building deed was transferred to the City of Anson during a dedication ceremony in conjunction with the annual Christmas lighting program at the courthouse.

Descendants of pioneer Anson businessman A.W. Johnson have purchased the Opera House and given it to the City of Anson for restoration. Johnson was one of the builders of the impressive structure in 1907. Members of the Johnson family will be on hand for the dedication ceremony.

The Anson Opera House, a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, was placed on the market when owner John Falkner, who lived in the building, died July 27 without leaving a will. Learning that landmark status did not protect the historic building from destruction, a group of citizens organized to raise money to buy and restore the Opera House. A subcommittee of the Jones County Historical Commission was appointed by chairman Sylvia Moreland for the purpose of collecting tax deductible donations.

Members of the Johnson family saw publicity about the Opera House dilemma in the Anson newspaper, the *Western Observer*, and contacted the administrator of the Falkner estate to begin negotiations to purchase the building. Anson City council accepted the gift of the Opera House on Nov. 4.

When A.W. Johnson built the Opera House in 1907, it was the fanciest showplace between Fort Worth and El Paso. Today, it is a proud structure but is in disrepair. Funds are still needed for the restoration of the upstairs auditorium and the lower floor. Tax deductible donations, large or small, are being accepted through the Opera House Rescue Fund at First National Bank in Anson, or through the Opera House Committee, c/o Anson City Hall,

Anson 79501.

As a young man, A.W. Johnson took correspondence courses in law and pharmacy. He opened a drug store in Anson, and he had the only safe in town so people left valuables with him. He opened the first bank in Anson and later sold the drug store.

Johnson took much interest in civic affairs. He chaired the Anson school board for many years. Since there were no electric refrigerators, he opened an ice plant. Two small streams came together on a 60-acre tract near his home, and Johnson built a dam there which created a lake. Here he established a central water works operation for the town which was later sold to the city.

Anson's first electricity came from an electric light plant built by Johnson. This was later sold to West Texas Utilities Co. Johnson also helped his friend Morgan Jones of Abilene in building the Old Wichita Valley Railroad from Abilene to Anson, Hamlin, and on to Haskell and Wichita Falls. He gave the land for right-of-way through his own big farm and enlisted other property owners to do the same. He encouraged banks on the proposed route to help finance the railroad.

Before the railroad was established, farmers had to take cotton and other products to Abilene for market. Johnson also knew that land values would rise in towns acquiring a railroad.

Johnson was chairman for Jones County in the national campaign to sell war bonds and war savings stamps during World War I. Two of his sons were soldiers in that war: William "Bill" Johnson, now deceased, a second lieutenant, and Rupert H. Johnson, a sergeant,

A.W. Johnson made speeches across the county and received a special commendation after the war.

This man who was the father of the Anson Opera House in its origins and now in its restoration enjoyed music and singing, played the piano, and was a constant

student of human nature.

In addition to Rupert H. Johnson of Miami, Fla., and the late Bill Johnson, the children of A.W. Johnson are Mary J. Behrens of Abilene, Audrey J. Martin of Dallas, Margaret J. Johnson of Santa Barbara, Calif. and A.W. Johnson, Jr.

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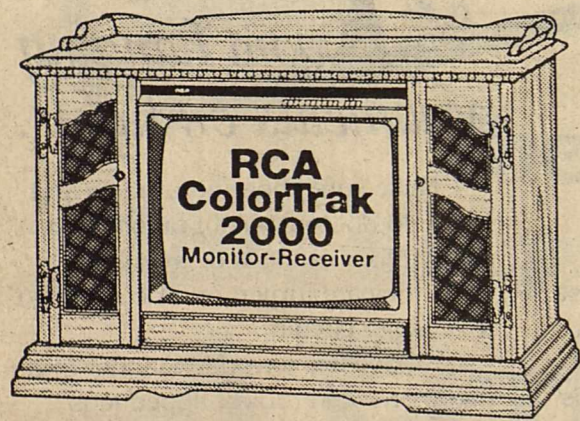
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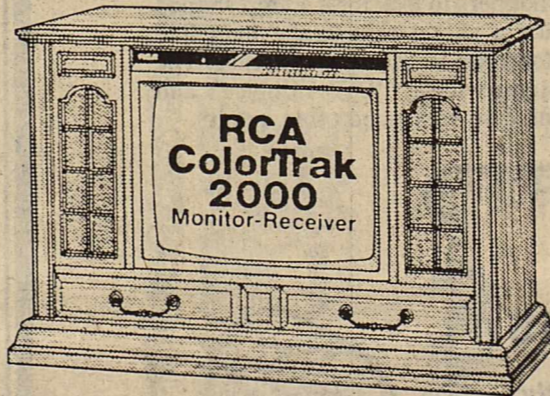
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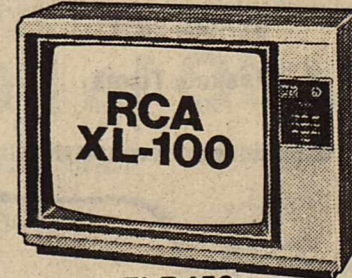
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Some of the most popular species to own include zebra, mouflon, blackbuck antelope, axis deer, fallow deer, llama and alpaca.

Aside from the taxbreaks of investing in expensive and exotic animals, these Texans are contributing to the overall conservation of threatened and endangered species.

Habitat for these animals continues to shrink in third world countries in Africa, and establishing them outside traditional zoos in large numbers may prove to be their salvation.

The climate in Texas is similar to many regions in Africa. Zebra and exotic species of antelope, for example, have had no problems adapting to their new environment.

Most of the large Texas ranches with exotic wildlife are located in South Texas and the Hill Country.

George Gray, vice president of the International Wildlife Park in Grand Prairie, estimates more than 100 ranches in Texas are running exotic animals.

"Mouflon and blackbuck antelope can share the same area with cattle," Gray said. "One of the greatest expenses, however, is fencing."

Depending on the type of material used and labor charges, fencing will run \$4-\$12 per foot. Let's say, for example, you purchased a small ranch of only 640 acres. Just to fence the perimeter at \$6 per foot would cost you \$31,680. The land and animals are extra.

Owning exotic animals is a major investment with heavy responsibilities. But for those Texans willing to make the commitment, the greatest reward is helping preserve threatened species for the future.

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Influenza on the way for millions

An estimated 75 million episodes of influenza are on the way this winter, according to the American Lung Association of Texas—the Christmas Seal People®. The fevers, chills, aches, and lingering exhaustion will strike during what has come to be known as the flu season, which stretches from October to March. For those who are most endangered by the flu, the Lung Association's advice is simple and emphatic: get vaccinated as soon as possible, preferably by November 30.

Flu can be literally life-threatening for individuals in high-risk categories: those over 65; people with chronic lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, tuberculosis, or chronic bronchitis; and people with heart disease, anemia, diabetes or other chronic illnesses.

The American Lung Association of Texas advises those at high-risk and those in "essential service" jobs (hospital personnel, fire fighters, and police officers) to get a flu shot each year. The vaccine prevents flu in about 75 percent of those receiving it. For the rest, it reduces the severity of the seige.

If flu vaccine is not available or is advised against by a physician, there is an alternative—the oral medication amantadine. During an influenza outbreak, amantadine can be prescribed to prevent flu or reduce its effects in unvaccinated individuals at high risk and in those vaccinated within the preceding two weeks (before the vaccine has taken effect). Effective even within the first 48 hours after symptoms appear, amantadine causes only mild reactions in most people.

If the *Farmer's Almanac* is right, this winter will be an unusually hard one. Make it easier by protecting yourself against the flu. For more information on influenza and flu vaccine, contact the American Lung Association of Texas, 7701 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78752 or call toll-free 1-800-252-LUNG.

Texas Housing Authority to offer low-cost loans

Approximately \$111 million in low interest mortgage loans will become available to homebuyers in Texas beginning Nov. 25, a Texas Housing Agency official announced last week.

