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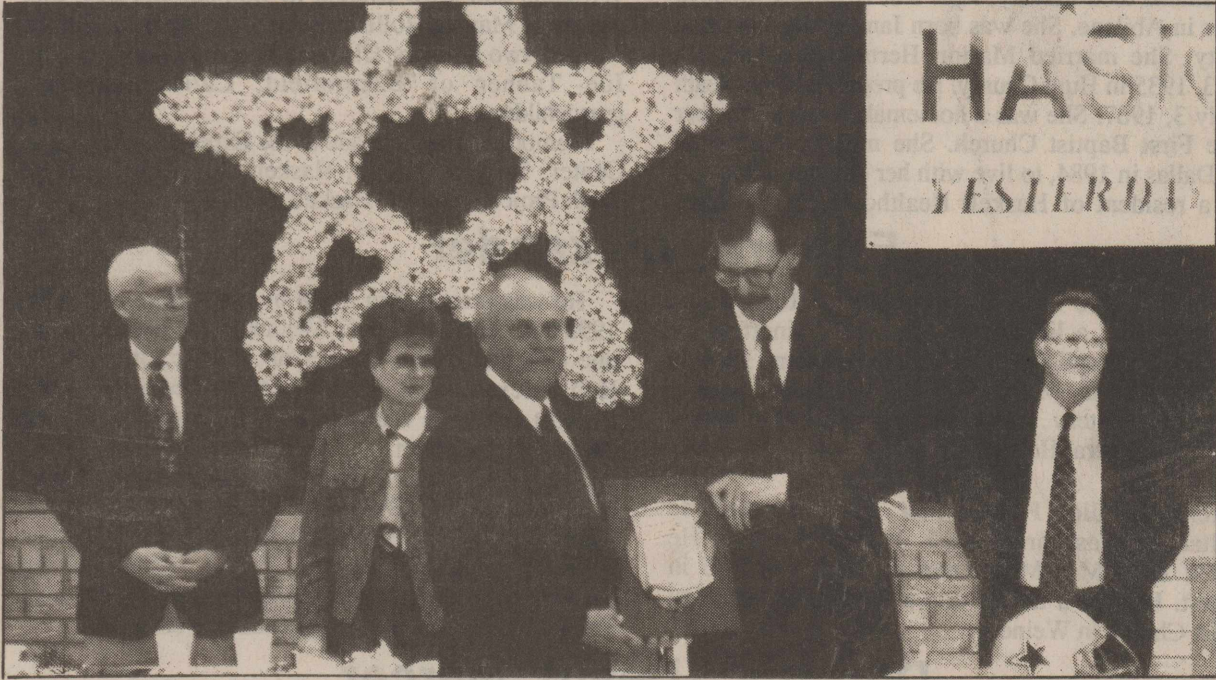
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"The People's Choice"

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## Outstanding Citizen for 1994



Dr. Joseph Thigpen, longtime resident and physician in Haskell was honored at the Chamber banquet on Saturday night, as Haskell's "Outstanding Citizen for 1994."

## Dr. Thigpen honored by Chamber

Longtime Haskell resident and physician, Dr. Joseph Thigpen, was honored at Saturday night's Chamber of Commerce Banquet as "Outstanding Citizen for 1994." The honor was bestowed on Dr. Thigpen for his service and dedication, as a physician, to Haskell.

Dr. Thigpen was presented a plaque by Andy Gannaway, outgoing Chamber president.

Two former businesses, Frazier's

Appliance Store and Johnson's Pharmacy, were honored for their years of service to the community.

Ray Stone, in his 20th season as producer of the "Cowboys Football Report," was guest speaker at the banquet. Stone, regaled the audience with stories of former coaches, Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson, Troy Aikman, "Dandy" Don Meredith, Danny White and Roger Staubach. On a more serious note, he encouraged the citizens of Haskell to help keep their town and

chamber alive by shopping at home.

Past presidents of the chamber were recognized by Elbert Johnson. Chamber manager, David Middleton, presented Andy Gannaway with a plaque as outgoing president.

The dinner consisting of steak, baked potatoes, salad and dessert was prepared by the Chamber Board of Directors and the Welcoming Committee.



DOCTORS HONORED - The Haskell County Hospital Auxiliary recently honored Dr. Frank Cadenhead, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and Dr. Bill McSmith on "Doctor's Appreciation Day" at the hospital. The three doctors were presented plaques for their dedication and service to the people of Haskell.

## Five candidates in race for council seats

Five candidates have filed for election to the Haskell City Council. Alderman Kenny Watson has filed for re-election, with Fred Hernandez, Mike Gholson, Robert Tribbey and Sue Medford, all filing for the contested seats. Three seats are to be filled, those of Kenny Watson, Iva Lee Gibson and Tony Burson.

Only two places are up for election on the Haskell School board, both are uncontested. Bob Aycok has filed for re-election in Place 6 and Melisa Robinson has filed as a candidate in Place 1.

Three council seats are up for

election at Rule, those of James Marquis, Earnest Carreon and Joyce Hester. Both Marquis and Carreon have filed for re-election and Sidney Hester has filed as a new candidate.

There are three places to be filled on the Rule School Board. Incumbents Steven Lehrmann and Bobby Don Smith have filed for re-election. Charlotte Shawver, Robert A. Turner and Jackie Wilcox have all filed as new candidates.

At Weinert, two council seats are to be filled. W.R. Hager has filed for re-election, with Dwight Burgess, Fred Horan, Ed Murphy, Wade Raynes and Shane Stout filing as new candidates.

Rod Townsend has filed for re-election to the mayor's job with no opposition at Rochester. Incumbent Bob Easterling has filed for re-election in the city councilmen's race, with Reida Harris filing as a new candidate for the other seat available. They run unopposed.

Two places are to be filled on the Rochester School Board with incumbents Larry Short and Bill Penman filing uncontested for re-election.

Election judges are Ann Druessedow at Haskell, Floyd Stout at Weinert, Owen Aiken at Rochester and Jamie Pierce at Rule.

## Harmon Cable adds new programming

Harmon Cable Communications announced its plans to add four top programming services to its

## Gift certificates to be awarded

Four lucky shoppers will each be the recipient of a \$25 gift certificate at a drawing to be held at noon on Friday, April 14. The four certificates totaling \$100 will be given by *The Haskell Free Press*.

Register at any of the participating merchants, that are in the special Easter section of today's edition of *The Haskell Free Press*, each time you shop their store. Registration forms are available at each store.

Be sure and shop your local merchants for special Easter surprises and baskets of good buys!

channel line-up in Stamford and Haskell beginning May 1. "We're excited to provide these new programming services to our customers," commented Gus Cagle, Harmon Cable's Manager. "These new services are some of cable's newest and most innovative programming, giving us the opportunity to expand the viewing options of our customers," he added.

The local telecommunications company conducted a customer survey requesting new programming preferences and the top four survey choices were added to their existing channel line-up.

"Home Sports Entertainment, which officially becomes Prime Sports on April 4 was the number one choice in our survey," Cagle said. "Texan's are serious about

their sports and we're delighted to have the opportunity to offer this regional sports channel, featuring the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Mavericks, to our customers," Cagle added.

The following is a brief description of Harmon Cable's four new programming services. Turner Classic Movies: Movie classics from every generation; The History Channel: One of cable's newest services featuring historical documentaries, movies, original productions and mini-series; The Weather Channel: A twenty-four hour access to accurate weather information, including local forecasts and severe weather watches and warnings; Prime Sports: Comprehensive sports coverage in the Southwest, including college and high school football, basketball and baseball.

## LULAC suit dismissed

Sam Watson, Haskell City Administrator, recently received a letter from Attorney Randall B. Strong of Baytown, regarding the LULAC suit against the City of Haskell, and the dismissal of the suit in the United States District Court in Abilene.

The letter in part reads, "Enclosed please find a copy of the Order dismissing the above matter. The lawsuit has been dismissed in its entirety, and the City of Haskell is free to continue to use its at large election system. However, as we discussed earlier, you should expect that another effort to change the City to single member districts will be made after the next census.

The order reads: "On Mar. 21, 1995, the Court considered the joint Motion to Dismiss submitted by the League of United Latin American Citizens, District 5 (LULAC), and Defendants, City of Haskell, Pat Henry, Mayor, Iva Lee Gibson, Ruby Turner, Tony Burson, Kenny Watson, Kim Nemir, all in their official capacities as members of City Council of the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. The parties, by and through their attorneys, after reviewing the pertinent demographic data for the City of Haskell, determined that is not feasible at this time, to create a viable single member district plan for the City of Haskell, and requested that the Court dismiss this claim at this time.

It is thereby ordered that the claims of the Plaintiff against Defendants are dismissed in their entirety, without prejudice or refiling of the same."



WORLD CLASS BUICK DEALERSHIP - Eddie Medford and Wilda Medford display the engraved crystal plate presented to their dealership in recognition from Buick Motor Division.

