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Calendar

New Hope Homecoming

The New Hope Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Stamford Lions' Club building. Registration and visiting at 9 a.m.; potluck dinner at noon; business meeting and memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Please make plans to come and help keep the memory of the wonderful times in the New Hope Community.

Stapleton reception

A "Come and Go" reception will be held Saturday, Aug. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the First National Bank Meeting Room, for Max Stapleton who recently retired as Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag after 28 years of service.

Gillespie Baptist revival

The Gillespie Baptist Church is in revival, beginning Wednesday, July 24 and continuing through Sunday night, July 28, with Evangelist Durwood Thigpen, John Pike in charge of the singing and Anita Thigpen as pianist. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located on Highway 222 about midway between Munday and Knox City.

Class of 1971 reunion

The class of 1971 will have their 25th class reunion on Aug. 2 and 3. Activities on Aug. 2 will be at the Don Nanny's backyard at 7 p.m. on the Paint Creek road. Activities on Aug. 3 will be at Abe and Ruby Turner's backyard, 311 No. Ave. F. Visiting and swimming will start at 3 p.m. with a meal in the evening. All friends are welcome to drop by. If you are interested in the meal, please call Andy or Christy at 864-3982 by Monday, July 29.

Horse Club playnight

The Haskell Horse Club will sponsor its 3rd Point Playnight this Saturday night, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. There will be one more playnight in August. So come and accumulate your points for yearend awards. Everyone is welcome.

Anniversary reception

The children of Russell and Hazel Rainey of Weinert will honor their parents with a reception on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary at the Weinert High School on Sunday, July 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends of the couple are invited to drop by and visit.

Sweet Home birthday

The Sweet Home Baptist Church of Rule will have its 100th birthday service on Sunday, July 28, beginning at 10 a.m. The morning service begins at 11 a.m. followed by dinner and an afternoon of praise and celebration with songs, testimonies and other special activities until 4 p.m.

Youth Football reg.

Haskell Co. Youth Football is sponsoring a free swimming registration, Thursday, July 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell City Pool. Registration fee must be paid to swim. All who are already registered and paid are invited. For more information, contact Todd or Cindy Barnes at 864-3067, Johna Messenger at 864-8076 or Mike Haley at 864-6185.

PALs cookbook

Haskell Co. PALs still need recipes for cookbook to be published and ready to sell in November. Please pick up forms and drop off at Kay's Cleaners.

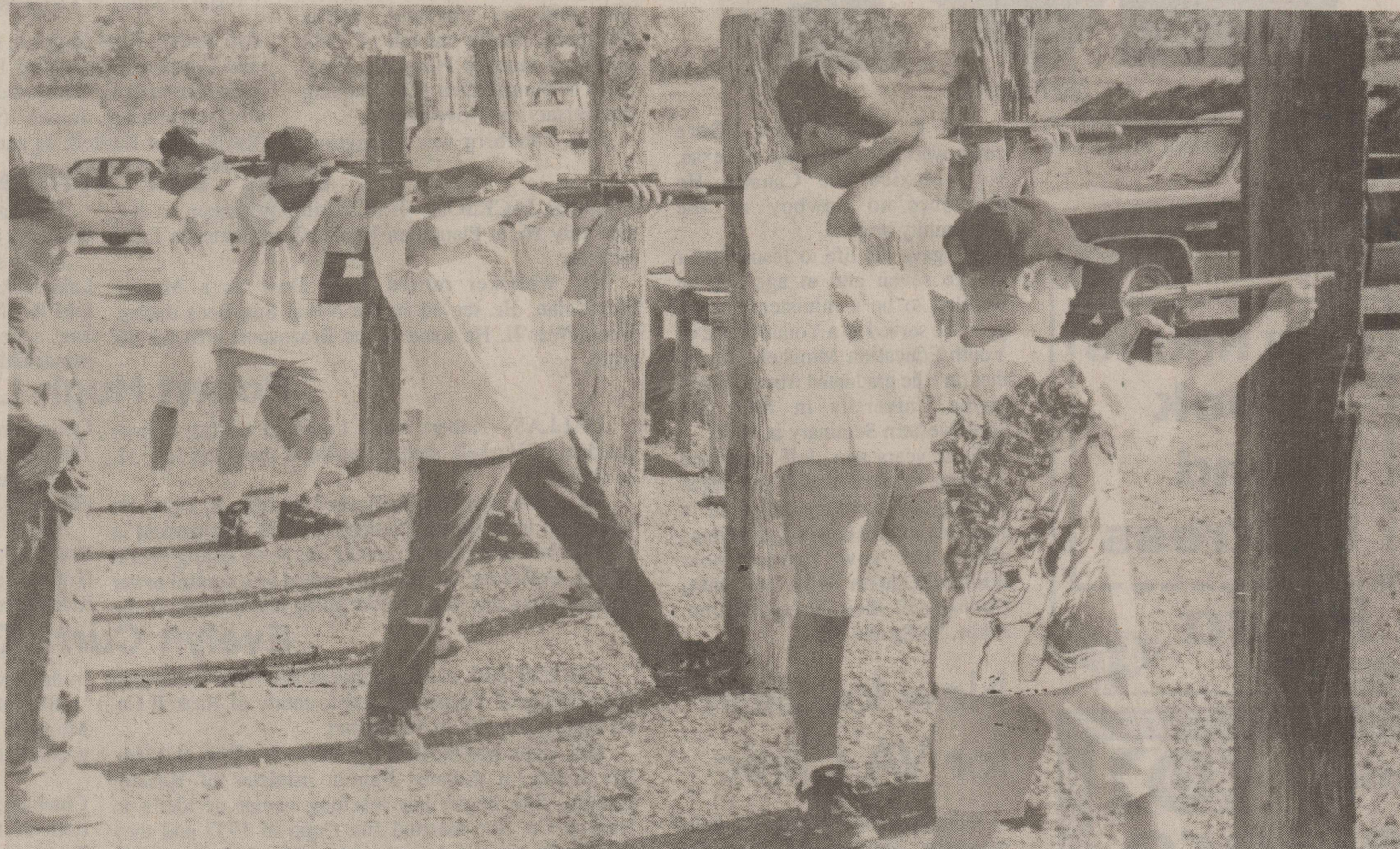
Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Saturday, July 27, at the Old Glory Community Center. Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. and the music will begin at 6 p.m. No admission and everyone is welcome.

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Hunter Safety Course



This group of students are learning the right way to shoot pistols and rifles during part of the Hunter Safety Program that was conducted last week by Haskell High School Ag teacher

James Bevel, with the assistance of Steve Barbour. The class is offered each year for those students who will be applying for a hunting license, or those who just want to learn gun safety.

Free soil testing offered

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are sponsoring a free soil testing program for the Seymour Aquifer Water Quality Project Area. The free soil testing program will extend through Sept. 1, 1996.

Since 1992, the number of soil samples submitted during the free soil sampling programs have shown a continual increase. The first year of the free soil tests, 11 samples were sent in and last year 422 samples were submitted.

The soil sample should be taken from a uniform area of the field. Take 10 to 15 small sample cores to a depth of six inches for each field to be tested. Mix the sample in a clean plastic bucket, and place about a pint of the composite sample in the bag to be sent in for analysis.

Be sure to fill out an information sheet to send in along with the sample. The information sheet asks about the type of crop to be grown and the yield goal of the crop. The soil sample results will be sent back to you in about two weeks.

Soil sample bags and information sheets can be picked up at: Allison Farm Supply in Rule; Charlie Myers Grain Co. in Haskell; Farmers Gin or Lone Star Peanut in Rochester; O'Brien Coop Gin; Benjamin Fertilizer or Terra in Knox City; Rhineland Coop Gin; Hendrix Farm Services, Parker Implement, Quality Implement Knox Prairie Coop, Farmers Grain or Zeissel Brothers Fertilizer in Munday; or the local FSA, NRCS or County Extension Service office.

For further information on the free soil testing program, call the Seymour Aquifer Project office at 817-864-3334.

C.R. Anthony Store coming to town

The Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. is very pleased to announce that Anthony's

Department Store is opening a new retail outlet in Haskell. The store will be located in the former Perry

Brothers Variety Store location at 11 No. Ave. E. on the west side of the square.

Renovations to the building are now being made. The Anthony's store which will sell name brand clothing for adults and children, is scheduled to open sometime in late August or early September.

The acquisition of Anthony's will provide a significant monetary impact to the Haskell economy through retail dollar income and additional jobs. This store will also provide a healthy addition to the

local tax base.

It is the intention of the Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. to continue to recruit businesses that will help to increase a tax base that has declined in recent years, and who will serve not only the local consumers, but those in the surrounding area, too.

The Anthony's store on the square is the first component of a long range plan to breathe new life into the downtown business area. More developments will be announced as they come to fruition.

Julie Saffel wins UIL scholarship

Julie Ann Saffel, a 1996 graduate of Rule High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Saffel received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000, payable \$750 each semester of the first two years. This year the Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded a total of 30 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet Contests and who compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 283 new awards and will renew approximately 212 awards for a total of 495 scholarships for 1996-97 with an approximate value of \$700,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Saffel qualified for the UIL Academic State Meet in one-act play, placing first in 1995 and third in 1996. She also participated in UIL math, science, number sense, calculator applications, basketball,



track and cross-country. In addition, she was a member of the annual staff, school newspaper staff, FFA, FHA, Beta Club and was a cheerleader and a class officer.

Saffel plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station and major in Biology. She is the daughter of Donna and Vance Saffel of Rule.

Civic Center report

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center has had many different activities during the first six months of 1996. There was the Noah Project, the Kiwanis Valentine dinner, two wedding receptions, the Boy Scout Banquet, Progressive Study Club was host for a Federation Convention, Christy Gannaway gave tests for high school students for three days;

Junior-Senior banquet and prom, Federal Land Bank Meeting, All Sports Banquet and prom, Haskell Co-op Gin Annual Meeting, Graduation All-Night Party, Chamber of Commerce Wild

Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo and Dance for two days and four family reunions. Many of these have already made their reservations for 1997.

Income for June was \$1,057.07 and expenses were \$639.88 leaving a net receipt for June of \$417.19.

The board appreciates your interest in the Civic Center and wants you to use it whenever there is a need. The board still accepts Memorials.

You may call Leland and Joe Ann Thane at 864-2127 for reservations.

County Attorney offices to move

At the July 8 meeting of the County Commissioners, a motion was approved to advertise for bids on 1-1/2 miles of seal coat for a county road near the lake in Precinct 3, and also for seal coating on a county road in Precinct 2.

The treasurer's monthly report, as submitted, was approved by the court.

County Judge B.O. Roberson reported to the commissioners on the prisoner, that was being held at the county jail on probation revocation, that had become ill and had been diagnosed with leukemia. He said that this would leave the county responsible for some extensive medical bills, since the prisoner was still being held in the Haskell Co. jail at the time he became ill.

An announcement was made that Fire Chief E.J. had resigned as chief because of health problems.

At the July 23 meeting of the Commissioners Court, County Treasurer Willie Fae Tidrow submitted the quarterly report and an investment report to the court. Both reports were approved by the court.

It was reported that no bids were received in Precincts 2 or 3 for the seal coat work in those precincts.

A motion was approved for the County Attorney to move his offices to the 3rd floor of the Courthouse, where the Texas Dept. of Health has been located and will be vacating by the end of the month.

Sheriff Johnny Mills appeared before the court regarding the air conditioning at the county jail. He said that the cooling on the central

unit is not working sufficiently and that both the cooling and heating units have had to be replaced in the

past. Because of the age of the central unit, a motion was approved to replace it with a new one.



DISPLAYING THE COLORS—Brittany Bartley of Haskell led the Grand Entry, carrying the United States flag, at the Junior Rodeo held this past weekend in Haskell. Young cowboys and cowgirls from all around the area showed off their talents in a number of rodeo events.

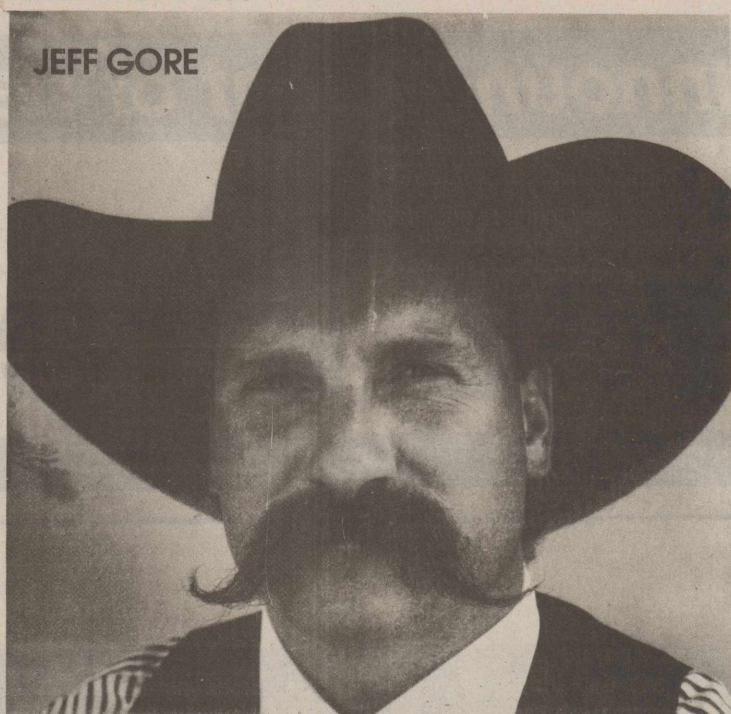
Gore to be at East Side

Jeff Gore, a popular Texas cowboy minister and musician, will perform at the East Side Baptist Church on Sunday night, July 28, at 7 p.m. A watermelon feast will follow the service. Child care is available. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an inspirational service.

Gore recently performed at the Wild Horse Prairie Days Cowboy Poetry reading and led the Cowboy Church Service, which had a large attendance.

As was seen at the Cowboy Church Service, Gore's ministry, from both the text of the Bible and his Christian songs, is truly an inspiration to people of all ages.

Gore has been performing since the age of three. He began writing and singing with his guitar at age



JEFF GORE

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15. He now has three albums which are mostly composed of his own writings.

As a young man, Gore cowboied in many parts of Texas, New Mexico and Canada. He continues to cowboy as the opportunity arises.

He gave his life to Jesus Christ at age seven and at age 12, he decided to be a minister. For 12 years he served as a Youth/Music or Youth/Education Minister. During that time he graduated from Howard Payne University in 1984 and Southwestern Seminary in 1986.

Four years ago, Jeff combined the three loves of his life and began singing and speaking full time in churches and for cowboy gatherings alike. He now resides near Midland/Odessa with his wife, Donna, and their three children, Addie, Molly and Mark.

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New location for VA Clinic

Congressman Charles Stenholm recently announced that the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) community care clinic in Abilene will be relocating to the Abilene Regional Hospital Complex effective Monday, July 22. The clinic will be staffed by VA personnel who are relocating to Abilene permanently.

"This move is a mark of the VA's long-term commitment to the veterans of West Central Texas and will enable the VA to carry out its mission in a more cost-effective manner," said Stenholm.

Beginning Monday, individuals with appointments should report to the new facility at 6250 Regional Plaza, Suite 1010. New appointments can be scheduled at the clinic as well. For more information, veterans and their families should call the clinic at 915-695-3252.

"We have an obligation to care for the needs of those who served our country," observed Stenholm. "While this expansion is long overdue, the expanded care provided by the new clinic will help us fulfill our commitment to veterans in the Big Country."

Love conquers all things except poverty and toothache.
—Mae West

Obituaries

Uneeta Jean Odelberg

MIDWEST CITY, OK.—Services were held for Uneeta Jean Odelberg, 71, of Midwest City on Saturday, July 20, at Dickson Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Odelberg died Tuesday, July 16. She was born Sept. 25, 1924, to Ewell and Effie Lusk. Along with two sisters and one brother, she spent her childhood in Rochester. As a young college student, she worked in Wichita Falls as a Western Union operator and spent the war years in Dallas. She met her husband, Willis Odelberg, during the fall of 1942 and they married Nov. 26, 1945. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last November.

Mrs. Odelberg was a longtime

member of Dickson Baptist Church, where she served as a teacher, a pianist, and the church librarian. She worked for many years as a librarian at Star-Spencer High School where she amassed a multitude of friends among the students and faculty.

She is survived by her husband, Willis of Midwest City; one son, Tim of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Jana of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren, Jeremy and Crystal Mendez of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Faye Simpson of Rule and Carolyn Reynolds of Haskell; daughter-in-law, Cathy Odelberg; brother-in-law, James (Sonny) Reynolds of Haskell; an aunt, Aunt



UNEETA JEAN ODELBERG

Bede Grimsley of Dallas; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

B.M. "Bill" Whiteker Jr.

