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## Chili supper to benefit stock show

Proceeds of the annual Bean, Chili and cornbread supper will be used to finance the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

The supper will be today (Thursday) from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Haskell High School Cafeteria.

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat affair are \$4 each. Children from 6 to 11 will pay \$2 each and those under 5 will be admitted free. All take-out orders will be \$4, regardless of age.

## Vending money accounted for at high school

All money collected from vending machines at Haskell High School is deposited in the High School Activity Account, controlled by and the responsibility of the principal.

"It's handled the same way as money collected by clubs, classes or any activities not agency funded," said Principal Clayton Neal.

The principal went on to explain that disbursements from the account are made after requisitions have been made and purchase orders issued. The Activity Account is audited on a regular basis.

The explanation was offered in response to questions prompted by the recent accusation that the athletic director of Dublin High School used money from the school's vending machines to finance coaches' trips to see University of Texas football and basketball games and to pay bonuses to coaches.

## State team checks school

The official report won't be forthcoming for a couple of weeks, but school officials said they are pleased with the findings of a monitoring team for state accreditation which spent two days last week investigating the Haskell schools.

"Only a few minor discrepancies were found," said Dr. James Kemp, superintendent. "And we already were working to correct most of these."

The four-person team visited the local school Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Among other things, team members investigated board policy and board procedure to make sure that state law was being complied with.

Upon completion of the evaluation Wednesday, team members gave school officials an oral report of their findings. An official written report will be made later.



## LIONS CONTRIBUTE

J.C. Yeary, left, receives a \$500 check from the Haskell Lions Club as that organization's contribution to the Hendrick League House fund. Presenting the check is Lions president Phil Harris. Yeary said this week that the goal of \$2,500 to furnish and equip a Haskell family room at the Abilene hospital had been reached.

## City gets \$8,456 in sales tax money

The City of Haskell received a check this week for \$8,456.11 from State Comptroller Bob Bullock, which represented its share of sales taxes collected in November.

The first check for 1986 was slightly lower than the \$8,538.89 received by the City last January.

Rule received a check for \$1,462.53. This was a substantial increase over the \$847.82 Rule received last January.

Rochester's share of the November taxes was \$719.80. Rochester did not receive a check last January.

O'Brien and Weinert did not receive January checks this year,

nor did they receive checks last January.

Statewide, payments were up about three percent over last January, Bullock said. However, a short holiday shopping period since Thanksgiving and an early cutoff in processing tax returns accounted for some cities receiving lower payments, Bullock explained.

January payments to other cities included:

Stamford, \$9,277.57; Hamlin \$5,340.83; Anson, \$3,675.03; Seymour, \$7,434.50; Knox City, \$4,425.82; Munday, \$2,747.09; Aspermont, \$3,190.08; Throckmorton, \$1,872.29.

## Registration tonight at extension center

Registration for spring classes at the Haskell extension center of Western Texas College has been set for Thursday (tonight) in the high school library.

Students are to register from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and textbooks will be available during registration.

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

Dr. Gil Fleer will teach the psychology course and Dr. Frank Williams will teach the math course. Fleer is professor of psychology and sociology at WTC

and Williams is professor of mathematics. D. Tidwell will teach the physical education course, physical conditioning. This course will also have lab time and will include instruction in racquetball and aerobic exercise. A lab fee of \$10 will be required for the course.

Information about registration and courses scheduled at the center can be obtained by contacting Bill Blakley, center coordinator, at 864-2891 in Haskell.

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

## City to seek grant for swimming pool

The City of Haskell will make application with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for a grant to renovate the city swimming pool.

That decision on the long-standing pool problem was made Tuesday evening during a meeting of the City Council. City Administrator Robert Baker was instructed to prepare an application for the grant.

Baker said engineer Ken Martin will draw up the plans for the project. A public hearing will be held Jan. 28 and the application will be submitted by Jan. 31.

Included in the project will be the state-demanded filtration system, a bath house, installation of lights and ladders.

Baker said the cost of the project would likely be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The grant would be for matching funds on a 50-50 basis, but Baker said the city's portion could be in-kind contributions, such as labor. The city has recently spent \$6,200 in having the pool sand-blasted, painted and repaired.

Several months ago, the State Health Dept. notified the city that the pool would need a new filtration system to meet state specifications.

In other action during Tuesday's Council meeting, the Council:

- Approved the audit of Mike Harrell for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1985.

- Was informed by Chief Escobedo that he has had difficulty in getting the depot building moved from city property. He said he would report his progress at the next meeting.

- Appointed Raja Hassen to the City Zoning Board as a replacement for Charles Thornhill who recently resigned.

- Discussed the proposed plumbing ordinance and considered the possibility of codification of all city ordinances into one code book. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

- Approved the closeout agreement of the Creek Project. The Mayor signed the agreement with HUD, subject to final audit by HUD.

The city administrator informed the Council that buttons to designate parking spaces around the court house square had been purchased and will be installed soon. The buttons will be used to replace the paint stripes which now mark parking areas.

Baker also told Council members:

- The City is grading alleys and filling areas in alleys in the northwest part of the city through cooperation of Tim Burson, county commissioner of Precinct 1. The county is furnishing four trucks and a loader for the project.

- The section of the old landfill which had been leased has been covered and terraces have been rebuilt. The 10-acre tract has been turned back to the owner.

- A recent inspection revealed that all discrepancies at the airport have been resolved and the facility is in full compliance with state regulations.

## Haskell County one of the 'hungeriest'

If a Harvard University report issued Tuesday can be believed, some of the hungriest people in America live in Haskell County.

Haskell County was listed No. 84 in a list of 150 counties across the United States where poverty and restricted access to food stamps leave large numbers of people hungry.

The report was issued by the Harvard University School of Public Health and the Physicians Task Force on Hunger in America.

Researchers blamed much of the problem on the failure of federal assistance programs to reach the needy. In each of the 150 "hunger counties," 20 percent of the population falls below the federal poverty line.

"Designed to prevent hunger in the nation, the food stamp program serves just over half the poorest citizens for whom its benefits are intended," the report said. "This decline in the rate of coverage is taking place as hunger is getting worse."

"Hunger counties" were defined as those where more than 20 percent of the residents live below the federally defined poverty level—now set at \$10,609 for a family of four—and where fewer than one-third of eligible residents actually receive food stamps.

Using that yardstick, the researchers found that the critical variable was participation in the food stamp program, which provides extra food-buying power for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the principal welfare program. It is funded by Congress but administered by the states.

Authors of the report said they were surprised that so many of the nation's "hungeriest counties" were in the Mississippi Valley and Great Plains states. Texas had 29 counties on the list, more than any other state. Mississippi, one of the poorest states in the nation, had no "hunger counties" because of wide distribution of food stamps.

Other area counties on the list included Mitchell, Knox and McCulloch.

Professor Larry Brown of the Harvard School of Public Health, who chairs the Physicians Task

Force, said the findings would be used later this year to guide field investigations into why food stamp participation varies so widely.

USDA spokesman Charles DeJulius said Tuesday he had not seen the report and could not comment.

Brown said the study's methods were chosen to parallel the approach taken by the Citizens' Board of Inquiry into Hunger in 1968, a U.S. Senate select committee in 1973 and a panel of doctors sponsored by the Field Foundation in 1977.

## Commodities to be given here next week

Surplus commodities will be distributed in Haskell and Rule next Thursday, Jan. 23.

Eligible persons 60 years old and older in Haskell may pick up their commodities between 8 and 9 a.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center. Those under 60 will be served between 9 and 10 a.m.

In Rule, commodities will be distributed between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ.

## Flashback

First American child born in Haskell County was Ashbel Watkins Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reynolds, according to "Haskell County History," by R.E. Sherrill.

The birthdate was March 19, 1878.

The birth was in a house built in the winter of 1876 on California Creek in the southeast corner of the county, the first permanent settlement in the county.

Many items of Haskell County history will be included in the centennial edition of *The Haskell Free Press*, to be published in June.

## Students make flags

Students of the Haskell High School Advanced Texas Studies class, taught by Greg Melton, have completed three flags as a Texas

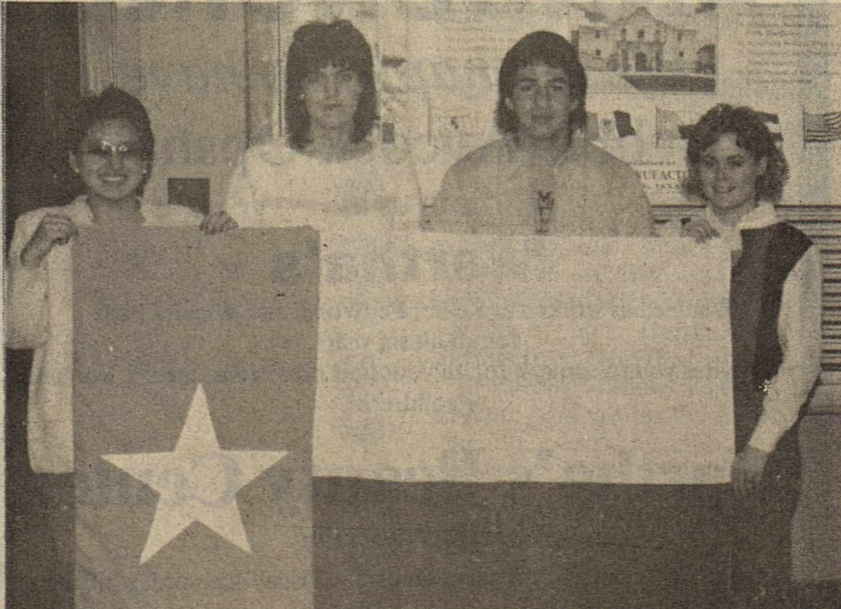
Sesquicentennial project. Included are a United States flag, a Texas flag and a Haskell flag. The flags will be displayed at the

high school and then turned over to the Haskell County Sesquicentennial Committee for use as it sees fit.



### U.S. FLAG

Responsible for the U.S. flag are, from left, Jeff Neal, Sandra Thornhill, Gloria Ozuna, Cheryl Dever and Jill Jennings.



### TEXAS FLAG

Making the Texas flag were Bette Villarreal, Debra Teague, Ponciano Lopez and Stephanie Browning.



### HASKELL FLAG

Students making the Haskell flag were Kathy Morrison, Sonny Pena, Cindy Payne and Diana Jarred (not pictured).

## Mrs. Toliver to retire from business

Martha Toliver is retiring after 27 years in the beauty shop business, 23 as owner of her own shop.