The money will be offered to eligible low and moderate income borrowers at a fixed rate of 9.7 percent for 30 years, with a five to ten percent minimum downpayment, said Earline Jewett, executive administrator of the Texas Housing Agency.

To qualify for the program, an individual applicant must have an adjusted gross income for the preceding tax year of \$33,000 or less; the combined income limit for a family is \$42,000. In addition, for homes in most areas of the state, borrowers must be first-time homebuyers or not have owned their principal residence in the past three years.

Lenders will begin accepting applications on Nov. 25, for mortgage loans on homes costing \$80,000 or less. Applications on homes priced higher than \$80,000 will be accepted beginning Jan. 2. The maximum home acquisition costs vary from area to area.

Prospective homebuyers may call (512) 475-4005 to obtain application

information, a program brochure, and a list of participating lenders.

The Texas Housing Agency was created by the state legislature in 1979 to provide affordable home financing to low and moderate income families. Its loans are financed through the sale of

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Meat 'bargains' not always mean saving

Well-advertised "bargains" on freezer meats may not save you any money, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

When buying meat in quantity for a freezer, price alone doesn't tell the story, says nutritionist Marilyn Haggard.

A 300-pound carcass at 49 cents a pound will cost \$147. But you can lose one-third or more in cutting and trimming. So the 200 pounds of meat actually cost 73 1/2 cents per pound, she says.

"Many low-priced carcasses will give meat suited only for hamburger, stews and similar dishes," notes the specialist. "Steaks and roasts from them would be tough and disappointing."

Haggard explains that even in high-quality carcasses, one-fourth of the meat can be expected to be steaks. Another fourth will be roasts (most of them chuck), another fourth stew meat and hamburger. The remainder is loss in bone and fat.

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Avoid hanging ornaments on lights.

Make sure paper ornaments and tinsel do not touch light bulbs. Also, never adjust outdoor or tree lights while they are turned on or connected to a power circuit.

Always use a wooden ladder or a metal one with rubber-tipped legs when installing outdoor lights. Be sure to stand on a dry surface.

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With proper selection and care, you can keep your tree fresh throughout the season, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service forestry specialist.

"Start with the freshest tree you can find," says Alan Dreesen. "A Texas-grown tree you cut yourself at a tree farm or buy off a lot will be fresher than trees shipped from distant states."

The forestry specialist recommends the following steps to keep a fresh-cut tree at its peak:

- Place the tree trunk in a container of water, since a fresh-cut tree will still be growing when it's harvested, and will initially absorb from one-half to one gallon of water a day.

- Store the tree in a shaded area, such as a covered patio or garage.

- Before you take the tree inside for decorating, remove the loose interior needles by tapping the tree

on the patio or driveway a few times. The interior needles turn brown when they no longer get direct sunlight, and this is not a sign of dryness.

- Cut an inch off the base before placing the tree in a water-holding stand. Then check the water daily for the first week to keep the stand full. Don't let the water level fall below the tree's cut base.

- To prevent premature drying of the needles, place the tree away from heat sources such as warm air ducts, plate glass windows with a southern exposure and space heaters.

"Keeping your tree well-watered and away from heat sources will help the tree keep its needles, shape and fragrance throughout the holiday season," says Dreesen. "A tree which retains some moisture is also less of a fire hazard in your home."

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Foot care can prevent problems

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Holiday safety tips offered

Everyone looks forward to the holiday season. Unfortunately, accidents never take a holiday and can quickly turn joy into sorrow.

So make safety part and parcel of all holiday activities, says Dr. Gary Nelson, safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

He offers these safety tips:
—Clear walks and steps of ice, snow or objects to make coming and going safer for guests (and your family). Shoveling snow is hard work and overexertion by older, out-of-condition or health-impaired people could lead to collapse.

—Turn on outdoor lights at night when you expect company or a car drives up.

—Always drive with special caution when traffic is heavy or road conditions are abnormal. Since many holiday drivers are impaired by alcohol, be alert for their driving errors.

—Before company comes, put away things that could injure small children—matches, pesticides, medicines, sharp knives, cleaning products, firearms and power tools. Help older folks, too, by removing tripping hazards and providing ample light.

—If you partake of "holiday cheer," let another drive or limit drinks to one an hour.

—Select a fresh Christmas tree or a flame-resistant artificial one. Set it away from heat sources and curtains. Check lightstrings for broken sockets and frayed wires. Pull the plug before retiring.

—Since the kitchen is usually a busy place during holidays, make sure there are no dangling small appliance cords or protruding pot handles for children to grab. Handle sharp knives with care and put them away after use.

travel an estimated 70,000 miles. Proper foot care can help prevent a wide variety of foot problems, says the Texas Medical Assn.

Corns and calluses appear on the skin as a response to repeated friction and pressure from shoes. The best prevention is to wear shoes that are wide at the instep and across the toes. Using a razor blade or acid preparation on corns and calluses is unwise. The thickened skin protects the foot from shoe pressure. If too much skin is removed, an ulcer can develop and lead to infection.

Bunions occur when big toe joints are out of line and become swollen and tender. Bunions may result from ill-fitting shoes pressing on a deformity or from an inherited weakness in the foot. Sandals, shoes with extra toe depth, and doughnut pads can help, but sometimes surgery is necessary.

Fungal and bacterial conditions—including athlete's foot—occur because the feet are usually enclosed in a dark, damp, warm environment, which is an ideal growing place for fungi and

bacteria. Such infections can cause redness, blisters, peeling, and itching. The best preventive measures are to keep the feet—especially the area between the toes—clean and dry, and to expose the feet to sun and air whenever possible. Fungicidal powders may be dusted on the feet daily.


Improving the circulation to the feet can help prevent problems. Exposure to cold temperatures, wading or bathing in cold water, pressure on the feet from shoes, long periods of resting or sitting with legs crossed, and smoking can

reduce blood flow to the feet.

Shoes are important in foot care. A good pair has room for toes to move freely and a snug fit in the heel. A one-half to three-quarter-inch heel is best. A high heel crowds the toes, and a flat shoe or "negative" heel can strain the arch of the foot. Where foot protection is not needed, it is healthy to go barefoot. This exercises the muscles and joints of the feet.

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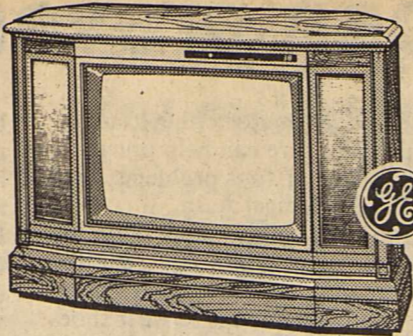
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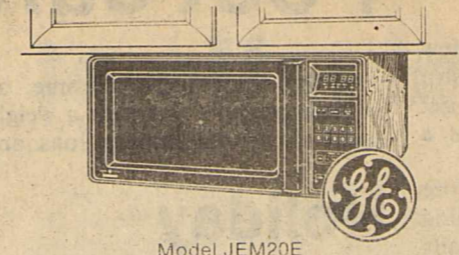
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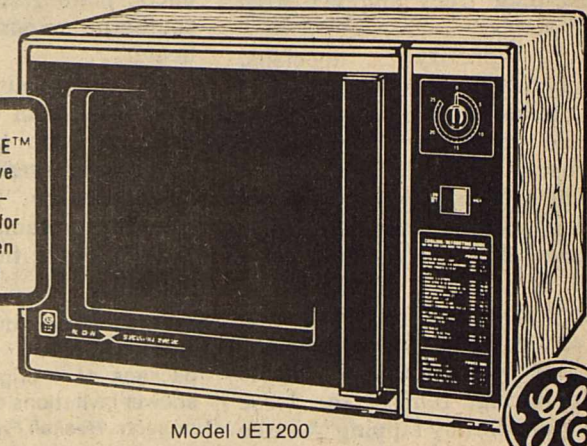
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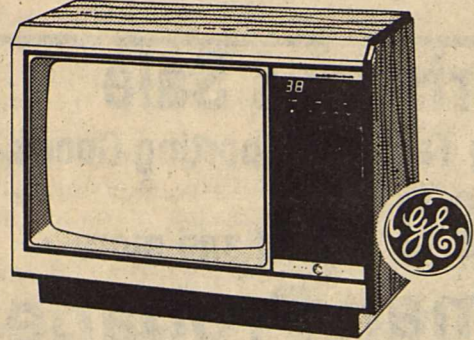


