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Rule decorations to be judged today

Judging for Rule home decorations and lighting will be tonight (Thursday).

Out-of-town judges will select first, second and third places. Prizes will be \$50, \$35 and \$25. Winners will be announced at the drawing.

Those wanting their homes to be included in the judging should notify City Hall.

Baptist program to be held Sunday

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"Everlasting Lord", a Christmas musical/drama, will be presented to the public at 6 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church auditorium.

A variety of musical styles combine with drama to communicate the beauty of the ageless Christmas story

There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Park rest rooms near completion

Construction of rest rooms at Rice Springs Park is moving on schedule. Administrator Robert Baker told city councilmen last Thursday that "we're about ready to start the plumbing.'

Lutherans plan holiday activities

A number of Christmas activities are scheduled next week by the Trinity Lutheran Church. Among them:

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Thousands \$\$ to be given Saturday

Four drawings for \$4,000 will highlight Haskell's annual Christmas promotion Saturday afternoon. Drawings begin at 2 o'clock.

Cash prizes will be in the form of merchants' script, redeemable at any of the dozens of local business sponsors.

Top prize will be for \$2,000. Another will be for \$1,000 and two more for \$500 each.

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Prize winners must be present at the drawings to claim their prizes, although it will be permissable for a spouse to accept the prize if the ticket bears the name of the wife or

husband. Winners must be at least 18 years old.

No owner or manager or members of their immediate families are eligible to win, whether a participating merchant or not. Employees of businesses may win on tickets from other businesses, but not

from tickets received at their places of employment.

In addition to the four drawings for \$4,000, each participating merchant will have a drawing from tickets deposited at the individual store. Thousands of dollars in merchandise

and gift certificates will be awarded by the stores.

After the individual store drawings, all tickets collected at the stores will be dumped into one big hopper fromwhich the jackpot winning tickets will be drawn.

Tournament opens today

Breckenridge and Jim Ned girls tonight, beginning at 8. meet at 9:30 this morning (Thursday) in the first game of the Haskell Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

It will be the first of 22 games to be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday in a tournament which promises to provide plenty of action for local and area basketball fans.

The Haskell Maidens will see their first action tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 when Coach George Martin's team takes on Brownwood.

Coach Randy Stone's Indians, fresh off a championship trophy at last weekend's Catclaw Tournament in Wylie, will meet Abilene Cooper JV in their first tournament game p.m. and the consolation final at

Should the Maidens win, they will play again at 6:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of Thursday afternoon's game between Munday and DeLeon. If the Indians get by Cooper, they will meet the winner of today's Munday-Abilene JV game at 8 p.m. Friday.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Haskell Indian Booster Club.

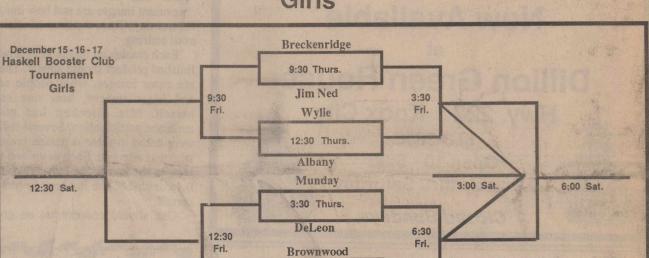
Semifinal games in the girls' division will be played Friday, at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., the third-place final at 3 p.m. Saturday and the championship final at 6 p.m. Saturday. Consolation semifinals will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 noon Saturday.

In the boys' division, semifinals will be at 5 and 8 p.m. Friday, the third-place final at 4:30 Saturday and the championship final at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Consolation semifinal games will begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday and the consolation final at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Boosters will sell hamburgers with trimmings from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 11 a.m. on Saturday. Hamburgers will be priced at \$2 each.

Tickets to the tournament will be sold at the gate, \$2 for adults and college students, and \$1 for all other students. Admission passes will be limited to those issued specifically for this tournament.

Girls



Rehab donor

Inspecting the fishing rod he made especially for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center auction is Jim Haynes of Haskell.

A children's Christmas program, beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday (Dec. Haskelman crafts

18), Pioneers and Lutherterian (Lutheran and Presbyterian youth) caroling, beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday,

Christmas Eve candlelight services Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. (two services due to wide appeal of this traditional service).

Registration set for college classes

Registration for spring semester classes at the Haskell extension center of Western Texas College will be Jan. 12 at Haskell High School. Classes begin Jan. 18.

Hours of registration will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Courses on the spring schedule are Criminal Justice 132 and 138, English 132 (two sections), Government 231 and Music 232 (music for elementary teachers).

Mrs. Pat Blakley is coordinator of the Haskell extension center. Anyone wishing additional information may contact her at 864-2949 or the Extension Services office at WTC in Snyder, (915) 573-8511, extension 240 or 390.

0 **Band concert** Sunday afternoon

The Haskell Indian Band will present its winter concert Sunday afternoon.

The concert begins at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium. The seventh-grade band, as well as the high school band, will be featured.

Santa letters due by Friday

Letters to Santa Claus must reach The Free Press by 5 p.m. Friday in order to be published.

All letters received by that time will be published in next week's Christmas edition of The Free Press.

rod for rehab sale

When the West Texas Rehabilitation Center has its annual auction Jan. 7, one of the items going on sale will be a beautiful, handmade fishing rod, compliments of a Haskell craftsman.

It will be the third straight year that Jim Haynes has contributed one of his masterpieces to help support a cause dear to his heart.

He estimates the value of the rod at \$200, considerably more than rods he has donated in the past. He put a lot of extra work into this one, decorating it with yellow, green and red threads so it would be something unusual and command a better price in the bidding.

Haynes, a retired carpenter,

operates Haynes Custom Rods at his home at 407 NE 2nd Street. He began the business in 1975, doing repair work on fishing rods. He started making rods four years ago, primarily

for family members and friends. A veteran of World War II, Haynes served with the 8th Air Force in England. He came to Haskell in 1959 and went into semi-retirement in 1961 for health reasons.

He said he would like to make a bamboo fly rod for the Rehab Center. "But I just can't do it," he said. "The materials cost \$600.

Meanwhile, he's kicking around ideas on the kind of rod he'll give to the Rehab Center next year.

Indians capture Wylie tournament

The Haskell Indians claimed the championship of the Wylie Catclaw Classic last week by blasting Hawley, 62-48, in Saturday night's finals for their third straight tournament victory.

The Haskell Maidens advanced to the finals of the tournament, but were turned back, 54-48, by 4A Sweetwater in the championship game.

In earlier tournament rounds, the Indians had beaten Ballinger, 59-54, Thursday and measured San Angelo Lake View, 90-60, Friday. The Maidens defeated Ballinger, 68-34, Thursday and Abilene Cooper, 53-50, in Friday's semifinals.

In handing Hawley its first defeat of the season, the Indians jumped to a quick 10-2 lead, but the Bearcats came back to take a 31-30 lead in the third period before an Indian spurt put the game away.

Chan Guess, who hit five threepointers and was named to the alltournament team, paced the Indian attack with 19 points. Dusty Meeks,

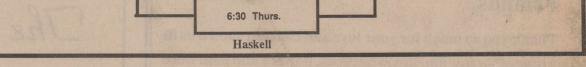
selected as the tournament's most valuable player, scored 15 points as did Brad Bevel.

Meeks scored 31 points in Thursday's victory over Ballinger as the Indians came from behind in the fourth quarter to hang a defeat on the pesky Bulldogs.

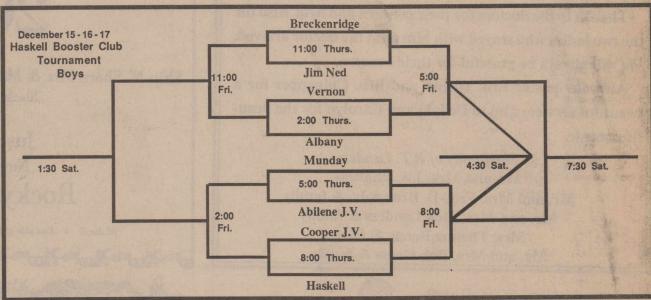
In Friday's semifinal match against 4A Lake View, the 2A Indians trailed 39-37 at halftime, but won going away with a 29-point outburst in the third quarter, followed by a 24-point fourth period. Meeks got 23 points in this one and Bevel added 20. Guess with 14, and James Rike and Paul Harvey with 11 each also were in the double figures.

In the girls' championship game Saturday night, the Maidens battled Sweetwater to a 16-16 first-period standoff, but dropped behind 26-22 by halftime. Sweetwater padded its cushion to 37-31 at the three-quarter mark and then the team's each scored 17 points in the final frame. Joy

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All-tournament

Two Maidens and two Indians were named to all-tournament teams at last week's Catclaw Tournament in Wylie. Representing Haskell were, from left, Joy McKeever, Dusty Meeks (most valuable), Chan Guess and Missy Davis. The Indians won first place; the Maidens were runnerup.

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Linda Briscoe and Aaron Weaver

Briscoe, Weaver set February date

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Briscoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Michelle, to Aaron Lee Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Weaver.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 o'clock Feb. 25 in the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

The bride-elect graduated from

Paint Creek High School, attended Midwestern University and graduated from Bryan Institution of Dental Assistants. She is employed by Nocona Boots.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Haskell High School and attended Tarleton State University. He is employed by West Texas Utilities.