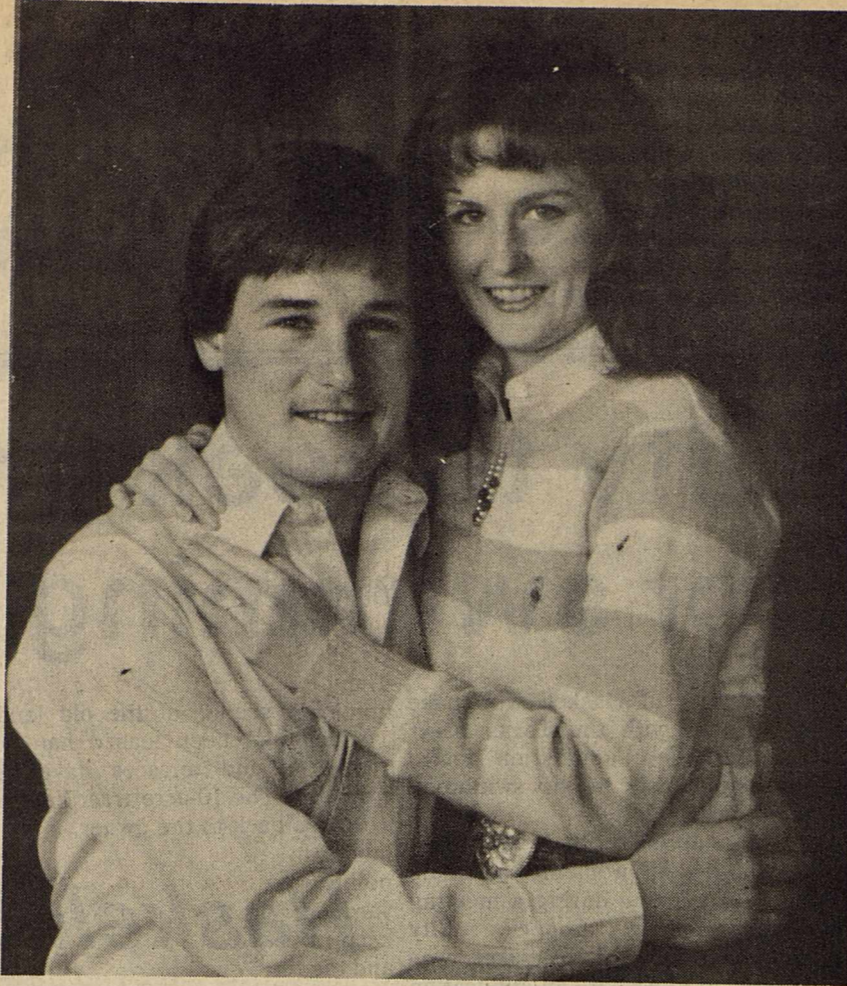
She is owner of Martha's Beauty Center.

Co-workers will serve sandwiches, cookies and punch Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in honor of Mrs. Toliver. Friends are invited to come by for refreshments. There will be a money tree for anyone wishing to contribute.

Karen Brown, Sharon Bird, Brenda Griggs and Debbie Aycock, beauty operators at Martha's Beauty Center, said: "Martha will surely be missed as she always has a friendly smile and a kind word for everyone."

Mrs. Toliver and her husband, J.L., plan to do a lot of fishing and traveling during her retirement.

The Tolivers have two daughters, Trish of Wichita Falls and Karen of Haskell.



Mr. and Mrs. Monty Allen Moeller

## Thomas-Moeller vows exchanged

Miss Leslie Deneille Thomas became the bride of Monty Allen Moeller Jan. 11 in the First United Methodist Church of Eureka. The Rev. Mike Kerzee led the couple in repeating the double-ring vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Thomas of Eureka and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moeller of Haskell.

Mrs. Eloise Johnston played the traditional wedding music.

Leann Thomas of Eureka was maid of honor and Aaron Weaver of Haskell was best man.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long gown of white silk organza and lace. The fitted bodice was of reembroidered Alencon lace with a high crown collar and short puff sleeves. The full skirt had a deep pleated flounce at the hemline with a wide band of scalloped lace above and fell Chapel length. Her mantilla of imported English illusion had appliques of lace and was bordered in scalloped lace. She carried a bouquet of white roses, baby carnations, stephanotis entwined with white pearls atop a white Bible.

The reception was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas.

After a wedding trip the couple will be at home in Stephenville where both are attending Tarleton State University.

## McFadden, Saali Wed., Jan. 11

Starla Ann McFadden became the bride of Thomas Millar Saali in a ceremony performed Jan. 11 at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. The Rev. J.C. Amburn performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden and the bridegroom's parents are Lawrence and Madeline Saali of Littleton, Colo.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a lavish gown of organza with pearls and floral embroidery. The back of the gown featured a bustle and a beautiful cathedral train. She wore a matching finger tip length veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of rose, pink and navy rosebuds accented with pearls and ferns.

Matron of honor was Shelah Benson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Leisha Solomon, Teresa Mills, cousin of the bride, Brenda Saali, sister of the groom, and Angela Saali, sister of the groom. Candlelighter was Brandon McFadden, brother of the bride.

The matron of honor and bridesmaids' dresses were of dusty rose satin with ruffled neckline and puffed sleeves and toe length full skirts. The attendants carried colonial bouquets of rose pink and navy rosebuds.

Best man was Terry Norris. Groomsmen were Steven Saali, brother of the groom, Ricky McElhannon and Herman Norris. Ushers were Chuck Farina and Ricky Moeller.

A reception in the Haskell National Bank Community Building followed the ceremony. Serving were Mrs. Ernest Moeller, Mrs. C.W. McFadden, Mrs. Jimmy Mills and Mrs. Bo Owings. Vicki Judd registered guests.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Haskell High School and is now attending Southwestern Assembly of God College in Waxahachie. The groom is a graduate of Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins, Colo., and a 1985 graduate of Southwestern Assembly of God College. He is employed at Interfirst Bank in Dallas.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas and New Braunfels, the couple will be at home at 405 Virginia in Waxahachie.



Mrs. Thomas Millar Saali

## Doctors rated highly

Texans think doctors are usually up to date on the latest advances in medicine, but that they keep patients waiting too long for their appointment, according to a survey conducted for the Texas Medical Association.

The survey also reveals that most Texans believe the professional liability situation has reached crisis proportions and that the tort system needs reform. These and other findings are featured in the January issue of the official TMA journal, Texas Medicine.

Doctors also were rated as having very high or high ethical standards by 58 percent of the respondents. Nine out of ten said it is important to have a personal physician.

The findings come from a survey conducted in July by V. Lance Tarrant & Associates, Houston. "We feel we can better serve patients by knowing what they like and dislike about their doctor," according to Dr. Joel Reed, Houston, chairman of the TMA Council on Communication. "That's why we asked that this

survey be done." While 58 percent of Texans said doctors keep them waiting too long, a nearly equal number think doctors take a genuine interest in them and are up to date on medical advances.

The article points out that Tarrant, Bexar, and Dallas county folks and those 55 and older have consistently favorable opinions about doctors. Persons with a family income of more than \$50,000 a year are slightly more negative about physicians than the average Texan.

On the broader issue of health care, 76 percent agree government should provide better health care for the poor and elderly. Increased confidence in medicine is shown by the 94 percent who said medical science now routinely saves many people who would have died five or 10 years ago.

Seventy-five percent of Texans are keenly aware of the growing crisis with malpractice suits and awards in this country. More respondents said persons are not usually justified when they sue doctors.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Medford are parents of a baby boy, born at 6:19 p.m. Jan. 5 in Stamford Memorial Hospital. The baby, named Jesse Ray, weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Karin Gregg and Bobby and Catherine Medford, all of Haskell.

## Art Stall and Frame Shop

of Knox City

is now offering an oil workshop featuring Ruth Adams of Abilene.

Workshop dates and times will be

Friday, Jan. 31 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m.;

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## Escapee wanted in Texas

Gary Lane Trollinger should make a New Year's resolution to keep out of trouble with the law.

Obviously, he's never made that resolution before.

Trollinger is wanted on warrants charging him with felony theft, contempt of court, escape and aggravated assault on a peace officer.

Compounding his problems this week is the addition of Trollinger on the Texas Most Wanted list. A \$1,000 reward is being offered by the Governor's office for information leading to his capture.

Trollinger's latest brush with the law occurred Oct. 2. He was being transported from the Lakeway Police Department to the Travis County Jail in Austin, where he was wanted on warrants charging him with theft and contempt of court. As he was being led out of the police station, Trollinger bolted out a side door into a parking lot, where an officer managed to catch up to him.

But the burley, 6-0, 240 pound fugitive slammed an elbow into the officer's chest and disappeared into thick brush along a creek. A search for him proved fruitless. The injured Lakeway police officer later received medical attention for severe chest pains and breathing difficulties as a result of his run-in with Trollinger.

Investigators pressed their search for the 27-year-old Trollinger and discovered that their elusive prey had made his way to a local church, where he made a telephone call to an unknown person.

Later that evening, he apparently made a second call to an acquaintance and asked to be picked up at a bar in west Travis County. The acquaintance, unaware that Trollinger was an escapee, arrived at the bar but the fugitive was not there.

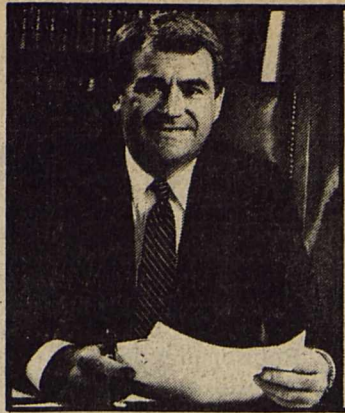
Trollinger, who also calls himself Roy A. Cooper, has prior arrests for assault, burglary, fraud and obstructing police. Investigators say he is known to frequent the Austin and Waco areas.

The fugitive is described as a white male, with brown hair and green eyes. He often wears a moustache and, at times, has a beard. He has tattoos of an eagle and mouse on his right forearm and a dragon on his left forearm.

Anyone having information concerning Trollinger's possible whereabouts 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 programs. Over the past year, the 130 Crime Stoppers programs around the state have been solving a major crime every hour and have been recovering more than \$1 million worth of stolen property and narcotics per week.



