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BAND CONCERT ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE—The Haskell High School Indian Band presented an informal concert for the community Saturday evening, shortly before the official "Lighting of the Courthouse" began. Photo by Jason Shaw

County Attorney clarifies audit discrepancy for Court

County Attorney, Bill Jones, appeared before the Commissioner's Court meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 28, on behalf of Rhonda Moeller and the County Clerk's office. Jones told the court that he was there to try and clarify an audit discrepancy that appeared in the recent audit report.

According to Jones, the discrepancy was caused by the transferring of funds which had accrued over the years from the partial payment of fines into the county treasury, and also from the transfer of interest from the county clerk's office and the bond account.

Jones said there was no wrong doing in the county clerk's office,

either on behalf of Moeller or the former County Clerk. It was just a mixup in the transferring of funds. Moeller told the Court that no audit was made on the books when the former County Clerk left office or when she took office.

Jones recommended that the Court authorize the transfer of funds back to the County Clerk's account from the General Fund, with the understanding that the money had been credited to the wrong accounts in past years. A motion was approved by the court for the transfer of funds.

Commissioner Ray Perry recommended to the Court that all county office holders should make a

monthly report at the first of each month.

A new policy to be added to the policy book was adopted by the Court as such: Each office holder with a bank holding account will reconcile their bank statements on a form furnished by Condley and Co., to be submitted to the Court by the first meeting of the Court each month.

In other business, the Court approved a motion to buy a software program for the DPS office at a cost of \$289. A motion was also approved to purchase ammunition for both the Sheriff's Department and the DPS office out of the Sheriff's miscellaneous

Speed limit to increase for Texans

The Texas Department of Transportation has developed a "phase-in" plan for increased speed limits statewide, according to a recent news report in the *Dallas Morning News*. According to James McFadden, Haskell County's Assistant Resident Engineer, a tentative date of Dec. 15, has been set for the speed limit to increase to 70 mph on interstates throughout the state and four-lane divided highways, including Highway 277, which runs through Haskell County.

However, McFadden said that

the Haskell County division of TxDOT has not received the supplies to post the higher speed limits as of Tuesday afternoon.

President Clinton signed a federal highways and transportation bill in late November which allows states to set their own speed limits.

A schedule recently announced by Austin officials shows only four-lane or wider divided highways and interstates in Texas, set to get the new limit before Christmas. Undivided highways of four or more lanes won't be able to increase speeds to limits

recommended by highway officials in each county, not necessarily 70 mph, until Jan. 4; all other state and U.S. highways, Feb. 8; and other roads, such as farm-to-market roads, May 9.

The four-lane or more divided highways and interstates make up only about 10 percent of roads under TxDOT's authority, but they carry around 60 percent of the state's traffic, making them first priority for the new limits.

Drivers should continue to follow posted limits until new speed limit signs are in place.

City buys new bunker gear for HVFD

At their November 14 meeting, the Haskell City Council appointed two members to serve on the Housing Authority board to fill the vacancies left because of the expiration of the terms of Mac Lou Yeldell and Dale Huff. David Page was appointed to fill Yeldell's seat and Dale Huff will serve another term.

Mayor Ken Lane clarified that it was Keith Everett instead of Tim Everett, appointed to serve as a

representative for the City of Haskell and the Haskell CISD on the Appraisal District Board.

City Manager, Sam Watson reported to the Council that the Texas Commission on Fire Protection has allowed the city to buy bunker gear from the Forest Service, which will enable them to buy 14 sets instead of the 11 sets, with the grant money the city received recently.

At the November 28 meeting, Joe Iva Long appeared before the council to discuss her reasoning for not wanting the installation of electric hot water heaters for FHA and HUD housing units. Long said that she did not think the electric hot water heaters would be feasible for the renters as they would cost more than the gas hot water heaters, and also that additional wiring would be needed for the

electric ones. She said that only the heaters in the FHA housing units needed to be replaced.

No action was taken; Mayor Ken Lane said that he just wanted a clarification from Long regarding the installation of the heaters.

In other action, the Council signed a tax deed to Lorraine Johnson for property located at 504 N. Ave. A.

City Manager, Sam Watson, reported to the Council on the new police car purchased by the city at a cost of \$6,000. Watson also reported on the sewer project, which he said was going slow, but that some of the lines were being tested, so they could be put into service.

The next meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

HBA sponsoring three Christmas drawings

The Haskell Business Association is sponsoring three Christmas drawings with 19 jackpots for a total of \$3,000 in gift certificates to be given away. The first of the three drawings will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. on the northeast corner of the square at the new Gazebo, with ten jackpots for a total of \$1,000 in gift certificates.

The second drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. with five jackpots for a total of \$1,000 in gift certificates.

The third and final drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. with four jackpots for a total

of \$1,000 in gift certificates. Immediately following will be the HBA quilt drawing.

If not present, the winner will receive one half of the prize money. The remaining half will be used to make up additional prizes.

To be eligible, you must register at one of the participating merchants. No owner or manager or their families are eligible to win, participating or non-participating businesses included. Employees of a business can win on tickets from other merchants, but not from tickets received at their own place of employment.

All tickets must be stamped on the back by the business distributing them. Prizes will be given in \$20 denomination certificates, redeemable at participating merchants.



Santa photos

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a Santa Claus photo session Saturday, Dec. 9 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Courthouse Square. Children in the community can have their pictures made with Santa for \$1 each, beginning immediately after the HBA drawing.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Goodfellows Christmas fund for needy families in the community.

Santa letters



It's that time of the year for those Santa Claus letters, so boys and girls, get out your pencils and pens and write your letters and mail them to Santa Claus in care of The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 1058, Haskell, TX 79521.

Or you can drop them by the newspaper office at 401 South First, next to Western Auto. There is a Santa Claus mailbox sitting in the window by the door.

The deadline for your letters is Friday, December 15, at 5 p.m. to be published in the Dec. 21 edition of the paper.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. On Dec. 9 and 16, the names of those who qualify may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall, between 2 and 4 p.m. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 23, to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member; toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 1058, Haskell, TX 79521.

Hazel Weaver Bible Class, FUM	\$50
Love & honor to our brothers and sisters and loving memory of Sammie Claude Jenkins, by Melvin & Juanita Miller	\$25
In memory of Virginia Henshaw, Dee & Ruth Larned	\$50
American Legion Auxiliary	\$50
12/5 total this week	\$175
Total to date	\$175



LIT UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE—Members of the community gathered Saturday night on the Courthouse lawn for the annual "Lighting of the Courthouse," which annually kicks off the holiday season in Haskell. Photo by Jason Shaw

Coming Events

American Legion Christmas dinner

The American Legion will have their Christmas Dinner for members and their families, Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Turkey and ham will be furnished, members are to bring a covered side dish.

Members are also asked to bring a donation of groceries, toys, or other items to be given to the

Goodfellows Christmas campaign. This is not a regular meeting, so there will be no business conducted or no drawing held.

Noah Project meeting

The Noah Project—North will hold their monthly Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, Dec. 8, at the East Side Baptist Church.

It will be pot luck and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Rule blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will conduct a Blood Drive at the Fellowship Room of the Rule Church of Christ on Monday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Meek Blood Center needs an average of 100 donations daily to meet the needs of the 16 regional medical facilities they serve. Everyone who can donate now and become a regular four-season donor to the Meek Blood Center is encouraged to attend.

Prospective donors should eat a meal or heavy snack prior to donating blood. You will be giving the gift of life.

Rochester Lighting Contest

The Rochester Literary Club will sponsor a Lighting Contest again this year, with homes in both the town and the country, and businesses being judged. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The judging will take place Monday, Dec. 18.

Only those homes in the country that want to be in the contest need to call 743-3431 or 743-3293.

McCaulley musical

The McCaulley Recreational Dev. Co-op will host its monthly musical on Friday, Dec. 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag building on the old school grounds. A concession stand will be available. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Admission is free.

Any band or individual is invited to perform. Everyone is invited for an evening of family entertainment. For further information, call 915-962-5441.

Obituaries

John William Hawkins

Services were held for longtime Haskell County resident, John William Hawkins, 77, Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Blair officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Hawkins died Monday, Dec. 4, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born May 22, 1918 in Comanche, Okla. He married Alva-Joyce Vaughn on Mar. 17, 1939 in Weinert. He served with the United States Army during World War II. He was a roustabout in the oilfield for 50 years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Harlan Curtis Hawkins and Joe Lynn Hawkins.

He is survived by his wife, Alva Joyce Hawkins of Haskell; seven sons, James Dalton Hawkins of Wichita Falls, Clayton Wayne Hawkins, Gary Lee Hawkins and

Sammy Shawn Hawkins all of Haskell, Glendon Ray Hawkins and Bobby Don Hawkins both of Irving, and Johnny Von Hawkins of Georgetown; four daughters, Yvonne Marie Huffines of Dimmitt, Darlene Sue Conn of Burnett, Margaret Ella Tatum of Haskell and Floradean Cockerell of Early; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Kevin Hawkins, Brian Dean Huffines, Terry Dewayne Hawkins, David William Conn, Christopher Tatum and Alonzo Jiminez.

