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"The People's Choice"

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LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW—Residents of Haskell woke up New Year's Day to find a winter wonderland of snow covering the ground and rooftops. The snow started in the early morning hours and continued most of the day. Temperatures dropped to below freezing and only reached a high of 36 degrees on Tuesday

with a wind chill factor of 8 degrees. The snow melted on streets but was still in evidence Wednesday morning. Samantha and Wes Steele, the children of Pam and Bill Steele, decided to take advantage of this first significant snowfall of the season and build them a snow fort, despite the cold temperatures.

Approximately 1,200 valid handgun licenses

The Dept. of Public Safety has issued approximately 1,200 concealed handgun licenses which became valid Monday, Jan. 1. They have received more than 170,000 requests for applications and has mailed more than 153,000 application forms in response. Texas citizens have filled out and returned more than 35,000 applications.

The Concealed Handgun Unit has reviewed all applications received in September and some of these received in October. All September applicants have been mailed their licenses or have been sent notices of problems such as smudged fingerprint cards, incomplete application packets or questions about potential disqualifying factors.

"We've dedicated a lot of resources to initiating the licensing process, and it is running very smoothly," said Frankie L. Waller, Chief of Administration for DPS. "The public response has been tremendous. However, due to the enormous response and the short startup period, we do anticipate taking the full 90 days to process applications."

"I know all applicants are eagerly awaiting their licenses and are tempted to call and ask for their status, but each time the phone rings it takes our personnel away

from the license issuance process and slows things down," Waller said. "We ask your patience in giving us ample time to process your application before calling to check on its status."

Concealed handgun license holders who are stopped for traffic violations after Jan. 1 should let law enforcement officers know if they are carrying their weapons.

Department of Public Safety troopers will begin asking motorists whether they have concealed handgun licenses, whether they have their weapons with them and, if so, where the guns are located. Troopers will have the discretion to disarm license holders if they feel safety is at risk.

At the first opportunity, licensees should let officers know where their weapons are located. If asked for identification while carrying their handguns, they always must present their concealed handgun licenses along with their driver licenses or I.D. cards.

During traffic stops, citizens carrying guns should keep their hands in plain sight and cooperate fully with law enforcement officers to ensure everyone's safety.

License holders were able to begin carrying their concealed guns Jan. 1.

Three candidates file for County Judge

Three Democratic candidates have filed for the Haskell County Judge's position. The candidate who is elected in the March primary will probably be appointed to serve out the unexpired term of County Judge B.O. Roberson who resigned last month because of health reasons. Candidates who have filed are David Davis, James M. (Stick) Raughton and Bill Perry.

The Precinct 3 Commissioner's race also promises to be an interesting one, with four

candidates filing for that office. Commissioner Ray Perry announced last month that he would not run for re-election to that office after serving seven terms.

The candidates for Commissioner, Precinct 3 are Cliff Morris, Kenny Thompson and Tim Everett, on the Democratic ticket and Duke Pendergraft on the Republican ticket.

Other candidates in other races include: Johnny Mills—Sheriff; Bobbie Collins—Tax Assessor-

/Collector; Billy Wayne Hester—Commissioner, Pct. 1; Kimberlee Guess Bassett and Gregg Hearn for Constable—both Democrats; and Duward Campbell—Republican, also for Constable.

All candidates are invited to submit a statement on their political platform, a brief biography on themselves and a picture, to *The Haskell Free Press* for publication, free of charge. For those candidates who do not have a photo available, one will be taken at the newspaper office.

Look for Social Security benefit statements

This month (January), Social Security will send taxpayers a statement showing the total benefits they received in 1995. The statement is designed to help you determine if you need to pay tax on a portion of your benefits based on your taxable income.

The SSA-1099 statement you receive includes an IRS Notice 703. You'll know whether you need to pay tax on your Social Security benefits after you complete the five steps on the notice.

For more information about

taxable benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at 1-800-829-3676. Ask for Publication 915, *Tax Information on Social Security Benefits* (and *Tier I Railroad Retirement Benefits*); and IRS Publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans*.

Lighting contest winners announced

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of the Lighting/Christmas Decorations for 1995.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of the citizens and businesses of Haskell for making our city so festive during the 1995 December season.

Our city was truly "Haskell Alive."

The Chamber would also like to express its appreciation to the judges of the Lighting/Christmas Decorations. A Texas size "Thank You" goes out to the judges and congratulations to the following winners:

Business Winners

1st place—Boggs and Johnson Furniture; 2nd place—The Personality/Slipper Shoppe; 3rd place—Hometown Furniture; Honorable Mention—Nemir's Antiques.

Resident Winners

1st place—Faye Stiewert, 1704 N. Ave. G; 2nd place—Jerry and Nelda Decker, 1703 No. Ave. G; 3rd place—Allie Belle Smith, 300 No. 2nd; Honorable Mention—Abe and Ruby Turner, 311 No. Ave. F.

Goodfellows Donations

Donation from the Drug Store employees in honor of Doyle and Roberta High	\$110.00
Anonymous	\$15.94
Donation from Haskell CISD Admin. office staff in honor of their boss, Mr. Bob Pheil	\$40.00
Monty Montgomery	\$20.00
Harmon Cable, Goodfellows Special	\$224.91
Mrs. Baird's Bread	Bread
Total this week	\$410.85
Previous total	\$1145.00
Final total	\$1,555.85

Winners of HBA drawing

The following is a list of winners in the third and final HBA Christmas drawing held Saturday, Dec. 23:

Maudie McFadden—MSystem—\$250; Stephanie Copeland—Modern Way—\$125; Greg Brister—Cecil's—\$125; Kathy Futch—Cecil's—\$500.

Misty Rocha of Knox City won the quilt raffled off by the HBA.



UP, UP AND AWAY WE GO—Haskell Indian Casey Burgess—No. 11 puts the ball in the basket during Thursday night's game with Throckmorton in the 1995 Holiday Hoop Classic hosted by the Haskell Indians, while Slade Bigham—No. 3 of Throckmorton stands with hands clasped and seems to be praying for Casey to miss the shot.

Coming Events

Progressive Study Club

A Kaleidoscope of Opportunities in Art will be the theme for the Haskell Progressive Study Club when it meets Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

An evening with the "Gourd Lady" program will be presented by Becky Tubbs. It will be a display of artistic achievement by a professional artist.

A business meeting will follow the program and reports to be filled out for the 1995-96 year will be handed out to various department chairmans. The nominating committee will submit their report, also. All members are urged to be present.

Philadelphian Club

The Philadelphian Club of Rule's annual business meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Club House with

President Orehana Greeson presiding.

Program director for the day will be June Biffle. Members will answer roll call with, "A New Year's Resolution," and also participate in the program by reading a portion of the Constitution and By-laws. All members are urged to be present.

Rule Eastern Star

Rule Chapter No. 989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. for a visit by the Deputy Grand Matron, Dawn Marshall, of Abilene. She will bring instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron, Rosemary

Swetland.

A covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Sons of Hermann

The Sons of Hermann will have their monthly meeting, Sunday, Jan. 7, at 3 p.m. at Irby Lodge. The Lodge will open at 2 p.m. for those who would like to come early.

The menu for the meal will be stew and chili. Everybody is to bring either stew or chili and a dessert.

The next dance at the Lodge will be Saturday, Jan. 27. No dance on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Cirrhosis has many possible causes, including alcohol

Cirrhosis is a disease of the liver, an organ that is located just under the lower ribs on the right

side of the body. Cirrhosis is a common disease, ranking third as the cause of death among Americans aged 25 to 59.

The liver is the body's largest internal organ and has many vital functions involving the use of food for energy. It is like a chemical factory and is responsible for manufacturing hundreds of enzymes necessary for our body functions. The liver also is the place where cholesterol is metabolized, old red blood cells are broken down and normal blood sugar level is maintained. It is responsible for detoxifying many poisons and drugs that enter the blood stream, including alcohol.

The term cirrhosis is used when normal liver cells are damaged and replaced by scar tissue. The most common cause of cirrhosis is chronic alcoholism, however, even moderate drinkers and children who have never had a drink can develop the disease. Other possible causes include chronic viral hepatitis, bile duct obstruction, exposure to potent chemicals, reactions to medications and other drugs and the inability of the body to properly process iron or copper.

In most cases, there are no early signs of cirrhosis and the disease may go undetected until it is in the advanced stages or it is diagnosed in the course of treating another illness. As the disease establishes itself, some patients may experience symptoms that include weakness, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting and weight loss. Later symptoms may include abdominal pain and distention because of fluid buildup, itching jaundice or yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes.

Fortunately, early identification of liver disease and subsequent medical treatment may prevent development of cirrhosis.