## CONSUMER ALERT

by  
**Jim Mattox**  
Attorney General

With the cold and flu season upon us, it's probably a good time to talk about the use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

### ASK BEFORE MIXING MEDICINES

If your doctor prescribes some medicine, be sure you mention what other drugs you are taking. For example, you may be taking some kind of medication for allergies, heart trouble, diabetes, or high blood pressure. If the doctor prescribing the new medicine does not know about your other drug use, you could get some medicine that would produce harmful side effects when mixed with your old medicine.

Of course, you should always inform your physician about any known drug allergies before medicine is prescribed.

### ASK ABOUT OTHER FACTORS

Always ask your doctor or pharmacist for specific instructions on taking the medicine. Should you take it with or without food? Are there foods you should avoid when taking this medicine? Some drugs interact badly with milk products. Others do not mix well with antacids. There are some drugs you should not take with orange juice.

If the prescription says "take four times per day," does that mean exactly every six hours, or only when you are awake? If the instructions are complex, ask the doctor or pharmacist to write them down. This is especially important if you are taking several different medicines.

### DON'T PLAY DOCTOR

You should never take medicine that has been prescribed for someone else. Likewise, you should not give your own prescription medicine to another person. You may not have the same illness and you may not react similarly to the drugs.

Doctors usually advise their patients to take all of the prescription to insure the problem has been totally corrected. You should not keep leftover medicines for long. After a certain length of time, most drugs lose their potency.

If you have children in the house, you probably will want to have child-proof caps on your medicine. If you have no children, you can request the pharmacist to put regular caps on your prescriptions.

### CONSIDER GENERICS

Brand name drugs are frequently more expensive than their generic equivalents. Unless your physician directs otherwise, your pharmacist may substitute a less expensive equivalent drug for a brand name medicine, whenever such equivalent exists. Your pharmacist is required by law to inform you if a generic drug has been substituted and you have a right to refuse such substitution.

### TELL THE DOCTOR IF IT DOESN'T WORK

If you take a physician's prescribed medicine for several days and have no relief from your symptoms, check with the doctor again. Perhaps he or she will want to prescribe a new medicine.

### READ THE LABEL

On non-prescription drugs, you should read the label before buying to make sure this is the proper medication for your symptoms. Always note such warnings as: "Caution, this drug may cause drowsiness." You may want to avoid operating your car or other machinery until you are sure that a particular drug does not make you a sleepy, dangerous operator.

If you have any questions about a particular medicine, call your pharmacist or your physician. Remember, you are a consumer of these products and you have a right to know.

### FOR MORE HELP

If you or your business needs more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

## Farm economy needs shot in arm

Probably the most often asked question wherever farmers gather is, "When are things going to get

better?"

While the farm economy is in dire need of a "shot in the arm," little seems to be swinging in its favor at this time.

"The basic problem is that global capacity to produce agricultural goods is outpacing demand due to large gains in productivity," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "And there is still a lot of potential for productivity increases over the next five to ten years."

"World demand for food and fiber will continue to expand, and government policies and economic and population growth will increase consumption," says Anderson. "However, the key question is whether demand growth will be met by domestic production or through trade."

The economist points out that Russia and China hold much of the answer to world trade. Will they be strong exporters, will they be basically self-sufficient, or will they be importers of food and fiber?

"The long-term outlook is for a gradual turnaround in the farm economy during 1986, with 1987 posting a noticeable recovery," contends Anderson. "But plentiful food and fiber supplies worldwide are expected to keep a lid on farm income for several years."

"Texas farmers will again see a decline in cash receipts in 1986 along with some decline in production expenses," says Anderson. "Strong farm program participation will be the order of the day. This will mean heavy government payments with large commodity entries into the loan program and large deficiency payments (difference between target prices and loan rates)."

## Book explains techniques of oral history

Before television, before the movies, before radio, people entertained themselves by telling stories—stories of family members, friends, community events, and world happenings.

These stories, often told on back porches and around dinner tables, actually served as valuable history lessons that were passed from generation to generation.

Today, a popular technique known as oral history serves this same purpose—making the past come alive by collecting and tape-recording the reminiscences of friends, relatives, and others who can narrate their memories or speak about a specific subject. This method is being used increasingly by professional and amateur historians to increase our knowledge of the past.

For people interested in learning more about oral history, the Texas Historical Commission has released a revised and updated version of its 1981 publication, *Oral History for Texans*. The book is filled with practical information that anyone seriously interested in oral history can readily use, such as sample questions, transcribing tips, information on recording equipment, and legal considerations. Informative lists of references, oral history centers in Texas, and equipment manufacturers also are included.

Beautifully illustrated and easy to read, the guide is authored by Thomas L. Charlton, director of the Baylor University Institute for Oral History in Waco. Charlton has written numerous publications on oral history and currently serves as editor of the international *Oral History Association Newsletter*.

*Oral History for Texans* is available for \$7, plus \$1 handling from the THC. (Texas residents add 6 1/8 percent sales tax.) A 40 percent discount is available for orders of 15 or more. For additional information, contact the THC, Publications Dept., P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711, 512/475-3092.

## Stomach ulcers lifestyle ailments

A burning, gnawing pain in the upper part of your stomach; a loss of appetite and weight; occasional vomiting—all of these can be symptoms of stomach ulcers.

Probably one in five men and one in ten women in Western nations get either a stomach ulcer or a peptic ulcer at some time. You are especially likely to develop a stomach ulcer if you smoke or drink heavily, if you consume large amounts of aspirin, if you are elderly, or if you are a manual worker, says the Texas Medical Association. Anyone whose job makes it impossible to have regular, unhurried meals is also more likely to develop an ulcer.

A stomach ulcer is a raw spot, often slightly more than an inch wide, that develops in the lining of the stomach. The exact cause of such ulcers is not known.

If your symptoms suggest that you have a stomach ulcer, try following the self-help procedures below. If pain persists for more than two or three weeks, consult your physician.

A stomach ulcer will often heal

completely if you stay in bed for about two weeks, eat small, frequent meals, take antacid pills to relieve pain, and avoid smoking and drinking alcohol. If your symptoms are not severe enough to justify two weeks in bed, try at least to eat little but often, to avoid alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco, and to sleep or rest as much as possible. If pain persists, even though antacids temporarily ease it, see your physician.

Your doctor may supplement the self-help measures by prescribing stronger antacids and a drug to try to speed up the normal healing process. Since about half of all peptic ulcers go away without treatment, no further treatment may be required. Your doctor will, however, probably want to examine you again.

If the ulcer does not heal after six to eight weeks of drug treatment, or if your recovery is only temporary, surgery may be advisable. Removal of a small portion of the stomach that contains the ulcer will generally eliminate the problem.

## New company to assist farmers

A new company, Intelligent Decisions Incorporated, has been formed to help farmers both make business decisions and negotiate operating loans.

The company is headed by David W. Cox, formerly senior vice president, finance, of Cotton Incorporated.

The new business grew out of a project begun in 1980 by Cotton Incorporated, which set out to determine how farmers could best use the emerging technology of small business computers. Research showed that farmers not only wanted to use computers for accounting records but for field

operational data as well, in order to decide how much of which crops to grow, how to market production and to determine ways to increase profits. It was also found that most farmers needed help in deciding what programs and equipment to buy, and learning how to use them.

In 1984, Cotton Incorporated offered cotton farmers in several areas of the country help in "computerizing". Earlier this year, according to Morgan Nelson, Roswell, New Mexico, a C.I. director since 1974, "The C.I. Board voted to end the effort in light of increasingly difficult financial times that were foreseen.

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## Soil tests determine fertility

By Coleman Young  
Pioneer Agronomist

With the crops out of the fields and the harvest rush over, the next three months are traditionally the most popular time for soil testing.

Actually, fertility recommendations can be determined not only by soil testing, but by tissue analysis and visual observation as well. The latter two have the drawback, however, of being "after the fact" tests. In other words, by the time you discover you have a problem or deficiency, it is too late to respond.

Soil testing, on the other hand, is a scientific means of predicting your soil's fertility needs in advance.

Accurate soil testing requires that at least 15 samples be taken from a 40-acre field and mixed in equal parts to create a one cup sample. Fields that differ in soil type or appearance, or which have different crop histories, should be sampled separately. Also, testing should be performed at approximately the same time each year.

Samples should be taken from the top seven inches of soil, avoiding areas such as row ends or around a barn. Be sure to clearly mark the sample.

If you want your lab to make fertility recommendations, the information sheet must be completed and sent with the sample. One of the most important parts of this questionnaire is the yield goal, since that number is a key to determining the fertility recommendation. Multiplying each field's five-year yield average in bushels by a factor of 1.2 is the rule of thumb for determining pounds of actual nitrogen needed per acre.

Any lab or fertilizer dealer can provide fertility recommendations. Fertilizer dealers, however, are also salesmen, so be sure the firm you deal with is reputable.

Once you find a lab or dealer you feel comfortable with, stick with them. Soil testing is not an exact science, and each firm will probably provide different recommendations. Do keep in mind, however, that they are just that — recommendations. Only you can provide the background, insight and knowledge about your farm and management practices to fine-tune the fertility recommendations for optimum return on investment.

## Pecan shortcourse

Commercial pecan growers as well as individuals with a few backyard trees will find the 1986 Texas Pecan Shortcourse at Texas A&M University a rewarding experience.

The shortcourse will be Jan. 27-31 at Rudder Center on the Texas A&M campus and will be hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of The Texas A&M University System.

"This annual shortcourse covers all phases of pecan production—everything you ever wanted to know about pecans," points out Dr. George Ray McEachern, Extension horticulturist and shortcourse coordinator.

## Senator Lloyd Bentsen Watching Washington



Almost a third of the beef and other meat exported by the U.S. in 1984 was shipped to Europe—more than 300 million pounds.

We buy almost the same amount of meats, although different varieties, from the Europeans. It's been an equitable trade relationship.

But this year they are planning a virtual boycott of our meat. This could substantially damage parts of our meat industry and lower cattle prices for Texas ranchers.

They won't buy our beef because we don't inspect it the same way they do. Don't think for a minute that our meat inspection program is lacking, because it isn't. In fact, in many ways it's superior to theirs.

But when the European Common Market adopted its new "Third Country Meat Directive," it demanded that all countries exporting to their market handle their beef strictly according to European procedures.

There is no evidence that any of the procedures the Europeans are demanding have any public health justification. It's more a question of method than results, and the European method is far more expensive with no added health benefits.

For example, the Third Country Directive requires that meat processing plants be located near an official vehicle cleaning and disinfecting facility. We simply mandate that vehicles delivering or loading meat be cleaned to certain health standards. The difference lies in having an "officially recognized" facility "nearby."

