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Games this week

Haskell Indians vs. Albany there Friday at 8 p.m.
Haskell JV vs. Albany here Thur. at 4:30 p.m.
P C Pirates vs. Blackwell here Fri. at 7:30 p.m.
Paint Creek Jr. High vs. Moran here Thurs. at 6 p.m.

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SERVICE PLAQUE AWARD—Roger Moeller, second from left, was presented a retirement plaque for his service on the Haskell CISD board, by members of the board, at last week's reception for the new superintendent. Moeller retired recently after eleven years of service. Pictured with Moeller (left to right) are board members, Joey Kimbrough, Bob Aycock, Danny Josselet, Melissa Robison and Dr. Tom Hairgrove.



SIGNING THE CONTRACT—New Haskell CISD superintendent, Bob Phell, signs his contract with the school district, as board members Bob Aycock, Danny Josselet and Joey Kimbrough look on. Phell was honored with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the school administration building. Phell resigned his job as high school principal at Midland Greenwood to accept the superintendent's job in Haskell. His contract officially begins on October 1.

Experienced Citizens Center in danger of losing funding

The Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell may be in danger of losing much needed funding from the West Central Texas Council of Governments, according to a memorandum received by Florence Peden, director at the center, on Friday.

The memorandum states: "Enclosed is the fiscal year 1996 contract for aging services. Before you sign the contract, we want you to be fully aware of possible financial risks.

"Planning figures given to you previously for budget preparation were provided by the Texas Dept. on Aging based on last year's federal allocation. Since that time, the Older Americans Act has come up for re-authorization in Washington. The House funding proposal for the Older Americans Act contains significant cuts which will impact the amount of local dollars needed to carry out contractual obligations. With the current situation in Congress, the

appropriation bill could be months away from passage. Also, there is no guarantee that the Older Americans Act will be re-authorized.

"Cost reimbursement from West Central Texas Council of Governments for services provided is totally dependent upon the federal appropriation bill and re-authorization of the Older Americans Act. We have been told not to anticipate a continuing resolution from this Congress.

Therefore, beginning Oct. 1, 1995, and for an indefinite period of time, you must be prepared to cover all costs of the program with local funds.

"Without re-authorization of the Older Americans Act, and without an appropriation bill, and with anticipated cuts in funding levels, you may wish to re-evaluate your costs and consider reduction in force. We cannot advise you in making these decisions, but feel an obligation to let you know in advance that certain conditions exist

which could substantially increase your local cost as of Oct. 1, 1995.

"The State Auditor's Office has questioned retroactive payment on post-dated contracts (signed after Oct. 1). Therefore, if you plan to contract with WCTCOG for fiscal year 1996, we ask that you sign and return the original contract to our office by Oct. 1, 1995."

Peden said that the amount of the grant contracted from WCTCOG is \$27,688. The money is used to fund the lunch program for the elderly, which

many people depend on for their only meal of the day. Peden said that she did not know how the center would operate if the funding fell through, especially at this late date with such a short notice. Peden was to meet with city and county officials to see if help of any kind would be available from either of the entities.

Peden said that the center may have to ask for individual donations and contributions to keep the center going, until the funding matter is cleared up.

School board welcomes superintendent

At their monthly board meeting of the Haskell CISD, members approved a motion to advertise for bids to purchase a new suburban for the school district. High School principal, Greg Melton told the board that the cost of the van would vary from \$27,000 to \$29,000, according to the specifications. He recommended adding front and back air conditioning and a tow package to the specs. Incoming

superintendent, Bob Phell recommended that the board look into purchasing the van from one of the state agencies that deals in equipment and vehicles.

Bids were opened on the 1974 Chevrolet pickup that was for sale by the school district. The high bid of \$325 was awarded to Tony Williams for the purchase of the pickup.

The board considered the

recommendation to improve the high school parking lot, but after much discussion, no action was taken. However, upon the recommendation of Greg Melton, it was decided that the parking lot would be patched up until the end of the school year, at which time, the parking area could be seal coated and striped. Melton told the board that he thought it would be a waste of time to stripe it at this time.

Interim superintendent, Bill Baker, commended the board and district on the good job they are doing and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be here between the outgoing and incoming superintendents.

Phell made a statement to the board, "I would like to tell you all how pleased I am to be a part of this school district. Mr. Stewart did you all a good job, and Mr. Baker and Billie have done a good job in the interim. I'm glad to be here."

The board members thanked Baker for his interim tenure of service and welcomed Phell to the community, telling him that they were glad to have him here.

Phell had been honored earlier in the week with a welcoming and get-acquainted reception at the administration office.

Hamburger supper

The Haskell Business Association will sponsor a hamburger supper, with all the trimmings and peach cobbler, at the Haskell High School Cafeteria on Friday, Oct. 6, before the homecoming football game.

Tickets are \$5 each, with all proceeds going to the Gazebo fund. Tickets may be purchased from any HBA member.

For further information, contact Ruthie at The Carousel, 864-2069.

Haskell SWCD board meeting re-scheduled

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors is rescheduling their regular monthly meeting date from the third Friday in October to Oct. 6. At this meeting, the director to represent Zone 3 will be elected and board officers will be voted on.

Zone 3 of the Haskell SWCD covers an area in the southeastern portion of Haskell County. To be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the boundaries of the district. The person must also live within the

boundaries of the district.

Qualifications to be a SWCD director include: the person must own land within the zone he or she represents, be 18 years of age or older, be actively engaged in farming or ranching, and live within the boundaries of the district. The director selected will serve a four year term.

The Haskell SWCD meets the third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) in Haskell.

The Haskell SWCD was formed to help and serve producers and landowners with technical assistance. It assists in the promotion of sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

All programs administered by the Haskell SWCD are on a voluntary basis and are provided without regard to race, color, sex or national origin.

NOTICE!

The Haskell CISD Administration office would like to remind everyone that there is a state law against the use of tobacco products on all school property, including football stadiums and other athletic facilities.

James Davis retires from DPS

By Joyce Jones

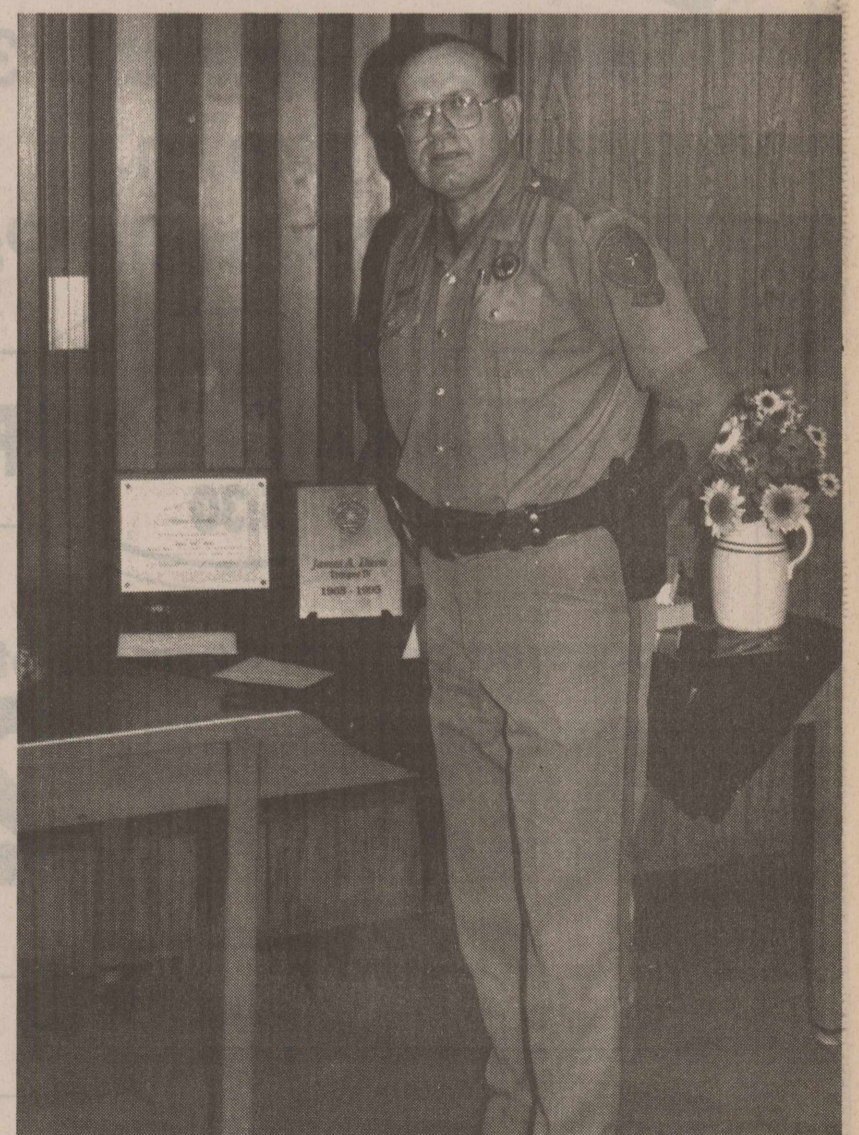
Retired Texas State Trooper, James Davis, said that he didn't get much sleep on his first night of retirement. For 27 years, he slept with one eye open, so to speak, always listening for the telephone to ring or a call on the radio, summoning him to work. "I was just too stressed out and I couldn't relax, I kept waiting for that call." However, over the weekend, Davis did get in a little relaxing time fishing and he said that he was sleeping better at night.

Davis, who is a native of Haskell, began his career with The Texas Dept. of Public Safety on July 30, 1968. He graduated from the academy on Nov. 22, 1968 and began his tour of duty on Dec. 1 at Haskell where he spent his entire 27 years with the department.

Davis was honored with a retirement reception, Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Haskell County Courthouse. Davis' gun was purchased from the department and presented to him by his fellow officers and members of the Haskell community. He also received two retirement plaques, one from DPS headquarters in Austin and one from the District 5A Lubbock Highway Patrol Office.

Davis said that the most eventful thing that happened in his career was the flood of '78. "There was a lot going on, it was my longest endurance on an assignment, the whole town was in turmoil. My partner and I were on opposite sides of the creek. It was two days before I could get to my patrol car."

Even though, Davis was primarily assigned to Haskell County, he did work some of the



TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE—State Trooper James Davis was honored Thursday, Sept. 21, with a retirement celebration at the Haskell County Courthouse. Davis retired from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety after 27 years of service.

adjoining counties when an emergency or the need came up.

Davis said that he won't miss the stress associated with the job or the waiting for that call in the middle of the night. He said that it

was an odd feeling. Davis said that even though he was involved in several manhunts and a few high speed chases over the years, he never had to shoot anybody. "I guess I lucked out."

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Coming Events

Rule Eastern Star

Rule Chapter 989, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting.

Sagerton Comm. Supper

The monthly Sagerton Community Supper will be held Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Each family is to bring a dessert. The hostesses for the supper will be Mr. and Mrs. G.W. LeFevre, Mary Neinast and James Gellner.

The annual business meeting of the community will be held immediately after the supper.

Meth. Youth bake sale

Plan ahead and order or buy baked goods for homecoming weekend. The Methodist Youth will be on the north side of the courthouse Saturday, Sept. 30, at 9 a.m.

There will be cakes, bread, pies and cookies. Come by, look over the goodies and take some home with you.

Sons of Hermann Lodge

The Sons of Hermann Lodge of Haskell No. 241 will meet Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. The lodge hall will be open early for anyone wanting to play dominoes.

The annual auction will be held following the meeting. Members are asked to bring homemade items, such as arts and crafts, wood

things, or baked or canned items for the auction.

Following the auction, a pot luck supper will be served.

Old Glory Musical

The Old Glory Community Center will be the scene of a special Gospel Musical, Saturday night, Sept. 30. The concessions will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Immunization clinics

The Texas Dept. of Health will hold immunization clinics for the month of October at the following locations:

Oct. 4—Haskell Courthouse, third floor from 1 to 3 p.m.

Oct. 19—American Legion at Haskell from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 24—Haskell Courthouse, third floor from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Obituaries

Opal McFadden Isbell

Graveside services were held for Opal McFadden Isbell, 87, of Haskell at Willow Cemetery Sunday, Sept. 23, with Robert Wright and Bobby Isbell officiating. Holden-McCauley Funeral Home directed the services.

Isbell died Saturday, Sept. 23, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born Nov. 10, 1907 in Rusk. She married John Isbell in 1924 at Elbert. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John in 1958.

She is survived by three sons, Tommie Isbell and Jackie Isbell of Haskell and John Isbell Jr. of Graham; one daughter, Jessie Cline of Mineral Wells; one brother, Jim McFadden of Haskell; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Bullard, Ricky Watkins, Kenneth Glass, Billy Payne, Eddie Klose, Lynn Roysdon, Donald Cunningham, Kenneth Campbell, Tim Judd and Travis Solomon.

Ethel Lou Clanton Shelton

Services were held for longtime Haskell resident, Ethel Lou Clanton Shelton, 84, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Turner and Rev. Randy McLelland officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Shelton died Sunday, Sept. 24, at her residence in Haskell. She was born at McConnel in Haskell County on May 30, 1911. She attended Haskell Schools and graduated from Haskell High School in 1930. She worked for the General Telephone Co. in Haskell and Carlsbad, New Mex. In 1942, she went to work for Civil Service at Camp Barkley in Abilene in the signal office as a telephone operator and later was the chief operator at

the exchange. She married Buster Shelton on Dec. 2, 1944 in Abilene. She also worked in the county judge's office in Haskell for over 24 years, retiring in 1986 and was a receptionist at Holden-McCauley for a few years. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Fidelis Class and W.M.U. and a past member of the Naomi Class for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Allen (Buster) Shelton Jr. on Aug. 24, 1974; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Clanton; one brother, Herbert Clanton; and one sister, Betty Jo Clanton.

She is survived by cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Ray Perry, Gil Richardson, Tommy Matthews, Bud Turnbow, Bob Acree, Felton Everett, Charles Swinson and Ray Boring.