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

Obituaries

William N. "Dude" Mercer

Services were held for longtime Haskell resident, William N. "Dude" Mercer, 77, on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley, Rev. Alfred Altum and Billy Davis officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mercer died Monday, Dec. 18, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 13, 1918 in Kentucky Town in Grayson County. He married Evelyn Pearl Harrison on Apr. 1, 1948 in Stamford. He served with the United States Army during World War II. He was a mechanic for 12 years and then retired from WTU after 29 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a member of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. for over 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Mercer

on Dec. 30, 1993; and five brothers, Williard Mercer, (Pete) Raymond Mercer, Roy Mercer, Ernest Mercer and Melvin Mercer.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Suzann and Tim Townsend of Haskell; one son, William Nelson (Bill) Mercer Jr. of Bacliff; three grandsons, Matthias Mercer, Mark Mercer and William Nelson Mercer III and his wife, Tiffany; and one great-granddaughter, Silvia Nicole Mercer.

Pallbearers were Bob Aycok, John Pike, Donnie Skiles, Matthias Mercer, William Nelson Mercer III and Tim Townsend.

Honorary pallbearers were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Atchison, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cobb, Ruby Holt, Margie Huss, Randy Harrell, Blair Dugger and Randy Johnson.

Stanley McMillin

He was preceded in death by his first wife and one brother, Dan McMillin.

He is survived by his wife, Frances McMillin of Vernon; one daughter, Sherry Hord of San Antonio; one son, Ricky McMillin of Tatum, New Mex.; one brother Ben McMillin of Burnett; three sisters, Gladys Fraley of Lubbock; Faye Jetton of Haskell and Madge Johnson of Electra; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnathan McMillin, Jarrod McMillin, Frank Rust, Lee Cole, Richard Gore and Victor Lowery.

Ethel Faye Quade

Faith Lutheran Altar Guild. She was also an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her husband, Glyn Quade of Sagerton; two sons, Larry Quade of Houston and Lyndell Keith Quade of Abilene; two sisters, Opal Rash of Arlington and Ruby Rash of Morgan; and one brother, Gerald Lawrence of Abilene.

Pallbearers were Mike Hill, Pat Hill, Jerry Manske, Jr. Macias, Dean Quade and Gary Lawrence.

Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church, Rt. 1, Box 7, Sagerton, TX 79548 or Fairview Cemetery in care of Joyce LeFevre, Rt. 1, Sagerton, TX 79548.

Vela Bell Meier

SAGERTON—Services were held for Ethel Faye Quade, 76, of Sagerton on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Rev. Jeff Zell officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Sagerton under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors of Haskell.

Quade died Wednesday, Dec. 20 at her home. She was born Oct. 6, 1919 in Marlow, Okla. She married Glyn Quade on Oct. 28, 1939 in Peacock. She was a homemaker and also worked as a Special Ed teacher's aide for ten years. She sold Stanley Home Products for many years. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church, a member of Faith Circle and a member of the

SAGERTON—Services were held for Vela Bell Meier, 91, of Sagerton on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Rev. Jeff Zell officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Sagerton under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors of Rule.

Meier died Thursday, Dec. 21, at a Stamford nursing home. She was born Oct. 1, 1904 in Milam County. She married Otto William Meier on Jan. 5, 1925 in Milam County. They moved to Sagerton in 1929. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1962. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church and a past member of the Ladies Aide. She was a mother and a homemaker.

GORDON—Services will be held for Burnice Long Stubblefield, 95, of Fort Worth today, (Thursday) Jan. 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Gordon with Rev. James Haynes officiating. Burial will follow in the New Gordon Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Strawn.

Stubblefield died Saturday, Dec. 30, in Fort Worth. She was born Feb. 14, 1901 in Haskell to C.D. and Addie Rogers Long who were pioneer citizens of Haskell County. She married Joseph A. Broadus in Haskell and they lived in Tyler for many years before retiring to Gordon. She later married Dr. Carl Stubblefield of Houston. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Gordon, the Mary Tyler Chapter of

Burnice Long Stubblefield

the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Gordon Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Joseph Broadus who was killed in an auto accident in 1962 and Dr. Carl Stubblefield in 1981; and one daughter, Betty Broadus who taught in the Fort Worth School System, in 1972.

She is survived by five nieces, Frances Shook Weidner of Gordon, Margaret Long Bourland of Fort Worth, Joyce Long Robertson of Austin, Mary Cunningham Spencer of St. Louis, Mo. and Jane Cunningham of Reston, Va.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Coy D. Dunn

DIMMITT—Services were held for Coy D. Dunn, 86, of Dimmitt on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Ivey Chapel in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes of Dimmitt-Olton.

Dunn died Friday, Dec. 29 in Dimmitt. He was born Dec. 31, 1908 in Flomot. He married Nora Bullin on

Nov. 24, 1931 in Clovis, New Mex. He was employed by Castro County as dispatcher and custodian until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Nora Dunn of Dimmitt; one son, Darrel Dunn of Whittier, Calif.; one sister, Connie Ivey of Dimmitt; two brothers, John Dunn of Haskell and Herbert Dunn of Littlefield; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The crowning fortune of a man is to be born to some peruit which finds him employment and happiness, whether it be to make baskets, or broadswords, or canals, or statues, or songs.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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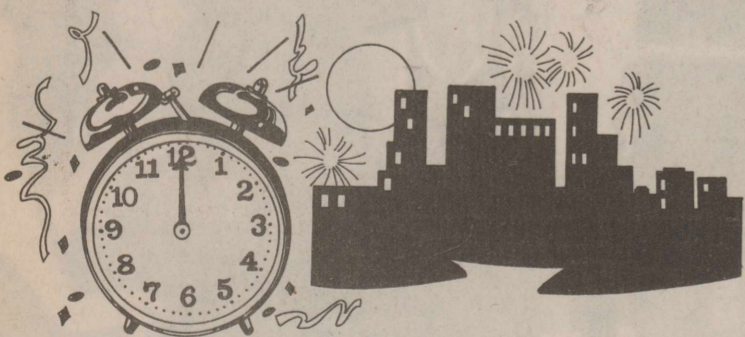
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MR. and MRS. STEVEN JAMES WRIGHT

Cothron, Wright exchange nuptials

Nichole Dynette Cothron of Haskell and Steven James Wright of Johnson City were united in marriage on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. The special unity followed the sermon of pastor David Yage and was part of the Sunday morning worship service. Darell Feemster performed the doubling ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cothron of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Zenble Wright, also of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wright of Johnson City. He is the grandson of Joan Wright of Fort Worth.

Teresa New on the piano and Martha Jarred on the organ accompanied W.O. and Mendi Elmore as they sang "Household of Faith."

The bride wore a satin gown, enhanced with beads and pearls and fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, long tapered sleeves covered with pearls and a long full skirt. The skirt was adorned with hand-sewn beads, pearl and squins and flowed into a long chapel train. She wore a headband, fashioned of embroidered appliques adorned with pearls, which held her veil. She carried a bouquet designed by her mother of white flowers, tied with pearl lined ribbon.

Amanda Cothron, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Stacy Feemster of Brownwood, Brooke Bake of Bryan, Meranda Grand of Haskell, Susan Jarred of Abilene and Crystal Brady of Lubbock. Megan Trussell, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The maid of honor was attired in a burgandy full-length, straight, fitted dress featuring an open back. The bridesmaid's dresses were of the same design, but in hunter green. The flower girl wore a white satin dress and flowers in her hair.

Best man was Wesley Wright, the groom's brother. Groomsmen were Richard Wright, the groom's brother, of Johnson City, Wade Cothron, the bride's brother, of Haskell, Brian Sultemeier of Grapetown, Beau Hicks of Stephenville and Cole Calloway of Haskell. Evan Wright, the groom's nephew, was the ring bearer.

The groom was attired in a white tuxedo with tails, a white



RUSTY OGLESBY and TRECI BURSON

Hawkins family gathers for Christmas reunion

Fifty-three family members gathered at the American Legion building for Christmas with Joyce Hawkins on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Those attending were: James and Shirley Hawkins with their children, Lana Hawkins, Jack and Deana Rhemes and boys of Wichita Falls and Kevin and Melinda Hawkins and son of Abilene; Gary and Yvonne Huffines and grandson Christopher of Dimmett; Russell and Keri Maghy and boys of Lubbock; Brian and Paula Huffines and daughter of Canyon; Philip and Floradean Cockerell and

boys of Early;

Glendon and Charlene Hawkins and Tamera of Irving; Bobby and Darlene Hawkins and Dustin Grimes of Irving; grandchildren, Terry Hawkins, David and Denise Conn, Daniel Conn and Julie Conn of Burnet, Alonzo and Christy Jimenez of Richland Springs.

Everyone enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship and playing the Chinese gift game with the gift beginning with the letter K this year.

Submitted by Joyce Hawkins.

Churches invited to participate in Martin Luther King service

The program chair-ladies of the Martin Luther King program are inviting all of the neighboring churches to please feel free to participate in the King service which will be held Monday, Jan. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Revival Center Church, 1500 North B. St. Elder Hodge will be the host pastor.