For two years, ever since we heard what they were planning, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been trying to demonstrate that arbitrarily imposing every little detail of the European inspection system on other nations won't necessarily reduce any potential health risks.

We have encouraged the Europeans to take a more reasonable approach, like our own, which looks at the overall ability of a country's meat inspection program to protect the public health.

We even invited the Europeans to inspect several hundred of our meat packing plants, but they "flunked" every plant for "technical limitations." More than half of those plants would have to undergo extensive and costly changes to comply with Europe's demands.

The odd part about all this is that the Europeans don't even enforce these requirements strictly on their own meat producers and processors.

It's time we saw the light. The Europeans are not concerned here about public health. They're just trying to put up a trade barrier, pure and simple, to U.S. meat—including our good Texas beef. It's a violation of our trade agreements.

I have sent a letter to top Administration officials urging them to treat these actions as such and stop them. Fourteen senators joined with me in asking that trade complaints, or any other means necessary, be used to call the Europeans' hand.

If they don't respond, we should retaliate. We must put an end to this nonsense.

## Art workshop at Knox City Jan. 31-Feb. 2

Artist Ruth Adams of Abilene will be featured at an oil workshop Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Art Stall and Frame Shop in Knox City.

The workshop will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 and from 1 to 5 p.m. on both Saturday, Feb. 1 and Sunday, Feb. 2. Fee is \$50. Information is available by calling 658-3092 in Knox City.

Ms. Adams has taught art in Texas and New Mexico and has won more than 60 awards for her outstanding works. She has developed her theories from library research and other studies. She studied at McMurry College. She teaches students those things she feels were left out in her own formal training.

## Hilton leases

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has announced a lease agreement between Hilton Hotels and KB Development in Houston to build and develop a hotel on 3.6 acres of state land in Harris County that will net the state \$1.5 million during the next five years.

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# Cows, quail co-exist

Bobwhite quail can be an important wildlife enterprise or rangeland—one rancher should consider in management decisions since it offers a good opportunity for income.

Fortunately, range management for quail and livestock is largely compatible, says Dr. Wayne Hanselka, range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Providing the correct quantity and quality of forage to cattle through proper stocking rates and pasture rest allows for a variety of quality quail foods and grassy cover. Also, judicious use of brush management practices provides food and cover for both quail and livestock. Special use practices such as strip discing, food plantings and erecting artificial shelters are not costly and offer great returns on investments.

Bobwhite quail diets vary with stages of plant growth and the bird's life cycle, says Hanselka. Cover requirements also vary according to the physiology of the bird, season and activity patterns. Water needs vary with succulence of the diet and weather conditions.

Basically, quail require seed-producing grasses, forbs and brush plus insects for a balanced diet. A mixture of tall, medium and short grass areas is necessary for nesting and feeding, and taller brush species provide observation, whistling posts and shade. In fall and winter quail need low-growing, densely branched shrubs for escape and resting cover. In short, a mixture of herbs in a semi-prairie is necessary.

So that quail have nesting, Hanselka advises ranchers to allow taller grasses and older growth to

remain from year to year. Also, spot grazing can be more beneficial to quail since this allows some areas to be grazed short and adjacent "islands" of grass to remain taller, allowing a mosaic of tall and short grasses to exist in the pasture.

With both livestock and quail, some deferment of grazing is a necessity, emphasizes Hanselka. Stronger desirable grasses and legumes and other weeds respond to periodic rests from grazing, bringing increased plant vigor and health. Root systems also will be strengthened so that plants are better able to use less soil moisture during frequent dry periods.

Frequent rests during flowering and seeding periods will also help new plants become established, notes the range specialist. The overall effect is an increase in desirable plants in the pasture and a corresponding increase in range condition.

A good quail habitat requires a few low shrubs and tall trees, and this is where brush management comes in, Hanselka points out. A minimum of one shade tree per 8 acres and one low-growing shrub per 20-25 acres is necessary. Not many quail are found in dense stands of mesquite, huisache, oaks or other brush. Their needs can be met by careful use of brush management practices depending on the species present, density, growth habit and method of treatment.

A variety of brush species is essential to provide both cover and food for quail, says the specialist. These plants are best arranged as scattered plants or mottes. However, brush can be cleared in strips or checkerboards and be adequate for quail needs. Brush

along drainages and surrounding water locations should be left alone. With a correct mixture of brush, a rancher can remove up to 80 percent of the stand. However, at least 30-40 percent should be left if deer are also important to the ranch.

While most ranchers provide adequate quality and quantity of water to their livestock, these water sources are not always accessible for wildlife. Cattle troughs and stock tanks should be modified so that small animals and deer have access to the water. This may be simply providing an overflow of the trough, fencing an area to exclude livestock, or piping water a distance from the livestock watering location.

Discing fire guards around pastures is advisable, and this practice will support a variety of forbs such as sunflower, ragweed, doveweed and cow pen daisy that provide a good food supply for quail. Also, senders can be disced in a pasture especially for quail as a food management practice.

Hanselka advises ranchers against range seeding with just one grass specie. Of course, if sufficient native grasses and forbs are available, range seeding is not necessary. However, seeding may be necessary following brush management practices such as root plowing.

For reseeding, buffelgrass is a favorite choice of South Texas ranchers but it provides poor quality seed for quail. Kleingrass would be a better choice, says Hanselka. A nurse crop such as blue panic or sorghum alum also provides food for birds such as quail while allowing the seeded grass to become established.

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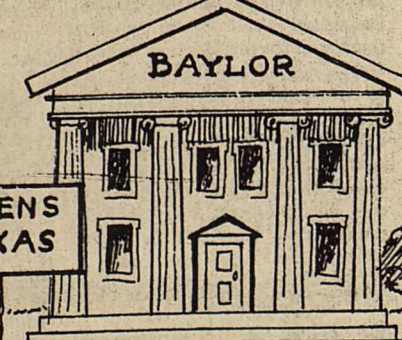
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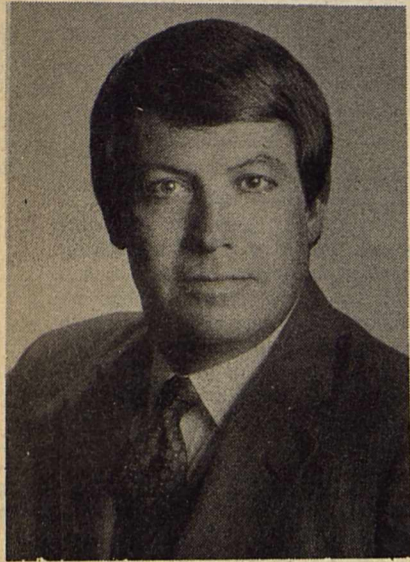




# Sports

## Senior citizens to elect delegates

Senior Texans will participate in the first Texas Silver-Haired Legislature convening in Fall 1986. The 116 elected seniors will



C.H. Herren Jr.

## Herren joins Delaware fund group

C.H. "Buddy" Herren, Jr. has joined the Delaware Group of Funds as a regional vice president.

Herren's responsibilities include initiating and managing mutual fund marketing efforts with broker/dealers in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Prior to joining the Delaware Group, Herren was a regional manager with Massachusetts Financial Services. A graduate of North Texas State University, he lives in Dallas. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Herren of Haskell.

The Delaware Group, one of the nation's oldest and largest money managers, currently manages over \$11 billion for individual shareholders and large pension advisory clients. The funds under management include: Delaware Fund, Decatur Income Fund, Delta Trend Fund, Delchester Bond Fund, DMC Tax-Free Income-USA Series, DMC Tax-Free Income-USA Insured Series, DMC Tax-Free Income Trust-PA, Delaware Cash Reserve, Delaware Tax-Free Money Fund and Delaware Treasury Reserves.

consider and vote on legislation and issues concerning older Texans' needs.

The Legislature will consist of citizens 60 years or older elected by persons over 60 on May 28, 1986. Filing deadline is Feb. 28, 1986.

Elections will be conducted by each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Four legislators will be elected from each AAA, and five will be chosen from the metropolitan area agencies. Each of the 28 AAAs will have a local steering committee responsible for publicity, election arrangements and issuing identification.

Candidates must be registered voters 60 years of age or older, and be residents of the area they wish to represent.

Candidates may pick up candidacy forms and petitions from their AAA office. Petitions must be signed by 25 registered voters in the area and be returned to the AAA by Feb. 28, 1986, at the designated polling site(s) within each AAA.

The TSHL will have four functions: (1) to involve seniors in the legislative process; (2) to develop a forum for addressing seniors' issues and establish legislative priorities for the regular Texas Legislature to consider; (3) to provide advocacy training; and (4) to provide an avenue through which seniors may serve as a resource to public and private sectors, boards and commissions.

## Investments class underway

A class in general investments begin Tuesday at Haskell High School.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening for five weeks.

Instructor is Don Book, who is the Edward D. Jones representative from Stamford. The class is being presented by Western Texas College.

Subject areas will be: Types of investments (stocks, bonds, corporate bonds, government bonds, trust funds, mutual funds, oil and gas); and reasons for investing (inflation, taxes, income).

More information is available by calling Book in Stamford (915) 773-2709.

## Low income families may get help

Low-income households in Haskell County may be eligible for help in paying their heating bills this winter through the Home Energy Assistance Program.

A one-time payment is available to many households, said Marlin Johnston, commissioner of the program.

Households which this month received food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children or Supplemental Security Income will be mailed applications automatically. Other low-income households may request applications from the Department of Human Services during the enrollment period which ends Feb. 18.

Eligibility is limited by gross income. For instance, aid is available for a one-person household having less than \$547.49 gross income per month. The gross income limit is \$733.49 for a two-person household, \$919.49 for three, \$1,105.49 for four, \$1,291.49 for five and \$1,477.49 for six.

Eligible households must be subject to energy cost increases—because of bills or rent being higher due to rising energy costs.

Households in privately owned or rented housing are eligible if the cost for heating is included in the rent payment or if the household pays a portion of home energy costs.

Energy assistance checks are sent directly to the people who are eligible for assistance. However, the checks are made payable to the energy company for the benefit of the eligible person.

Those receiving one of the energy assistance checks should mail it or take it in person to the energy company business office with the regular energy bill. The check can be cashed only by the energy company.

If the check is more than the energy bill, the additional amount will be credited to the person's account for the next month's bill. If the bill is higher than the check, the person is responsible for paying the difference.

## A&M continues to assist graduates, employers through placement office

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University continues to be a fertile hiring ground for prospective employers in most academic areas — particularly engineering and business — according to figures compiled by the university's placement office.