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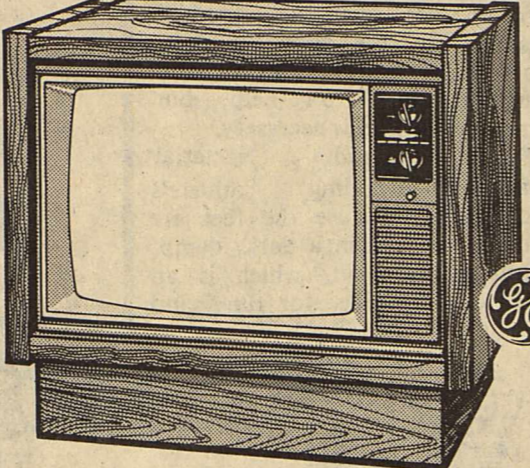
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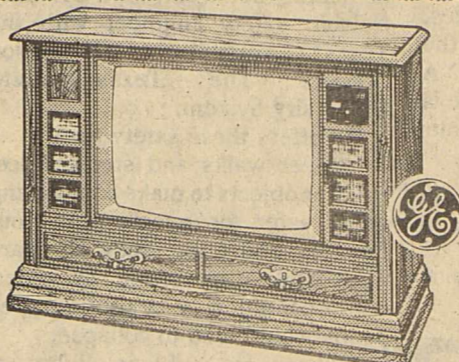
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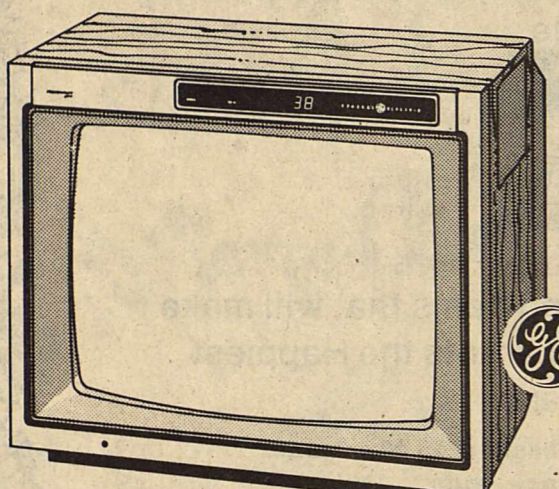
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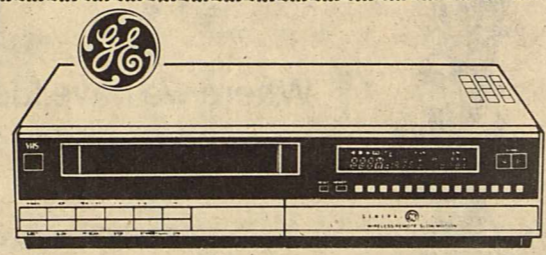
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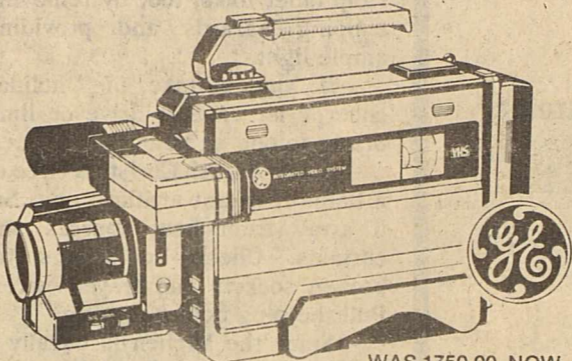
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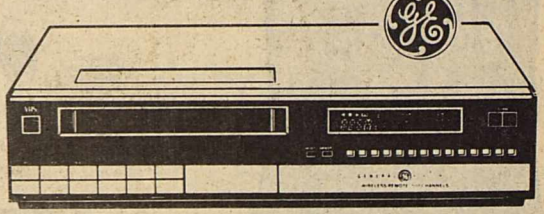
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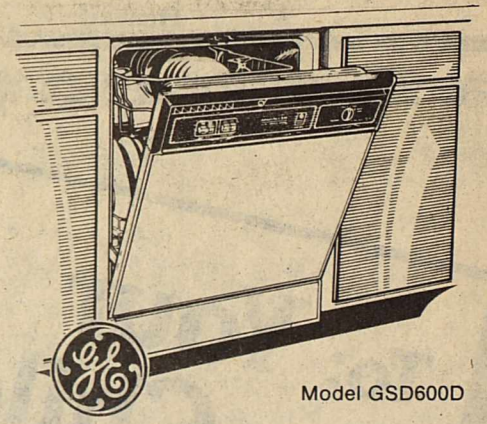
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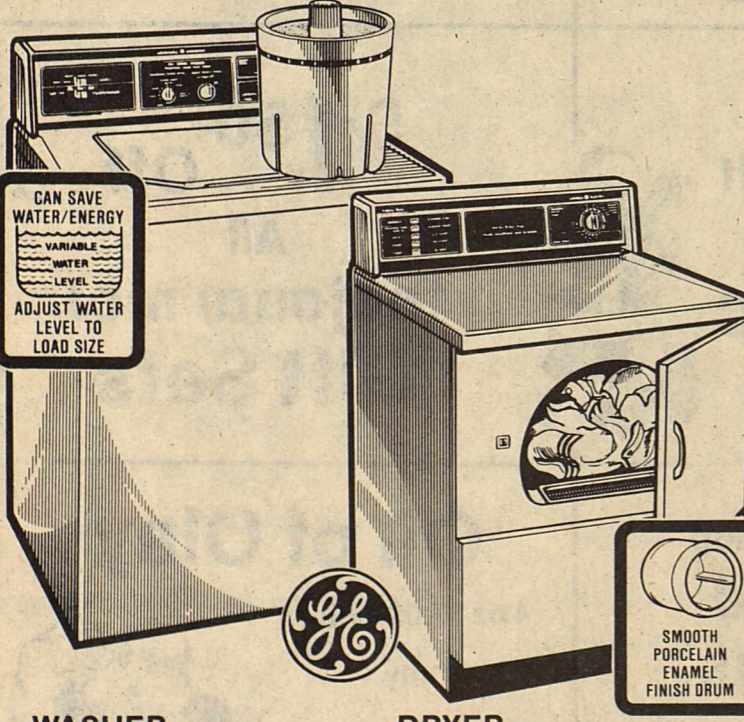
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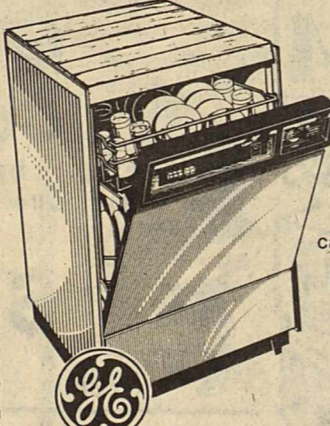
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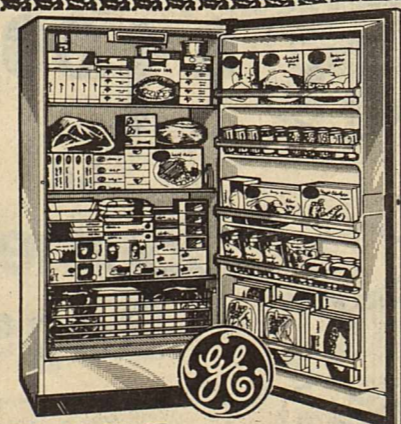
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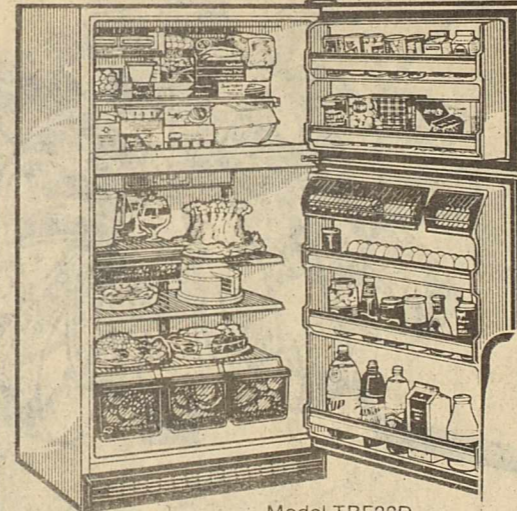
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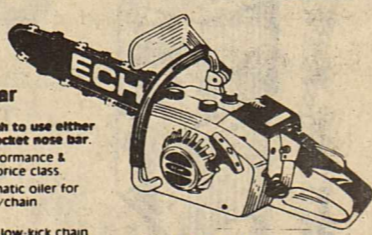
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The stories, written by well-known Texas author Myra McIlvain, first appeared in newspapers across the state, where they generated widespread interest in the state's historical marker