Brother L.C. Johnson Sr. is still in the hospital and needs everyone's prayers for recuperation and strength. Prayers are also requested for Frank Jordan Jr. who is in

Dallas this week for a medical check-up and will be in Big Spring hospital on Wednesday. Look for more news next week in The Happenings column.

Submitted by Mae Lou Yeldell.

Burson, Oglesby plan December wedding

Rusty Oglesby and Treci Burson proudly announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson III of Haskell, and the granddaughter of Lee Burson of Haskell and Bernice Rowan of O'Brien. She attends Hardin Simmons University, where she is a sophomore Physical Education major and student athletic trainer. She is a 1994 graduate of Haskell High School.

The prospective groom is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oglesby of Abilene, and the grandson of Opal Dunlap of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rouse of Abilene. He is a junior Marketing major at Hardin Simmons University and a member of the football team. He is a 1993 graduate of Abilene High School.

A Dec. 21 wedding is planned for 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Abilene and complete their education at HSU.

Opinions cannot survive if one has no chance to fight for them.
—Thomas Mann

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vest and bowtie.

The best man wore a black tuxedo with tails, and a burgandy cummerbund and bowtie. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with tails and hunter green cummerbunds and bowties. The ring bearer was dressed in a white tuxedo with tails, and a white vest and bowtie.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony, in the fellowship hall with a small buffet and a cake. The bride's cake was a fresh strawberry cake with fresh flowers cascading down the side. The groom's cake was red velvet with chocolate icing and fresh strawberries on the top.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and is currently employed by Haskell National Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Lyndon Baines Johnson High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He will be graduating in May with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

After a honeymoon in the Poconos in Pennsylvania, the couple are making their home in Haskell.

Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.
—Oscar Wilde

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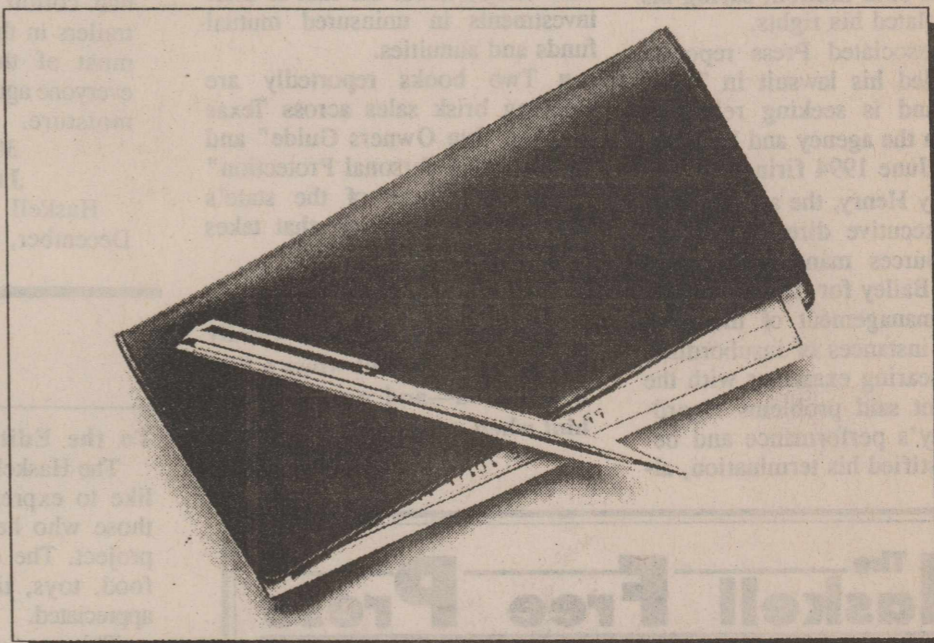
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety officials said preliminary statistics show that only 19 people died on Texas roads and highways between 6 p.m. Dec. 22 and midnight Dec. 25.

The DPS had predicted 35 people would die in traffic-related accidents during the Christmas weekend reporting period.

"It's quite a bit lower than the estimate. Of course that is a happy surprise for us," said DPS spokeswoman Sherri Green. "We love it when we don't reach our estimate. Maybe some people are heeding our warnings."

At least four of the traffic fatalities involved alcohol and several involved losing control at high speed. In six cases, seat belts were not worn, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Green said at least 40 more people may die on Texas highways during the New Year's weekend.

College's Gun Classes Popular

So many students at San Antonio College have taken handgun training classes that the college plans to continue offering them during the spring semester.

"We are planning them once a month until the supply outlasts the demand," instructor Bob McMillan told the Associated Press.

San Antonio College students can't carry guns on campus, even under the state's new concealed weapons law, which goes into effect Jan. 1. But 57 students have taken advantage of the training in the past two months.

McMillan, a former Houston police officer who has 14 years' experience in firearms training, also teaches a 40-hour course on firearms at San Antonio College police training academy.

"We are attracting people from all walks of life," said McMillan, who conducts two nights of classroom training at the college and two nights at his Blackhawk Shooting Range.

The courses are part of the college's continuing education program. With the training, applicants may apply for the state permit.

Fired Official Sues Agency

Charles Bailey, the former director of the Texas Department of Transportation's civil rights division, is suing the state agency for more than \$2.2 million, saying his firing violated his rights.

The Associated Press reported Bailey filed his lawsuit in Travis County and is seeking reinstatement with the agency and back pay since his June 1994 firing.

Daffney Henry, the agency's assistant executive director for human resources management, said she fired Bailey for reasons involving his management of the division and instances of insubordination. A hearing examiner with the department said problems regarding Bailey's performance and behavior justified his termination, al-

though proper procedures were not followed in the firing.

Bailey's lawsuit alleges he was fired "in retaliation for exercising his right and duty to defend the civil rights program."

Travis DA's Office Part of Study

The Travis County district attorney's office is among four that will be studied in a research project paid for by the National Institute of Justice, officials announced.

The project, "Prosecution in the Community: A Study of Emergent Strategies," will study the changing role of prosecutors, the importance of community prosecution and how it works with community policing.

Prosecutors' offices in Boston, Indianapolis and an undetermined site will be studied. The sites were selected because they have ongoing programs in community prosecution, in which community-based action programs are included with traditional case processing.

The research project is administered by the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Labeling of Valuables Urged

The Texas Action Council on Theft is urging citizens to label or engrave newly purchased compact-disk players, video cassette recorders and computer equipment as a measure to discourage burglars.

The council has projected that about 35,000 burglaries will be committed in the state during December and January, the Associated Press reported.

"Juveniles between the ages of 15 and 19 make up the largest number of burglary arrestees," said Charity Judah, spokeswoman for the council, which is a non-profit coalition of law enforcement officials, insurance companies and private citizens.

"That translates to increased burglaries because many kids are out of school for the holidays," Judah said.