Honorary pallbearers were Dustin Grimes, Chad Grimes, Jack Reams, Russell Magby, Jeff Crowe, Clifton Hawkins, Robert Edward Hawkins, Daniel Conn, Jonathan Tatum, Steven Cockerell, Jimmy Cockerell, Michael Hawkins, Jimmy Boyd and Joseph Hawkins.

W.T. Johnson

SACRAMENTO, CA.—W.T. Johnson, 73, a former Weinert resident, died of lung cancer at his home on Saturday, Nov. 25. Burial was in Washington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Sacramento;

one daughter, Jann Johnson of Sacramento; one son, Gary Johnson of New York City, NY; and one brother, Russell Johnson of Hurst.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, 9940 Business Park Dr., Suite 165, Sacramento, CA 95827.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



LAST-MINUTE MOVES COULD CUT YOUR TAXES

This year is almost over, so you must act fast if you want to cut your tax bill for 1995. Some last-minute moves you might consider:

•If you're in business and have been planning to purchase a new piece of equipment, buy before year-end. You can write off up to \$17,500 worth of equipment on your 1995 tax return (instead of depreciating it over the several years). Also consider making needed building and equipment repairs before year-end in order to take the deduction for the expense this year.

•Individuals who plan to itemize deductions this year may want to squeeze more deductions into 1995. Make charitable contributions in December that you would otherwise make next year, and pay any deductible interest or real estate taxes that are due. As you try to beef up your itemized deductions for 1995, be careful. If you'll be in a higher tax bracket next year, or if you're subject to the alternative minimum tax this year, delaying deductions until 1996 is likely to be a better overall strategy.

•Every taxpayer should maximize the tax-cutting opportunities in retirement plans. If you're self-employed, investigate a Keogh retirement plan. You won't have to make your 1995 contribution until 1996, but you have to establish your plan by December 31st of this year. Employees should consider 401(k) plans if they're available. Finally, there's the Individual Retirement Account which you can set up and contribute to as late as April 15, 1996.

•If you're an investor, review your portfolio before year-end to see if you should be selling something before year-end to improve your tax position. Don't make the mistake of selling just to create a tax loss, however.

Choosing the right strategies for cutting taxes is a very individual thing. What is a wise move under one set of circumstances is exactly the wrong thing to do under another. For assistance in making the right moves in your particular circumstances, give us a call before year-end.

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Student Code of Conduct—removal to AEP

Removal to Alternative Education Program

Mandatory Removal

If the student does any of the following acts while on school property, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, he or she shall be removed to an AEP:

- engages in any conduct that would be punishable as a felony if prosecuted.
- commits assault as defined by Penal Code 22.01 (a)(1).
- makes a terroristic threat as defined by Penal Code 22.07*.
- sells, gives, delivers, uses or possesses marijuana, a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq., a dangerous drug as defined by Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code, or an alcoholic beverage by 1.04 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.
- commits a serious offense under the influence of alcohol.
- commits an offense relating to abusable glue or aerosol paint under 485.031, Health and Safety Code, or other volatile chemicals under Chapter 484, Health and Safety Code.
- engages in public lewdness under Penal Code 21.07.
- engages in indecent exposure under Penal Code 21.08.
- engages in retaliation** against a school employee under Penal Code 36.06, except, if the student commits a mandatory expellable offense against any employee in retaliation for or as a result of the employee's employment with the school district, the student must be expelled under 37.007(c).

The terms of removal will prohibit the student from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities.

*Penal Code 22.07 states, in part: (a) A person commits an offense if he threatens to commit

any offense involving violence to any person or property with intent to:

- cause a reaction of any type to his threat by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;
- place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
- prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room; place of assembly; place to which the public has access; place of employment or occupation; aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance; or other public place; or
- cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service.

**Penal Code 36.06 states, in part: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly harms or threatens to harm another by an unlawful act;

- in retaliation for or on account of the service of another as a public servant, witness, prospective witness, informant, or a person who has reported or who the actor knows intends to report the occurrence of a crime; or
- to prevent or delay the service of another as a public servant, witness, prospective witness, informant, or a person who has reported or who the actor knows intends to report the occurrence of a crime.

Permissive Removal

A student may be removed from class and placed in an AEP for other reasons approved by the school board and specified in the student code of conduct. Those reasons include intentionally or knowingly causing damage to tangible school property when the loss is more than \$1,500, whether on or off school property or at a school-related activity. A student may also be removed from class and placed in an alternative

education program if the principal determines:

- that the student's physical presence in the regular classroom program or at the home campus presents a danger of physical harm to the student or to other individuals; or
- that the student has engaged in misbehavior that violates the District's previously communicated standards of student conduct including the student code of conduct, classroom expectations and school rules.

The student's participation in extracurricular activities will be restricted in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Procedural Requirements

When a student is removed to AEP, the principal or appropriate administrator will notify the student's parent or guardian within 24 hours and schedule a hearing within three class days. The hearing should include the principal or a designee, the parent or guardian, the student, and the teacher who removed the student. Even if all persons are not present, the principal will decide an appropriate placement.

The length of a mandatory removal to an AEP is not limited by statute, but if the placement extends into the next grading period, the student or the student's parent or guardian must be given an opportunity to present arguments in behalf of the student. A decision to place a student in an AEP beyond the end of the grading period may not be appealed beyond the Board. The Board or its designee must set the term for a student's placement in an AEP and deliver a copy of the order placing the student in the AEP to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The student's status must be reviewed by a board designee at intervals of not more than 120 days.

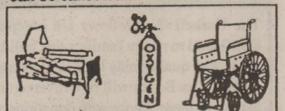
For placement in an AEP to extend beyond the end of the school year, the board or designee must determine that:

- the student's presence in regular classroom or campus presents a danger of physical harm to student or others; or
- the student has engaged in serious or persistent misbehavior that violates the district's student code of conduct.

Next week: Suspension and expulsion.

Voter registration cards in the mail

Bobbie Collins has announced that the Tax Assessor's office is mailing out voter registration cards this week. Collins said that anyone receiving a card for someone who no longer lives at that address or for a deceased person needs to contact the Tax Assessor's office at 864-2181, so that the card can be canceled.

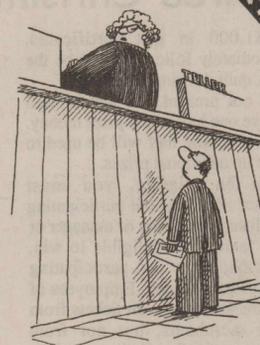


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LIFESTYLES

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

On Friday after Thanksgiving, Jess and Olevia Leonard spent the night near Mineral Wells with Mrs. Leonard's brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Juanita Ramsey. On Saturday, they went to Mabank and spent the weekend with their son and family, Gene and Patty Leonard, Shelby and Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Wootan, Billy and Mary Ann of Sweetwater spent Thanksgiving with their mother and grandmother, Alice Wootan.

Spending Sunday and Sunday night with the B. O. Robersons were Mrs. Roberson's mother, Mrs. Ruth Stewart and the Roberson's son, Stewart Roberson, both of Abilene.

Visiting with Anna Mae Davis over the Thanksgiving holidays were Rodney and Judy Davis from Las Cruces, N.M., Gary, Sandra and Jeff Davis from Stephenville.

Ella Belle Burson has returned from an extended visit in Thousand Oaks, Ca. with her brother and family, Carl and Ida Lane, Carmella and Cathey. They spent Thanksgiving in Law Vegas with the Lane's other daughter, Candy Goodman and her children.

On Saturday, one day before his birthday, Dan Burson was honored with a surprise birthday celebration in the home of Chunky and Viola Tidwell. Birthday cake and punch were served. Helping celebrate were Lillian Hodgin and Marie Bartley.

Spending Thanksgiving with Emma Bland were her daughter and family, Mark and Dana Gibson, Trent and Emily from El Reno, Ok. Last weekend, Mrs. Bland had as her guest, her niece, Norma Briden, from Pampa.

Willie and Ida Farrel of Weinert spent Thanksgiving in Austin with their son and family, Bill and Beverly Farrel, Chris Farrel and David and Jessica Farrel and their daughters, Jasmine Renee and Hannah Nicole.

Spending Thanksgiving with Curtis and Doris Reeves Jordan were Carl and Pam Tipton of Roswell, N.M. Also in the Jordan home for Thanksgiving dinner were Mike, Julie and Robin Harrell. During the holidays, four members of the former Singing Six got together in the Jordan home for reminiscing. These included Pam Reeves Tipton, Paula Terrell Everett, Dana Bland Gibson and Mary Jane McAdoo Cunningham.

Most of the family of Carl J. and Lillian Myers were in Haskell for Thanksgiving, with Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Carl Wayne and Myra Myers. Those attending included Robert and Ilene Mansker, Kevin and Jana Roberts and Balee, Kent and Keith Mansker, Carla, Brandon, Jamie and Sara, all of Lubbock; Rickey and Christian Myers, Flower Mound; Melissa, Jeremiah and Victoria, Weatherford and from Haskell, Danny, Donna, Heidi, Bubba, Rebecca and Charley. Unable to attend were Bobbie Myers and family of Houston and Flint and Lisa Nanny and children, Haskell.

