

Basketball games

Haskell
VG Key City Tour. Dec. 5-7
VB Aspermont Tour. Dec. 5-7
JV Brecken. Tour. Dec. 6-7
Haskell JV-VGB vs Stamford
Tues, 4:00 p.m. at Stamford

Haskell JH Girls vs Archer City
Mon., 5 p.m. at Haskell
Haskell JH Boys vs Archer City
Mon., 5 p.m. at Archer City

Paint Creek
Goree Tournament Dec. 5-7
Paint Creek vs Woodson
Tues., 6:30 at Woodson

Calendar

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the City Hall annex today, Thurs., Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Tour of Homes

The Noah Project's annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be Sun., Dec. 8 in Haskell from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased from any Advisory Committee member, at any home on the tour or by calling 817-864-2551.

Homes on the tour include Cecil and Sue Bingham, 1206 N. Ave. L; Robert and Lisa Pheil, 300 N. Ave. H; Weldon and Mona Gibson, 1606 N. Ave. F; Mattie English, 406 N. Ave. H; Elbert and Franciene Johnson, 1008 N. 8th; and Ben and Connie Benton, Rt. 2, Box 378. Maps will be available.

Partners for Children

A second night in the series for Partners for Children will conclude Dec. 12. Attachment and Bonding is the topic of the meeting that begins at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Free babysitting is available by calling 864-2654. Refreshments will be served.

Anson tour of homes

Anson Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "Christmas In Anson" tour of homes Dec. 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Chamber office and the Country Loft. For information call 915-823-3259 weekdays.

Lights of Christmas

The Lights of Christmas parade will be held Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Anson. The parade, sponsored by the Anson Chamber of Commerce, will begin in the Anson City Park and travel north to the Courthouse and return to the park area. At 8:30 p.m. in the Opera House, the Miss Merry Christmas contests will be held.

Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Dec. 19. The service, through Bethania's Mobile Mammography Van, will be located in the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 817-864-2621.

Home Tour

The Stamford Preservation League is sponsoring a Christmas Home Tour Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. To purchase tickets and pick up a brochure, come by the Preservation League House at 501 N. Swenson in Stamford. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Coat give away

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board will have a coat give away Sat., Dec. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, located next to Sav-M. Children needing coats must accompany their parents to receive a coat. Please use the east alley entrance of the church.

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First Chamber drawing Saturday

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS—Holiday decorations and lights have added a festive atmosphere to Haskell. West Texas Utilities employees are shown stringing the roof top lights around the square. City employees have the pole decorations that line the city highway entrances in place and County employees have helped dress the courthouse in holiday attire. Chamber members, local merchants and Haskell residents have added to the holiday look with window and yard decorations.

County Commissioners make purchases

The Haskell County Commissioners met Tues., Nov. 26. Commissioner Bill Hester reported on the courthouse plumbing repairs which have been completed.

Commissioner Bud Turnbow commented that the fairgrounds cleanup was progressing well. Several trees have been removed as well as a general cleaning by workers.

Help in hauling rock to build more wave protection at the pier at the County Park at Lake Stamford was requested by Commissioner Ray Perry.

Fred Hernandez of West Texas Utilities asked the Court to support WTU during the upcoming legislation on electric service deregulation.

Kim Bassett requested a portable walkie-talkie to be used in the Constable's office. Discussion of the purchase resulted in approval.

A motion to purchase a computer for the extension office carried with a bid of \$1739.00. The search for a County Extension Agent Ag. continues.

Three line items on the budget were realigned to cover expenses incurred in election expense, mental

health and county judge travel and schooling.

Amendments to the budget included petty jurors \$1000 out of the General Fund; Road and Bridge 2 \$5000, and miscellaneous expense increased by \$11,247.50 to cover paving done, Road & Bridge 4 equipment purchase increased by \$60,000. Precincts 2 and 4 had funds for these expenditures in surplus.

Haskell Chamber of Commerce to sponsor Christmas drawings

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring three Christmas drawings with 21 jackpots for a total of \$5,000 in gift certificates and Haskell Bucks to be given away. The first of the three drawings will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. on the northeast corner of the square at the gazebo, with seven jackpots for a total of \$1,000 in gift certificates and Haskell Bucks.

The second group of drawings will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12 noon, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. with seven jackpots at each drawing for a total of \$3,000 in gift certificates and Haskell Bucks.

The final drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. with seven jackpots for a total of \$1,000 in gift certificates and Haskell Bucks. Immediately following will be the Haskell Co. Child Welfare Board quilt drawing and

announcement of the Christmas coloring contest winners.

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

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

All tickets must be stamped on the back by the business distributing them. The gift certificates will be redeemable at the businesses donating them and the Haskell Bucks can be redeemed at all participating merchants.

Goodfellows drive underway

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas boxes to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years, and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas box of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Dec. 7 and 14 the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the

Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell County Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project, the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

If you would like to help with this project by donating food, toys, money or clothes, please contact any member of the Haskell Lions Club for more information. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press. Food, toys and clothes may be taken to the Haskell Fire Department station.

Photos with Santa to benefit Goodfellows

The Haskell County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a Santa Claus photo session Saturday, Dec. 14 beginning at 10 a.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Children in the community can

have their pictures made with Santa for \$1 each.

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

Chamber to sponsor business, residential lighting contest

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will conduct a residential and business lighting contest again this holiday season. Judging will be Thursday, Dec. 12 between 6 and 10 p.m.

To enter the contest, just have

your decorations and lights turned on during the judging time on Dec. 12.

1st, 2nd, 3rd places and honorable mention will be awarded. Names of winners will be published in The Haskell Free Press.

Kids, it's time to write Santa

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

Or you can drop them by the

newspaper office at 401 South First. There is a Santa Claus mailbox by the door for your letters.

The deadline for your letters is Friday, December 13 at 5 p.m. to be published in the December 19 edition.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. On Dec. 7 and 14, the names of those who qualify may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall, between 1 and 3 p.m. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24, to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member; toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 1058, Haskell, TX 79521.

Hazel Weaver Bible Class, FUM\$50
Jerrene Couch\$50
Total this week\$100
Total to date\$100



ONE MORE BASKET—Indian Gava Ortiz #23 lays in two points against Bryson last week. Haskell claimed the victory 65-42.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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Mayor appoints Kretschmer, Greenwood to Haskell Housing Authority Board

Mayor Ken Lane appointed Dickie Greenwood and Don Kretschmer to the Housing Authority board during the regular meeting of the Haskell City Council on Nov. 26. One position

is left vacant and Lane is attempting to fill the position at this time.

The Council voted to join a coalition of towns who are opposed to the rate increase sought by Lone

Star Gas. Gas provided by Lone Star is higher than other Texas providers at \$3.80 per cu. foot. The next most expensive gas costs \$3.20 per cu. foot and some providers have a charge as low as \$2.80.

Buddy Tibbets was hired as night watchman while Robert Yeldell is in the hospital.

Fred Hernandez asked the Council to support West Texas Utilities during the upcoming deregulation legislation. The matter will be discussed at the next council meeting.