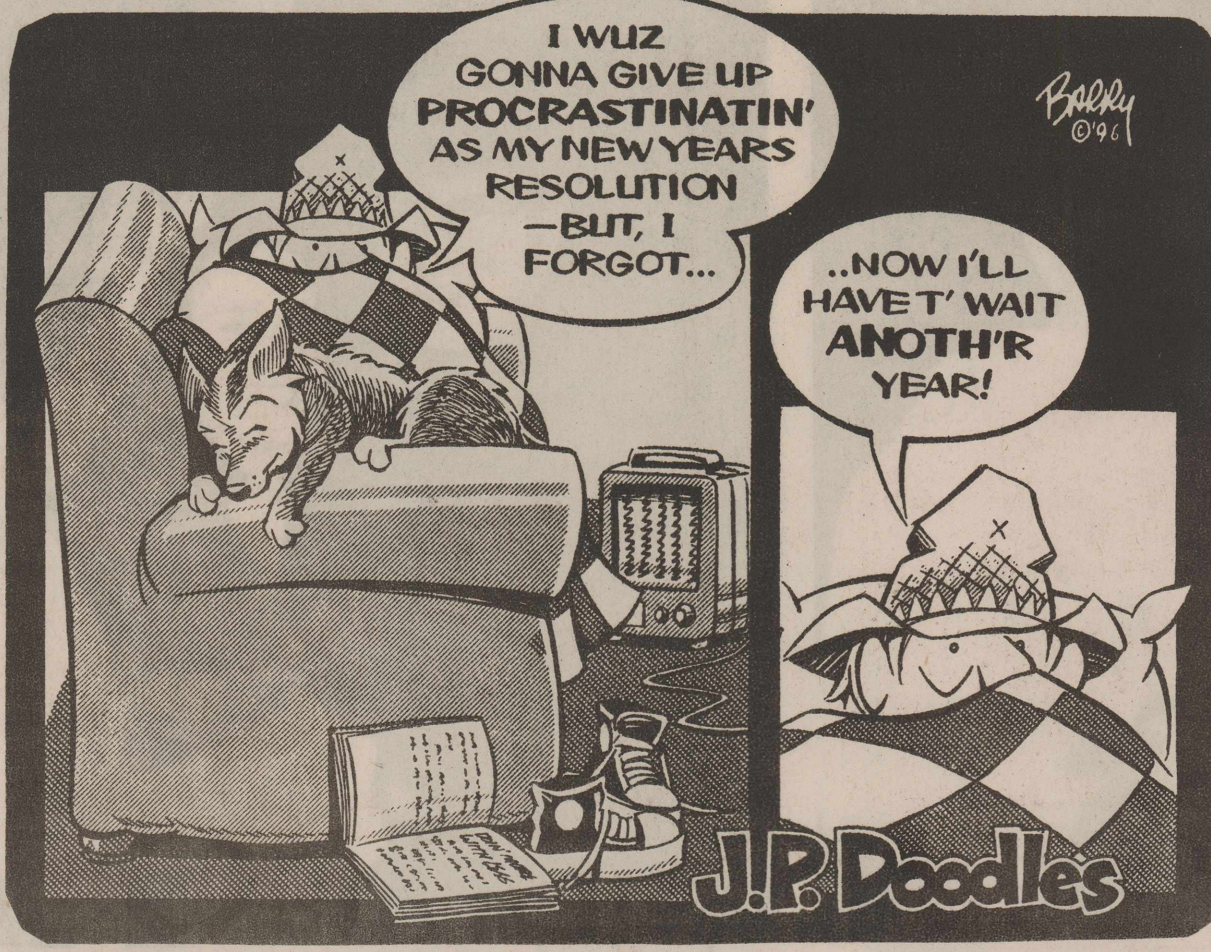
Other Capital Highlights

■ NationsBank has agreed to pay \$30 million to settle a class action suit brought by plaintiffs listed as Ivy Shipp et al., who alleged they and thousands of other Texans were misled about the risk of their investments in uninsured mutual funds and annuities.

■ Two books reportedly are enjoying brisk sales across Texas — "The Gun Owners Guide" and "A Matter of Personal Protection" — in anticipation of the state's concealed handgun law that takes effect Jan. 1.

The greatest thing in family life is to take a hint when a hint is intended—and not to take a hint when a hint isn't intended.

—Robert Frost



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Jan. 1, 1976

Mr. Floyd McGuire Sr. of Weinert brought in some winter onions Monday morning. The odd thing about the onions was that on Jan. 1, 1926, he and his dad bought some hogs from Mr. Paul Zahn. While there, Mr. Zahn gave him some winter onions and McGuire planted them. 50 years later, he brought some of the onions in that came from the batch he receive in 1926. He has kept some of the buttons each year and has replanted them. A string of 50-year-old is something. It may not be a record, but it is still 50 years.

Last Saturday morning, Sheriff G.T. Garrett received a call that started him on a wild chase in the city limits of Haskell. Garrett has received a call concerning the attempted theft of a vehicle, and while pursuing the subject, Garrett intercepted them at the intersection of Ave. G and Highway 380. While turning the corner to avoid a collision with the subject, Garrett's car struck the Queen Roofing Co. building, sheared off a tree and landed on the top of a gas meter. The subjects that were being pursued by Garrett were later apprehended by Olen King, Deputy Sheriff and Adams.

From Sagerton News—The snow and rain during the holidays was a very good Christmas present to the farmers for their wheat, but some were not ready for it if they had cotton in the fields and on trailers in the gin yards. However, most of the cotton is out and everyone agreed that we did need the moisture.

30 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1965

Haskell was moisture shy in December, registering only .64 of

an inch during the entire month, but wound up with 2.85 inches above normal precipitation for 1965, U.S. Weatherman Sam Herren reported. The 1965 moisture totals in Haskell were 26.07 inches, compared with an annual income precipitation of 23.20 inches Herren said.

From the Prattle column by Al Hinds—Could it have been "The Hang?" Dude Gay drove up in front of the Haskell Free Press Monday morning with a couple of wolves in the back of his pickup. One of the critters weighed 41 pounds and the other 25 pounds. They were caught Sunday night with the aid of a spotlight on the pickup and Dude's greyhounds on the H.M. Rike and Arlos Weaver farms. Anyone wanting any "wolf-burgers" may see Dude.

The thermometer dipped to a cool 25 degree reading here on Monday morning, Jan. 3, according to U.S. Weatherman Sam Herren. This was the lowest reading for this winter, records reveal.

60 Years Ago Jan. 2, 1936

A rush of Christmas mailing for the 1935 season boosted receipts of the Haskell Post Office to the extent of 100 percent increase over last year during the 8-day period between Dec. 18 and 25, according to J.M. Diggs, postmaster. Receipts for the entire holiday period were greatly in excess of any previous year, the postmaster added. Reflecting improved conditions in the territory served by the Haskell office, postal receipts for the last three months of the year showed an increased of \$1,182.33 over the same period of 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Kennedy and children of Skellytown, were

the guests of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Kennedy and family the past week. J.S. Fox of Tulsa, Okla. and Iron Pearsey of Haskell were guests at the home of A.B. Barnett Christmas Eve.

Members of the Lions Club were given first hand information regarding progress and plans for the coming year of the Highway Beautification Program inaugurated in 1934 by the State Highway Dept. when the county committee in charge of this work met with the

Lions Club at the regular noon meeting on Tuesday.

70 Years Ago Jan. 1, 1926

J.A. Frazier, local carpenter, reports beginning a new six-room residence for Jno. Oates which will be, when completed, a beautiful modern building situated in the best residential section in the northwest section of the city.

Marvin Wheatley and Leonard Force returned from Vaughn Music School at Wills Point last week. The boys made wonderful progress in their studies according to report.

Last Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. John Ivy were surprised by a number of young people meeting at their house to give them a surprise as well as a farewell party. Several tables were arranged for 42 and at a late hour Mrs. Ivy passed fruit to the following guests: Misses Francis Chapman, Oneta Bland, Oneta and Johnnie Ivy, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bland, Raymond Thurman, Bob Melton and Otie Johnson.

90 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1906

The Jan. 6, 1906 issue of the Haskell Free Press is missing from our files. The 90 years ago column will resume next week.

Social Security Survivors benefits

Most people associate retirement benefits with Social Security, but many are not aware of the valuable survivors insurance protection they receive under Social Security. Consider this: For an average wage earner who dies and leaves a spouse and two children, the value of Social Security survivors benefits is equivalent to a \$295,000 life insurance policy. The difference is that the Social Security survivors benefits are paid monthly and not in a lump sum.

There are some misconceptions about survivors insurance benefits. This column will answer basic questions about survivors benefits, questions that are most frequently asked.

How much work do you need for survivors insurance coverage?

The number of credits you need for your family to be eligible for survivors insurance benefits depends on your age when you die. The younger a person, the less work needed to be eligible for survivors insurance. A person who dies before age 22, for example, would need only 1-1/2 years of work for coverage. And, no individual will need more than 10 years of work to be eligible for any Social Security benefit.

Who can get survivors benefits?

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to widows, widowers, children and dependent parents who meet certain requirements. Widows or widowers can receive full benefits at age 65 or reduced benefits at age 60. Disabled widows or widowers can receive benefits at age 50-60, provided their disability began within a specified period.

Survivors benefits are payable at any age to widows or widowers who have a child of the deceased worker in their care who is under age 16 or disabled and who is receiving benefits on the worker's Social Security record.

Unmarried children under age 18 can receive benefits at age 18 up to age 19 if they are attending elementary or secondary school full time (or receive benefits. A child who became disabled before age 22 can receive benefits at any age as long as he or she remains disabled. Dependent parents may receive benefits at age 62 or older.

How much can survivors receive in benefits?

The higher the earnings of the deceased worker, the higher the benefits will be. The actual benefit amount is a percentage of the deceased worker's basic Social Security benefit and ranges from 75 to 100 percent, depending on the survivor's age and type of benefit.

You can get an estimate of the survivors benefits that could be paid to your family by visiting our local Social Security office, or calling us toll-free at 1-800-772-213 and asking for Form SSA-004 (Request for Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement). The statement will give you an estimate of survivors benefits, as well as estimates of our retirement and disability benefits. You should receive it within four to six weeks after you complete and return the form to us.

Can a widow(er) receive retirement benefits in addition to survivor benefits?

You can switch to retirement benefits as early as age 62 provided you are eligible and your retirement rate is higher than your widow(er)'s rate. In some cases, a widow(er) can begin receiving survivor benefits at reduced rate and then switch to the retirement benefits at an unreduced rate at age 65. The rules vary depending on your situation. You would talk to a Social Security representative about the options available to you.

What happens if a surviving spouse remarries?

Generally, a spouse can't get survivors benefits if he or she remarries. But, remarriage after age 50 (50 if disabled) will not prevent

benefits on your former spouse's record. And, at age 62 or older, you may get benefits on the record of our new spouse if they are higher.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Haskell Goodfellows would like to express sincere thanks to those who helped with our 1995 project. The donations of money, food, toys, time and clothes are appreciated.