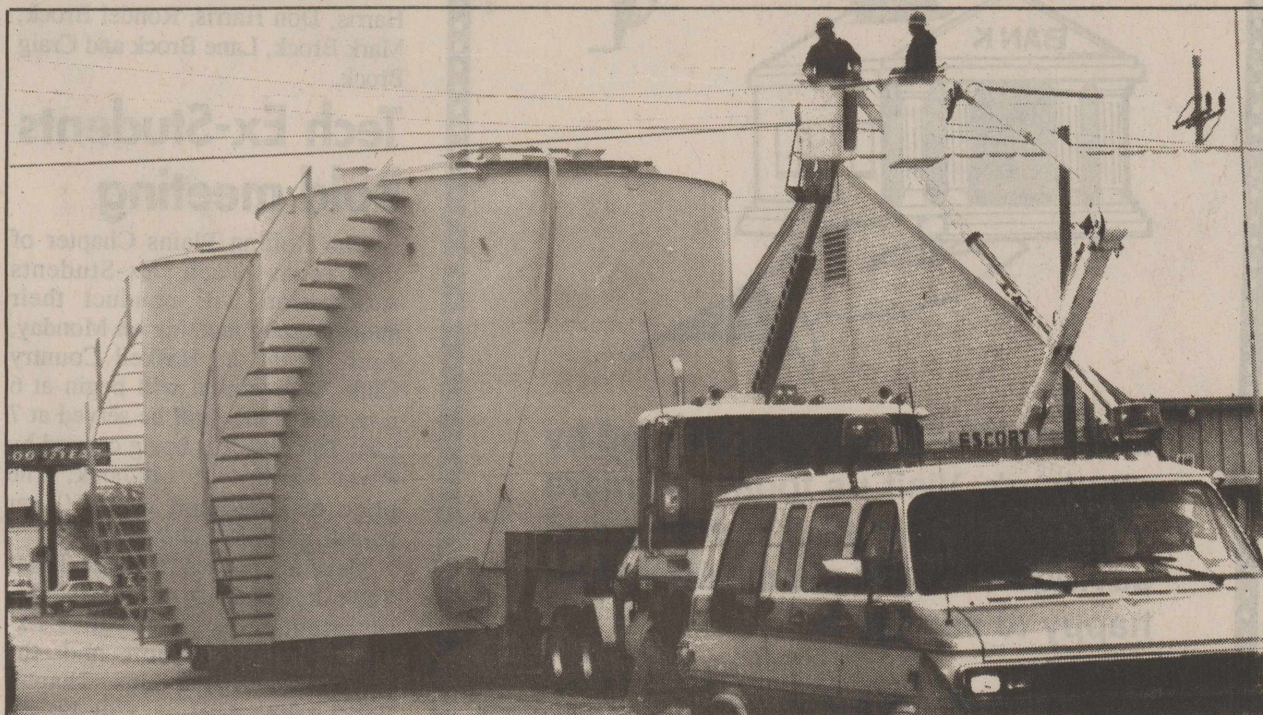
## Dealership recognized as "World Class" Buick dealer

Medford Buick-Pontiac-GMC Inc. in Haskell, has been recognized by Buick Motor Division as a "World Class" Buick dealership for outstanding performance in customer satisfaction.

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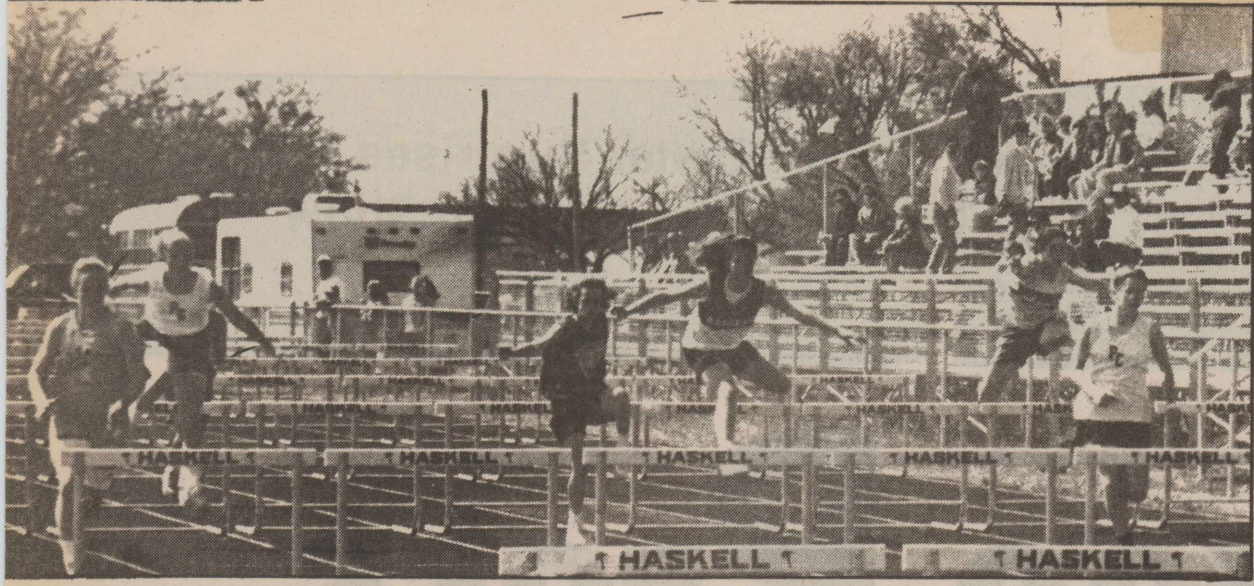
award recognizes the dealer that embraces Buick's customer vision philosophy by exceeding the customers' expectations throughout the ownership experience."

More than 500 Buick Dealer Assistance Center dealers were recognized as world class based on Buick's Customer Satisfaction Index. Each dealer received a special engraved crystal plate for their outstanding performance.



HEAVY LOAD - Traffic was tied up on Highway 277 through Haskell on Tuesday, Mar. 28, when these two crude oil tankers moved through town enroute from Andrews to Wichita Falls with assistance from crews from Harmon Cable, WTU, GTE and The Texas Highway Dept.

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**LULAC installs new officers**

The Haskell County Lulac organization has installed new officers: Belia Abila—President, Hope Perez—Vice-President, Conrad Palacios—Secretary and Albert Enriquez—Treasurer.

Lulac will give four \$200 scholarships to high school seniors. Anyone interested in the scholarships may contact Belia Abila, Hope Perez or Christye Gannaway.

Lulac meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Mendoza's Restaurant. Everyone is welcome.



**SAGERTON HEE HAW** — Cast members played to a full house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the annual Sagerton Hee Haw. The cast opened up the show with a tune "Hee Haw's In Town."

## Obituaries

### Maude Williams

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Apr. 4, for Maude Williams, 87, of Haskell at the Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Williams died Sunday, Apr. 2 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born Jan. 8, 1908 in Hunt County. She married Marion Herman Williams on Aug. 3, 1935 in Hunt County. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1967. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. She moved to Haskell from Dallas in 1984, to live with her daughter. She had been a resident of Haskell Healthcare Center since

1992. She loved the Lord, her family, her friends and flower gardens.

She is survived by one son, Tommy Charles Williams and wife Brenda of Sulphur Springs; one daughter, Mayree Hollis Turnbow and husband Bob of Haskell; two brothers, Clarence Tanner of Mesquite and Joe Tanner of Bakersfield, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st St., Haskell, TX 79521; or the Noah Project, Box 52, Haskell, TX 79521.

### Edward Alexander

Services were held, Sunday, Apr. 2, for Edward Alexander, 80, a lifelong resident of Weinert at the Weinert First Baptist Church with Rev. Donny Harbers and Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Homes, Inc.

Alexander died Friday, Mar. 31 at an Abilene hospital. He was born June 5, 1915 in Weinert. He married Zella Mae McKennon on Sept. 23, 1933 in Weinert. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Weinert.

He was preceded in death by his wife on April 16, 1992 and one son, Ronnie Alexander. He is survived by one daughter, Edna Haynes of Abilene; one brother, H.D. Alexander of Munday; and three sisters, Ima Stewart and Jona Caddell, both of Haskell and Rene Vojkufka of Weinert.

Pallbearers were Donnie King, Floyd Stout, Thurman Stout, Buck Turnbow, Elmer Adams, Kenneth Sanders, Eddie Sanders and Jerry Walker. Honorary pallbearers were Willie Farrell, Ernest Stewart, Russell Rainey, George Gray, Roy Herricks, Ted Jetton, G.C. Brockett and Harlan Weinert.

### Dorothy (Dean) Mercer

Services were held Thursday, Mar. 30, for Dorothy (Dean) Mercer, 69, of Odessa and formerly of Stamford in Odessa under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mercer died Tuesday, Mar. 28, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after a lengthy illness. She was born in Eastland. She moved to Odessa in 1973 where she was a homemaker and an Avon representative for several years. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Mercer of

Odessa; two daughters, Janice Bridges of Haskell and Dorothy Stutts and husband M.L. of Odessa; two sisters, Marie Davis of Stamford and Lucille Gardner of Houston; three grandchildren, Ronnie D. Reid of Midland, Michelle Strickland of Haskell and Laurie Short of Hamlin; four step-daughters, Wanda Wills of Kingsland, Wilma Kirkland Cabbot and Dianne Cook of Arkansas and Gail Dunn of Lamesa; 12 step grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Lamiza Pearl Brock

Services were held Tuesday, Apr. 4, for former resident Lamiza Pearl Brock, 91, of Lubbock at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, Inc.

Brock died Sunday, Apr. 2 at Lakeside Care Center in Lubbock. She was born July 14, 1903 in Pottsville, Tenn. She married R.L. (Bob) Brock on June 11, 1921 in Haskell. She was an employee of Haskell Hospital for 27 years. She was a member of the Haskell First



Baptist Church. She came to Texas in 1909 and moved to Lubbock in 1983 where she was a resident of Lakeside Care Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957 and one son, Dr. Ben Brock in 1986. She is survived by four sons, Lonnie Brock of Lubbock, Robert W. (Bob) Brock of Big Spring, Mabry J. Brock of Austin and Jimmy Don (Jim) Brock of Amarillo; two daughters, Lela Ruth Pettit of Anson and June Bowen of Lubbock; two sisters, Ruth McKennon of Lubbock and Oma Lee Howard of Brownfield; 14 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Brock, Mike Brock, Steve Brock, Jim Harris, Don Harris, Rondel Brock, Mark Brock, Lane Brock and Craig Brock.