Kathy Futch, Eloise and Dudley Perrin recently attended the funeral services for D. C. McWhorter in Hereford. He was the husband of Henreitta Perrin McWhorter. Mrs. McWhorter is a former Haskell resident.

Visiting Eloise and Dudley Perrin, Terry, Kathy, Jeremy and

Amber Futch this past weekend and celebrating Wayne Perrin's 50th birthday Saturday evening in the First Baptist FAC were Wayne, Lynn, Alysia and Valerie Perrin and Brad Howell, Lubbock; Lynda and Heather Rexrode, Sherman; Don, Gena and John Paul Flanary, Lauren and Tyler Huntsman, Plano; Melanie Teichelman, Sagerton and from Haskell, Harvey and Margaret Simmons and J. L. and Martha Toliver.

On Sunday night, the Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church hosted a celebration honoring Ford and Donna Cole for their 15 years of service in the church. Mr. Cole is music director and Mrs. Cole teaches a Sunday School class. The Coles have two children, Kerre and Loren.

Members of the Greater Independent Baptist Church were in Munday Sunday evening at the West Beulah Baptist Church's 73rd anniversary celebration. Rev. Roy Walker of Macedonia Baptist Church was the speaker. His theme, Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven". Other guest churches were Hopewell, Haskell; Church of God, Rule and Knox City; New Covenant, Stamford; New Mt. Zion, Seymour; St. Paul, Knox City; Weeping Mary, Anson; Living God, Knox City and House of Deliverance, Munday.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church will have their Youth Day program Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. James Griffin will be the speaker. His theme "A Child is born". Following, that night, the candle light Christmas program will be held.

Visitors in the home of Neat Bevel over the Thanksgiving holidays were Jackie and Joy Harvey, Odessa; Michael Harvey, Dallas; Darlene and Wendy Cummings, Abilene; Berl, Dana, Kolton and Kason Bevel, Natalie; Brad and Joy Bevel, Perrin and from Haskell, James and Lela Bevel. The Harveys also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey and the Brad Bevels visited Mr. and Mrs. James Bevel.

Hospital

Admissions
Claudie Bland, Haskell
Stanley McMillin, Haskell

Dismissals
Erwin Hamilton, Dorothy Bowers, Scottie Rodriguez, Geraldine Pool, Tonya Taylor.

Farm Bureau delegates attend convention

Four voting delegates from Haskell County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 62nd annual Texas Farm Bureau convention Nov. 26-29 in Corpus Christi. They were Wes and Kristi Jones, Tom Turner of Rule and Tim Weise of Haskell.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Reno, Nev.

Speakers featured at the convention included Wayne Ates, the "Minister of Mirth," from Jesup, Ga., who used humor to challenge people to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant and outlast the unbearable. Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFP president; David R. Krebs of Portland, TFB secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1995" was Brian Betts of Mt. Pleasant. Tom Turner was winner from District 3 and received a custom trophy buckle and a cash award.



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Sanders family holiday gathering

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Jack and Sallie Sanders, longtime residents of Weinert, met Dec. 2 and 3 at the First National Bank meeting room for their Thanksgiving and Christmas get-together.

Those present were Lona Mae Phelps, Kenneth and Elaine Campbell, Karen, Kendall and Allison Mitchell and Julia Cox, all of Haskell; Travis, Wilma and Leigh Sanders of Coleman; Darwin and Ethel Slade of Eagar, Ariz.; Andy and Marlene Sanders, Megan

Thomas, Crystal and A.J. Carruth of Cross Plains; Bill, Martha and Loretta Maupin of Odessa;

B.D. and Marie Kirkland of Daingerfield; Walter and Sue Cox, Junior, Christi and Kade Cox, Debora and Zane MacKay, all of Naples; Scott, Brenda and Casey Sartain of Simms; Jacky, Sandra, Rex and Jaclyn Sanders of Aledo; Ricky, Shana and Chambrey Sanders of Weatherford.

Three of the Sanders children were unable to attend this year, Eva Hardman of Irving; Scarlett Cole and her family of San Antonio; and Rocky and Marsha Sanders of Abilene.

Everyone had a real good time.
Submitted by Lona Mae Phelps.

Experienced Citizens Calendar and Menu

Friday, Dec. 8
Lunch—Roast beef, gravy, new potatoes, mixed vegetables, cabbage slaw and bread pudding
1 p.m.—Angel pin workshop, Mary E. McCollum

Monday, Dec. 11
Lunch—Steak, gravy, potatoes, pea salad and fruit cobbler
1 p.m.—China painting
5:30 p.m.—Potluck soup/sandwich supper and game night.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—West Tex. Rehab audiologist (back of hospital) 1-800-460-5485.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
10:30 a.m.—Exercise
Lunch—Pork chops, steamed cabbage, potatoes, carrots and sugar cookies

Friday, Dec. 15
10 a.m.—Brenner Hearing
Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, tossed salad, peas and carrots and banana pudding
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Births

Randy and Terri Roewe announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Shannon Roewe on Nov. 23, at 8:36 a.m. at North Hills Hospital in North Richland Hills. Mary Shannon weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Betty and Conrad Roewe of Haskell.

The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.
—Peter Cornelle

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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN — If federal grant money comes with strings attached, Texas Education Commissioner Dr. Mike Moses doesn't want it.

Last week, Moses rejected a plan by the Texas Health Commissioner David Smith to apply for a \$500,000 federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The money could be used for health services, such as AIDS education, counseling and nutrition programs. Minnesota, California and Michigan received grants under the same program.

And though CDC officials say the terms of the grant permit — but do not require — pregnancy counseling and condom distribution on campuses, Moses held fast on his choice not to apply.

Moses' action is consistent with his decision earlier this month to decline a \$1.35 million federal grant from the CDC, to be used for AIDS education and prevention programs.

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic

Deputy Education Commissioner Joe Neely said TEA officials understand the importance of health issues but would rather concentrate the agency's resources on reading, writing and arithmetic.

"It's a matter of priorities. Our primary concern is on improving student learning and instructional programs — teaching kids to read, write and compute. Certainly other things are important. It's a matter of who takes the lead," Neely told the *Austin American-Statesman*, adding that sex education and other controversial issues can sap the agency's main mission — academics.

Smith said he sees a pullback on the issue of school health. "This worries me. We should not be turning away money that can be used by local communities for the health needs of children." He said 1.5 million of Texas' 3.6 million school children are without health insurance.

Montford Won't Run for Senate

State Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, said he won't seek the Democratic Party's nomination for Republican Phil Gramm's U.S. Senate seat.

Montford, a lawyer whose tenure in the Senate began in 1983, said he wants to remain in the Texas Legislature as the federal government shifts more authority to the states.

"It's obvious that the states will have greater and greater responsibilities to solve our nation's problems. I, for one, welcome the challenge."

Gramm is running for both re-election and the presidency under Texas' "LBJ Law," which was passed to allow then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson to run for president in 1960.

White Set to Be Demo Chief

Former state Sen. Hector Uribe

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

of Brownsville ended his campaign for Texas Democratic Party chairman last week, clearing the way for Houston lawyer Bill White to become the party's next chief.

White, a leading Democratic fund-raiser and former No. 2 official in the U.S. Energy Department, has the support of the top statewide Democratic elected officials for the party post.

Calling White a clear favorite, Uribe said he won't challenge White at the Dec. 9 meeting of the party's executive committee, where a new chairman will be chosen to serve about seven months.

Uribe also said he won't be a candidate for chairman at the party's state convention next June, where a chairman will be elected to a full, two-year term.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Lawyers who post advertisements on the World Wide Web must pay \$50 to have the content reviewed by bar officials, the State Bar of Texas announced last week.

And, every time a lawyer changes the content of his web-page ad, another \$50 will be charged by the State Bar for an additional review. Some lawyers complained of the strict new regulation, but a bar official said the content reviews are designed to protect the public from misleading ads.

■ U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Friendswood, defaulted on \$15,630 in student loans in 1994, the *Beaumont Enterprise* reported last week in a copyright story. A Stockman aide told reporters the congressman should not have been on the default list because he made a \$2,000 payment that was not credited, but aides couldn't find the canceled check. Stockman used the loan to attend the University of Houston-Clear Lake and graduated in 1991 with an accounting degree.

■ Texans now wager more than \$3 billion a year on the state lottery, more than 12 times the amount wagered on horses last year. The difference may explain why some of the state-licensed parimutuel tracks are close to bankruptcy. Joe Straus Jr., chairman of San Antonio's Retama Park board of directors, told the *San Antonio Express-News* legislation is needed to allow off-track wagering and lottery ticket sales on horse tracks.

■ State health officials are making their annual plea to Texans: get influenza vaccinations or suitable medication. At the onset of symptoms, "we would advise you to call your doctor," said Lynne Schulster, staff epidemiologist at the Texas Department of Health. Flu cases have been confirmed in Pasadena, Dallas County and Bell County.

As we advance in life, we acquire a keener sense of time. Nothing else, indeed, seems of any consequence; and we become misers in this respect.