program. Fourteen photographs illustrate the stories, and directions to the historical markers discussed are included for interested readers.

Due to the popularity of the book, the THC plans to issue a second volume of marker stories in the future. It will continue the saga of Texas' colorful cast of characters, historic events, and interesting places.

The THC's marker program, which operates in conjunction with county historical commissions across the state, is an ongoing reminder of the people's history and acts as a reflection of the state's rich heritage and cultural diversity. The state's upcoming sesquicentennial, in particular, has sparked a renewed interest in marking and preserving Texas' rich history.

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Most Texas Christmas trees are grown in eastern counties, but consumers should find them in retail lots over most of the state, notes Walterscheid.

More than four million Christmas trees are sold in Texas each year, imported mainly from northern and western states, the forester points out. Nearly 300,000 Texas-grown trees should be available this year and should push sales beyond the \$3 million mark.

Texas currently boasts about 3,200 acres of Christmas trees, with some 1,000 trees per acre. Most of these are Virginia pines native to the Appalachian area trees per acre. Most of these are Virginia pines native to the Appalachian area of the southeastern U.S. Another species, the Afghan or Elderica pine, is now being grown in central, western and southern areas of Texas. The trees are

generally ready to harvest in about four years, says Walterscheid.

"Choose-and-cut" operations are popular in a number of locations, says the forester. Such operations allow the shopper to select the tree, cut it and take it home. "This restores the old-fashioned idea of

making the selection of a Christmas tree an outing the entire family can enjoy," Walterscheid points out.

Most county Extension offices have listings of Christmas tree farms and "choose-and-cut" operations.

Farmers Home lists new regulations

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has issued new regulations which spell out, in detail, the various loan servicing alternatives which may be available to farmers who are having economic difficulty, according to Texas FmHA state director J. Lynn Futch.

"All borrowers are expected to pay back their loans according to a planned repayment schedule," Futch said. "However, when that is impossible, we want borrowers to be aware of what kind of assistance may be available and under what conditions."

The servicing alternatives available to eligible borrowers include a deferral of a portion of payments for five years, reamortizing payments over a longer period of time, restructuring

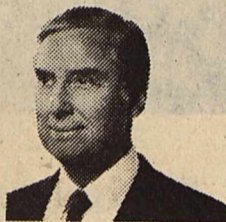
the debt, or subordinating FmHA's lien position on security to another lender.

Regulations spell out how FmHA determines eligibility for various loan servicing alternatives and under what circumstances FmHA would propose to take steps to resolve delinquency or other problems.

Borrower's appeal rights are detailed as well as FmHA's agreement to continue the release of sales proceeds until final loan servicing has been determined.

The new procedures were developed to give FmHA borrowers with delinquent and problem loans clear, consistent and predictable guidelines on how their accounts will be serviced by the agency," Futch said.

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Our state has enjoyed considerable trade with Mexico, exporting grain, cotton, cattle breeding stock, oilfield equipment and components for electronics, automobiles and clothes. Texans have also bought their share of oil, breeding stock, finished goods and agricultural produce from Mexico.

But in the past few years, trade in some of these products has slacked off largely because the economy of Mexico has been devastated by peso devaluations.

Although the entire United States was affected by these devaluations, no region was harder hit than the U.S.—Mexico border, which experiences most of the day-to-day flow of commerce between our nations. On the Texas border, peso devaluations bankrupted longtime family businesses within weeks and have depressed the economies of cities for years.

I believe we must develop cooperative programs with Mexico to increase trade between our countries. This would benefit our entire state, especially the hardpressed border area.

But we must be careful how we go about it. The United States already gives Mexico many trade benefits, and Mexico recently has loosened its trade restrictions. Whatever programs we develop should be the most effective possible. To ensure that, we must have a clear picture how effective current programs are and where changes are truly needed.

For example, foreign trade zones—which provide lower tariffs for imports—have had only a limited effect in the past, doing more to encourage imports from Mexico than exports to Mexico. That may be changing.

Mexico historically hasn't had many tariffs. Her trade barriers have been in the form of import licenses, which amount to quotas, the most restrictive kind of trade barrier.

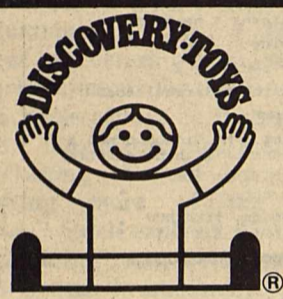
Last summer, the Mexican government announced that many, though not all, items which had previously required licenses would now be subject to duties. The duties will be high, but they are an improvement over licenses. This shift to tariffs may well help make foreign trade zones a more effective tool for increasing the flow of trade both ways across the border.

At my request, the Senate Finance Committee recently voted to have the International Trade Commission study all aspects of trade between the United States and Mexico and recommend ways to increase it.

More trade with Mexico would have significant benefits for our state's economy. Up and down the economically depressed border region, and throughout Texas, new industries would crop up, new opportunities would appear and new jobs would be created.

We can all understand the economic benefits to our state of a successful effort to boost trade with our neighbors to the South.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. John Casto Sanchez of Munday, announce the arrival of their daughter, Michele Kay Sanchez, born November 15, 1985 at Haskell Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 1/2 oz.

Around town

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bledsoe and daughter Tammy of Weatherford spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Stout of Weinert. They returned home Friday morning.



Kay Terrell Tonnon

Wed in Illinois

St. John's Lutheran Church in Union, Ill., was the setting for the

Poetry contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in World of Poetry's 11th annual Poetry Contest, open to all poets. In addition to the grand prize, there are 99 cash and merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Says Contest Director Joseph Mellon, "This is the 11th year we have sponsored such a contest, and we expect new and exciting discoveries to come of it."

For rules and official entry forms write, World of Poetry, Dept. PR, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

July 12 wedding of Miss Linda Iva Borhart and David Charles Moore.

The bride is the daughter of Harold and Pearl Borhart of Huntley, Ill., and the groom is the son of Theo and Marjorie Moore of West Chicago.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Gracie M. Moore and the late Oscar L. Moore of Haskell.

Terrell-Tonnan vows exchanged

Kay Terrell and Arthur Tonnon were married Friday, Sept. 20, at Christ Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi with the Rev. John Wiley Fox officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her step-father, Pete Bryan of San Antonio. Glanda Terrell Bryan, mother of the bride, was matron of honor. Dale Tonnon, brother of the groom, served as best man and Sonny Taylor, the groom's nephew, was candlelighter.

