

Tax seminars to offer tips in lowering estate taxes

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent
Many people have been concerned for years about high taxes that erode their estates. To help take the bite out of their high estate taxes, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is planning several educational programs.

A two-day seminar which will help people learn how to reduce taxable estates and new methods for passing their operations to the next generation without tax and

administrative burdens will be held in several locations.

The seminars will be Feb. 4-5 at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas, in Austin; on Feb. 12-13 in the Alamo Towers W., Suite 420, 901 NE Loop 410 in San Antonio; Feb. 20-21 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, 801 Ave. Q, Lubbock and Feb. 25-26 at the Harris County Extension office, #2 Abercrombie Drive, Bear Creek Park, Houston.

The seminar will begin with a discussion on estate taxes, including deductions, expenses and tax rates.

Basic estate planning devices will be explained in depth, said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Extension Agricultural Economist. Among these are wills, by-pass trusts, gifts, disclaimers and property titles.

"Relating estate plans to income tax savings can be of even greater benefit than just thinking about an estate plan," Hayenga said.

There also will be a separate segment of the program devoted to treating beneficiaries fairly. "This is a most important subject when there is a farm or ranch in the family and only part of the heirs want to run it," he said.

Discussion also will center on estate planning tools for agriculture and corporations, partnerships and selling part of the business to heirs.

The second day of the program will be devoted to special estate tax rules for agriculture. These include special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payment rules, life insurance, "flower" bonds and other property, he said.

"Estate planning is a step toward reduced taxes," Hayenga explained. "This process should start when you plan to inherit substantial property, when you have an active and growing business, when you still have times to take tax-saving actions, when you have minor children and when your children marry or divorce."

For more detailed information about the seminar, contact your local County Extension Agent,

Obituaries

Olen Andrew Bartley



Services were held for Olen Andrew Bartley, 81, on Tues., Dec. 24, at the East Side Baptist Church with Kenneth Blair and Rev. David Page officiating. Burial followed in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bartley died Sun., Dec. 22, in a Haskell hospital. He was born in 1915 in Hohenwald, TN. He married Katherine Harvey in 1942 in Haskell. He worked for several years as a Haskell policeman and then did mechanic work before going to work for the City of Haskell as director of public works in June of 1965. He retired in 1984. He was a long time member of the Haskell Volunteer Fire

Department and a member of the East Side Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine of Haskell; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Robert and Cathy Bartley of Haskell and Doug and Patty Bartley of Peoria, IL; three daughters, Eva Bartley of Midland, Ellie Mae Bartley and Linda Bartley both of Lubbock; 4 grandchildren, Christi, Misti, Lisa and Nathan Bartley.

Pallbearers were Michael Bartley, Terry Bartley, Bobby Sanford, Jess Templeton, Bill Shaw, Raymond Andrada, Olen King and David Gonzales.

Honorary pallbearers were the Haskell City Employees and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Jessie Naomi Cutright

Services were held for Jessie Naomi Cutright, 95, on Fri., Dec. 27, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial was held in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cutright died on Sun., Dec. 22, in a local nursing home. Mrs. Cutright was born in 1901 in Jefferson City, MO. She married Ura B. Cutright in 1917 in Garden City, KS. He preceded her in death in 1981. She was a homemaker and a member of the First

United Methodist Church. She had been a resident of Haskell since 1979.

She is survived by two sons, M.C. Cutright of Amarillo and Chick Cutright of Lohania Maui, HI; one daughter, Helen Elliott of Haskell; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Cutright; six sisters and three brothers.

The family request memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Haskell.

Doyle T. Norman

Services were held for Doyle T. Norman, 82, of Rule on Mon., Dec. 23, at the First Baptist Church in Rule with the Rev. J.R. Williams officiating. Burial followed in Rule Cemetery directed by McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Norman died on Sat., Dec. 21, at an Abilene hospital. He was born in 1914 in Rule. He married Bernice Piland who preceded him in death in January of 1976. He later married Mary Ann Younger in April of 1982 in Haskell. He worked until his retirement as a farmer and was very skilled as a T.V. repairman. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule.

He was survived by his wife, Mary Ann, of the home; a daughter-in-law, Gaye Norman of Anson; one

brother, Lester Norman of Rule; three sisters, Grace McKelvin of Haskell, Lillian Brown of Farmington, NM and Reba Miller of Kerrville; 3 grandchildren, James, Brian and Sherri Norman, all of Anson and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bill Norman; eight brothers and two sisters.

The family request memorials to the Hendrick League House of Abilene or the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary.