This year's Goodfellows project was a community effort, which was spearheaded by the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Dept. Also assisting in this endeavor was the Haskell Free Press.

Sincerely,

Donnie Rieger
Haskell Lions Club
Linda Haynes
Haskell Co.
Child Welfare Board

To the Editor:

Carefully considering the available data from the media concerning the "budget crisis" it just doesn't seem right to hold back pay from some recipients of the tax coffers, while releasing pay to others who are "relevant."

One alternative solution is to take this problem out of the hands of both Congress and the President and do this by holding tax money in escrow until the budget is balanced and the national debt is

paid.

Now that would mean all government employees could have an extended unpaid vacation, both the irrelevant and the relevant, including the executive branch, the Congressional branch and the judicial branch. To be included would be all departments, all agencies, all office workers and even all welfare recipients—no, we could arrange for local boards to be established that would be unpaid and would determine welfare doles to be paid from the local escrow account.

Our troops in Bosnia and other insignificant locales could come home and find other employment such as joining the fight against drugs and illegal aliens, again paid from local escrow accounts.

By using tax money, directly at the point of collection, over half can be saved in administration costs. Even though the American people would likely be considered "mean-spirited" they could handle the problem, and some would likely say that these Americans "don't know what's best for this country." That's alright, it's their country and it's their money.

This is likely to be construed as a rebellion against the current

government, which is almost correct; actually it is a disbanding of the current government.

It's not like the current government is a model of efficiency and unity, dedicated to the interest of the taxpayer. No, this would not be a theft, as this is already our money, to be used as we want it to be used. I think if we cannot get something going on balancing the budget by April the 15th...well, who knows..

Gene Long, Haskell

Facts and figures

(NAPS)—Imagine getting nearly 600 million letters a day. That's what this country's postal workers have to handle—and at holiday time, the volume rises considerably.

Fortunately, assures Moe Biller, President of the American Postal Workers Union, the world's largest, his 360,000 members are well up to the task. These "heroes of the holiday season," as they've been called, prepare billions of pieces of mail at this busy time of year to cross the miles safely and efficiently.

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AGRICULTURE

Glickman improves repayment options for producers

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced that wheat, feed grains, and upland cotton producers who must repay their 1995-crop advance deficiency payments will be able to repay under more equitable terms than in the past. Those producers will likely owe about \$1.7 billion in the latter part of 1996.

Glickman said USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation will propose changes in current regulations to give producers expanded repayment options, including the option to repay in installments over a three-year period, with all of the interest waived, depending on a producer's circumstances. USDA has no legal authority to waive repayment of advance deficiency payments.

"I'm especially concerned about producers who did not have a 1995 crop and are still required by law to repay their advance deficiency payments," Glickman said. "To ease their financial burden, my proposed action will allow them to repay over three years with no

interest."

"These actions will affect about 90 percent of the producers of these crops," Glickman said. To ask for a repayment of this magnitude without better terms and conditions would put severe financial pressure on many producers who are trying to recover from a series of bad weather disasters.

"We're nearing the end of the year and we still have no Farm Bill," Glickman said. "At a time of uncertainty—the Clinton Administration is taking this action to give producers clear direction, so they can start planning for the coming year."

Details of the proposal are outlined in FSA Backgrounder 0865.95.

Backgrounder: Proposal to expand settlement options, interest waivers for producers owing advance deficiency repayments.

The Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, requires program participants to repay all advance deficiency payments when the 12-

month average price for crop exceeds the established target price. Based upon prices to date, it is very likely that 12-month average prices for 1995, feed grains and cotton crops will exceed target prices. Producers of these crops will be asked to repay their advance deficiency payments at the end of each crop's 12-month marketing period, which for all of these crops will be during the latter part of 1996. The total amount of repayment due for all commodities is presently estimated at \$1.7 billion. As mandated by law, repayment of advance deficiency payments on acreage enrolled in the 0/85 or 0/92 programs is not required.

Under the present regulations and procedures, producers who are required to repay advance deficiency payments must do so within 45 days of the billing date. If they do not repay within the first 45 days, accrued interest is charged from the date the advance payment was made. The interest rate charged is higher than Commodity Credit

Corporations cost of borrowing from the U.S. Treasury. Only producers who can show financial hardship through a lengthy paperwork process are eligible for a three year installment plan, possibly with interest waived. Secretary Glickman's proposal would allow the following:

Producers who repay within the first 45 days of the billing date will be charged no interest, as is current practice. Additionally, producers may opt to have the Farm Service Agency automatically offset their debt with other payments due to them under the Conservation Reserve program or other farm programs, excluding crop insurance and farm loans. If the amount owed is not repaid by the 46th day, interest will begin accruing at the lowest rate possible.

All producers will be offered the option to repay in installments over a three-year period. In two instances, all interest on the installment payments will be waived: 1) producers received an

indemnity payment under either "buy-up" or catastrophic crop insurance coverage for the crop; or 2) producers can show satisfactory evidence of their inability to pay the amount due in full. For those who do not meet these two requirements, interest will begin accruing on the 46th day from the billing date at the rate the U.S. Treasury charges the CCC for borrowing.

CCC intends to publish any amendments that are determined to

be necessary to applicable regulations in the Federal Register in the form on an interim rule. Once the regulations and procedures are amended, USDA's Farm Service Agency will take action to ensure producers are aware of these options. FSA county offices and county committees will work to advise producers to resolve this matter as easily as possible.

Submitted by Haskell Co. FSA Office.

Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation applications available at Chamber

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce announces that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation for the Central Rolling Plains Zone is currently recruiting and hiring. There are several job opportunities available.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce office has applications for employment available for interested persons. To obtain an application, contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, 307 No. 1st.

Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest thing in the nicest way. —Isaac Goldberg

State funds available to fight animal tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is on the rise in cattle in Texas and now there's money from the legislature to do something about it.

Texas A&M veterinarian Dr. Buddy Faries leads the effort for the

Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He stresses that newly purchased cattle should be tested annually. The test is just like the simple skin test that humans receive, but results aren't always

accurate and a positive reading can be costly to the cattle owner.

If a cow tests positive for TB, she must be slaughtered. The rest of the herd is quarantined, which means those cattle can't be sold and

neither can their milk or meat. This makes cattle owners reluctant to do the tests.

Faries says the Extension Service is contacted to educate cattle producers and dairy operators on the disease and to get them to recognize the importance of controlling it.

Tuberculosis is a deadly airborne disease and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is getting state funding to determine what other animals may carry and transmit it. The Experiment Station is also working on a better diagnostic test and a possible vaccine.

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

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Finding the right firewood to burn

Though most of us don't rely on wood to heat our homes, there are some things we can look for even if the fire we're making is more for decoration than warmth.

Extension forester Lannie Dressen recommends buying wood that isn't too old or too dry. He says little white streaks running through the wood means it's decaying and may be more than a year old. It won't burn as hot or efficiently as wood cut within the past year.

Dressen says to always store firewood outdoors because it can contain insects that could damage the wood and furniture in your home.

He says it's also good to know what you're paying for. If someone sells you a cord of wood, the stack should be four feet high, four feet deep and eight feet long. Dressen says many people sell face cords where the sticks of wood are only about a foot and a half long rather than four feet.

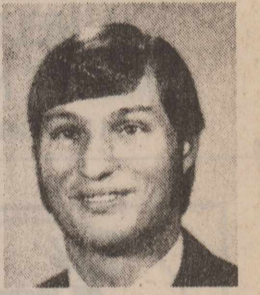
And he says if you're serious about heating your home with wood, get a sealed wood stove rather than an open fireplace. Airtight stoves can heat up to 2,000 square feet.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



WHO MUST FILE A 1995 INCOME TAX RETURN?

Strange as it may seem, the IRS doesn't want everybody to file an income tax return. The reason is simple: processing tax returns costs time and money. The IRS doesn't want to use its resources handling returns that weren't necessary in the first place.

Who should file a return? The 1995 rules are straightforward for most people:

•**Single taxpayers** (including those who are divorced or legally separated): If you're under 65 and had gross income of at least \$6,400 in 1995, you must file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$7,350.

•**"Head of household" taxpayers** (generally, unmarried people who provide a home to a child or other dependent): If you're under 65 and made at least \$8,250, you'll need to file. If you're 65 or older, the cutoff is \$9,200.

•**Married taxpayers filing jointly:** Filing is required if both spouses are under 65 and income is at least \$11,550. If one spouse is 65 or older, the cutoff is \$12,300. If both spouses are 65 or older, gross income must be at least \$13,050 to require filing. If you were married but not living with your spouse at the end of 1995, filing is required if you have income of \$2,500 or more, regardless of your age.

•**Married taxpayers filing separately:** If you made at least \$2,500, you must file, regardless of your age.

Different IRS rules govern filing for certain widows and widowers, dependents, those who owe special taxes, children under age 14, and aliens.