LAKE JACKSON—B.M. "Bill" Whiteker Jr. 87, died July 16, at Plantation Health Care Center in Lake Jackson.

Mr. Whiteker retired from Dow as a Master Electrician. He served in the Naval Sea Bees during World War II. He lived in the Brazosport area for 56 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, B.M. Whiteker Sr. and Myrtle E. Whiteker of Haskell.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha C. Whiteker of Lake Jackson; two daughters, Carman Hall and husband, Earl R. of Abilene and Janice Gibson of Lake Jackson; one sister, Mary Emma Davis of Austin; seven grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Robert Hugh Lowe

DALLAS—Robert Hugh Lowe of Dallas, former resident of Haskell, died following a stroke on July 12, in Dallas.

Mr. Lowe was born in Haskell on Mar. 8, 1921. He graduated from Haskell Schools in 1938 and worked in defense industries before joining the Navy during World War II. Following the war, he worked as a control tower operator for a few years before going into retailing in the

Dallas area where he worked until his retirement in 1986. He married Martha Meyers in 1949.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ethel and Robert Crawford Lowe.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; one brother, Ross, of Macomb, Ill.; and two sisters, Christine Grappe of San Antonio and Doris Williams of Richardson.

Evelyn Curry Cupp

TUCUMCARI, N.M.—Services were held for Evelyn Curry Cupp of Tucumcari and formerly of Haskell Co. on Friday, July 19, in Tucumcari.

Mrs. Cupp was the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J.F. Curry, a pioneer Baptist minister of Haskell County. She began her teaching career at Idella in Haskell Co. She married Jim Cupp in 1933 and they lived in Tucumcari the remainder of her life. She taught

in the Tucumcari school system.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Curtis Chatham of Odessa; one granddaughter, Cristi Taylor; one grandson, Greg

Chatham; two brothers, Rogers Curry and John Curry, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Belva Whittington of Tahoka and Gladys Darnell of Haskell.

Seferino "Slim" Muniz

RULE—Services were held for Seferino "Slim" Muniz, 58, of Rule on Friday, July 14, at the First Baptist Church of Rule with Rev. Greg Guzman officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Muniz died Sunday, July 19, in the Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born Dec. 27, 1937 in

Edinburgh. He married Ester DeLosSantos on Feb. 10, 1962, in Hamlin. He worked at the Rule Co-op Gin for around 25 years. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Ester Muniz of Rule; his parents, Marcos and Eva Muniz of Americus, Ga.; six sons, Jose Luis Muniz of Anson, Carlos Muniz and Rolando Muniz, both of Abilene, Richard Muniz, Marcos Muniz and Jesse Muniz, all of Rule; one daughter, Oralia Muniz of Rule; five sisters, Maria B. Warren of Americus, Ga., Dalia Longoria and Lydia Tellez, both of Edinburg, Sylvia Muniz of Lake Wells, Fl. and Chris Forquer of McAllen; one brother, Robert Muniz of Grapevine; one aunt, Lala Salinas from Edinburg; and seven grandchildren.

Rehab dinner to feature Louise Mandrell

Louise Mandrell will be the featured entertainer at the 18th annual Joint Venture Dinner Show to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Mandrell will bring her dynamic road show to the Abilene Civic Center Aug. 23, complete with an entourage of very talented singers and dancers.

In addition to her vocal skills, this multi-talented performer also plays more than a dozen instruments. Her hit records include "Some of My Best Friends Are Old Songs," "Save Me," "Too Hot To Sleep," "I'm Not Through Loving You Yet," and a duet with Eric Carmen titled "As Long As We've Got Each Other."

Mandrell was the featured entertainer last fall for the San Angelo dinner show which raised \$75,000 for West Texas Rehabilitation Center. She was so impressed with the Rehab Center that she agreed to accept the Center's invitation to bring her show to Abilene this year.

Myrtle Greathouse and John Chalmers, volunteer co-chairmen of the event, announced that Abilene Aero, Inc., Abilene Regional Medical Center, First National Bank of Abilene, Wes-Tex Drilling Co. and Security State Bank have underwritten a significant portion of the expenses of the show.

In addition, the co-chairmen also

announced that a volunteer dinner show committee has been named to promote the show. Committee members include Don and Latimer Bowen, Ken and Sue Burgess, Joe and Jana Crawford, Joe and Billie Davis, Charles and Linda Ezzell.

Other members are Woody and Lee Ruth Gilliland, Judy Matthews, Ken and Linda Murphy, James and Cynthia Parker, H.L. and Billye Proctor Shaw, Shirley Smith and Mike and Gail Wheeler.

All seating for the summer gala is reserved. Tables for 10 may be purchased for \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,500. Individual tickets are also available. To make reservations, call Luverne Wadley at the Rehab Center at 915-691-7201.

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Burson, Oglesby wed in double ring ceremony

Treci Michelle Burson and Russell Dan Oglesby exchanged wedding nuptials on July 6, at Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene. The groom's father, Rev. Wayne Oglesby, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson III of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Bernice Rowan of O'Brien and the late Milton Rowan; and Lee Burson of Haskell and the late C.G. Burson Jr. Her great-grandmother is Rose Iden of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Oglesby of Abilene. He is the grandson of Reuben and Millie Rouse of Abilene and Mrs. Ray (Opal) Dunlap of Midland and the late Dan Oglesby. His great-grandfather is Pop Lawson of Abilene and his great-grandmother is Helen Oglesby of Westbrook.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar flanked by brass candelabrum entwined with English ivy and satin bows. Baskets of roses and ivy decorated the altar rail. The church pews were marked with heart-shaped, grapevine wreaths with satin bows, English ivy and lily of the valley.

Wedding music for the ceremony was a blend of contemporary and traditional. Musicians were Patti Walker of Abilene, pianist, and Tim Adcock of Abilene, organist. Soloists were Amy Dederick, David Daniel, Mike McCowan and Dusty Oglesby, all of Abilene. Traditional music included the "Bridal Chorus," by Wagner and the "Wedding March," by Mendelssohn. Contemporary music featured "Music of the Night," "I Dreamed a Dream," "Somewhere in the World," "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways," the theme from Ice Castles—"Through the Eyes of Love," "The Father Says I Do," and a special surprise selection from the groom to his bride, "She Said Yes."

This song was sung by the groom's brother after the couple lit the unity candle.

Mothers of the couple were escorted by their sons. Before being seated, each mother lit a family candle from which the couple would later light a unity candle.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white original gown by Phylis for Bianchi, fashioned with a fitted, elongated bodice of French re-embroidered Alencon lace, embellished with tiny seed pearls, bugle beads and paillets. The scoop neckline was off-shoulder and the long tapered sleeves were of beaded lace. The full skirt of Princess satin was enhanced with Dior bows of satin trailing down the back of the flowing skirt that fell into a Chapel train. A satin bow with a beaded cabbage rose held her fingertip veil of English illusion that was outlined with pearls.

The bride wore a pearl and diamond necklace given to her by the groom and pearl and diamond earrings given to her by her father.

In keeping with wedding tradition, the bride chose her dress as something new, she wore a blue garter and carried a borrowed

wedding handkerchief from Frances Lane. For something old, the bride's mother gave her daughter a carved ivory heart inlaid with a six pence. The gift had been given to the bride's mother on the occasion of her wedding in 1973 by Mrs. Lane.

The bridal bouquet was made of white roses, lily of the valley and iridescent ribbon, accented with pearls and silk bows. Paula Everett designed the bouquet and nosegay.

Honor attendants were Shannon Litty of Abilene and Dusty Oglesby, brother of the groom, of Abilene.

Bridesmaids were Stephanie Gray of Haskell, Emily Limbaugh of Abilene, Rhonda Massey, cousin of the groom, from Needville, and Trish Roberts of O'Brien. The flower girl was Paige Adams of Haskell.

Andrea Buchanan and Cynthia Halliburton, both of Haskell, registered the guests. The hairdresser was Brenda Pace of Abilene.

The bride's attendants wore identical Alfred Angelo dresses of prima satin in emerald green, fashioned with an elongated bodice, a sweetheart neckline, puff sleeves and an open design in the back. The full skirt was ballerina length. They wore matching shoes. Each attendant wore a faux pearl and emerald necklace and earrings, a gift from the bride, and carried a long stemmed white rose.

The flower girl wore a ballerina length emerald satin dress trimmed with white Victorian lace and English illusion overlay. She carried a basket of white rose petals that was decorated with Victorian lace and white satin.

Groomsmen were IV Burson, brother of the bride, of Haskell, Donny Gray of Haskell, Ben Montgomery of San Angelo and Todd Winfrey of Abilene. The ring bearer was Chase Phillips of Ozona.

Ushers were Scotty Adams of Needville, Cody Cooley of Hodges, Ryan King of San Angelo and Justin Lisle of Haskell.

Chad Mitchell of Abilene and Ryan Rouse Swanger of Brownwood were candlelighters.

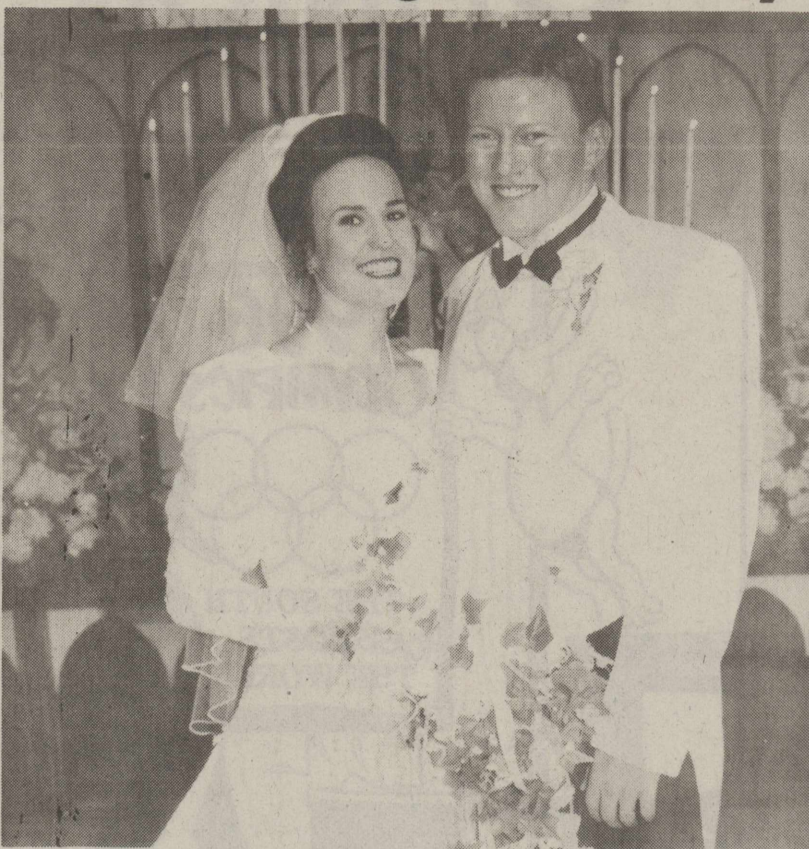
The groom wore a white Padova full dress tuxedo jacket with peak lapel and shadow pin stripe. His wing-tipped tuxedo shirt was accented by a black butterfly tie. He wore black Shadow Canyon Wrangler jeans and western boots. His western belt buckle was a gift from the bride.

The men in the wedding party were attired in black Padova full dress tuxedo jackets with peak lapels and shadow pin stripes. They wore white wing-tipped tuxedo shirts, emerald green vests and butterfly ties. Their Wrangler jeans were gifts from the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a long, hunter green sheath dress complemented by a fitted jacket with satin collar and sheer sleeves.

The groom's mother chose a two-piece ecru suit with matching braid and seed pearl trim.

The reception, held in the Fellowship Hall, was decorated in a



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL DAN OGLESBY

garden r. if. Silk plants and flowers lined the room with ivy covered trellises as backdrops for the bride's and groom's tables, which were laid with emerald green cloths and white lace overlays with burgundy accents.

Silver and crystal appointments were used on the bride's table. The four-tiered wedding cake, made by McKay's Bakery of Abilene, was decorated in a white-on-white basketweave design with cascading roses, gladiolas, poms and ivy. Figurines dressed in western attire adorned the top.

The groom's table held silver appointments. The cake was German chocolate designed as a double horseshoe. The beverage table held punch and coffee.

Guest tables were covered with white and green cloths and decorated with greenery. Pewter hurricane lanterns provided accents.

Serving in the houseparty were Tonya Burson, cousin of the bride from Haskell, Betsy Coleman of Haskell, Stephanie Jones of Abilene, Jillian Levrets of Abilene, Leslie McKee of Galveston, Kelly Yarbrough of Abilene and Jenny Stokes of Abilene.

Memories were recorded by Bobbie Johnson of KIS Photo in Haskell and Ron Cooper of Abilene Video. A memory video was made by Glen Wheatley of Abilene and shown at the rehearsal dinner and the reception.

Peggy Adams and Phyllis Coleman were wedding coordinators, and Paula Everett served as decorator for both the wedding and the reception.

Lacy Rouse Swanger, cousin of the groom, and Julie Rowan, cousin of the bride, distributed white satin roses filled with birdseed for the couple's departure.

Dressed in western attire and each wearing black felt hats, the couple left the reception in a 1931 Pierce Arrow as guest threw birdseed. Dr. George Knight, a Hardin-Simmons University professor and owner of the antique

car, chauffeured the couple to the airport. The honeymoon itinerary included a Texas Ranger's game before they embarked on a cruise to the Bahamas. The couple will live in Abilene.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Johnson Building on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. Joe Allen's of Abilene catered the event. Using the university's colors of purple and gold, the tables were decorated in a western motif. The couple met at the university where the bride was a trainer and the groom played football.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Haskell High School and attends HSU. She is a junior all-level physical education major. She is employed by Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene.

The groom graduated from Abilene High school in 1993 and is a senior marketing major at HSU. He is a three-year letterman for the university football team as a punter and receiver. The groom is employed by KRBC-TV and Athletic Supply in Abilene.

Showers

On June 2, the couple were feted at an afternoon shower at the Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene. The women of the church were hostesses.

Friends of the bride hosted a morning brunch for the couple on June 8, at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

On June 22, the bride's friends gave her a lingerie shower in Abilene.

Hospital

Admissions
Lorien Camp, Rule
Valta Lusk, Haskell

Dismissals
Fannie Johnson, Jo Marie Barnes, Lora Mullins, Ella Grisham, Cleo Bush, James Hall.



COREY BRECKEL and HEATHER HOBGOOD

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hobgood of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Brooke Hobgood, to Corey Allen Breckel of Haskell. He is the son of Kim Breckel of Haskell and Carl and Carol Breckel of Tyler.

The couple are planning an August 10, wedding at First Baptist

Church in Haskell. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Haskell High School and attended Texas Tech University. She will be a sophomore at Cisco Jr. College in the fall.

The prospective groom is a senior at Haskell High School.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Erma Liles, Lorene and Jim Schwede have been to "Precious Moments," in Carthage, Mo. They

visited cousins in Iowa and Minnesota, Lake Superior in Canada, then to Minneapolis,

Minn. to see the Great Mall; Nashua, Iowa to see the Little Brown Church in The Woods. A great vacation.

Joyce Hawkins is on vacation this week, so will be back next week with more news.

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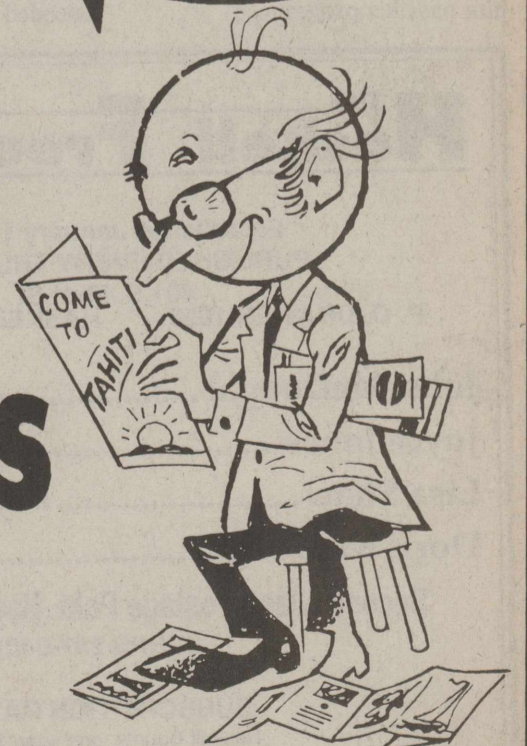
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Social Security The best times to call

Each day Social Security receives between 250,000 to 300,000 calls over its toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. With so many people calling, you may have to wait to speak to a representative unless you take the advice of Social Security manager Ken Hargis of Abilene.