The placement center's primary objective is to bring degree candidates and prospective employers together for job interviews, to provide career counseling and to assist graduates in preparing for their professional life. Last year the center arranged for more than 30,000 student interviews with representatives from 733 companies and organizations.

"Texas A&M was one of the first universities to offer an extensive job placement service to its students," said Louis Van Pelt, director of the center. "Each year, more than 5,000 registrants use our office for assistance in finding employment."

# Haskell teams record two more district wins

The Haskell Indians and the Haskell Maidens, victorious in their first three district 6-AA games, complete their first round of district play Friday night when they travel to Stamford to do battle with the Bulldog teams.

They begin the second round of district play at home next Tuesday when they entertain Anson.

In games last week:  
**Indians 63, Rotan 42**  
The Indians brought their district record to 2-0 here last Tuesday with

63-42 romp past Rotan. Mark Young scored 22 points and Sammy Baker added 18. The Indians sped to a 36-19 first half lead.

**Indians 45, Hamlin 41**  
The Indians won their third straight district game by beating Hamlin 45-41 here Friday.

Sammy Baker's 24 points paced the scoring in a game which saw Haskell jump to an 11-4 first-period lead which proved to be the difference. The Pied Pipers made a run for it, outscoring the Indians 15-10 in the final quarter, but could not overcome the early Indian lead.

**Maidens 83, Rotan 31**  
Four Maidens scored in the double figures as Haskell won 83-31 over Rotan here last Tuesday.

Haskell exploded for 19 first-quarter points to take a commanding 19-4 margin. They got 17 more points in the second quarter, 23 in the third and 24 in the fourth, while Rotan could muster only 7 points in each the third and fourth quarters, after hitting 13 in the second period.

Tiffany Moeller scored 16 points in the balanced Maiden attack which also saw Robyne Weaver

score 13, Tamala Randle pitch in 11 and Patricia Henry score 10.

**Maidens 52, Hamlin 47**  
The Maidens brought their 6-AA record to 3-0 Friday night with a 52-47 win over Hamlin on the strength of a furious fourth-quarter rally which saw them overcome a 41-33 third-period deficit.

Haskell had trailed since early in the second quarter when Hamlin wiped out a 12-10 Maiden margin. But the Maidens outscored Hamlin 19-6 in the final period to put away the victory.

Julie Roewe, Denise Young and Lori McGee scored 13, 12 and 11 points, respectively, to fuel the victory.

## Maidens defeat Hawley

The Haskell Maidens won the biggest victory of their season Tuesday night when they defeated fourth-ranked Hawley 43-41.

With the victory, the Haskell girls moved into sole possession of first place in district 6-AA with a perfect 4-0 record.

The Haskell Indians lost their district game of the season when they were defeated by Hawley, 58-43. The Indians dropped to second place in 6-AA with a 4-1 district record.

## All JP positions up for election

All three Justice of the Peace positions in Haskell County are up for election this year.

These include Precinct 1, where Buck Everett now serves; Precinct 5 in Rochester, which is now vacant, and Precinct 6 in Rule where Elaine Holcomb is the incumbent.

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## AUTO RECORDKEEPING (One More Time)

New rules go into effect January 1, 1986, concerning the recordkeeping required for the business use of automobiles, computers, airplanes, boats, etc. All the publicity about the easing of the rules should not lead you to think that you do not have to keep records. The fact is that the new rules are very much like the 1984 Tax Act rules, with the exception that your recordkeeping no longer has to be done "contemporaneously"; that is, as the usage occurs.

You are still required to keep "adequate records" or "sufficient evidence" to substantiate any deductions or credits that you take for the business use of equipment. For automobiles you must keep a record of the date, the distance, the destination, and the business purpose of each trip. Though daily recordkeeping is no longer necessary, the law makes it clear that logbook entries made at or near the time of the trip will still be the best documentation should there be any challenge to your deductions. Receipts, cancelled checks, and other documentary evidence may also be used to support deductions.

The "sampling method" can be used in some circumstances. You keep thorough records for a portion of the year and demonstrate that this portion of the year accurately reflects the usage during the rest of the year.

Where employers provide a vehicle to employees for business use, no logs have to be maintained if certain conditions are met. Check with your accountant for details.

If you use a vehicle or other listed equipment in your business, be sure you understand the recordkeeping requirements in your particular situation. Do what is necessary to maintain adequate records throughout the year. A lax approach could cause you to lose deductions to which you are rightfully entitled.

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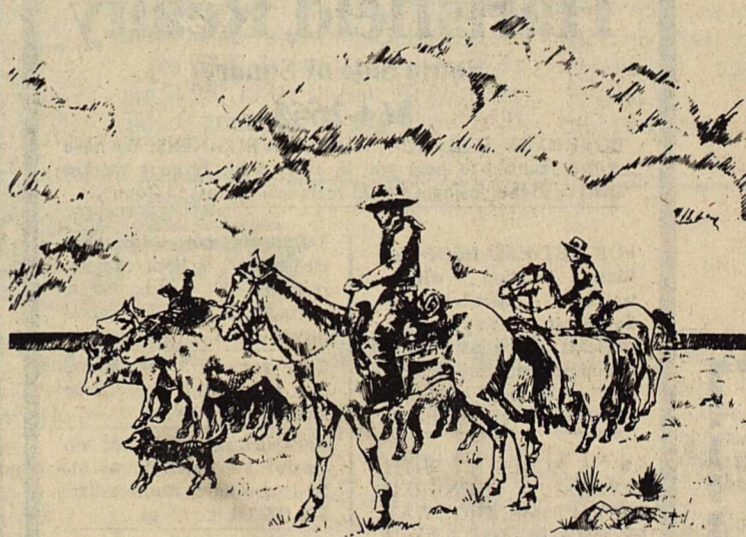
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# Haskell livestock

The market at Haskell Livestock Auction was steady to higher on a run of 1635 head of cattle, seven hogs, and two sheep and goats at its sale Saturday, according to Carter Fore, reporter.

Butcher calves: choice, 50-55; good, 45-50; standard, 40-45; rannies, 35-40.

Cows: fat, 33-38; cutters, 35-40; canners, 28-33; stockers, 35-45.

Bulls: bologna 46-52; stockers, 45-55; utility, 40-46.

Stocker Steer Calves: choice,

70-80; good, 65-70; medium, 60-65; common, 55-60.

Stocker Heifer Calves: choice, 52-65; good, 50-55; medium, 45-50; common, 40-45.

Feeder Steer Yearlings: choice, 58-64; good, 54-58; medium, 50-54; common 45-50.

Feeder Heifer Yearlings: choice, 53-58; good, 48-53; medium, 43-48; common, 38-43.

Cows & Calves: good, 450-550; plain, 350-450.

## Stock show

The 90th annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will begin its 12-day run Jan. 22, and continue through Feb. 2, at the Will Rogers Memorial Complex in Fort Worth.

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## Relatives can help or hinder elderly care

In spite of good intentions, relatives may sometimes interfere with the care of an elderly family member.

"About 80 percent of home care required by older people is provided by an informal network of family and friends," says gerontologist Dr. Judith Warren. "But the burden and stress of maintaining an elderly person at home leads many families to hire a part- or full-time caregiver."

"The relationship relatives develop with the paid caregiver will either help or hinder the care of the

elder," observes the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

Warren explains that a recent survey study published in the journal *Social Work*, reports that paid home care workers felt relatives living outside the household were likely to make their jobs easier, while family members actually living in the client's home often interfered with the plan of care.

The paid caregivers believed relatives were most helpful with shopping, running errands, escorting the older person when outside the home, visiting, bringing special treats and helping with emotional problems.

But the paid caregivers also reported difficulties when relatives tried to specify the type of care to be given by the worker, unfairly voiced complaints about the quality of the care, or made the elder upset or depressed as a result of arguments.

The study concludes that paid caregivers often seem best for handling housekeeping functions, specialized duties such as bathing and changing linen and providing consistency in care, says Warren.

"Open communication is the key for family members in working with paid caregivers," advises the gerontologist. "It's important for the

relative to sit down with the caregiver and develop a written plan and instructions for the care to be provided."

Clear communication will help the relative insure that appropriate care is being provided, without making it difficult for the paid caregiver to do his or her job, she points out.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and some other community groups, offer workshops on planning for the care of an aging family member, and training in care giving skills both for family members and people who wish to become paid caregivers, says Warren. For information on available programs in your area, contact your county Extension office.

## Six Flags gains

Six Flags Over Texas has begun its 25th anniversary year with an announcement that 1985's attendance topped 2.5 million persons.

General Manager Bob Bennett said the figure represents an increase of seven percent over 1984 performance and does not include an additional 100,000 persons who attended the park's Christmas season event, Holiday In The Park.

## Church dedication planned Sunday at Rochester

The public is invited to attend the dedication of Faith Chapel, an interdenominational fellowship for the community of Rochester.

Ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at the new facility, located on the east side of SH 6, a quarter mile south of the traffic light.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the dedication.

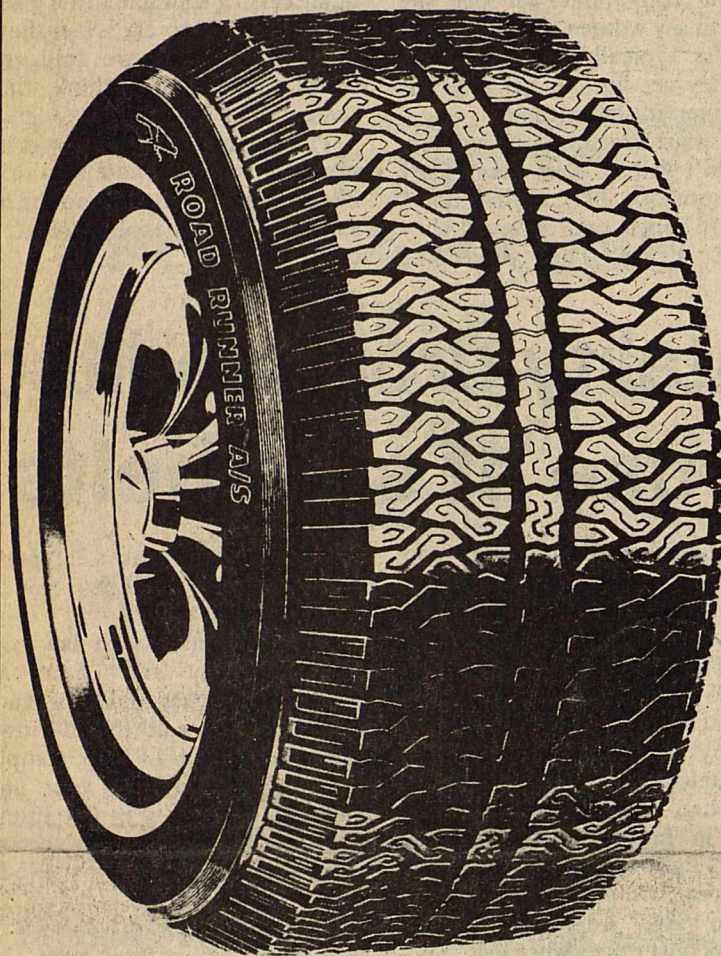
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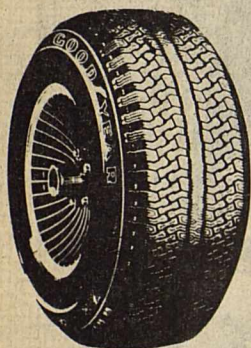
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# Sagerton Community News

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Doyle of Gilroy, Calif., Mrs. Bonnie McDaniel of Stamford and Mrs. Jackie Milliron of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zenor Summers during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Baitz of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Summers of Fredericksburg visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. W.Z. Summers during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baitz also attended the anniversary party of Herbert and Gladys Vahlenkamp on Saturday night at the Old Glory Hall.