Pallbearers were grandsons and nephews, C.W. McKelvin, Clint Norman, Louis Kimbler, Hubert Windholz, Jeremy Windholz and Joseph Windholz.

Lesley J. White

Services were held for Lesley J. White, 61, on Mon., Dec. 23, in the First Baptist Church in Grandview.

Mr. White died on Sat., Dec. 21, in the home of his youngest daughter in Edinburg. He was a former Southern Baptist minister. Until his death, he served in churches throughout the state of Texas.

He was a graduate of Howard Payne University and received his Master's of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was at one time the Vice-President of Development at Valley Baptist Academy of Harlingen and had been employed by Motorola and Resource Services, Inc., both of Dallas.

He is survived by a son, Lesley Joe White, II and his wife, Nancy of Cleburne; his daughters, Tyrone W. Pringle (her husband, Scot and their children, Keara and Gavin) of Cape Girardeau, MO, LaWanda Stevens (her husband, Calvin and her child, Taylor Brooke) of Gilmer and Laurie W. Best (her husband, Clint and their child, Wade) of Edinburg.

Also surviving are two brothers, Terry White of Burleson and Norris White of Ft. Worth and a sister, Fran Broulette of Mt. Pleasant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation made in the honor of Lesley J. White to a local church or charity.

Juanell Leek

Services were held for Juanell Leek, 70, on Sun., Dec. 22, in the Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Mrs. Leek died Fri., Dec. 20, in a Haskell hospital. She was born in Hamlin on Oct. 11, 1926 to John and Annie Bell Roberts. She married Weldon Leek in Knox

City on Dec. 8, 1951.

She is survived by her husband, Weldon Leek of Haskell; one son, Johnnie Paul Leek of Alvarado; one sister, Alma Leek of Abilene and one brother, V.R. Roberts of Rochester.

Don "Slewfoot" Smith

Services were held for Don "Slewfoot" Smith, 72, of Rochester on Sun., Dec. 29, at First Baptist Church in Rochester with Rev. Ed Berkeley and Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was at the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith died Wed., Dec. 25, at Hendrick Medical Center after a long illness. He was born on Oct. 13, 1924 in Big Spring. His parents were the late William Percy and Glays L. Smith. He was retired from sales with Bridwell Spraying Company.

He married Jay Sarabia on Sept. 9, 1971 in Snyder. He had lived in Rochester the past 25 years. He was a member of the Baptist church. He served in the US Marines during World War II. He was a highly decorated Marine veteran of World War II, having served in Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Tulgie, Saipan and Solomon Islands. He received the American Area Ribbon, the Purple Heart and the Presidential Citation Ribbon with 2 stars and was awarded the good conduct medal, Pacific

Ribbon with 4 stars and issued a Honorable Service Lapel Button.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post of Rochester. He loved rock hunting and lapidary.

He is survived by his wife, Jay, of the home; four daughters, Ava Donna Kilough of Colorado, Debra Marie Filban of Magnolia, Rita Ann Whitley of Rochester and Martha Nell Powers of Ohio; one son, William Donald (Bill) Smith of Ohio; one brother, T.A. "Pete" Smith of Hemphill; one sister, Blanche E. Stermer of Houston; 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Dale Smith.

Pallbearers were Bud Howeth, Mark McGee, Sammy Gonzales, Brian Holmes, Chris Shelton, Jim Bridwell and Chad Whitley.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Brian, Herman Hearn, Denver Householder and Mike Bryan.

Zada Smith

Services will be held for Zada Smith, 90, of Stamford on Fri., Jan. 3, at the First Baptist Church in Stamford with the Rev. Chad Selph officiating. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith died Mon., Dec. 30, at a local nursing home. She was born Apr. 13, 1906 in Knox City to Eli J. and Jodie Dyches. She married Travis M. Smith, Nov. 7, 1931, in Frederick, OK. He preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1994.

Mrs. Smith was a long time member of the Eastern Star and of the Home Demonstration Club. She was a retired Registered Nurse.

She is survived by one son, Travis E. Smith and wife, Neveline of Jefferson; two daughters, Wanda Faye Heyle and husband, Ted of Stamford and Gail Johnson and husband, Ken of The Woodlands; 6 grandchildren, Travis F. Morales of Houston, Rebecca Morrison of Beaumont, Brian Smith of Dublin, CA, Brad Smith and Brandon Smith, both of Jefferson and Tricia Johnson of Dallas and 4 great-grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be sent to the Alzheimers Association, 1926 Campus Court, Abilene, TX 79601.