—William Hazlitt



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Dec. 4, 1975

A series of crimes occurred early Sunday morning in Haskell including vandalism, thefts, property damage and a horse was killed. A 1974 Ford pickup belonging to Dolan VanStory was stolen. All tools, paint and tool boxes had been torn up and thrown from the pickup which was recovered Sunday. A horse which belonged to C.A. Thomas was shot and killed just west of the Thomas home northwest of Haskell. A vehicle had gone through a five strand barbed wire fence in two places near where the horse was killed.

"Spirit of '76" was the theme for the Rule High School annual Football Banquet for 1975 held in the Rule School cafeteria. Receiving the coveted honor as Most Spirited Boy and Girl was Leonard Rhoads and Jami Barbee. Barbee was also named Football Sweetheart. Jimmy Macias was named Football Hero.

30 Years Ago Dec. 9, 1965

Frank Martin, county agriculture agent said that the slow rains last weekend which varied in amounts will definitely benefit small grain, but cotton farmers who had not finished harvesting were not too happy about the prolonged wet spell.

Thousands of persons lined the streets and sidewalks in Haskell Saturday to see Santa Claus and the World's largest sleigh and to view the mile-long Christmas parade at 3 p.m. which official opened the Yuletide Season here. Santa Claus, perched in the world's largest sleigh seemed to be the center of

attraction, despite the numerous civic and business floats.

Haskell's Jenna Pittman scored five points in an overtime to give her team a 47-44 edge over Munday in a championship tilt which closed the girls' tournament here on Saturday night. The two teams raced nose-to-nose for four quarters with Haskell leading a point at first quarter and two points at third but tied the other two times.

60 Years Ago Dec. 5, 1935

There were eight new families moved to Haskell this past month, according to the records of the West Texas Utilities Company, as against a total of five for October. Official welcome is extended to Al Jordan, Frank Phillips, C.A. Merchant, Gus Rigsby, H.K. Kirkland, B.E. Sanders, S.M. Hayes and T.E. Bentley.

County Superintendent Matt Graham returned Saturday afternoon from the Teachers meeting in San Antonio. R.L. Burton made a business trip to Munday the first of the week.

R.P. Martin, a prominent farmer of Rule, Route 2, was a visitor in Haskell last Saturday. Mr. Alvey Couch left Tuesday morning for Aspermont to accept a position as manager for the W.P.A. project.

70 Years Ago Dec. 4, 1925

There will be a box supper at Sayles Friday night, Dec. 4, to buy some equipment for the school.

Last Thursday night, thieves visited Mr. W.E. Bland's cotton patch and stole his trailer loaded with bales, also several sacks and a wagon sheet.

With practically all the cotton in the county out of the fields; the

feed crops stored away for another year; the fall grain crops planted, the attention of the farmers are now being turned to the preparation of the land for another year.

R.H. Crow of this city believes that when it comes to producing eggs, he is the owner of the champion hen of Texas. He recently exhibited one of these prize eggs which measured 6-3/4 inches by 9 inches around and weighed 4-5/8 ounces. He estimated that this particular egg was one of the small ones credited to his hen, which is one of the Rhode Island variety.

90 Years Ago Dec. 9, 1905

Mr. Henry Free sold \$12 worth of poultry in town last week and \$4.80 worth of butter and eggs here Wednesday. Mr. Free took eight or ten premiums at the county fair this fall on hogs, mule colts, farm products and vegetables. Diversifiers like Mr. Free make a success here or elsewhere.

Mr. C.L. Travis has been on a prospecting tour. He says he was glad to get back to Haskell County. He has re-purchased land in Haskell County, paying \$2 per acre more than he got for the same quality of land he had sold a few days before. He says the place he now has is just worth \$50 an acre and it will take that to move him.

Mr. Hallmark has gathered 48 bales of cotton and will have 12 or 15 more. This is the product of two families labor. Mr. R.H. Darnell was in town Friday and said his cotton is turning out one-third of a bale per acre.

There was a big frost yesterday morning that looked like a light snow.

Newborns need Social Security number

If you have a baby who was born in 1995, you should know that in order to claim your baby as a tax deduction for 1995 when you file your tax return in 1996, the child must have a Social Security number.

"Prior to tax year 1995, children listed as dependents on tax returns who were under age one were not required to have a number," explains Ken Hargis, manager of the Abilene Social Security office. "Now a new law requires that all dependents, regardless of age, have a Social Security number beginning with tax year 1995."

However, there is an exception: for children born in November or December of 1995 or in December of 1996, the parents have until the following year to get a Social Security number, he said.

In addition, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will delay processing of returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers of taxpayers, spouses or dependents. People who expect refunds will be particularly impacted by this policy. If the return does not include the correct Social Security numbers, IRS must have the correct information before issuing a refund. To avoid any possible delays in their refunds, taxpayers are urged to make sure the name

and Social Security number of the taxpayer, a spouse and any dependents listed on the return agree with the name and number shown on each individual's Social Security card.

If you didn't apply for the Social Security number at the hospital when your child was born, then

you can get one from Social Security. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, which is available 24 hours a day, or contact the Social Security office in your area. You will have to fill out an application for a Social Security card and present the baby's original birth certificate.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I wish to share with the community of Haskell something about an organization that I always thought was a good organization.

On Saturday, I went to the Pink Lady's shop to look around and see if I could find something for my girls. Well as I was looking, a lady came into the shop with some things for the ladies to sell. But like greedy, greedy people, the Pink Ladies working that day were picking out the best of the items out of the boxes and taking them to the back of the counter for themselves.

I told one of the ladies, "no wonder there is nothing good for customers, you all pick over it." Her comment to me was, "this is all we get for doing this, we are not paid." I told her, "well this is

volunteer work."

I don't feel that this means for them to pick out the best things for themselves. I feel the people who donate these things intend for it to be a help for low income families with children, not for the Pink Ladies to take home for themselves.

Now, I am not saying that all of the volunteer workers do this, but I saw what I saw by two ladies and one man. If they want things from the shop, they should buy them and not when they are working there. The donated items should have been priced and put out on display so that customers have a chance to buy some of these things. For shame on you people.

A disappointed citizen,
Yvette Harlan, Haskell



Well I hope everyone is as ready for Christmas as I am. I have finished my Christmas shopping early this year and have been getting ready for my trip to Ohio for Christmas, to visit one of my sons and his family. I hope that all of you will have part of your family, if not all of them around you at this special time of the year.

I know that there are families that can't or won't be together and I think it is very sad. I know that in some cases, members of the family live too far to come or go home; but there are people that will not open their homes and hearts to their children or parents because of past indiscretions or mistakes, not at Christmas time or any other time of the year.

Several years back, the pastor of my church at Sweetwater in one of his sermons said that the Lord opens His arms and welcomes us (His children) into His house, the Church. He will not turn us away; just as we should open our arms and welcome our own children into our homes, not just at Christmas, but everyday of the year. It is the Christian way.

Christmas is both a happy and sad time for me, because my mother died on Christmas day of 1984 and my father died three weeks before Christmas in 1992; but I am thankful that I had them for the many Christmases that I did. I am very lucky to have had two good parents that were always there for me and my siblings, always forgiving and loving us even when they thought we were in the wrong.

My parents were always kind and loving people and never turned anyone away from their door. Besides us seven children, there were always a lot of extra kids around and some of them came for a long stay because of problems in their own homes. If a family needed help, my parents would take them in until they could get on their feet. We were poor ourselves, but we grew up sharing with others less fortunate than ourselves.

One Long Extended Gift

Although it may be a little ahead of schedule, it's not too early to give some things away this Christmas; not just on Christmas Day, but during the days leading up to Dec. 25. We would call these daily gifts "Our Christmas projects." Maybe one per day from 'til then. Here are thirty-two suggestions. Take your choice.

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- Seek out a forgotten friend.
- Dismiss suspicion.
- Write a long overdue love note.
- Hug someone tightly and whisper, "I love you so."
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- Express appreciation.
- Gladden the heart of a child.
- Find the time to keep a promise.
- Make or bake something for someone else. Anonymously.
- Release a grudge.
- Listen.
- Speak kindly to a stranger.
- Enter into another's sorrow.
- Smile. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
- Take a walk with a friend.
- Kneel down and pat a dog.
- Read a poem or two to your mate or friend.
- Lessen your demands on others.
- Play some beautiful music during supper.
- Apologize if you were wrong.
- Talk together with the television off.
- Treat someone to an ice-cream cone.
- Do the dishes for the family.
- Pray for someone who helped you when you hurt.
- Fix breakfast for someone on Saturday morning.
- Give a soft answer even though you feel strongly.
- Encourage an older person.
- Point out one thing you appreciate most about someone you work with or live near.
- Offer to babysit for a weary mother.
- Give your teacher a break—be especially cooperative.
- Let's make Christmas one long, extended gift of ourselves to others. Unselfishly, without announcement or obligation, or reservation or hypocrisy.
- That is Christianity, isn't it?