Honorary pallbearers were Jess Leonard, Bud Derr, Garland Wood, Elbert Burnett, Ben Charlie Chapman, Royce Williams and Joe Harper.

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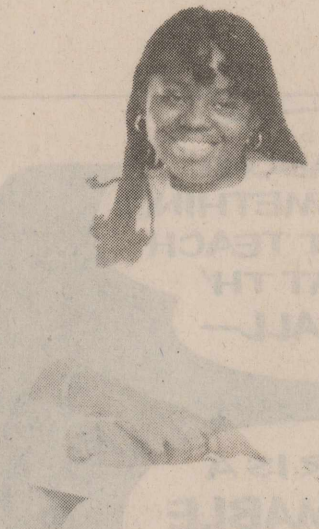
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Latoya Oudems suffers eye injury in softball game

Latoya Oudems, the great-granddaughter of Catherine and James Whitaker of Haskell, was injured in a softball game on August 11.

She suffered a serious eye injury and had to undergo extensive surgery.

Her family reports that Latoya is recovering from her surgery and her prognosis is good. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and contributions.



LATOYA OUDEMS

Eco-Fair Texas set for Oct. 6-7

Reserve Oct. 6 and 7, for ECO-FAIR TEXAS '95, a one-of-a-kind forum for the exchange of ideas and information on the cutting edge of agriculture.

Sustainable and profitable agriculture will be the focus on Friday, Oct. 6. Featured keynote speaker Dr. Wes Jackson's research team is conducting the first-ever work on developing a perennial grain crop. Dr. Jackson is in great demand as a speaker, and we are pleased to be able to include him in our program.

In addition, Friday's program will offer a full day of workshops covering agriculture topics such as soil health, cost management, crop rotation and farm-scale composting along with much more to help farmers and ranchers become more successful. Many of these

workshops will offer practical experience from practicing farmers and ranchers as well as nationally recognized agriculture specialists. If you are farming or ranching and want to learn the latest innovative techniques, you won't want to miss this event. Saturday, Oct. 7, will also offer an exciting range of workshops for both rural and urban residents.

ECO-FAIR TEXAS will be held at the Austin convention center in Austin from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 125 exhibitors from across the nation will display their products and services. Admission is \$5 per day for the Trade Show and all workshops. For more information, call Carole Berry at 512-451-5212.

Submitted by Lou Gilly, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCE.

New club—Food Bandits formed

By Tabitha Coker

The Intermediate 4-H Food Projects Group of Haskell met Sept. 17, in the Haskell Co. Extension Kitchen. We selected a club name and elected officers for the 1995-96 year.

The group chose the name Food Bandits. Officers elected for the year are: Brandy Gardner—President; Selina Salinas—Vice-President; and Tabitha Coker—Secretary. Other members of the group are Katy McDaniel, Jennifer Smith and Katie Thompson. This group will also serve as a support group for the Junior 4-H Food Projects Group.

If you are interested in joining

the food group, see one of our members, Sharee Gardner or Tammy Anderson at the County Extension Office. You can be a boy or a girl to join. The group would love to have anyone interested to join, as long as you are of intermediate age. To qualify as an intermediate, you have to be 12 years of age before Jan. 1, 1996.

The Food Bandits will meet throughout this 4-H year. Our group has a lot of fun things planned, along the lines of food preparation, learning proper nutrition and comparative grocery shopping. Right now, this group is preparing and studying for the upcoming 4-H County Food Show.

Gospel recording artist to be at First Assembly of God Church

Jackie Stone, new gospel recording artist, will be in service at First Assembly of God Church on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m.

Bro. Stone has pastored several churches and has also been an associate pastor in the West Texas District.

Recently the doors have been opened for him to record his first gospel album. Bro. Stone depends on the leading of the Holy Spirit in all areas of his ministry. His ministry is through gospel music along with preaching the Word of God.

Club news notice

Because of the lack of space in this week's edition of the paper, and an over abundance of club news, the club news had to be held until next week's paper.

From time to time, this will happen that we run short of space with too much news copy and we do have to hold some news items back a week. But we promise that all news will be printed as we get it if space allows.

We apologize for this inconvenience, because we understand that many of our readers do enjoy the club news. Thanks for your understanding and patience.—The editor.

Stephen Klose receives Master of Science degree

On Aug. 11, Steven Klose received his Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. He is the son of Jerry Don and Phyllis Klose of Haskell. He is the grandson of Felix and Lydia Klose of Haskell and Irene Cooper of Cisco.

He is currently working as a Research Associate for the Agricultural and Food Police Center at A&M. The AFPC studies the farm level implications of various farm policy options being debated in Congress.

Steven is also continuing in A&M's graduate program, working toward a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics. He recently received a scholarship from the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and will be studying Agricultural Finance and Farm Policy.

Steven has a strong background in agriculture. In high school, he was active in the local FFA and graduated Valedictorian in 1988. He



STEPHEN KLOSE

then received a scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to attend Texas A&M. He was a graduate of the "Aggie Class of '92," graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics.

Langford birthday celebrated

C.V. Langford, who turned 92 on Sept. 8, was honored with a birthday celebration at the Philadelphia Club Building in Rule on Sunday, Sept. 10. He was born Sept. 8, 1903.

Honoring his birthday and joining in the celebration were his five children: R.C. of Rule, Harley of Abilene, Margie Cardwell of Tyler, Clinton of Stamford and Doyle of Bastrop; numerous grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six great-great-

grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Langford now lives in Rice Springs Care Home at Haskell.

Submitted by Scotty Langford

Happenings notice

Due to the death of two dear friends, Ethel Lou Shelton and Leone Pearsey, I will not have a column this week, but hope to be back in print again next week.

Lois Redwine

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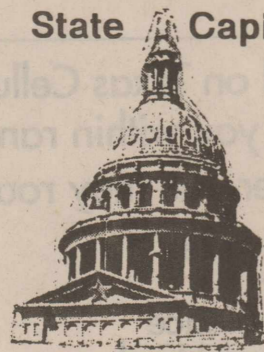
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — James A. "Andy" Collins announced last week he would step down Feb. 1 as executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and go into private business.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported the governor's office had ordered an investigation into Collins' business dealings a week before he announced his resignation. A day later, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported no investigation had been ordered.

The situation left heads spinning on the prison agency's nine-member governing board. Ellen Halbert, vice chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said she was "very upset that the board was not told why Andy was leaving."

Collins said that in July he formed Professional Care of America Inc., a jail management firm to operate in Louisiana. Former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz and Jim Brunson, a former officer with N-Group Securities Inc., are listed as directors in Collins' firm. Hofheinz and Brunson said they resigned after lending their names for the incorporation papers.

Collins also said he is under contract with Hofheinz' Viewpoint Development Corp. to operate a jail for juveniles in La Salle Parish, La., if and when Viewpoint raises the private money to build it.

In 1994, a federal jury awarded more than \$79 million in damages to nine mutual funds that alleged N-Group and others fraudulently marketed bonds used to pay for the building of six private prisons, which the state of Texas purchased. Collins was subpoenaed as a witness in the trial. He acknowledged that some of his testimony could be viewed as favorable toward N-Group.

Though Collins' private business plans were laid while he was head of the TDCJ, he said he did not work on them on state time and had not been paid.

Collins' annual salary as head of the state agency is \$120,000. He began as a prison guard 23 years ago and worked his way to the top.

Faith in Economy on Rise
Texas Comptroller John Sharp says consumers, investors and business owners appear to hold steady optimism that the Texas economy will continue to grow.

Texans' faith in the state economy is up 17.5 percent compared to a year ago.

"Consumer confidence, retail sales, new housing permits — up 26.6 percent in July — and the Texas Stock Index are the strongest components of this month's *Leading Texas Economic Indicators*," Sharp said.

The Index, which is produced by Sharp's office each month to help predict changes in the economy, registers 124.7, an increase of 2.1 percent compared to one year ago.

By comparison, Sharp said, the U.S. Index of Leading Economic Indicators is at 101, down 0.7

percent compared to one year ago. "The U.S. Index has declined for six consecutive months, but the slowdown in the national economy has had only a slight effect in Texas," he added.

Clemons Latest to Switch
State Rep. Billy Clemons of Pollok last week shed his affiliation with the Democratic Party in announcing he had joined the Republican Party.

The six termer said he would seek re-election in 1996 for the seat representing the East Texas counties of Angelina, Houston, San Augustine and Trinity. His crossover cuts the Democratic majority in the state House to 86-64.

AIDS Toll Heavy in Prisons
During the last five years, AIDS has been the leading cause of death for incarcerated felons in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

AIDS has been the most frequent cause of death among inmates every year since 1990, with the exception of 1991, when cancer was the leading cause. As of August, 72 inmates had died of AIDS in 1995. "The people that end up in prison are basically poor, inner-city and nonwhite, and they're young," said James W. Marquart, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "They've had crappy health care in the free world. That's what's going on in prison today."

Redistricting Plan Approved
A group of Republican plaintiffs has successfully challenged the state House and Senate districts as being unconstitutional on grounds of racial gerrymandering.

Last week, a panel of three federal judges approved a temporary redistricting plan that will change boundaries in Harris County's 18 state House districts and six Senate districts for the 1996 elections.

Plaintiffs argued that efforts to create safe districts for minority legislators resulted in zig-zagging district lines and political segregation, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

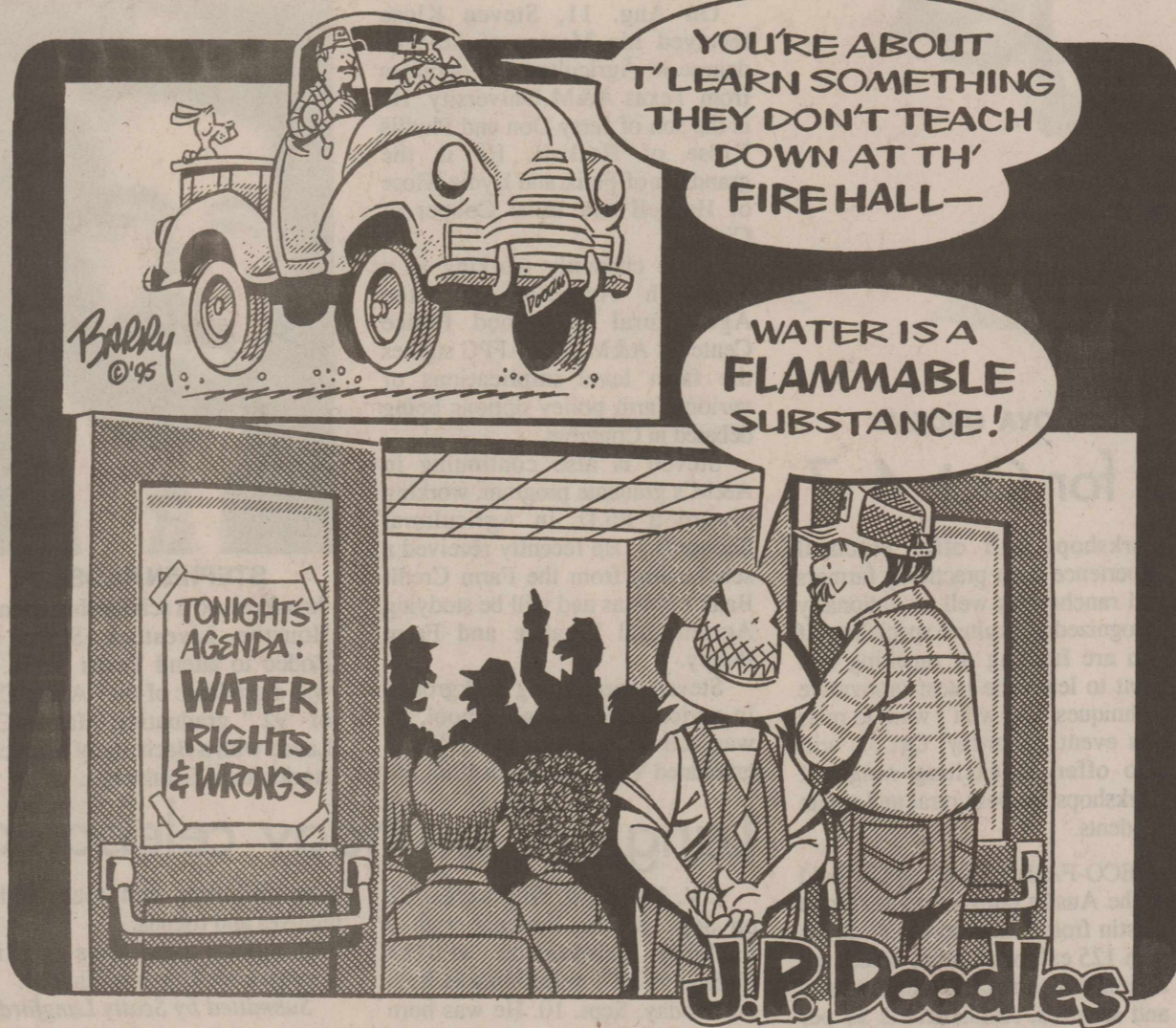
The changes will affect voting patterns and representation for some 270,000 Harris County residents.

Dog Track to Close
Declining business is forcing the closure of Valley Greyhound Park in Harlingen, which was the first of three dog-racing tracks to open in the state.

The \$16.2 million, 3,000-seat track, which has lost \$5 million since it opened in September 1990, is to close Sept. 30.

Earlier this month, the Texas Racing Commission decided not to allow the dog track to simulcast horse races in partnership with the Cameron County Fair Association.

A bill that would have allowed Texas pari-mutuel tracks to operate off-track betting parlors failed to gain approval in the state Legislature this year.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Sept. 25, 1975

Grand Champion Steer of the 1975 Haskell County Fair was shown by Jason Propst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Propst of Anson. Jason showed a 1215 pound Simmental-Hereford Cross. Grand Champion Heifer of the Fair was shown by Kim Hager of Weinert. Grand Champion Ram of the Fair was shown by Jay Pace of Hawley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Pace. Grand Champion Wether of the Fair was shown by Russ Lewis of Rule. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hager. Kay Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell of Haskell, was named the champion youth exhibitor of the Fair.