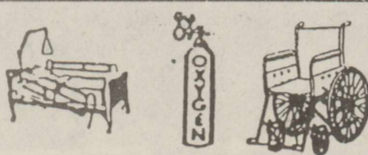
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Admissions

Sylvia Roberts, Haskell
Anna Wilkinson, O'Brien
Jessie Cutright, Haskell
Mary Place, Haskell
Percy Smith, Rochester
Helen Moeller, Haskell
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Dismissals

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Obituaries

Catherine Estelle Clifton



CATHERINE CLIFTON

Services were held for Catherine Estelle Clifton, 99, longtime Haskell County resident on Mon., Nov. 25, at Holden-McCauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial followed in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Clifton died Sat., Nov. 23, at a local hospital. She was born on Dec. 31, 1896 in Navarro County. She married Martin A. Clifton on Sept. 17, 1917 in Haskell. He preceded her in death on Apr. 7, 1959. She was always a very happy person who took wonderful care of her children and grandchildren, making sure that they were in Sunday School and

church. She loved to cook and made wonderful pies. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir for over 65 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Martelle Dickerson of San Antonio and Bette Josephine Broyles of Boulder, CO; two sons, Ben Allen Clifton of Fort Worth and Billy Blake Clifton of Austin; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Lee Clifton.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521.

Ethel Earles

Services were held for Ethel Mary "Jack" Earles, 84, Thurs., Nov. 21, at the Church of Christ with Dale Huff officiating. Burial followed in Howard Cemetery directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Earles died Wed., Nov. 20, at a local nursing home. She was born in Coleman County. She was the widow of Johnnie L. Earles. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Peiser and

Norma "Dodie" Irion both of Haskell; one foster sister, Virginia Forsyth of Deercreek, OK; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a daughter shared yet chosen by love, Tanya Whitaker.

She was preceded in death by one brother, E.M. Kingston and one sister, Ann Gilleland.

Pallbearers for the service were Sam Bitner, Sam Wester, Mackie Irion, L.C. Whitaker, Tom Long and Rufus Molina.

Lula E. Massie

Services for Lula E. Massie, 94, of Lubbock were held Mon., Nov. 18, at Duncan City Cemetery in Duncan, OK, with Clifford Elkins officiating.

She died Fri., Nov. 15, at Lubbock Health Care Center. She was born Oct. 20, 1902, in Munday. She married Seaburn E. Elkins in 1918. He was the father of her children. He died in 1932. She later married Joe Massie, who died in 1978. A son, Milton, died in 1991.

Mrs. Massie retired in 1965 from her job at the school cafeteria in Haskell, where she was a member of the East Side Baptist Church. She moved to Lubbock in 1984.

Survivors include two daughters, Margie Medford of Haskell and Verna Boyd of Lubbock; 5 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Betty Lou Brewer

Services were held for Betty Lou Brewer, 89, of Hendersonville, TN and formerly of Haskell, Mon., Dec. 2 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with the Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial followed in Roberts Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brewer died Wed., Nov. 27, at her home. She was born on June 8, 1907 in Nevada, TX. She was the widow of Raymond Brewer. She was a homemaker and

a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brewer is survived by one son, Durwood Jacobs of Alamo; one daughter, Patsy Ann Dougherty of Hendersonville, TN; 3 grandchildren, Raymond Jacobs, Linda Onderdonk and Paul Dougherty and 6 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Hargraves.

Wilma Brown

Services were held for Wilma Wheeler Brown, 94, of Haskell, Sun., Dec. 1, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Brown died Fri., Nov. 29, at a local hospital. She was born April 14, 1902 in Grayson Co. She married Virgil A. Brown on Aug. 12, 1925 and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she attended Sunday School. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, Haskell Chapter #892. Mrs. Brown enjoyed giving Stanley parties in Haskell and the surrounding towns.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Virgil A. and Betty Drew Brown of Rowlett; 1 grandson, James Wayne Brown of Stephenville; 1 granddaughter, Barbara Janita Brown of Dallas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lindon and Faye Wheeler of Anson and Gilbert and Cleo Wheeler of Euleess; one sister and brother-in-law, Paul and Frances (Wheeler) Downer of Arlington; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Arvil McFadden, Eugene Gibbs, Olen King, Lindo Guess, James Wheeler and Jack Lusk.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Smith, Woody Frazier, Royce Adkins and Bob Dulancy.

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LIFESTYLES

Local 4-H cooks compete at District Food Show

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent
New ways to prepare and serve some old favorites joined traditional recipes as 240 boys and girls from 25 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show, in Vernon, Nov. 23 at the Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium.

Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June, 1997. Anna Rieger of Haskell will be one of the four 4-H'ers representing District 3 at the State Food Show. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Shayne McKenzie of Haskell was the other Senior participant from Haskell County in the District Food Show.

Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons and plaques, but do not compete beyond the District level. Intermediates from Haskell County included Tabitha Coker, Bergen Peiser, and Jennifer Smith. Abby Dudensing of Sagerton received fifth place honors in the Junior Division. Other Juniors competing

were Emery Dudensing also of Sagerton and Lindsay Reel of Paint Creek.

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa CattleWomen and Wichita Falls Area CattleWomen were also presented to first, second and third place winners in Main Dish, Breads and Cereals, and Nutritious Snacks and Desserts in which beef was an ingredient. Emery Dudensing received a third place Beef Award.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

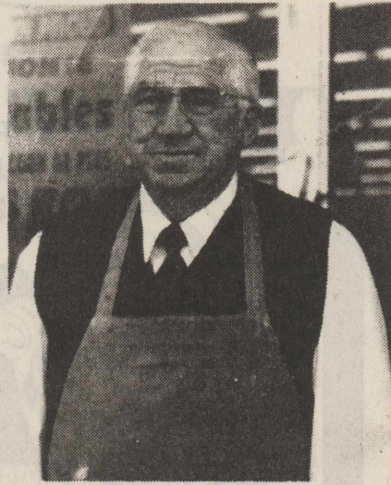
Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the district. These 4-H'ers were recognized with certificates.

This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Elaine Houston, District Director with the

Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

Winners of the District Food Show from this area are: Junior Fruit and Vegetables-5th place: Abby Dudensing; Junior Snack and Dessert - Beef Award-3rd place: Emery Dudensing and Senior Bread and Cereal-1st place: Anna Rieger.



NEW EMPLOYEE—Bob Gray is now working at Modern Way IGA. He invites all his customers to come by and say hello.

Party honors Emma Raphelt

Emma Baitz Raphelt of Stamford and formerly of Old Glory celebrated her 90th birthday Sat., Nov. 30 at Teakwood Manor in Stamford where she is residing presently due to ill health.

The party was hosted by her children, Dorothy (Joe) Clark, Mae (Leon) Stegemoeller and Melvin (Annella) Baitz all of Sagerton; Ruby (George) Olson of San Angelo and Leslie (Kay) Baitz of Leander.

Birthday cake and punch was served by granddaughters, Cherri Lynn Stegemoeller and Tami Baitz. The lace covered table held a red poinsettia plant, a gift from her stepson and his wife, Herman Raphelt, Jr. and Mary of Lubbock, who were unable to attend the party due to illness.