The family will be receiving friends at Tankersley Funeral Home on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Anna Mae Roberts

Services were held for Anna Mae Roberts, 92, on Tues., Dec. 31, at the First Christian Church in Haskell with the Rev. Dusty Garrison officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Roberts died Sat., Dec. 28, at an Abilene nursing home. She was born on May 26, 1904 in Kaufman. She married J.D. Roberts on Apr. 27, 1927 in Haskell. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1973. She was a long time Haskell County resident. She attended college at West Texas State, Wayland Baptist and Mary Harden Baylor. She taught school in the Cottonwood, Mattson and Rule Schools for over 27 years, and was also a homemaker. She was a past member of the Weinert Home Demonstration Club, and

a member of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Margaret Ruth Rash of Abilene and Mary Lou Wolf of Burk Burnett; one sister, Ruth Moos of Elkins, AR; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Jean King and 1 granddaughter.

Pallbearers were Johnny Wheatley, Roy Forehand, John Sam Rike, Sam Pace, Wilbert Klose and Bobby Howard, Sr.

Honorary pallbearers were Duward Campbell, Lynn Pace, Jr., Elton Klose and Wallace Bird.

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Partners for Children to host free dinner meeting, program January 14

Partners for Children is hosting a free dinner meeting, Tues., Jan. 14 at the Haskell Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. After the meal which is free to all who plan to stay for the meeting, the first session of the series will be held. The topic will be "Self-Esteem in Parents and Children." Free babysitting will be provided.

PPE is a community based support network, designed as a preventive program to promote and encourage improved parenting

skills. In Haskell, the costs are underwritten by the school and donations so the program is offered to the community free of charge. The meetings last from one to one and a half hours. Each session in a series is complete so parents or grandparents can attend one meeting or the entire series. Door prizes are awarded at the end of the series. The atmosphere of the meetings are non-threatening and non-judgmental. The sessions are informal and encourage sharing of

suggestions that work for different families. Fun activities are used whenever appropriate to encourage sharing and learning. It is not a lecture based program.

The first series of the new year begins with the dinner meeting on Jan. 14 on Self-esteem and continues Jan. 21: "The Child as an Individual"; Jan. 28: "Encouraging Social Skills"; and Feb. 4: "Healthy Choices." All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Free babysitting is

always provided, but the school needs to be notified of the number of children coming so adequate helpers can be available.

Make a new year's resolution at attend a few meetings and see if there is something that your family can use. Those of us involved have fun at the meetings and we want to share that with more of you. Come, give us a try. Remember, Jan. 14 is a free dinner meeting. Call the school (864-2654) to reserve a plate.

Suggestions for making good food better

by Lou Gilly,
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There are lots of ways to use fruits and vegetables. To add variety, nutrition and taste to foods you already enjoy, try some of the following suggestions:

*Live up whole-grain waffles and pancakes by topping with fruit slices like oranges, peaches, kiwi, mango, berries, papaya, or the fruit of your choice.

*Top whole-grain toast with thinly-sliced fruit and a hint of honey, peanut butter or lowfat cream cheese.

*To make a low calorie homemade fruit spread, slice your fruit of choice and cook in a small amount of water or fruit juice over a medium heat until tender. Process in a blender or food processor. Add sugar to taste and, if desired, a dash of cinnamon, ginger or nutmeg. Spoon spread over whole-grain waffles, pancakes or ice cream.

*Don't stop with lettuce and tomato on your sandwich. Try

adding slices of cucumber, summer squash, zucchini, grated carrots, cranberry sauce or crushed pineapple (great with turkey or ham), pepper strips or fresh spinach leaves.

*Stir fresh chunks of fruit into chicken or turkey salads. Tasty choices include peaches, nectarines, apricots, apples, mango, papaya or pears.

*Top homemade pizza with zucchini or yellow squash slices, broccoli florets, fresh tomato slices, chopped spinach or even fresh fruit like pineapple. When you order pizza out, ask for double the vegetables and half the cheese.

*Try veggies instead of meat in lasagna. Chop fresh vegetables into your favorite pasta sauce.

*Extend lean ground meats by adding finely chopped vegetables like carrots, onion, celery and mushrooms.

*Add fruits or vegetables to your favorite muffin, bread or

cookie mix - about a half to one cup of fruit or vegetables for every two cups of dry ingredients. Try cooked pumpkin, shredded zucchini or carrots, chopped apples, blueberries, cranberries, apricots or raisins.

*Don't let leftover fruit go to waste - make your own sorbet. Simply cut the fruit into chunks and freeze. When you're ready to make the sorbet, let the frozen fruit thaw at room temperature for about 30 minutes. Puree in a blender or fruit processor and, if desired, flavor with a few drops of vanilla or almond extract. Spoon the puree into a freezer container (or directly into dessert dishes) and refreeze until firm.