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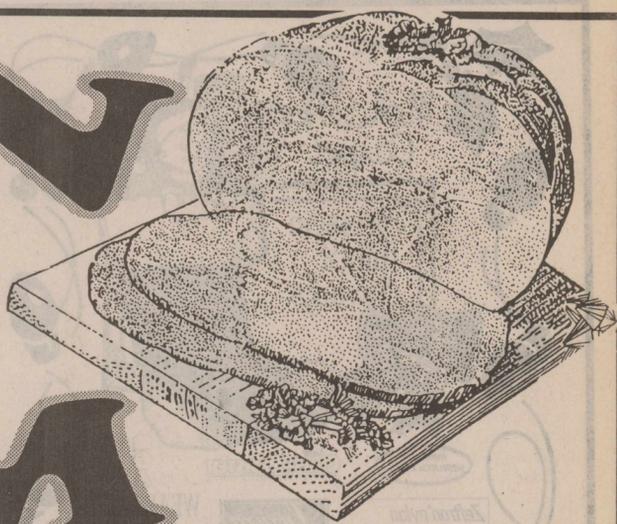
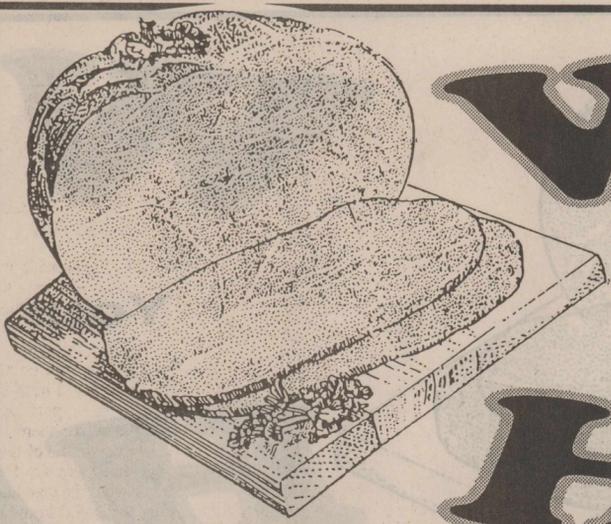
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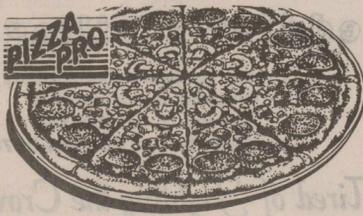
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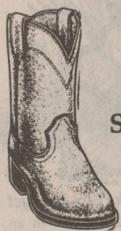
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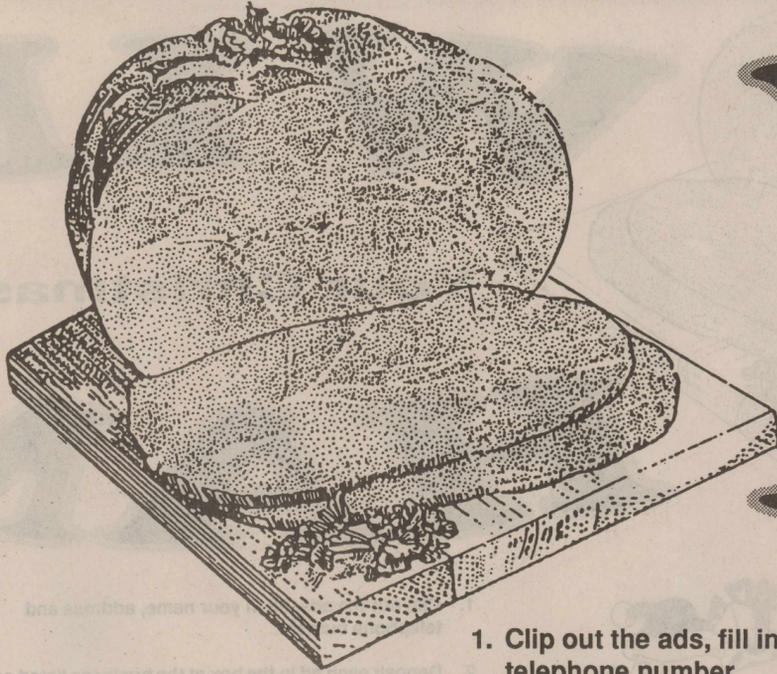
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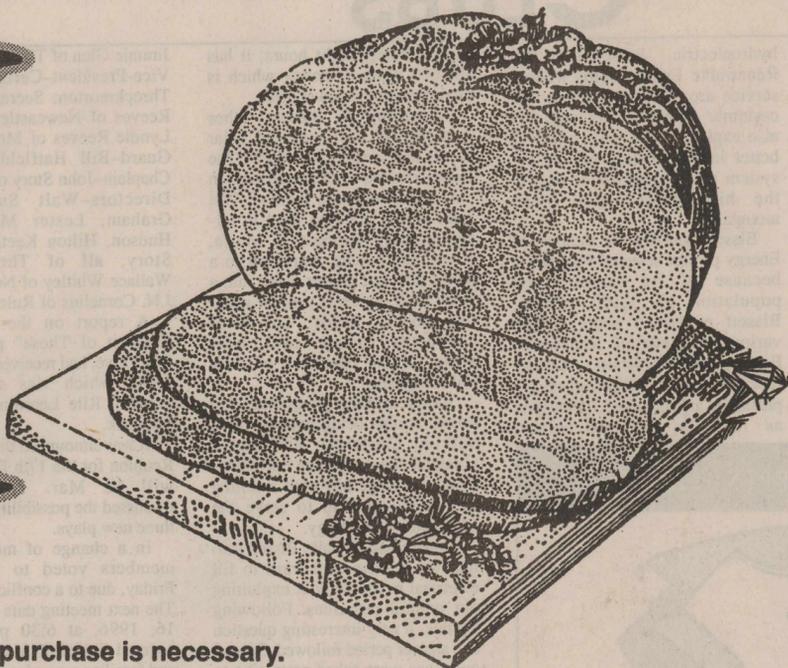
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Philadelphian

By Oleta Cornelius

Different methods of attempting to conserve energy was the way the roll call was answered by Rule Philadelphian Club members at their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Clubhouse.

Members suggested turning off lights, insulation, caulking around windows and doors, adjusting the heat thermostat, washing dishes with a full load in the dishwasher, as well as full loads in the washing machine and the conservation of gasoline by adjusting errands to get them done all in one trip.

President Orheana Greeson greeted members and guests and presided over the business meeting. Members were reminded of the earlier meeting date for the December meeting on Dec. 16.

Opal Grice led the pledge to the American Flag and then introduced the guest speaker for the day, Chris Bissett, West Texas Utilities engineer from Abilene.

Bissett spoke to the group about WTU's parent company, Central and Southwest and their project in the Fort Davis area with Renewable Energy. He presented five ways of Renewable Energy which include: solar-thermal, wind conversion, geothermal, biomass and

hydroelectric. Bissett said that Renewable Energy helps when a service area is small in size and customer supplement is large. He also explained that solar power is better in the western part of the system and windpower is best in the high plains and Davis mountains.

Bissett said that the Renewable Energy project selected Fort Davis because of its location and population of 1,100 people. Bissett explained some of the various methods of Renewable Energy: Photovoltaic energy research conservation uses six panels on a pole with 53 watts and as long as the sun shines,

approximately eight hours, it has 100,000 watts of power which is used through the power grid.

According to Bissett, other methods are roof mounted solar panels that create 2,000 watts. The Drug Store and several residences in Fort Davis use this method. The solar panels are also used in air-conditioning systems in Marfa, along with panels connected to a pump jack that pumps water into a water tank which is used to water two soccer fields. Sul Ross University campus uses solar power in the operation of their traffic signals.

Bissett told the group that wind power is also being experimented with in California; and that a potential site was in the Fort Davis area on a large hill with a rolling top. It would help to serve the Marfa area with energy.

Concluding his talk, Bissett said that we need to find ways to fill electrical needs without exploiting our natural resources. Following his talk, a very interesting question and answer period followed. Several questions were asked pertaining to the Vernon plant which uses coal for fuel.

Nell Estes led the group in the club collect to conclude the program.

Refreshments of punch and an assortment of cookies were served from a table covered with a green cloth with white lace trim decorated with an arrangement of fall flowers in a green vase. Another table was covered with a Thanksgiving cloth and held two scarecrows, an orange candle and fall leaves with miniature pumpkins.

Hostesses for the day were Mildred Chambers and Jo Simpson.

Scottish Rite

Officers for the 1996 year were elected by members of the Brazos River Scottish Rite Club at their last meeting. Those elected were: President—Gordon Simmons of Possum Kingdom; 1st Vice-President—Ronnie Mitchell of Woodson; 2nd Vice-President—

Jimmie Glen of Throckmorton; 3rd Vice-President—Curtis Woods of Throckmorton; Secretary—Clinton Reeves of Newcastle; Treasurer—Lyndle Reeves of Munday; Outer Guard—Bill Hatfield of Olney; Chaplain—John Story of Olney; and Directors—Walt Summers of Graham, Lester Moses, Troy Hudson, Hilton Keeter and John Story, all of Throckmorton, Wallace Whitley of Newcastle and J.N. Cornelius of Rule.

A report on the play, "The Greatest of These" presented at Bluegrove, had received donation of \$300, which was sent to the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Lubbock.

It was announced that the Spring Reunion for the 17th Degree Team will be Mar. 16. Members discussed the possibility of learning three new plays.