### Tech Ex-Students hold meeting

The Rolling Plains Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association will conduct their annual spring meeting on Monday, April 10, at the Haskell Country Club. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The dinner is being catered by River Smith's of Lubbock. The price of admission is \$8.50 per person, payable at the door.

Several coaches from the Texas Tech Red Raider football team, representatives from the Ex-Students Association and the famous Rolling Plains Chapter Scholarship Auction will be the program for this fun evening.

All exes and their families are invited to attend and join in the fun at this spring meeting.

For further information, call Bobby Hobgood at 864-8555 or 864-3697.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Church reps to attend Assembly in Abilene

Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell will have two Voting Members and its pastor, the Rev. Bruce T. Adamson at the Annual Assembly of the Northern Texas - Northern Louisiana Synod in Abilene, April 28-30. Officially representing the congregation will be James Wittenborn of Haskell and Florence Peden of Old Glory.

Theme of the Assembly will be "IN the Land, WITH the People, UNDER the Word." Speakers include U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm and lay church leaders Mrs. Cathi Braash, Mrs. Marj Leegard, and Mr. Merl Boos. Congressman Stenholm will lead workshops about care of the land and his vocation as a politician as well as be a keynote speaker. He is a member of Bethel Lutheran Church of Avoca.

The Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Mark Herbener is leader of the 37,000 member synod which includes 115 congregations in northern Louisiana and Texas.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance. Worship services are 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings with Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

## Weinert Club has clean-up day

The citizens of Weinert came out in force last Saturday to assist the Family and Community (FCE) Club to clean the two-mile stretch of Highway 277, that the club sponsors.

The Trash-off, which is in conjunction with the "Don't Mess with Texas," anti-litter program, is considered the largest one-day cleanup effort in the nation.

Special acknowledgements to Brenda Sanders, Highway Cleanup chairman. Assisting here were Jonita Felty and Erlinda Mayfield. Erlinda brought bags from the Highway Department and gave everyone a "Don't Mess With Texas" pin that participated in the cleanup.

A very special thanks to both newspapers. You have done a terrific job, and we appreciate all the pictures and articles.

## Josselet family reunion April 16

Do you know your roots? The V.J. and Catherine Josselet descendants will meet Easter Sunday, April 16, to rediscover theirs. Coffee and doughnuts or cinnamon rolls will be served beginning about 9 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

Afternoon activities will include a surprise auction, Easter egg hunt and program. A head count is needed by April 7.

## Sagerton News

by Alice Bredthauer  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Bivins of Valley View visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark over the weekend. They also attended the Hee Haw show.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baitz, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baitz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hertel visited in the rest home with Mrs. Velma Lou Lammert over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gibson of Taylor came for the Hee Haw and visited with some of their kinfolks in Sagerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schockley visited in the home of James Gellner. They also attended the Hee Haw.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek of Aspermont and Mrs. Doris Lehrmann of Rule visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse Sunday.

## Happenings

By Lois Redwine

Mona Kate Carrico of Denton, visited with her cousin, Gladys O'Neal last week. Mrs. Carrico is doing the genealogy of the Glasson family. On Monday, they went to Coleman, on Tuesday, to Ballinger and Winters. They visited courthouses, libraries and cemeteries in these towns and found the records helpful and interesting. The Glasson family is the maternal side of their families.

Spending the weekend with George and Faye Gray were their son, Lynn Gray from Grapeland and their daughter and son-in-law, Chuck and Judy Hicks from Abilene. Visiting on Saturday were daughter and son-in-law, Woody and Georgia Turnbow from Weinert.

My sister-in-law and nephew, Hazel and Bobby Bland of Yoakum came to Haskell last Thursday. Before Bobby returned home on Saturday, he visited Ruby Melton, Emma Bland, the Bill Middlebrooks and me. Hazel remained in Haskell for a visit with her sister, Eunice Sonnamaker.

Naomi Schwab of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., is visiting her sister, Ann Darnell and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnett.

Wynelle Hellums recently visited in Decatur with Frankie Atchison, former Haskell resident. Mrs. Atchison lives in a nursing home in Decatur and celebrated her 92nd birthday on March 26.

Willie and Ida Farrell and Floyd Stout of Weinert were in Abilene last week on business.

Don and Shari Richards have been visiting Shari's mother, Lois Sherman. They are in the process of

moving from Richmond to Arlington where they will continue their work as Southern Baptist missionaries.

If you like rocks, drive by the Ungers on N. Ave. L.

Dr. Barry O'Neal of Irving spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Gladys O'Neal. He had been fishing with a group on the Parramore ranch near Guthrie. They attended morning services at the First Baptist Church.

Word has been received that Leone Pearsey is recovering nicely from surgery on both hands. She is presently staying with her daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Inky Earles in Redondo Beach, Ca.

Mrs. Larry Stoddard, her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gore, all of Hermiston, Or. and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gore of Amarillo spent the weekend with Frances Bird.

Virginia Flourney of Wichita Falls spent last week in Haskell and Stamford visiting Frances Bird, other friends and relatives.

Visiting last week with Grover Larned and Venita Kreger were their brothers, Jack Larned from San Antonio, Willis Larned from Breckenridge and Tommy Larned from Mulberry, Fla.

The Community Choir met Sunday evening at the Greater Independent Baptist Church.

Frank Jordan, student at TSTC in Sweetwater visited Friday with his parents, Robert and Mae Lou Yeldell.

Rev. Clarence Walker attended a Tag Team Preaching program Saturday night at the VIP Center in Stamford.

## Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

Deep within each of us lies a garden. It is a very personal place which is a rich blend of ingredients: imagination, memory, character and dreams. But many of us long to make this imaginative garden real. It becomes an outward garden in our own yard.

My father and mother loved their gardens, therefore, I have wonderful memories of my own inward garden from my childhood. It became a setting for daydreaming. No matter the size or shape of land you have, the creativity to make a work of garden art is ever present with you.

People are gardening as a way to get away from the trials and tribulations of our modern life. They are looking toward the garden as a sanctuary.

April is vine month. Plant vines. Plant caladiums and elephant ears where they will not be exposed to hot afternoon sun. Remember they need watering almost every day during the summer. Plant castor beans for a screen. But remember they are poison. Plant a small herb plot. Give gardenias some acid food: aluminum sulphate et cetra. Lilacs need a feeding of superphosphate with a little lime.

Egg cartons and cottage cheese tubs make fine flats. My favorites are waxed cardboard milk cartons. Cut three to four inches from the bottom for a sturdy square container. Pierce for drainage and sterilize with one part bleach

(household) to nine parts water. Fill 3/4 full with sterile growing medium and mist.

For deep strong roots, bottom-watering works best. Place containers in a dishpan with 1/2 inch of warm water until potting medium begins to darken. Drain and replace in a light place. About a week after the seeds come up, apply a soluble house plant fertilizer at 1/4 the recommended rate. Young seedlings are easily burned, so don't overdo it.

A capful of mouthwash to a quart of water is one home remedy that keeps blooms in top form longer. Equal parts of 7-Up and warm water with a dash of liquid chlorine bleach is another recipe for flourishing flowers.

Another popular remedy, sugar does work, but only if a few drops of bleach are added to control bacteria.

A favorite homemade preservative is one pint of 7-Up or other sugary clear soft drink, plus 1/4 teaspoon of bleach.

Add interest to your landscape by planting a few plants in containers for use on the patio, porch or other outdoor living areas.

On a warm April morning, the urge to enter the garden - to plant, paint or sit, becomes nearly irresistible. But for a perfect day, you need a sun-sheltering hat, and take notice of the sweet-smelling fragrances and soaps; and pretty planters for fresh blooms. Happy Easter to all.

## Beauchamps celebrate 69th anniversary

P.G. and Bertie Beauchamp of Rule were honored on the occasion of their 69th wedding anniversary with a reception in the home of Sid and Joyce Hester of Rule, on Sunday, Mar. 26. Hosting the reception was their children, Larry and Frankie Beauchamp of Round Rock, Jim and Junita Beauchamp of Rochester, Ada and John Pope of Haskell and Joyce and Sid Hester of Rule.

The Beauchamps met a party in Sagerton when she was 16 and he was 18. They married in Anson on Mar. 28, 1926. He is retired from farming. She formerly belonged to Home Demonstrations clubs. They are members of the Primitive Baptist Church of Rule.

On the door, greeting guests, was a large burgundy ribbon with the words, "WOW 69 YEARS." Guests registered in the guest book at a small table. A card basket in burgundy colors made by their daughter, Ada Pope, held numerous cards received by the couple. The couple's wedding picture and their 50th anniversary picture was also on the register table. Colors of burgundy and pictures of the couple were carried throughout the living room and dining room.

Greeting guests with the couple, were their children.

The serving table was covered with a white cutwork and embroidery cloth. Large burgundy magnolia flowers with greenery were centered on the table. Serving appointments were crystal and silver. A tiered wedding cake was decorated with fresh flowers of burgundy and greenery. The cake was made by Darlene Walton of Paint Creek.

Serving the cake was Geraldine

## Rainey's host family dinner

Kussel and Hazel Rainey of Weinert were hosts for their annual family dinner on the weekend of March 18-19.

The meal was held at Allen's Family Style restaurant in Sweetwater, followed by a time of fellowship in the home of Danny and Janice Isbell in Abilene. This included a birthday celebration for three family members: Janice and Mark Isbell and Brent Birchum.

Everyone met at the Golden Corral in Abilene for Sunday morning breakfast.

Those attending this function included Dona and Lora Timberlake, Brad, Tammy and Brazos King all of Houston; Bud and Sandra Rainey of Friona; Jeff, Penny and Jayton Rainey of San Angelo; Mike, Kristie, Keegan and Kendall Neill, and Rusty and Ann Rainey of Canyon; Bill and Myra Rainey, Donna, Brent and Bryan Birchum of Abilene; David Rainey and Stephany of Irving; Danny, Janice and Mark Isbell of Abilene; and Ed and Mary Murphy of Weinert.