*Cook up a big pot of soup or stew. Hot vegetable and bean soups are full of comfort and nutrition, and the leftovers last for many meals. In warmer months, whip up cold soups for delightful appetizers or light meals. Try tangy gazpacho or chilled fruit blends.

*Don't forget vegetables when grilling. Firm, ripe produce works best for barbecues - try eggplant, leeks, green and red peppers, mushrooms, green and yellow squash or corn. Pre-cook denser types like carrots, potatoes, artichokes and sweet potatoes before grilling. To prevent sticking, lightly baste veggies with vegetable oil or non-stick spray. If desired, season with herbs (dill, thyme, rosemary, oregano) or other flavorings (reduced-sodium soy sauce, low-oil marinades, vinegars). Grill until hot, tender and slightly golden.

*Look at your favorite recipes for ways to use less meat and gradually increase the proportion of vegetables, grains and legumes. For instance, turn a chicken and shrimp stir-fry with vegetables into a vegetable stir-fry with chicken and shrimp.

*Stir-fried veggies are fast, flavorful and nutritious on a bed of hot brown rice, whole-grain bulgur or couscous for a delicious change of pace.

*For dessert, feast on fresh

seasonal fruit topped with a dollop of lowfat vanilla or lemon yogurt. Or "bake" fruits in the microwave for a fast treat. For example, sliced apples into a microwave dish and add a dab of brown sugar, a dash of brown sugar, a dash of cinnamon and a few splashes of apple cider. Microwave until tender.

*One of the easiest ways to eat more fruits and veggies is to have a salad with (or as) at least one meal a day. Help yourself to nutritious greens like spinach or romaine lettuce and pile high with colorful vegetables, hearty beans and fresh fruits. Then don't spoil a good thing - use only moderate amounts of lowfat or nonfat dressing.

Kids in trouble with law may raise 4-H projects

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Ext. Agent

Now if kids get in trouble with the law in Texas, they may be forced to raise an animal or grow a garden. The state's justice system and Texas 4-H are joining forces to curb juvenile crime. A pilot program in more than 40 Texas counties gives judges the option of mandating a 4-H program as part of probation.

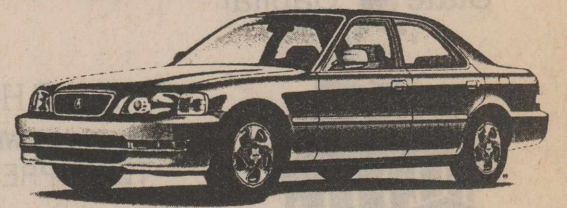
Extension assistant Angela McCorkle explains that this program was designed to give kids who get in trouble with the law an opportunity to show their good side and prove to themselves that they can be successful. She says the children have to be between ten and fourteen and it has to be their first offense. Most will have done nothing worse than getting in a fight at school.

The idea is to put the children in a situation where they can accomplish something good and be proud of it. They'll learn life skills such as how to make decisions and resolve conflicts.

4-H plans to eventually extend the program to all 254 counties in the state.

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Births

Lyndal and Kella Lowrance of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Cherise Elaine, born Nov. 22 at 5:32 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming her to the family are paternal grandparents, Jerry and Melba Lowrance of Haskell and Pat

and Bill Kinsey of Lubbock. Maternal grandparents are Wayland and Marie Durham of Andrews and Kathy Thompson of Coahoma.

Paternal great-grandmothers are Alice Lowrance of Haskell and Marie Kinsey of Lubbock. Maternal great-grandmothers are Ruby Durham of Seminole and Viola Gaston of Sterling City.

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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Working with his new roster of 16 Republicans and 14 Democrats, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock handed out Senate committee assignments last week.

When making selections Bullock said he was more interested in the talent of individual senators than their party affiliation, but Democrats still hold eight of the 13 committee chairmanships.

"My underlying criteria is what works best for Texas, works best for the Senate," Bullock said.

Key chairmanships were given to Republicans. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant will head the Finance Committee; Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Education; David Sibley of Waco, Economic Development; and J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson, Natural Resources.

Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria retains chairmanship of the powerful State Affairs Committee.

Anne Marie Kilday, spokeswoman for the Texas Democratic Party, said, "While it's true Republicans hold a slim majority of seats in the Senate, many of them are not veteran lawmakers. You really need people who've been through the process to steer legislation through committees."

A Republican party spokesman said party officials will analyze the assignments before judging them.

Bush Tax Plan Taking Shape

Karen Hughes, press secretary to Gov. George W. Bush, said the governor indeed has a school property tax relief plan, and one he hopes state leaders he has been meeting with can agree on.