In a change of meeting date, members voted to meet on a Friday, due to a conflict of interest. The next meeting date will be Feb. 16, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish meal. Members, wives and families are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Oleta Cornelius.

Masons

Fort Griffin Lodge No. 489 of Throckmorton recently honored one of their members, Frank Frazier, with a Golden Trowel Award, which was presented following their annual Masonic Family Night Thanksgiving Dinner.

Frazier was raised a Master Mason in 1966. As a member of Fort Griffin Lodge No. 489 and Aspermont Lodge No. 1382, he has held every place and station in the Lodge and has served as Worshipful Master in both lodges. He has served as the 91st District Deputy Grand Master, District Educational Officer, area spokesman for Scottish Rite Hospital and Ambassador for the Scottish Rite at Lubbock.

He is a member of Chapter and Council and Commandry in Haskell. He has served as Worthy Patron and Associate Patron in Throckmorton Chapter No. 500 a number of times and as Warden and Worthy Patron in Haskell Chapter No. 892 OES, where he is a dual member.

He served as the first elected president of the Brazos River Scottish Rite Club which was organized in 1991. He is also a member of the 17th Degree team

and has been instrumental in teaching several Masonic men their work.

Frazier has been employed as foreman of the Clark Cattle Company for 25 years. He and his wife, Donna are members of the First Baptist Church of Throckmorton. They have two sons, David of Woodson and C.J. of the home and one daughter, Stephanie Cox of Midland.

Submitted by Oleta Cornelius.

Young Homemakers

By Rhonda Hanson

The Arts and Crafts Show was a great success. Thanks go to all who worked and cooked for the show. Special thanks go to Tina Adams and Michelle Dunnam for their months of hard work and stress.

Everyone enjoyed the Pampered Chef party in November. Lots of fun and useful gifts were purchased for the upcoming holidays. Donna Waggoner was the winner of the door prize. Congratulations.

Thanksgiving was an enjoyable time, but now it's time to gear up for Christmas.

Progressive Study Club to meet

A Kaleidoscope of Opportunities in International Affairs will be the topic for the Progressive Study Club on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A demonstration of creative ways and hints for home holiday decor with an international flair will be presented by professional decorator and caterer, Donna Byrd. Each member is to bring a new toy to be donated to the Children's Division of the Dept. of Human Resources.

Philadelphian Club Tasting Bee

The Rule Philadelphian Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse for a program on "The Arts." The program will include a "Celebrating Christmas—Tasting Bee."

Each member is to bring a copy of the recipe of the food dish that they bring and tell why they chose to make that dish.

Sonic Drive-in advances to district competition

The competition at the Dr Pepper Super Sonic Games has been fierce with Sonic managers, employees and customers enjoying every minute of it. Station Champions are competing to be the best and customer service is the word of the day.

The local Sonic Drive-In, located at 1402 North Ave. E., was recently named a local winner in the second annual Super Sonic Games. The drive-in is one of 150 drive-ins, out of more than 1,450 total, to receive this recognition. The Haskell Sonic Drive-In managed by Leon and Carolyn Herring, advances to district competition along with five local crew members who were named winners in individual competition. Those five local crew members are Cindy Ashley, Sandra Barnes, Lisa Schonerstedt, Stephen Cox,

Michelle Phelps and Michelle Hill. The Super Sonic Games, which began Sept. 15, are designed to motivate employees and enhance their performance and customer service.

The actual competition was divided into two categories: individual and drive-in. As crew members took part in individual competitions, the entire drive-in was mystery shopped twice by an outside organization specializing in anonymously rating Sonic's quality of customer service. The drive-in with the highest mystery shopping score, along with the six station winners from each drive-in, will now advance to compete at the district level.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Area Leadership Contest Big Spring
3	4	5 Roby-Here JV-VBG 4 p.m.	6	7 Wylie Tour. There Dec. 7-8 V-B TBA Corkie Swanson Financial Aid 7 p.m.	8 Breckenridge Tour. There Dec. 8-9 JV-B TBA Sweetwater - Here Fr-JV-VG 5 p.m.	9 State Leadership Contest Huntsville
10 Human Rights Day	11 Administration Office Open House Double Mountain Dist. FFA Banquet Civic Center 6 p.m.	12 Jim Ned-Here JV-VBG 4 p.m.	13	14 Band Concert 7th, 8th & High School 7 p.m.	15 Breckenridge-Here JV-VBG 4 p.m. Bill of Rights Day	16
17	18 1st Day of Hanukkah	19 Elementary Open House 5-6 p.m. Semester Finals Dec. 19-20	20 End of 3rd Six Weeks and 1st Semester School Dismisses Secondary-12:05 Elem.-12:30 Buses run 12:35	21 Christmas Holidays Dec. 21-Jan. 2	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Haskell Tour. Here V-GB TBA Dec. 28-30	29	30
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SCHOOL

Winners of Cub Scout bake sale announced

Cub Scout Pack No. 136 held their annual Parent-Son Cake Bake, Tuesday night, Nov. 28, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. There were ten categories with winners of each category receiving a 1st place ribbon. All of the scouts were given a participation ribbon.

Winners were:
Biggest Cake—Jay Walling;
Smallest Cake—Ross Hairgrove;
Best Tasting Cake—Geoffrey

Phemister; Ugliest Cake—Ryan Barnes; Most Unique Cake—Joseph Felty; Tallest Cake—Nate Webb; Judge's Choice—A.J. Shaw; Most Scout Spirit—Josh Webb; Biggest Flop Cake—Jeremy Torres; and Best Message Cake—Richard Belyue.

Judges were David Page, John McDougal and Kip Nemir, who also served as auctioneer.

Money from the sale of the cakes is used to support program awards and for camp fees for scouts.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 11-15
Breakfast

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

Monday: Cereal and cheese toast

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Pancakes and syrup

Thursday: Sausage, gravy and biscuits

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 on the lunch menu at the high school. Milk and juice are served daily at the elementary

school.

Monday: Meat loaf, potato salad, blackeyed peas, buttered hot rolls and apricot cobbler

Tuesday: Fajitas, pinto beans, sauted onions and peppers, Spanish rice and sliced peaches

Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, gravy, candied yams, green beans, buttered hot rolls, cranberry sauce and fruit salad

Thursday: Chili dogs, French fries, pickle spears and apple crisp

Friday: Submarine sandwiches, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes and spice cake

Menus are subject to change.

Haskell yearbooks on sale

Cost of the basic yearbook is \$22 and the personalized yearbook is \$26. A plastic cover is included with each yearbook.

To reserve a copy, students must pay \$12 or \$16, depending on the original cost of the book. For

further information, call the Elementary or High School offices.

Friday, Dec. 8 is the last day to purchase Haskell High School yearbooks according to Jill Druessedow, yearbook sponsor.

None but a well-bred man knows how to confess a fault or acknowledge himself in an error.

—Benjamin Franklin

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 11-15
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Biscuits and gravy

Tuesday: Toast and jelly

Wednesday: Blueberry muffins

Thursday: Cereal

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily on the lunch menu.

Monday: Chicken salad, bologna and peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, cheese slices, pickles,

chips, pork and beans and chocolate cake

Tuesday: Hot dogs with chili, tator tots, baked beans, pickles and fruit

Wednesday: Taco salad, nachos with cheese sauce, lettuce, cheese, onions and Jello with fruit

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls and fruit

Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, cheese and ice cream

Financial aid workshop

Members of the McMurry University Office of Financial Aid will present a financial aid workshop at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Haskell High School. The workshop will include a brief explanation of the financial aid application process, as well as hands-on assistance in completing

the forms.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Parents and students who are interested in attending McMurry or any other college or university are welcome. For more information, contact Christye Gannaway at 864-8535.

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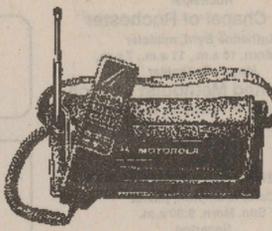