It's worth looking into your filing requirements. This year, you may not have to file at all. If you have a refund coming, you will want to file regardless of your income level. If you need more information, please call our office.

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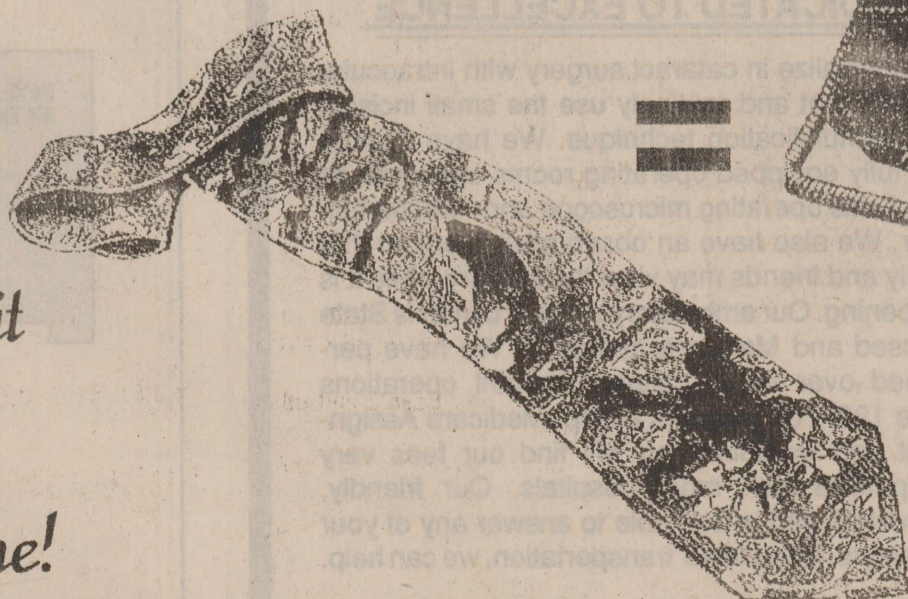
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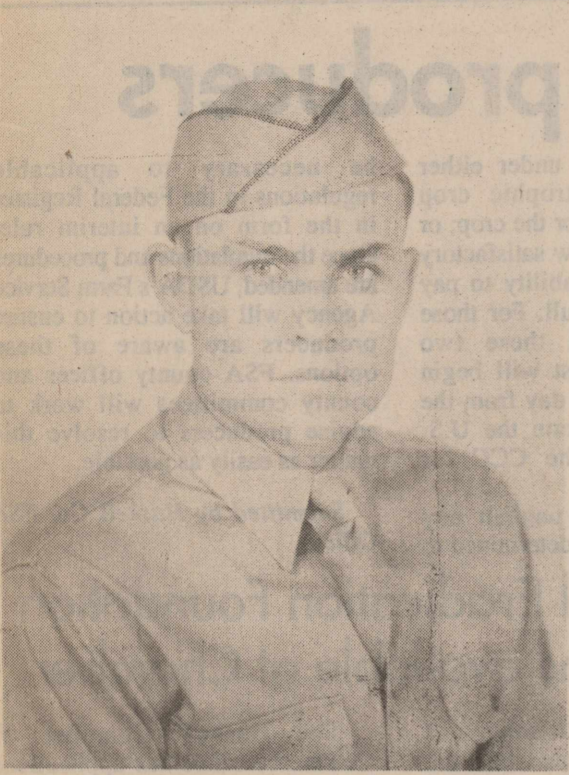
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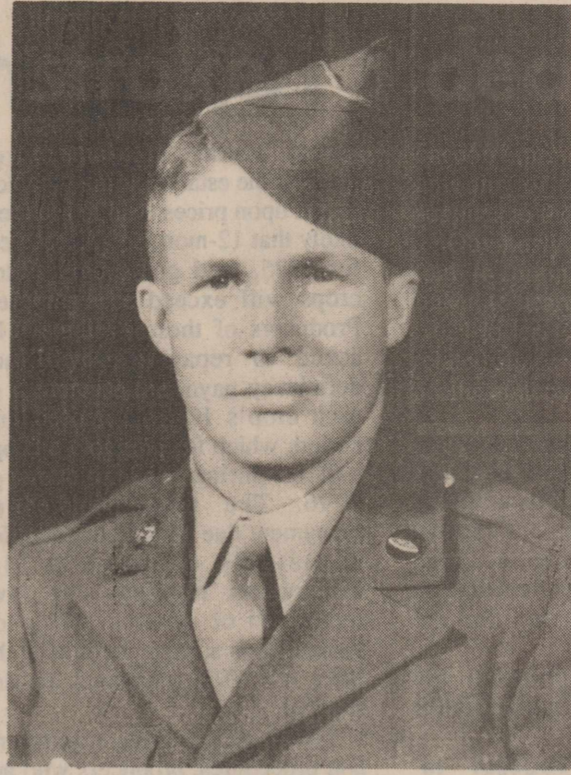
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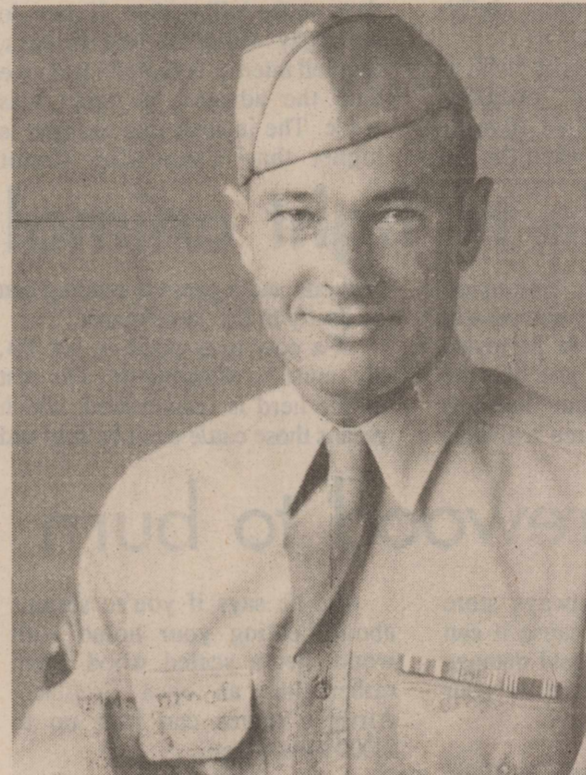
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The Haskell Free Press has a lot of old pictures in the files, particularly a lot of servicemen pictures, that we would like to return to the rightful owners, their relatives or heirs. Some of them are not identified.

We are publishing a few of these pictures each week and will be glad to give them to the rightful owners, their relatives or heirs if they will come by the office and pick them up; or you can send us a self-addressed return envelope for their return.

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Smoke and stroke: a deadly combination

Need a good reason to quit smoking? Try this one: Smoking speeds up the thickening of the walls of your arteries, thus increasing your chance for a stroke. A stroke, or brain attack, is caused when an artery leading to the brain becomes blocked, thus stopping the flow of oxygen-rich blood.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and the No. 1 cause of disability. The American Heart Association points out that strokes killed 143,640 people in 1992 and accounted for about one of every 15 U.S. deaths. Many who do survive a brain attack find that the quality of their lives is lessened significantly by the after effects.

One of the easiest ways to eliminate a major risk for stroke is

not to smoke. Especially if you are older, smoking increases the chances of having a stroke and heart disease. As people age, their artery walls gradually thicken. Cigarette smoking accelerates this process. In fact, studies show that smoking can add 10 years of age to your arteries and increase the chances that they will become clogged.

The clogging process occurs as cigarette smoke causes the platelets in the blood to become sticky and cluster. This situation, in turn, can lead to arteriosclerosis, which means the artery walls have become thickened due to deposits of fat, cholesterol and other substances. That reduces the flow of blood in the narrowed arteries. Need further convincing? The nicotine in tobacco smoke can increase your blood pressure temporarily, while

carbon monoxide reduces the amount of oxygen the blood supplies to the body.

Obviously, just as smoking is tied to brain attacks, it is also linked to heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. Even worse, smoking-related illnesses accounted for the deaths of about 417,000 Americans

in 1990.

To learn more about the dangers of tobacco or obtain information about brain attacks, contact your nearest American Heart Association, or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

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

Community Calendar

- Thursday, Jan. 4**
 9:30 a.m. - Social Security representative at the Haskell City Hall annex.
 Noon - Rotary Club meets at City Hall for weekly meeting.
 7:30 p.m. - Rule Chapter No. 989, order of the Eastern Star will meet. A covered dish dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9
 6:30 a.m. - Kiwanis Club meets at Dairy Queen for weekly meeting.
Thursday, Jan. 11
 Noon - Rotary Club meets at City Hall for weekly meeting.
 7:30 p.m. - Progressive Study Club of Haskell meets in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.
Monday, Jan. 15
 7 p.m. - Haskell Hospital Auxiliary meets at the Hospital lobby.