The birthday cake, decorated by a granddaughter, Peggy Adler, was

inscribed with "Emma", "Mama" and "Grandmother" and featured ninety red roses for her ninety years of age.

Ninety seems to be a magic number for this special lady this year because ninety people registered for the party and she is approaching ninety cards received at the party and by mail.

Near the registry was a family tree made by two granddaughters, Patsy Bivins and Peggy Adler. The wooden tree held "leaves" of all her descendants, color coded by families. Included were children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and step-children's families.

She and the entire family thank everyone for coming to the party, for all the cards and gifts, the visits, and especially for the love shown to her.

Jetton family gathers for Thanksgiving

Ted and Faye Jetton had their four children and families home for a Thanksgiving get together. They met at the Hatahco Sat., Nov. 23 for a Thanksgiving dinner.

The families started arriving Friday night. Two new great-grandchildren attended.

Pictures were made and a lot of visiting and fellowship was enjoyed.

Sunday morning, the group had a worship service with lots of singing, prayers and a good lesson. Each family member told why there were so thankful. Communion was served by grandsons. A poem was read by Angie Smithson "After Thanksgiving" by John E. Anderson.

Those attending for Saturday dinner, besides the family, were four cousins, Bill and Vivian Shaw, Helen Boykin and Myrtle Hemister of Weinert. Thirty-five

attended the dinner.

The families attending for the weekend were Jimmie and Claude Young of Pitkin, CO; Jody Young and Kari Burnett and her son, Matt from Vernon; Donald and Sandra Stafford of Great Falls, MT; Jackie and Kelly Frantz of Dallas; and Brennan Frantz of Houston.

Niki Wallace of Dallas and children, Justin, Ryan and Kalie Jones of Amnoma; Jana Maturi and children, Haley, Mollie and Jami Lane of Rowlett; Bill and Dorothy Jetton and son, Brad of Brownwood; and Lori Jetton of Weatherford.

Brent and Jami Gaugh and sons, Logan and Slyton of Weatherford; Angie Smithson and children, Cody, Cheyenne, Chelsea and Callie of Holliday, and Terry and Dede Tatom and son, Troy of Iowa Park.

Bartleys compete in 5K run

Cathy Bartley from Haskell, her brother, Van Josselet from Dalhart and Misti Bartley (Cathy and Robert Bartley's daughter) from Abilene competed in the DARE 5K run Sat., Nov. 23 in Abilene. Cathy placed 3rd in her division

with a time of 27:18. Van placed third in his division with a time of 20:32 and Misti placed 4th in her division with a time of 25:28.

Cathy and Van are the children of Homer and Jerry Josselet. Misti is their granddaughter.

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Students prepare salad heads

On Nov. 14 and 15 the Paint Creek Home Economics classes made salad heads as a project to enter the National Salad Head Competition, sponsored by the Association for Dressings and Sauces and the Produce for Better Health Foundation.

Each group had to make a body using 15 different fruits and

vegetables. For example, the head could be a head of lettuce or any other round fruit or vegetable. Students had to decide which body part would be made of which vegetable or fruit. They completed their designs and made their displays.

The salad head displays were photographed for entry in the competition. Winners will be notified by Dec. 30, 1996.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in the month of November were:

Charles Richard Harvey of Haskell and Donna Kay Vasquez of Blanket.

William Martin Penman of Rochester and Reida Harris of Rochester.

Art Club to meet Dec. 9

The Art Club will meet Dec. 9 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a gift to exchange and Christmas snacks or goodies. Guests are welcome.

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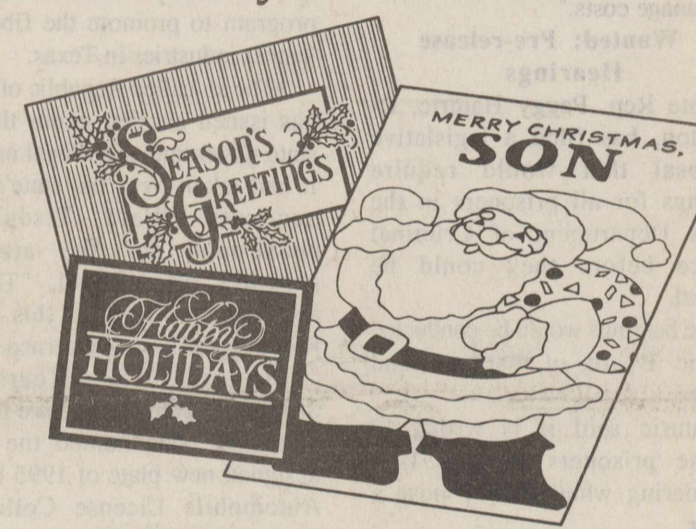
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



ACT FAST TO CUT YOUR 1996 TAXES

With the end of the year fast approaching, time is running out for taking actions that will cut your 1996 tax bill. Here is a quick reminder checklist of tax-cutting steps you should still consider:

- Estimate your income and deductions for both 1996 and 1997. Then, to minimize your total tax for both years, consider shifting income and/or deductions between the two years.
- If you're self-employed, set up a Keogh plan before December 31. You can then make a deductible 1996 contribution as late as the filing deadline, including extensions, for your 1996 tax return.
- To squeeze in more tax deductible expenses for 1996, pay state and local taxes, property taxes, interest due, and accelerate charitable deductions before year-end. If you don't have the cash, consider paying with a credit card in order to get the deduction this year while paying the bill next year.
- Use the \$17,500 expensing deduction for the purchase of business equipment.
- Review your investment portfolio and estimate capital gains you've already taken. Consider selling some losers before the end of the year to offset those gains taken plus an additional \$3,000, which can offset ordinary income.
- Before investing in any mutual funds, check whether the fund will be making a year-end distribution that will increase your 1996 tax bill.
- If you're planning a wedding or divorce before year-end, remember that it's your marital status as of December 31 that determines your tax status for the entire year. Find out if rescheduling the event could save you significant tax dollars.
- More people get hit these days by the alternative minimum tax (AMT). So if you have large deductions or tax preferences, be sure to do an AMT estimate. You may want to adjust your other strategies if the AMT is going to apply to you.
- Make sure you have paid in enough through tax withholding and quarterly estimated payments to avoid penalties when you file in April. If you'd like to discuss which of these or other tax-cutting moves best fit your situation, please contact our office.

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OPINION



State Capitol

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Texas Board of Medical Examiners adopted a position statement that those who administer managed-care health plans—who make decisions affecting the treatment of Texas patients—must have a Texas medical license.

The statement is meant to allow physicians to decide what sort of treatment is appropriate for their patients, according to the TBME board chairman William Fleming III.

The statement also would allow the board to investigate a complaint and recommend legal action for practicing medicine without a license, particularly if an out-of-state managed-care provider were to decide a treatment was not necessary in a Texas case.

But Tracy King of Texans for Quality Health Care, a coalition of managed care plans, said that determining whether a plan will pay for a particular treatment is not practicing medicine. And, she said, the statement would "gut the way we manage costs."

Wanted: Pre-release Hearings

State Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, has filed a legislative proposal that would require hearings for all prisoners in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice before they could be released.