Mrs. Alvin Ulmer hosted a birthday sandwich supper for her husband Alvin in their home late Monday night. After everyone enjoyed eating a delicious supper, games of 84 were enjoyed by the group. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Toney, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knippling, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Lefevre the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vahlenkamp of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Mrs. Odene

Dudensing, Mrs. Doris Lehrmann helped Ernest B. celebrate his birthday Saturday night. Games of double nine and sheep head was enjoyed by the group.

There will be a community meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock Jan. 20 at the Community Center. Everyone should try to be there.

Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer cooked a birthday dinner for Beulah Mae Summers Monday. Others that were there were Mrs. John L. Brooks, Mrs. M.Y. Benton.

Mrs. Louise Stegemoeller spent the afternoon in the home of Mrs. M.Y. Benton Sunday.

Mrs. Delbert Lefevre and Mrs. Louise Stegemoeller went to Abilene for Mrs. Stegemoeller had a check on her ears.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Teichelman and Mrs. Winston Holt of Struttgart, Ark. spent last week in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Humphreys, Matt and Stephen.

Sam and Mary Neinast had their children and grandchildren for Christmas day dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neinast and Laura Kate of Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEwen, Daryle, Doug and Dustin of Tuscola, also Mrs. Louise McEwen of Aspermont, Mrs. Carrie Brown of Haskell.

Afternoon visitors were Keith Quade, Glyn Quade of Sagerton, Mrs. Sylvia Crowe of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Walling of Haskell.

Sam and Mary went deer hunting at El Dorado the weekend of the 5th of Jan. They came back Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEwen and Daryl, Doug and Dustin of Tuscola and helped Doug celebrate his birthday which was Jan. 6th. He was 7 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Erna and Walter Schaake played 86 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knippling Thursday night.

The monthly Bredthauer dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bredthauer in Haskell Sunday. Those who were there were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bredthauer of Rule, Mrs. Adela Niedieck, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer of Sagerton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bredthauer couldn't be there because Alfred has been sick. Mrs. Louella Barbee came in the afternoon. The group played 84 in the afternoon.

Mrs. John L. Brooks went to Abilene Monday morning for a check up on her eyes.

Mrs. Bruce Toney, nee Tempa Wofford, was honored with a bridal shower in the Fellowship Room of Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton Saturday, January 11, at 2 p.m.

The bride's chosen colors, navy blue and gray, were used in the table decorations with crystal appointments. Mrs. Renee Dudensing presided at the registry table and Mrs. Odene Dudensing ladeled punch to approximately 80 guests.

Mrs. J.B. Toney, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Jeffrey Wofford, mother of the bride, joined the bride in the receiving line. The two grandmothers, Mrs. A.C. Knippling of Sagerton and Mrs. Vernon Wofford of Stamford also attended.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Renee Dudensing, Mrs. Odene Dudensing, Mrs. Lou Landes, Mrs. Dale Lewis, Mrs. Lois Monse, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Clark, Mrs. Verlene Corzine, Mrs. Joyce LeFevre, Mrs. Verlene Stegemoeller, Mrs. Mae Stegemoeller, Mrs. Margie Hertel, Mrs. Yvonne Swofford, Mrs. Beunice Vahlenkamp, Mrs. Jean Meiers, and Mrs. Helen Lammert.

A dinner party honoring Bruce and Tempa Toney was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lehrmann Saturday night, hosted by the Lehrmanns, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lammert, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Teichelman.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Toney, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wofford and Jodie of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Toney, and Mrs. James Gunter of Claude and the hosts and their families. The evening was climaxed with a gift given to Bruce and Tempa by the hosts.

## Keep attic vents open during winter

Wrapping the attic vents on your roof with plastic because you think it will reduce energy costs, will actually increase them and may damage your insulation, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service housing specialist.

"Attic ventilation performs the vital functions of air flow and moisture removal," says Dr. Susan Quiring.

The air removal feature is most important in the summer, when ventilation through the vents reduces the hot air in the attic space, she says.

During the winter, moisture produced inside the house tends to migrate to the outside. Part of this moisture passes through the roof into the attic area.

"By placing plastic over roof vents, the homeowner is shutting off ventilation so that the condensation of moisture can occur in the attic space," Quiring explains.

Once this moisture has condensed in the attic, it will settle in the insulation, reducing its effectiveness and adding to your energy bills, says the specialist.

Over several heating seasons, moisture trapped in the attic may also cause structural damage, she warns.

When there is no moisture-vapor proof barrier between the attic insulation and the ceiling, as is the case in many Texas homes, wet insulation can cause sagging or wet spots on the ceiling, says the specialist.

Moisture held against wood in the attic may also eventually cause it to rot, she adds.

If you are concerned about losing heat through the attic, Quiring suggests that you check to see if the pull-down stairway or other attic access inside your house is insulated.

Quiring points out that adding an insulation batt over this area will help reduce energy costs without damaging the rest of the attic insulation.

## Someone you should know

Beulah Persons, recently turned 99, is someone at Rice Springs Care Home one should get to know.

Mrs. Persons was born in Mae Rac, Ark., on Jan. 9, 1887. She is a widow and has one daughter who lives in New Orleans. Mrs. Persons worked 10 years as a telephone operator before her marriage.

She and her husband had a small farm and some cattle. She spent her spare time piecing quilts and was active in PTA and the Methodist church.

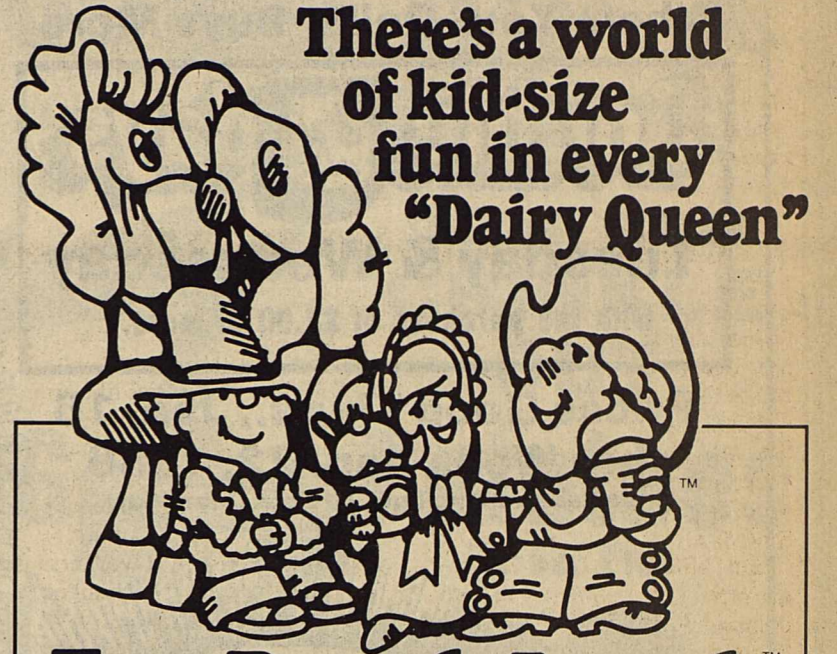
Mrs. Persons is now bedfast most of the time, only sitting in a bedside

chair for short periods at a time. Her hearing and vision are still in fair condition. She has many friends.

Mrs. Persons does exercises in bed and is striving to make it to 100 years.

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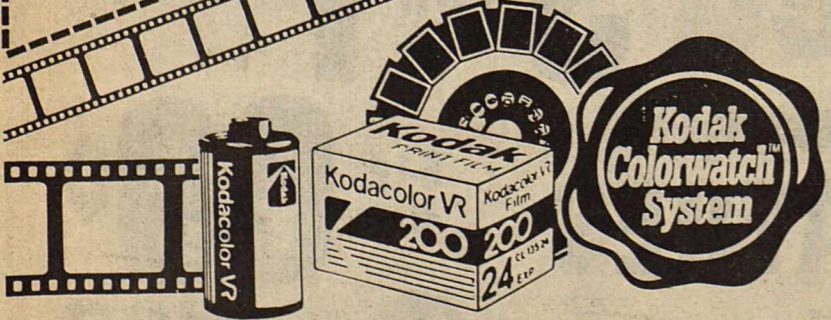
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## Heat tape can be dangerous warns expert

Heat tape can keep exposed pipes from freezing this winter, but can also be a fire hazard if used improperly, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service housing specialist.

Heat tape contains electrical wires and insulation and produces heat when plugged into an electrical outlet, says Dr. Susan Quiring.

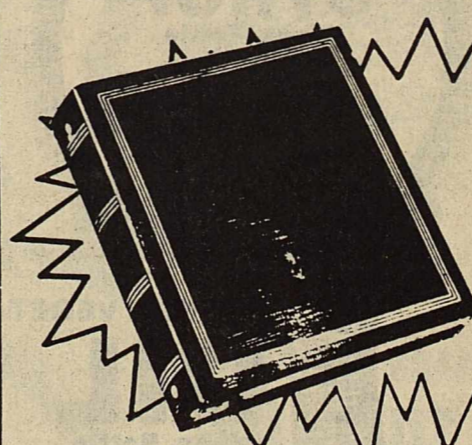
"While heat tape itself is a safe product, it's often used improperly, and is a frequent cause of home fires," she adds. One study shows that 40 percent of home fires involving heat tape were caused by the tape being incorrectly installed so that it lapped over itself.