Mrs. Muriel Nanny was recently named recipient of the "Outstanding Young Homemaker" award for the year 1974-75. She was presented the charm at the 12th annual installation banquet which was held Aug. 26. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swinson.

30 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1965

Kathy Hagar and Keith Chapman were named the 4-H Gold Star Girl and Boy of 1965. Hagar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hager. She is a freshman in Haskell High School and a member of the school yearbook staff. In five years of 4-H Club work, she has established an outstanding record in demonstration and leadership projects. Chapman is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of the Mattson Community. He has been a member of the Mattson 4-H Club for eight years. He is an all A student and is a two year letterman in football and basketball at Mattson. His work has been outstanding in beef cattle feeding including steers and commercial cows.

Ray Herren was named lineman of the week and Kenneth Felker, back, in secret balloting at the meeting of the Indian Booster Club held Monday night.

Effective as of Saturday, Sept. 25, Bob Greenroy became the "sole" owner of the Super-Save Market, 600 North First St. having bought Ronnie Malone's interest in the business. Greenroy and Malone have operated the store on a partnership basis for the past nine months.

60 Years Ago Sept. 26, 1935

A new drygoods store will be opened Saturday morning in the Pierson building on the north side of the square by Mr. George R. Minns, of Taylor. The new store will operate under the name of "The Famous."

Many high school students and teachers were in Abilene Friday night and witnessed the football game between Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons University. Among them were Coach and Mrs. Richey, and Jack and John Kimbrough.

Miss Frances English, who has been employed in the Jane Beauty Shop in Hamlin has returned to make Haskell her home and has

accepted a position in Hunt's Beauty Shop of this city.

70 Years Ago Sept. 25, 1925

Haskell County for the second time, carried off honors in the agricultural exhibit at the West Texas State Fair with an artistic display of choice products arranged and exhibited by County Agent W.P. Trice.

Varner Dulaney, assistant manager of Haskell Electric Gin, had the misfortune to get his hand caught in one of the gin stands early Saturday morning, and his fingers on his left hand were badly lacerated.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Baldwin of San Antonio were visitors with Mrs. Baldwin's sister, Mrs. J.U. Fields and other relatives of the city the past week. Mr. Baldwin drove from San Antonio to Rotan in 13 hours in his automobile, which is almost record-breaking time.

90 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1905

The county has a force of men and teams working on the streets this week with a road grader. The work is much needed and is a consummation of a long desired thing, thanks to the commissioner's court.

Mr. B. McAda left Saturday for Stamford with a load of broomcorn. He says it is worth \$70 per ton. Farmers in this area are badly in need of cotton pickers.

Mr. R.W. Herren was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Herren says he is not raising any cotton, but is devoting his efforts exclusively to stock farming.

Finnell salutes progress in speed limit reform

State Rep. Charles Finnell of Holliday hailed action by the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday in voting for repeal of federal speed limit authority, leaving the matter to the states.

"Now we are getting somewhere in Congress. It appears they are finally getting the message Texas sent in 1991," stated Finnell, the author of the state legislation urging its repeal and setting Texas' 4-lane divided highway at 65 mph.

As a result of the Finnell bill, Texas is the only state now poised to benefit at such time as the federal law has passed both houses of Congress and is signed into

federal law by the President. By this process the State of Texas will not have risked or lost any of their billions of federal dollars in the state budget.

Finnell stressed the necessity to keep pressure on the U.S. House Senate Conference Committee now adjusting differences between their two versions of the pending federal transportation bill. "The Texas Legislature realizes the needs of this state just a whole lot better than the U.S. Congress and federal bureaucracy." The state's rights advocate continued, "Texans can, and will, take care of Texas."

The pending federal

transportation bill repeal was included in the legislation designating a National Highway System, a 160,000 mile network of well-traveled roads that would get top priority for federal dollars and which must be passed before the end of the federal fiscal year next month. "It is essential that we complete the infrastructure of this country in order for us to remain a productive nation," Rep. Finnell said. "By enacting the national highway system, this nation will create for the 21st Century what the interstate highway system has made possible in the current century," Finnell concluded.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

The Paint Creek Senior Class would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all who supported our enchilada dinner on Sunday. With your help, it was a big success. Thank you.

Paint Creek Seniors

To the editor:

Dear Joyce,
I sure like the way you are making up the Free Press now. I love your column. My life at one

time was fairly bursting with pleasures, but as one gets older, friends and loved ones drop away and—pleasures too—until finally not many are left. But one pleasure is still there—getting the Free Press! I eagerly await each week and the coming of the next paper. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Jack Larned
"Class of '34"
San Antonio

To the editor:

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to everyone that donated to my retirement function. Because of their friendship and generosity, the retirement party was a great success.

I would also like to thank everyone for their friendship and cooperation displayed to me during my 27 years as a State Trooper. It was greatly appreciated.

James Davis



Well it's time to get on my soap box again and the topic is the elderly of the land, something that is close to my heart, since I am fast approaching that age. The column was prompted by the memorandum, concerning funding for the local nutrition program, that Florence Peden, director of ECC, brought to me on Monday. Florence was a little upset, to say the least, and who can blame her. We all should be upset.

Florence has six ladies on the payroll who depend on a weekly paycheck to help out with the meager Social Security checks they receive from the government. The center also provides meals for the elderly at a minimum cost three days a week. For some of these elderly people, who are unable to fix meals for themselves, it is the only decent meals they have to depend on.

It seems, according to the memorandum from West Central Texas Council of Governments, that the center is in danger of losing their funding, because the Texas Dept. on Aging may not receive federal allocation this year. The federal allocation comes from the Older Americans Act; and the House funding proposal for the Older Americans Act contains significant cuts which will impact state and local dollars.

When is this new Congress going to get the message? If they keep cutting benefits to the older Americans, there may be some big changes come next election day. Too many of the elderly of this nation are living at or below poverty level now. There are some that have relatives who help out, but there are those that have no relatives to help them or have relatives that won't help them. And there are a lot of elderly people who do without the proper medicine or food and clothing because they are too proud to ask for help or let anyone know they are having a hard time.

I can remember a time after my father had his heart attack already and was waiting for his Social Security disability to kick in, which was about six months; my parents were having a hard time making ends meet and they were too proud to ask for help from their children. And then one day, my mother called me and asked to borrow some money to pay a utility bill and I felt so ashamed because I had not even considered the fact that they might need some extra help at that time. From that day forward, I didn't wait for my parents to ask for help, I made a point of seeing that they had money for groceries and bills they needed to pay.

My parents were always there for their seven children when they needed them, they weren't rich, but we always had plenty to eat and lots of love and discipline. I know that many times when we were growing up, my parents did without many things that they needed to provide for us. My mother died eight years before my father, so he lived alone for awhile and then he came to live with me the last five years of his life. After he became sick, I found myself in a role reversal because of the meager Social Security check he received. There were many times that I did without much needed things to provide for him, but I have never regretted it for one minute.

It is time for the citizens of this country to protest the way the elderly of our land are being treated by our representatives in the federal government. Write your senators and representatives and protest the cuts in federal funding for senior benefits and programs.

A special thanks to Jack Larned for his nice letter. It's always good to hear from our readers.

I received a copy of the Sept. 1995 edition of the *Texas Dental Journal* this past week with a nice surprise in it. They had re-printed the article on Dr. William Kemp that I had written for our June 29th edition of *The Senior Quarterly*.

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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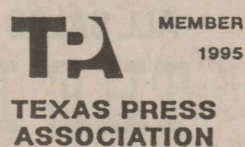
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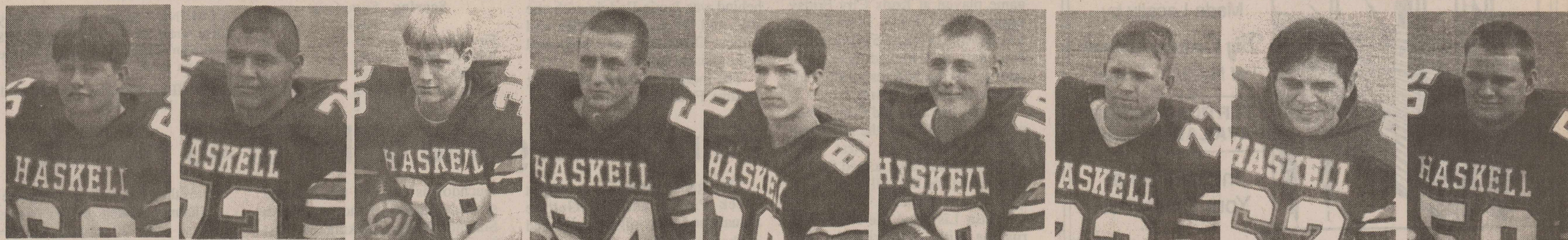
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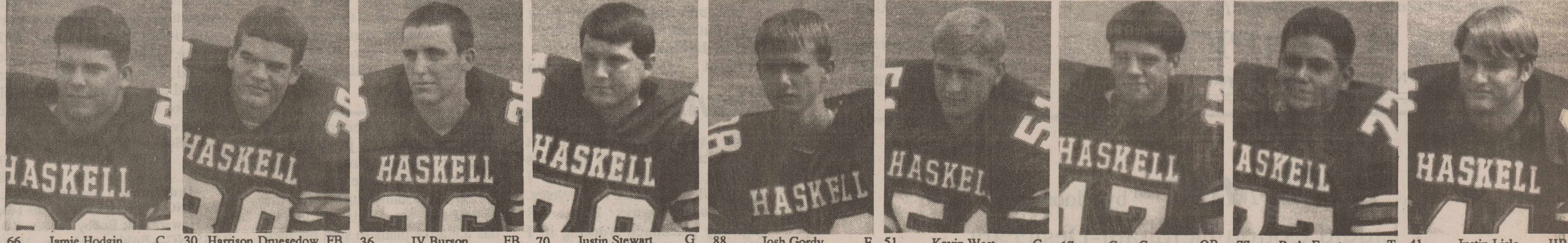
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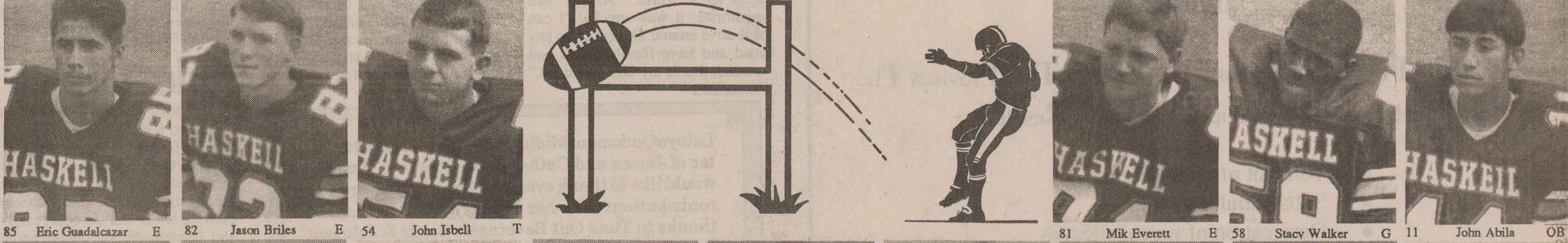
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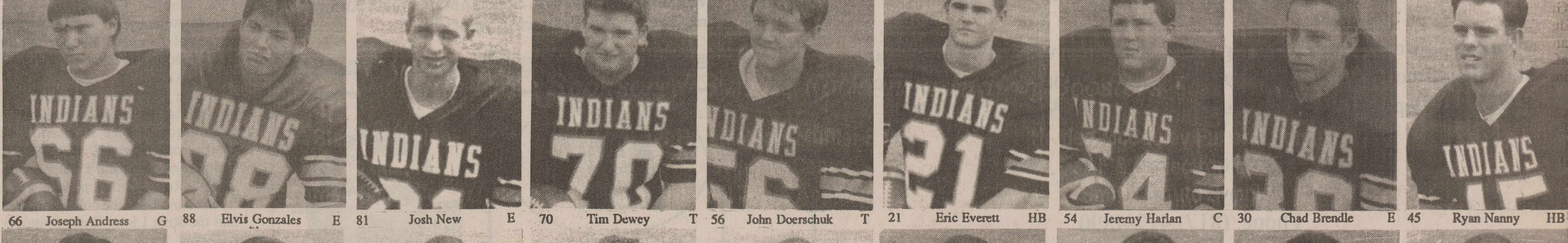
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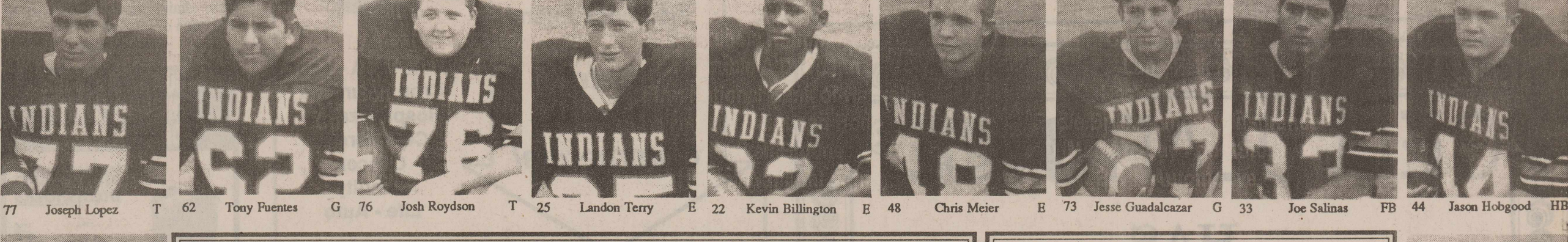
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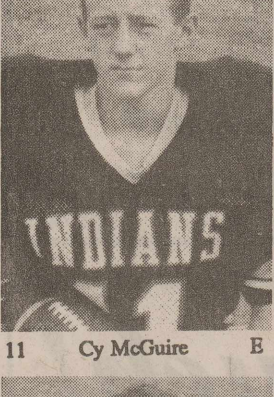
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1995-96 INDIAN COACHING STAFF - From left to right: Randy Waggoner, Mark Coffman, Head Coach Dwayne Gray, Bob Rapp, Kenneth Jowers and Jeff Howle.