The hearings would be conducted by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Hamric said it is wrong to release prisoners without first considering whether they pose a danger.

Gov. George W. Bush said he would make Hamric's bill a priority. "The parole board, not some mathematical formula, should decide whether a prisoner is still a threat to society," Bush said.

Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights Project said, however, that Hamric's proposal may be illegal because it could change the length of some prisoners' sentences.

Under present law, prisoners must be turned over to community supervision when their time is served and their time credits for good behavior equal their sentences.

Free Tuition Proposed

In a letter to Gov. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Comptroller John Sharp proposed that teachers who stay in their jobs for 10 years should be rewarded with free Texas public college tuition for their children.

Sharp's \$20.3 million proposal is part of his Texas Performance Review. The proposal would be paid for by at least \$1 billion in

savings outlined in the review, he said.

"I believe any responsible corporation in the state would look at this as a solid, cost-effective way to hold on to valuable employees," Sharp said, armed with research that shows most teachers who leave the profession do so between their fifth and 10th year on the job.

The proposal would ease a lot of the burden for teachers, said Annette Cootes, a spokeswoman for the Texas State Teachers Association.

"That is a big pay raise for a teacher with kids. Teachers have complained that they help other people's kids go to school, but can't send their own," she said.

Other Capital Highlights

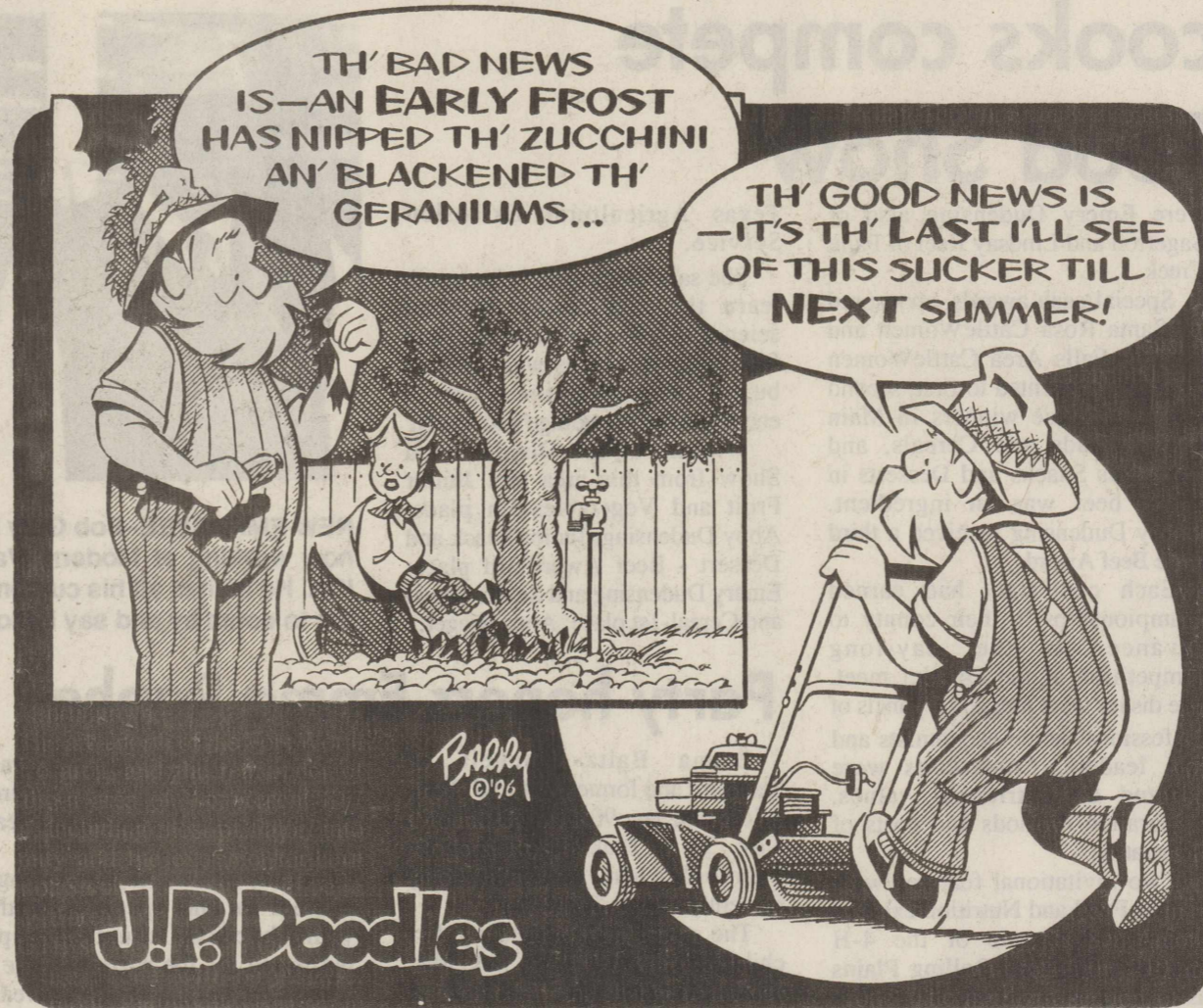
•Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry unveiled an exhibit showing 22 Barbie dolls and one Ken doll outfitted in Texas fibers. The exhibit opened in September at the state fair in Dallas, as part of the "naturally Texas" marketing program to promote the fiber and leather industries in Texas.

•The so-called Republic of Texas has issued another claim that the state government is illegal and that it had taken over the state's bank accounts. Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said, "There's absolutely no truth to this. It's a joke as far as we're concerned."

•Texas' "150 Years of Statehood" commemorative license plate has been named the best-designed new plate of 1995 by the Automobile License Collectors Association. County tax offices issued 1 million pairs of the plates, beginning Dec. 29, 1995, the sesquicentennial anniversary of Texas' statehood.

•Newly elected Travis County Sheriff Margo Frasier is not only one of three female sheriffs in Texas, but she is one who is openly lesbian. Frasier, a 43-year-old Democrat, won by a margin of 52-to-48 percent. She ran on her record of law enforcement in Travis County, and her opponent, sheriff's Lt. Alvin Shaw, ran on his. If Shaw had won, he would have been the first African-American sheriff in Texas.

•Oil and gas leases sold recently added \$3.6 million to the Permanent University Fund. In a sale conducted by the Board for Lease of University Lands, 43,141 acres were leased, the largest acreage leased in a single sale since 1985. The Board of Lease includes the commissioner of the General Land Office and regents of the U.T. and Texas A&M Systems.



J.P. Doodles

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago

Dec. 2, 1976
The Haskell Cowbells made the decision to donate \$300.00 for full payment of a "Resusi-Baby" to be given to the Haskell Memorial Hospital. The "Baby" will be used in the hospital and also for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation courses and training.

About 130 Pilgrims and Indians gathered Nov. 24, at Haskell Elementary School to reenact the original Thanksgiving. The pilgrims were first graders from the classes of Mrs. Thelma Thomas, Mrs. Marjane Cunningham and Mrs. Paula Everett. The Indians were Kindergartners from the classes of Mrs. Shirley Sloan and Mrs. Martha Jarred.