P.G. and BERTIE BEAUCHAMP

Pool of Rule and Kathy Hester of Denver City, Punch was served by Cheryl DeBerry of Anon. Louise Wixon of Amarillo served coffee from a silver coffee service. Other members of the houseparty were Mary Frazier and Oleta Cornelius of Rule.

Special guests were Mary and Elton Qualls of Benbrook. Approximately 90 guests registered

from the towns of: Arlington, Denver City, Amarillo, Seymour, Austin, Haskell, Ovallo, Stephenville, Rochester, Abilene, Stamford, Anson, Crowell, O'Brien, Knox City, Wichita Falls, Munday, Round Rock and Rule.

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# OPINION

## Senate news

by Tom Haywood

This was a significant week for education. At midnight Monday evening, the Senate passed SB 1, the rewrite of the Texas Education Code. The Senate version of SB 1 would allow for less state control and more parental choice of schools. The House of Representatives is considering its own revision of the education code, which has not yet been voted on by its members. Ultimately, the House and Senate will debate the bills in conference committee and come up with one code to present to the Governor to sign into law.

Several significant changes have been made to the Senate version of the education code since it was first introduced. SB 1 allows each school district to adopt a charter specifying whether it is a general-law, home-rule or special-purpose district. Home-rule and special-purpose district will have more flexibility to regulate their classes and be exempted from some state laws. The Senate voted 16-13 to let the home-rule districts exempt themselves from the 22 to 1 student-teacher ratio for kindergarten through fourth grade. The general-law and special-purpose districts will still have to comply with 22 to 1. I was one of the 13 Senators who voted against this amendment because of my strong belief in the 22 to 1 provision. My wife, Pat, has taught in the public schools for 18 years, so I have a real appreciation for the need to keep 22 to 1 in place.

The Senate also voted to amend the current provision to allow a school district to limit extracurricular suspension to three weeks the first time a student fails a class. This provision only applies one time in junior high and one time in high school. It does not apply if the student fails more than one class. The new provision does allow the student to practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension. I voted in support of this amendment.

The issue of textbook selection sparked intensive debate on the floor. The Senate voted to keep textbook selection at the state level, instead of each local district making that decision. I voted with the majority of the Senate to keep the selection at the state level.

One of the most controversial votes was the pilot voucher plan for low income students in poorly performing districts. This plan will allow economically disadvantaged students in 20 of the state's 1,000 plus school districts to use vouchers to attend the private or public school of their choice. Due to the overall dissatisfaction with the education system today, I feel we should be open to new and innovative ideas in education, and the voucher plan is indeed a new concept that will be put into place on a small scale in order to evaluate the results. I supported the pilot voucher plan.

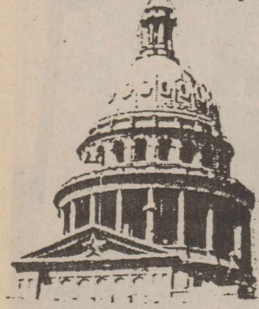
As issue that drew much interest was the teacher pay raise. SB 1 increases the minimum salary level for Texas teachers. The minimum salary for a beginning teacher would go from \$17,000 to \$18,500 a year, and for the most experienced teacher, from \$28,400 to \$32,102. An amendment passed giving those teachers who were on the Class II and Class III steps of the career ladder an additional \$9 million to be distributed within the new salary schedule. I strongly supported this amendment and will continue to do all I can to see that our teachers receive the pay increases that they deserve.

There has been a lot of concern in regard to violence in our schools. SB 1 addresses this issue by making it much easier for a teacher to remove a disruptive student from class and, subject to review by a campus committee, veto the student's return to that class. The school district must provide an alternative education setting for students removed from class.

Finally, as many of you may know, the Senate restored the small school funding adjustment that was taken out of the initial draft of SB 1. This additional funding helps keep our small schools in rural Texas open. Participation from the folks back home was critical in the success of retaining the increased funding level for our small schools. The organized effort and enthusiastic support really made a difference! I would like to thank all of the teachers and parents who have been active in the process.

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### State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
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AUSTIN — The Texas Senate passed a sweeping education reform bill on a 28-2 vote last week and sent the measure on for consideration by the House.

Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, would:

- Slacken state control over local school districts;
- Revise the 10-year no-pass, no-play rule;
- Raise the minimum salary for teachers to \$18,500 per year;
- Allow charter school pilot projects; and
- Set up an experimental education voucher program for disadvantaged students.

Sens. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi and Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, voted against the bill.

Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, calling the bill "the most major revision of the public education code in this state since the 1940s," commented "The public, our educators and schoolchildren are depending on us to make a difference."

An amendment to the 1,200 page bill killed a provision that would have taken away the State Board of Education's duty to select public school textbooks.

Also among its many provisions, the bill requires that each of the state's 1,000 school districts adopt a charter to classify it a home-rule, special-purpose or general-law district. Home-rule and special-purpose districts would hold local-option elections exempting them from many state regulations, while general-law districts would be required to adhere to the education code.

Home-rule districts and more local control were main planks in Gov. George W. Bush's election campaign.

#### Pay Hike for TEA Chief

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses of Lubbock hadn't been in office for a week before his state senator proposed to increase his annual salary from \$137,917 to \$156,014.

Moses' salary and benefits at his previous post as superintendent of Lubbock Independent School District totaled \$170,800, according to the governor's office.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, sponsored the bill for Moses' pay raise at the request of Gov. Bush.

#### House Approves Budget

The House voted 118-18 to

approve a \$77.6 billion proposal for the 1996-97 state budget.

Of the \$77.6 billion total, \$32.6 billion would go to public and higher education; \$25.9 billion to health and human services; \$8.7 billion to business and economic development; and \$6.4 billion to criminal justice.

State Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, said he and other budget writers were ever mindful of four items as they carried out their work:

- Full funding for public schools;
- Money to operate state prisons;
- Growth in the number of Texans eligible for Medicaid and assistance programs; and
- Reduction of the state bureaucracy.

This bill has been referred to the Senate, where it is expected to be rejected in favor of a Senate version, which is almost \$2.6 billion larger than the House version and allocates \$1 billion more for human services.

#### Castration Bill OK'd

The state Senate approved Sen. Teel Bivins' bill to legalize voluntary castration of child molesters who have been convicted two or more times.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, who said the bill would make castration a means to reduce an offender's sexual urges, added, "It's meant to be 101 percent therapeutic, and it's not meant to be punishment."

If the bill is approved by the House and signed by the governor, Texas would become the only state to perform surgical castration of inmates.

#### Helmet Proposal Crashes

An attempt to overturn the mandatory helmet law for motorcycle riders was defeated 18-12 in the Senate last week.

The bill by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, would have exempted motorcycle riders 21 years or older from wearing a helmet, provided they could show they were covered by \$50,000 in accidental injury insurance.

Sen. Greg Luna pointed out that Texas would have lost \$19 million in federal highway funding had the bill passed.

#### Other Highlights

- Gov. Bush has nominated Jim Francis of Dallas to serve on the Public Safety Commission. Francis, a partner in an oil and gas company, served as a special assistant to former Gov. Bill Clements.

- More than 71,000 Texans have been added to the voter registration rolls since the National Voter Registration Act went into effect Jan. 1, according to Secretary of State Tony Garza.

- House and Senate committees last week approved welfare reform bills by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. Hilderbran's bill would cut off benefits to families on welfare in as little as six months. Zaffirini's bill is considered less punitive.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 20 Years Ago April 3, 1975

Members of the Haskell Lions Club were treated to an unusual and humorous program during Tuesday's luncheon meeting at the Haskell Steak House. Lion President Doyle High was "roasted" by three club members and his wife as a special April Fool's Day program.

Several local girls recently completed a drive for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and raised \$121.80. Assisting in the drive were: Sharla Drinnon, Kiersta Lane, Jennifer Friedel, Melinda Blakley, Emily Cox, Vicki Wallace, April Turner, Tina Morris and Mrs. Suzie Gilliam.

191 descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Josselet met for a family reunion at the Haskell Co. Country Club on Easter weekend. Honorary chairwomen were Mrs. Ardonia Josselet Toliver and Mrs. Esther Josselet King, the only two surviving of the eleven Josselet children.

### 30 Years Ago April 8, 1965

Despite an off-election year and with only two aldermen to be elected, City of Haskell voters marched to the polls in strength, Tuesday. A total of 731 votes were

cast. Incumbent John Thomas and Virgil H. Wall were elected aldermen in Tuesday's balloting. Thomas racked up a whopping 502 votes to lead the field and Wall tallied 497 votes.

Bette Edwards, 13-year-old representative of Haskell County, became the district spelling bee champion in North Texas and Southern Oklahoma Saturday at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, with the correct spelling of "dolorous."

The Super Save Market was advertising: ground beef, 3 lbs. \$1; Mexico's finest cantaloupes, 3 for \$1; Oak Farms cottage cheese, 19¢ for a 12 oz. carton; and lettuce, 2 jumbo iceberg heads for 29¢.

### 60 Years Ago April 4, 1935

A new cash grocery will be opened by R.V. Robertson on the west side of the square in the building formerly occupied by the W.A. Holt Red & White Store, just as soon as the building can be arranged and fixtures installed.

Only 11,932 bales of cotton were ginned in Haskell from the 1934 crop compared with 55,367 bales in 1933, according to W.P. Trice, of Haskell, special agent for the Bureau of Census of the Department of Agriculture. The 1934 crop was the shortest that has

been harvested in the county during the past 15 years.