Hargis said the Social Security has a 24-hour automated service that a person can use for many Social Security matters. Service representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. any business day. "For the best service, you need to recognize when you need to speak to a representative and when you can use the automated service," he said.

"If you call during business hours, the phone is less likely to be busy during the afternoon, during the later part of the week, and during the later part of the month," Hargis said. "For example, if your check is at least three days late, you would need to call early in the month; the best time to call would be in the afternoon and on Thursday or Friday. But if you want to inquire about your eligibility for benefits, you may be able to wait until later during the month when the telephone traffic is less.

Callers may use the 24-hour automated service for a number of services, including:

- To get an application to replace a Social Security card,
- To request a form SSA-7004 to get a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement, or
- To verify monthly benefit amounts.

By using the 24-hour automated service, you don't need to wait to talk to a representative. Just call, select a message, leave your name and address—and maybe you'll be asked to leave your Social Security number. Social Security will respond to you by mail.

If you plan to use the 24-hour automated services it's better to call after 7 p.m. weekdays and round the clock on weekends and holidays.

Where to contact your elected officials

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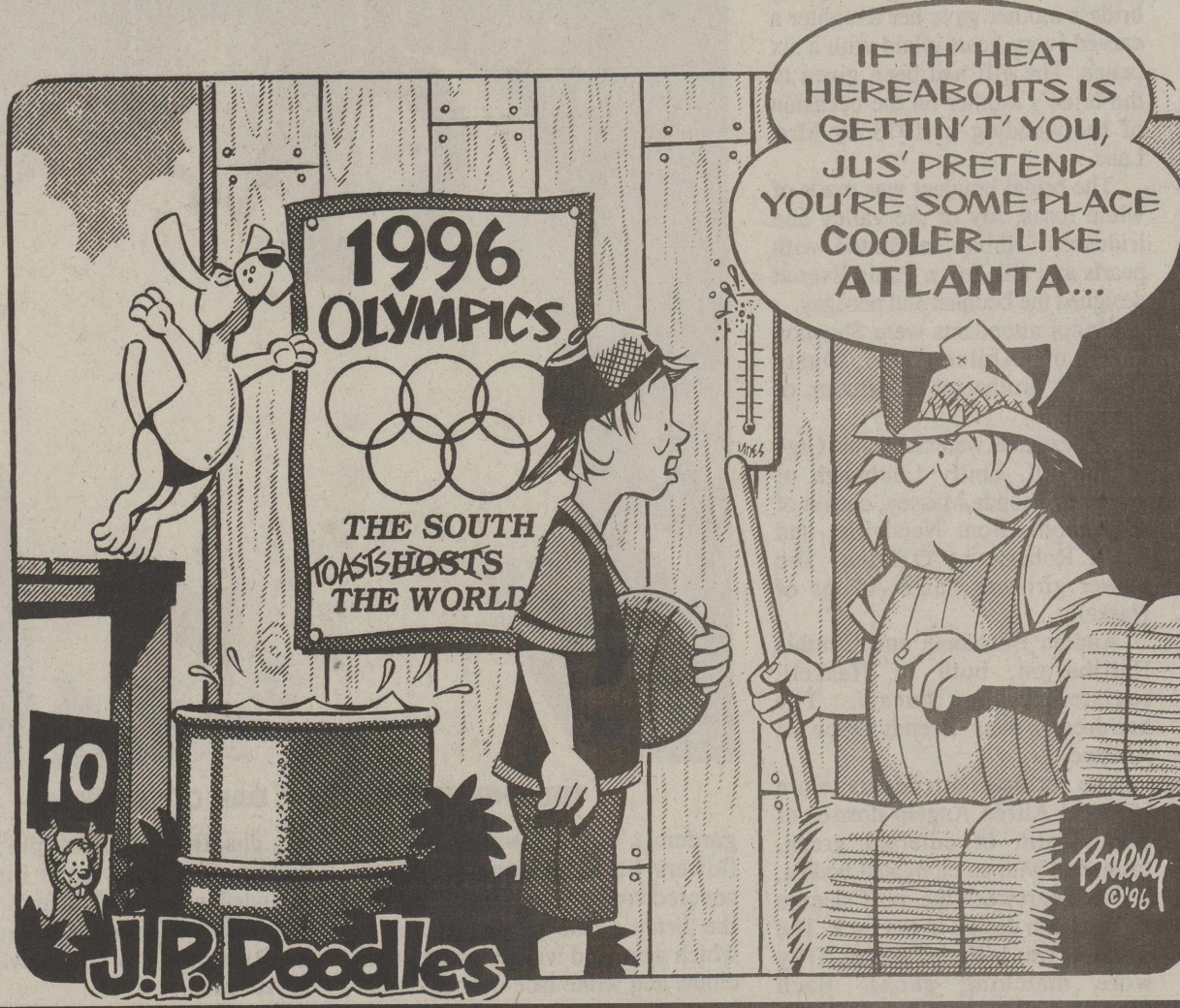
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago July 22, 1976

"Summer 1976" was the theme of the Haskell Co. 4-H Dress Revue held on Thursday, July 15, at the Rule Recreation Club. Rod Townsend was Master of Ceremonies. Guests were introduced by Kim Campbell and Gena Fischer. The Revue was held on the lawn and each girl modeled her garment around the swimming pool that was decorated by Rule 4-H Adult Leaders.

An ad from JRB Supermarkets was advertising the following: Whole Fryers, 39 cents-lb.; Crisco Shortening, 3 lb. can—\$1.19; Folger's Coffee, 1 lb. can—\$1.39; Sirloin Steaks, \$1.69-lb.; Peaches, Plums and Apricots, 39 cents-lb.; and Lettuce, 39 cents-head.

30 Years Ago July 28, 1966

Jim Kemp, Randy Wiseman, Mike Overton and Wallar Overton left Monday morning, July 25, with a group of Explorer Scouts from Hamlin for a Canadian canoe trip in Superior National Forest on the U.S. side of the border and Quetico Provincial Park in Canada.

Haskell Indians tied for third place in the Semi-Pro tournament which ended Sunday in Abilene. On Saturday, the Haskell Indians edged Baird Indians 7-5 to remain in contention for the title. Perry Turnbow was the winning pitcher giving up nine hits and striking out nine men.

Dub Wallis, General Agent of Haskell Co. Farm Bureau, is one of two agents in Area IV who has earned the All-Star award for Life Insurance production the first quarter of this year.

60 Years Ago July 24, 1936

A large crew of workmen have been employed for the past three weeks rebuilding the plant of the Duncan Gin Co. which was practically destroyed by fire early last month.

All plans have been completed for the special Election Extra edition of the Free Press which will be printed late Saturday night and distributed to all sections of the county. Arrangements have been made to secure all complete returns available until 2 o'clock Sunday morning on all county and district races and under present plans, final results of all races will be sufficiently complete to indicate the nominees and run-off candidates in practically all races.

Mrs. H.R. Whatley and daughter, Wilma, spent Sunday in Rotan. They were accompanied home by Rev. Whatley, who has been conducting a two-week revival there.

70 Years Ago July 22, 1926

J.W. Looney sold his confectionery to S.A. Moser this week and Mr. Moser took charge on Monday.

A large crowd of people

assembled on the courthouse lawn last Saturday to hear C.C. McDonald of Wichita Falls speak in the interest of the candidacy of Gov. Miram A. Ferguson.

Mr. A.W. McGregor and his sister, Mrs. Hugh McClendon are spending a few days with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. McGregor of the city. Mr. McGregor is a former resident of Haskell and still has extensive holdings in the county. He remarked on the growth of Haskell in the past few years, particularly complimenting the new hotel which he states will fill a long felt need in Haskell.

90 Years Ago July 28, 1906

For high grade painting, paper hanging and house decoration, see P.F. Crowell. He will make estimates of cost and guarantee satisfaction with his work.

Mr. W.T. McDaniel completed placing his gin machinery at Haskell this week and now has his outfit ready for business. It is an up-to-date plant in every particular.

Capt. W.K. Fields and party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Address, Jim Harrison, Joe Largent, J.U. Ernest, Hollis and Lewis Fields went down on the Clark Fork last Saturday with a camping outfit and supplies to last them on a week's outing and fishing and hunting frolic.

Legal matters by Atty. Gen. Dan Morales

Why does fraud work?

IT IS SOMETIMES said that greedy people are the easiest victims of con artists, telemarketing schemes and fraud. Well, that is simply not true, according to a study conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates. Nice, honest people are more likely than others to send money to total strangers in exchange for the promise of a sure-fire business opportunity, a cash prize or a fantastic vacation.

The Princeton study concerns us because the Elder Law and Public Health Division of the Office of the Attorney General is charged with protecting the interests of older Texans, who are generally more open and trusting than their younger counterparts.

Many seniors are ashamed or embarrassed to report being victimized by fraud. They think that it was their fault, or that they should not have been so gullible. The truth is that con artists and telescammers are finely honed professionals who take advantage of older people precisely because of their trusting nature. Unless properly warned, even the wildest Texan can have difficulty dealing with sharp perpetrators of fraud.

The facts

What characteristics make an easy mark? Who is likely to be tricked, and who is not? The Princeton study found that:

• Older fraud victims are more likely to be in the workforce than other adults.

• The social and community activities of older fraud victims rival or surpass those of their peers.

• Affluent and well-educated Americans are often targeted — and tricked out of their money — by con artists.

• People who have suffered a recent tragedy (such as the loss of a loved one) are likely to give money in sympathy to others.

• More than one-third of older fraud victims do volunteer work on a regular basis.

• Two-thirds of fraud victims went to church at least once during the week before the study interview.

The reason why

It turns out that courtesy and trust are the most reliable traits in indicating whether a person may be a victim of fraud.

Unfortunately, it stands to reason. If you comport yourself in an honest and upright manner, you are likely to think others will do the same. Sadly, this is far from true. Con artists take advantage of people who just cannot bear to hang up the phone on a caller that keeps talking.

They also take advantage of trusting people. If you find it hard to believe that someone would

flat-out lie to you, then that person may find it all the easier to tell tall tales about his or her product or service. Much too often, there is no product or service — just an all-too-efficient bilking mechanism.

What you should know

Think of the following the next time you get a sales call. If you hear anything that reminds you of these tips, you have the permission of the Attorney General of Texas to hang up.

• First of all, it is just plain illegal for anyone to ask you to pay anything — even shipping costs — for a "prize."

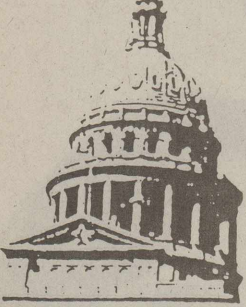
• Ask for written information through the mail; illegal "boiler room" callers will usually hem and haw or hang up quickly.

• Never let anyone send a courier to pick up your payment — that is just a way to avoid mail fraud laws.

• Never give out your credit card or bank account number to strangers over the phone.

• If you do not want to be called again by a particular phone salesperson, ask that person not to call you again and to take you off his or her calling or mailing list. If they call again, they will be breaking the federal Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Ignoring protests by religious conservatives, the State Board of Education voted last week to begin screening textbooks only if the attorney general says it is legal.

In a 10-5 vote that followed some heated debate, board members agreed to ask the attorney general to decide whether they still have authority to screen textbooks for objectionable materials.

Some state officials agree that power to screen textbooks was taken away by the Legislature in its school reform law last year. But religious conservatives and some lawmakers have argued that the board is not prohibited from throwing out textbooks it considers inappropriate.

Board Chairman Jack Christie acknowledged there was only an "outside shot" the attorney general would approve screening, but he said the board is ready to review all textbooks if given clearance to do so.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, who wrote the 1995 reform law, said he has no quarrel with the board asking the attorney general for an opinion.

"But I am very clear about the law," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, told the *Dallas Morning News*, insisting that his intent was to shift the major decisions on textbook content from the state to local school boards.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said the office will review the question and provide the board with an answer as soon as possible.

GOP Group Targeting Laney

House Speaker Pete Laney accused a Republican group attempting to seize control of the Texas House of seeking to make the Legislature look like Congress — gridlocked.

"A small group wants the Texas House to adopt the worst partisan aspects of Congress," Laney said.

State Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, chairman of the Campaign for Republican Leadership, said "it's entirely possible that we can achieve a Republican majority. We've got an aggressive campaign planned this year."

Democrats hold a 17-14 edge in the Senate and an 86-64 majority in the House.

Grusendorf's group listed 27 House seats where it envisions potential Republican victories, including Laney's West Texas District. His GOP opponent is Springlake rancher Hollis Cain.

The Republicans say Gov. George W. Bush would have been able to achieve more of his legislative agenda with a Republican speaker.

But Bush's press secretary, Karen Hughes, said the governor would not campaign against Laney or others in the Legislature who helped him pass his program.

Insurance Rules Invalid

A state "blacklisting" rule blocking insurance companies from considering another company's decision to drop or refuse to cover a prospective customer is invalid, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled.

The rule, along with another thrown out by the court, was adopted by the Texas Board of Insurance, which was replaced in 1993 by an appointed commissioner.

The first rule also prohibited insurers from denying coverage or setting rates based on the fact that a prospective customer had been covered in a high-risk pool.

The second rule prohibited insurers from conditioning the sale of automobile insurance on the purchase of another policy or refusing coverage because the customer owned only one vehicle.

Rod Borderlon, executive director of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, said when insurers rely on other insurers' decisions, consumers don't get a fair shake from either company.

He said the court made clear that the procedure, not necessarily the rules, was wrong.

But Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurers must consider all the information available.

"The insurance industry is making every effort to provide the best possible price for our customers, and we cannot do that without the tools necessary to evaluate risk," Johns said.

A spokesman for Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, said the department will comply with the court's ruling and will study the best ways to deal with the "consumer protection issues involved in these rules."

Locals May Share Lottery Cash

State Sen. Tom Hayden, R-Wichita Falls, said he will introduce a bill next year to give cities and counties five cents of every \$1 lottery ticket sold within their boundaries.

All lottery revenues now go into the state general fund.

With ticket sales of almost \$3.5 billion in the past 12 months, the Texas Lottery is the most successful in North America.

And Sen. Haywood thinks local governments should share in that success.

There would be no restrictions on how the cities and counties could spend their share of the money under his proposed legislation, Haywood said.

Haywood said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, the Senate's presiding officer, has promised to let him move the bill if he can get the needed votes.

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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The Friendship Club met last Thursday for their regular monthly dinner at Faith Lutheran Church. The birthday and anniversary songs were sung for Herbert Lammert, Dorothy Clark and Delbert and Joyce LeFevre. Those in attendance included: Corine Lowack, Frieda Knippling, Eugenia, Beatrice, and Lilia Puebla, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Frank and Isabell Mrazek, Minnie Monse, Doris Lehrmann, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Mary Neinast, J.B. and Dorothy Toney, Pastor Jeff and Marie Zell, Jill, Cade, Tully and Kinsey Brown, John L. Brooks, Leona Schonerstedt, Herbert Lammert, Pastor and Mrs. Ramey and Matthew, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Frances Clark, Sylvia Crowe, Lucas Hisey and M'Lyn Lehrmann.

Frances Clark, Charles and Dorothy Clark and Joe and Dorothy Clark visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Wichita Falls last Sunday. They met Floy Welch, the Clark's cousin, in Holliday and she accompanied them to Wichita Falls. Mr. Smith is an uncle of the Clark boys.

Descendants of the late August Tredemeyer gathered at the community center on Saturday for their reunion. Buddy Tredemeyer and Joan Druessedow Griggs were in charge of the activities for this year. Family pictures were made, table games provided the entertainment and officers for the 1998 reunion elected to serve were Weldon Tredemeyer of Leander, President; Jerry Tieman of Austin, Vice-President; and Joan Druessedow Griggs of Houston, Secretary /Treasurer.

It was decided to have the next meeting on the third Saturday in July in 1998. Members present representing the Schmidt family included Milton and Lillie Schmidt, Edgar and Clara Schmidt, Sylvia Tieman, Jerry, Donna, Justin and Julie Tieman, Gray, Deborah Sue, Ashley, and Tyler Mitchell, all of Austin. The Erdman family was represented by Florence Peden from Old Glory and the Wolsch family by Edna Wahlen from Stamford.