Wedding music was provided by Dr. Clark D. Terrell, brother of the bride.

The groom is the son of Bonnie

Anderson and the late Vincent F. Tonnon of Corpus Christi.

Father of the bride is Ted. D. Terrell of Denver.

Maternal grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark of Sagerton.

The reception was in the banquet room of the LaQuinta Inn North in Corpus Christi, hosted by friends and parents of the bride. The rehearsal dinner was in the home of the groom's mother.

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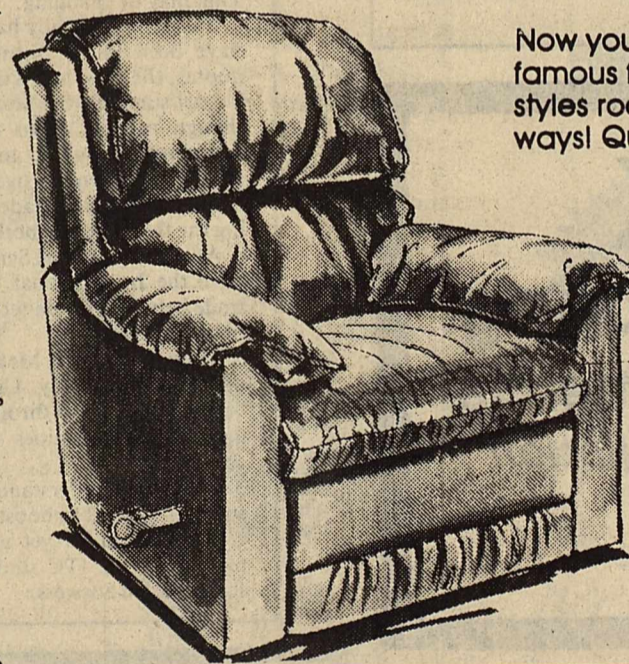
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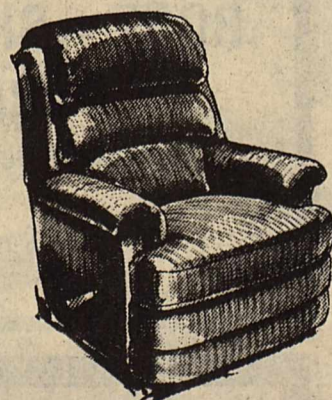
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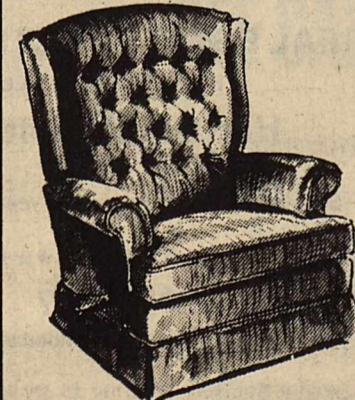
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Commentary

Will reform help?

Texas' education reform movement features a "back to the basics" curriculum, but two educators wonder if the reform effort will produce brighter and more creative students, a state teacher association magazine reports this month.

In the November/December issue of *ATPE News*, official publication of the 42,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators, Dr. Richard Sutch of the Austin Independent School District and Dean C. Corrigan of Texas A&M University cast doubts on whether the Texas school reform movement will produce students with the creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills America will need in the year 2000 and beyond.

Sutch, coordinator of fine arts for the AISD, says that Texas schools are doing nothing more than "repackaging" existing courses and requiring students to take more subjects.

"Unfortunately, many in this movement are missing the real issue," Sutch says. "They are looking at a return to the basics and an increase in credits required for graduation." He says a different kind of restructuring is necessary to prepare students for the future.

"Schools cannot be restructured for the information age merely by repackaging the old basics and requiring more of the same course," Sutch explains. "Any real restructuring must be much more fundamental. It must address what young people need to learn and how schools need to instill the ability to learn."

In a recent newspaper article, Corrigan, dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M, wrote that the reform movement places too much emphasis on improving scores on standardized tests, and that such an emphasis might force low-achieving students to drop out of schools.

"One of the most frightening aspects of the current emphasis on testing is that the push for high test scores may become a device for weeding students out of the school system," Corrigan wrote. "The worst thing that could happen is that in five years the average SAT score or state-mandated score increases and we learn the reason

for the increase if that the 20 percent of students who needed help the most were pushed out of school."

Corrigan also warns that Texas' use of test scores to identify slow or fast learners often is the "kiss of death" for many students.

"Studies show that once a child is tested and then placed in a group called 'slow learners,' there is almost never movement up," Corrigan wrote. "It is side ways, down to another group, or out of school entirely. Tests are used as an excuse to justify why the child did not learn rather than a way to diagnose the child's learning needs and design appropriate curriculum and teaching strategies."

State faces prison challenge

Faced with historic growth in the prison population and the necessity to meet the demands imposed upon the Department of Corrections by the settlement of Ruiz v. Estelle, Texas faces unprecedented challenge in meeting the needs of the corrections system.

This is the finding of the Texas Research League, as reported in the November edition of "Analysis," the League's research publication.

The League found that the state has limited choices to deal with the corrections crisis:

First: Prison population could be reduced by changes in sentencing practices and/or a massive program to divert offenders from the prison system by the use of community-based corrections. TRL warns, however, that community programs thus far have not served to reduce prison population.

Second: The state could finance a massive construction program using current revenues. This would require that funds be diverted from other state programs and/or an increase in state taxes.

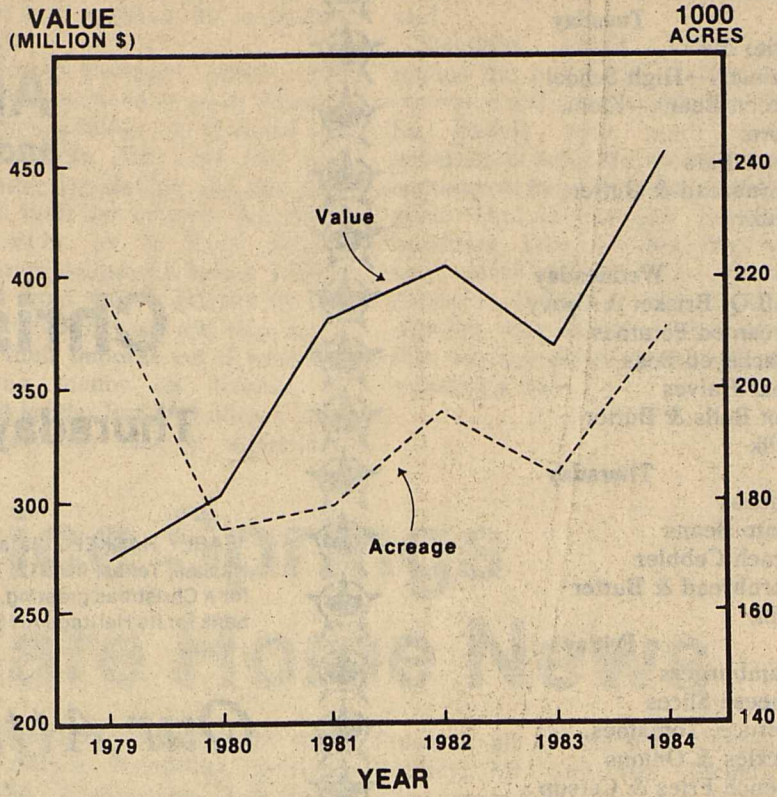
Third: The state could lease-purchase prison facilities from the private sector, or finance prison construction by he issuance of bonds. In either case, the cost would be at least doubled and constitutional questions must be addressed.

Head lice common problem

Head lice are a common problem, especially among school age children. This problem can affect anyone and is not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unsanitary environment.

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Gramm blasts House-passed bill

Editor: After three weeks of debate in a House-Senate conference committee, the House has now passed a deficit reduction bill crafted by Speaker Tip O'Neill.