The Perkins-Timberlake Company was advertising: fine shirts, 59¢ each; gay new ties, 15¢ and 25¢; and men's "Star Brand" shoes, \$2.98, \$3.49 and \$3.98.

### 70 Years Ago April 3, 1925

A \$50,000 Memorial Hospital was left to the city of Haskell by Mrs. Kate F. Morton who died on Mar. 10, according to her will filed for probate in County Court on Mar. 25. The hospital is to be erected in memory of her husband, Francis Marion Morton, who died about 18 months ago.

The merchants of Haskell have arranged to have running horse races at the Fair Park next Monday (Trades Day). The races will start promptly at 2:30 p.m. and the gate receipts, less some little expense, will be entirely divided among the winners. Many real good horses have been entered.

H.B. Weaver, Weinert, Route 1, is shipping cream twice each week to the northern markets. Mr. Weaver is now milking 13 cows.

### 90 Years Ago April 8, 1905

April 8, 1905 issue of the Haskell Free Press is missing from the files. The 90 Years Ago column will resume next week.

## Rep. Finnell beckons information highway

By Rep. Charles Finnell  
GTE has announced a \$55 million accelerated office modernization plan that will provide advanced, digital switching to all Texas GTE customers by the end of 1999.

The company's plan, announced by Katherine Harless, regional president for GTE, was praised by State Rep. Charles Finnell, D-Holliday.

In making the announcement, Harless said, "GTE is committing to Texas that we will provide digital switching to all of our Texas customers by the year 2000, giving all our communities an on-ramp to the information highway. We will begin the modernization plan in areas where switching centers are nearing capacity and work through the list until complete."

GTE presently has 91 percent of its customers served by digital technology in its Texas/New Mexico operations. The remaining 9 percent are served by 123 offices that will be modernized as part of this plan.

Finnell said, "Our schools can be leaders in distance learning technology, being linked to educational networks and using interactive services with other schools, universities or subject matter experts to improve quality, provide versatility and enhance learning. Private business and universities can benefit through shared resources available through databases over high bandwidth data networks."

Finnell is the joint author, with

State Rep. Todd Hunter, of House Bill 85, the 74th Legislature's "distance learning" bill.

"Creating a state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure attracts high-tech industries to Texas and its communities," Finnell stated. "Leading edge technology can cause companies and communities to grow, benefiting all parties." Haskell,

Rule, Holiday and Rochester, among others, are in Finnell's 13-county 68th House district.

In addition, the digital environment provides the capability for expanded service offerings that allow customers to individualize communications needs, both personal and business, while giving them more control over their telephone.

## Haywood speaks out on minors abortion law

State Senator Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) has come out publicly in support of a bill requiring parental notification for minors seeking an abortion.

"The way the law reads now, a child cannot receive a baby aspirin tablet without a parent's permission, yet these girls are having life-threatening surgery with no parental knowledge whatsoever. That is bad for these women, bad for their families, and bad for the state of Texas."

Senate Bill 83, sponsored by Senator Florence Shaprio (R-Plano), would ensure that parents or legal guardians of girls under the age of 18 are notified at least 48 hours before the abortion is scheduled to take place.

"The state of Minnesota Department of Public Health reported that in the five years after

their state's notification law was enacted back in 1981, teen abortion rates decreased 27.4% and teen pregnancy rates decreased 20.5%. The Minnesota report concluded that teenage girls are more likely to abstain from sex if they know a parent is likely to find out if they become pregnant," stated Haywood. "The Texas Department of Health reports that there were 5,587 abortions performed on Texas girls between the ages of 13 and 17 in 1993. If they can reduce abortion rates in Minnesota, we can reduce them in Texas."

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee recently heard testimony on this bill, and it was left pending in the committee. A vote may be taken at any future meeting to pass the legislation onto the full Senate, where Senator Haywood will vote in favor of its passage.

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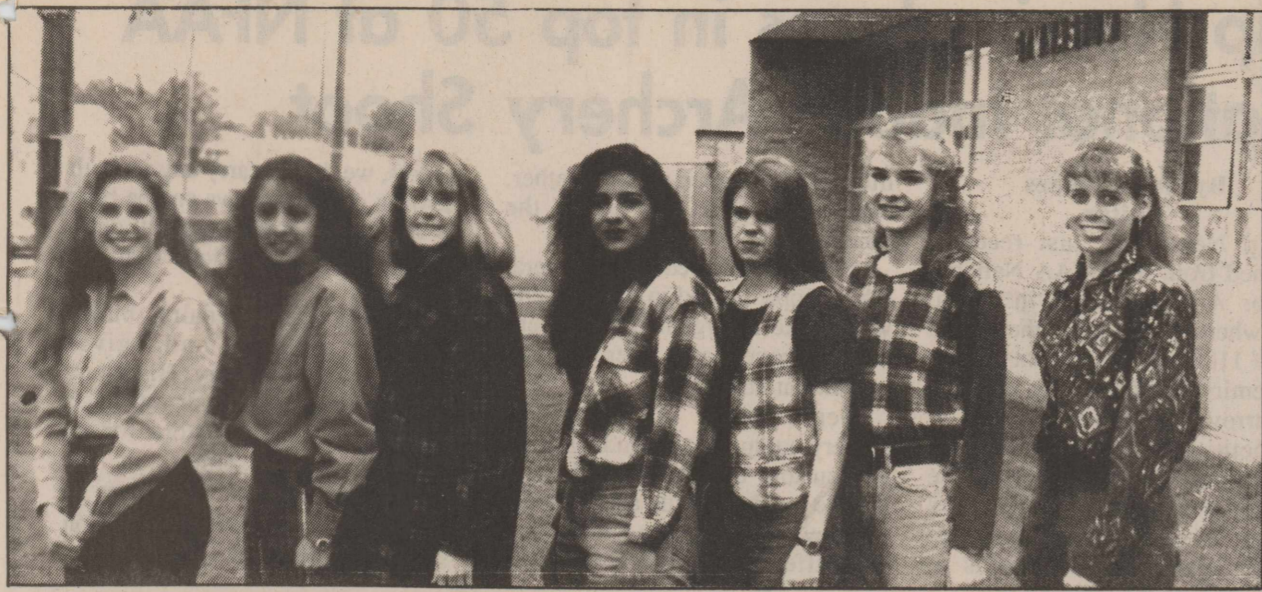
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**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Named to the Haskell Indian varsity cheerleading squad for the 1995-96 school year were (left to right): Rebecca Unger, Lisa Rodriguez, Anita Rapp, Veronica Gonzalez, Heather Guess, and Dacia Phemister. Charissa Huff will be the school mascot.



**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**—Leading the cheers for the Haskell Junior Varsity for the 1995-96 school year will be (left to right): Misti Henson, Wendy Gray, Melanie Alvarez, Rachel Swink, J. J. Comedy, and Kelli Moeller.



**JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS**—Selected as Haskell Junior High cheerleaders for 1995-96 are Priscilla Ortiz, Amanda Perry, Jodi Thigpen, Kristi Escobedo, Deshea Phemister and Brittany Bartley.

## Haskell relays scheduled

The Haskell Relays will be held Saturday, April 8 at the Haskell Athletic Complex.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Running prelims are to begin at 10 a.m. with the 3200 m. Other running prelims will begin at 11 a.m.

Running finals will begin at 3 p.m. with the 400 m relay.

## Hamlin track meet results

Haskell Indian tracksters participated in the Hamlin Relays Saturday April 1. Results for the Indians include:

110 m. high hurdles: Harrison Druessedow 2nd place 15.98.

800 m. run: Frankie Masias 2nd place 2:08.61.

400 m. dash: Quinten Billington 2nd place 53.70; Gavino Ortiz 3rd place 54.12.

300 m. hurdles: Bucky Harvey 2nd place 42.3; Harrison Druessedow 3rd place 42.99.

1600 m. run: Frankie Masias 1st place 5:07.33.

1600 m. relay: Quinten Billington, Gavino Ortiz, Bucky Harvey, Frankie Masias, 2nd place 3:35.48.

Shot put: Martin Limones 2nd place 50' 1/2".

Discus: Martin Limones 2nd place 135'; Kevin West 6th place 116'.

Pole vault: IV Burson 2nd place 10' 06".

Long jump: Gavino Ortiz 4th place 18' 10"; Michael Salinas 6th place 18' 8.5".

High jump: Gavino Ortiz 1st place 6' 02"; Bobby Ortiz 3rd place 5' 10".

Results of the Junior Varsity team include:

110 m. high hurdles: Turner Frierson 1st place 17.07; Chris Rodriguez 2nd place 18.26.

800 m. run: Elvis Gonzales 1st place 2:11.33.

100 m. dash: Jason Allen 4th place 11.88.

300 m. hurdles: Turner Frierson 1st place 45.5; Chris Rodriguez 2nd place 47.1.

200 m. dash: Jason Allen 1st place 24.57.

1600 m. relay: Elvis Gonzales 1st place 3:53.27.

3200 m. run: Caleb Brown 2nd place 11:48.27.

Shot put: Michael Rodriguez 2nd place 37'; Tim Dewey 4th place 25'.

Discus: Michael Rodriguez 3rd place 108'.

## Slow down

The City of Haskell and the Parks Committee would like to caution motorists to slow down at the city park through the area where the walking and jogging path crosses the streets.

## Haskell School Menu

### Haskell High School

April 10 - 14

#### Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

**Monday:** Cereal and buttered toast

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza

**Thursday:** Sausage/gravy and biscuits

**Friday:** No School

#### Lunch

A choice of hamburgers, salad bar or baked potato with ham and cheese, milk and tea or offered daily on the lunch menu.