The Diers' were represented by Edna Diers from Old Glory, Bill and Joan Griggs from Houston and Nancy Griggs from Dallas. The Willie Tredemeyer family present were: George and Ruby Olson from San Angelo; Kay Baitz and Barbara and Deborah Linden from Leander; Larry and Jeanie Letz of Abilene; Joe, Janice and Jay Cannon from

Abilene; Esther Kinman from Granbury;

Boni, Jack and Gail Tredemeyer of Grand Prairie; Lydia Bob, Gayle, Gary, Susie and Matthew Lovvorn of Stamford; Weldon, Joyce, Larry, Jan, Andrew and Chelsea Tredemeyer and Clint Parker of Leander; and Emma Raphael of Stamford; Joe and Dorothy Clark, Mae and Leon Stegemoeller, Melvin and Annella Baitz and Buddy and Beverly Tredemeyer, all of Sagerton.

Kenneth Neinast was recognized in the Rains County Leader newspaper recently in the section of Kitchen Scents under the sub-title: Men are Good Cooks Too." We quote from that article: It's no secret that Rains County Extension Agent, Kenneth Neinast, is one of the best wild game cooks in the county, but he can also cook other meat and fish to perfection.

He makes a variety of other foods, too, including Mexican dishes. About 90 percent of his cooking is done outdoors on a gas grill or one of several smoker cookers he said. Kenneth claims he learned a lot about cooking from his mother, Mary, but also gained some experience during his last three years of college when he lived off campus with two other guys.

He cooks a lot at home and also puts up lots of vegetables and meat in the freezer. His wife, Betsy, is a sixth grade English teacher at Rains School and their daughter, Laura, will be a senior next year and is involved in 4-H Club and the annual State Food Show where she entered several winning dishes.

Over the years, Kenneth has volunteered many hours cooking meat, fish and other food for various civic events, including benefits for the fire and sheriff departments, 4-H functions, the Cattlemen's Association and Dairy field days. The biggest group he ever helped cook for was approximately 2,500 people at a National Co. Agent Association meeting held in Little Rock, Ark. Kenneth is the son of Mary and the late Sam Neinast.

Alvin and Ev Ulmer have returned from a vacation in Colorado. They were accompanied by Alvin's brother, Ewell and his wife. Erna Hanson of Stamford went with them for a way and then remained with relatives to visit.

Judy McEwen and son, Dustin, spent a few days with Judy's mother, Mary Neinast. They live in Sudan.



KIWANIS COMMUNITY LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR—Dan Byerly presents Dr. Bill McSmith with the Community Lay Person of the Year award at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. The Kiwanis awards are presented yearly.



KIWANIS SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR—Chris McSmith was honored by the Haskell Kiwanis Club recently, after being selected as the Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year in Haskell. Dan Byerly presented the award.

Band summer practice

The Haskell High School Indian Band will begin their summer band rehearsals on Aug. 1. All band students are expected to attend. The schedule is designed to help football players get sufficient band practice around their two-a-day workouts.

Students who are new to the Haskell district who are wanting to participate in the band should visit with Mr. Copeland at the band hall. Mr. Copeland will be in the office during regular school time starting July 29.

If someone cannot attend any of the days, they should notify Mr. Copeland. This is very important because chair positions will be decided very quickly. Percussion tryouts will be on Aug. 1.

All students should be reminded that their marching shoes should be solid black on both top and bottom. If anyone is interested in switching their instrument to tuba, they should contact Mr. Copeland as quickly as possible.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 1
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30 a.m.-12 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6-8:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 2
Woodwinds: 9-10 a.m.
Brass: 10-11 a.m.
Percussion: 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Full Band: 2-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5
Woodwinds: 9-10:30 a.m.
Brass: 10:30 a.m.-12 (noon)
Percussion: 2-3:30 p.m.
Full Band: 6:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
Woodwinds: 9-10 a.m.
Brass: 10-11 a.m.
Percussion: 11 a.m.-12 (noon)
Full Band: 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7
Full Band: 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 8
Full Band: 2-3:30 p.m.

Full Band: 6:30-9 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 9
Uniform checkout day. One rehearsal. Times will be announced later.

Monday, Aug. 12
Woodwinds: 9-10 a.m.
Brass: 2-3 p.m.
Percussion: 4-5 p.m.
Full Band: 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 13
Woodwinds: 9-10 a.m.
Brass: 2-3 p.m.
Percussion: 4-5 p.m.
Full Band: 7-9 p.m.

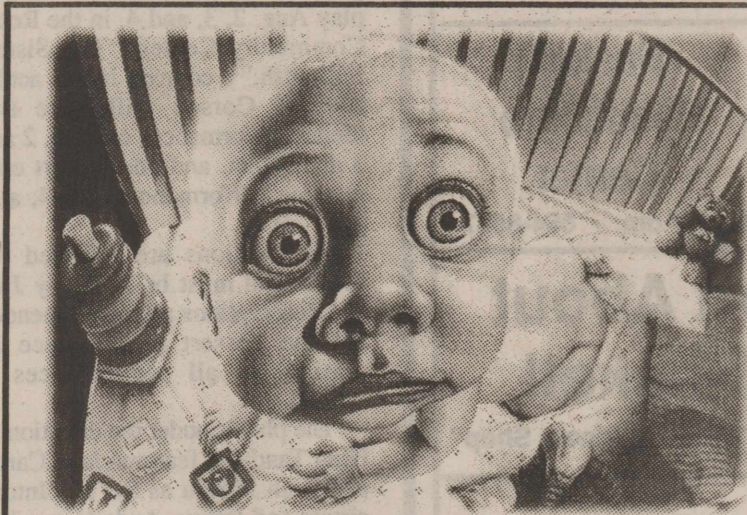
Wednesday, Aug. 14
Full Band: 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 15
Full Band: 6:30-9 p.m.
Please remember that the schedule is subject to change because of weather or other surprising incidents. This schedule gives us one month to be ready for the first football game. We will have approximately 35 pieces of music.

Anyone who misses a rehearsal will be behind in practice. Therefore, attendance will eliminate the need for individuals to do extra practice. If there are any questions, please call Mr. Copeland at 864-3666 and leave a message.



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Rule Baptist Church to host Sports Clinic

First Baptist Church of Rule is sponsoring a Sports Clinic for all Junior High and High School students. College students are also welcome.

The Sports Clinic will be held Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug. 2, at the Rule School gym, from 6 to 9 p.m. nightly.

Each night a different sport will be presented and also "More Than

Winning" presentation of God's Truths, and on Friday will be Friday Night Sportstacular.

Some of the key instructors are: Beth Wills—head volleyball coach at Cooper High School; Eric Bengs—varsity soccer coach at Abilene High School; and Steve Post—head coach at Mann Jr. High in Abilene. Come join the fun and find out about God's Plan for YOU!

Food for thought

"Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening."—Ezekiel 33:22

In the way of judgment this may be the case, and, if so, be it mine to consider the reason of such a visitation, and bear the rod and him that hath appointed it. I am not the only one who is chastened in the night season; let me cheerfully submit to the affliction, and carefully endeavor to be profited thereby.

But the hand of the Lord may also be felt in another manner, strengthening the soul and lifting the spirit upward towards eternal things.

Oh, that I may in this sense feel the Lord dealing with me! A sense of the divine presence and indwelling bears the soul towards Heaven as upon the wings of

eagles. At such times we are full to the brim with spiritual joy, and forget the cares and sorrows of earth; the invisible is near, and the visible loses its power over us; servant-body waits at the foot of the hill and the master-spirit worships upon the summit in the presence of the Lord.

Oh that a hallowed season of divine communion may be vouchsafed to me this evening! The Lord knows that I need it very greatly. My graces languish, my corruptions rage, my faith is weak, my devotion is cold; all these are reasons why His healing hand should be laid upon me. His hand can cool the heat of my burning brow and stay the tumult of my palpitating heart.

That glorious right hand which moulded the world can new-create my mind; the unwearied hand which bears the earth's huge pillars up can sustain my spirit; the loving hand which incloses all the saints can cherish me; and the mighty hand which breaketh in pieces the enemy can subdue my sins. Why should I not feel that hand touching me this evening?

Come, my soul, address thy God with the potent plea, that Jesus' hands were pierced for thy redemption and thou shalt surely feel that same hand upon thee which once touched Daniel and set him upon his knees that he might see visions of God.

Lackey reunion

The Lackey reunion was held July 13-14, at the Haskell Civic Center. There were 125 family members and visitors.

Everyone started gathering about 10 a.m. Saturday morning, with a lot of visiting going on. Family pictures were displayed and the family tree was displayed on the wall. This was enjoyed by all.

Games of 42 and Spin the Wheel was played. Winners of the 42 tournament was Wanda Address Check and Fern Tinkle Lackey (what's wrong guys?).

A pot luck dinner was served Saturday night. There is a lot of good cooks in this family. After dinner, Boyd Address brought everyone up to date on our Lackey family history which has updated by Boyd, Wanda and Bennie with a lot of help and information from others.

Sunday morning started with brunch, followed by a short business meeting. The devotional was brought by Jay Edwin Lackey. Then the auction, to which everyone brought items. After the auction, lunch was served. Thanks to Flo, Darlene and Joyce. The weekend was enjoyed by all.

Theatre on the Brazos

Theatre on the Brazos will present their annual dinner theatre play Aug. 2, 3, and 4, in the Rotan Community Center. "The Sisters McIntosh," a comedy in one act by Richard Corson will have two dinner performances on Aug. 2 and 3 and 7 p.m. and one dessert only matinee performance Aug. 4, at 2 p.m.

Reservations are required for dinner and must be made by July 31. Reservations are recommended for the dessert performance as seating for all performances is limited.

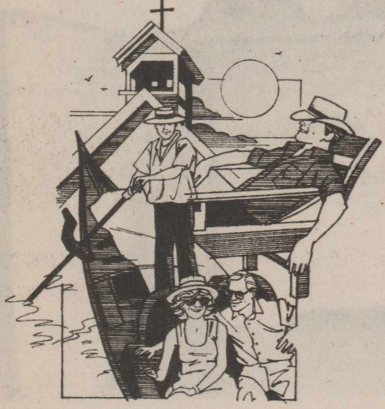
The play is under the direction of Nina Tandy. It features Jane Carter and Beth Martin as the MacIntosh sisters and Jeffrey Anderle as a late night visitor claiming to be their Aunt Matilda's son, Cousin Archie.

The two elderly spinster sisters become suspicious, decide he is a burglar and ply him with warm buttermilk and questions about family. Together they formulate a plan of wild family tales and bizarre behavior to get rid of him.

Tickets for dinner are \$12 and \$6 for dessert. Reservations can be made by calling 915-735-2302 or 915-735-2341 and leave a message, your call will be returned.

This Week's Devotional Message:

WHETHER YOU TRAVEL OR STAY HOME, GOD IS THERE



Like Many of us, you may have a vacation looming on the horizon, and of course your budget will dictate where you will spend it. You may visit another part of the world, or just lounge around the house. In any case your vacation can be a very enjoyable and rewarding escape from the realities of everyday living. Moreover, wherever you are the Lord will be there to

watch over you. Thank Him for his protection at any House of Worship, and even if your travels take you beyond the orbit of civilization, there is always the Bible. Put it on your list of things to pack in your suitcase. In fact, that's a good idea no matter where you're going. To borrow the advice of a well-known TV commercial, "Don't leave home without it."

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 David Page, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Frank Summers, preacher
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 East Hwy 380, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Jeff Zell, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Raul Tirado, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Sidney Parsley, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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
 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
 Sunday Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8:30 p.m.;
 Wednesday 7 p.m.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Jim Turner, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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First Baptist Church
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 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 Crowmover
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 Jim Pratt, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Rev. Troy Culppepper
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Rev. Andrew
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
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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
 Dolan Brinson, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Carol Krumpston, 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

RULE
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.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
 John Gresson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
New Life Baptist Mission
 Jesus Herrera
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Matt Herrington, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8 p.m.;
 Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