Beta Chi meets in Munday

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Dec. 4 at Munday High School Cafeteria at 2 p.m.

President Jackye Leonard called the meeting to order and Linda Chapman led the "Delta Kappa Song."

During the business session the president announced that applications for prospective members should be given to Vida White, membership chairman.

There was a request that a report of successful projects be prepared to present to the 1990 convention, which will be in Lubbock. The 1989 Alpha state convention will be in Abilene June 15-18. Everyone should plan to attend since it will be near. Anyone desiring to receive a chapter or state scholarship should contact Dorothy Myers for an application.

The Red Rose Salute was presented to Lenda Edrington for her dedication to the chapter. She served as ceremonial chairman the past biennium.

Research Trivia was given by Marie Ward and Vida White. Mrs. Ward said that Beta Chi met in the Stonewall County Courthouse in 1947 and that "Silent Night" was sung in German. Mrs. White mentioned the Greek alphabet and stated that Mu Iota was the newest chapter. She then asked what number Beta Chi was; it was 46, having received its charter in 1936 with 15 charter members in Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

The Professional Affairs Committee, chaired by Nancy Toliver, presented the program focus, "Balancing Basics, Creativity and Technology." Penny Winchester introduced the guest speaker, Imo Brockett, a professional model who lives in Munday. Mrs. Brockett's subject was "Images." She stimulated each one to think about how important images are and how images fill our days from the time of arising until retiring.

Each creates an image as to how a finished product should appear. There are outer images, what people see, and inner images, how one sees herself. Mrs. Brockett had good audience participation. Several ladies were asked to select a person present who was admired. Each described the images she had of the lady. Then the lady described the images she had of herself.

One should concentrate on good

points to create a pleasing effect. One's attitude affects posture. When

planning a wardrobe, one should consider her personalty, body type and lifestyle---what makes her feel comfortable.

Mrs. Brockett suggested that fads should be avoided since they suggest "brainwashing" and are usually quite expensive. She also suggested that accessories should show a person's creativity and her own personal style. She demonstrated how to begin with a basic, neutral dress and create one's own look by adding a hat, scarf and/or jewelry. Several members also beame creative by using another member as a model. When asked how she became

involved in modeling, Mrs. Brockett related that she had the desire since high school days. Marriage and family, the basics, were more important, but the "image" was still there. In 1987, supported by her husband and daughters, she applied and was surprised when she was accepted into modeling school.

She is classified as a "contemporary woman." She has modeled in New York but prefers Abilene and Dallas since she doesn't have to travel far. The headings on the cover of a leading fashion magazine listed her as "farmer, Texan, grandmother," certainly not the usual titles applied to models. Members were inspired by Mrs.

Brockett, a bank employee for years, who makes her own clothes and is now remodeling a home, and one who did not let her "image" die. Karen Longan added that Mrs. Brockett is an excellent "model" for young ladies.

The Christmas motif was featured on the serving table of a variety of holiday food served by Munday



ADMISSIONS MEDICAL: Holly Reed, Haskell; Gladys Smith, Rule; Felix Arguijo, Haskell; Bill Hendrix, Haskell; Raymond Lusk, Haskell; Lee Decker, Haskell.

DISMISSALS Alleree Lamb, Charles Pool, Ricky Bejar, Shelly Speck, Lois Trimmer, Odis Smith, Marlis Peters, Edith Condron, Edith James.

members.

Next meeting will be Feb. 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Aspermont.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society Intrnational now has a membership, which is by invitation, of more than 165,000 women educators in 13 countries around the world. It began in Austin, Texas, in 1929 with 12 members.

Hobby Club

Lola Mae Underwood was hostess to 16 members and two guests at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Rochester Hobby Club. The very enjoyable noon meal consisted of stew, cornbread and many delicious holiday season desserts.

Oleta Fitzgerald and Myrtle Townsend have December birthdays.

Oleta Fitzgerald's "Colonial Girl" quilt was finished and Modelle Barton's unusually arranged "Fan" made by her mother, Mrs. Manley, was put into the frame. Myrtle Townsend's "Cheater" quilt is almost finished.

The club has gifts for the Brazos Valley Care Home at Knox City.

Stella Carver is to be the hostess for the club's next regular meeting Jan. 3.

Visitors and new members are welcome.

Season's greetings to all.

A difference

silence.

New resident: I hear that the village boasts a choral society. Old inhabitant: Well, we don't boast about it --- we suffer it in

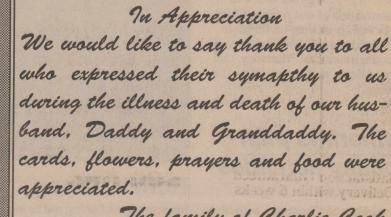
organization's 55th annual meeting.

The Plainview cotton and grain farmer will serve his seventh consecutive one-year term of office.

Farm Bureau head

of the Texas Farm Burea Dec. 7 at the

S. M. True was re-elected president



The family of Charlie Cook

Party honors Paces

Will and Cathy Pace were honored Sunday with an introductory tea from 2 to 3:30 in the home of Jo and Wallace Cox.

Greeting guests were Jo Cox, Twyla and Sam, Will, Cathy and daughters Season and Arielle, and Marjorie and Lynn Pace. Cathy, Twyla and Marjorie wore holly corsages from the hostess.

Gifts for Will and Cathy were displayed on a quilt-draped table in the den, along the bay window sill and in bedrooms of the festively decorated home

A red poinsettia flanked by candles formed the centerpiece for the holiday refreshment table. Christmas serving pieces held a variety of party foods, including finger sandwiches, cakes, breads, candies, fruits and cookies, Spiced tea and coffee were served.

Hostesses for the occasion were Nelda Lane, Suzanne Starr, Mary Nell McCoy, Ruby Holt, Georgia Turnbow, Dwanna Klose, Cathy Bartley, Mary Rike, Jill Druesedow, Patsy Cobb, Kim Crawford, Billie McKeever, Eula Faye Crawford, Doris Reeves, Lee Barnett and Jo Cox.

Friends,

Thank you so much for your love and concern shown us in our time of sorrow and loss. The cards, flowers and food were appreciated so much.

Thanks to the doctors for their concern and help. Also for the two ladies who stayed with him until the doctor arrived. We will always be grateful for their concern.

Also our pastor Bro. Turner and Bro. Culpepper for a beautiful service. And to Delight and Carolyn for the beautiful music.

> The family of R.T. Landess Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Landess Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Brown Jr. & family Mr. and Mrs. Jack Landess & family Mrs. Thelma Boone & Girls Mr. and Mrs. Bob Guess & family

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-School Menu-

Dec. 19-23 LUNCH

Monday: Sausage on a stick, crsscut fries with catsup, pork and beas, buttered hot rolls, banana pudding, milk, juice or tea.

Tuesday: Burritos, buttered can, tossed salad with dressing, slied peaches, milk, juice or tea.

Wednesday: (elementary schol brown bag day): Turkey and chese sandwich with lettuce, potato chis, pickle spears, carrot sticks, jucy treats, milk, juice or tea.

Wednesday: (high school): Turky and cheese sandwich, french fries wth catsup, pickle spears, juicy trets, milk, juice or tea.

No school Thursday and Friday. BREAKFAST

Monday: Juice or fruit, ceral, milk.

Tuesday: Juice or fruit, waffes wth syrup, milk.

Wednesday: Juice or fruit, chese toast, milk.

No school Thursday and Friday "Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year" From





anywhere in the Area



50th anniversary

Members of the Haskell High School graduating class of 1938 celebrated their 50th anniversary Nov. 4-6 at the Quality Inn in Arlington. From a class of 58, 46 of whom are living, responses were received from 40. Sixteen members of the



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| Saturday Jan. 7, 1989 10:00 AM | L.B. Cox, Jr. John Pike & Others | Saturday Jan. 7, 1989 10:00 AM | | | |
| Location: 1 Mile East of Rule Highway 380 | | | | | |
| Tractors 1 - 1975 John Deere 4430 1 - 1978 John Deere 4240 1 - 1970 John Deere 4020 Cab - 1086 International Tractor Farm Equipment - 8 row John Deere planter folding bar, picker wheel - 6 row John Deere planter with Fiberglass boxes - 6 row rolling cultivation - 6 row rolling cultivator - 6 row field sweeping rolicone doubl John Deere grain drill 16-8 - M & M Tandem - 6 row field cultivator - triple bar - 14 ft. John Deere Tandem - 21 ft. double 4x4 rolicone R.O.C. - 21 ft. double 4x4 cultivator R.O.C. | Cotton Stripper 2 - 283 John Deere <u>Cotton Trailers</u> 8 - Cotton Trailers 5 - 8x9x24 Cobey 2 - 8x9x32 Big 12 1 - 8x9x28 Big 12 1 - Tandem Axle ut 1 - John Deere 24 ft 1 - 16 ft. Cattle self <u>Spray Equipment</u> 2 - 200 gallon side bt 1 - 1000 nurse tank 1 - 300 gal diesel tan 1 - 500 gal diesel tan 1 - 500 gal diesel tan | Pickups 1-1 1978 GMC pickup 1/2 ton, 4 wheel drive Cotton Stripper 2-283 John Deere Cotton Strippers <u>Cotton Trailers</u> 8 - Cotton Trailers 8x8x24, metal 5 - 8x9x24 Cobey 2 - 8x9x32 Big 12 1 - 8x9x28 Big 12 1 - Tandem Axle utility Trailer 1 - John Deere 24 ft. seed bed trailer 1 - 16 ft. Cattle self feeder on wheels | | | |

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Kids, Santa pictures Saturday

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board will again be making pictures of children with Santa Claus on Saturday on the south side of the courthouse from 1 to 4 p.m. Pictures will be made before, during and after the Haskell Chamber of Commerce drawings.