**Monday:** Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls and sliced peaches

**Tuesday:** Pizza, buttered corn, cole slaw and fruit Jello

**Wednesday:** B.B.Q. on bun, French fries, pickle spears and sliced pears

**Thursday:** Submarine sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks and lemon shape-ups

**Friday:** No School

### Haskell Elementary

April 10-14

#### Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

**Monday:** Cereal and buttered

toast/jelly

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Breakfast pizza

**Thursday:** Sausage/gravy and biscuits

**Friday:** No School

#### Lunch

Milk and juice are served with all lunch menus.

**Monday:** Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls and sliced peaches

**Tuesday:** Pizza, buttered corn, cole slaw and fruit Jello

**Wednesday:** B.B.Q. on bun, French fries, pickle spears and sliced pears

**Thursday:** Submarine Sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks and lemon shape-ups

**Friday:** No School

Menus are subject to change.

## Softball work night

The Haskell Softball Association will conduct a work night on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the softball field.

Anyone interested in playing softball is encouraged to attend.

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## Paint Creek School Menu

April 10-14

#### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

**Monday:** Toast and jelly

**Tuesday:** Pancake and sausage

**Wednesday:** Eggs, sausage and toast

**Thursday:** Donuts

**Friday:** No School

#### Lunch

Milk and tea are served with all lunch menus.

**Monday:** Chicken enchiladas, chili beans, tossed salad, chocolate cake and cornbread

**Tuesday:** Turkey on toast, green beans, fruit and creamed potatoes

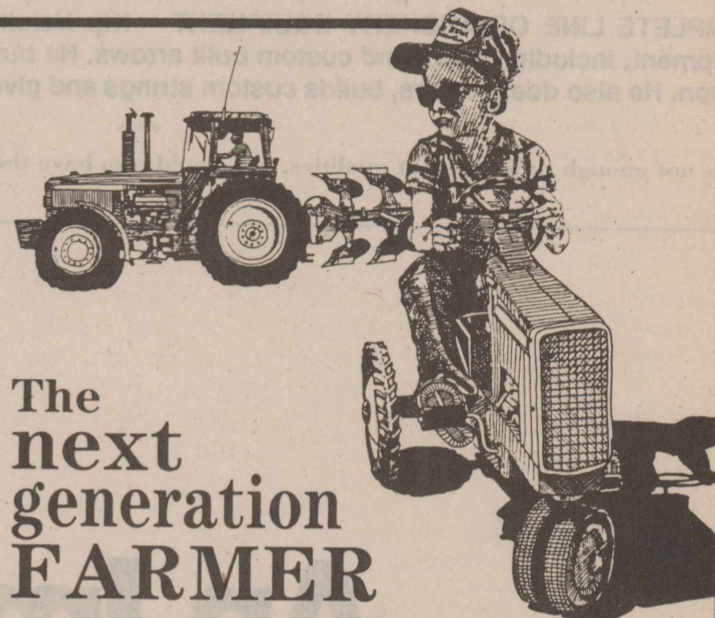
**Wednesday:** Lasagna, whole kernel corn, pea salad, crackers and coconut cake

**Thursday:** Hamburgers, lettuce, fries, cheese, tomatoes, onions, pickles and ice cream

**Friday:** No School

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—La Rochefoucauld

## Kip Nemir places in top 50 at NFAA National Indoor Archery Shoot

By Joyce Jones  
Editor

Kip Nemir has just recently returned from the NFAA National Indoor Archery Shoot in Tulsa, Ok., where he placed in the top 50 out of 1100 plus participants.

Nemir does hunt with his bow and arrow, but prefers to shoot in competition. He said that 60 percent of the competitors are sponsored by someone, as there is a lot of money to be made in competition now. He travels to meets all over the United States.

Nemir began shooting archery with a friend, Mark Bailey, out behind Bailey's barn and enjoyed it enough to pursue it as a hobby. He now considers it more than a hobby; it is more like a part-time career.

Nemir said that archery is a growing sport now because equipment is getting better, and the recent gun laws have also helped to popularize the sport. He said, "It is a sport that a family can do together, it doesn't take up a lot of their time either. They can set up a target in their back yard and shoot day or night; they can spend as

little as 20 minutes a day together, enjoying a sport for all of the family."

Nemir has helped to get several other people started in archery, and would like to organize an archery club. Anyone that is interested can call him at 864-2258.

Nemir has a full supply of archery equipment, including bows and custom built arrows. He said that he custom builds arrows to fit the bow and the person. "It makes a big difference in the way a bow

shoots, we do not carry any prebuilt arrows; custom arrows can be built as cheaply as buying prebuilt ones. I like to know it is done right the first time."

He also does repairs, builds custom strings and gives instructions on archery. His future plans include constructing a building beside the store for an indoor archery range. In the meantime, he gets in plenty of practice for the next competition somewhere down the road.

## Unfortunately, women have equal rights too

By Wm. D. McSmith, D.O.

Before you get excited about that comment, I refer *only* to the fact that women now fall victim to heart attacks and strokes with almost equal frequency as men do. Not many years ago, these were considered "men's diseases." I'm sorry to say that, now, a heart attack is an "Equal Opportunity Killer!" Consider that, today, heart attack is the number one killer of American women — yes, almost 12 times more so than breast cancer and 10 times more so than lung cancer.

Of the half million heart attack deaths each year, 240,000 are women, and more than 88,000 women each year will die of stroke. It's true that slightly more men have heart attacks than women and men have them earlier in life, but women have less chance of surviving them.

Studies show that 39 percent of women die within the first year compared to 31 percent of men. Furthermore, that death rate is 28 percent higher for black women than for white women.

Clearly heart disease is epidemic in women as well as men, and a complication exists, in that it takes about ten years longer to show up in women; just when they are concentrating on other health concerns of that age, such as cancer, arthritis or osteoporosis.

The good news, is that Americans have made remarkable progress in the fight against heart attack and stroke. Since 1963, the age-adjusted death rate for coronary heart disease for the general population has decreased by 53 percent. This is due in part to advances in diagnosis and treatment of heart conditions. Also, there is a greater focus on prevention today. We now have a better understanding about how our lifestyles influence our risk of heart disease, and many people are changing the bad habits

to reduce their risk.

For example, smoking has decreased in the U.S. by 40 percent since 1965 (32 percent for women). The average cholesterol consumption has decreased in the past 10 years from 700 mg. per day to 300-450 mg. per day (women closer to 300 mg. per day).

There are many risk factors for coronary heart disease, and some of these we *cannot* change. For example: (1) increasing age, (2) male gender, and (3) heredity. So you must change those factors you do have control over. For example: (1) cigarette smoking — the greatest single preventable cause of death. Each cigarette causes the blood vessels, including those on the heart, to clamp down or constrict and if those blood vessels were already narrowed and damaged by heart disease, the results could be disastrous; (2) high blood pressure; (3) high cholesterol; (4) high triglycerides — a blood fat much like cholesterol; (5) diabetes; (6) obesity; and (7) stress.

As you can see, there are some factors we have no control over, and therefore it is imperative to control those we can. These are some things you can do to begin your fight against heart disease:

- Evaluate your risk factors with regular checkups
- Stop smoking
- Control high blood pressure
- Get regular exercise
- Maintain ideal body weight
- Take medicine if you need it
- Cut the amount of fats in your diet
- Control diabetes

Unfortunately, heart and blood vessel diseases are still the leading cause of death for American women as well as men. Almost half of us will die this way, unless we choose to take steps to help prevent it. For more information, talk to your doctor, The American Heart Association in Abilene, or call 1-800-242-8721.

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Contrary to the self-serving efforts of a few special interest groups, the state's electric utilities have proposed legislation to increase competition in a way that will benefit all consumers. The proposal would open the wholesale generation market to all who want to participate, thus allowing every consumer to benefit from the least costly sources of power. Unlike the unregulated power producers' scheme, no consumers or group of consumers would face higher rates so a few could pay less.

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## Police Report

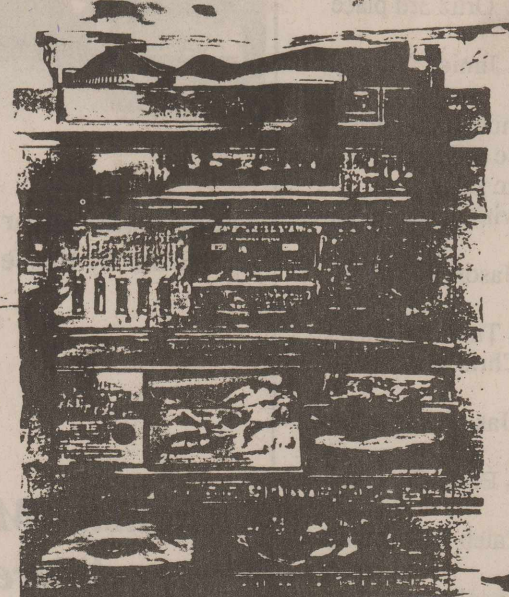
The Haskell Police Department had a busy month in March with 16 traffic citations and six citations being issued; three disorderly conduct (fighting) and two minor in possession of alcohol.

Ten arrests were made that included: one possession of prohibited weapon on school grounds, two possessions of marijuana, two burglaries of a motor vehicle, two possessions of drug paraphernalia and two driving while intoxicated.

There were five traffic accidents investigated. Offense/incidents included: one

burglary of a business, three burglaries of a motor vehicle, one unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one aggravated assault, five criminal mischiefs, one theft (shoplifting, juvenile caught and taken into custody, charges filed), and one recovered out of town stolen vehicle.

Two stolen bicycles were recovered this month, one boy's mountain bike and one boy's dirt bike. Contact the Haskell Police Department if you have had a bicycle stolen this month. The Police Department will need description of the bicycle.