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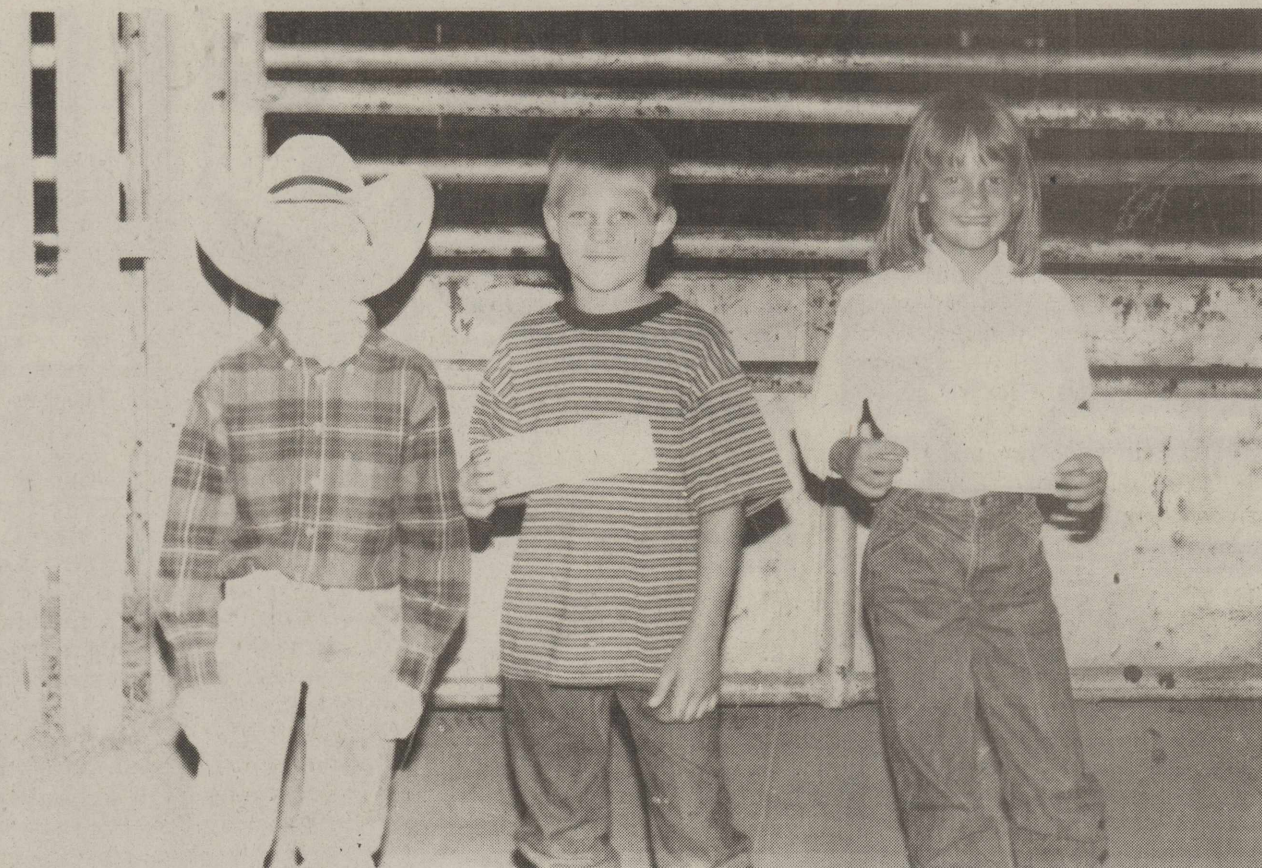
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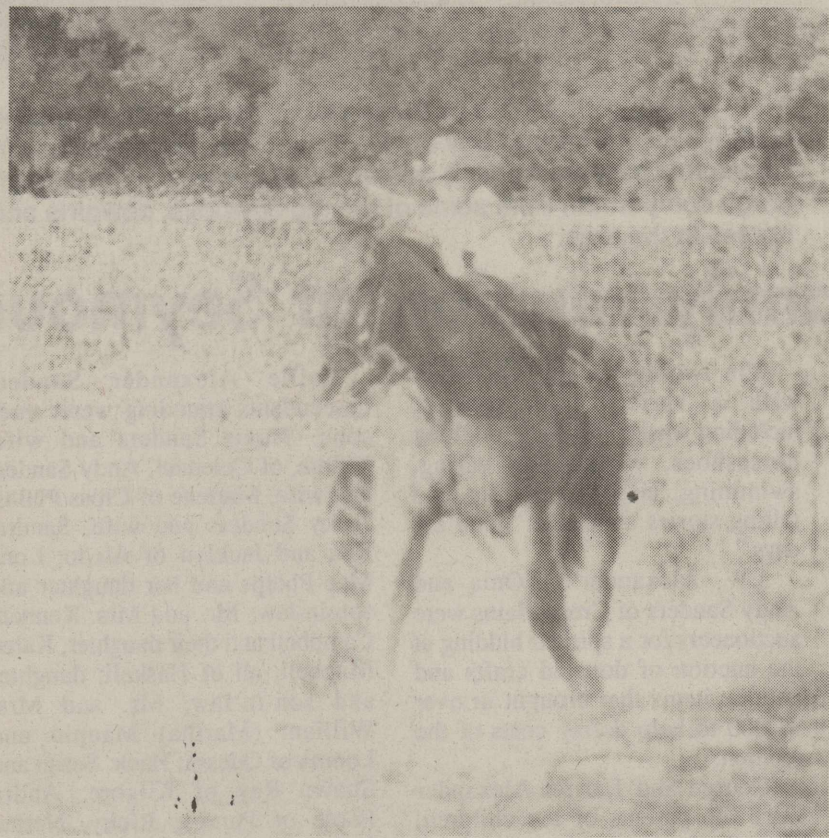
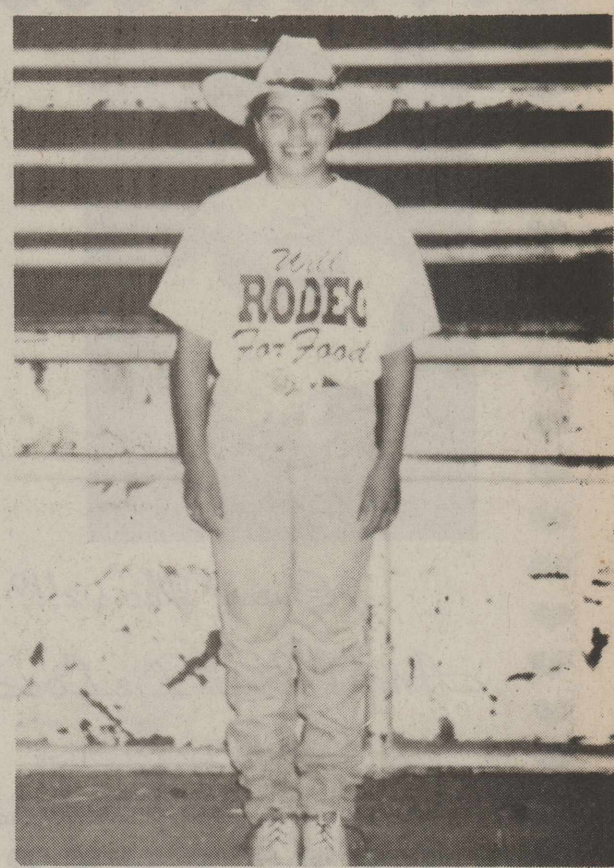
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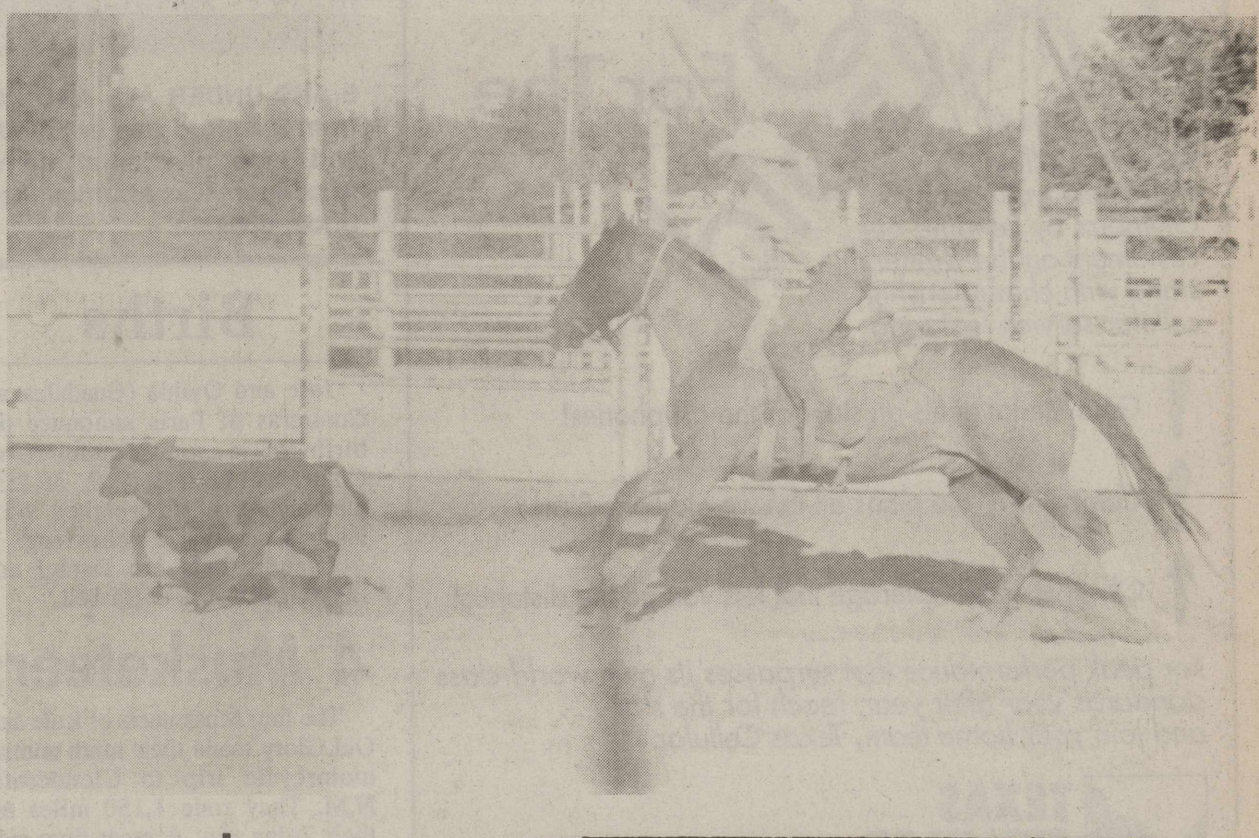
MONEY WINNERS—These two young cowboys and cowgirl proudly display their checks they received for their winnings at the Haskell Junior Rodeo this past weekend. From left, Luke Sprabery of Anson, Chad Hayes of Aspermont and Amy Brown of Throckmorton.



WINNING CONTESTANTS—(Left) Dee Bland of Hawley displays his All Around Boy buckle that he received for the 19 and Under division at the Haskell Jr. Rodeo. (Right) Afton Camacho of Avoca was the winner of the Steer Riding competition at the rodeo.



SHOWING OFF THEIR RODEO SKILLS—(Left) A young cowboy makes a turn around one of the barrels during the barrel race. (Right) This roper is in pursuit of the calf and ready to throw his loop hoping to hit his target for a winning time.



Haskell Junior Rodeo results

Haskell Horse Club held its annual junior rodeo this past weekend. It was an exciting weekend filled with tough competition from some of the top cowboys, cowgirls and horses in this area as youngsters showed off the "cowboy way."

The results are:
8 and Under
 Barrel Race: 1st—Tara Ford of Stamford; 2nd—Jay Hollabaugh of Stamford; 3rd—Amy Brown of Throckmorton; 4th—Chad Hays of Aspermont; 5th—Ashley Branch of Aspermont; 6th—Misty Hise of Aspermont
 Flag Race: 1st—Chad Hays; 2nd—Tara Ford; 3rd—Jay Hollabaugh; 4th—Amy Brown; 5th—R.A. Brown, II of Throckmorton; 6th—Larissa Hise of Aspermont
 Pole Bending: 1st—Tara Ford; 2nd—Amy Brown; 3rd—Luke Sprabery of Anson; 4th—R.A. Brown, II; 5th—Cade Williamson of Haskell; 6th—Jay Hollabaugh
 Goat Ribbon Pull: 1st—Chad Hays; 2nd—Amy Brown; 3rd—Larissa Hise; 4th—Tara Ford; 5th—Jay Hollabaugh; 6th—Luke Sprabery
 Calf Riding: 1st—Jay Hollabaugh; 2nd—Chad Hays; 3rd—Zane Hill of Throckmorton; 4th—Michael Suniga of Mesquite; 5th—Julian Menchaca of Weatherford
 All Around Girl: Tara Ford from Stamford
 All Around Boy: Chad Hays from Aspermont
 9-12 years
 Barrel Race: 1st—Lacy Hollabaugh

of Stamford; 2nd & 3rd (tie) Afton Camacho of Avoca and Morgan Cox of Haskell; 4th—Cheyenne White of Throckmorton; 5th—Cassie Lamb of Abilene; 6th—Julie Fowler of Rotan
 Flag Race: 1st—Ashley Branch of Aspermont; 2nd—Jennifer Fowler of Rotan; 3rd—Lacy Hollabaugh; 4th—Cassie Lamb; 5th—Julie Fowler; 6th—Afton Camacho
 Pole Bending: 1st—Riley Branch of Aspermont; 2nd—Julie Fowler; 3rd—Cheyenne White; 4th—Cassie Lamb; 5th—Ashley Branch; 6th—Jennifer Fowler
 Goat Tying: 1st—Ashley Branch; 2nd—Lacy Hollabaugh; 3rd—Jennifer Fowler; 4th—Afton Camacho; 5th—Cassie Lamb
 Break Away Roping: 1st—Jennifer Fowler; 2nd—Heath McCulloch of Haskell
 Steer Daubing: 1st—Morgan Cox; 2nd—Jennifer Fowler; 3rd—Ashley Branch; 4th—Kris Hise of Aspermont; 5th—Heath McCulloch
 Steer Riding: 1st—Afton Camacho; 2nd—Heath McCulloch; 3rd—Ross Short of Rochester; 4th—Cody Parsons of Rule; 5th—Adam Lee of Haskell
 All Around Girl: Jennifer Fowler from Rotan
 All Around Boy: Heath McCulloch from Haskell
 19 and under
 Barrel Race: 1st—Roni Morrow of Knox City; 2nd—Shawna Cochran of Aspermont; 3rd—Kaci Bland of Hawley; 4th—Laura Shaw of Stamford; 5th—Brittany Bartley of

Haskell; 6th—Lacy Callan of Rotan
 Flag Race: 1st—Shawna Cochran; 2nd—Nacole Jones of Aspermont; 3rd—Jessica Fowler of Rotan; 4th—Brittany Bartley; 5th—Laura Shaw; 6th—Morgan Cox
 Pole Bending: 1st—Roni Morrow; 2nd—Jodi Pope of Haskell; 3rd—Jessica Fowler; 4th—Laura Shaw; 5th—Lacy Callan; 6th—Brittany Bartley
 Steer Daubing: 1st—Nacole Jones; 2nd—Casey Parks of Roaring Springs; 3rd—Jessica Fowler; 4th—Beau Byars of Vernon; 5th—Shawna Cochran; 6th—Will Kiker of Anson
 Calf Roping: 1st—Dee Bland of Hawley; 2nd—J.D. Shores; 3rd—Beau Byars; 4th—Hegan Lamb of Paint Creek
 Ribbon Roping: 1st—Jessica Fowler; 2nd—Dee Bland; 3rd—Beau Byars; 4th—Hegan Lamb; 5th—Sloan Adams of Abilene
 Break Away Roping: 1st—Will Kiker; 2nd—Jake Murray; 3rd—Dee Bland; 4th—Hegan Lamb; 5th—Beau Byars; 6th—Sloan Adams
 Team Roping: 1st—Ray Bradley; 2nd—J.D. Shores; 3rd—Stoney Jones; 4th—Jake Murray; 5th—Sloan Adams; 6th—Bay Hecht
 All Around Girl: Jessica Fowler from Rotan
 All Around Boy: Dee Bland from Hawley
 Members of the Haskell Horse Club congratulate all of these winners and also send out a Texas-size thank you to the many people and businesses who supported and helped our youth and the rodeo.

Drought depression

A sunny day no longer makes for a sunny disposition. That's because if the sun is out, it isn't raining. The drought of '96 is downright depressing.

Extension Family Development Specialist Dr. Nancy Granovsky says that's especially true for farm families fretting over finances. She says talking about the problems is the first step. She also says maintaining normal routines and eating properly positively influence your mental attitude.

If you're struggling with paying the bills during the drought, ask for help. Granovsky recommends talking with creditors and insurance companies so they understand your situation.

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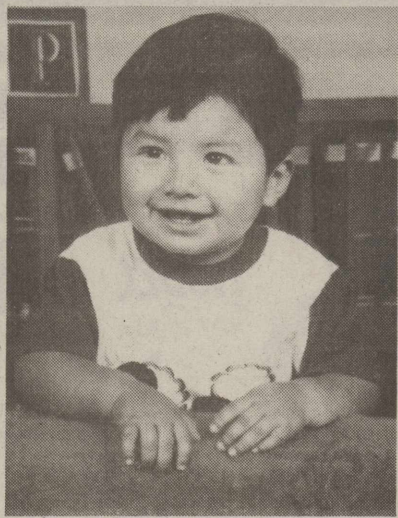
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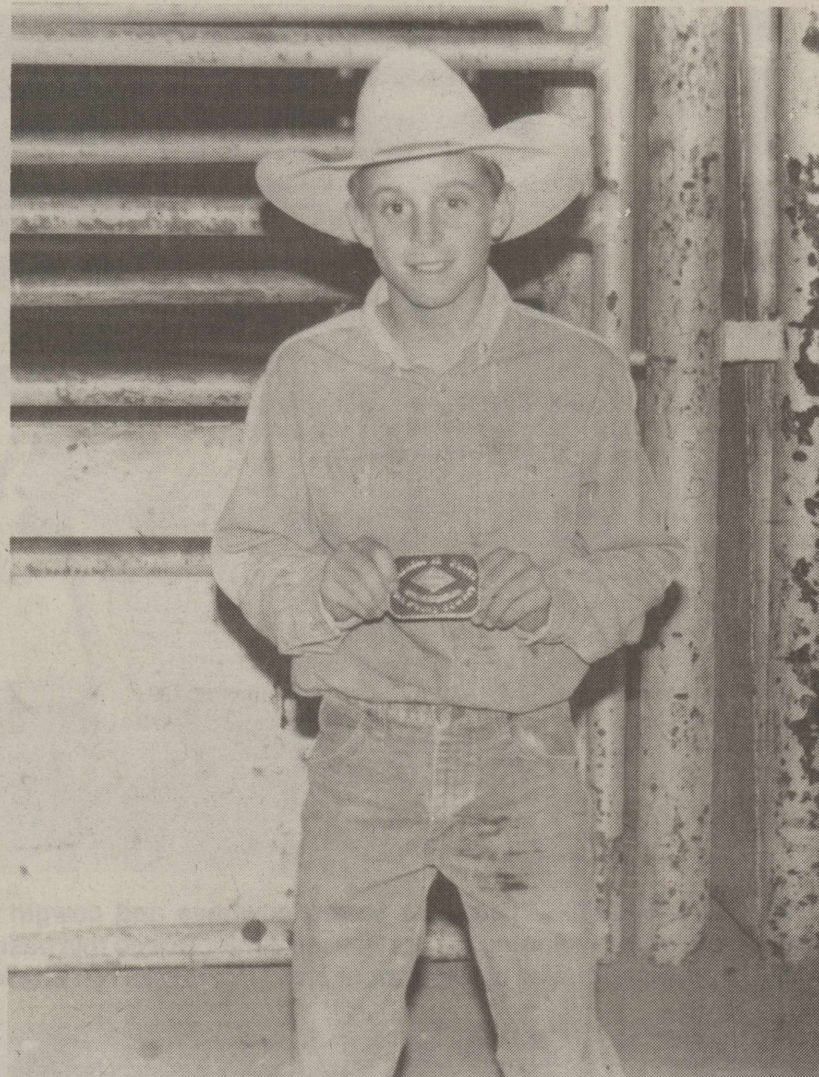
Angel Cruz De Los Santos

From: Dad & Mom

Richard & Debbie De Los Santos



8 AND UNDER ALL AROUND GIRL AND BOY—(left) Tara Ford from Stamford was awarded the All Around Girl buckle in the 8 and Under division at the rodeo and (right) Chad Hayes from Aspermont was awarded the All Around Boy buckle in the 8 and Under division.



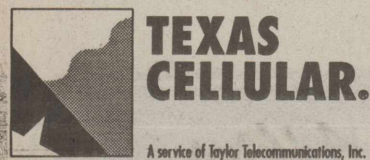
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Births

Jose and Ovidia (Guadalcazar) Contreras of Paris announce the birth of a son, Daniel Cruz Contreras, born July 9, at 2:31 p.m. in Paris. He weighed 7-1/2 lbs. and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Daniel and Lupe Guadalcazar of Haskell.

4 Musketeers

The four Musketeers of Rule and Old Glory made their ninth annual motorcycle trip to Cloudcroft, N.M. They rode 1,150 miles on their 7-day trip. A great time was had by all. Plans are already being made for a trip next year.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.