30 Years Ago

Dec. 1, 1966
Virgil C. Cobb of Haskell, WTU shift engineer of the company's Paint Creek Generation Station, has been named assistant

40 Years Ago

Dec. 6, 1956
Students in the seventh grade of Weinert Junior High elected officers. Elected were: President—Lonnie Sturdy; Vice President—Patsy Raines; Secretary—Annette Swann; Treasurer—Wayne Offutt; Reporter—Mary Alice Davis; Class Artists—Jerry Hamilton and Gayle Davis; and Class Host and Hostess—Joe Williams and Julia Drinnon. Class sponsor and home room teacher is Mrs. W.D. Partridge. Board keeper for the class is Dennis Johnson.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 5, 1946
About one-half of last year's

plant superintendent of WTU's plant location on Lake Stamford.

Carolyn Rhoads, Haskell High School junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Rhoads, was selected football sweetheart at the banquet honoring the Haskell Indians and "B" team.

The 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Reid is probably the blue-ribbon cotton gatherer of this section among boys his age. One day last week the little fellow gathered 307 pounds of cotton.

Frank Armstrong got back from Indian Territory this week. He says there is a greatly mixed lot of people there and some of them are pretty rough.

Lee Garrett went down to Graham the first of the week with wagons to move the household goods of Rev. M.L. Moody to this place. Rev. Moody will conduct his first services here Sunday.

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Additional information and a date for the change will be provided as the telephone industry schedules the changes.

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To get a new or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid peak telephone traffic are later in the week and the second half of the month.

If you have already applied for a Social Security number for a newborn child through the birth registration process, they should receive the number within two to four months.

production was reported for the 1946 cotton crop for Haskell County. The report shows that 11,713 bales of cotton were ginned in the county from the crop of 1946 prior to November 14 as compared with 23,114 bales for the crop of 1945.

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Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

Many complaints we receive at the Office of the Attorney General involve used motor vehicles. And a growing problem with used cars is odometer fraud.

In fact, odometer fraud has risen dramatically in the past year. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration reports the number of complaints from consumers have tripled since 1994, reaching an average of about 100 complaints each month. Private title research firms estimate that up to 8 percent of used vehicles have tampered odometers. Late model sport utility vehicles, vans and midsize cars are among the most popular targets today.

The high cost of tampering

The practice is not just dishonest—it costs Texas consumers cash. According to the U.S. Dept. of Justice, odometer rollbacks mean the dealer adds about \$4,000 to the cost of a used car. Down the road, the buyer will also face unexpectedly early repairs. As a result of odometer fraud, U.S. consumers are cheated out of about \$4 billion every year.

Here at the Office of the Attorney General, we know that the increase in odometer fraud is driven by dishonest people who take advantage of high consumer demand for late model and low-mileage used cars. Buying from a reputable dealer is not always a guarantee against odometer fraud.

Dealers themselves may be victims of dishonest wholesalers or auctioneers, and often have no way of knowing where a car came from or its actual mileage.

How it is done

Rolling back an odometer, also known as "clocking," is relatively easy to do. For example, on a 3-year-old car with 80,000 miles, the clocker will roll the odometer back to 30,000, put in new carpet and brake pedal, and clean the interior. The difficult part is altering the title to match the odometer reading. Frequently, the car is "laundered" by taking it to another state and getting a new title, complete with false mileage reading, in the name of a bogus used car company.

In Texas, the newest way to "fix" a title is to alter the first number in the title's mileage reading (usually a "1") to the letter "A", effectively hiding 100,000 miles of wear and tear from the next buyer. This is based on the old practice of writing "A" in front of the odometer reading to indicate "actual mileage", "N" for "not actual" mileage, or "X" to show the mileage is higher than the odometer can record.

Falsification of a vehicle title is a third degree felony in Texas. It is also a violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, which carries a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty and other enforcement provisions.

Protect yourself

To protect yourself from odometer fraud, follow these precautions:

*Look for misaligned numbers or unusual marks on the odometer, for scratches on the plastic covering the gauge, or for signs that the dashboard has been removed.

*Check the odometer reading against the mileage recorded on inspection stickers, tire warranty cards, oil change sticker, and service manual. Beware of missing pages from the service manual.

*Look for a new brake-pedal pad or new carpet under the pedals.

*Have a reliable mechanic check to see if the vehicle's condition is consistent with its age and mileage reading.

If buying from a dealer, ask if they provide a title history service, or warranty service records, which will include the mileage. Also ask your insurance company if it provides this service. If possible, call previous owners to check the mileage and ask if they can supply you with older versions of the title.

You may obtain a car's title history from the Texas Department of Transportation. Be aware that this history only goes back to the vehicle's first registration in Texas. To obtain a title history, write to: Texas Department of Transportation, Vehicle Titles & Registration Division, Customer Services Branch, Austin, TX 78779-0001.

If you suspect you have seen or purchased a vehicle with a fraudulent title, report this to your local law enforcement authorities or contact our Consumer Protection Division at 800-621-0508.

Haskell to have new area code

The 817 area code for 100,000 GTE customers will change in the spring of 1997.

The Fort Worth metropolitan area will retain the 817 area code. This includes the GTE exchanges of Azle, Grapevine, Keller, Reno and Springtown.

The area north of the Fort Worth metro area, and the remainder of northern area of the present 817 area, including most of Palo Pinto County and the extreme northern part of Stephens County, will be in the 940 area code.

GTE service areas going to the 940 area code will be Argyle, Aspermont, Bartonville, Benjamin, Denton, Haskell, Holliday, Justin, Kamay, Knox City, Megargel, Munday, Pilot Point, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Throckmorton, Tioga and Weinert.

The area south of the Fort Worth metro area, and the

Stenholm accepting intern applications

Congressman Charles Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1997 Washington, D.C. Internship Program.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by Jan. 10, 1997 to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will assist the legislative staff and help research constituent inquiries.

The internship program is open to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those attending college inside the district, and teachers and administrators. The interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the

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Applications are due by Jan. 10,

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Taxpayers are urged to act now to beat the rush for Social Security numbers needed for tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers. If the return does not include the correct Social Security number, IRS may contact the taxpayer for the correct information before issuing a refund.