In the coming few days, you will be hearing a lot about both the O'Neill alternative and the bill that I introduced along with U.S. Sens. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., and Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., so I thought this would be a good opportunity to review what has occurred.

The O'Neill alternative was approved on a party-line vote in the House, while the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation has twice won approval of a majority of both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate.

Here's how the O'Neill alternative works: First, it spares 27 government programs from any kind of reduction. In total, about 70 percent of the federal budget would be protected from any across-the-board cut. Thus, any cuts triggered by a failure of Congress to meet deficit targets would decimate the few programs and personnel accounts of the armed forces and the entire Veteran's Health Care System.

Secondly, the O'Neill alternative contains an extraordinary provision requiring that if any part of the bill is found to be unconstitutional, the whole bill is struck. You may remember that the House Democratic leadership at first criticized Gramm-Rudman-Hollings as unconstitutional because the director of the Congressional Budget Office was a co-equal with the director of the Office of Management and Budget in estimating the deficit on which presidential sequester orders are based. CBO is not an executive branch agency. The U.S. Supreme Court has found, in a unanimous decision, that executive action cannot be based on the findings of non-executive agencies.

The Senate responded to this concern by changing the process to have the two agencies report to the comptroller of the United States,

who would certify the figures and report to the President.

How did the House Democratic leadership answer? By creating the O'Neill alternative that vests the power to determine the size of the deficit solely in Congressional Budget Office. The result is an unconstitutional provision which guarantees that the O'Neill alternative can never be enforced.

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Days seem shorter?

By Wendell Faught
Do days seem shorter than they used to be?

El Nino can take part of the blame, says International Wildlife magazine.

Intense winds during the severe 1983 weather phenomenon, known as El Nino, accelerated the Earth's spin—shortening the day by three-thousandths of a second.

That's just one of many little tidbits of information contained in the current issue of International Wildlife. Here are some others:

It's no surprise that cats tend to be loners, while dogs are usually sociable.

Just go back 25 million years in time for an evolutionary clue. Back then, the wild creatures we know today as cats lived in forests. There they learned they could best sneak up on prey if they hunted alone.

Ancestors of the domestic dog, on the other hand, lived on the grasslands. Rather than using the element of surprise to capture their prey, dogs discovered they could hunt down other animals better if they worked together as a team. This adaptation to their different natural habitats, explains why today, dogs are dogs, cats are cats.

To help reduce airplane collisions with birds, Japan's All-Nippon Airways is painting large eyes on the turbines of one of its Boeing 747s. It's thought the eyes will scare birds away from the aircraft.

If the technique works, the \$40 paint job could save over \$600,000 a year and perhaps prevent fatal crashes.

What will Smokey the Bear think when he learns the U.S. Forest Service purposely torched 1,000 acres of Colorado timber with napalm?

Stay cool, Smokey. It was a friendly fire, set to create grazing grounds for a herd of bighorn sheep.

Fire will become an increasingly common tool for renewing aged and disease-ridden western forests. Man's success in controlling natural fires has led to the rise of tree parasites and dead timber that could fuel catastrophic wildfires.

In some human cultures, women are required to bring a certain amount of wealth—called dowries—to their marriage.

For many animal cultures, it's the other way around. These nuptial gifts, from the groom are called "dowers" and, in the animal world, they are often food. Terns, for instance, give fish while hanging flies present insects.

Not all bees feed on pollen and nectar. In the forests of South America there are bees that gobble up dead snakes, anteaters and other forest creatures. They're named—appropriately—vulture bees.

The hottest known star, discovered near the Little Dipper, is 40 times hotter than the surface of the sun.

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State Distributed Federal Funds	129,700.61
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Total Revenue	\$2,214,842.31
Expenditures	
Instruction	\$1,042,590.24
Instructional Administration	14,429.24
Instructional Resources and Media Resources	7,643.54
School Administration	101,756.65
Guidance and Counseling Services	28,696.92
Health Services	7.18
Pupil Transportation	27,032.62
Pupil Transportation - Exceptional Children	1,827.95
Co-Curricular Activities	134,810.41
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General Administration	129,195.09
Debt Services	28,186.86
Plant Maintenance and Operations	191,359.05
Plant Acquisition and Construction	60,744.86
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General Fund	\$311,102.61
Special Revenue Fund	0.00
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Gramm blasts House-passed bill

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Finally, after having exempted 27 taxpayer-financed programs from the process and after having provided a clearly unconstitutional provision to assure that such a program would never go into effect, the Democratic leadership proposal called for a \$161.9 billion deficit level for Fiscal Year 1986.

Most outside economic forecasters project the deficit for Fiscal Year 1986 to top \$200 billion. As a result, the Democratic leadership is calling for a \$40 Billion reduction in spending over the next nine months. If those reductions were made on the basis of the O'Neill plan, 70 percent of the cuts would be applied against defense.

The ultimate political intent of the House Democrats who supported the O'Neill alternative is to have their cake and eat it, too.

Each congressman who backed O'Neill will be able to say to you and your reporters, on the day he announces for re-election, "Sure, I voted for deficit reduction," knowing full well that the deficit will never be reduced by even a dime because their bill in unlikely to win final passage, because the

President would be forced to veto it and because the courts would declare it unconstitutional.

In sharp contrast, the Senate bill is backed strongly by both Democrats and Republicans. It provides a measured, constitutional pathway to reach a balanced budget. It removes Social Security from the budget process, setting it apart as a self-supporting trust fund. It singles out no on-budget program for either a heavy-handed cut or a special political favor.

The only particular political appeal of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings lies in the fact that its Democratic and Republican supporters alike will be able to tell voters the truth when they say they voted to reduce the deficit.

Phil Gramm
United States Senator

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December 9-13
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Tater Tots
Pineapple Upside-down Cake
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Tuesday

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Spinach—High School
Green Beans—Elem.
Corn
Fruit Bars
Cornbread & Butter
Milk

Wednesday

B.B.Q. Brisket & Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Blackeyed Peas
Pear Halves
Hot Rolls & Butter
Milk

Thursday

Nachos
Pinto Beans
Peach Cobbler
Cornbread & Butter
Milk

Friday

Hamburgers
Cheese Slices
Lettuce, Tomatoes,
Pickles & Onions
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BREAKFAST

Monday

Orange Juice
Cereal
Milk

Tuesday

Apple Juice
Pancakes & Syrup
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Wednesday

Grape Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Buttered Toast
Milk

Thursday

Fruit Juice
Cinnamon Toast
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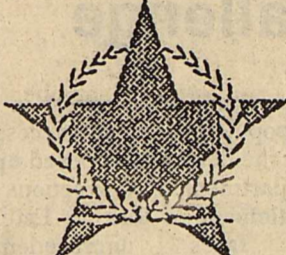
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Stenholm praises House bill

Congressman Charles Stenholm praised the House version of a deficit-reduction bill at a Thursday morning breakfast of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking to more than 200 of the country's business leaders, Stenholm said the bill is essential to a sound financial future for America. He said the Senate's Gramm-Rudman legislation is the closest Congress has come to dealing with the realities of the \$2 trillion-dollar national debt.

"I commend my fellow Texan Phil Gramm for forcing Congress to do something that the majority of my colleagues did not want to do," the Stamford native said. "His version was not perfect, but it was the impetus for the measure in the House, which is better."

"The House Democratic revision of Gramm-Rudman is now the key to real deficit reduction," he told the crowd. "It trims more and does it quicker. We cannot put deficit-reduction off. We have to make those crucial decisions today and let the people see where we really stand. It's time to bite the bullets."

The Senate bill requires, phasing in a balanced federal budget by 1991, but would not require major spending cuts until after the November, 1986 elections for 34 senators. The House bill cuts

spending immediately and balances the budget by 1990. In both, a balanced budget is enforced by making automatic, across-the-board spending cuts in most programs if the President and Congress fail to write annual budgets that meet the phase-in targets.