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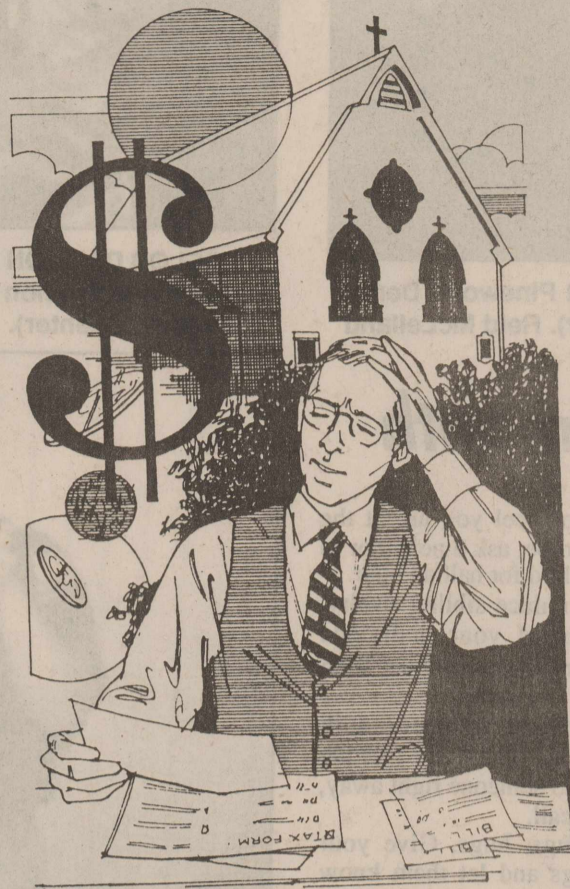
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607 S. 7th, Haskell

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Sidney Parsley, pastor  
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**BEAR DIVISION WINNERS**—Scott Kennedy (left) was the winner of 1st place at Pinewood Derby races held by Cub Scout Pack 136. Winner of 2nd place was A. J. Shaw (center). Reid McLelland (right) was 3rd place winner.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, but the problem is year round. Preventing child abuse before it occurs is the only answer to stopping this community problem.

Child abuse will only be solved when individuals and the

community realize that "everyone has a role to play" in preventing abuse.

The ideas and information that follow can be used to help stop the cycle of abuse.

Help yourself as a parent by doing the following:

- When you feel you are at the end of your rope, ask a neighbor to watch your child for half an hour.

- To help reduce sibling rivalry, give each child your undivided attention for a few minutes each day.

- Trade phone numbers with another parent. When you feel the need to talk to someone right away, give them a call.

- Hugs, hugs, hugs. Give your children hugs and let them know that you think they are special and that you love them completely.

Other adults can help parents who have problems by:

- Calling a parent and telling them something wonderful that their child has done.

- Making a dinner salad or even dinner for the frazzled parent next door.

- Taking the neighbor's child for a half-hour walk or trip to the playground.

- Providing crayons or small games in your shop or business to entertain children.

Information packets are available from the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. For information on obtaining the Child Abuse Prevention packet, you can stop by the Haskell County Extension Office at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell or call County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, Lou Gilly at 817-864-2546.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent-FCS



**WEBELES DIVISION WINNERS**—Winners of the Pinewood Derby races held March 26 in Haskell in the Webeles division were 1st place Ross Bullinger (left), 2nd place Loren Cole (right) and 3rd place Josh Webb (center).



**WOLF DIVISION WINNERS**—Kendall Mitchell (right) won 1st place at the Pinewood Derby races held March 26 by Cub Scout Pack 136. Second place was won by Eric Lewis (left) and Geoffrey Phemister (center) won 3rd place.

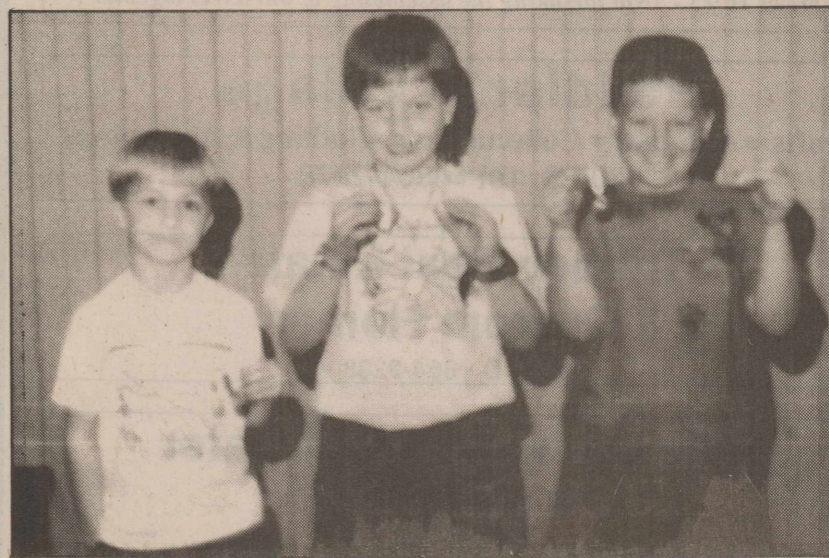
## New Tiger Cubs rally

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 will have a rally to register kindergarten students as Tiger Cubs on Thursday, Apr. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Scout Hut. (The Scout Hut is west of the City Park behind the American Legion building).

Each boy must be accompanied by a parent in order to register.

All boys who wish to participate in the summer events must be registered.

Tiger Cubs is a program of the Boy Scouts of America in which a boy participates in monthly meetings with a parent as a partner.



**TIGER DIVISION WINNERS**—Pinewood derby winners in the Tiger division were 1st place Kory Foster (left), 2nd place Caleb Hudgens (right) and 3rd place Cameron Short (center). The derby race was a local race conducted by Cub Scout Pack 136.



**TOP WINNERS**—Scott Kennedy (left) won the Sweepstakes race at the Pinewood Derby races held March 26 by Haskell's Cub Scout Pack 136. A. J. Shaw (right) won Best Design. The Cubby Award was won by Charlie Smith (not pictured).

## Barrel racing and calf roping

The Haskell County Roping Club will sponsor a barrel race and open calf-roping on Sunday, April 9, at the Haskell County arena.

The barrel racing begins at 1 p.m. The roping begins at 2 p.m. A B-roping will follow the Open Roping.

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Supply will be awarded to the winners of the Open and B-roping.

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**MOHAWKS** — The Little Dribbler's Mohawk basketball team (in random order) are Adam Diaz, Chris Acosta, Dan Fouts, Enrique Gomez, Jeff Blanks, John Roy Rivera, Levi Terry, Tom Fouts and Tyrone Billington. Coaches are Terry Blanks and John Fouts.



**KIOWAS** — The Little Dribbler's Kiowas basketball team (in random order) are Alvino Alvarez, Caleb Summers, Cliff McGuire, Eddie Guzman, Loren Cole, Lupe Alvarez, Matt Arendall and Paul Schonertedt. Coach is Chris Arendahl.



**APACHES** — The Little Dribbler's Apaches basketball team (in random order) are Aaron Peel, Angel Silvas, Casey Moeller, Daniel Mendoza, Dustin Keith, Jason Guadalcasar, Marcus Johnson and Max Rojo. Coaches are Kenneth Louallen and Jennifer Guadalcasar.

### Local ag teacher attends meeting

Duane Gilly, Agriculture Science and Technology teacher at Haskell High School, attended the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Board of directors annual meeting, April 2-3. Gilly has been teaching agriculture science and technology for 25 years and is fulfilling a 1 year term on the board.

Board members will decide the direction, policy and budget for the Association's upcoming fiscal year. Gilly is a member of the Association's Professional Improvement Committee.

Representative Pete Patterson, D-Paris, addressed the board

members at a Monday morning breakfast.

James Dawley of Mexia, president of the association said, "These are challenging times for agriculture and education, and we intend to be responsible with the programs we direct throughout the state."

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- April 5, 12, 19 and 26: Exercise at 10:30 a.m.
- April 3, 10, 17, 24: China painting at 12:45 p.m.
- April 12: Cliff Cobb AARP income tax assistance, call and make appointment.
- April 13: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
- April 14: Beltone Hearing at 10 a.m.
- April 16: Easter Sunday
- April 17: Pot luck salad supper-game night at 5:30 p.m.
- April 21: Brenner Hearing at 10 a.m.
- April 24: Lou Gilly at 11:45 a.m.

### Experienced Citizens Center Lunch Menu

- Friday, April 7:** Butter beans with ham, spinach, carrot salad and cherry cobbler
- Monday, April 10:** Hamburger steak, onion gravy, green beans, cabbage slaw and apricot halves
- Wednesday, April 12:** Bar B Q sausage, pinto beans, mix vegetables, new potatoes and peaches
- Friday, April 14:** Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, yams, green beans, fruit salad and cranberry sauce
- Monday, April 17:** Beef noodles, glazed carrots, okra & tomatoes, tossed salad and brownies
- Wednesday, April 19:** Roast beef, gravy, mix vegetables, cream potatoes, Jello salad and banana cake
- Friday, April 21:** Bar B Q chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, cabbage slaw and cherry cobbler
- Monday, April 24:** Steak, gravy, potatoes, French style beans, sliced peaches and cookies
- Wednesday, April 26:** Beef patty, hamburger roll, potato salad, baked beans, lettuce, tomato, onion and fruit cobbler
- Friday, April 28:** Ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn O'brien and pineapple cake.

The Experienced Citizens Center invites people over 60 to come and eat with them. Homebound people can call 864-3875 for lunches to be delivered or for transportation to the center for lunches.

### Coming Events

#### Pool and shuffleboard tournament

VFW Post 9179, Stamford, will sponsor a pool and shuffleboard tournament for anyone 21 years old and over, Friday, April 7 at 8 p.m.

The entry fee is \$2, with winners take all. Guests are welcome.