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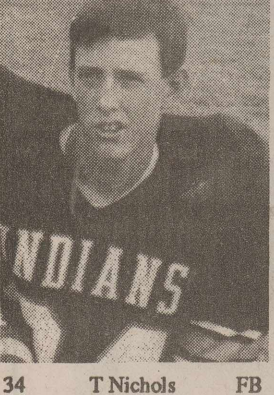
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Oct. 6	Baird	Here
Oct. 13	*Stamford	Here
Oct. 20	*Hamlin	There
Oct. 27	*Anson	Here
Nov. 3	*Hawley	Here
Nov. 10	*Rotan	There

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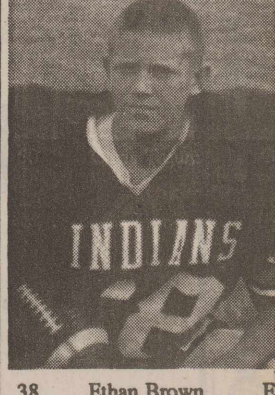
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Haskell Indians beat KC Greyhounds 35-14

The Haskell Indians gained a 28-7 lead over the Knox City Greyhounds in the first half of the game played at Knox City Friday night. Justin Lisle scored two touchdowns of 9 and 5 yards in the first half and kicked five extra points, making him responsible for 17 of Haskell's 35 points.

Turner Frierson and Cory Green were responsible for the other two touchdowns in the first half. Harrison Druesedow scored the last touchdown for Haskell in the third quarter of the game.

Justin Lisle led the Indians in rushing with 19 carries for 149 yards. Jace Yates had 18 carries for 78 yards and Cory Green had 11 carries for 77 yards.

Mik Everett was responsible for two catches for a total of 96 yards and Harrison Druesedow had one catch of 38 yards.

On the defensive side, Turner Frierson led the team with three solo and 10 assisted tackles. Close behind was Jamie Hodgins with one solo and 10 assisted tackles and Robert Ortiz with one solo and eight assisted tackles.

The Indians will meet Albany at Albany, Friday night at 8 p.m.

Score by Quarters		
Haskell	7 21 7 0	35
KC	7 0 0 7	14
Scoring Summary		
	Hask.	KC
First Downs	25	8
Rushing yds	352	134
Passing yds	127	11
Comp-Att-Int	3-6-1	2-12-1
Punts	2	5

Fumbles lost		
Haskell	1	2
KC	10-110	7-50

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Justin Lisle 19-149; Cory Green 11-77; Jace Yates 18-78; Harrison Druesedow 8-28; Turner Frierson 4-14.

CATCHES—Harrison Druesedow 1-38; Mik Everett 2-96.

Paint Creek game called at 40 pt. rule

The game between the Paint Creek Pirates and the Guthrie Jaguars on Friday night, was called in the fourth quarter of the game with 7:45 minutes left on the scoreboard because of the 40 point rule. Guthrie had gained a 58-13 lead on the Pirates.

Paint Creek's only two

touchdowns came in the first and second quarters of the game with Shannon Waters making the first touchdown of the evening in the first quarter and Jodie Reel responsible for the second touchdown in the second quarter of the game. Reel also caught the extra point pass which gave the

Pirates their last score in the game

Shannon Waters led the Pirates offense with 20 carries for 144 yards rushing. Bobbie Scheets attempted 10 passes with four completions. On the defensive side, Josh Howard was out in front with tackles, four solo and seven assisted; Shannon Waters, seven solo and three assisted; Jodie Reel, four solos and six assisted; and Eric Blair, five solos and three assisted.

Score By Quarters		
PC	6 7 0 0	13
Guthrie	14 8 30 6	58

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Shannon Waters 20-144; Josh Howard 2-4; Bobby Scheets 2-0.
PASSING—Bobby Scheets 10-4; Shannon Waters 6-2.

RECEIVING—Jodie Reel 3-74; Casey Thompson 1-20; Bobby Scheets 1-17; Josh Howard 1-10.

Rule Jubilee

The Rule Jubilee will be held Saturday, Sept 30, beginning at 3 p.m. at Slim Sorrells Park in Rule. Activities will include the Eastern Star cake walk, the Cub Scouts face painting, the Cheerleaders dunking booth and the coke, candy and homemade ice cream booth sponsored by the Act-teens from First Baptist Church in Rule. Cornerstone Home Healthcare of Rule will also have a booth and do free blood pressure checks from 3 until 5 p.m.

There will be entertainment beginning at 4:30 p.m. and a hamburger supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$2 will buy you a hamburger, chips and a drink.

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He said that his fondest memories of his patrol days was working the Stamford rodeo, "I helped with the parade for 27 years. There was always 15 to 18 highway patrolmen working it. I got to see patrolmen that I hadn't seen in a while." As for bad memories, it was wrecks. "I can still drive around the county on any road and have flashbacks of bad wrecks, that is my bad memories," Davis said.

As for his retirement plans, well right now, Davis is just enjoying relaxing and doing some fishing. He plans to do some traveling in the not so distant future. After the first of the year, Davis said that he has tentative plans to start his own "Private Processing Business."

Davis is the son of Alta Fay Field and the late Woodley Davis. He has one sister, Glenda Drinnon and three children, Jamie and Jerry Davis of Lubbock and Missy Davis of Fort Davis.

Latoya Oudems of Midland, the great-granddaughter of James and Catherine Whitaker of Haskell, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and contributions after her serious eye injury. Special thanks to Time Out Beverages, Boggs & Johnson Furniture, Marc and Melisa Robison, Mrs. William Kemp, Barbara's, Sport-About, Susie Kenan and James and Catherine Whitaker.

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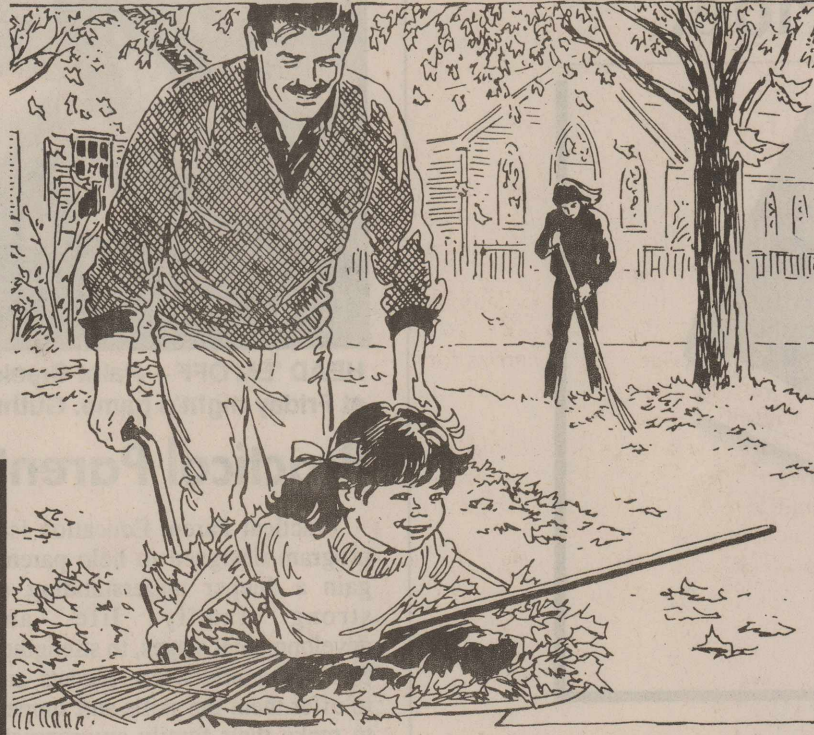
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—Kenneth Grahame



“Every man should
enjoy the good of
his labour, it is
the gift of God.”
—Ecclesiastes 3:13

THE LOVE OF GOD PROVIDES US WITH THE BLAZE OF AUTUMN

With the heat of the summer beginning to wane
And the signs of the year growing old,
Comes a season providing the frost and the rain
While the leaves change to scarlet and gold,
For a moment of glory before they turn brown
And descend to the earth everywhere,
As a cold gust of wind sends them fluttering down
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Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Tues. 6 p.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Werth Mayes, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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Welnert Methodist Church
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Welnert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowner
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Church of Christ
Jim Pratt, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6 p.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Rev. Truett Kuenstler
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
James P. Patterson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church
Carol Krumpston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Paint Creek United Methodist Church
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
Paint Creek

Paint Creek Baptist Church
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Paint Creek

First Baptist Church
Stewart Farrell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
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Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule

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Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

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Matt Herrington, pastor
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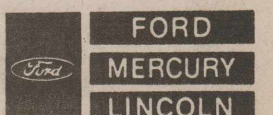
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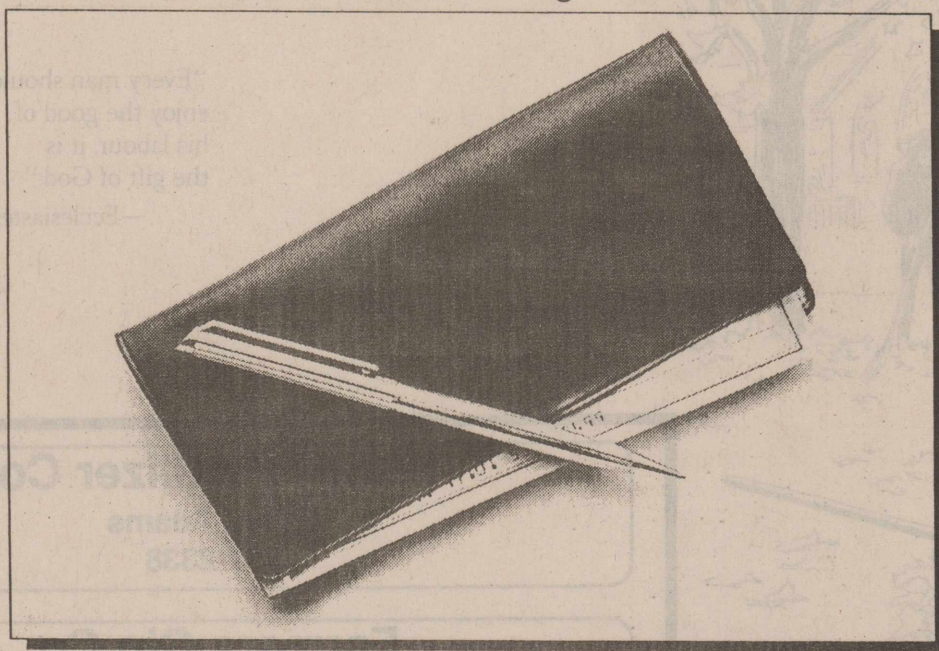
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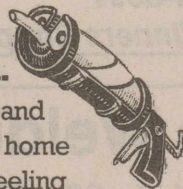
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Practical Parent program designed to help parents

Practical Parent Education is a program designed to help parents gain a deeper understanding of strong family life and developmental stages, to strengthen their self-confidence as parents, and to offer them the skills and support to make their family environment the best it can be.

Practical Parent Education workshops have been scheduled for twice a month beginning Oct. 3, and continuing through May. The sessions will be held the first and third Tuesday nights. The groups

will be sharing and exploring options in child rearing, focusing on various developmental stages or specific areas in parenting.

The sessions will start at 6 p.m. and last from an hour to one-and-a-half hours. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the nights in November will be the first and second Tuesdays. In January, the selected nights will be the second and the fourth Tuesdays. Other months will be the first and the third Tuesdays.

The programs are available to all area parents with children from birth to 18 years. The goal is to work in an informative nature to help parents learn more effective ways to nurture their children. The meetings will be held in the Haskell Elementary cafeteria. Free child care will be provided

if you contact the Elementary office in advance (one day before each session). The phone number is 864-2654. Leave your name and the number of children needing babysitting with the secretary.

The areas of interest include: Understanding your role as a parent; recognizing traits in a healthy family; responsibility and trust; communication; dealing with anger; building and maintaining self esteem in children and parents; understanding parenting and power; encouraging motivation in children; resolving homework issues; and dealing with stress.

Topics may be subject to change or their order may vary. Contact the school about attending various sessions and about child care. All sessions and child care are free of charge.

Kookin' Kids meet

The Kookin' Kids, a Junior 4-H Food Projects Group, met Sunday, Sept. 24, at the County Extension Office. Officers for the coming year were elected: President—Leslie Grand; Vice-President—Jessica Rieger; Secretary—Treasurer—Angela Brown; and Reporter—Bergen Peiser.

The girls used cookie cutters, baked sugar cookies and then ate them. They discussed the nutrients and ingredients. They also learned to clean up the mess after they were done.

The group will be meeting on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

Submitted by Leslie Grand

Joe Salinas

Haskell School Menu

Oct. 2-6 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Blueberry muffins

Wednesday: Pancake and sausage

Thursday: Donuts

Friday: Toast and jelly Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily on the lunch menu.

Monday: Steakfingers and gravy, cream potatoes, pea salad, hot rolls and fruit

Tuesday: Lasagna, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, fruit cocktail and crackers

Wednesday: Bar-b-que on bun, tator tots, pickles, onions, pork and beans and coconut cake

Thursday: Tuna, bologna and peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese slices, pickles, pork and beans and peach cobbler

Friday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, baked corn, bread and ice cream



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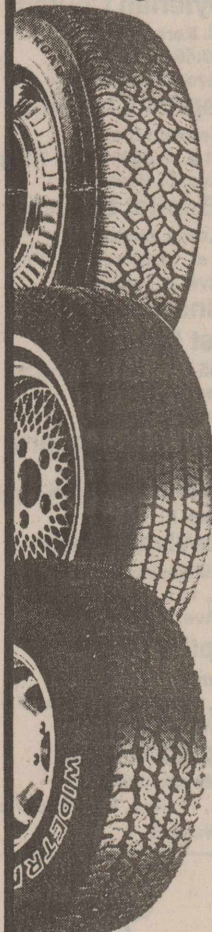
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Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Sausage and pancake on stick

Thursday: Biscuits/gravy and sausage

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with ham and cheese, salad bar or hamburger and fries, plus milk and tea are served daily at the high school on lunch menus. Milk and juice are served daily at the elementary school on lunch menus.