—Thomas Fuller

Alexander family reunion at Seymour

By Lona Mae Phelps
Ecclesiastes 1:4—"One generation passeth away and another generation cometh." We were so aware of the truth of this scripture as 89 of us gathered for our family reunion in Seymour over the weekend of July 20 and 21. It was held at the Donnie Portwood building and pavilion.

Two of the descendants that had been so special to all of us, Bertie Alexander, a daughter-in-law, of Weinert and Arby Touchstone, the oldest grandson, of San Antonio had passed away since the reunion last year. Both of them had attended nearly all the reunions. Bertie was 93 years old and Arby was 81.

This year, we had the first of "The First Cousins" reunion of the descendants of George and Harriet Alexander, long-time residents of Weinert. Numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the original Alexander children came from both coasts and numerous points in between.

The two-day event was filled with a variety of activities, including washer pitching, pitching horseshoes, watermelon eating, swimming, singing, visiting and telling stories about the "good ole days."

J.W. Alexander of Oma and Andy Sanders of Cross Plains were auctioneers for a spirited bidding at the auction of donated crafts and antique items that brought in over \$1,000 to help defray costs of the reunion.

George and Harriet Alexander were the parents of ten children, nine of who survived to adulthood. Their only living child, Melba Kim of Phoenix, Ariz. was unable to attend the reunion this year. Her granddaughter, Tina Marcaux chose this weekend for her wedding date.

Descendants of their oldest child, Minerva Touchstone attending the reunion this year were: three grandsons, Russell and Donnie Touchstone of San Antonio and Troy Wayne Blakely and wife Jo of Micanopy, Fl.; their daughter, Cheryl, her children Casie and Charles Jackson of Jacksonville, Fl.; a granddaughter, Debbie Taylor and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tatum and Billy Jr., all of Henrietta; also a great-grandson, Eric Touchstone of San Antonio.

Richard Alexander descendants present were: Larry and Edith Ross of Midland; Bill and Frances Babbitt of Gorman; also a granddaughter and great-granddaughter from Dallas.

Washington Alexander descendants present were: Thomas Alexander of San Antonio; Roy and Murl Alexander of Lubbock; Audra and Bob Schindler of Abilene; Carl and Evelyn Ellington of Muleshoe; Myrle and Hershel of Weinert; and Troy, Gloria and Patrick Green of Abilene.

Nellie Rinehart descendants attending were: June Parr of Phoenix, Ariz. and Joy Kimball of Wichita Falls.

Sallie Alexander Sanders descendants attending were: three sons, Travis Sanders and wife, Wilma, of Coleman, Andy Sanders and wife, Marlene of Cross Plains; Jacky Sanders and wife, Sandra, Rex and Jacklyn of Aledo; Lona Mae Phelps and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and their daughter, Karen Mitchell, all of Haskell; daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William (Martha) Maupin and Loretta of Odessa; Hank, Susan and Shawn Ray of Kilgore; Andra Poole of Pampa; Ricky, Netha, Renetha and Crystal of Cross Plains; and Tina and Austin Thomas of Cross Plains.

Lola Mae Cowley descendants attending were: three sons, Rocky and Lynne Corley of Lueders with their family members, Charles and Jackie Pittman and son David, Mr. and Mrs. David Pittman and Matthew of Scotland; Rocky, Pam, Deanna, Tobi and Breanna of Burkburnett; Gloria Shephard of Columbus, Ga., also Walton (Buster) Grothe of Columbus, Ga.; Gloria Young of Dallas; Lloyd and Wanda Cohee of Casper, Wyo.; Barbara and Frank Carpenter of New Jersey; and Chris and Joan Duke of Cataula, Ga.

J.F. Alexander descendants present was a son, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Alexander of Ahha.

Albert Alexander descendants attending was a daughter, Joan Slayman of Phoenix, Ariz. and her daughter and son-in-law, Rodie, Leon and Natalie Richard of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Everyone had a real good time and is looking forward to next year's reunion which will be the second weekend in July in Seymour. We look forward each year to see old faces, as well as some new ones. It is hoped that each year, relatives and friends can meet and memorialize the people in whose honor these happy get-togethers are held.

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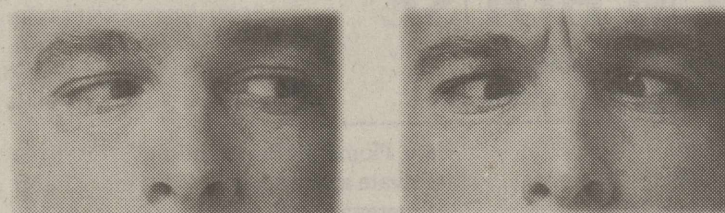
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Drought has placed a great deal of stress on turfgrasses

The recent drought has placed a great deal of stress on turfgrass in Texas. Because of the environmental benefits of turfgrasses, many people are concerned about caring for them during this dry period.

Turfgrasses provide benefits such

as cooler temperatures in the summer, cleaner air and water, and habitat for wildlife. Therefore, there is a desire to keep these grasses alive. A big concern right now is water use. People want to keep their lawns green, by many do not wish to use excessive amounts of

water. Dr. Richard Duple, Extension Agronomist of College Station said, "This time of year, if you're trying to keep a lawn green it will probably need about one and one-half inches of water a week."

Duple also said that many

people, because of the need for water conservation, are not trying to keep their lawns green, but they do wish to keep their lawns alive. "To just keep it alive, not green, about one-half inch every two to three weeks for St. Augustine and one-half inch every month for Bermuda grass will work," said Duple.

In Texas, St. Augustine and Bermuda grass are the most common turfgrasses for lawns. These two grasses are hardy grasses which are able to withstand Texas heat.

To keep a lawn green, it is often necessary to fertilize. Duple said that fertilization would not be a helpful practice under the current

weather conditions. "Do not fertilize right now," said Duple. "Fertilization will only increase the need for water."

The question of when to mow very dry lawns is also a difficult one for many people. Duple said that if the lawn is getting adequate water and is showing signs of growth, weekly mowing is recommended. The mowing height for St. Augustine grass in lawns is approximately three inches. Two inches is correct for Bermuda grass in lawns.

He also added that herbicide use to kill weeds is not a wise practice right now. Drought-stressed grass will be damaged by herbicide application which could slow the fall recovery of the grass.

Fall recovery of turfgrasses may be slower this year. However, Duple said that if the grass is adapted to the local area, replanting won't be necessary. Unfortunately, St. Augustine grass is not native to this area.

"Lots of people around here have St. Augustine in their lawns so they may see more replanting than those with Bermuda grass," said Duple.

The most important consideration with turfgrasses during dry periods is water application. Duple said that individuals must decide whether they want a green lawn or whether they just want to keep their lawn alive and water accordingly.

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

How to recognize end of drought

By Kathleen Davis
Texas Ag. Ext. Service

A few drops or even inches of rain might perk up Texas attitudes, but meteorologists and agriculturists warned that recent precipitation is far from ending the drought.

Some say an end to the drought will be signaled by full reservoirs and stock holes, others when the soil is moisture to a 5-foot depth, others when underground aquifers are replenished. But all agree that most of the state remains well below normal.

Only watered yards in Dallas may be immune from the drought's impact. "The drought has mainly been something that affects the farmers, and we read about in the city," said Dr. Tim Davis, resident director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Dallas. "People here just have to water more often, and we've had to water in May when normally we don't. You worry when water districts say you have to start rationing, and we've not had to do that."

Elsewhere in the state, calling an end to the drought is not in the near future. "We have a long way to go. It will take more than a one-day event, or even a couple of day-long events," said meteorologist Pat Herald, with the National Weather Service in Austin-San Antonio office in New Braunfels. "Even with recent rains, a lot will run off."

There still are a lot of areas that haven't received much at all. Plus, July is the normal hot and dry season. It is going to be a long summer."

Herald said Central Texans can look to the reservoirs and stock ponds to get an idea of when the drought is over. But that will require a lot of rain. He said Austin's year to date rainfall after a recent rain total eight inches, but the normal is about 14 inches; San Antonio has had 4.19 inches this year, but 12.61 is normal; and more arid Del Rio has had 2.23 inches, but 6.62 is normal.

Rains fell in the cotton growing region around Lubbock, but so did damaging winds and hail, according to Dr. Kater Hake, cotton agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The air has been so dry up here that to get any rain, it has to come under violent conditions," Hake said. He estimated that cotton acreage is "down about one million acres to 2.3 million due to the drought on dryland farms and damage on irrigated farms." "We are a long ways from being over the drought, and we are concerned that (recent rains) may be our only rain," he said. "This is usually our rainy period. It usually lets up and that's it for the year."

The Lubbock area has had about 3.38 inches this year. Historically, the area has received 5.85 inches by June, according to Carmon McCain, information specialist at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

"We won't know the extent of this drought's impact on the aquifer until next December when we

measure the depth to water," McCain said. "But this is about the fourth year with less than normal rainfall."

Pastures, which feed the state's valuable cattle herd, will not feel true relief from the drought until the soil moisture profile is moisture to the depth of 5 feet.

"One of the big keys to ending the drought is restoration of deep soil moisture," said Wayne Hamilton, director of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Center at Texas A&M University. "You can get rains that replenish the surface several inches or even a foot. It grows feed and makes things look good, but what we really want is deep moisture, and right now there is none."

Hamilton said many of the rangeland plants that typically go dormant and turn yellow during late summer hot, dry periods already are in that condition.

"The drought is magnifying that," Hamilton said. "Plus, there are the haves and the have nots. The rains have been isolated. We've not had the general rains in large parts of the state that blot out the scattered rain patterns."

Hamilton said it will take more than filled reservoirs and stock ponds to signal the drought's end. "I've seen a rain that can rush down the streams and fill every thing, but the runoff doesn't replenish the soil moisture," he said. "So, it will take a continual rainy period—rains following rains—to grow the ground cover that will hold the moisture until it soaks into the soil."

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was a run of 1,159 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, July 20, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was \$2 to \$3 higher on all feeder and stocker cattle. Packer cows and bulls were steady and bred cows and bulls were steady.

Cows: fat, .24-.28; cutters, .24-.31; canners, .18-.27.

Bulls: bologna, .36-.44; feeder, .40-.55; utility, .25-.36.

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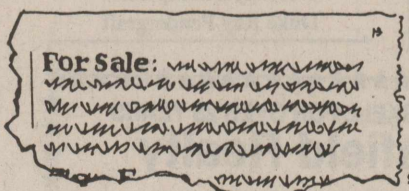
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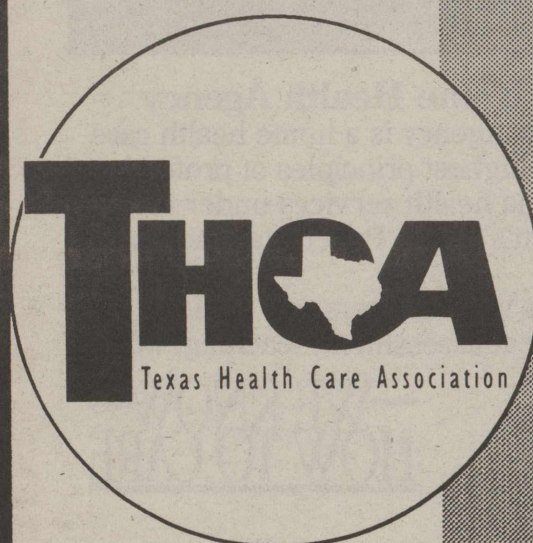
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Bonnie Workman of Rule says that the two loves of her life are playing the fiddle and nursing. She began playing the fiddle at a young age just to spite her brother, because he told her she couldn't—the fiddle belonged to him. From that day on, she has continued to play the fiddle for dances, nursing homes and other gatherings. She is an LVN at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell.

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Playing the fiddle and nursing—the two loves of her life

By Joyce Jones
 "Get Out Your Fiddle and Resin Up Your Bow," could well be the theme song for Bonnie Workman of Rule. Bonnie, who started playing the fiddle when she was six years old just to show her brother that she could, recently played at the Hank Williams Sr. memorial on May 31 and June 1 at Georgianna, Ala. at the invitation of his daughter, Jett Williams.

Bonnie said that she had cut some tapes and mailed a set of them to a foster son, who lives in Alabama, for Christmas. He just happened to be a friend of Jett Williams and played the tapes for her. Jett liked what she heard and invited her to come and play at the memorial for her father.

The memorial was held at the Hank Williams Sr. Park, in the backyard of his home where he was born. Bonnie said that over 10,000 people attended the two-day celebration. Bands playing at the memorial included "Shenandoah," the "Make Do Band" out of Mississippi and "Bustin' Loose" out of Illinois and many others. She played with the bands out of Mississippi and Illinois most of the time when she was there.

Bonnie said that she was only able to make the trip through the love offerings she received

from all of her many friends. "Everywhere that I played—dances, nursing homes, and other gatherings—they would take up a love offering, when they found out that I had been invited to play at the memorial. If it hadn't been for all my friends and their help, I couldn't have made the trip. I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who contributed. I feel like I am a millionaire with friends."

Bonnie, who is 66 years young, was born May 15, 1930 in Holbrook, Ariz. She moved from Arizona to Tatum, N.Mex. when she was six, where she attended school and graduated high school. Her travels in life has taken her through several towns and states, including Death Valley, Calif. where she lived for four years.

She said that she started playing the fiddle at age six, "My brother had a fiddle and I wanted to play it. He didn't want me to, so I just started playing to spite him. It made him mad and after that, he wouldn't touch the fiddle or play it himself. I played at my first dance when I was ten years old."

Bonnie still goes to Lovington, N. Mex. for their annual fiddle contest, where she won her first fiddling award at the age of 14. When she was 15, she played with Gene Autry in Chicago at the National 4-H

meeting banquet, hosted by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

Bonnie said that she plays because she loves to entertain people and make them happy. "During World War II, every Friday night, I played the World-Wide hook-up for the boys overseas and for about 15 years, I played for the big reunion at Peacock."

In the past, she has played at the West Texas Fair in Abilene with Bryan Houston, The Saddlers and as the guest of country music great, Roger Miller. She has been playing at the Texas Cowboy Reunion fiddle contest for over 15 years and has won the contest three times. She wrote a song, for the Cowboy Reunion, entitled, "The Bunkhouse Stump," which she plays at the reunion every year.

She has written other songs and has a tape with 12 of her songs recorded on it, including both instrumentals and songs with lyrics. Bonnie said that her song, "You Again," which is one of her most requested songs, was written on a challenge. While she was in Alabama at the memorial, she received a contract to write a song, "Don't Tell Me I Can't," for two men who have a television program on a local station.

Bonnie, who lived in Aspermont for many years before moving to Rule in 1979, plays with four different bands around west Texas, including the



JUST FIDDLIN' AROUND—Bonnie Workman of Rule, recently attended the Hank Williams Sr. Memorial in Georgianna, Alabama, where she played the fiddle with some of the other bands attending. She was invited to play at the memorial by Hank Williams' daughter, Jett Williams, at right.

Glen Whitfield Band out of Sweetwater. She plays at care homes, stage shows, dances and occasionally on the fender of a car on request.

She said, "A few weeks ago, I was coming out of the store and I met a young man who had lost both of his grandparents within weeks of each other. He asked me to play "Amazing

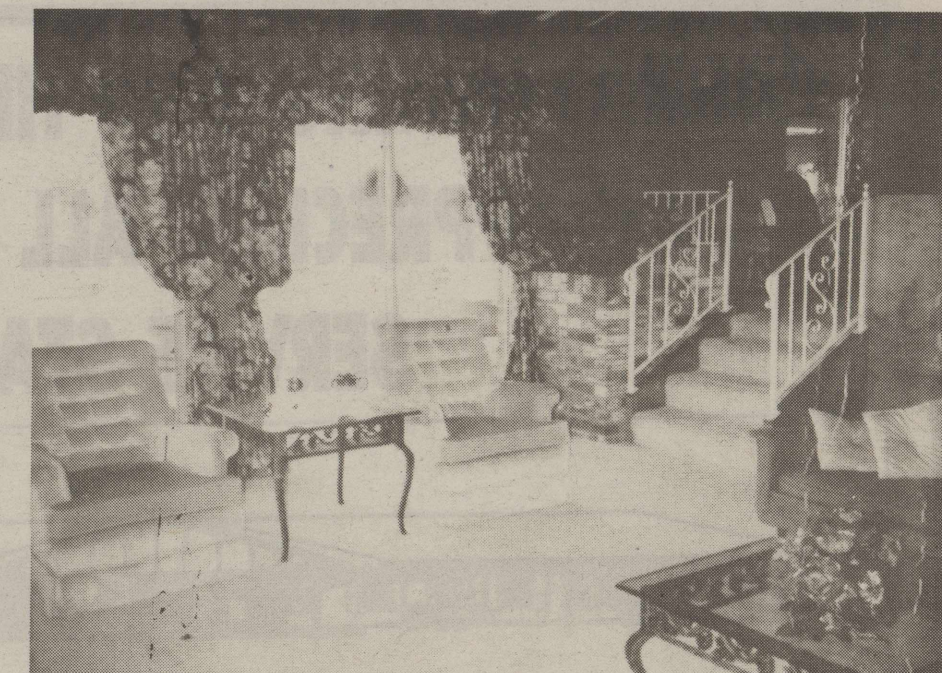
Grace" for him. So I got out my fiddle and played it and then ended up playing other songs for an hour or so."