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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First United Methodist Church
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.;
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First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sunday Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7 p.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Tues. 6 p.m.
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Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
Werth Mayes, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Jim Pratt, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
Rev. Truett Kuentler
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

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Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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.
Rochester

Sagerton Methodist Church
Carol Krumpton, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

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

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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time.

Second, set up a homework study area that's free from distractions. The tricky part includes turning off the TV and foregoing all phone calls during study time. So that you can devote all your energy to studying, make sure supplies such as pencils, papers, pens, rulers and compasses are handy. If these items are easy to get, you won't waste study time searching for them.

Third, use good learning techniques in school. Make the most out of your time in the classroom as the teacher presents the material. Sit at or near the front of the class so you can see and hear the teacher. If you're having problems taking notes, ask the teacher if you may bring a tape recorder to class to tape the lectures. Another option is to get together with friends who are good note takers. Get copies of their

notes to help you review the lessons.

Fourth, get your school notebooks organized. Keep a special sheet that lists when projects and homework are due, and make sure you get your work in on time. A homework calendar is helpful if you write down an assignment's due date and work backwards to schedule time for research, writing and editing. Finally, ask your teacher for

assistance when it's appropriate. Show the teacher you're interested

in learning and are serious about your school work. Ask for assistance in a way that allows the teacher to help you. This may mean coming to class early or staying afterward to talk with a teacher rather than asking too many questions during class.

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At the Office of the Attorney General, we are committed to doing everything in our power to put an end to youth violence in Texas. That is why we have come up with the Texas Mediation Initiative (TMI), a solution we believe to be among the best in the nation.

Challenges and Solutions

Aggressive behavior often occurs when kids simply do not know how to deal with conflict. Without basic communication and problem-solving skills, some kids just explode in anger. Until they learn how to resolve conflicts appropriately and peacefully, we will

all pay the cost — in school discipline problems, higher taxes, wrecked lives, and a less secure and civil state.

Reversing this trend is the mission of the Texas Mediation Initiative. TMI is helping to stem the flood of violence by implementing peer mediation programs in schools and youth correctional facilities, and by training youth, educators, parents, as well as parole, probation, and law enforcement officers. We have found that TMI's peer mediation program helps kids control their anger before anyone raises a fist or reaches for a weapon.

Preventing Problems

Staff, parents and students learn specific skills in communication, dispute resolution and socialization. Then they apply these conflict handling skills in the school, family, and community setting. They serve as mediators — third-party neutrals who help those involved in conflict to reach agreements that are mutually satis-

factory.

The best part of the program is that students are responsible for solving their own problems. That allows teachers to spend less time on discipline and more time on teaching.

A 17-year-old gang member put the problem best. Standing before a training group at the end of mediation training, he said, "Before I came here, I didn't know there was another way to settle an argument other than with violence."

How It Works

TMI teaches kids how to talk to each other and settle their differences. They learn to set ground rules for constructive communication, and they learn how to help people reach mutually acceptable agreements. They practice their new-found skills in safe settings, and carry their knowledge with them when they go to classes every day. Teachers, parents, counselors and students all work together toward the common goal of reducing violence and enhancing self-esteem and cooperation.

The Record

TMI's track record is excellent. To date, the staff has not implemented a program that was not successful. One large, urban

high school reported a drop of discipline referrals from 250 to 25 per semester within five semesters of mediation program implementation. A middle school in a Dallas suburb reported that before mediation was implemented, they had "several physical fights" each day. Afterwards they had absolutely none.

TMI's methods — and results — are simply outstanding. The program is highly structured, based on solid research, with strict attention to careful training and safety issues. School districts enrolled in the program typically report a 50 percent reduction in discipline referrals. The process tends to spill over into the community as well.

For More Information

The only factor holding back the Texas Mediation Initiative is funding. But while the organization searches for additional sources of revenue, it has already placed programs in 17 communities. More are planned for the near future. For more information, contact Susan Armoni of the Texas Mediation Initiative at (214) 739-1027.

Youth violence is a problem that affects us all. But it is a challenge we can all face together. United, we do make a difference.

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 8-12
Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served with all breakfast menus.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Toast with jelly
Wednesday: Breakfast burritos
Thursday: Cinnamon toast
Friday: Donuts
Lunch
 Milk is served with all lunch menus.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy,

creamed potatoes, pea salad, fruit and hot rolls
Tuesday: Wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, salad and fruit
Wednesday: Chalupas, lettuce, cheese, onions, whole kernel corn and apple cake
Thursday: Hamburger steak, gravy, blackeyed peas, macaroni salad, fruit and hot rolls
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, onions, cheese, pickles and ice cream

Haskell School Menu

Breakfast
 Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, buttered toast and jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: French toast sticks, syrup and cereal
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. Milk and juice are served daily at

the elementary school.
Monday: Fish fries, pinto beans, cole slaw, buttered cornbread and Sunshine bars
Tuesday: Beef and spaghetti, buttered corn, tossed salad, garlic bread and apple crisp
Wednesday: Fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls and sliced peaches
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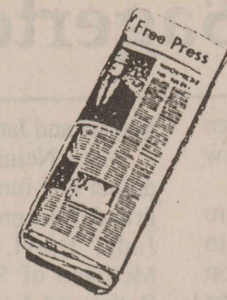
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The wastewater treatment facilities are approximately 3,500 feet southwest of the intersection of State Highway 617 and State Highway Spur 203 and approximately 1,500 feet south of State Highway 617 in Haskell County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged into an unnamed ditch; thence to an unnamed tributary of Lake Creek; thence to Lake Creek; thence to the Brazos River Above Possum Kingdom Creek Lake in Segment No. 1208 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving waters of the unnamed ditch and the unnamed tributary of Lake Creek have no significant aquatic life uses. The designated uses for Segment No. 1208 are contact recreation and high aquatic life uses.

The Executive Director of the TNRC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

If a hearing is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

mission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office—MC105, TNRC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-3312. Written public comments may also be submitted to the Chief Clerk's Office during the notice period. For information concerning technical aspects of the permit, contact Jon M. Foulds, MC 148, the same address, telephone (512) 239-4518. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact Mark Alvarado, Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address, telephone (512) 239-6363.

Issued this 21st day of December, 1995.
(SEAL)
Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 1c

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The family of John W. Hawkins wishes to express our "Thanks" to everyone for the love and concern shown to us during the illness and loss of our husband, daddy and grandpa. Thanks so much for the food, flowers, visits, memorials and prayers during this time.
A special thanks to Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, hospital staff and ambulance staff for the care given. Thanks to all the nurses of Cornerstone who took care of daddy.
Thanks to Marc and Melissa Robison, Charles and Nedra McCauley, Rev. Kenneth Blair and Trinity Baptist Church for the beautiful memorial service. Thanks to the ladies who prepared lunch.
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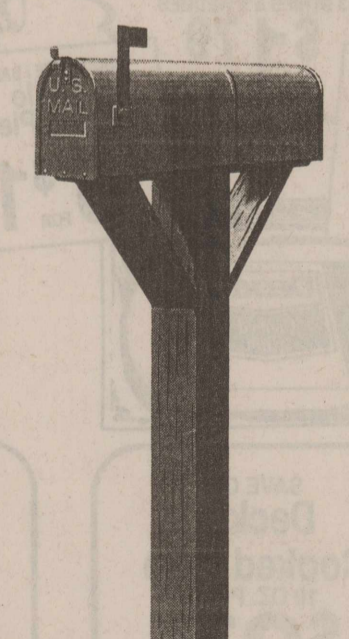
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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Greetings to all and best wishes for a very happy, healthy New Year.

Citizens of the community are reminded of the annual meeting to be held at the community center on Tuesday night, Jan. 9, for the election of officers and the 1995 financial report. Supper will be served at 6 p.m., hosted by Bill and Margie Hertel, Alvin and Evelyn Ulmer and Joe and Dorothy Clark. Everyone is asked to bring desserts.

We congratulate Sagerton students who were among 77 students from Haskell County that were included in the 29th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. They are Kacy Baitz, son of Fred and Tami Baitz; Lisa Macias, daughter of Cato Jr. and Sallie Macias; and Stephanie Stegemoeller, daughter of Clayton and Paula Stegemoeller.

Visitors in the home of Leona Schonerstedt on Christmas Eve included Glen, Pan and Kraig Schonerstedt; Bambi Spyrer; Scott, Kami, Marshal and Whitnee Wade; Teresa, Brandi and Jason Briles; Jamie Hodgins; Leonard, Sherry Haley and Jason Rhoads; Eugene and Sh Rhoads; Mike, Angela and Ty Rhoads; Wes, Linda, Jonathan, Christopher and Zachary Kitley; Randy, Lisa, Paul, Tarina and Tabitha Schonerstedt; Rusty, Linda, Tamara and Keith Schonerstedt; Lawrence and Kathryn Schonerstedt; Louis

Meyers and Janeen Jordan.