Monday: Beef and spaghetti, refried beans, tossed salad and apricot cobbler

Tuesday: Hamburger, french fries, hamburger trimmings and sliced spiced apples

Wednesday: Sliced turkey/gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, buttered hot rolls and orange half

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Friday: Submarine sandwich, tator tots, pickle spears and sunshine bars



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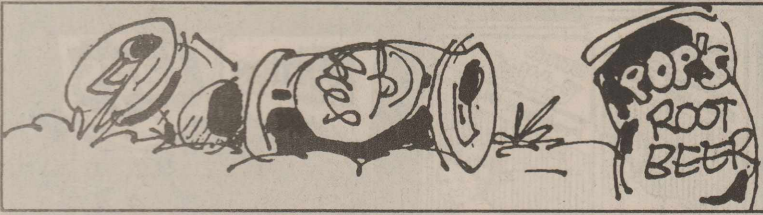
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VEGETABLE RESEARCH STATION OPEN HOUSE — State Representative David Counts (middle) was one of the many guests welcomed to the Open House celebration at the Texas A&M University Vegetable Research Station at Munday last Thursday. To the left of Counts is J.R. Cox and to the right is D.G. Bordovsky; both men are researchers with the Munday Experiment Station.

Large number attends Open House

Despite cool and wet weather, the Chamber of Commerce and the Texas A&M University Vegetable Research Station at Munday, were hosts to a large number of guests at an Open House, celebrating their 25th year of establishment, on Thursday, Sept. 24. A spokesman at the Research Station said that it was a very successful turnout with 80 or more guests registering during the afternoon.

Special guests included State Representative David Counts and Dr. Joe Bryant with the Texas A&M Department of Agriculture.

Posters and illustrations depicting the history of the Experiment Station were on display throughout the facility, and the Experiment Station scientists were on hand to discuss projects with the guests.

The facility, which was established in 1968 by the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Texas A&M, operates as a substation of A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon. After farmers and business people of Munday contributed funds, 50 acres

of land was purchased. Ten acres were designated as the building site and 40 acres of irrigated land was set aside as the research farm. The sites were deeded to A&M and the ground breaking ceremony was held Oct. 12, 1970.

In addition to work on vegetables, scientists and educators at the center have experimented with cotton, wheat, sesame, forage grasses and other crops that might be productive in the Texas Rolling Plains.

Planting a fall garden

For most people, it is still too hot. But believe it or not, there are folks who have braved the high temperatures and have transformed their spring garden into a fall garden.

Extension Horticulturist Dr. Frank Dainello says for those who have put off that hard work, it is already too late to plant tomatoes and peppers. He suggests planting cole crop vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, spinach and greens. And he says since it is still so hot, those may need to be started from transplant rather than seed. That will give them a better chance for survival.

But before planting, clear out

any leftovers and weeds from spring gardens. How much work has to be done depends on what condition the garden was left in after the spring harvest. Once the garden is cleaned out, it must be irrigated. Dainello advises to water slowly and frequently and do not use too much water at one time.

When the soil begins to dry out, till it and fertilize. Dainello says most gardens generally need a pound per hundred square feet. Once the soil is good and fertile, it is time to plant. The benefits should be reaped just in time for the holidays.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-Ag.

Darryl Hoover

Haskell Livestock Auction Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was a run of 655 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, Sept. 23, according to Gary Tate, reporter. The market was fully steady with last week.

Cows: fat, .28-.32; cutters, .30-.36; canners, .25-.34.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.46; feeder, .55-.65; utility, .40-.50.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .70-.85; 300-400 lbs., .65-.80; 400-500 lbs., .60-.75; 500-600 lbs., .58-.68; 600-700 lbs., .58-.66; 700-800 lbs., .57-.625; 800-up lbs., .50-.60.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .65-.75; 300-400 lbs., .57-.67; 400-500 lbs., .55-.65; 500-600 lbs., .55-.60; 600-up lbs., .48-.58.

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Monthly Calendar of Events

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Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 C.S.O. Pinning of New Members 7:30 p.m. Place TBA	2 Indian Booster Club 6:30 p.m. Athletic Complex	3	4	5 Haskell 7,8, JV at Baird 4:30 p.m.	6 Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming Haskell vs Baird Here 8 p.m.	7 Homecoming Continues Big Country Bands Marching Festival Wylie Stadium, Abilene
8	9 Indian Booster Club 6:30 p.m. Athletic Complex	10 P.L.A.N. Test for Sophomores Senior Parent Mtg. 7 p.m. HHS Auditorium	11	12 Haskell 7, 8, JV at Stamford 4:30 p.m.	13 *Haskell vs. Stamford Here 7:30 p.m.	14 SAT I & II Tests
15 FHA 10-Area Schools Mtg	16 Leadership Training HHS Campus Indian Booster Club 6:30 p.m. Athletic Complex	17	18 Jr. High & JV Pep Rally 3:35 p.m. Haskell 7, 8, JV vs Hamlin Here 4:30 p.m.	19	20 *Haskell vs. Hamlin Here 7:30 p.m.	21 PSAT Test UIL Region II Marching Contest Wylie Stadium Abilene
22 TAAS Exit Writing	23 Indian Booster Club Mtg. Athletic Complex 6:30 p.m.	24 PSAT Test	25 TAAS Exit Math	26 TAAS Exit Reading Haskell 7, 8, JV at Anson 4:30 p.m.	27 *Haskell vs. Anson Here 7:30 p.m.	28 ACT Test UIL Area Marching Contest Pennington Field Hurst-Euleless-Bedford
29	30 Indian Booster Club Mtg. Athletic Complex 6:30 p.m.	31				

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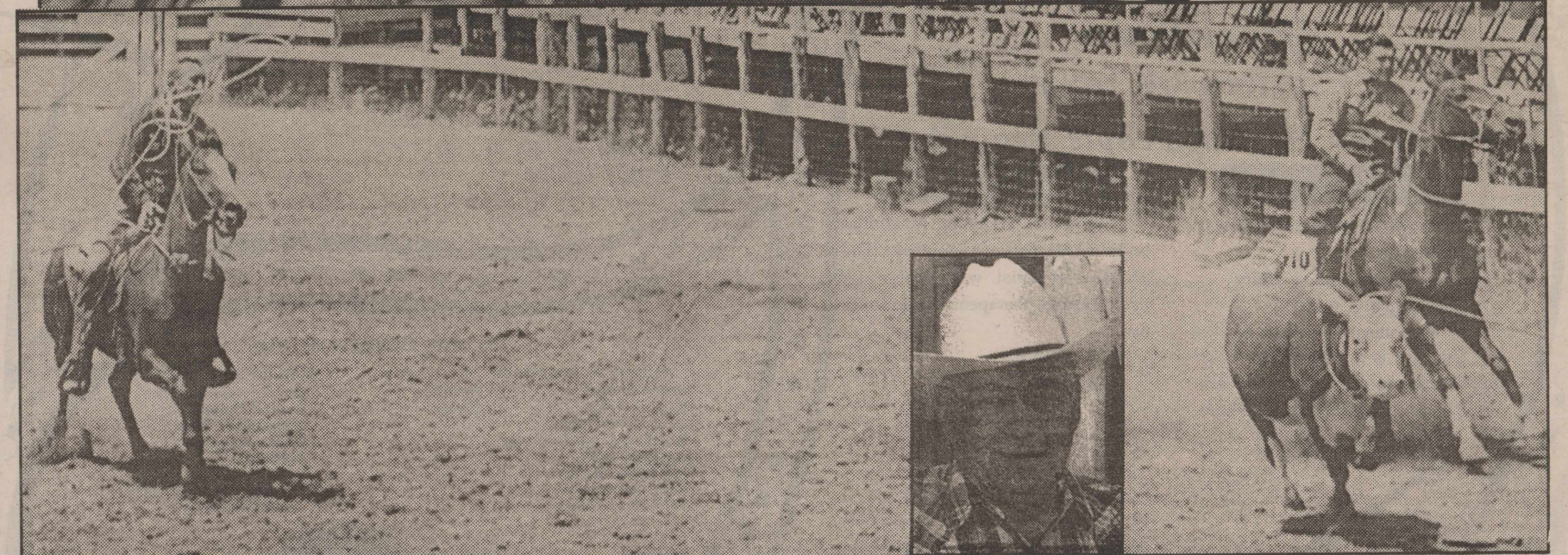
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Old cowboys never die.....



they just ride off into the sunset

Once a cowboy, always a cowboy. Two of our seniors featured in this edition recall some of their fondest memories of being a cowboy. In the top photo, A.B. McDonald stands next to his golden palomino, "Trigger," that he rode for 13 years. In the bottom photo, Howard Hopkins on the horse at the right of the picture ropes in the Double Mugging event at the Stamford rodeo with "Wild Swede" Swenson at the left of the picture.

"A Quarterly Publication for People 50 and Over"

A.B. McDonald considers himself a "hobby" cowboy

By Joyce Jones

Even though Arthur B. McDonald, has had a horse to ride since he was just a small child and has worked at cowboy day work off and on all of his life, he only considers himself as a hobby cowboy. McDonald said, "I love that kind of life, but it just never paid enough to make a living on."

McDonald was born in 1919 and has lived in Haskell County all of his life. He went to school at a little country school called Weaver School, located five miles southeast of Haskell.

McDonald said that he had a paint horse when he was a boy, "I always had a horse to ride and the neighbor boys and sometime the girls, would ride horseback with me to school. I knew everyone in that part of the county."

After finishing school, McDonald, with his horse, worked "Cowboy Day Work" on different ranches in the area. Then World War II came along and McDonald was forced to give up his cowboying for a while and serve a four year stint with Uncle Sam. But as soon as he returned home, you can bet on

what his first purchase was, a horse. "The first thing I bought when I got back was another horse," McDonald said.

McDonald was a carpenter by trade, but he continued to part-time cowboy along with his regular work. "I made every roundup over on the Baldwin Ranch in Stonewall County to help work cattle for twenty-five years. I helped the Hannz boys work cattle at their roundups on their ranch at Van Horn for five years.

"For 21 years, I helped put the calves out at our Haskell rodeo here at Haskell. I had one little horse, a golden palomino named Trigger. I rode him 13 years. He was a pleasure to ride."

McDonald is a lifetime member of the Old Timer's Association at Stamford and a director also. McDonald said, "I go every year to Stamford, I always rode in the cowboy parade."

McDonald met his wife, Frances, in 1936 on a blind date but they did not marry until December of 1940. "I would hitchhike to Rule to see her, but we were too poor to get married," he said.

Frances was born at Rule, her

grandfather had a store in Rule in 1905. During the war when Arthur was away, she clerked at retail shops in Haskell, but most of her married life was spent in the greatest job there is, that of a wife, mother and homemaker.

The couple have lived in the same house for 50 years. They will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in December. They have two children, Linda Westbury of Lubbock and Arthur B. McDonald Jr. of Keller. They also have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They are members of the First United Methodist Church.

McDonald sums up his love of cowboy life, "I could rope an old cow in the pasture, but never roped professionally; I never rode any broncs, but I have had a horse or two fall on me over the years.

One of my friends told me that I was a hobby cowboy. I enjoyed it. There is nothing like the great outdoors and a good horse. It's good for your health and soul. In 1994, I had heart surgery and had to give up horses and riding. Now, I'm an old timer with lots of good cowboy memories, memories that I treasure."



A.B. AND FRANCES McDONALD

From the pages of the Oct. 10, 1935 Warhoop

THE 1935 SQUAD OF THE HASKELL HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS



First Row: Jim Crawford, 148, Backfield; Len McMillin, 138, Fresh-160, Senior, Tackle; Bill Reeves, 145, Junior, Backfield; Ernest McMillan, Soph., Backfield; John Guest, 120, man, Backfield. Senior, Guard; Lloyd McMillin, 150, 183, Senior, Center; John Kimbrough, 196, Junior, Backfield; Jack Freshman, Backfield; Joe Maples, Soph., Center; Robert Thompson, man, Guard; Duffer Crawford, 145, Kimbrough, 177, Senior, Backfield; Jr., 111, Freshman, Guard; Claude Warren, 118, Soph., Backfield; Jack 168 Soph., End; Thomas Kaigler, Junior, Tackle. S. A. Moser 155, Senior, End; Carl Simmons, 110, Freshman, Tackle; 130, Senior, End; Eugene Rose, 142, Third Row: James Roy Akins, 145 Henshaw 149, Soph., End; Marvin Eugene Rogers, 130, Freshman, Senior, Guard; Robert Wheatley, Junior, Tackle; Albert Barnett, 153, Huff, 186, Junior, Tackle.

Recycling a summer

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got the right pitch on his tuning fork one last time and led us in a chorus of "Till We Meet Again." Reluctantly, we said goodbye to friends that we wouldn't be seeing every day again until school began.

On our way home, Jack got sick in the car and Daddy had to stop to let him throw up. Too much sun, "keepies" and chicken gizzards, I guess. (But, I suspected it had more to do with the certainty of a stern lecture when he got home). "Son, it does look like you could learn," Daddy said, when Jack crawled back into the car.

With face white, except for a few freckles and a little round sunburned spot on each cheek, Jack held his head and stomach and weakly moaned, "I sure did enjoy the all day dinner and singing on the ground." Mama laughed at that, her brown eyes sparkling and her vexation melting away in sympathy for the impetuous boy as she handed him her handkerchief.