The largest controversy has been which, if any, programs would be exempt from the automatic cuts. The Senate version exempts from cuts \$250 billion in entitlement programs, none of which are targeted for the poor or disabled, totalling one-fourth of the entire budget. The House added \$10 billion more in exemptions, which includes protection for Disabled Veterans benefits and programs for the poor.

"I do not agree with those who say that adding the House exemptions will gut the bill," the Congressman said. "My question to them is how can you oppose the House bill because it exempts \$10 billion, when you took out \$250 billion? How in the world can they honestly tell their constituents that the deficit is a grave threat and at the same time say we can't cut that much that fast?"

Stenholm also told the Chamber that he supported Texas Congressman Marvin Leath's

proposal last April, which asked for the reductions now being considered in Washington. That bill would have required cuts across the board.

"Gramm-Rudman shows the direction we need to go in order to control spending, but it is not the best vehicle. The only fair and equitable legislation, the one that would help our country the most, will allow us to have deficit-reduction across the board. I have heard from senior citizens in my district and they tell me, they don't want their benefits cut if we keep heaping money on defense at record levels. But they always say, 'If everybody else is tightening

their belts, then I'll do my share. That's only fair.' This is what must be done," the four-term Democrat said.

Stenholm added, "We can reduce the budget by cutting out the waste and unnecessary benefits for people who don't need government help. We can and must continue to help the poorest of the poor. This is not just farmer's optimism. This is a goal that we must reach for the sake of the nation's children and grandchildren, who will bear the costs of this monster-deficit unless we do something now."

Rice Springs Care Home News

Everyone at Rice Springs was busy during November getting ready for Thanksgiving. Now since Thanksgiving is over, we all are trying to get ready for Christmas. The residents are making several different types of ornaments to put on their tree, and will be making reindeer pins out of small clopkins before long. All volunteers would be appreciated during this Christmas season.

November visitors were: Lucille Gustafson from Gonzales, and Jim Akins from Hemet California, visited Faye Woodson; Bess Hal Wieser from Houston and Dr. Jeff Pumphrey from Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Johnny Pumphrey; Barbara Sells from Iowa Park and Lois and James Miller from Irving visited O.P. Collins. Carol and Helen Bledsoe and Jessie Leppert visited Virgie Bledsoe.

John B., Rosalie and Ulm R. Curry from Lubbock visited Virginia Williams; Sherman Ervin visited Mrs. Beatrice; Mary Jane McCoy and Mrs. Vera Hunter visited J.C. Hargrove; Elgin Wright visited Jewell Wright; LaVerne Stokes visited Aleth Scrifres; Jack and Doris Slater from Ft. Worth visited with Bill and Lucy Harrell. Beulah Gibson visited Trudie Bush; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Movall from Wolf City, Bobbie Ann and Edward Corzine, Leona, and John King, Leatha Flippo, Frank and Virginia Stroud Brother from Throckmorton, also all visited in our home.

Belinda Miller, Kemo, Daphna, George, Herb, Mirtine Bummer, KC, Lee Ray, Ruby Stark and Nancy Cox-Dickerson from Tulsa Oklahoma all visited with J.R. Langford; Lee Roy and Audrey Leflar from Munday, Gwen Ejem, Elna Hargrove and Margarete

Freeman all visited with Charity Bradley; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley visited Charlie and Ethel Dunlap; Billy Clifton visited Catherine Clifton; Edward and Bonnie Hackney from Lopata Texas and Christine Durham from Abilene visited Leita Lain; Diane Williams visited Jetty Clare; Jill Willis from Abilene visited Adeline Letz; Brownie Troop 401 of Haskell visited all the residents and brought a Thanksgiving program; Margaret Tanner and Jean Baugh visited Duke Stone.

Helen Heiden from Buckeye Arizona and Oleta Fields from Anoka Minnesota visited A.L. Holley; also Jimmy Riddle, a representative from the Braille Foundation visited in our home.

We request that all visitors and volunteers register at the front in our home, so we can express our appreciation to all.

We would like to express our sympathy to all the families which lost love ones from the home during the last few weeks. We would also like to greet all our new residents which include Mrs. Lila Woodson, Mrs. Elvie Lafereve, Duke Stone, Mrs. Pearl Solomon.

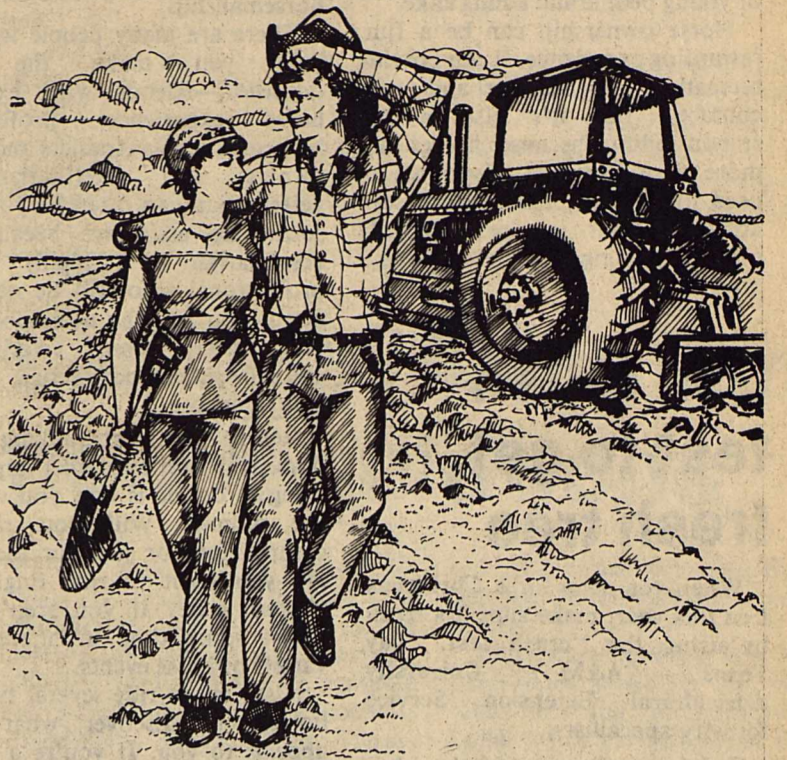
We are glad to have each one of them and encourage everyone to come by and visit them.

Weed control

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EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS

For almost a decade, Internal Revenue Service and Congress pondered the taxability of employee fringe benefits. This resulted in a statutory general rule in the Tax Reform Act of 1984 that effective as of January 1, 1985, fringe benefits are taxable as additional compensation.

What all this means is that for the first time in the IRS Code (61(a)(1)) the definition of an individual's income from his job includes any employer furnished benefits unless the benefit is specifically excluded by law.

Certain fringe benefits have been non-taxable for several years such as employee retirement plans and employee health plans are presently excluded and remain unchanged. In addition the Statute added four new categories on non-taxable fringe benefits as follows:

1. No-additional cost services. Services that the employer provides to customers that he may provide to the employee without incurring substantial additional cost. An example is an airline employee using a seat on an airline that would otherwise be empty.
2. Qualified employee discounts. These are limited in percentage on the goods and services that the employer normally sells to customers.
3. Working condition fringes. These benefits are excludable from his income to the extent they would be deductible by him as a business expense.
4. Minimal fringe benefits. These are fringe benefits that are so minimal that it would be unreasonable for the employer to account for them.

However, if a fringe benefit isn't specifically excluded from gross income under a code provision, the benefits are taxable as compensation for income tax, withholding and employment tax purposes. The benefit must be included in the employee's W-2 at the fair market value of the benefit and not necessarily at the cost to the employer.

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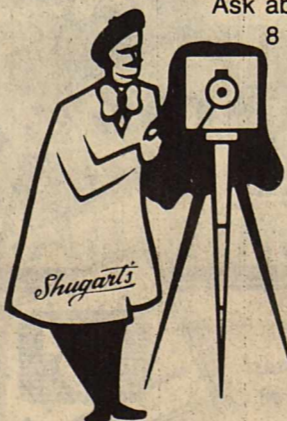
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Buying a horse? Here's how to make wise purchase

"Can we get a horse?"