The price will be \$3, instead of \$2 as previously given. Funds from this project help the board supply clothes, food and new toys for more than 80 children in 25 families.

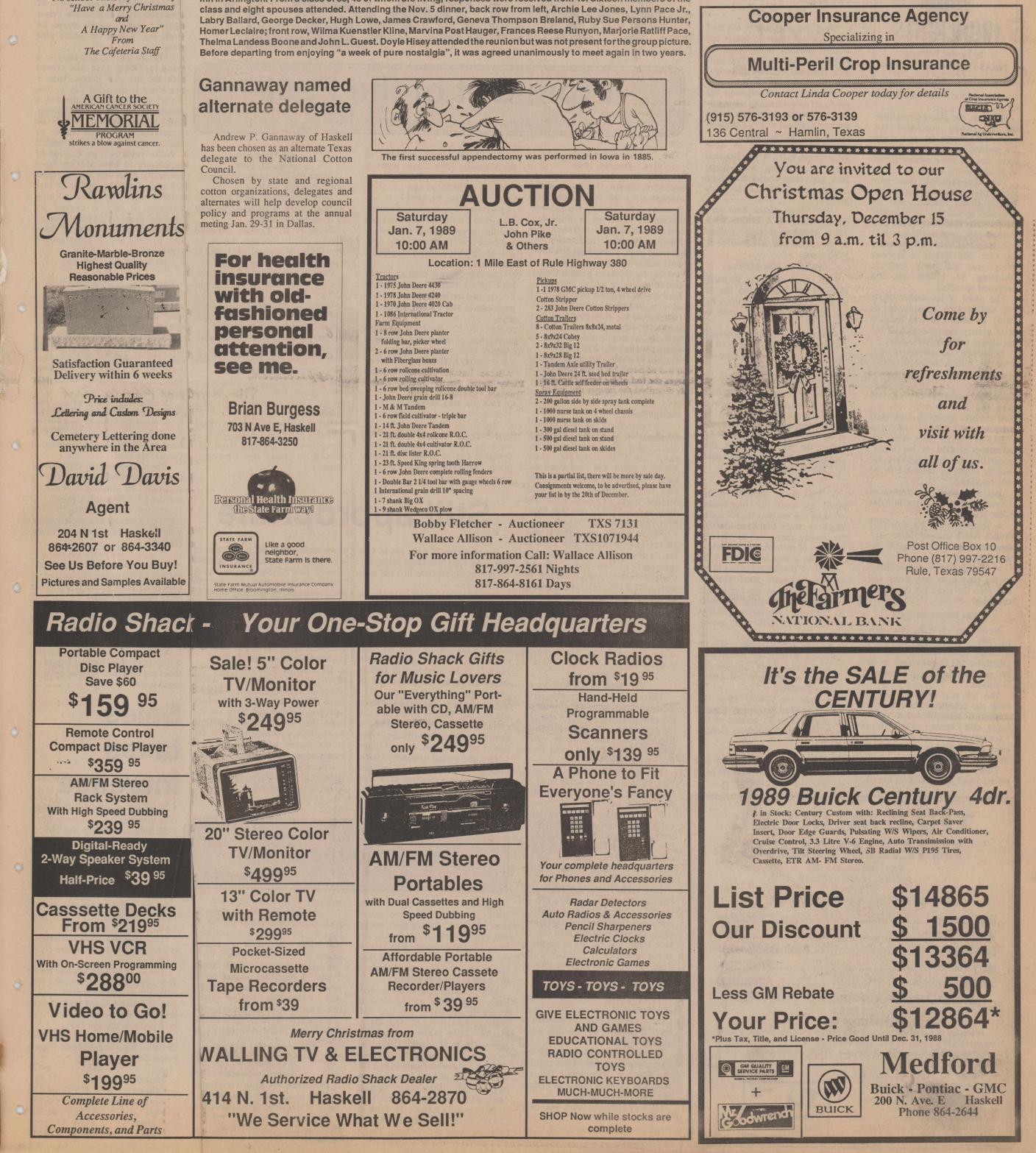
One of the most delightful programs which takes place in Haskell was held Saturday night in the elementary cafetorium when local musicians produced beautiful "Sounds of Christmas."

Brian Burgess, chairman, emceed the concert. The board is grateful for the Church of Christ Singers, under direction of Joel Fox; James and Ann

Sinclair; the Four Friends, Patsy Blakley, Roberta High, Susan Pope and Pam Gibson; Verdie Ree Calloway; First Baptist Church Children under the direction of Melodee Christian, Jo Nell Trammell and Ellen Rieger; Susan Jarred; Terri Kirk; the Harmony Bells, Pat Grand, Debbie Miller, Tammi Pannell and Jo McGuire; and the Ford Cole and Randy McLelland families.

All of these gave of their time and talents to help Haskell County children. A special thanks go to those who helped move chairs to and from the school from the First Baptist Church, Andy Gannaway, Dave Miller, Bob and Pam Aycock, Max Stapleton and others. We are also grateful for the generous donations received.

You are reading The Haskell Free Press and we thank you.



Commentary

Door left open for income tax

AUSTIN-Only a few days after Speaker Gib Lewis' prediction that House members won't raise taxes, the specter of a new tax bill raised its ugly head, only to draw fire from Gov. Bill Clements.

Meanwhile, a blue-ribbon panel issued its final report which leaves



the door open to a state income tax for all Texans.

However, the Select Committee on Tax Equity concluded last week that Texans are not ready for personal or corporate income taxes, but that those measures will be needed in the future.

The mini-skirmish over new taxes arose after the Legislative Budget Board revealed that its proposed spending plan exceeded the revenues that Comptroller Bob Bullock said were available.

No big deal, said LBB chairman Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby. It happens every year and we'll look at trimming \$2 billion off the proposed spending.

The panel of lawmakers drafts the budget each interim and is ikely to build "fat" to cushion state agency interests against the legislative meat cleavers.

In essence, the lawmakers must trim \$2 billion or raise taxes, and that, after all, is the central issue of the coming session. Gov. Clements jeered at the spending plan and said he will veto any new tax hike approved in the next session.

Out in Capitol halls, some tax advocates scoffed at his threat, reminding that they made him eat similar words the session after he was re-elected.

drugs is found with no tax stamps, they face the additional charge of felony tax evasion.

Clemons said Al Capone was never busted for bootleging, but was nabbed on tax evasion. He said Minnesota has had such a law in place for two years.

The bill failed last session through a misunderstanding that it would legalize drugs, Clemons said, which is absolutely not the intent.

Instead, it aims to help law enforcement officers in the war on drugs. Clemons is expected to have the support of several antidrug groups.

Bingo Probe

Amid charges some of his staff grant special favors to bingo operators, possibly in exchange for kickbacks, Comptroller Bob Bullock launched his own investigation of his bingo division.

Although the investigation has produced no evidence to substantiate the charges, polygraph exams are being offered to all 25 employees of the bingo division.

Bullock also sought to close three bingo halls in the Houston area for violating state bingo laws, and recommended that bingo licenses be pulled for 21 charitable groups.

Legal bingo games have generated nearly \$1.4 billion since 1981, including about \$7 million in state taxes and \$25 million in local taxes.

Richards Hits Million

State Treasurer Ann Richards reported she had passed the \$1 million mark in contributions for her expected governor's race in 1990.

Her likely opponent, Attorney General Jim Mattox, responded by saying he will probably have \$3 million raised in 1988.

Regents Approve Merger

The University of Texas System regents voted as one to merge with Pan American University.

If the legislature approves it, the move could ward off a lawsuit accusing the state of funding discrimination for higher edu



--From Out of the Past--

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

30 Years Ago Dec. 18, 1958

The HHS Indans marked up their second basketball tournament championship of the season here Saturday night, downing Weinert, 40-30, in the finals of a three-day tournament. Haskell had won the Hamlin invitation tournament the previous week. The Indians now have a 9-1 season record.

Plans for Haskell's Student Center moved nearer to reality this week with the organization Monday night of a nine-member Adult Youth Council, to be followed with the election of a Student Board composed of representatives from each class in junior high and high school.

Christmas lights which have been strung around the courtyard and courthouse present a strikingly beautiful appearance which elicits compliments from travelers passing through Haskell.

Four players on the HHS football squad earned berths on the 1958 alldistrict team. They were John Rike, end: Tom Cathey, tackle; Gary Anthony, guard; and Tom Anderson, back. Named to the second team were Paul Cooper, center, and Eugene Mullins, back. Receiving honorable mention were Fred Brown, Sam Pace, Erby Wolfe and O. V. Turner. Jimmy Brock, quarterback, and guards Jerry Fancher and Lyndon Harris were awarded letters as members of the Ranger Junior College football team. Awarding of letter jackets to 31 players climaxed a successful season for the Rangers who won second place in the Texas Junior College Conference.