Daddy, who by nature and necessity dealt with practical, weighty matters, such as tangible value received for hard-earned money spent, calculated the worth of the meeting. Dividing the total amount of contributions by the number of baptisms, he said, "Well, we had a pretty good two weeks." Then authoritatively clearing his throat as if clearing up the evaluation, he turned into the driveway to put the Chevy in the car shed until the next Sunday.

Today, I realize that the

person I am, at any given point in time, is a cumulative composite molded from everything I have experienced in every part of my life, combined with and assimilated by my own innate aptitude and capacities. I am the sum of all these parts.

Although customs, circumstances and concepts change with time, all of the parts continue to contribute in some way. In the ever-circling, recycling nature of

life, the value of a thing can never be fully assessed, understood or finalized. On whatever level or by whatever standard the worth of that small segment of time might be measured; whatever its value may have been for others, for the enrichment of my understanding and my summer then, and for the enrichment of my understanding and my memory now, it was, indeed, priceless.

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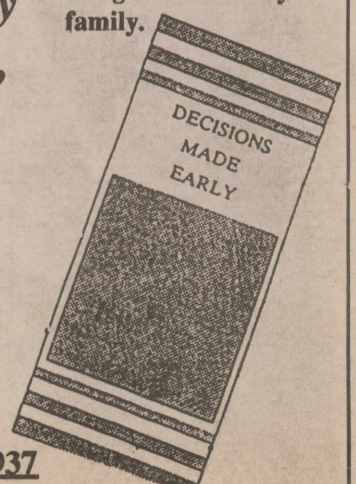
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From the pages of the 1935 Warhoop

Senior Class Elects Officers

The Senior Class organization for the coming year was held on Sept. 18, 1935. They were very enthusiastic and entered into the election of the officers with pride. We are glad to have Miss Vick and Mr. Wimbush as our class sponsors.

The following officers were elected:

President—Jack Kimbrough.
Vice President—Bill Reeves.
Treasurer—Tom Clifton.
Secretary—Helen Ballard.
Reporter—Gayle Roberts.

Our class motto, colors, and committees will be elected later.

There were two names omitted last week from the senior class roll, Artie Phippen and Rose Cousins.

Our School Song

Does Haskell High School have a song? You bet we do, and we're proud of it! Every time we sing it we feel a sense of loyalty. But every year we have new students and naturally they don't know the words to it, so it's for their benefit that we publish these words to the "High School Song."

"Our praises unto thee we sing, Haskell High, dear Haskell High. Our talents unto thee we bring, Haskell High, dear Haskell High. In friendship, love and loyalty, We pledge allegiance now to thee, And true to thee, we'll ever be, Haskell High, dear Haskell High."

Freshman Class '35-'36 Organized

Mr. Sullivan and Miss Camp, class sponsors, called a Freshmen Class meeting Thursday afternoon Sept. 19, 1935, to organize for 1935-36.

They elected the following officers:

Jim Bob Webb, president.
Madge Leon, vice president.
Wynona Frances Post, secretary.
Eva Jo Ratliff, historian.
Paul Roberts, reporter.

There were no further plans discussed, and they adjourned indefinitely.

Sophomore Class Meeting Held

Friday afternoon the Sophomores had their first class meeting of the year. This meeting was expressly for the purpose of electing officers. The following sophomores will hold indicated positions:

President—Bob McAnulty.
Vice President—Joe Isbell.
Secretary—Frankie Dorris Bledsoe.
E. T. A. Representative—Martelle Clifton.
Treasurer—Naomi Barnett.
Reporter—Marvina Post.

Junior Class Elects Officers

The Junior Class of Haskell High School, sponsored by Mr. Richey and Mrs. Wimbush, met Wednesday, Sept. 18, to organize. The following officers were elected:

President—Annie Barnett.
Vice President—Duffer Crawford.
Secretary—Elsie Gholson.
Treasurer—Helen Mable Baldwin.
Reporter—Mary Eleanor Diggs.

This class, Juniors of '35 and '36, is the class to watch if you want to see life. The Juniors are happy to have many new students in the class and we are sure this group of boys and girls will set the pace for the entire Haskell High.

On the Junior roll are:
James Roy Akins, J. C. Allen, Delmon Bailey, Helen Mable Baldwin, Albert Barnett, Annie Barnett, Don Barnett, Margaret Breedlove, Geraldine Conner, Elva Couch, Duffer Crawford, Winnie Darnell, Eleanor Diggs, Thomas Lee Donohoo, R. V. Earls, C. T. Fields, Elsie Gholson, Beverly Gilbert, Audra Lee Guinn, H. J. Hambleton, Jack Harris, W. B. Harrison, Addie Lee Hays, Marvin Huff, Enoria Jenkins, Thomas Kaigler, John Kimbrough, Kathryn Kinney, Frank Kirkpatrick, Corene Laird, Muri Lancaster, Lee Roy Laffar, Earnest McMillan, Oneita McLennon, Henrietta Mapes, Lillie Maud Martin, Brantley Massie, Jessie Roy Miller, Fred Morgan, Nannie Patterson, Woodrow Perrin, Marie Rhodes, Faye Riley, Edwin Roberts, Grace Rose, Lowell Shelton, Louetta Stanford, Florene Stodghill, Ruby Strickland, Lottie Mae Thompson, Mayre Lena Tubbs, Stanley Tucker, Billy Vogelsang, Catherine Wair, J. J. Williamson, Golda Wood, Ruth Woodson.

Gypsy Ramblers Go Into Action

Last Thursday afternoon the first meeting of the Gypsy Ramblers Club was held, with our new president, Mary Eleanor Diggs, presiding. Committees were appointed to make the curtains for our dressing room and also three girls were appointed for each week in the year to keep the room neat and clean. Several girls were assigned the position as "Cub Scrubbing Committee." Their duty is to dust and clean the trophies, which are black with tarnish, and also clean the case. We feel this will help the appearance of the hall a great deal.

After our business was over we discussed an all day hike for Saturday, Sept. 21.

The club expects to do great things this year from both a social and business standpoint, and we know everything we attempt to do will be a great success if every member cooperates and does her part.

PTA Reception for the Teachers

On last Thursday evening on the High School campus, a reception was tendered the teachers by the three Parent-Teachers Associations; the High School, the South Ward, and the North Ward.

Their presidents are, respectively, Mrs. J. B. Post, Mrs. Wayne Koonce and Mrs. D. H. Persons.

Three new teachers have been added to the faculty this year, who are Misses Clara Wech, Helen May Camp and Willie Riley. The receiving line, including the teachers, their husbands or wives, and the school board members, was headed by Mrs. T. R. Odell. Mrs. Odell is the fifth chairman of Thirteenth district and she gave the welcome address which was responded to by Supt. Breedlove.

Music was rendered throughout the reception by the Haskell Municipal Band. The Home Economics girls served cake and punch to the guests.

Many high school students and teachers were in Abilene Friday night and witnessed the football game between Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons. Among them were Coach and Mrs. Richey, and Jack and John Kimbrough.

Traveling Along

It seems to be either a game or a habit for the bus-riders to come in on Wiseman's truck. Things happen to the old bus; nevertheless they get there, though sometimes late.

The new bus will be here before this appears in print. Some of the passengers have been in suspense, as they want a change. Perhaps it will be a change for the worse, for the remark was made that they might have to study more, getting there earlier, you know.

The fool wonders, the wise man asks.
—Benjamin Disraeli

Haskell High School Growth Recalled

High School has always been to most of us just as it is now, but it seems that our predecessors did not attend a school as nicely equipped as it now is.

Once, high school was taught in the North Ward school building. In 1921 the present attractive building was erected, due to the efforts of C. C. Minatra, superintendent, and O. E. Patterson and R. V. Robertson, President and Secretary respectively of the School Board at that time. Other members of the Board at that time were F. T. Sanders, Dr. O. M. Guest, Hardy Grisom, John A. Couch, Roy Weaver, J. Dyer was engaged as contractor, and Geo. F. Campbell as architect.

But with the completion of the building the beautification program was not yet finished. Mr. R. C. Couch did much to further add to the attractiveness by urging the planting of trees, flowers, and grass on our campus. Sidewalks were laid also.

The story of how these sidewalks were laid is a whole story within itself. By donating a small amount to the building fund, people were given the honor of having their names placed on the sidewalks, thus providing the school today with sidewalks without expense to the school board or town.

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There is of course but one "best school" and that is the one in which we have been students. Our own school, no matter what others may think, is to us, the best school of all. It is the land of youth and dreams, before we flow into the stream of our professions. It is here we begin to look forward to our futures, and to think of what is in store for us.

School days bring to us our daily foes and friends—our joys and sorrows, the knocks and bruises; yet we love it all. The joy of going to school is one that we shall cherish and recall throughout our lives. It is one of fellowship and cooperation among the student body.

To speak of fame is only a venture, but we may face the centuries and dare the tide, yet the memories of our school days will linger on.

"We'll love and honor our school, For its the best school of all. We'll honor yet the rule, Till the last bell call. For working days or holidays, The glad or melancholy days, They are great days and jolly days. At the best school of all."

School Trophies Now in New Case

For several years we have been the proud possessors of a very nice trophy case which, with glass sides and plush-lined back, made an attractive setting for our numerous silver loving cups—the tokens of our past victories and achievements.

Much to our regret, however, this case could not be kept in the hall where it could be seen at all times, on account of the crowded condition of our halls and the constant danger of breaking the glass. So in order that our trophies might be more fittingly and proudly displayed, a new case has been made in the wall, replacing some lockers just beneath the clock. Finishing work has recently been done, and now the cups are in place, where all may view them as they enter the building by the main entrance. Newly polished and gleaming in their lovely new case, these trophies speak to us of the loyalty of former students, and thrill us with aspiration. We'll be putting more trophies there in our turn, won't we, students?

Reducing crime aimed at Texas Senior Citizens

By Att. Gen. Dan Morales

The fastest growing segment of our population consists of persons who are 60 years of age and older. The effect of this growth is that an increasing number of senior Texans are living alone, burdened by one of the nation's highest poverty rates. They face soaring, out-of-pocket health care expenses and a rising vulnerability to the schemes of unscrupulous con artists.

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Our elder Law and Public Health Division serves senior Texans by investigating and prosecuting businesses that defraud them, by filing lawsuits against nursing homes and personal care homes that neglect their residents and by providing useful information on subjects of concern to senior Texans.

The division's primary areas of litigation involve the psychiatric care industry, fraudulent schemes directed at

seniors, long-term care facilities and civil enforcement of health care statutes.

Stopping fraud against seniors

The division works to identify and aggressively prosecute those who cheat or deceive the elderly. In cooperation with our Consumer Protection Division, it files lawsuits under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and mediates disputes with businesses. The division is a storehouse of expertise on issues affecting the elderly, providing information and assistance to the public, the Legislature and other state agencies.

The Elder Law and Public Health Division focuses its legal and educational efforts on:

- Ensuring quality treatment in nursing homes and personal care homes in cooperation with the Texas Dept. of Human Services.
- Monitoring the advertising and sale of insurance and retirement-oriented investments, financial planning services, estate planning and legal services which target senior Texans.
- Monitoring the advertising

and sale of home improvements, medical devices and other services and products that target seniors.

Cooperative crime prevention programs

The Office of the Attorney General participates in TRIAD, a community policing movement that concentrates on preventing crime against senior Texans. On the national level, TRIAD is a co-operative effort of the National Sheriffs Association,

the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). On the local level, the program brings together senior groups, police departments and sheriff's offices.

Each partnership of a law enforcement agency and a senior group is guided by a volunteer council called SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together). The SALT Council decides what services or programs TRIAD

will offer, recruits volunteers and oversees the results. The program is flexible, adaptable, low-cost, simple and very effective.

For more information about TRIAD, SALT or any of the services of the Elder Law and Public Health Division, call 512-936-1300. You can also call our toll free line at 800-621-0508 or contact your regional Attorney General Consumer Protection Division office.

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Writing is Mary Kaigler's favorite retirement hobby

By Joyce Jones
 Mary Kaigler said that she had always planned to write children's books when she retired, but so far she hasn't gotten around to it. However, she has written free-lance feature articles for *The Haskell Free Press* on occasion and wrote a column, *From the Inside Out*, from 1990 to 1994. This edition of *The Senior Quarterly* features one of Mary's articles.
 Mary said that she loves to

write and always has, even when she was in high school, but never seemed to find the time before she retired. "Now I have a studio in the garage apartment and I love to go out there and spend time writing."
 Mary also enjoys working crossword puzzles, because she likes to learn about words. She said that both she and her husband, Tom work crossword puzzles. "We spend together time each morning on the patio

with our coffee and the crossword puzzles that are in the *Abilene-Reporter News*. Then on Sunday afternoon, we get the paper down and I work the big crossword and he works the Texas crossword."
 Mary, who is 70, was born in Bell County and was raised in Abernathy, where she attended school. After graduating from high school, she moved to Lubbock to work. It was there in Lubbock that she met her future husband, Tom. After the two of them married, they lived in Lubbock and Midland and then moved to Austin where they lived for ten years before retiring and moving here to Haskell.

Tom worked for the Tom's Peanut Co. for over 20 years as a distributor and Mary worked as a decorating consultant for Sherwin-Williams for many years. She transferred with the company from Midland to Austin when she and Tom moved there. Before going to work for Sherwin Williams, she had been employed with Sears, Roebuck and Co. as a bookkeeper.

Mary said that moving to Haskell has been a good move for them, "Moving to Haskell has been the best thing to do. We didn't want to retire in a city, so when Tom retired, we started looking at small towns and small communities on lakes. We had been up here in Haskell visiting and on the way home, I told Tom that we should retire and move to Haskell. He said that it suited



MARY KAIGLER

him fine and it suited me also, I feel right at home here. We began looking for a place to live and found this house and I loved it; it has my name written all over it. We've really enjoyed it."

Mary and Tom have traveled some; they have been to Europe once, together, which included visiting England, Scotland, Ireland and France. Mary has made the trip twice. They have also traveled to Hawaii.