The specialist advises consumers to know the diameter and length of the pipe to be protected before buying heat tape. Manufacturers usually suggest specific lengths for various pipe sizes to avoid either the hazards of overlapping or excess tape. It's better to have a heat tape that's too short for the pipe rather than too long, she says.

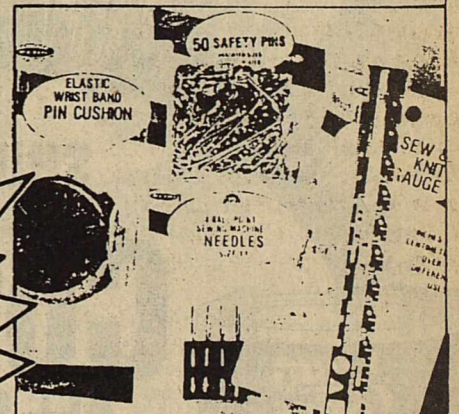
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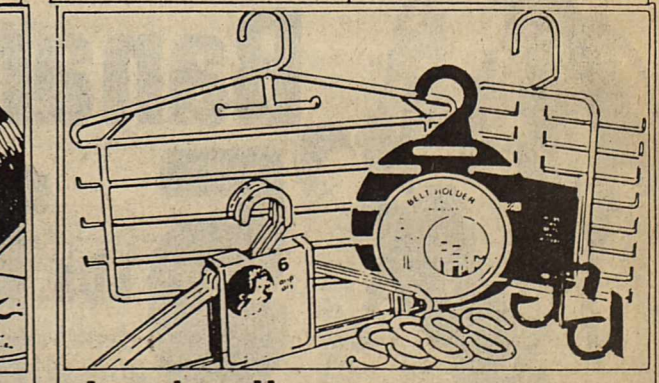
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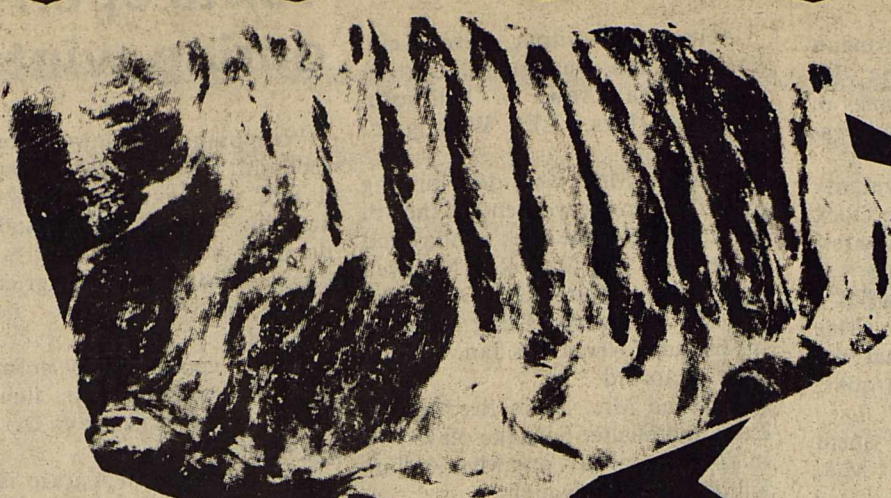
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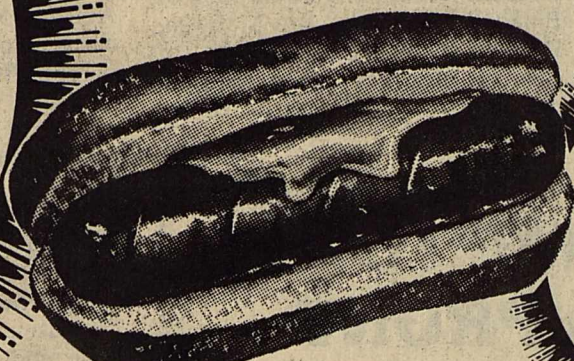
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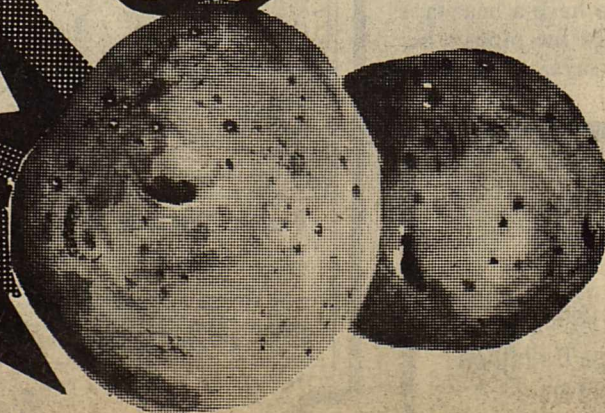
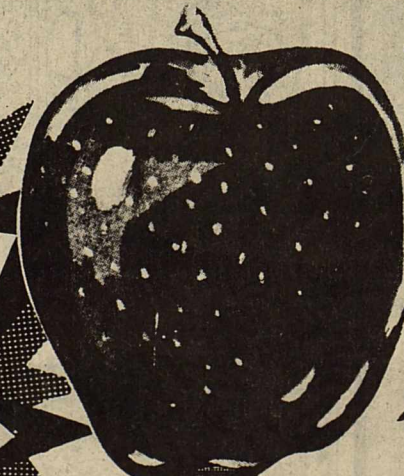
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# 25 million records

## Statistics bureau keeps records

The Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics keeps records of more than 25 million births, deaths, marriages and divorces in Texas dating back to 1903 when the Bureau was established.

The Bureau is made up of the Division of Vital Records and the Division of Statistical Services.

The Division of Vital Records, which registers more than 700,000 births, deaths, marriages and divorces each year is, in essence, a huge memory bank for such events in Texas. It is used by individuals, family members, courts, etc. to verify or replace information needed for legal or personal use.

This division annually processes: (a) some 28,000 applications to complete or correct death certificates; (b) about 17,000 applications to file new birth records concerning adoptions, legitimations and paternity determinations; (c) 1,500 changes of names based on court orders; (d) more than 310,000 certificates and verification requests from the files; (e) more than 350,000 searches for information in the files; and (f) about 13,000 applications to file delayed birth records.

W.D. Carroll, chief of the vital statistics Bureau explained, that among Vital Records' special services are photocopies of original documents and various sizes of counterfeit-proof birth certificates, including a wallet size, which is convenient to carry. "Counterfeit-proof" means the documents, printed by the American Bank Note Company, are printed on special paper with special equipment, much the same as currency or stock certificates, and will show any alterations done to them. The certificates can not be photocopied, and their design contains secret

features which discourage attempts to recreate them.

All permanent records are housed in the 5,680 square foot "stacks" in Austin, and only authorized personnel are allowed access to them. The building is protected with special locks which detect tampering. Also, automatic temperature and humidity controls, a halon fire extinguishing system, and a fire wall designed to resist flames for four hours ensure the irreplaceable documents' safety.

In addition, the Division of Vital Records is the main resource for raw data used by the division of Statistical Services.

The Division of Statistical Services is responsible for using the mass of information collected in raw form by Vital Records, to determine the data's overall meaning in regard to the state's population.

Carroll said, "All such information is entered into the Department's computer and is readily available through terminals in the Bureau's offices. Such information may focus on specific areas—state, public health regions, county or city, as required."

"We believe our methods of interpreting and analyzing raw data, not only from our own records, but from a variety of sources, are among the most effective of their kind," Carroll said. "We try to make the most use of the information we gather about individuals, to show a clearer picture of the population as a whole."

The division analyzes, interprets, and distributes critical information for use in developing health programs, medical research, and long-range plans for the state's health care.

Among Statistical Services'

duties are: (a) coding more than 8 million statistical, demographic and medical entries in birth, death, marriage, and divorce records annually; (b) processing about 1,250 requests each year for statistical data and analyses; (c) supplying information used in medical research in determining causal relationships between diseases and the environment, industrial hazards, etc.; (d) planning and overseeing statistical studies, surveys and research programs; and (e) acting as consultants, assisting others in statistical matters.

## Registration continues at Cisco college

Cisco Junior College's Director of Admissions, Olin Odom, reminds area residents that registration will continue through Friday, Jan. 24 at the Cisco campus and all off-campus locations. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as Jan. 24, Odom urges those who wish to take college courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes are presently in session and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student.

Students may register at the main campus in Cisco, at the Clyde Educational Center, or at the Abilene campus at anytime during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Midwestern offers classes

The Division of Continuing Education, Midwestern State University, has more than 180 courses that will be offered between January 20 and May 21.

Preregistration for these courses is required. However, registration is on going and a participant may register for most classes up to two days before its starting date.

## Hobbies reduce stress

If you think hobbies are only for people with time on their hands, think again. Texas Medical Association says relaxation provided by hobbies can help reduce stress levels created by today's hectic lifestyles.

Getting totally involved in a hobby can help block out the worries of the day and give your mind and body a chance to relax. But even hobbies can be stressful if you compete with yourself or hurry to finish a particular project.

Here are a few tips for selecting a pastime that will rejuvenate you:

—Choose a hobby that is different than what you do all day. If your daily activities require much physical activity, choose a quiet hobby, or if you spend your day thinking and analyzing, you might prefer a pastime in which you use your hands.

—Find a pastime that is simple enough that you can eventually master it, but not so simple that you get bored.

—Choose a hobby that doesn't involve large investments in time money, and energy to get started.

—Select a hobby that is so pleasurable that you look forward to doing it at the end of a hard day.

—Try regularly setting aside a small amount of time for your hobby or choose a hobby that you can pick up whenever you have a few free moments.

—Remember that passively watching television is not a hobby that will always reduce stress levels, because it doesn't require participation.

Among the hobbies that many people enjoy are arts and crafts activities such as model making, painting, photography, ceramics, weaving, woodcarving, chair caning, flower arranging, needlework, playing a musical instrument, or singing. Other pastimes include writing, cooking, learning about computers, magic tricks, collecting, and calligraphy.

Many sports activities such as fishing, camping, boating, dancing, and caving are excellent hobbies.

## Landowners, investors invited to seminar

A seminar to explore income-generating and tax-saving opportunities for landowners and investors will be held Jan. 23-24 at the Holiday Inn in Brownwood.