R. C. Montgomery, president of the Farmers State Bank, made a business trip to Snyder Tuesday. 80 Years Ago

Dec. 19, 1908

Bruce W. Bryant, county attorney, has issued a warning to businessmen that the Sunday closing law, which had been openly violated in the past, will be strictly enforced beginning immediately.

The Free Press is printing a cook book for the Methodist Missionary Society, and the ladies expect to place the books on sale within the next few days.

Hon. J. C. Baldwin was in attendance on District Court here Monday. He is a brother of our fellow townsman, J. L. Baldwin, and at one time practiced law here. He also represented this district in the State Senate one term.

O. B. Norman, who has had charge of the paint and wallpaper department of McNeill & Smith Hardware Co., will open an exclusive paint and wallpaper store here. He will carry a



BY WENDELL FAUGHT

Someone asked who Billie Sol Etes played for.

I thought everyone knew he played fe Billie Sol Estes.

"And almost won," Comedy rminded.

Did you ever question the accuracy c one of those little stories telling pu how this or that got started?

Several years ago I read a piece which told how the expression "the vhole nine yards" came about.

According to the story, B-17 unners of the 8th Air Force in ingland were issued belts of mmunition in 27-foot strings. When gunner used up all his ammo, he vould say "I used the whole nine vards."

I later mentioned this story to a riend in Albuquerque who served with the 8th Air Force. Then I mentioned it the other day to Jim Haynes of Haskell, who also was a member of that famed WWII group. Both were familiar with the expression but neither knew, or believed, it originated in their outfit.

A few years ago, the College of Agriculture at New Mexico State University came out with a report that chile (as they spell it in that Miss Belle Rupe, who has been state) is not "hot". The burning sensation, it said, is caused by 'stickers" in the fruit whose "heat" is Judge P. D. Sanders returned determined by the number of these Tueday from Houston where he little irritants which penetrate the attended the Masonic Grand Lodge as tongue and the mouth lining. I never did believe that one.

...

Population figures don't paint a occupy the R. M. Dickenson rosy picture for Haskell, but when residence. He brought down a herd of you consider what's happening in about 6,000 head of sheep for which other area towns of comparable size, you just gotta be proud.

Vacant, dilapidated buildings and from Louisiana where he had been for rundown business sections are the some time on a trading expedition rule rather than the exception in most under-5,000 population towns of C. C. Riddel is putting up a West Texas. Not so in the county building on the west side of the seat of Haskell. square which he will occupy as a

Contrasting the pride and promotional activities so evident here Henry Alexander, who has been is an apathetic attitude found in so attending Southwestern University at many decaying communities A short Georgetown, is expected home this item last week in the Wellington

But wise heads are convinced Clements will veto a tax bill this time, because:

• Texas is past the economic crunch which enabled Democratic senators to force his feet to the fire and sign: and

• The governor would jump at the chance to veto a tax bill and even the score for the earlier coercion.

Tax Illegal Drugs

Never say never? One new tax bill which Clements might willingly sign is one provocatively called the "Al Capone Tax" by its author, state Rep. Billy Clemons, **D-Pollok**.

The bill requires a tax stamp from the comptroller's office on controlled substances and marijuana, said Clemons, who built in a tax rate of \$200 per gram of cocaine and \$3.50 per gram of marijuana.

Thus, when drug dealers are arrested and their cache of illegal

in Hispanic South Texas.

Short Takes

• The Texas Supreme Court ruled last week that illegitimate children can sue over the wrongful death of their biological father. Previously, they could sue only in the case of their mother's death.

• With a population of 7,429, the city of Breckenridge has hired former Speaker's aide, Gordon (Doc) Arnold as an "economic consultant," preferring the term to "lobbyist." His salary: \$24,000 a year, plus \$200 per month expenses.

• Port of Galveston officials approved a letter of intent with Pride Cruise Lines for one-day "cruises to nowhere" featuring casino gambling.

• Ochiltree County takes the honors as Most Republican County in Texas, with 83 percent of the vote last month going to George Bush.

The time to start saving for your old age is today; you will never begin at some time in the future.

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Emory E. Smith of Haskell has been promoted to the grade of captain in the United States Air Force at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

> 50 Years Ago Dec. 16, 1938

Three members of the HHS Indians football squad were named on the all-district football team selected by coaches of the district. Representing the Indians were lineman J. C. Scott and backs Gene Rogers and Sam Henshaw.

Mrs. Lillian Robertson of Ponca City, Okla, is visiting in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McMillen.

F. M. (Manley) Branch rounded out his 16th year as an employee in the Haskell post office on Tuesday, Dec. 13. He went to work in the local office in 1922, and has been connected with the office continuously since then.

Mrs. H. K. Henry and infant son. Patrick Malcolm, were returned to Haskell Monday in a Holden ambulance from Stamford Sanitarium where the youngster was born Dec. 8. Mrs. Henry and son are at the home of her father, G. F. Mullino, while Capt. Henry is away in active service.

70 Years Ago Dec. 21, 1918

E. H. Kemp, formerly county demonstration agent for Haskell County who resigned his position to enter the Army, is here this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Darnell of the Post community have been notified that their son., Stonewall J. Darnell, soldier in the U.S. Army in France, has been killed in action.

J. A. Fullbright, who has been working in the oil fields at Breckenridge, has returned to his home here.

complete line of paints, wallpaper, evening to spend the Christmas Leader says a lot: glass, mouldings and artists' holidays. materials

barber shop.

90 Years Ago

Dec. 24, 1908

Albert English came in Wednesday

teaching music at Dickens City, will

a delegate from the Haskell lodge.

he has leased the Abbott pasture.

with a lot of horses and mules.

after time. Big city stores on the

other hand, are primarily interested in

today's sale prospect, with more

prospects to be developed from the

privilege of buying their wants

wherever they choose, at whatever

price they desire to pay. But where

selection, quality and price are the

same, there is an additional profit in

buying from your local merchant. He

is the person who supports civic

enterprises to develop a better

community, and a better community

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living in the community.

Of course, everyone has the

potential of a larger trade territory.

Burwell Cox has moved to Haskell

County from Greer, I.T., and will

Henry Johnson got back this week

from the Indian Territory.

be home for Christmas.

Still appropriate

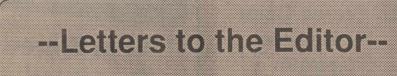
It was written 30 years ago by Lon more interested in the satisfaction of Pate, long-time Free Press editor, but it's just as appropriate in 1988 as it was in 1958:

Haskell stores report an upturn in business during the past few weeks as the holiday shopping season goes into its final weeks.

More and more people have learned that they can get the same selection of merchandise and gift items in Haskell stores as they will find in larger cities, and at prices that in many instances reflect savings.

Sometimes people go out of town and buy merchandise which they can get at home for the same price, or sometimes less. In virtually every line of retail business, Haskell stores feature quality and nationally known lines of merchandise, and afford just about as wide a selection as will be found anywhere.

In addition, the local merchant is



Editor: I am working on some family genealogy and came across some old family information stating that maybe some of the family I'm the early years of the Haskell Free

My maternal grandfather was Herbert Bee Martin, later a print shop owner in Amarillo. He had two brothers named R. E. and Oscar Martin. Their father's name was Alonzo Cicero Martin and I belive the mother's name may have been Mildred. I also understand from a 10year-old letter that just came into my possession, that two female descendants of Alonzo Martin have lived in nearby towns . . . Frances Martin Hills and Thelma Martin Jones of Rule and Denton. These

women may no longer be living.

I am also trying to learn where m great-grandparents are buried. Do yu have any information in your archivs that might help me in my searc? Many of my family ended up is newspaper people. My uncle, Edwid Martin of Amarillo, worked on te newspaper there for years; my mother was a newspaper woman varias places and both my father and pateral uncle worked on newspapers all oer the United States but mostly in Michigan.

Tanya Kniht 31 Golden Ave., Apt. 2-A Battle Creek, Mich. 4915

(No doubt, Ms. Knight is referng to Oscar Martin, long-time, early-ay editor of The Free Press, whose ife would make a pretty good chapte in the history of Haskell County. We are sending her some informaton.

"The Collingsworth Chamber of Commerce membership drive appears successful in securing a few new members, but there still aren't enough to resume normal functions. The Halloween contest was cancelled this year as was the Christmas decorating contest."

... their customers as to both price and "Crime is a very serious problem quality than the big city merchant. throughout our nation and most of us The reason is obvious, because the want to do whatever we can to avoid local merchant of necessity wants to being victims of crime." keep his customers coming back time

It says so in the opening sentence of a news release coming across this desk from Congressman Martin Frost.

Makes you feel good that your tax dollars are at work helping inform us about our concerns. Who would ever have known?

Sales taxes increase

Sales tax receipts in Haskell for 1988 increased by 11.12 percent over 1987, State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced this week.

The comptroller issued the City of Haskell a check for \$8,884.34 as its share of state-collected taxes on sales made in October. It was the final check of the year, bringing the city's sales tax receipts for the past 12 months to \$161,632.18. Last year, the city received \$145,454.23.

The December check compares to one for \$7,870.43 for the same period last year.