Bonnie has two fiddles, one of which she got off of the black market out of Chicago in 1948. The other fiddle, a Suzuki, she bought in 1979 when she had a grocery store in Old Glory.

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A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY—Shirley Mickler has recently opened up a home for adult foster care at Lake Stamford. Mickler offers a home type setting for adults who are unable to stay by



themselves. The rooms are well furnished and decorated for that "feel at home atmosphere." The two pictures above show the furnishings in one of the bedrooms and also the living room or den area of the home.

Mickler opens adult foster care home at Lake Stamford

Shirley Mickler of Lake Stamford has recently opened an adult foster care home, located at Veda's Camp on Lake Stamford. Mickler said she offers a home-type setting, just as if the adults were in their own home. The home is enrolled by the Texas Dept. of Human Services to provide adult 24-hour supported care.

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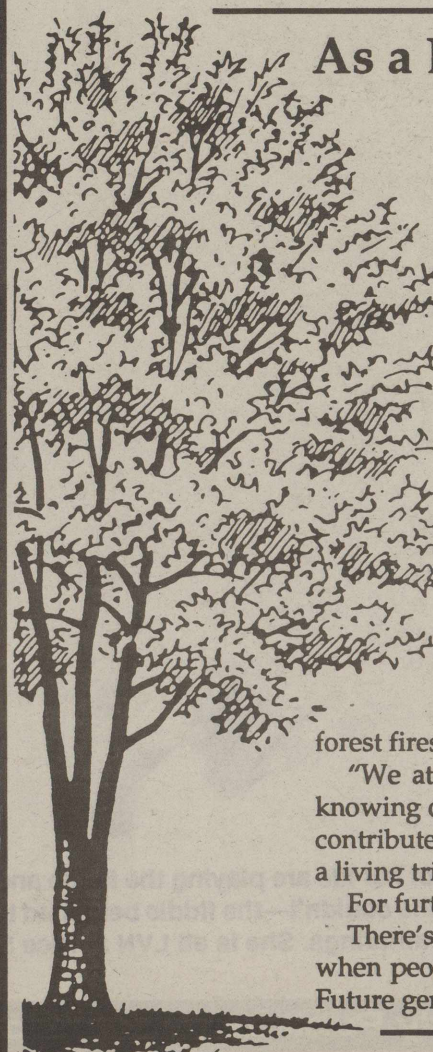
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Many factors determine who will develop osteoporosis

There are many factors that determine who will develop osteoporosis. The first step in prevention is to determine whether you are at risk. The risk factors are:

•Age—The older you are, the greater your risk of osteoporosis. Your bones become less dense and weaken as you age.

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men because of the changes involved in menopause.

•Race—Caucasian and Asian women are more likely to develop osteoporosis. However, African American and Hispanic women are at significant risk for developing the disease.

•Bone Structure and Body Weight—Small bones and thin women are at greater risk.

•Menopause and Menstrual History—Normal or early menopause (brought about naturally or because of surgery)

increases your risk of developing osteoporosis. In addition, women who stop menstruating before menopause because of conditions such as anorexia or bulimia, or because of excessive physical exercise, may also lose bone tissue and develop osteoporosis.

•Lifestyle—By smoking, drinking too much alcohol, consuming an inadequate amount

of calcium or getting little or no weight-bearing exercise, you increase your chances of developing osteoporosis.

•Medications and disease—Osteoporosis is associated with certain medications (e.g. cortisone-like drugs) and is a recognized complication of a number of medical conditions including endocrine disorders

(having an overactive thyroid), rheumatoid arthritis and immobilization.

•Family History—Susceptibility to fracture may be in part, hereditary. Young women whose mothers have a history of vertebral fractures also seem to have a reduced bone mass.

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

Many people face the risk of outliving their retirement income

By Kenneth D. Hargis
Soc. Sec. Administration

There was a time when the worst thing that could happen in old age was a catastrophic illness that depleted your savings and left you unable to support yourself. One of the facts of life I've become aware of recently is the very real possibility many people face in retirement—and that is the risk of outliving their retirement income. People are living longer, and in some cases, their

income is not lasting as long as necessary to cover the needs of the later years.

The fastest growing segment of the population today is the age 85 plus. Your chances of being among that number are dramatically increased as medical science steadily advances. From a planning perspective, you need to be thinking about retirement income that will grow with you no matter how long it takes.

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62 and continue for life. The benefits are designed to be a base of income in retirement, something you can build on to meet your lifestyle needs. The benefits replace about 42 percent of prior earnings for workers with average lifetime earnings; they increase annually with increases in the cost of living. However, you have other options as to how much those benefits will be depending on the age at which you retire.

If you retire at age 62, your benefit will be reduced for every month before age 65 and the month you retire, to a maximum of 20 percent.

If you retire after 65, your benefit will increase for every month after 65 and the month you retire. In 1996, the increase is five percent a year, gradually increasing to eight percent a year in 2007.

If you wait until 70 to retire, your benefit will increase by as much as 20 percent. On the other hand, if you start drawing benefits at 62, you will be receiving benefits over a longer period of time and will probably end up getting about the same in total benefits.

It's true that most people do not base their retirement decision on how much their Social Security benefit will be. Such issues as health, other income and family responsibilities may outweigh this factor, as they should.

But for planning purposes you would probably do well to think about when you want your base of income to be the highest, when you can rely on earnings and other income, and when you are most likely to need an income that just keeps coming.



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John Medford believes his poetry is a God given talent

By Joyce Jones
John Allen Medford says that the poetry he writes is a "God given talent." Medford said that he started writing the poetry approximately a year ago, when he was awakened in the middle of the night with poetry going through his head.
"I started writing a poem about 8 p.m. that evening and that poem consisted of six lines per stanza and had 27 stanzas. A total of four poems were written that night and the other three were almost as long. The poetic ability was a complete surprise to me as well as everyone I am acquainted with. My poetry covers a very wide range of topics and is non-specific as to type or topography," Medford said.
When he first began writing the poetry, Medford said that he

thought it would be all western poetry, but his poetry is of a great scope now; some of it almost as if he were in a different life.
In the summer of 1994, Medford's poems, "At the Lake," and "Ebony and Aged," were published in two separate books to be placed in the National Library of Congress. Two more of his poems, "The Visited Past," and "Whistles and Blues," will be published in the fall edition of "Best Poems of the '90s."
"Scuse Me Mister" is published in "Treasured Poems of America," by Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, and "The Withered Rose," in a separate book. "The Thornbird" is published in "Today's Great Poems," by Famous Poets Society.

Medford began writing his poetry, while he was in Santa Fe, New Mex. and the first poems were reviewed by college English professors in the Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos areas. "The professors had only praise for the poems and all encouraged me to have them published," Medford said.
Medford was born July 28, 1931, in Haskell to Harvie Allen and Lola Mae Medford. He attended schools in Paint Creek and Haskell. He married Joan Berry in 1952.
He lived and worked in the Santa Fe, Los Alamos, New Mexico area for 18 years, where he was employed by the Los Alamos National Laboratory, operated by the University of California for the Department of Energy. He retired in October of 1993. He was engaged in



ANOTHER POEM BEING COMPOSED—John Allen Medford spends a lot of time at his computer these days, writing down the words to the poems that come to him at various times. Medford says that he feels that it is a God given talent because the words just come to him.

Coolth: Hot-time hazards

Summer information from OUTREACH Health Services

Each year, droves of sun worshippers enter the gates of the inferno season to wallow in the warmth without sunscreens or stop watches.

Hot-time hazards include exhaustion and the long-term consequences of getting "nicely browned."

Summer activities can place a great strain on the body. For elderly persons and children, heat exhaustion can occur even with mild activity in extreme heat.

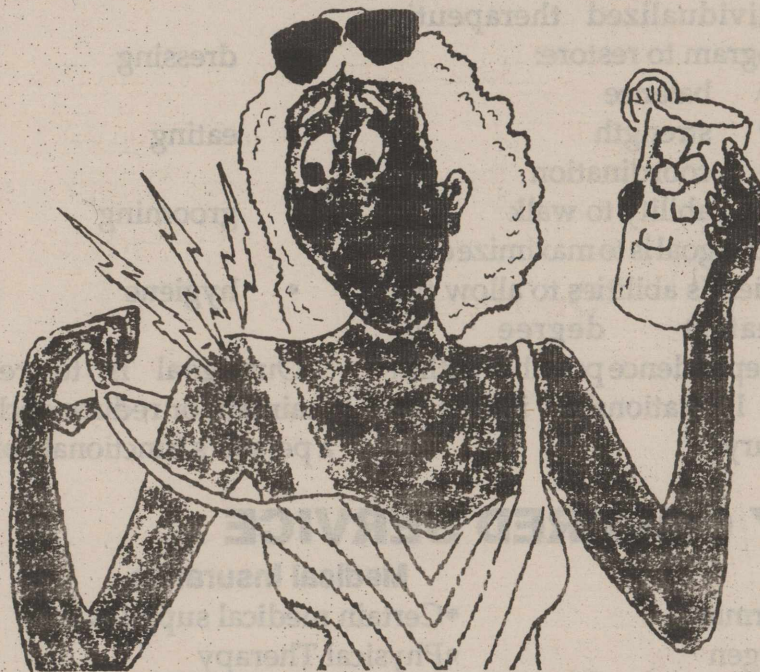
Also, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare lists exposure to high heat as an occupational hazard for working women of childbearing age.

To stay cool, drink more than your usual amount of water and other fluids. Your body can cope more easily with the heat if you turn yourself into a "cooling tower," adding extra liquids to your perspiration reservoir.

As you sweat, the evaporating water cools the skin. By dilating, the blood vessels near your outer layer of skin also will help you. This allows some inner heat to escape. Sunscreens are a must and should be reapplied periodically.

Signs of heat exhaustion may include pale, clammy skin; profuse perspiration; extreme listlessness; headache; and nausea. Unlike heat stroke, heat exhaustion does not drastically alter body temperature.

Seek medical aid. Get the victim into bed and apply cool, wet cloths. Provide a fan or air conditioning. Supply sips of one of the sports drinks which replenish potassium and sodium levels—or



SUMMER HAZARDS—Don't let summer's hot weather be hazardous to your health. OUTREACH Health Services, 406 N. 1st, Haskell, offers some warning signs for heat exhaustion and sun stroke.

other cool liquids.

The most serious consequence of summer overexposure is dead serious—potentially fatal or brain damaging. Sun stroke or heat stroke can send the body's temperature up to 107 degrees or 108 degrees.

If you observe flushed, hot, dry skin; fast pulse, disorientation; or loss of consciousness, get medical attention QUICKLY. While waiting.

■Get the victim to a cool place or shade.

■Remove clothing and wrap victim in cool, wet towel.

■If temperature is very high, immerse victim in cool water or surround with ice bags.

farming in the Mattson and Paint Creek communities in Haskell County until the spring of 1996.

While Medford was employed with the labs, he worked with the Engineering Department and was a specialist in water treatment for the hill servicing, some 46 square miles of concentrated buildings and facilities. He also worked as building operations and maintenance specialist in some of the larger facilities such as Meson, TA 55 Plutonium Processing Facility, Target Fab, CRM, or Chemical, Metallurgy, and Research, and the old "S" site, where the "A Bomb" was assembled.

Medford held a public poetry reading at the Haskell National Bank in Haskell. Also by invitation, he has read at the Haskell Co. Historical Society,

First Christian Church, American Legion on Memorial Day, the first annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Cowboy Poetry and church services.

Medford said that he has given poetry readings at the schools in Rotan, Aspermont, Haskell and Paint Creek. "I get a great enjoyment out of reading to the students and I feel I have inspired students, that I read to, to write poetry and stories, themselves," he said.

He recently accepted an invitation to read poetry at the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock on Sept. 5-8.

Medford is planning to publish a book of some of his poems that artist, Janice Mize of Lubbock, will do illustrations for. Mize did the illustration of his poem, "Scuse Me Mister."

Earnings limit increased for working beneficiaries

If you're age 65 or older — but not yet 70 — and still working, you can earn \$12,500 this year before your Social Security benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$3 in earnings. There is no limit for people age 70 and older.

A new law, signed March 29, increases the annual earnings limit from \$11,520 to \$12,500 in 1996 and gradually raises it to \$30,000 in 2002. In 1997, the limit will be \$13,500; 1998, \$14,500; 1999, \$15,500; 2000, \$17,000; 2001, \$25,000; 2002, \$30,000. After 2002, the annual

exempt amount will be indexed to growth in average wages.

The new law does not change the earnings limit for workers who are age 62 but under age 65. That limit is \$8,280 in 1996 and will increase in future years with increases in average wages, as under present law.

Only your earnings are affected by Social Security's earnings limits. The law does not count non-work income such as investments, interest, pensions, annuities, capital gains and other income not resulting from current work.

Ned Green

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Ned, reacting quickly, shot up into the tree and the return fire stopped. Ned had evidently killed the sniper. When he

looked over to assure his partner that they were safe, he discovered that his partner had been shot in the back. He died as a result of his wounds. Ned also

When Soc. Sec. is not enough

If you're currently receiving Social Security benefits, you may think that you can't get Supplemental Security Income (SSI), too. But, the fact is, you may be able to receive both if your total income and resources fall within the SSI limits.

To get SSI, you must be age 65 or older, or be blind, or have a disability. And, your income and the value of the things you own must be below certain limits.

Income refers to the money you have coming in—earnings, Social Security benefits, other government checks, pensions etc. Non-cash items you receive such as food, clothing and shelter are also considered income. The amount of income you can have and still get SSI depends on whether you work or not, and where you live.

The basic national payment rate in 1996 is \$470 per month for one person and \$705 for a couple. Some states add money to the basic payment, so they have higher SSI rates and higher income limits than other states. Your local Social Security office can tell you about the limits in your state.

Resources are the things you own, including property, cash, bank accounts and life insurance, etc. Social Security doesn't count everything you own when they decide if you can get SSI. For example, we don't count your home and many of your personal belongings. And, we usually don't count your car.

For more information about the SSI program, contact 1-800-772-1213.

The elderly — are they undernourished?

Poor health and other factors that result from aging may cause some older adults to become unable to shop for groceries, to cook or even feed themselves. With these physical barriers, it is no surprise that these elders may become undernourished and unable to maintain their normal weight.

Many fail to eat what is needed everyday to ensure that they are getting all the right nutrients. So, they find themselves taking a bag full of medicines and vitamin and nutrient supplements. Elders need to take a look at just how much vitamin preparations they take such as vitamin E supplements, antioxidant vitamins and herbal/vitamin preparations.

The Surgeon General's Report on Nutrition and Health recommends that older adults consume sufficient nutrients to provide energy to achieve levels of physical activity that maintain desirable body weight and may prevent or delay the onset of chronic disease. Older adults need sound nutritional advice and a balanced diet supplying enough calories to meet reduced energy needs.

From the National Screening Initiative report, the most frequently reported inadequate nutrient intakes were vitamins B6, B12 and D, folacin, zinc, magnesium and calcium in the elderly. Vitamins B6 and B12 and calcium requirements may

discovered that he himself had been shot; the bullet entered the side of his face at the temple and went vertically down his face and exited through his cheek and into the ground.

After the division had been freed from the aiming eye of the enemy sniper, they went back to base to report to their commanding officer. Ned, being wounded, was sent to the makeshift hospital.

When Ned recovered from his injuries, he returned to the front lines where he was once again called to the trench of his commanding officer and a Colonel. The Colonel informed Ned that he had been awarded the position of Sergeant. Ned thought about it for a minute and then told the Colonel that he

respectively declined the position. When the Colonel asked why, Ned simply replied, "I do not want to be responsible for the death of those men whom I would have to send to the front lines." The Colonel accepted Ned's decision and he remained at the position of Private First Class.

A few months after Ned returned to the front lines, the Walking Infantry accomplished their mission; they had cleared the entire island of all Japanese soldiers and were sent home. After arriving back in the United States, Ned received an Honorable Discharge from the Army and went home to Paint Creek where he met Jessie Fay McMillan, whom he later married.