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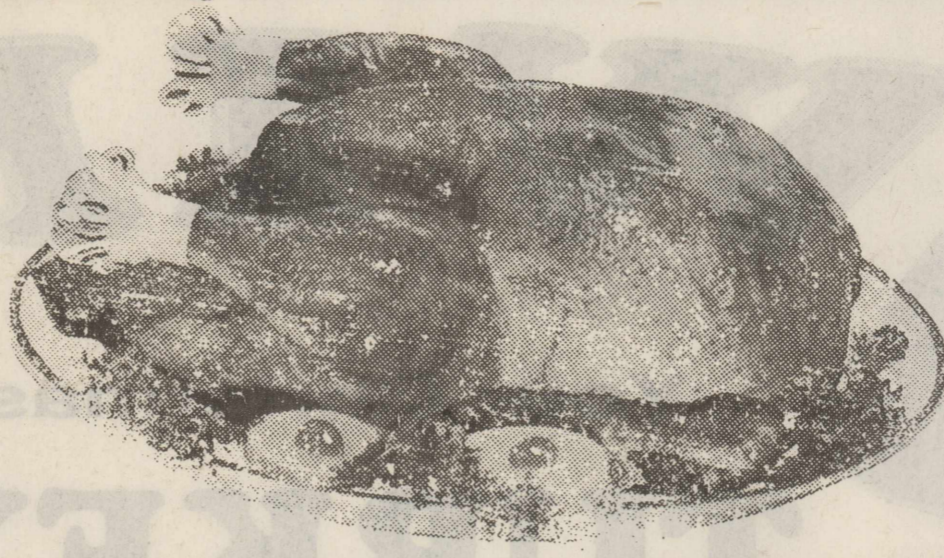
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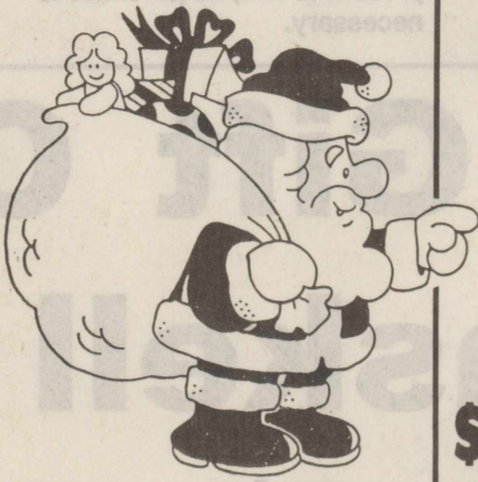


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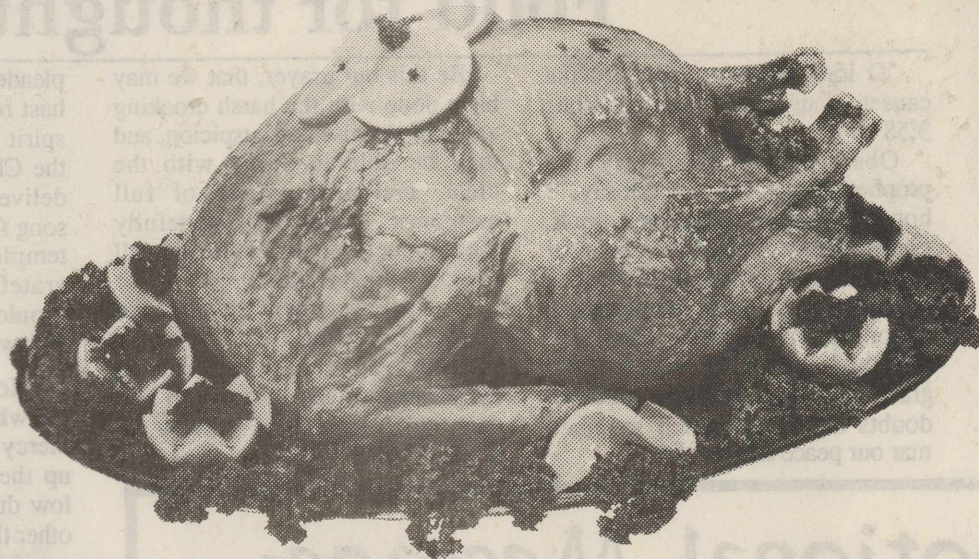
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Food for thought

"O lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul." Lamentations 3:58
Observe how positively the prophet speaks. He doth not say, "I hope, I trust, I sometimes think, that God hath pleaded the causes of my soul"; but he speaks of it as a matter of fact not to be disputed. "Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul." Let us, by the aid of the gracious Comforter, shake off those doubts and fears which so much mar our peace and comfort.

Be this our prayer, that we may have done with the harsh croaking voice of surmise and suspicion, and may be able to speak with the clear, melodious voice of full assurance. Notice how gratefully the prophet speaks, ascribing all the glory to God alone!
You perceive there is not a word concerning himself or his own pleadings. He doth not ascribe his deliverance in any measure to any man, much less to his own merit; but it is "thou"—"O Lord, thou hast

pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life." A grateful spirit should ever be cultivated by the Christian; and especially after deliverances we should prepare a song for our God. Earth should be a temple filled with the songs of grateful saints, and every day should be a censor smoking with the sweet incense of thanksgiving.

How joyful Jeremiah seems to be while he records the Lord's mercy. How triumphantly he lifts up the strain! He has been in the low dungeon, and is even now no other than the weeping prophet; and yet in the very book which is called "Lamentations," clear as the song of Miriam when she dashed her fingers against the tabor, shrill as the note of Deborah when she met Barak with shouts of victory, we hear the voice of Jeremy going up to heaven—"Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life."

O children of God, seek after a vital experience of the Lord's loving kindness, and when you have it, speak positively of it; sing gratefully; shout triumphantly.

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 9-13
Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, donut
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Waffles/syrup
Thursday: Biscuit and gravy and sausage
Friday: Blueberry muffins

Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or salad bar plus milk and tea are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

Monday: Fajitas, pinto beans, saute onions/peppers, brownie
Tuesday: Lasagna, buttered corn, cole slaw, buttered hot rolls, diced pears
Wednesday: Chili dog, curly fries, carrot sticks, pudding dessert
Thursday: steak/fingers and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls, fruit salad
Friday: Hamburger, french fries, hamburger trimmings, cookies

This Week's Devotional Message:

WHATEVER YOUR CREED, IT'S THE TIME OF HOLIDAY JOY



No matter what holiday you observe, December is holiday time. Whether you are of the Christian or Jewish faith, this is the season of joyful celebration, parties, gift-giving and decorating the home. In some years, Christmas and Chanukah coincide, but this year Chanukah comes very early in the month. Whenever your chosen holiday occurs, you should remember that this is the season of love;

of developing patience in crowded stores and traffic jams, of mending quarrels and of showing a little more kindness toward everyone you meet. If you attend the services at your House of Worship, you will be reminded of all this. You will learn that at this festive season, as at all other times, the only true happiness comes from the heart; and that it is through your faith that you learn to achieve it.