The 11.12-percent increase for the year compares favorably with state collections which showed a 12.3percent increase during 1988. Bullock predicts a steady increase of 7 to 8 percent a year through 1991.

Here is how all county cities fared in 1988 compared to last year (figures rounded off):

| A PARTIE | 1988 | 1987 |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Haskell | 161,632 | 145,454 |
| O'Brien | 1,115 | 1,436 |
| Rochester | 4,261 | 5,458 |
| Rule | 25,256 | 23,505 |
| Weinert | 2,205 | 2,661 |
| Total | 194,472 | 178,515 |

researching had something to do with Press. Now I'm not sure if there is any truth to this information.





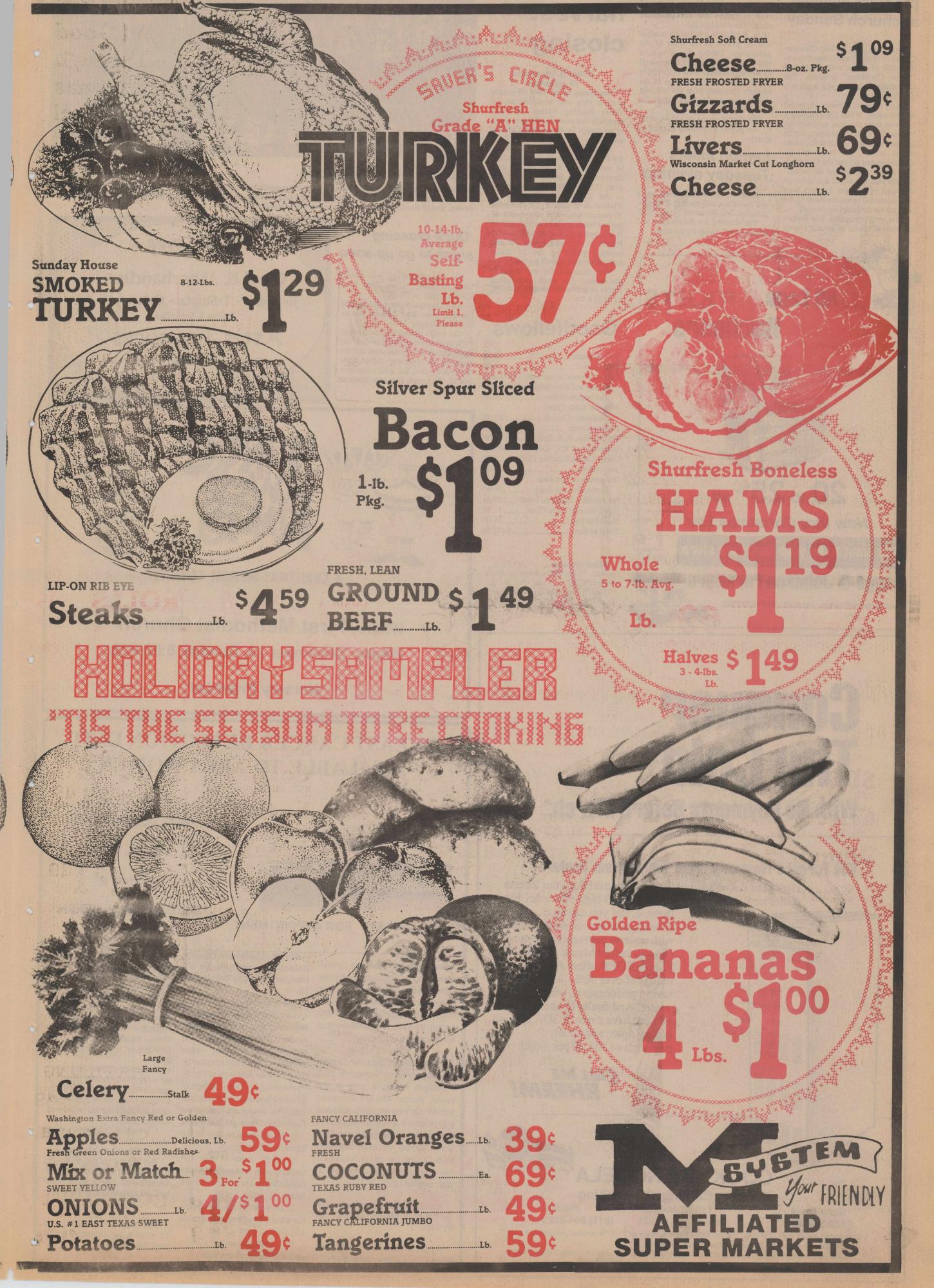


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'White Christmas' program planned at church Sunday

Again this year, the Fist Christian Church of Haskell will commemorate the birth of Jesus with its annual "White Christmas" program. The candlelight celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dusty Garison, minister, explained that the name "White Christmas" is a holdover from previous celebrations. "When the church members began this program, they would drape white sheets across the front of the auditorium and act out the Christmas story in silhouette behind the sheets," Garison said. He added that although this type of pageant has not been done in several years, the name of the program has remained unchanged.

This year's program will feature the musical talents of several church

members, in addition to congregational singing. "We will have musical specials performed by our choir, along with songs by smaller groups and our children's choir," the minister said.

As in the past, a miniature manger will be placed at the front of the auditorium. During the service, a special love offering will be received by having members walk to the front and place their contributions in the manger. Proceeds from the offering will benefit missionaries which the church supports.

The church meets at 107 N. Ave. F. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Legion meets Tuesday evening

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Legion Hall. The drawing for the shotgun will be conducted during the meeting.



Cotton harvest closing

From U.S. Department Of Agriculture

Harvesting of the 1988-89 cotton crop is very near complete in the Texas Rolling Plains. Ginning should be completed in the next week or so except in Howard and Martin counties.

Although not as good as last year, the 88 yield has been above average in most areas. According to area director, B. B. Manly Jr., samples from 318,000 bales had been classed at the USDA classing office in Abilene as of Dec. 8. Of that total, 70 percent was white cotton with 47 percent being grade 31 or better. Mike is averaging 40 for the season with length at 32, uniformity 79 and strength grams per tex 24. Bales reduced for bark was 15 percent.

Very little activity was noted in the market this week. Cottonseed prices to producers ranged from \$95 to \$120 a ton.

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| Emma Reed | 10.00 |
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| Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Colbert | 25.00 |
| In memory of R. C. Couch Jr. | 100.00 |
| Lucky Ladies Birthday Club . | 5.00 |
| Anonymous | 10.00 |
| In memory of Lon Pate | |
| Dovie, Sue and Patsy | 50.00 |
| Mr and Mrs. James A. Isbell | 100.00 |
| Hazel Weaver Bible Class | |
| Felix Mullino | 25.00 |
| Total to date | \$432.50 |
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Minor operation

Jim: "You don't seem to think much of him." Joe: "If he had his conscience taken out, it would be a minor operation."



Tournament champions

The Haskell Indians were first-place winner of last weekend's Catclaw Tournament in Wylie. Team members are, from left, Rusty Stocks, Dusty Meeks, Bobby Medford, Sam Beakey, Shane Osborne, Derrick Billington, Brad Bevel, Cole Larned, Coach Randy Stone, Paul Harvey, James Rike and Chan Guess.

'Duck crossing' signs to go up soon

The City of Haskell will install "duck crossing" signs near Rice Springs Creek on US 277.

Administrator Robert Baker told city councilmen last Thursday that he has ordered signs.

The ducks placed in Rice Springs Park last summer are now leaving their primary area on occasion and are crossing the highway. None have been hit by cars, but their migration across the road presents such a possibility.





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A mammogram can detect a cancer this small, even before it can be felt.

Appointments may be made by calling 864-2621.

The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit will be in Haskell on Friday December 16.

The American Cancer Society has established guidelines for a mammography in asymptomatic women. (Women who have no symptoms of disease). Those guidelines have been adopted by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and The American College of Radiology. Those guidelines are:

1. 35-40 years of age - One baseline mammogram.

II. 40-50 years of age - A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.

III. 50 years of age and over -An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.

IV. Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with

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significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

A screening mammogram is an x-ray of the breast using extremely low dosages of radiation (usually comparable to dental xrays) and is designed to find very early cancers.

A female technologist who is highly trained in mammography will perform the examination.

The charge for the screening mammogram is \$50.00. The Unit accepts cash, check, VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

For more information or to make an appointment call 864-2621.

Challenges of youth

Loneliness and suicide

By Lou Gilly County Extension Agent Home Economics (Third in a series)

Loneliness is a situation that confronts teenagers, just as it does adults. Loneliness is not caused by being alone; it is the feeling of having no one or no place to turn for help.

To cope with loneliness, teenagers may try sex, drugs, alcohol or even run away. Gratifying impulses is the only way some youth can obliterate loneliness. The idea, "if it feels good, do it"," has become guideposts or limits for behavior among teens. WHAT IS SUICIDE?

A suicide attempt is a "cry for help"---a desperate effort to end the pain of problems that have become overwhelming.

SOME POSSIBLE **REASONS FOR SUICIDE**

No one can say for sure why a particular young person chooses to die. The helplessness and hopelessness that often lead to suicide may result from a combination of factors.

Depression: It's common for young people to feel depressed

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because youth is a time filled with so many changes and losses. Depression can make everything seem overwhelming, so that suicide appears to be the only solution.