They try to keep busy as well as enjoy their retirement; they do volunteer work at the Experienced Citizens Center one week each month and also play

84 twice a week with a group. Both are football fans, but Mary said that most of her spare time is spent in writing and that Tom likes to do yard work.

The couple has one daughter, Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker, Ph.D, who is a Professor and Chair of the Marketing Dept. at Woodbury University in Los Angeles, Calif. She graduated from Texas Tech and received her Doctorate from the University of Ohio at Columbus. She taught many years at the University of Texas in Austin, and then at West Texas State in San Marcos before moving to California.

Mary and Tom are active members of the First United Methodist Church, where she teaches an adult Bible class, chairs the Worship Committee and is a member of the Ruth Circle and the Administrative Council.

Since moving to Haskell in 1985, Mary has served on the Board of Directors of Haskell Memorial Civic Center and the City Parks and Recreation Board. She has chaired the Haskell County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Haskell County Keep Texas Beautiful. She is a Past-President of the Progressive Study Club and the Haskell Garden Club. She is currently the 2nd Vice-President of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Mesquite District.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.

—Wilson Mizner

Graduating classes from out of the past

Editor's note: Because this edition of *The Senior Quarterly* is being printed a week before homecoming, we are featuring some graduating classes from 1935, 1940 and 1945 and also some features from the school newspaper, *The Warhoop* in 1935. Hope you enjoy it.

1935 45 SENIORS ARE GRADUATED HERE

Ava Grindstaff Wins Place As Honor Student; Years Work Successful

Forty-five seniors of the Haskell High School took part in the graduation exercises at the close of the year's school work. The Baccalaureate Services were held at the First Christian Church Sunday morning with Rev. C. A. Tucker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church delivering the sermon, using as his subject "The Law of Liberty." The musical program was in charge of the Harmony Club.

The Commencement program was held at the First Christian Church Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock with Hon. Earnest E. Sanders, Port Worth attorney and a former graduate of the Haskell High School delivering the address to the class.

Honor graduates were announced, with first place going to Miss Ava Grindstaff and second to Miss Beatrice Wheeler. The following composed the class who received their diplomas Monday evening.

Clifford Covell Adkins, Alton Lyndell Anderson, Hulen Atchison, Noma Maydell Barnett, Robert Edwin Bledsoe, Leta Viola Burson, Era Cass, Vera Cass, Robert Elvic Couch, Lois Beatrice Davis, Woodrow Wilson DeShongh, Lorena M. Druessedaw, Thomas Crockett English, Jno. E. Fouts, Jr., Ava Allene Grindstaff, Ira Gordon Hallmark, Lewis Boyd Hamilton, Dorothy Angelina Herren, Geraldine Virginia Hunt, Carl Crivington Maples, Jr., Edith Sara Moody, Mamie Louise McAnulty, Vida Lee Nichols, William Clovis Norton, Dorsie Virgle Oliphant, Loree O'Neal, Alberta Geneva Orr, Frances Maxine Quattlebaum, Frances Louise Roberds, J. R. Roberts, Frederick Taswell Sanders, Jr., Dorothy Faye Sego, Hugh Quintan Shelley, Lee Osborne Stodghill, Faye Strickland, Mary Ben Trammell, Winston Maurice Watson, Windsor Fletcher Wells, Howard Payne Whatley, Audrey Beatrice Wheeler, Billy Williams, Virginia Gladys Williams, Mildred O'Dell Williamson, Woodrow Wilson Wiseman, Edith Lorene Wright.

1940 H.H.S. CLOSING EXERCISES HELD SUNDAY, MONDAY

Fifty - Two Members Compose 1940 Graduating Class

Annual graduation exercises of Haskell High School were held at the First Christian Church Sunday and Monday, May 26-27, bringing to a close the successful school year of 1939-40, and the

high school career of fifty-two young men and women, members of the 1940 Senior Class.

Program for the Vesper Service, observed Sunday morning, was as follows:

Proclamation — Mrs. Marvin H. Post.
 Invocation—Rev. James T. McKissick, minister First Christian Church.

Song, "Holy, Holy Holy"—Harmony Club.
 Scripture Reading — Supt. C. B. Breedlove.

Anthem, "Lift Thine Eyes" — Harmony Club.
 Sermon, "God's Chief Creation" — Rev. Clifford W. Williams, minister First Presbyterian Church.

Anthem, "Prayer Perfect" — Harmony Club.
 Benediction — Rev. H. R. Whatley, minister First Baptist Church.

Recessional — Mrs. Marvin H. Post.

Graduation exercises were held Monday evening, with the program as follows:

Proclamation — Martha Maxine Post.
 Invocation — Dr. George C. French, minister First Methodist Church.

Riano Solo — Mary Lou Johnson Josselet.
 Clarinet Solo — Hassell Eugene Hunter, accompanist Jean Conner.

Student Addresses: "Youth and Education"—Ethel Rebecca Couch.
 "Choosing a Vocation" — Paul Arnold Kuenstler.

"Youths' Place In The Community"—Buster Frederick Fay Gholson.
 "Youth In The World of To-

morrow" — Geraldine Leatrice Wheeler.

Vocal Solo—Jean Conner; accompanist, Mary Lou Johnson Josselet.

Presentation of Diplomas and Awards—Supt. C. B. Breedlove.
 Benediction — J. G. Malphurs, minister Church of Christ.

Recessional — Martha Maxine Post.

Following presentation of diplomas to members of the Senior Class, awards for the two outstanding students, based on scholarship, citizenship and sportsmanship, were announced by Supt. Breedlove. Recipient of the Lions Club award was Paul Arnold Kuenstler, and Miss Jean Conner was presented the Haskell Free Press award. Both students have maintained high scholastic records.

Honor graduates in the 1940 Class were: First, Geraldine Leatrice Wheeler; second Jean Conner.

Commencement exercises will be held in the High School auditorium Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when diplomas will be presented 48 members of the Senior Class in person, and in absentia to two Seniors now serving in the armed forces.

Student addresses will be given by Hartsell Johnson, Margaret Sholl, Horace Crawford and Sue Ratliff.

Connor Horton, High School Principal, will present the diplomas, Supt. J. Cleo Scott will make the presentation of awards.

Members of the 1945 Senior Class are:

Charles Adams, Jack Atkins, Sarah Arbuckle, Dean Bartlett, Dick Bischofhausen, Harwell Chatwell, Alene Coffield, Billy Ray Connally, Lucile Covey, Wallace Cox, Horace Crawford, Leon

Dodson (in Armed Forces) Hartsell Everett, Tommy Ray Foster, Joan Fowler, Jimmie Lou Free, Mary Eva Frierson.

Lynn Gregory, Annie Claude Hall, Wallace Henshaw (in Armed Forces), Joyce Holloway, Billy Boyd Howeth, Doris Humphrey, Marie Ivy, Hartsell Johnson, Lloyd Kennedy, Olen King, Dalton Kirby, Bobby Beth Lewis, Julia Ann Marlow, Ruby Grace McKelvain, Margaret Parks, Earlene Pearsey, Alfred Pierson.

Sue Ratliff, Bobby Jean Reynolds, Wilburn Rhoads, Mary Frances Rousseau, Lawrence Seebig, Margaret Sholl, Earl Smith, Jason Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, Marion Stone, Jack Thornton, Mary Lou Webb, Gerald Welch, Ray Connally, Lucile Covey, Wallace Cox, Horace Crawford, Leon

 Education is what you have left over after you have forgotten everything you have learned.
 —Anonymous

 It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers
 —James Thurber

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- Choose a home health agency to provide these services.

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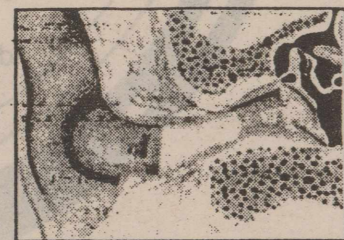
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Stewarts honored for nursery care at First Baptist Church

By Joyce Jones

E.J. and Elizabeth Stewart were recently presented plaques of appreciation and service for their work in the nursery at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Forty-seven years for Elizabeth who is 78 and forty-five years for E.J. who is 81; a total of ninety-two years of labor - a labor of love and caring for this couple.

Elizabeth takes care of the tiny babies to the walking stage toddlers in the nursery and E.J. takes care of the two and three-year-old toddlers. They have cared for three generations of church members. They are now caring for the grandchildren of some of their first nursery children back in the 50s. Elizabeth said, "We get real attached to those little ones and then it's sad when they get older and move on."

Elizabeth is originally from Haskell County, her grandfather Cobb came to this the part of the country in the 1800s and settled on Scott's Crossing. He established the Cobb Ranch and

as the family grew and branched out, they made their homes there on the ranch. Eventually there was so many of them, they had to build their own school. Elizabeth attended the Cobb Ranch school in her elementary grades and then attended high school in both Haskell and Stamford.

E.J. was born in Lamar County and later moved to Vernon. He and Elizabeth were both working at Convair Aircraft (now known as General Dynamics) in Fort Worth during World War II when they met. He worked as a general machinist and she worked in the payroll department. They married on October 25, 1945 and later moved to Haskell in 1946.

After moving to Haskell, E.J. opened a shop and operated a motor service for thirty years. After the big flood in 1978, he went to work with North Central Texas Water Authority at Miller Creek, where he worked for 14 years until his retirement.

Elizabeth served as the County Tax Collector for

nineteen years and then worked for the Haskell CISD as a secretary at the elementary school for 16 years until her retirement.

E.J. joined the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department in 1950 and was appointed Fire Chief in 1993, a position he still holds. He said that he liked to fish, but hasn't had much time lately, because of having to put in so much time at the Fire Department and also being actively involved in civic work in the community.

The couple are active sports fans and supports the Haskell Indian football and basketball teams. "We make all the games that we are able to," said E.J.

E.J. was a member of the old Industrial Board in Haskell and was instrumental in getting the Haskell Livestock Auction here. He said, "I've seen a lot of changes over the years, most of them good. We have one of the best little towns in West Texas." Elizabeth echoed his sentiments, "We have some lovely people here."



ELIZABETH AND E.J. STEWART

Help available for Big Country seniors

If you are a Big Country resident sixty years or older and have a question about Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, SSI, Social Security Disability, or legal issues concerning advance directives, the Area Agency on Aging can provide free confidential help. This program is called Benefits Counseling and it provides health information, counseling, and assistance for older Texans.

If you need help with your benefits or feel that you might be eligible for assistance but do not know how to apply, the Area Agency on Aging can put you in contact with a Volunteer Benefits Counselor in your area. Volunteers are trained to assist individuals sixty and over

to better understand Medicare, Medicaid, explore Medicaid eligibility and apply for benefits. Volunteers are also trained to help individuals review and organize doctor and hospital bills, as well as provide information about advance directives such as the "Living Will" or "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care."

If you need help with your benefits, or feel that you might be eligible for assistance but do not know how to apply, the Area Agency on Aging can assist you. For more information about the program, please contact Jena Price, Benefits Counselor, at 1-800-928-2262 or 915-672-8544.

Wherever we are, it is but a stage on the way to somewhere else, and whatever we do, however well we do it, it is only a preparation to do something else that shall be different.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

The bird of paradise alights only on the hand that does not grasp.

—John Berry

Recycling a summer

By Mary L. Kaigler

As the last cars drove away, July dust began to settle around the quiet tabernacle as if, with this day over and done, it already waited for another one. There would be other days here, but this as the one I would remember. Here, against the backdrop of this place and time, I had discovered within myself the awakening of a new dimension of understanding, and the beginning of a deeper, wider view of God.

"All day singing and dinner on the ground," was the highlight at the end of our church's protracted meeting, which was itself the highlight of our summer social life. With not much beyond routine to break up the long vacation after fourth grade, I anticipated the fun of going some place each night for two weeks and a whole day at the end.

It was 1934 B.C. (Before Coolers). Being uncomfortably hot was just a fact of summer life, and looking fresh and unwilted was a challenge.

Planning ahead, Mama began to sew in early June, making some cool, cotton print dresses to wear to the coming church services. She mixed up a batch of glycerin and rose water for her hands and arms, hoping to erase the signs of gardening and canning. Making her Easter "permanent-wave" last as long as possible, she spent a sweltering day the week before the meeting wired up to the machine at Bernie Veo's Beauty Shop having her fine-textured, black hair curled in a new "do." When she broke open the paper seal on the new box of Avon dusting powder, she'd saved for the revival, its sweet lavender fragrance floated through the house, competing with the inevitable Saturday-night scent of kids scrubbed for Sunday with Lifebouy soap.

The services were held under the big, open-sided community tabernacle located just off the main downtown street. Cardboard hand-fans, furnished by the Funeral Homes in Lubbock, mercifully kept summer-parched breezes and bugs moving with a constant fluttering.

Pulpit pounding sermons were long, direct and dire in pronouncements and prediction of hell-fire for the faithless and rest for the weary faithful. It was a no-holds-barred fight against sin; a no-frills, scripture quoting rendering of old time religion, leaving no room for any listener to question what to do to be saved.

Strains of the invitation song urged, "Oh, Why Not Tonight?," and the sad thought of being

"Almost Persuaded," but lost, lifted chill bumps on the conscience of the most erring and the most innocent alike.

Hearts were convinced, confessions were made, and converts were raised from the waters of Bro. Vineyard's earthen stock tank to walk in "newness of life." As friends and family looked on and gently sang, "Oh, Happy Day," it was one, indeed.

By the last Sunday we'd gone through our new supply of print dresses, the preacher had gone through his repertory of sermons and Mama said she'd gone through just about all she could take with my brother, Jack. "I'm sick and tired of having to give you a wearing out every time we get home from church," she told him. For good measure she gave him a good one before we left the house that morning.

Communion trays and collection plates were passed around, the last amen was echoed and concentration on the fundamentals of our worship was laid aside for concentration on the fundamentals of our sanctioned fun, which was eating and singing.