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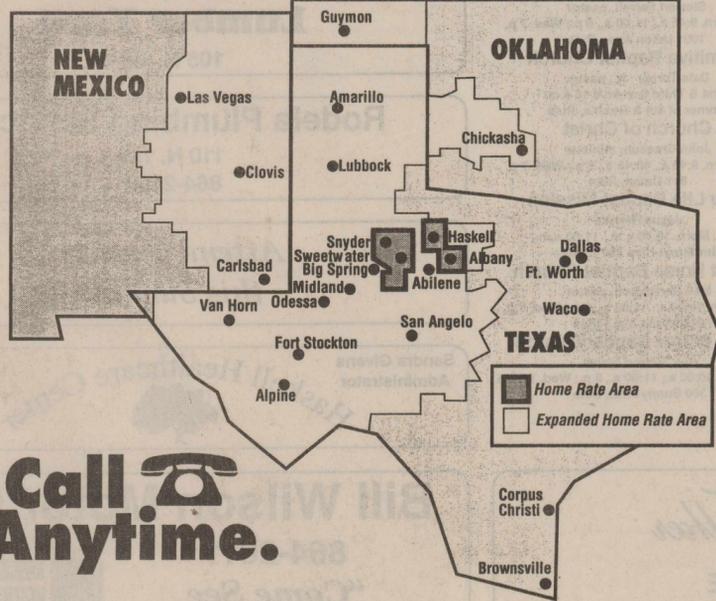
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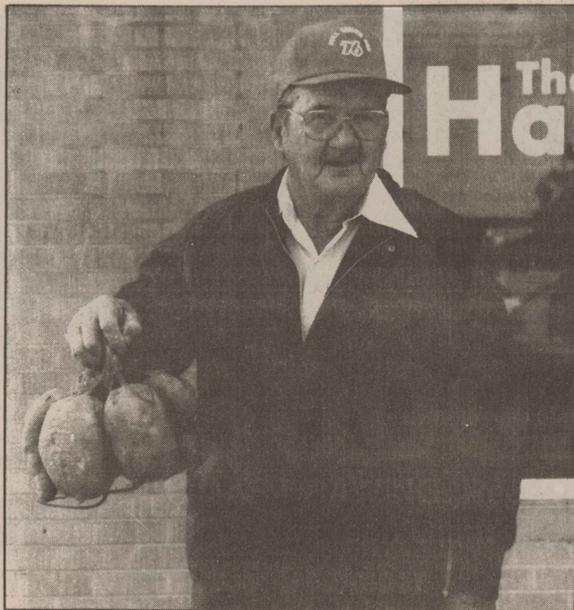
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CLUSTER OF SWEET POTATOES—Stanley Smith of Rule holds a cluster of sweet potatoes grown in his garden at home. Smith gave the potatoes to Dr. Frank Cadenhead who weighed them at around 13 pounds. Smith said this is the second cluster of sweet potatoes that he has found growing this year.

Don't panic, holiday eating can be healthful

Holiday foods are among the many pleasures of the season. But for many, this presents a special challenge. During this time of the year, people sometimes wonder how can they enjoy the holidays and still manage to maintain a healthful diet.

There's no need to panic. Most foods, even the traditional family favorites, can fit into a healthy eating plan. The secret is moderation and balance.

Dinner invitations away from home could mean eating at a friend's or relative's home or perhaps at a restaurant, a hotel or country club for the company bash. In either case, the meal is already planned and there is no menu choice.

If you're bringing a dish to a friend's or relative's table, make a lowfat version of a family favorite. Once the food is on the table, you will have some healthful choices. If possible, choose two appetizers instead of an entree or share an entree with a friend.

If second helpings are mandatory with your host or hostess, make your first helping small. That way, if you're enticed to take seconds, at

least the total amount of food you eat may equal a normal-sized portion.

Choose skinless white meat of poultry. It has fewer calories and fat than dark meat. Eating a roll is okay. If it's fresh, you will not miss the butter or margarine.

The excitement and festival atmosphere of holiday parties can really take your attention away from what you are eating.

Here are some effective tips for holding the line at holiday stand-up events:

- Eat small, lower-calorie meals during the day so you can enjoy a special treat later. Eat a healthy snack right before the party. A hungry stomach can sabotage even the strongest willpower.

- When you arrive at the party, don't rush to the food. Greet people you know, get a beverage and settle in first.

- Make only one trip to the buffet and be selective. Choose only the foods you really want to eat.

- Keep portions small. Often, a taste is all you will need to satisfy a craving or your curiosity.

- Skip the fried food, mixed nuts, cocktail sausages and other high fat tidbits. Eat the crackers, bread and fresh fruit and vegetables.

- If you want to nibble on cheese, take only one or two pieces.

- Fresh vegetables and fruits are always great low-calorie, low-fat choices. Have a small dollop of dip, just enough to coat the end of a carrot stick, broccoli floweret or tip of a strawberry.

- Boiled shrimp or scallops and

thin slices of lean roast beef are good choices. Choose cocktail sauce or lemon and horseradish as a condiment.

It's good to have celebration strategies, but be realistic. Trying to lose weight during holidays may be a self-defeating goal. Striving to maintain your weight, however, is a reasonable expectation. Forget the "all or nothing" mind-set. Depriving yourself of special holiday foods or feeling guilty over

a particular food choice is not part of a healthful strategy. And, certainly not a part of the holiday spirit.

Remember to have fun. Sharing food is an important way to spend holiday cheer. Enjoying a traditional meal or celebrating with your family and friends need not destroy the healthy food habit you have nurtured all year.

Submitted by Lou Gilley, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent-FCS.

I have heard with admiring submission the experience of the lady who declared that the sense of being perfectly well-dressed gives a feeling of inward tranquility, which religion is powerless to bestow.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

By Gladys O'Neal
Since Christmas is this month, I want to write about Christmas at the Lamshead Ranch in Albany as it was some years ago. Watt Matthews lives at the ranch. It is a beautiful story of love and companionship, mixed with hardships of years ago.

In north central Texas, just outside of Albany are 40,000 acres of rugged range known as the Lamshead Ranch. For over 100 years, the Matthews family has called this working ranch home.

John and Sallie Reynolds Matthews were married there on Christmas Day, 1876. Today, their son, Watt, oversees the ranch as well as the Christmas festivities.

The key ingredients to life on the ranch were hard work, love of the land, and a strong sense of family. The nearest neighbors were miles away. At Christmas time the ranch hands came to be thought of as a family.

When it came time to get a tree, it was not an easy task in their rugged terrain. It was not in their lifestyle to travel 20 miles into town to buy one; there were no cars. The type of tree growing in the area was an Ozark White Cedar which had a scent that just seemed to say Christmas.

The Matthews did not cut an entire tree because of its size and form. They selected a good trunk and removed the top six to eight feet. One of the cowboys would sometimes use his horse to pull the tree to a truck nearby. Cookies were baked, corn was popped, cranberries were strung and hung on the tree. Weeks later, the decorations became a treat for the birds.

The cowboys, family and friends all added their own special touches. When the tree was completed, everyone at the ranch gathered for the Christmas party. Christmas carols soon filled the house and it was easy to see that a Texas

Christmas tradition was alive and well at the Lamshead.

If you have not planted your bulbs, do so immediately, using bone meal below each bulb.

Feed your pansies liquid manure this month. The flower beds should be tilled and fertilized this month to be ready for spring.

These days in December, we deserve a "sit back and enjoy what we've done earlier" feeling.

For your dining table flower arrangement at Christmas, keep it low so that conversation can be pleasantly heard without sitting at attention to see people above the arrangement.

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John B. Kirby, 51, of Roberts Lane NE, Warren, Ohio, has been selected for the position of National Adjutant General of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in Washington, D.C. Kirby is the son of the late J.B. Kirby of Haskell and Pauline Jones of Abilene.

A retired U.S. Marine having served two tours of duty in Vietnam, Kirby was first an advisor with the Vietnamese Army during 1965 and 1966. His second tour was with the First Marine Division in 1968. He was wounded in action during both tours.

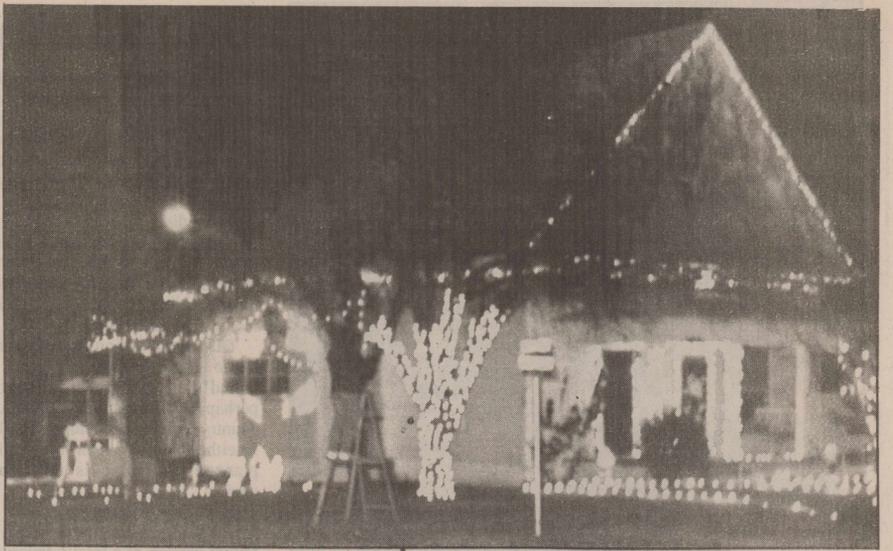
His decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," two Purple Heart Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnamese Service Medal with five campaign stars, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Marine Corps Parachute Insignia.

He has spent a great deal of his life involved in the support of veterans and their families. He has held professional positions as a Disabled Veteran Outreach Specialist for the State of Ohio and leaves his current position with the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission in Warren, Ohio for his new duties.

Classical chorus

The Classical Chorus of Abilene will present, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy: A Christmas Celebration," on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1420 North Third St.

Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 for senior/military/ student; \$4 for children. Phone 915-676-7052 for reservations or information.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS—Homes all over Haskell are being decorated for the Christmas season, such as this one with decorations of lights on the house and in the yard.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The farmers are taking advantage of the nice warm weather and have been busy stripping cotton, sowing wheat and wishing for a real, killing frost so that the cotton harvest can be completed. Residents are getting into the Christmas spirit with decorating their houses and yards, working on special programs at the churches and making plans for family reunions soon.