Family problems: Divorce, marital instability and other problems within the family may create feelings of rejection and worthlessness in a young person. Many young people who attempt suicide feel that their families just don't understand them.

A significant loss: Suicide may be a reaction to: (1) Loss of a loved one through death, divorce or separation, (2) Moving away from friends and familiar surroundings, (3) Loss of health, (4) Loss of respect, (4) Breaking up with a girl friend or boy friend.

Pressure to succeed: Young people may feel pressured to: (1) Get good grades, (2) Be accepted at a good college, (3) Get a job. For many young people, "winning" is everything. There's no room for failure.

Poor self-esteem: Feelings of selfworth may be severely damaged by: (1) Physical awkwardness, (2) Failure in academics or athletics, (3) Lack of praise, (4) Other incidents that hurt a young person's pride.

Problems with growing up: Adolescence and young adulthood can be a very confusing time of life. Some young people aren't ready to handle greater responsibilities, new relationships, physical changes, etc. Others feel helpless because they are ready to handle greater responsibilities but society won't let them.

MYTHS ABOUT SUICIDE

"A person who threatens suicide won't really follow through." Not true. People who commit suicide often talk about ending their lives before they actually do.

'Only insane people commit suicide." People who commit suicide may feel hopeless and depressed, but have not necessarily lost touch with reality

"Talking about suicide might prompt the person to act." Wrong again. Discussing the subject openly shows that someone takes the person seriously and that someone cares. It's

helpful---not harmful.

"Suicide is a problem among old people --- not young people." Suicide is certainly a problem among the elderly. But the suicide rate among 15- to 24-year-olds has risen by more than 30 percent since 1970.

"No one I know is the type to commit suicide." The truth is that suicide occurs among young people of all types---rich and poor, athletic and non-athletic, popular and unpopular, etc.

"People who attempt suicide are just trying to get attention." Possibly, but unless someone gives them some attention, the consequences could be fatal.

"Once a person decided to commit suicide, nothing can stop that person." On the contrary, most people want to---and can be---stopped from taking their lives.

"People who attempt suicide really want to die." Don't believe it. A very small number may want to die; the majority desperately want the pain to stop but have given up hope that they can stop it, or anyone can help them. LEARN TO RECOGNIZE

THE DANGER SIGNS

Suicide doesn't happen "out of the blue." That's why it's important to be alert to clues that someone may be considering suicide. Clues may include:

--A previous attempt: A significant number of young people who commit suicide have attempted suicide before.

--Verbal threats: Statements such as "You'd be better off without me," or "I wish I were dead" should always be taken seriously.

--Changes in behavior: For example, normally active people may become withdrawn; cautious individuals may start taking unusual risks.

--Substance abuse: Alcohol and other drug abuse appear to be significantly linked to suicide attempts among young people.

-- Unusual purchases: These would include a weapon, rope or any other abnormal purchase.

--Signs of depression: These may include changes in eating and sleeping habits, anxiety, restlessness, fatigue, feelings of hopelessness and guilt, and loss of interest in usual activities.

--Problems in school: A dramatic drop in grades, falling asleep in class, emotional outbursts or any other behavior that's uncharacteristic of a particular student may be cause for concern.

-- Themes of death: A desire to end

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one's life may show up in the person's artwork, poetry, essays, etc. --Sudden, unexpected happiness:

Sudden happiness following prolonged depression may indicate that the person is profoundly relieved because he or she has finally made a decision---a decision to commit suicide.

--Other signs: These may include physical complaints, frequent accidents, hyperactivity, aggressiveness, sexual promiscuity, attention-getting behavior, or prolonged grief after a loss.

IF YOU'RE **CONSIDERING SUICIDE**

Keep these thoughts in mind: --You're not alone. Nearly everyone thinks about committing

suicide at one time or another. Thinking about suicide doesn't mean that you're abnormal or crazy. -- The crisis will pass. It's true, at

times, problems seem overwhelming, even unbearable. Many young people who consider suicide do so because of the emotional pain they feel at the time. But no problem lasts forever. Don't solve a temporary problem with a permanent solution.

--Don't be embarrassed: There's no need to feel ashamed about what you've been thinking. But you do need to talk with someone if you have any serious suicidal thoughts.

--Others do care. There are always people who are willing to help you work out your problems. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

SOURCES OF HELP

All of the following are people a person can turn to for help about suicide: school counselors, favorite school teachers, school principals and assistant principals, school nurse, athletic director, coach, your family physician, church youth directors, ministers, the community mental health center, a special friend, or a relative.

If you do not feel comfortable talking with people who know you and your family, there are places in Abilene you can call:

Carepsychcenter: (915) 670-7150, Care Unit: (915) 670-6351, Mental Health/Mental Retardation: (915) 698-3016,

Pastoral Care & Counseling Center of Family Services: (915) 672-5683.



Terri Ann Scoggins

Terri Scoggins poem published

Terri Ann Scoggins of Haskell is one of 245 poets whose poetry has been published in A Time to Be Free, Vol. III. The book, published by Quill Books of Minot, N.D., is a collection of poetry designed to promote and revitalize an interest in poetry and to give recognition to deserving novice poets.

The contents, referred to by the publisher as mostly "good oldfashioned" poetry, rewards the reader with sincerity, wisdom and insight. The book contains both rhyme and free verse to satisfy even the most varied tastes in poetry.

Ms. Scoggins' poem "Life", was selected from a field of nearly 1,200 submissions by hopeful authors. She has been writing poetry for three years.

Born in Oklahoma City, Ms. Scoggins has lived in Haskell seven years.



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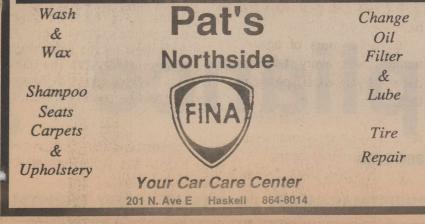
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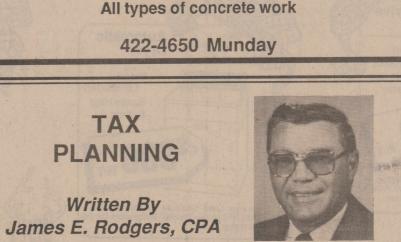
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On November 11, 1988, President Reagan signed the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988. The measure contains technical corrections to the 1986 Tax Reform Act and other recent legislation, and it includes a number of other tax provisions. Among those provisions:

• Starting with 1989 tax returns, parents can report on their tax returns the unearned income of children under 14 who would otherwise have to file returns. The child must have unearned income between \$500 and \$5,000, not have paid estimated taxes separately, and not be subject to backup withholding.

• The estimated tax payments of some corporations are accelerated.

• Use of the completed contract method of accounting is limited to 10% of long-term contract income (formerly 30%).

• Interest on U.S. Savings Bonds that are used to pay for college or vocational education will be tax-free (phased out for higher-income taxpayers).

• The targeted jobs credit and the research and development credit are extended through 1989.

• Freelance writers and artists and certain farmers and livestock producers will once again be allowed a current deduction for certain expenses even before the related activity produces income.

· Loans from single-premium life insurance policies will no longer be taxfree.

· Mutual fund shareholders will not have to pay tax on mutual fund phantom income -- that is, the difference between a fund's gross income and the net income shareholders actually receive.

• Indivividuals with offices at home can no longer deduct the base cost of a business telephone that is also used for personal calls.

The law also includes a "Taxpayers' Bill of Rights" giving taxpayers greater strength in dealing with the IRS ..

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by Myrtle Phemister Welcomed the moisture we received this week, even though part of it came in the form of sleet and snow. Wheat is looking great and most of the cotton harvest is finished. ***

We extend congratulations to several in town this week. To Kent Sanders, who was chosen for the All District 9A football squad as Defense end. Kent is a senior at Munday and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanders.

Congratulations to Louis Perez, who has been named to the 1989 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, based on academic achievement, leadership and potential for continued success. Louis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Perez. He is a student at Cisco Junior College.

We are all proud of Jace Yates who was the champion of the youth division of the annual pecan show baking contest. Congratulations, Jace, and to Dusty Yates, candy champion and brother to Jace. They are the sons of Joe and Karen Yates.

Alice Yates is due commendation for being champion of the cake baking contest, and winning blue ribbons in the candy and pie division,

also. Her husband, Toby, placed in the pecan show.

Debbie Crump, reserve champion of the cake and cookie division, with a blue ribbon in the pie division is congratulated.

Lester Hutchinson had winner pecans with his Natives, Success and Burkett varieties. Congratulations, a11

Congratulations, also, to Ricky Perez and Dale Fernandez who are to be married on December 17th.

The Home Extension Club met for the last 1988 meeting in the home of Betty Sanders on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. They enjoyed Christmas dinner and gift exchange with husbands as special guests for the occasion.

Mildred Guess installed officers for the 1989 club year.

The club has finished the quilt they have been quilting, and it is ready for the West Texas Rehab Auction. Next meeting of the club will be Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, guests and new members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jetton arrived home Sat. after several days spent in the Wichita General Hospital where he was diagnosed as having a blood



clot in his lungs. We are happy it was not a heart attack as was first thought, and that with medication he will recover soon. ***

Mrs. Darlene Bellinghausen underwent emergency surgery in Seymour last week, we are praying for a complete recovery for her.