Mary Neinst hosted Christmas dinner and fun for her children and grandchildren. They were Roy, Judy, Daryl, Doug and Dustin McEwen of Sudan and Kenneth, Betsy and Laura Kate Neinst of Emory. On Dec. 23, Mary attended the Nativity presented in Stamford at the Presbyterian Church. Her granddaughter, Laura Kate portrayed Mary. The play is an annual presentation directed by Mrs. Tony Selman and considered a very important part of the Christmas celebration for many folks.

Ladain Anderson of Houston is visiting in the Reece and Frances Clark home. Lyndell Quade of Abilene visited with the Clarks, also.

Ty Newman from San Antonio visited in the F.A. Ulmer home during Christmas. He is a friend of the Ulmer's grandson, Kyle Whitaker.

Mr. Lisbon McCowan, former resident of Sagerton visited with Joe Clark last Thursday during the cotton harvest for the J.B. Toney's.

He was passing through and visited for a while. He attended school here during the late 30s while his father was employed by the railroad.

Upcoming events at Faith Lutheran Church for the week of Jan. 7, include: installation of elders and council members at the regular morning service; Faith Circle meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9,

at 2:30 p.m.; Confirmation Classes on Wednesday at 6 p.m.; elders meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Council meeting at 8 p.m.; and Home Communion at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Alexander of Abilene were guests of Bruce and Michelle Toney on Christmas Day.

J.B. Toney and Jo and Rene McAden of Abilene spent Christmas Day in Stamford with Walter Schaake. Erna Schaake had surgery that day for a broken hip and Dorothy Toney was in Abilene for the surgery.

Dec. 26 was the day for the Christmas dinner in the J.B. and Dorothy Toney home. Guests included Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Zell; Ed and Lois Peel of West Columbia; Dahlia Perkins Columbia, Jon and Rene McAden of Abilene; and Frieda Knipling, Bruce, Michelle, Tarah and Clay Toney.

Jackie and Peggy spent Christmas in the home of their daughter and family, Larry and Vanessa Griffin and little Hunter of Little Elm. Coming from Austin to join the group were Bill, Denise, Amberly and Miranda Tabor.

John L. Brooks spent Christmas with her daughter, Maxey and Judy Thompson of Colleyville.

Bill Tabor of Sweetwater is spending some time in the home of Jacky and Peggy Tabor as he recuperates from double by-pass surgery.

Another college degree for Christmas

She would've been proud, the late Alice Lewis-Johnson. Her first-born son, retired Air Force Chief Non-Commissioned Officer Otis T. Johnson of Arlington, graduated from Dallas Baptist University (DBU) on Dec. 15, with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree. His father, the Rev. L.C. Johnson Sr. resides in Haskell and was not able to bear personal witness to the

commencement exercise due to ill health. While attending DBU, Otis maintained an academic grade point average of 3.80 (Magna Cum Laude). Prior to entering the Air Force, he majored in Biology at Jarvis Christian College. During his Air Force career, he attained an Associate Degree in Logistics from the Community College of the Air

Force in 1984. He also attended New York State College, the University of South Dakota, Clinton Community College and Georgia Military Institute.

He and his wife, Rosa, are the parents of Alicia Tana del Carmen, a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1992 and Otis II, a seventh year medical student at the University of San Francisco.

Johnson's future plans include starting another career to apply developed skills experience and education in the Social Service area and to continue studies at Dallas Baptist University.

Submitted by Mae Lou Yeldell.

Harvest of friendship

By Dorothy Clark
Sagerton Correspondent

The Sagerton Community turned out en masse' last Thursday afternoon to demonstrate neighborliness and helping hands as they gathered on the J.B. Toney farms to harvest his cotton crop.

Relatives, friends and neighbors brought cotton strippers, tractors, trailers and module builders to complete the harvest of Toney's 775 acres of cotton. Alvin Ulmer, Lynn Dale Dudensing and Delbert LeFevre hauled cotton to the gin; Delbert LeFevre and Ronnie Teichelman plowed; Steve Lehmann, Kraig and J.D. Kupatt furnished module builders. The following furnished

strippers or drove them: J.D. Kupatt 2, Larry LeFevre 2, Kraig Kupatt 2, Jerry Manske, Johnny Manske, Steven Lehmann, Bill Hertel, Jimmy Teichelman, Fred Baitz, Melvin Baitz, Clayton Stegemoeller, Leon Stegemoeller and Charles Tredemeyer.

Two weeks prior, Bill Hertel, Jimmy Tichelman and Clayton Stegemoeller gathered the cotton for next season's planting seed.

Mr. Toney suffered a stroke on Oct. 20 and is slowly improving at his home.

The Toney's express their appreciation for all of the help from their friends and offer sincere thanks to everyone.

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 think you cannot do.

—Anna Eleanor Roosevelt.

Developing a family style in step-families

Developing a unique family style in step-families

Step-families often face challenges as they strive to become a "family." A major challenge for step-families is to develop a family style that fits their needs. For example, step-family members may unrealistically believe that they will instantly care for each other. Because of a lack of established guidelines to follow, step-families may struggle to understand how to relate to each other and what is expected of them.

Many step-family members report feeling torn between their loyalty to their biological family and the desire to become integrated into their step-family. Step-family members may have difficulty adjusting to changes in familiar patterns of family functioning.

The developing of a unique step-family style is based upon the establishment of new relationships, new roles and new traditions. Step-families have great potential for the establishment of a well-integrated family unit that is rich in shared experiences and special traditions.

A step-parent's role

Step-parents may have difficulty defining their place in the family. Step-mothers may try to recreate the nuclear family and may feel frustrated when members don't instantly care for each other.

A step-father may feel guilty about his inability to meet everyone's needs or be timid about joining a strong mother/children family system. He may also have romantic notions of being the perfect step-father and provider to his step-children.

Step-parents are wise to ease into their new role, not trying to replace the absent parent. Step-parents need to focus on first developing relationships of trust

with their step-children before assuming a parental role. Couples are wise to discuss what each other's role will be and set realistic goals for parenting.

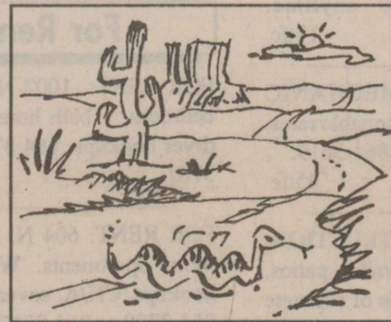
Discipline in step-families

Step-family members may receive conflicting messages about discipline. A biological parent may have concerns about the step-parent's involvement, but may still need his or her help. A step-parent may be equally criticized for either helping with the discipline or staying out of it.

A non-custodial parent may use a different discipline style or may use none at all. A step-child can be confused by the variety of expectations and disciplinary styles of each parental figure. All the parents should discuss what they consider appropriate discipline.

Differences between households should be explained to the children. A step-parent should allow the biological parent to continue to discipline until a good relationship has developed with the step-children.

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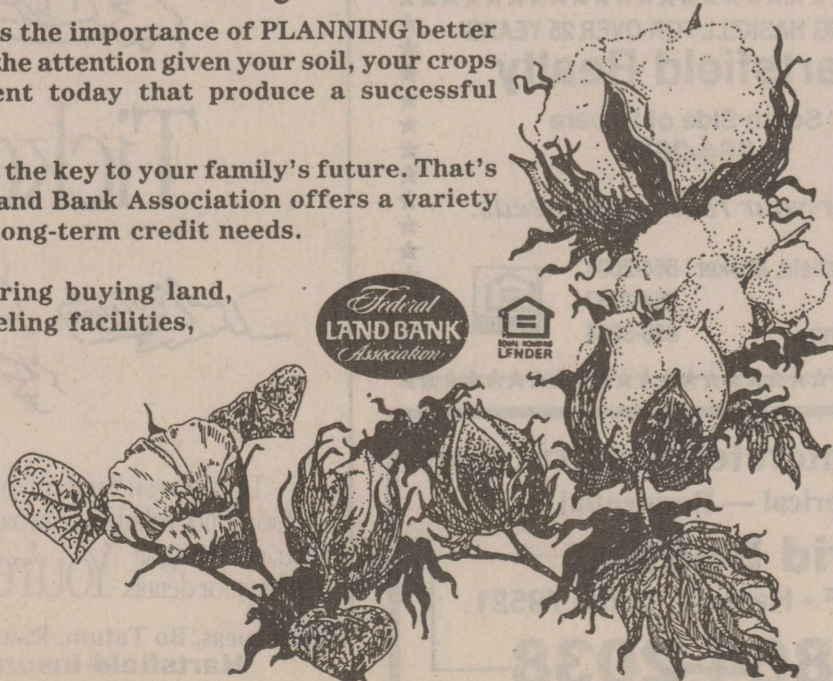
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