Visiting in the home of Mary Neinast during the Thanksgiving weekend were her children, Kenneth, Betsy, Laura Kate Neinast of Emory; Roy, Judy, Daryl, Doug and Dustin McKewan of Sudan; and Gary Muegge of Fort Worth.

The Ladies' 84 group met in the home of Mary Neinast last week. Enjoying an afternoon of fun were Doris Lehrmann, Helen Lehrmann, Ethel Quade, Corine Lowack, Meta Kupatt and the hostess.

Charles and Dorothy Clark spent Thanksgiving Day in the home of Alma Jo Simpson of Rule. Joining the group were Kyle Clark from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and his fiancée, Jennifer Nelson of Missouri City,

Tex.; Judson Clark of Texas Tech in Lubbock; Bob and Tommy Jo Clark of Abilene; Jay Pugh of Texas Tech; relatives of the Simpson family from Florida and Mrs. M.Y. Benton.

Upcoming events at Faith Lutheran Church for the week of Dec. 10, include the Family Night at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10; Faith Circle meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m.; Advent Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, Elders meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Council meeting at 8 p.m. Men of the community are reminded of the breakfast on Friday morning at 7 a.m.

Pauline Dick and Sylvia Crowe of Haskell visited in the home of Mary Neinast Saturday.

Abby Dudensing participated in the District food show in Vernon. She made the microwave fruit salad that she won with at the county show. She was accompanied by her mother, Rene, who was a judge for the Senior Division. Her brother and sisters spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Thompson of Paint Creek.

Larry and Carol Hobratchk of Littlefield took Carol's mother, Odene Dudensing with them to Vernon to attend the playoff football game for Littlefield. On Saturday, Odene's family, including the Hobratchks and Lynn Dale, Renee, Emory, Abby, Jenny and Molly, had dinner with her.

Tony, Billie Joe and Josh Freeman spent Thanksgiving day with Landra Post at Buffalo Gap. Also visiting were Darin, Cary and Andrea Eppley of Lubbock, Greg Eppley of Rochester and Polly Baitz of Old Glory.

The Mike Hertels spent Thanksgiving in the home of her parents, the James Marquis' of Rule. They were joined by Carla Marquis and Breanna of Rule and Sheryle's grandparents, Charles and Rose Flippo of San Angelo.

Andrea Kittley visited in Monahans with her children, Martha and James Costillo and with Michael and Emma Kittley of Kermit.

Dewayne Monse and Barry Smoot of Abilene visited with Jack and Lois Monse, Sunday.

Joe and Yvonne Swofford had Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter and family, Duke, Susan and Colt Pendergraft, near Stamford.

Everyone is reminded of the Friendship Club Christmas dinner at Faith Lutheran Church on Dec. 21.

On Saturday, Delbert and Joyce attended the football playoff game between Midland Permian and Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland.

Everyone is invited to the annual Christmas program and party at the Methodist Church on Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Ophelia LeFevre has ben in Hendrick Medical and Rehabilitation Center following knee replacement. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The Advent Tea was held at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon with Isabel Mrazek of Aspermont, Doris Lehrmann of Rule and Mary Neinast acting as hostesses. Secret prayer sisters were revealed and gifts were exchanged by the ladies that were present including Barbara Nauert, Ethel Quade, Laverne Stanhope, Loreita Connally, Michelle Toney, Frieda Knippling, Dorothy Toney, Eloise Hertel, Frances Howell, Hazel Wofford and the hostesses.

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Witness, Carolyn Reynolds, Clerk of the 39th District Court of Haskell County, Texas.
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Carolyn Reynolds Clerk, 39th District Court Haskell County, Texas P. O. Box 27 Haskell, TX 79521

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AGRICULTURE

Services offered by local Seymour Aquifer Water Quality project office

The Seymour Aquifer Water Quality Project began in 1991. It was one of 37 water quality projects started nationwide that year.

The project area covers 274,500 acres in northwest Haskell and southern Knox Counties. The goal of the project is to reduce the

potential for nitrate and pesticide leaching into the groundwater. The local project office offers several services free of charge to people in the area.

Water testing for nitrates and salts was started in 1992. This service has increased from 150 samples the first year to 293

samples tested in 1995.

Free soil testing is conducted during the spring and fall each year for producers in the area. The free sampling periods have increased the number of soil samples submitted to 412 last year.

Forty-six center pivot irrigation system evaluations have been conducted since 1992. There has

been a steady increase in the efficiency of the systems checked from the area.

Irrigation scheduling demonstrations using gypsum blocks and tensiometers were conducted at 77 locations last year. Soil moisture readings were taken at 6, 12, 24 and 36 inch depths each week.

Gallon per minute (gpm) check

of irrigation wells were performed on 22 systems last year. An ultrasonic flowmeter is attached to the discharge pipe at the well. The gpm is calculated from the speed of the water by sound waves.

A program to evaluate the possible water contamination risks around the homestead was made available to the project during

1995. The Tex-A-Syst evaluations are a series of fact sheets and worksheets with information on wellhead protection, fertilizer and pesticide storage and water testing.

For more information on these services, call the Seymour Aquifer Project office at 817-864-3334.

Submitted by the Haskell Co. Seymour Aquifer Project.

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Ladybug masses is good news for gardeners

Reports of ladybugs gathering in large masses on buildings and in attics is very good news for gardeners fighting aphids, says Texas A&M entomologists in both Dallas and College Station.

"This newly-arrived species, Harmonia axyridis, is a friendly insect that feeds on aphids in roses, crepe myrtles and other ornamentals, as well as pecan trees, cotton and other field crops" said Dr. Allen Knutson, Dallas-based entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This is the time of year they gather in a cool, protected place for the winter," Knutson said. "We've had reports throughout the North and Central Texas corridor from southern Texas and north in to Oklahoma."

"There's no cause for alarm," said Bill Ree, Extension entomologist in College Station. "They don't bite, sting, eat wood or carry disease. In fact, one pecan

farmer told me he'd cut a hole in his attic if that would assure they'd stay over and eat aphids in his trees next spring."

The Harmonias are similar in size to other common ladybugs but distinctive in appearance because of white markings around the eyes that look like goggles. Their color varies from light orange to the familiar deep red and there may be no spots or as many as 18.

Knutson says, "They'll hibernate in an attic or other protected place until spring and then depart to feed on aphids. Their leaving won't be nearly as dramatic as their arrival. We believe the benefits in controlling aphids and other insect pests far outweigh any nuisance factor in their overwintering habits."

To prevent their becoming a

nuisance inside the house, Knutson advised caulking cracks around eaves and windows and should they intrude into your home, use a vacuum to remove them.

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

Rochester jackpot swine show

The Rochester Jackpot Show for swine will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Rochester FFA show barn.

Weight-in begins Friday after school until 9:30 p.m. and will continue Saturday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. followed by the show and judging will at 10 a.m. The judge will be Randy Nations.

Entry deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 12, and will be cut off at the first 225 paid entries. Prizes will be given in 1st through 3rd places and Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each breed, plus an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. The classes of breeds will be Durocs, Hampshires, White OPBs, Black OPBs and Crosses.

For further information, contact Alan Reed at 817-743-3247 (school) or 817-743-3301 (home).

Venison good when cooked correctly

Texas will sell a million deer hunting licenses this year. That means venison will be the main dish on a lot of tables. Venison is low in cholesterol and high in protein.

Extension wildlife and fisheries sciences professor Dr. Don Steinbach says it is more healthful than beef, but to find more about how to cook it, Don directed us to his wife Judy who teaches classes on wild game cooking.

Many people have the meat made into sausage, but she says do not discount other cuts. Ground venison can be used just like hamburger and steaks can be chicken fried. She even has a recipe for backstrap to make taste like filet mignon.

Cut chunks about the size of a 50-cent piece. Season with garlic and pepper and wrap with half a strip of bacon. Grill for 20 minutes and that makes venison taste like filet mignon.

Venison is a dry meat and Judy cautions not to overcook it. Soaking it in a milk or mild vinegar bath will take out some of the gamey taste. And doe meat is better eating than that big buck.

Judy says wild game cookbooks are easy to find and offer some delightful recipes for bringing your trophy to the table.

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

Haskell Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was a run of 1278 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter. The market was \$1 higher on all except packer cows and bulls.

Cows: fat, .26-.31; cutters, .28-.34; canners, .22-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .38-.45; feeder, .45-.55; utility, .25-.38.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .66-.76; 300-400 lbs., .65-.73; 400-500 lbs., .59-.69; 500-600 lbs., .57-.65; 600-700 lbs., .59-.65; 700-800

lbs., .59-.64; 800-up lbs., .53-.61.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .56-.71; 300-400 lbs., .56-.66; 400-500 lbs., .49-.59; 500-600 lbs., .49-.57; 600-up lbs., .49-.58.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$350-\$450.

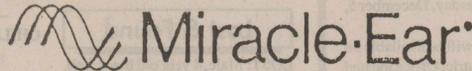
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$400-\$500; aged or small, \$250-\$400.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$500-\$650; small or aged, \$350-\$500.

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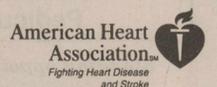
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