She will be out of the classroom until after the holidays. She regrets she was unable to the Weinert News last week as she had planned.

Recent guests in the home of Helen Boykin were her sons, Doyle and Rita Boykin with Tommy of Texas City, and Raymon and Janie Boykin with Shelly of Vernon.

Grandsons Michael Boykin of Abilene, Randy Boykin of San Angelo and Mark Boykin of Vernon with his fiance.

When Michael returned to Abilene, he found his apartment had been robbed of all those important things, such as stereo, microwave, radio and even his clothing. Our sympathy!

Visiting in the home of Lucinda Davis and Calvin last week were her daughter, Lois and Doug Anderson with Chris of West, Texas.

Also a son Frank Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith, with David and Michelle of West and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton of Michigan City, Ind.

The Pattons were sweethearts in the 7th grade, and were separated several years when their parents moved away to other cities. They were reunited this summer and were recently married. ***

Marvin and Myrtle Phemister were voting delegates at the Annual Texas

Farm Bureau convention held at the Corpus Christi convention center, and represented Haskell county with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Aycock, county president, Steve McGuire of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Rule on Dec. 4 through 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Crump hosted the deacons of First Baptist Church with their wives, to a Sunday night dinner in their home on Dec. 11th.

Sunday night, Dec. 18th, the First Baptist Church will dismiss service at the evening hour and a Christmas play will be presented to the assembly. The public is invited at 6 p.m.

The Weinert Elementary class will present its annual musical and Christmas pageant on Dec. 16th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Happy birthday to Bernice Mathison, Louise McGuire, and Andrea Estrada.

Thought for the day:

Our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand. Thomas Carlyle ***

Have a nice day!

Three re-appointed to housing board

Three members of the Haskell Housing Authority were re-appointed to two-year terms by the City Council last Thursday.

Re-appointed were Floyd Chenault, David Davis and Wallace Bird.

Street plans due

Engineer Ken Martin has notified the City of Haskell that he will submit final engineering plans on the street project at the council's next meeting Dec. 22.

--Market Report--

Haskell Livestock Auction

Jan. 7.

The market at Haskell Livestock No. 1 young and middle aged 700-Auction Saturday was on a run of 873 head of cattle, Gary Tate reported.

Prices on light cattle were \$2 to \$3 lower, while packer cows were \$1 to \$2 higher. All steer classes of cattle were steady on a lighter run due to weather conditions.

Cows: fat 44-52; cutters 47-54; canners 37-44.

Bulls: bologna 56-64; feeder 70-80; utility 50-56.

Steers: medium to large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs. 109-129; 300-400 lbs. 98-118; 400-500 lbs. 90-107; 500-600 lbs. 85-95; 600-700 lbs. 80-87; 700-800 lbs. 76-84; 800 lbs. up 70-

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs. 90-103; 300-400 lbs. 88-98; 400-500 lbs. 80-88; 500-600 lbs. 76-81; 600 lbs. up 70-78.

Bred heifers: medium frame 500-600.

Bred cows: young to middle age 550-700; aged or small 450-580.

Cows with calves: medium frame

Next Saturday, Dec. 17, will be the last sale of the year. Next sale after the holidays will be Saturday,

885; small or aged 500-585.

Fire damages Weise home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weise on Northeast 8th Street was badly damaged by fire last Thursday morning (Dec. 8).

Haskell firemen, summoned at 7:39 a.m., were able to extinguish the fire which already had destroyed the kitchen and utility room of the home. The rest of the home and the contents suffered heavy smoke damage.

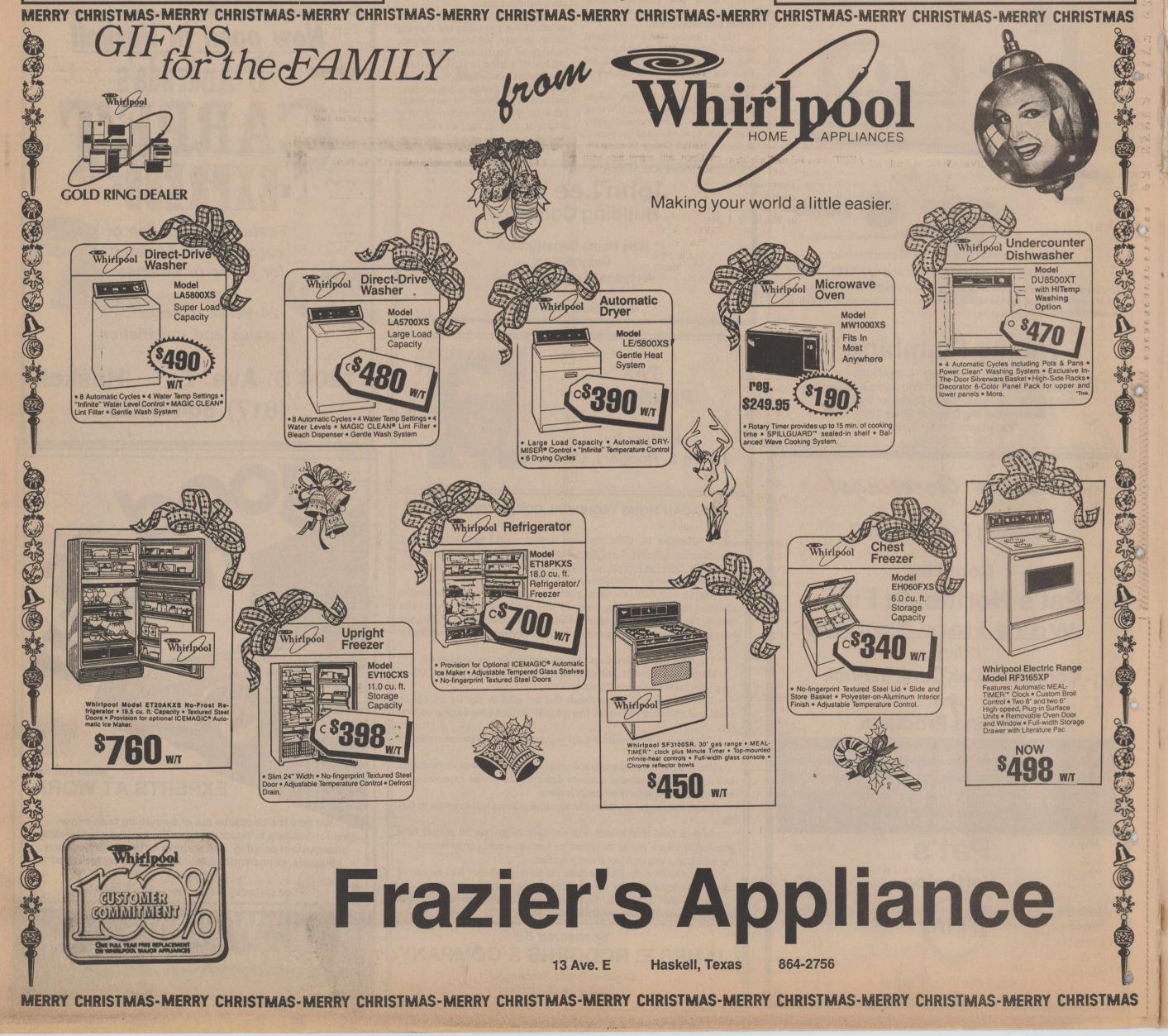
Firemen suspected the fire started in the utility room at either the heater or water heater.

Twenty firemen and two trucks answered the call.