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Church of Christ
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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First Presbyterian Church
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Hopewell Baptist Church
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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Freddy Perez, pastor
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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First Baptist Church
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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Hwy 6, Rochester
First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Don Myers, pastor
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1001 Union Ave., Rule
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811 Union, Rule
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Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., 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 Harrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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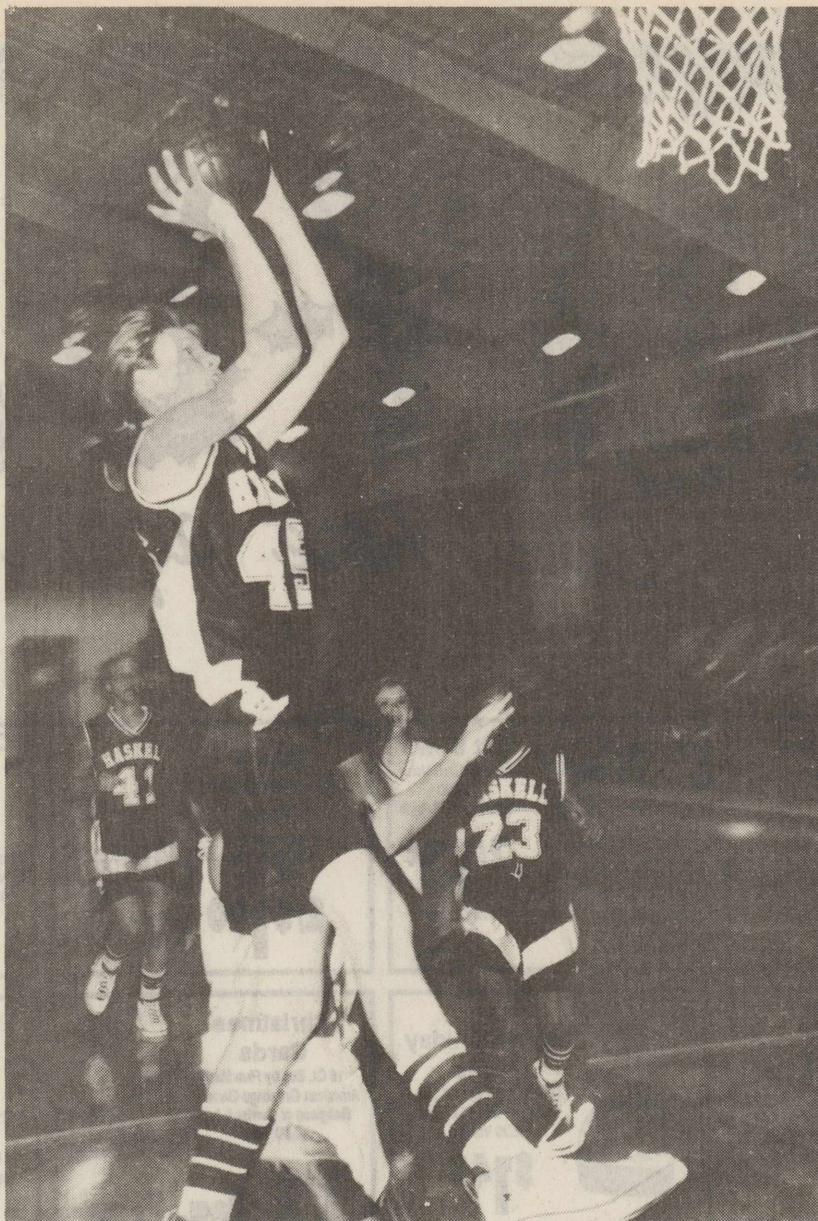
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TWO POINTS—Shane McKenzie #45 adds two points for the Maidens against Bryson last Friday. The Maidens outpaced Bryson 55-27.
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Christmas tree safety tips

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent
Christmas trees can quickly turn from symbols of a joyous season to an ignition switch for disaster. It doesn't take much to send a dry tree up in flames. Keeping your tree supple and your home safe begins with the selection in the tree lot. Extension Forester Lanny Dreesen says a good test is to press a needle between your thumb and index finger. If the needle cracks instead of bends, the tree is already dry.

Once you've found a good tree, be careful where you put it. Some trees will last for months if they're watered well and placed in the right

spot. Do not put them near windows where the sun will dry them out. And keep them away from fireplaces and other heat sources.

Dreesen warns that spruce trees have a bad habit of dropping needles when they get the least bit dry.

He says the noble fir is a beautiful tree, but it is quite costly and may dry out during the long trip from the Pacific Northwest. Dreesen recommends the home-grown Virginia Pine as the tree with the greatest longevity.

McCaulley Daze set December 7

The McCaulley Recreational Development Corporation will sponsor McCaulley Daze on Sat., Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the old school grounds.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

The family of A.D. McFadden celebrated their family reunion Sunday. They enjoyed singing and a turkey dinner.

Buddie and Mary Stover celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. Eighty friends and relatives were present. Hosting the celebration was their nieces and nephews.

Spending Thanksgiving with Chunky and Viola Tidwell were Imogene Dobbs and grandson, Hance Dobbs of Abilene.

Dan Burson spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with son, Travis and Peggy Burson and their son and wife, Bruce and Shelly Burson.

John, Darlene, Daniel, and Julie Conn of Austin visited Joyce Hawkins Thursday and Friday. They also visited her son and his wife, David and Denise Conn who have recently moved back here from Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters and Cloa Parsons and children spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Irving with Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamera and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roysdon and children.

Bobby and Darlene Hawkins of Lewisville spent some time on Friday visiting his Mom and others on the way to Abilene to Shotwell Stadium where they attended the Class 5-A Division 1 quarter-finals. The Lewisville Farmers rumbled to a win over Lubbock Coronado 36-14. Darlene's son Dustin is a star player for the Farmers. Sammy and Michael Hawkins accompanied Bobby and Darlene to the game.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayen and Kimberly of Bryan spent the Thanksgiving holidays with parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruiz and Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez and other relatives.

Floradean Cockerell of Early spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Joyce Hawkins. She was here helping to get the packing done for Joyce to move to a new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henry had their children home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Kirby of Houston, Harry Henry of

Arlington and Cindy Henry of Lubbock.

Judy Anderson spent the holidays in Midland visiting with a brother, U.E. Martin and a sister, Peggy Hertel and was joined with another sister, Jan Davis of Granbury.

Visiting with Rev. and Mrs. George over the holidays was their son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Patsy George of Albuquerque, NM and granddaughter, Lesley George. Also visiting was their son, J. Don George of Irving. They helped Dad and Mom celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Deon Druessedow of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peiser, Ann Druessedow and Frances Fischer of Haskell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fischer on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fischer had Thanksgiving supper in the home of Mrs. Birdie Fischer and her families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Williams spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeldell. They are still asking prayer for Robert who is still in the hospital.

Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having their Harvest Festival Sun. Dec. 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens and Grace McKelvain of Haskell and Reba Miller of Kerrville visited Lillian Brown in Farmington, NM this past week.

Jonathan Tatum and friend, Candice of Texhoma, OK were weekend visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tatum and other relatives here.

On Sat., Nov. 16 the Wagon Wheel Square and Line Dance Club had their dance at Tye. Bernice Hilliard attended and Terry Dowell of McCaulley was caller.

The South Zone district band held the annual all-district band concert in Abilene at ACU Coliseum. Attending from here was Bernice Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Short and Jane Short from Rochester. Mary Jane Short performed.

Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Patel of Arlington spent the weekend in Haskell on business and visited friends.

Floyd and Hellen Stout just recently returned from a two week trip to Ohio visiting an 81 year old aunt in Sardinia and traveling north in the state near Akron and back through Columbus visiting cousins. The weather was just beautiful and fall colors of trees was unbelievable. They stopped in the metroplex to spend Floyd's birthday with their children as we returned home.