Ned now lives in Paint Creek with his wife, Jessie. They have two sons, Donnie Raymond Green of Paint Creek and David Joe Green of Moore, Okla. They have four grandchildren, Stephanie Dawn Green and Michelle Rene Green, children of Donnie and Christyne Green, both of Haskell and Tyson Chance Green and Sarah Nicole Green, children of David and Melanie Green, both of Moore. They also have three great-grandchildren, Zachary Green of Moore, Thomas James (T.J.) Triveno and Dakota Lee Silvas, both of Haskell.

Editor's note: Michelle Green wrote this assignment on her grandfather, a World War II veteran, while in her English III class at Haskell High School.

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WWII veteran, Ned Green

Michelle Green writes about her grandfather's war days

By Michelle Green
Durvin Raymond "Ned" Green was born to Effie Cox Green and Cannie Alexander Green on Jan. 19, 1915, in Haskell Co. Ned was the fourth of six children; two sisters, Audry Green English of Rochester and Zelica Green Grand, who is deceased and three brothers Aubry Green of Breckenridge, who is a twin to Audry, Lawrance Otis (L.O.) Green of Paint Creek and Walter Green, who is also deceased. Ned grew up in the small community of Paint Creek and went to school for eight years at Howard School.

On the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Ned woke at sunrise, as usual and started another day of farming. When Ned came in from the field at lunch, he heard a report of the Pearl Harbor Bombing over the radio.

At the age of 27, soon after he heard about the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he was drafted out of Haskell Co. into the

"Walking Infantry" of the United States Army. At the time he was drafted, he was farming with his brother, L.O. Green at Paint Creek.

As soon as Ned was drafted, he was sent by bus to Camp Walters in Mineral Wells where he received his basic training. After he arrived at Camp Walters and settled into his quarters, it was straight to work and basic training.

On a typical day, members of the infantry were up at sunrise, either running or taking hikes. While he was at Camp Walters, Ned learned to use artillery items including a machine gun, which in time became his best friend. The gun never left his side, even while sleeping at night.

After a short period of 13 weeks, the Walking Infantry had been whipped into shape. They were then sent by train to Pennsylvania, where they stayed for about a month and were then shipped on to California by train. In California, they boarded

a Dutch ship, headed for the Calidonia Islands, where Ned and the infantry waited to be sent to the front lines.

Once again, Ned boarded a ship which took the Walking Infantry to the Fiji Islands and then to the Guadal Canal. While there, Ned and the rest of the infantry refreshed their training by going over maneuvers used to attack "Charlie" or enemy camps.

Sometimes the infantry would be sent into the jungles on maneuvers for as long as four to five days. On these maneuvers, they would eat rations of small portions of dehydrated biscuits and soup mix. They would get water from the river and boil it to try and purify it in order to avoid disease as much as possible.

After refreshing their training, the infantry was sent directly to the front lines of the Bogansville Island, where they fought the Japanese in head-to-head combat. As soon as they

arrived on the island, they were briefed as to the conditions. During their briefing, the Walking Infantry was informed that they were outnumbered ten to one by the Japanese.

The living conditions on the island were very poor. The men had to sleep in the trenches that they dug themselves, five men to every trench. There were also many natives who lived on the island who took the side of the Americans. The natives looked similar to the Indians in the United States. They could move through the jungles with little or no noise and they did not use any form of rifle or artillery. They used weapons they made themselves, such as spears and knives. The Japanese were very afraid of the island natives.

One of the men that stayed in the trench with Ned was an American Indian. One day while out on a maneuver, Ned's division was surrounded by the Japanese. When the Japanese saw the Indian, they thought he

was a native and grabbed him and sliced his throat, just as the natives had done to many of their people.

One day, while off the Bogansville Island, Ned and his partner were sent for by their commander. They both felt that something was terribly wrong. When they arrived at the commander's trench, having dodged bullets on their way, they were briefed on the situation at hand. They were told that over half of their division was trapped by an enemy sniper and could not get out. Their orders were to crawl into the area and dispose of the enemy sniper.

They were also told that the Japanese snipers tied themselves into the trees they were shooting from. So, Ned and his partner set out for the area where the sniper was. When they got within a fairly close range, they dropped to the ground and started crawling. When they got close to the tree, the sniper spotted them and started firing.

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Triad: firm foundation, for the elderly, against crime

By Atty. Gen. Dan Morales

THE FASTEST GROWING segment of our population today is comprised of seniors 60 years and older. Increased life expectancy of seniors is leading to new issues and problems for the criminal justice system as many communities have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of older persons. Who will decide how to change those services, and how will those services change?

Innovative solutions are needed, and we at the Office of the Attorney General will make such solutions a priority. Our Elder Law and Public Health Division focuses its legal and educational efforts on preventing consumer and health fraud against the elderly, and substandard nursing facilities.

The fact is that the rate of most crime is coming down throughout Texas. But some crimes — especially those perpetrated by juveniles — are increasing. One of the answers to fighting

crime is the use of community policing. Community policing can be defined as a collaboration between law enforcement and the community that identifies and solves community problems. All members of the community are active allies in the effort to insure the safety and quality of neighborhoods.

And an important part of community policing is TRIAD.

What is a TRIAD?

TRIAD is a three-way agreement between the Sheriff's Office, one or more police chiefs in a county and senior community leaders working together to reduce criminal victimization of seniors in the community. TRIAD is run by a S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council who meet monthly to discuss the issues and concerns of the seniors in the community. TRIAD provides the opportunity for the exchange of information between law enforce-

ment and seniors.

How did TRIAD start?

The program began in 1988 when the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the American Association of Retired Persons signed a cooperative agreement to work together to reduce crime and unwarranted fear of crime affecting older persons.

The three national organiza-

tions agreed that, working together, sheriffs, police chiefs, older leaders, and those who work with seniors, could devise better ways to reduce crimes against the elderly and enhance law enforcement services to older citizens.

Nationally, there are over 300 TRIADs in 46 states. Texas has the largest number of TRIADs in the nation with 43 signed agreements and the number is growing.

TRIAD involves law enforce-

ment and older Americans. The focus is determined by assessing the needs of the particular community. Areas with more serious crime problems may focus on crime prevention and victim assistance. Areas where seniors are not targets for crime may decide to concentrate on reassurance programs and involving volunteers.

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Poems by John Medford

'Scuse Me Mister

By John Allen Medford

"Scuse me mister, don't mean to bother you none, I was just watchin' them run, kinda just for fun. 'Scuse me mister, what's that you say, naw, I just ride a stick horse, sometimes to play.

"Scuse me mister, I couldn't help but see that little ol' calico colt a standin' and lookin' at me. 'Scuse me mister, did I hear you right, you say I might hold him, if I held on tight.

"Scuse me mister, you sure ought to know, I might hold on so tight, I'd never let go. 'Scuse me mister, but are you talkin' about him, the one with the silky tail, the spots, and the feet so trim.

"Scuse me mister, what would he bring, I might tell my dad, or I could sell a few things. 'Scuse me mister, look how his spots shine, I could wash him and comb him, if only he was mine.

"Scuse me mister, but would you take back his rope, I don't have no place to keep him, I know that was just hope. 'Scuse me mister, I think I'd better say 'bye, this dust is kinda chokin', and there's somethin' in my eye.

The Thornbird

by John Allen Medford

There is a bird, so legend tells who sings more sweetly, than does toll God's own bells. The bird is born in the land down under, that land sparse of rain and void of thunder. The Thornbird is born to live its life and soon to die. It follows one immutable law, it lives, and sings, and dies, and knows not why. The bird is born to spend its days to find a thorn and in its breast impale, nowhere in legend is it known its destined fate to fail. The Thornbird on quit of nest searches all its life and never rests, until it finds a tree of thorn and on it then, impales its breast. The legend tells of how impaled thus and doomed to die sings its song more sweetly than all God's creatures, far and nigh. When the Thornbird sings his thrilling song of death God and all his angels smile and hear, and breathe no breath. We, as mortals, follow the Thornbirds, impale ourselves on thorns without will, we know we do, we understand, we sing our song, and die, we do it still.

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What category do most seniors fit in – nutrition wise?

Nutrition directly influences health. Some 85 percent of older Americans have chronic disease and conditions which may benefit from nutritional assistance even though health professionals rarely look for symptoms or signs of poor nutritional status in older adults.

The Nutrition Screening Initiatives' (NSI) Initiative, a multi-disciplinary project of the American Dietetic Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the National Council on the Aging, began national nutrition screening in health and medical settings.

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The target audience of older Americans for this initial nutrition screening initiative emphasizes the fact that this is the most rapidly growing segment of the United States population of disproportionate risk of poor nutritional status. In fact, research suggests that specific deficiencies exist in as many as 50 percent of independent-living elderly in the United States.

The acronym or word determine will be used to help them remember the warning signs of poor nutritional status. In determine:

D stands for Disease. Any

disease, illness or chronic condition that causes you to change the way you eat, or makes it hard for you to eat, puts your nutritional health at risk. Four out of five adults have chronic disease that diet affects. Confusion or memory loss, feeling bad or depressed can cause big changes in appetite.

E stands for Eating Poorly. Eating too much as well as too little can lead to poor health. Eating poorly can also mean eating exactly the same thing all the time, which can cause poor nutritional health. Meal skipping, eating too few fruits and vegetables and drinking alcohol in excess—just a few things that can contribute to eating poorly.

T stands for Tooth Loss /Mouth Pain. Unhealthy teeth or gums, missing, loose or rotten teeth or ill-fitting dentures can cause mouth sores, resulting in difficulty in eating.

E stands for Economic Hardship. Costs of living increases and living on a fixed income can make it hard to have enough money to spent on foods. Most older Americans have incomes of less than \$6,000 per year.

R stands for Reduced Social Contact. At least one third of older adults live alone. Being in

a social setting has a positive effect on morale, well-being and eating.

M stands for Multiple Medicines. About one half of older Americans take multiple medicines everyday. The more medicines taken each day, the more likely side effects such as increased or decreased appetite, change in taste, constipation, weakness, drowsiness, diarrhea, nausea and others. Even taking too many vitamins or minerals a day can act like a drug and cause harm.

I stands for Involuntary Weight Loss/Gain. Extreme weight loss or gain is an important warning sign that should not be ignored. It can also signal poor health.

N stands for Needs Assistance in Self Care. Although most older people are able to eat, one in five have trouble walking, shopping, buying and cooking food, especially as they age.

E stands for Elder Years above Age 80. Many older adults can lead full productive lives.

Age, however, increases the risk of frailty and health problems. That's why checking your nutritional health frequently makes good sense.

The nutrition advantage is the biggest thing that we can all do to achieve and hold on to our good health, productivity and independence. The USDA Food Guide Pyramid is a good food guide to help the elderly practice good eating practices. They will need to apply these principles of balance, variety, and moderation to their food choices:

•Balance refers to selecting foods and beverages from all the food groups and eating at least the minimum recommended number of servings daily.

•Variety refers to keeping our food choices interesting and our nutrition complete by making many different choices from within each food group.

•Moderation means remembering portion sizes for foods and beverages so that we don't eat more than we should to keep healthy.

Playing the fiddle

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According to Bonnie, the Suzuki has a history to it, "Some soldiers picked it up in a barn in Germany during World War II and it got to the U.S. after the war. A man over at Old Glory had it in his possession and wanted to sell it, when I first saw it; but he wanted too much money. So a few years later, he came into the store and offered it to me at a much cheaper price, so I bought it. Later when I had it redone, a note was found inside the fiddle telling the history of how and where the soldier had found it."

Bonnie is an L.V.N. at Rice Springs Care Home, where she has worked for the past 15 years.

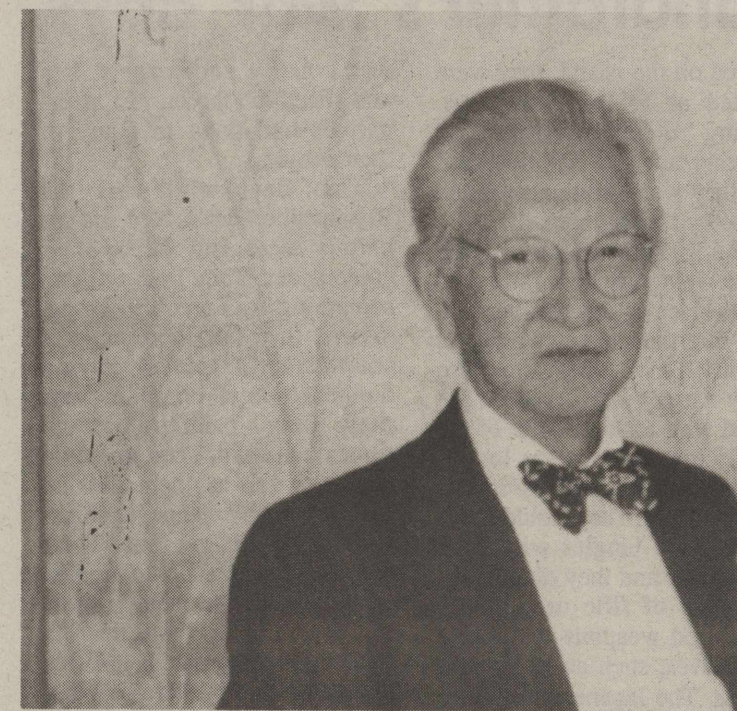
She went to nursing school and graduated in 1985 at Stamford with her L.V.N. degree. Rice Springs co-sponsored her schooling.

She has two living children, Perry and Jacky; and one boy who is deceased, Leland. She also has six grandchildren and lots of foster kids, she said.

Bonnie said that nursing and fiddling are the two loves of her life. She said her epitaph and what she wants on her tombstone will be "Just Fiddlin' Around."

Note: An update on Bonnie—she won the Old Fiddler's contest at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion again this year.

Dr. Kim trades city life for small west Texas practice



Dr. Lawrence Kim, M.D. said that he has always been interested in practicing in a small town and is excited about his move to Stamford and west Texas.

Editor's note: This article was originally printed in *The Stamford American* newspaper and is being reprinted with the authorization of Chandra Mathis, editor, who wrote the article.

By Chandra Mathis

The wheat field outside his office window isn't the only change of scenery for Dr. Lawrence Kim, M.D.

After spending the majority of his career on active medical staff at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center and Children's Hospital in San Francisco, Dr. Kim has traded city life for a small West Texas practice.

His first day on staff at Stamford Memorial Hospital was April 1, and no, it wasn't all moving-in time either. Dr. Kim saw several patients in his office at Stamford Medical Clinic and performed surgery on a patient at the hospital.

"I have always been interested in practicing in a small community," he said. "I have relatives in this area. My brother, Dr. Thomas Kim was the president at McMurry University for over 25 years. So, although I am an outsider, I feel very much at home here."

His move to West Texas comes after over 30 years as a well-known surgeon, professor and a researcher.

Dr. Kim was one of the pioneers in transplantation immunology for transplant patients. His research helped in the development of the anti-lymphocyte antibody, which is used to suppress rejection of the transplanted organ by the host.

He also has done extensive research with the prevention of oxygen poisoning which can destroy cells. He explained that one example is the retinal blindness that can occur when

is an attorney and her husband is an anesthesiologist. They live in Pasadena, Calif. and have three children.

The Kim's only son, Whitney, owns an office manufacturing company in St. Louis. He and his wife have two

children. Dr. Kim says that he loves the outdoors. He likes to snow ski and is an avid tennis player.

However, Dr. Kim says he might like to become involved in another sport now that he has moved to Texas, "I am looking

forward to riding a horse...maybe even a bucking bronc," he says with a grin. Nevertheless, he is excited about the change in scenery as he looks out his window at the wheat blowing in the West Texas wind, "I like country living."

Two roads diverged in a wood and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

—Robert Frost

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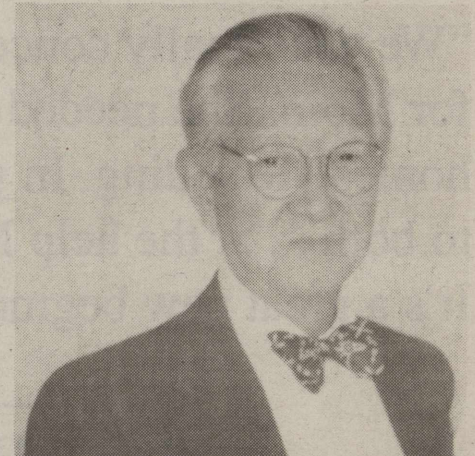
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- Has done extensive research with the prevention of oxygen poisoning which can destroy cells. He explained that one example is the retinal blindness that can occur when babies are placed in incubators with high oxygen content.
- "I feel that with over 30 years of surgical experience, that it really blends in well for a practice in a rural community."

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