That's a question which comes up at the dinner table in household after household — maybe yours. Horses seem to occupy a special place in the dreams and ambitions of young people and adults alike.

Horse ownership can be a fun, rewarding experience. It can provide recreation, exercise, sport and social contacts. But it's also a big responsibility, because horses are more than just pets. Even horses used for casual pleasure riding are athletes that require carefully planned feeding, care, exercise and housing.

Use crush test to get fresh tree

When you shop for a Christmas tree this year, make sure it's fresh by using the "crush test," say Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service forestry specialists.

Simply crush some of the pine tree's needles in your hand. The needles should be soft and resilient, almost returning to their original shape when you let go.

The needles on a dry tree will break or fall off.

Since trees imported from northern states must be cut and shipped weeks ahead of time, the forestry specialists say your best bet for a fresh tree is to choose a Texas-grown tree.

Fresh Texas trees are available at farms where you can choose and cut your own tree, or Christmas tree lots.

Look for trees marked with the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association Texas-shaped tag, or for lots that advertise Texas trees.

For information on local "choose-and-cut" tree farms, write or call your county Extension agent.

The most important step toward becoming a horse owner is finding and buying the animal that is just right for you. Selecting the horse the best fits your goals and experience level is critical to successful horsemanship.

There are many people who can help you make the right decision—friends with extensive horse experience, professional horsemen such as trainers and stable owners, and veterinarians. A veterinarian can often be your best source of assistance because the veterinarian is a highly trained professional who will be objective about you and the health of horse you select. Many veterinarians specialize in equine practice.

Your Purpose

Before you start looking for a horse, the first and most important thing to decide is how you will use the animal. Will you ride in competition, or just for pleasure? Do you want to ride English or western style? If you aren't sure, invest some time in attending a variety of horse events.

Also, try to ride several types of horses, to discover what most appeals to you. If you're a novice now, but plan to improve your riding skills through professional riding lessons, keep in mind that you need a horse with the ability to develop with you.

Once your objectives are firmly in mind, and you've lined up some professional assistance, you are ready to start looking.

There are many places to locate candidate horses. Classified ads in newspapers and horse publications frequently list animals for sale. Stables and riding academies often have, or know about, horses that are available. Make sure you deal with reputable sellers. If you are considering buying a horse from a person or firm that deals in horses, ask for references, particularly people who have already purchased horses from them.

What To Look For

Certain criteria should be used in appraising any horse. Your

checklist should include health, conformation, soundness, temperament, manners and schooling.

Even an inexperienced buyer can get a general idea about a horse's condition by its overall appearance. Balance, proportion and lack of

lameness are important. But "eyeballing" your prospective purchase is just the first step.

"Any purchase decision should be contingent on a pre-purchase veterinary examination," says Dr. Ginger Rich, extension horse specialist at Colorado State

University. "Your veterinarian can likely tell if the horse has problems or faults that could present problems now or in the near future."

Temperament, manners and schooling more directly involve the buyer's personality and skill level. The best way to find out if you and your prospective horse are well matched is to ride it. Dr. Rich suggests taking the horse on a trial basis for two weeks to a month to become acquainted with the animal on a daily basis.

"It may be necessary to arrange a lease agreement, but the small cost of the trial period is worth the assurance that you have the right horse," Dr. Rich says.

The Pre-Purchase Exam

The veterinarian you choose is providing a service to you, the prospective buyer.

"The veterinarian's role is not to pass or fail a horse, but to report to the buyer what the veterinarian sees in the way of health and soundness," says Dr. Frank Galey, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois who has practiced equine medicine in California.

The veterinarian should also "look and certify the horse's ability to perform the task he's assigned," adds Dr. William McCormick, an equine veterinarian in Middleburg, Virginia. "But the veterinarian should not be expected to judge the rider's ability to handle the horse," Dr. McCormick says.

A pre-purchase exam generally takes one to two hours. With a thorough exam, the veterinarian has an opportunity to discover problems that might not be readily apparent. These could include an irregular heartbeat, a bone chip in a knee, or evidence of founder in the hooves. Any of these conditions can have a significant bearing on the horse's ability to perform.

Setting a Budget

After you've looked at several

horses, you will develop a feel for the price range of horses in your area. Basically, you want to spend enough to purchase a horse that fits your purpose, without buying more horse than you need.

"Treat the purchase of a horse just like you would a speculative investment. Don't spend any more than you can afford to lose," suggests Dr. McCormick. A veterinarian or professional horseman can help you determine if the asking price for any given animal is a fair value.

In addition to the price of the horse, you must plan for the other costs of horse ownership, including feed, board, veterinary and shoeing bills, equipment, training and showing expenses. Make sure your budget can handle the level of horsemanship you're planning for.

With well-defined goals, a thorough search, sufficient trial and examination, and plans that match your budget, you are well on your way to a successful and fun horsemanship experience.

For more information, an excellent new brochure is now available. It's called "Guide To Owning Your First Horse." The booklet is available from many veterinarians. You can also obtain a copy by writing to: First Horse Booklet, MSD AGVET Division, Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0912.



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Sagerton News

Week of Dec. 5.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mrs. John L. Brooks and Beluah Mae Summers were Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Thompson and daughter Cynthia of Colleyville, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Patterson of Grapevine and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Thompson of Dallas.

Mrs. John L. Brooks will undergo cataract eye surgery at Hendrick Medical Thursday Dec. 5.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark for Thanksgiving dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Don Bivins, Tom and Emmalee of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark and Phillip of Lueders, and Coleman Bivins of San Angelo, Mrs. Emma Raphael of Stamford also visited later that day.

The Don Bivins also visited at Lake Stamford with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bivins and Jeton. Those who had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark and children of Abilene were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ed Simpson of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. M.Y. Benton of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Len Hess and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Clark and son of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo Galindo and daughter in law of Crystal City visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre Saturday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cato Macias and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre had their Thanksgiving dinner in the home Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kent LeFevre of Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and Kinsey of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Larry LeFevre and children of Rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre ate Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. May also Larry LeFevre and family.

Mrs. Frieda Knipling has come home after having eye surgery in Houston. Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse Sr. for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek of Aspermont, Bubba Mrazek of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mrazek, Jason and Jenifer of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Lehrmann of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lehrmann and Brian of Rowlett, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith, Hollie Joshua of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Monse and De Wayne of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Barbee, Eric and Mitzie of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil

Vahlenkamp Jr. of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Vahlenkamp and John of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Etridge Matthew and James of Denton, Mr. Fred Monse of Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kieke, Mr. Herbert Rinn of Rule enjoyed playing 84 in the home of Mrs. Adela Niedieck Wednesday night.

Mrs. Lou Dell Barbee of Haskell, Mrs. Adela Niedieck, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer went to Abilene Thursday to have Thanksgiving dinner at Luby's which really was good.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Summers of Fredericksburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zenor Summers for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gellner hosted a birthday supper for Mrs. Vera Mae Denson of Stamford Friday night. Those who were there was, Mrs. Adela Niedieck, Mrs. Odine Duding, Mr. Clarence Stegemoeller, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mrs. Dolly Pheister of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer went to Abilene Friday to do some Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Adela Niedieck, and Mrs. Dickie Greenwood went to Abilene Friday to do some shopping.

The Methodist Church will have their Christmas program on December 18th.

Buster Tredemeyer has come home from the hospital were he stayed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Carter of Amarillo, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer ate supper with the Bredthauer Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Teichelman, Chad and Greg had early Thanksgiving supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wenderborn at Old Glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Teichelman, Chad and Greg had Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Teichelman Thursday.

Country Club schedules dance

The Christmas dance at the Haskell Country Club is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at 9 p.m.

The coat-and-tie affair is for members and out of town guests only.

Get Set for the Holidays

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