#### Rabies vaccination clinic

A rabies vaccination clinic and dipping will be held at the Ag barn in Rochester from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11.

There will be a charge of \$8 for the vaccination and \$3 for the dip. Additional vaccinations will also be available.

#### Girl's softball organization meeting

An organizational meeting for girl's softball, ages 7-12, will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 12, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. This meeting is for parents of participating girls.

#### Historical Society Bake Sale

The Haskell Co. Historical & Genealogical Society will hold their

2nd Annual Spring Bake Sale in front of The Drug Store, Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a substantial variety of homemade cakes, pies, candies and cookies to choose from. The Society appreciates your support.

#### Breakfast meeting

The Sagerton and Old Glory ladies will meet at 7 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, at the Sagerton Community Center for a breakfast meeting.

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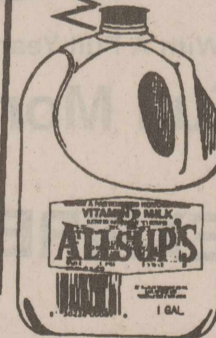
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# Barr to play in All-State game in Australia

Troy Barr, grandson of Ruth Kirkland of Haskell, will be participating in an All-State football game this summer in Sidney, Australia.

Barr, a three-year starter on Clyde High School's varsity football team, will be competing along with other Texas football all-stars in the seventh annual Air New Zealand Down Under Bowl in Australia.

He was selected along with other football players throughout Texas because of his All-State

nomination. Barr, a 6'2" 185 pound linebacker for the Clyde Bulldogs, was an honorable mention All-State pick his senior year for the Bulldogs. Only seniors named to the All-State football team in Texas were invited to participate in the bowl games.

Barr was an All-District first team selection in his sophomore year and an honorable mention All-District pick his junior year.

In his last season, Barr led the Bulldogs in tackles with 80 solo and 49 assisted tackles in ten



games. He made one interception, two fumble recoveries and caused four fumbles. He also recorded seven quarterback pressures and caused on interception.

Barr was also named to the first team All-District and first team All-Area in his senior season.

Barr will leave Houston June 28 for a connecting flight from Los Angeles to Sidney.

While in Australia, the Texas All-Star team will play two ballgames against other United States All-Star teams. The Air New Zealand Down Under Bowl is an annual event hosted in Australia and New Zealand. All-Star football players from Texas along with All-Star football players from other states will come together in June and July for the cultural exchange activity.

Barr will stay in Australia 10 days and nine nights including four nights with home-stay families in Sidney. While in Australia, the teams will attend school functions, pep rallies and interact with Australian students. There will also be media interviews for television, radio stations and newspapers promoting the ballgames.

On their way back home, the Texas All-Stars will stop off in Hawaii for two nights of rest and relaxation. Barr is scheduled to return to Clyde July 11.

Barr plans to attend Cisco Junior College in the fall and later plans to transfer to Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He plans to major in physical therapy and sports medicine.



HEE HAW LAZY SCENE - Ed Fouts, Leon Stegemoeller, Odene Dudensing, Dorothy Toney, Karen Lehmann, Fred Kupatt, Mike Hertel, Jana Manske, Jackie Tabor, Lynn Dudensing, Carol Crumpton and Delbert LeFevre play out the Lazy Scene in Sagerton's Hee Haw.

# Heather Stewart, recipient of 4-H scholarship

By Myrtle Phemister Reporter

The Haskell County FCE Council met in the extension office kitchen on Wednesday, Mar. 29, with Jane Smith, chairman, presiding. There were 13 members and three guests present to hear the reports and take care of council business.

The \$350 4-H scholarship was given to Heather Stewart, daughter of Sue and Danny Stewart. Stewart was commended for her activities in 4-H.

Alice Yates, 4-H chairman reported that the Fashion Review for 4-H members would be held on April 2 and that there are thirty-seven participants. Scholarship notices are being sent to all graduating seniors in Haskell County for 1995.

Financial report was given and council has only \$948.07 in its balance, and council heard a report that all 4-H clubs in the county prefer to each donate \$10 each in lieu of a fund raiser, so there will be money to send three delegates to the State meeting, which is being held on South Padre Island this year. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kim Crawford, who has served as Volunteers chairman for the Blood Mobile for many years, reported that the last blood drive for Haskell County will be held at the usual place on April 18. The Blood Mobile will cease going to rural towns, which are towns of less than 10,000 population.

TAFCE chairman, Estalynn Liles reported that twelve club members from Haskell County attended the Tri-County Rally Day in Seymour. Rhonda Welch, District Chairman, is asking for a volunteer from Haskell County to serve as District III director.

District III spring meeting will be held in Childress on April 5, and seventeen Haskell County members

will be in attendance. Delores Medford of Paint Creek, and Myrtle Phemister of Weinert will be voting delegates with Estalyn Liles, County Chairman. Joetta Burnett and Phelicia Bailey will be alternates.

The Task Force Committee submitted their revised Standing

Rules for Council and after a lengthy discussion it was moved to table the vote until further study. A called meeting will be held for Council at 2 p.m. on April 12.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. with Paint Creek's hosting a lovely St. Patrick's Day refreshment table.

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**TALES OF DALLAS COWBOYS AND COACHES** - Ray Stone, producer of "The Dallas Cowboy Report" regaled the crowd with tales of former coaches Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson and players, Alkman, Staubach, White and Meredith at the Chamber Banquet, Saturday night.

**Modern Way reports on cause of shortages in vegetables**

Sam Bitner of Modern Way of Haskell has recently received a press release from Pam Gibson, Frozen Category Advisor of Fleming Companies, Inc. regarding shortages on some vegetables that normally come out of the flood-stricken areas of California. Bitner hopes that this will explain to his customers the shortages and higher prices of some produce products, both fresh and frozen.

The notice said that this year like 1994, frozen broccoli, spinach, and strawberries products will be in very short supply. Broccoli out of California will be severely impacted over the next four to five months due to the following:

- A. Crop damage from rains and floods
  - B. Lack of planting during the last 45 days
  - C. Raw product sourcing pressure from a high cost fresh market
  - D. Competition from farmland from high value crops such as lettuce and celery
- The net results - 50 percent reduction in supply out of

California based vendors. Dean Foods, packers on Birds Eye and many private label brands, have already pulled deals and ads from now through the August periods. To this date, Gibson had not heard from the Green Giant packer. To assist California, broccoli growers in the east and in Mexico will help in taking up the slack. Trucking products from these areas may present another opportunity as most truckers want to transport out of California instead of such places as Mexico, especially with the way the Mexican economy is. However, Fleming feels the truckers will go where the supply is.

With spinach, the California spring pack is between 50-70 percent of need. Fall pack could also be reduced since it is grown in those areas sustaining heavy floods. California packers are looking to Texas spinach growers to take up some of the slack.

The strawberry crop is approximately 60 percent under water at this date. Damage estimates will not be available until the water recedes.

**Births**

David and Tina Adams of Haskell announce the arrival of their daughter, Ashley Renea, born Mar. 27 at 2:29 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Ashley weighed 8 lbs., 15.2 oz. and was 20-1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Sherry Adams of Haskell and Tinka Herricks Long of Longview.

Great-grandparents are Chat Adams, Leon and Letha Newton of Haskell; Roy and Billie Herricks of Weinert; Qweston Greer of Haskell; and Lois and Charlie Teague of Snyder.

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A man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world.  
—George Santayana

**Williamson appointed field inspector for TSCRA**

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has appointed Scott Williamson, 31, of Anson, to serve as field inspector for District 10, effective April 1, says Don C. King, TSCRA secretary-general manager.

Williamson succeeds Inspector Manford Elliott of Seymour. Elliott is retiring after 28 years of TSCRA service.

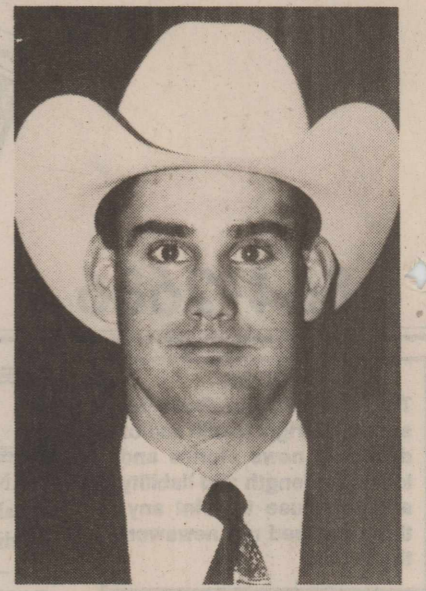
TSCRA, a 118-year-old livestock trade organization, employs 33 field inspectors, all certified peace officers carrying Special Ranger commissions, to assist cattle producers and conduct theft investigations in Texas and Oklahoma.

Williamson will be working with TSCRA members, other cattle producers and law enforcement agencies in Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Knox, Baylor, Foard, Hardeman and Wilbarger counties. He also will supervise the brand inspectors who

work auction markets and stockyards in the district.

"Inspector Williamson has served as market inspector for the association, working sales in the Abilene area for the past eight years," King said. "He also has served as deputy sheriff in Jones County since 1990. He is a very skilled brand inspector, cowboy and peace officer, and I know he will do a good job following Manford in the Seymour district."

Born in Denton, Williamson attended Abilene Christian University in Abilene, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in range management. While at ACU, he was a member and president of the intercollegiate rodeo team, president of the range and agronomy club, the livestock and horse judging teams, Delta Tau Alpha agricultural honorary society, ACU Ag Council and the national Block and Bridle Club. He was named outstanding range student by the Society of Range Management



in 1983. His work experience includes being night foreman at Abilene Livestock Auction, a ranch manager and market inspector at Abilene, Sweetwater and Haskell in the Texas Rolling plains area.

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