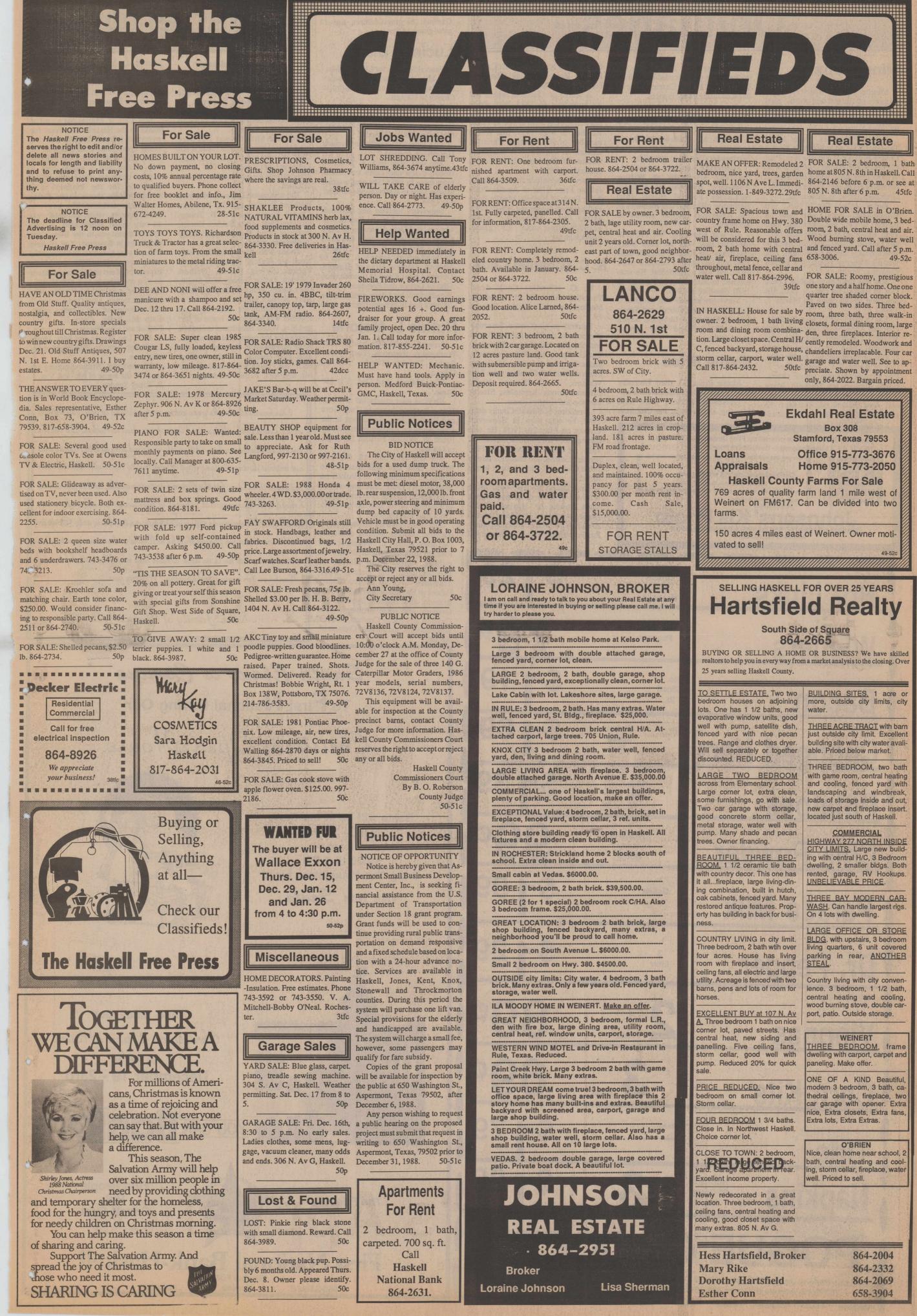


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Minnie Cox

Minnie Cox of Breckenridge, formerly of Haskell and Anson, died Dec. 6 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Breckenridge. She was 82.

Funeral services were held Thursday (Dec. 8) at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with the Rev. Paul Cheatham officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Born July 15, 1906, i n Hohenwald, Tenn., she came to Haskell in 1917 and lived here until 1956. She lived in Noodle until 1971 and then in Anson. She had lived in Breckenridge about six months. She was a member of North Side Baptist Church in Anson.

She was married to Robert Leslie Cox in Haskell on Dec. 5, 1920. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1974.

She is survived by two dauthers, Caroline Atkinson of Sweetwater and Wilma Caroline Saunders of Memphis, Tenn.; three sons, Jimmy C. Cox of Breckenridge, Jackie Gene Cox of Kenly, N.C., and the Rev. J. Cox of San Antonio; three sisters, Carrie Osment of Haskell, Mary Williams of Grand Junction, Colo., and Ann Wilson of Abilene; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-

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grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, R. L. and Charles Francis, and a daughter, Mary Frances.

Joseph M. Hadaway

Joseph M. Hadaway, 79, of Lubbock, formerly of Haskell, died Wednesday (Dec. 7) in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon at Willow Cemetery, directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. John Herington officiated and members of the American Legion served as pallbearers.

He was born Aug. 14, 1909, in Morgan and was an auto body repairman. He lived in Haskell until 1947 and had lived in Lubbock since 1970. He was a Methodist. He was married to Mae Odett in Haskell in 1930. She died in 1945.

Survivors include two daughters, Lela Jo Laird of Lubbock and Sonya Kay Herington of Lubbock, seven grandchidlren and four greatgrandchildren.

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Mattie Price, 93, died Thursday (Dec. 8) at Rice Springs Care Home. Graveside services were held Monday afternoon at the Childress

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Cemetery with Holden-McCauley Funeral Home directing. The Rev. Frank Farrell officiated.

A native of Childress where she ws born Nov. 9, 1895, Mrs. Price was a retired sales clerk. She was married in June 1916 to Hal R. Price. He died in May 1957. She was a member of the Central Christian Church in Childress. A longtime resident of Childress, she moved to Haskell in 1982.

Survivors include four daughters, Jeanne Price Blair of Austin, Polly Price Fouts of Haskell, Martha Price Fullingim of Austin and Nancy Price Mires of Amarillo, eight grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.

R. C. (Charlie) Cook

R. C. (Charlie) Cook died Thursday (Dec. 8) at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He was 79.

Funeral services were Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Sam Watson, J. C. Tidrow, Virgil Connor, Sonny Reynolds, Slover Bledsoe and Jimmy Owens.

A resident of Haskell County since 1943, he was born in Somervell County on May 28, 1909. He was married to Vera Norman on Jan. 14, 1966. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Business Men's Bible Class and was a retired house mover.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Wanda Ruth Stocks of Haskell, Ruby Juanita Anderson of Whiteface and Amy Lee Sorrells of Rule; two sons, Rayburn Charlie Cook of Abilene and Harrell Ray Cook of Mount Clemens, Mich.; two brothers, I. D. Cook of Hico and Wayne Cook of Garland; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Lucinda Diaz

Funeral services for Lucinda (Mrs. Jose) Diaz, 63, were held Wednesday morning at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

Father Alphonse Broadway officiated. Burial was in Will Cemetery, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Diaz died Sunday in Humana Hospital in Abilene.

She was born Oct. 2, 1925, in Hebbronville and came to Haskell from there in 1955. She was married to Jose Diaz in Hebbronville on Dec. 12, 1944.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Leonor Sanchez of Conroe and Dora Gonzales of Paint Creek; seven sons, Jesse Raymond Diaz of Weatherford, Jose M. Diaz Jr. of Weatherford, Johnny A. Diaz of Haskell, Octavio Diaz of Haskell, George Lewis Diaz of Conroe, Roy Diaz of Conroe and Fernando Diaz of Weatherford; her father, a sister, three brothers and 28 grandchildren.

Ruthie L. Malone

Funeral services were held in Rule Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 7) for Ruthie Lorene Malone, 51, of Odessa.

Mrs. Malone died Dec. 5 at her home.

Services were conducted at Sweet Home Baptist Church by Jack Gore and Frank Wilson. Burial was in the Rule cemetery. Arrangements were by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors of Odessa.

She was born Jan. 15, 1937, in Rising Star and was married to Robert L. Malone Sr. in Haskell on March 25, 1960. She moved to Odessa from Rule in 1963 and worked as a taxi cab driver until she retired in 1983. She was Baptist.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Robbie Malone of Bryan; two sons, Robert L. Malone Jr. and Richard Malone, both of Bryan; her mother, Mrs. Ruth Saffel of Breckenridge; four sisters, Ellen Trammell of Palo Pinto, Ginny Palmer of Breckenridge, Pat Darden of Stanton and Brenda Brothers of Graham; and three brothers, Paul Crosson and Steve Crosson, both of Breckenridge, and Richard Crosson of Abilene.



by Alice Bredthauer Mrs. M. Y. Benton came home from the hospital last Tuesday. Those who visited her were Mrs. Jessie Pilley, and Mrs. Zenor Summers.

Then on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook of Big Spring came to stay with her overnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre have a new grandson. His name is Kit Cliff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent LeFevre of Tuscola. The other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherly of Lawn.

The new council persons who were installed Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church Sunday were J. B. Toney, vice-president, Anita Baldree Dozier, treasurer, Fred Kupatt, elder, Billy Teichelman, elder.

Those who have birthdays this week are Marcia Swoyer, Marcie Tucker, Sylvia Crowe, Delbert LeFevre, Odine Spitzer, Will Smith, Gary Hertel, Renee Dudensing, Terry Russ, Sheila Cowan.

The Bredthauer monthly get together was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bredthauer in Haskell Sunday for the noon meal and supper. After playing 84 in the afternoon, the gifts were opened. We draw names each year. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bredthauer of

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Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer of Sagerton, Mrs. Adela Niedieck of Sagerton. Also the sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bredthauer Brian, Bennie and daughter Walene of Colorado.

Mrs. Cato Jr. Macias put a card of thanks in the Haskell Free Press for everyone to read. I know that they really appreciated what everyone has done. This is the note. Dear Friends: My family and I would like to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to me during my recent accident. The prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and food were, so very much appreciated. A very special thank you to my friends and neighbors in Sagerton. You all have been so very generous and thoughtful since my accident. No words can express my deep and sincere gratitude to you my friends and neighbors. I am home now and recovering very well but slowly. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thanks again, Cato Jr., Sally, Cato III, Noel, Nathan and Lisa Macias.

Mrs. Leo Monse and Mrs. Doris Lehrmann went to Hamlin Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knipling ate lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney Sunday.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who in any way shared with us during the illness and loss of our dear Mother. To all the nurses and doctors who so diligently watched over her; to friends who sat with us during the long vigil of waiting; to those who shared their food and their love; for the flowers and memorials; and to those who helped with the memorial services in everyway--we all wish to say thank you. We can never repay your kindness and love, only God can do that and it is our prayer that he will care and sustain you in your times of need as he is us now. Mom had many beautiful friends; Thank you for caring and sharing. We love you.

The Family of Clara Holt

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