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Sealed proposals for: Mowing Highway Right of Way in various counties in the Abilene District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at: 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas until respective bid opening time on Tuesday, December 17, 1996 then publicly opened and read.
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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-Bid Meeting which will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene District Office. Time and date: 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 1996.
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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Another Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, family dinners were enjoyed, freezing weather has left most of the trees bare, Christmas decorations are beginning to come out of storage and soon everyone will be getting in a festive mood as Christmas approaches.

Ophelia LeFevre hosted a family dinner honoring her husband, G.W. on his 84th birthday. Enjoying the special event on Thanksgiving Day were Boyd and Elizabeth Young of Abilene; Dwayne Apple of Abilene; Larry, Lisa and Landon Mosier of Ft. Worth; Gary, Shonda, Chancey and Derik Apple of Stamford; David, Donna, Jason, Jessica and Lawton LeFevre of Avoca; Buddy, Debra and Danielle Oliver of Stamford; Sharon, Jonathan, Nicole and Wesley LeFevre of Haskell; Lance LeFevre of Stamford; Betty LeFevre of Haskell, Vic, Beverly and Cody LeFevre of Palacios; Chris Williams of Haskell; Yvonne Trussell and Clint and Johnny Hale of Weatherford and Frances Clark.

Thanksgiving weekend visitors in the home of the F.A. Ulmers included Winston and Mary Ulmer of Seguin; Mark, Dawn and Sean Ulmer of Houston; Mark and Paige Stockard of Katy and Erna Hanson of Stamford.

Mark and Becky Cotton, Brandon and Christi from Hutto visited in the home of Melvin and Annella Baitz. They were here for the birthday party for their grandmother, Emma Raphael.

Bob Clark of Abilene, Judson Clark of Lubbock and Mrs. M.Y. Benton had Thanksgiving dinner with Charles and Dorothy Clark.

Clancy and Helen Lehmann spent Thanksgiving with her brother, Buddy Letz and his daughters in Wylie.

The Steven Lehmann family visited with her family at Claude.

Wednesday night guests in the home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre were Russ and Brad Bailey of McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan of Garland.

Kyle and Jennifer Clark of Los Angeles visited with their grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Clark on Tuesday of last week.

Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola; Shane LeFevre of Sundown, KY; and Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown were supper guests in the Delbert and Joyce LeFevre home Friday.

The Leo Monse family gathered at the community center for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Those present were: Minnie Monse of Sagerton; Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont; Bubba Mrazek of New Braunfels; Tommy, Debbie, Jason and Jennifer Mrazek of Plano; Frances Howle of Clyde; Jack and Lois Monse of Sagerton; DeWayne Monse of Abilene; Doris Lehmann; Bobby, Norva, Josh, Hollie and Keli Smith of Rule; Geneva and Virgil Vahlenkamp of Denton; Brenda, Mark, Matthew and James Ettredge of Denton; Charles Vahlenkamp of Sanger; Bud, Francene and Andrew Vahlenkamp of Denton; John, Rhonda, Joseph, Jacob, Isaac and Isaiah Vahlenkamp of Brownwood; Barry Smoot of Abilene; Jennifer, Ian and Rain Murphy of Longmont, CO; and Marshall and Barbara Nauert of Aspermont.

On Thurs., Dec. 5, the LMM of Faith Lutheran Church will have their Christmas party at the Branding Iron near Rochester at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday night, Dec. 8, at Faith Lutheran Family Night will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. On

Tues., Dec. 10, Faith Circle will meet at 2:30 p.m. Elders meet at 7:30 p.m. and church council at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. there will be a study of Hinduism at the church.

Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark were Emma Raphael of Stamford; Peggy and Anna Adler of The Woodlands; Ray and Nancy Clark of Stamford and Emmalee Bivins of Rule. Joining them during the weekend were Patsy, Don and Tom Bivins from Valley View.

Mary Neinst hosted Thanksgiving dinner for her children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neinst and Laura Kate of Emory and Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEwen and sons, Darryl, Doug and Dustin of Sudan.

Bill and Margie Hertel enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner in the home of their son, Mike and Cheryl Hertel and family near Rule. Cheryl's parents and grandmother, James and Janice Marquis and Mrs. Coker also attended.

Children and visitors in the Leon and Mae Stegemoeller home for Thanksgiving and for the birthday party of Emma Raphael included Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle of Sagerton; Calvin, Cheri Lynn, Eric, Ross and Christi of Hewitt; Ross' friend, Chris of Hewitt; Carl, Beth, Mindi and Jonathan of Hobbs, NM; Clyde of Richardson; and Lauri Bragge, exchange student from Finland who is spending a year with Clyde. He is attending school in Richardson. Also, Clifford and Teresa Stegemoeller from Arlington.

Rule's next opponent was Woodson. Lady Cats won 57-47, and Deborah Wilson led scoring with 15 points. Amy Hisey followed with 10 points, while Jennifer Lehmann and Stephanie Stegemoeller scored eight each. The Bobcats lost 26-58. Marcus McIntosh led Bobcat scoring with eight points, followed by Jeremy Hertel and Kalith Trussell with five each.

Lady Cats played Goree Nov. 25, and won 59-54. Amy Hisey led scoring with 20 points, followed by Stephanie Stegemoeller and Lesli Jenkins with 10 points each.

Both Rule teams played Benjamin Nov. 26. Lady Cats were defeated 46-53. Amy Hisey led scoring with 16 points, followed by Isabell Baez and Deborah Wilson with 10 each. The Bobcats lost 46-47. Marcus McIntosh, Michael Hertel and Brian Lehmann led scoring with 10 points each.

USDA Ag Forum Set Feb. 24-25

The Department of Agriculture's 73rd Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum, to be held Feb. 24-25, 1997, will highlight many of the changes facing production agriculture as the nation approaches the 21st century.

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Before the forum, check out the program and registration details on the Internet at

<http://www.usda.gov/oce/waob/agforum.htm>. Speeches given by participants and information that is presented at the forum will be available over the Internet and through electronic mail shortly after the conference concludes. Proceedings and a report on new long-term projections from the forum will be available when published.

Producers and others interested in more information should contact the forum's sponsor at 202-720-3050, send e-mail to agforum@oce.usda.gov, or write Outlook Forum, Room 5143 South Building, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250-3800.

Rule basketball results

The Rule Bobcats and Lady Cats started their basketball season Nov. 12 against Trent. The Lady Cats won 31-27. Amy Hisey led scoring with seven points, followed by Leslie Jenkins with six and Jennifer Lehmann with five. The Bobcats lost 23-61, with Michael Hertel leading the scoring with 10 points.

Next came Rule Booster Club's annual tournament. Lady Cats won the girl's bracket, defeating Knox City 50-31, Trent 40-34 and Hawley J.V. 42-31. Amy Hisey received tournament MVP award and Jennifer Lehmann won all-tournament honors. The Bobcats lost their tournament games, which were against Knox City and Aspermont J.V.

Rule teams then played Hermleigh. Lady Cats won 50-44. Jennifer Lehmann scored 16 points, followed by Amy Hisey with 12 and Stephanie Stegemoeller with 10. Bobcats lost 47-59. Michael Hertel led scoring with 13 points, followed by Kalith Trussell with 12 and Marcus

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