The seminar is aimed at farmers, ranchers and others with land holdings, points out Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Purpose of the seminar is to present business management concepts, facts and strategies that will provide landowners and investors the potential for increasing incomes from their investments," says Lovell. "Speakers will focus on situations likely to be encountered by single people, especially widows, and couples who have average-sized businesses and estates."

Major areas of discussion will deal with income taxes, leases, business organization and estate planning, Lovell points out.

Registration will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. the first day.

Discussions the first day will deal with information necessary for determining business performance, using enterprise budgets in planning a business, determining the fairness of lease agreements, getting a loan and tax-saving moves.

The second day's program will key on various types of investments, ways to determine the highest net profit from these investments, property ownership, the basics of estate planning, and options and implications of estate tax management.

Speakers will include Robert H. Kensing of San Angelo and Jose G. Pena of Uvalde, both Extension Service economists, and Lovell.

For more information or reservations for the seminar, call Lovell or district Extension directors Glenda Trimble or Ron Woolley at 817-968-4144.



## TAKE YOUR PICK

Ann Kinney is looking at the window full of chairs and rockers at Kinney's in Stamford. There are swivel rockers and straight chairs that regularly sell for \$300 to \$400 all priced at \$169.95. The fabrics are velvets, tapestries, and corduroys in a wide choice of colors. These chairs are from Kinney's regular stock, so when they are sold there will be no more. —pd. adv.

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It has been estimated that as many as 350,000 of the nation's 1.2 million underground gas station storage tanks may leak within two years, reports National Wildlife magazine. A small leak of only one-and-a-half cups per hour can contaminate as much as a million gallons of ground water in one day.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

General Telephone Company of the Southwest, in accordance with the Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice that a Private Pay Telephone Service Tariff has been filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Under the proposed tariff, Private Pay Telephone Service would be offered for use with a privately-owned coin or credit-card operated telephone, at the request of the customer. The new service is scheduled to become effective on March 16, 1986, or upon approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The matter has been assigned to Docket No. 6309.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757.

Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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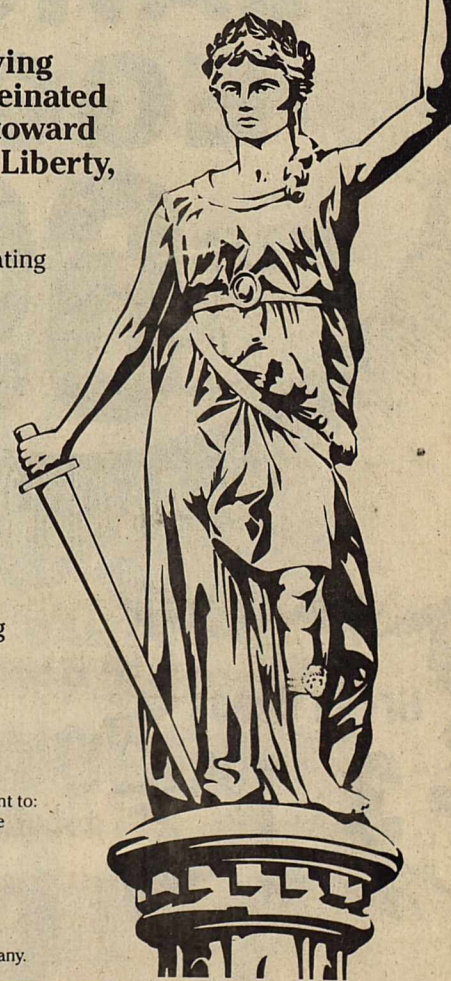
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## Parts course being offered at Stamford

Basic parts management and basic service management will be the theme for two training sessions conducted by Al Eagle of the Darrell Breland Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealership in Stamford.

Through the cooperation of Texas State Technical Institute, these courses will be taught at the automotive department building on the TSTI-Sweetwater campus. Each course will begin at 6:30 p.m. on consecutive Thursday evenings.

Feb. 6 and 13 are the dates for the basic parts management classes. Basic service management will be taught Feb. 20 and 27. Fee for class is set for \$20.

Further information concerning these sessions can be obtained by contacting the continuing education department at TSTI-Sweetwater at 915-235-8441, ext. 238.

## Fund solvent

Governor Mark White has announced that the state's Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund was solvent on Jan. 1, eliminating the threat of a \$560 million tax increase on Texas employers for 1987.

In November, Governor White reported that the trust fund's solvency on Nov. 8, 1985, spared Texas employers a \$440 million tax bill in 1986. The balance in the trust fund on January 1 was \$2.4 million.

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# Priority for ag research urged

A higher priority for agricultural research funding was urged at the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference in Las Vegas Jan. 5-6 as specialists reported their findings and developed strategy aimed at making U.S. cotton competitive in the years ahead.

Robroy Fisher, a Greenville, Miss., cotton producer and general chairman of the conference, warned that without additional support to increase funds for research and Extension, "We will erode even further." Although public funding has increased over the last 10 years, he said escalating research costs have more than offset these gains.

Other speakers discussed farm legislation, credit, and prospects for increasing cotton offtake at home and abroad.

National Cotton Council Board Chairman John S. "Duke" Barr, Oak Ridge, La., said the 1985 farm bill makes U.S. cotton fully competitive in world markets while protecting farm income.

"News of our intentions to become more competitive should put even more pressure on foreign plantings this spring. This ought to get us back to our normal share of 30 to 40 percent of the export market," Barr said.

Robert L. Thompson, USDA assistant secretary of agriculture for economics, told the conference that moving to a more market-oriented farm policy alone is unlikely to be sufficient to restore the competitiveness of U.S. farm exports. "It is essential to get budget deficits, interest, and exchange rates down."

Lloyd E. Cline, Lamesa, Tex., cotton producer and banker, said

even though agriculture is approaching a credit crisis, there are some bright spots in the picture. He estimated that 58 percent of all farmers have debt-to-asset ratios of 10 percent or less. Most of these, however, are small operators. The only long-term solution is for agriculture to become profitable, Cline said.

"We must strive to accelerate the growth of world cotton consumption," American Cotton Shippers Association President Eduardo C. Esteve, Dallas, told the group. He said that regardless of surpluses, subsidies have encouraged the world's farmers to plant cotton.

"Measures must be undertaken to revive economies of the developing nations as it is in these areas that an increase in purchasing power will be reflected in the growth of per capita consumption."

Research and Extension workers pointed out that efficient and profitable cotton production demands intensive year-round supervision. They stressed the importance of earliness—with the goal of early maturity, harvesting, and ginning—along with efficient processing and handling to assure delivery of quality lint to textile mills.

Thomas E. Kerby, California Extension cotton specialist, said cotton's real yield potential appears to be at least three times more than the average yields produced in the irrigated West.

"In the future," he said, "yields will come closer to the potential maximum as varieties and cultural practices are developed which encourage early light interception, early fruiting, and management that stimulates rather than limits growth."

R.H. Garber, U.S. Cotton Research Station, Shafter, Calif., said growers whenever possible should manipulate cotton plants' growth environment to their advantage. He added that decisions on practices such as crop sequences could be made several years ahead, and that there is an opportunity for manipulating soil preparation, planting, and operations after

plants have emerged.

In another report, Roy G. Creech, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, described a computer that simulates cotton production. It provides information to guide irrigation, fertilization, application of defoliants, and other practices.

Two awards and three grants to The Cotton Foundation were announced at the conference.

Dr. Jack Mauney, USDA-ARS plant physiologist, Phoenix, received the Moby Cotton Research Award in the amount of \$15,000 for significant findings in cotton fruiting and stress. An additional \$10,000 goes to ARS to further his studies.

Dr. George Mullendore, associate Extension agronomist-cotton, Mississippi State University, was the recipient of the first annual Cotton Extension Education Award. The \$10,000 award was established by the Agricultural Chemical Group of Hoescht-Roussel Agri-Vet Company and The Cotton Foundation for the worker or team whose agricultural activities contribute significantly to progress in the cotton industry. The Mississippi Extension Service also will receive \$5,000 to support Mullendore's work.

A grant to The Cotton Foundation to fund a \$50,000 scholarship program for children of cotton growers was announced by ICI Americas.

Zoecon Corporation Agricultural Chemicals Division also announced a \$50,000 grant to The Cotton Foundation for pest control research.

Union Carbide Agricultural Products, Inc., and The Cotton Foundation announced a joint project to increase U.S. cotton sales overseas by sending teams abroad to study export credit.

The conference was sponsored by the National Cotton Council and the Foundation in cooperation with farm organizations, land-grant universities, USDA, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, and the National Agricultural Chemicals Association. It was followed by a dozen technical sessions Jan. 8-9.

# '85 Farm Bill called 'trash'

"The 1985 Farm Bill, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan, is—to put it frankly—a piece of trash." Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has said.

"In all likelihood, this legislation means that 20 percent of the family farmers in our state will not be able to obtain financing in 1986. This legislation does more damage to American agriculture than all the combined droughts, tornadoes, freezes, hurricanes and other weather disasters have done in the past 50 years," Hightower said.

"This monster requires a record \$15 billion expenditure by taxpayers over the next five years to subsidize even lower crop prices by farmers. Our farm programs in the 50 years since the Great Depression have totaled \$110 billion. Farmers don't want tax dollars. They want sound business tools to bring supply back in line with demand, so they can get a fair price and a profit from the marketplace.

"Congress had the opportunity to pass a sensible, zero-subsidy proposal that would restore prosperity to American agriculture—the Farm Policy Reform Act. That legislation, written by farmers and sponsored by Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Representative Bill Alexander (D-Arkansas), recognized that supply management is the only effective way to get farm prices back up to the cost of

production. And it would 'zero out' taxpayer subsidies. The Farm Policy Reform Act recognizes that farmers and taxpayers shouldn't be enemies—they are natural allies.

"Unfortunately, there are people who make a lot of money off of 'farming' farmers, and they had a lot more lobbying clout this year with Congress than did farmers. These are the giant international shippers, brokers, speculators and traders. They are the only ones who benefit from crop prices that hover around 50 percent of the actual cost of production.

"This new Farm Bill is such a mess that it will force Congress to deal with an even more severe farm crisis in 1986. This bill is so bad it won't last for one year, much less the five years for which it was intended.

"The problem isn't going away any time soon, and neither are we. There is genuine grassroots support for the kind of forward-looking solutions offered by the Farm Policy Reform Act, and we will continue our fight in 1986. No worthwhile cause ever met with immediate success; women's suffrage, civil rights, and environmental protections all took years before they prevailed. The fight for fairness on behalf of America's family farmers and rural communities is equally as important. We will continue the fight until we prevail."

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