The deacons moved several green-painted wooden benches together to hold the long-awaited "dinner on the ground." Out of cars and trucks, women brought baskets and boxes loaded with good food they had worked to prepare all day Saturday. Aromas rose and blended as each one uncovered multiple bowls, platters, pots and jars filled with her garden and kitchen specialties. Appreciative, admiring ooh's, aah's and mmm's added to anticipation and hunger pangs.

Leaning against car fenders in their summer shirt sleeves, the men watched the women spread dinner and fan the flies that gathered when the first lid was lifted. A few men shook out tobacco onto cigarette papers, deftly rolling, licking to seal and lighting them, striking matches on their trouser legs. Squinting into a dry July sky, they speculated on the chances for cotton crops, credit at the bank and Franklin D. Roosevelt's new farm programs.

While waiting, we girls whispered secrets, giggled and watched the boys, down on their knees in the dust, playing marbles for "keepies." With his knicker buckles dangling loose as usual, Jack was good at the game. He was sure to go home with a pocketful of new, ill-gotten "aggies" he didn't bring to church that morning.

The prayer of thanks was barely said before Jack's pre-church "wearing out" Mama gave him wore out. Within a few minutes he ran by, grinning

ear-to-ear, calling out excitedly, "Look Mama, I've already found 14 gizzards. For the first time in my life I'm gonna have all of 'em I want." Proudly holding up a fruit jar filled with this favorite food, he ran off in search of more, leaving Mama busy serving black-eyed peas, unable to stop him.

When the women finished gathering up remnants of the feast, they gathered up families, and everyone settled under the tabernacle's shade for the joyous afternoon of singing. While not always voiced in tutored, pear-shaped tones, the congregational singing was no less inspiring in its simple, shaped-note harmony and sincere praise of the Lord.

I loved the songs. They were my refuge during the austere sermons. Each night for two weeks I read the song book to myself to shut out the hard message of letter-of-the-law condemnation that was so

different from the message of the songs. Poetically they spoke uninhibited of all inclusive grace and godliness in positive ways and words that sermons didn't. In the songs I heard expressed an unabashed spirit of joy that wasn't easily or often given free expression in other ways by our reserved, disciplined religious nature. I wondered why, uneasy with the thought. Lacking both courage and words to share it with others, I kept the treasure of this new awareness to myself. Through the words of song I saw the first glimmer of a more powerful, gentler motivation; the one of love, beyond the one of fear and guilt.

"Oh, There's Sunshine in My Soul Today," rang out in the sunshine beaming down out side the tabernacle as we made a joyful noise and melody in our hearts.

We sang of bringing in sheaves and throwing out

lifelines; of working in the vineyard and resting on the ever lasting arms; of gathering at the river and marching in with the saints; of answering the roll up yonder and counting the stars in our crown.

We sang of sweet hours of prayer and of blessed assurance that it is well with our soul; of the lily of the valley and telling it on the mountain; of living faith, whispering hope and love divine. We sang of firm foundations, standing on promises and on the solid rock. We sang of fountain filled with blood; of dying lamb and living water; of marching soldiers and glorious victory; of rugged cross and empty grave and glory hallelujah! We sang.

Too soon, sunshine began to stream through the west side of the tabernacle. Farmers began to remember cows to be milked and stock to be tended. Bro. Garrett

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Horses and rodeos, a tradition in the Hopkins family

By Joyce Jones

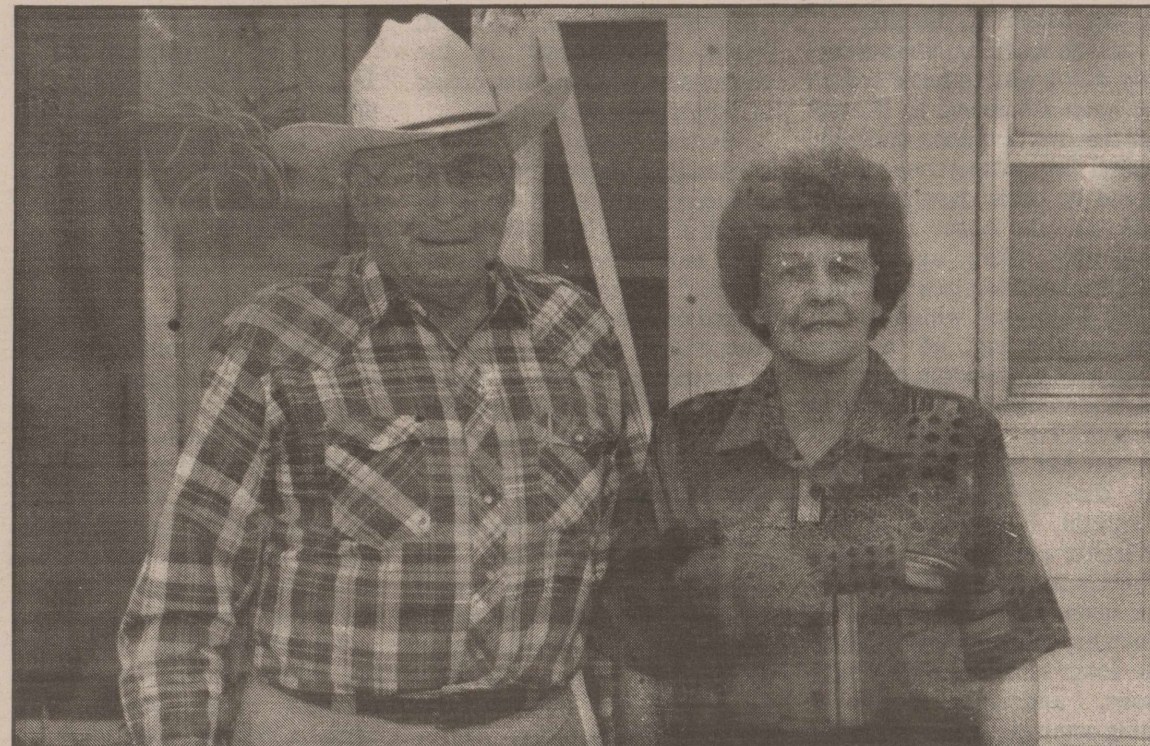
Winning rodeo trophy saddles is a tradition in the Howard Hopkins family. Howard won a trophy saddle in the Wild Cow Milking contest at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion in 1946 when he was 29. His daughter, Susan, won an All-Around-Cowgirl trophy saddle when she was only 6-years-old at the Lea County Junior Rodeo in Lovington, New Mexico. His son, Carl, won his first trophy saddle in 1992 for All-Around-Cowboy at a ranch rodeo; and his second saddle was the result of winning the Double Mugging event at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion this past 4th of July.

Howard, who just turned 78 on Sept. 24, was born in the New Hope community. He was raised south of Stamford, where his father and grandfather ran a gin. Howard has had a love for horses and riding since he was a small child. "When I was three, a neighbor gave us a baby

donkey, we rode it until the donkey was 10-years-old and my daddy got rid of it. We also rode horses over the years out of a necessity, because we lived on a stock farm."

Howard served in the Armed Forces during World War II and after returning home, he decided to build a roping pen, "I was one of the few people who got some good out of WWII, after my discharge, I formed a roping club of 13 members and built a roping pen in my pasture at home. I continued to stock farm there in the New Hope Community until 1949. I've always tried to be a cowboy; before I left Stamford I did cowboy day work on different ranches around the area."

Howard then went to work as a John Deere parts man and moved to Post, where he met his wife, Gertrude, who had been raised on a farm near Post. The couple knew each other and dated for three or four years before



HOWARD AND GERTRUDE HOPKINS

getting married in 1955. They have four children, Linda Williamson from Odessa; Susan Cox, a kindergarten teacher at Haskell Elementary School; James Cox from Lubbock; and Carl, who cowboys on the Throckmorton Land and Cattle Co. Ranch. The Hopkins family also lived in Lorenzo and Lovington, New Mex. before moving to Haskell in 1968.

After their move to Haskell, Howard went to work for Gilmore Implement Co. and then Hale Farm Supply, where he retired from in 1978. He also worked for Charles Long Ford at Anson for six years.

Howard has been involved in rodeos for more than three-fourths of his life. He became

involved with the Post Junior Rodeo and while he was on the board of directors there, the American Junior Rodeo Association was organized. He also helped to organize the Lea Co. Junior Rodeo Association in Lovington.

Howard has been a part of The Cowboy Reunion at Stamford since 1930, except for two performances. He started out selling in the concession stand at the Reunion when he was 12. After his fourth year, he hired out to catch tickets at the grandstand and worked there until he went into the service. He began his long tenure as a performer at the rodeo in 1944.

"In 1944, I entered as a roper at the Cowboy Reunion and roped until 1991 every year except 1963 when I had a broken leg. From 45 to 48, I roped with 'Wild Swede' Swenson and his brother, John Swenson. 'Wild Swede' was my mugging partner. I quit rodeoing after that except to come back to Stamford to rope. I am one of the few still around who ever saw it snow in May at the Cowboy Reunion, before they changed the performances to the 4th of July. It was just a light snow, but you could look out across the arena at dark objects and see the

flakes falling. It was one of the times that Will Rogers attended the reunion."

Howard said that his father served as a policeman at the reunion for several years and when Will Rogers and Wiley Post attended the performance, Mr. Swenson hired his father as a body guard for the two.

Howard said that after moving to Haskell, three of his children were ready to ride. "We joined the Stamford Junior Sheriff Posse; Susan, James and Carl all rode. Then I got involved with the Haskell Horse Club and still am. I probably will be from now on since my granddaughter, Morgan Cox is still riding. I help keep the grounds and furnish stock for the ropings. They also use my roping calves for the jackpot ropings."

Howard said that all four of his children rode in rodeos, playdays and junior rodeos when they were young; but Carl is the only one that has continued to rodeo. "He always loved to rope every since he was a little boy, he would try to rope every thing he saw, even your foot if it was sticking out where he could get a rope on it." So like father, like son, the love of horses, riding and rodeoing continues to run deep in the blood.

All retirees don't live on "Easy Street"

By Lt. Gen. Michael Nelson, USAF (Ret.)

Quasi-political anti-deficit hawk groups have increasingly focused their attention on proposals to reform the military retirement system. Their premise, they say, is that this "pension" system has become an "unaffordable luxury."

The Concord Coalition, a deficit-minded group led by former senators Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) and Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), has led the pack in this attack. By failing to check the accuracy of their "facts," they have given the American public an image of the retired military member as one who is "living on easy street" on a bloated pension.

Some articles have included speculative and highly misleading Concord Coalition descriptions of the military retirement system and highly unreliable estimates of military retirees household incomes.

I don't have reliable figures on military retirees' household incomes, and neither does the Concord Coalition (it gave no source), but the average military retiree is a long way from wealthy. Furthermore, the percentage of military members who remain on duty long enough to earn retired pay is

available from the Department of Defense actuary. It's 17 percent, not the 33 percent the Coalition cites.

If military retirement were the cushy deal the Concord Coalition claims, the services wouldn't be having recruiting problems and more than one out of six would stay for that alleged "gold watch."

There are no "marble bathrooms," but there are gang latrines and 2-by-6 shipboard bunk spaces. The "junkets" aren't to the Bahamas, but to Bosnia and Iraq and Somalia, where people shoot at you. And there are extended family separations, moves every few years that disrupt spouses' careers and kids' education, and the sacrifice of personal freedoms other Americans take for granted.

Military people can't serve until their 60s, as civilians do, because the law and military readiness won't let them. Those who don't keep competing successfully for promotion are compelled to leave. The services can't use 50-year-old warriors, so 95 percent are forced out in their 40s. They have to start second careers in mid-life - often at the bottom, competing against youngsters willing to work for less.

The military retirement

system differs from civilians' because service members work under conditions most Americans are unwilling to accept. But America needs a high quality career force to defend our national interests. So generations of leaders and legislators designed the system to sustain a youthful fighting force while keeping faith with those who invested the decades of arduous service and sacrifice

that America asked of them.

The Concord Coalition advocates abrogating America's contract with service members and changing the rules after the fact on those who have already fulfilled their end of the bargain. But the coalition misses the fundamental point - that military retirement isn't a gift like welfare - it's the earned dividend due on a long term government service bond. The

government would never dream of defaulting on promised dividends on treasury bonds; it has no less obligation to its service "bondholders."

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Residents' Rights week

October 1-7, has been designated Residents' Rights Week by the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform. In 1987, the Nursing Home Reform Act was passed, guaranteeing fair and equal treatment, and residents' rights to nearly 2 million nursing home residents nationwide. The objective of Residents' Rights Week is to increase awareness of nursing home residents' rights. It is designed to:

- promote discussion and highlight issues such as the quality of care and the quality of life as related to residents' rights and
- initiate ongoing opportunities throughout the year to educate people and to prompt continuing improvement within the nursing home environment.

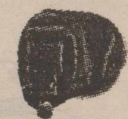
This year Residents' Rights Week will focus on promoting

care that not only protects and respects individual rights, but goes beyond and enhances the quality of residents' lives, while building community. The informational packet provided by the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform addresses several facilities' innovations for enriching the lives of the residents.

It is important that the community be aware of the ongoing improvements in long term care. In this current political environment, where deregulation is justified in the name of cost savings, any weakening of the nursing home regulations would have a devastating effect on the lives of these individuals. Residents' Rights Week is a time for the community to celebrate the lives of the American citizens living in a nursing home and to reconfirm their rights as citizens.

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." You must do the thing you cannot do.
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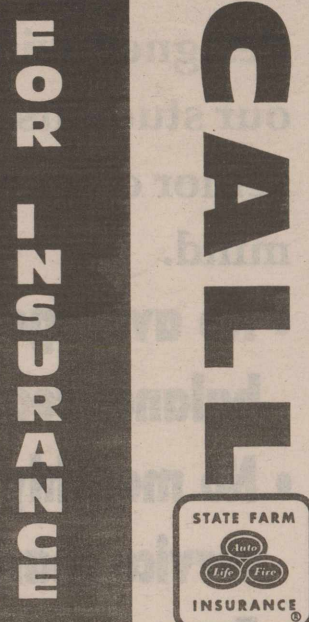
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