Bush's plan includes a new business tax to replace the state's corporate franchise tax. The tax would be assessed once a year based on a business' receipts, minus the costs of goods and capital investment.

Revenue raised through such a tax would be designed to offset the proposed homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

While Bush has not said when he would make his plan public, Hughes told the *Dallas Morning News* the plan was in an emerging, evolving process. "Legislators are coming in with ideas. The governor is willing to listen and wants to listen."

Meanwhile, last week, a plan that would cut school property taxes by as much as \$3 million a year was circulated among a select group of legislators and later obtained by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The tax break would be spread among business property owners and homeowners, and it would be paid for by consumers and businesses, with higher sales taxes and a business activity tax.

Sen. Tom Craddick, R-Midland,

chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said the plan is only a starting point for discussion, but added, "There is an excellent chance that something like this could pass."

Safe-School Revisions Sought

Senate Education Committee Chairman Bivins last week filed legislation that would broaden the "safe schools" provision in the 1995 education reform law.

The legislation would:

- Give schools the discretion to expel students for misdemeanor drug offenses;
- Ensure students are informed of allegations against them and have a chance to respond;
- Require alternative programs run by juvenile justice authorities to serve all students who are expelled, not just those who are declared delinquent by a court; and

- Require schools to place students in alternative education programs for off-campus felonies only if the student has been charged and the school has been notified.

"The purpose of this package is to further the cause of safe schools," Bivins told the Associated Press.

Tuition Deregulation Off Agenda

Also last week, Bivins said deregulating college and university tuition will not be among his priorities for higher education.

Bivins, who supported a tuition-deregulation proposal by former Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, told the *American-Statesman*, "One of my concerns is that (deregulation) might create a group of second-class institutions."

"So long as we have a system of public higher education, I think there are some good arguments to treat everyone equally."

Under Ratliff's proposal, the governing boards of individual institutions could set their own tuition rates, but no lower than the state rate established by the Legislature.

Other Capital Highlights

- The Texas Sunset Commission authorized the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to operate for the next 12 years. The 1997 Legislature must approve the authorization. TCADA was placed in conservatorship in 1995 after an investigation of financial mismanagement in local treatment centers.

- Tougher parole measures for sex offenders have helped reduce the number of sexual assaults in Texas by 17 percent since 1993, said Tony Fabelo, executive director of the Criminal Justice Policy Council. The parole board is getting tougher, almost never granting parole, he said.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago Jan. 1, 1887

As of today, the sales tax rate increases from 4.125 to 5.25 percent. In addition to this, Haskellites will pay a one percent city sales tax, making the total sales tax 6.25 percent.

Selina McGuire replaces Evelyn Cobb as the memorial chairman for the Haskell County unit of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Cobb has been chairman since 1973.

20 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1907

DPR Trooper II Don Collins moved to Haskell January 1 and began duties as patrolman in Haskell County. Collins is a 1951 graduate of Haskell High School.

Kevin Meier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Meier, recently received his Bear badge in Cub Scouts. At the same time, he received a gold and silver arrow point on his Wolf badge. He is a member of Den 1, Pack 144, Rule.

30 Years Ago Jan. 5, 1967

From Sagerton: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lewis have moved into

their new home here in Sagerton this week. They had bought the house that was formerly the Bob Laughlin home and before that, the Paul Summers home, and tore it down and rebuilt on the same spot.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Knipling remodeled their home by adding a two-car garage and sewing room. It is nearly completed. The new homes and remodeling greatly help the looks of our little town.

Weinert has organized a volunteer fire department. Officers elected were Lindo Guess, president; H.H. Grimes, fire chief, Lester Hutchinson, assistant fire chief; Raymond Walker, captain and Frank Davis, driver. Raymond Walker will also assist with driving.

40 Years Ago Jan. 3, 1957

The Haskell Saddle Tramps riding club won third place trophy this week in the Sand Hills Hereford & Quarter Horse Show in Odessa. Riders from the local club were Shelly and Christy Royall, Raymond Liles, Sidney Winchester, Roy Cook, Gene Hunter, Myron Biard, Adell Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.

Lloyd Tankersley and son Mike, Mr. Carver, B.R. Webb and Cecil Eager. Other members of the local club attending were Mesdames Royall, Eager, Webb, Winchester, Liles and Covey.

Twins Ronnie and Donnie Calhoun and Jerry Hodgins, captured a full grown barnyard owl in the third floor jury room, where they were making kodak pictures. They managed to cage him in a large packing carton.

50 Years Ago Jan. 2, 1947

Mrs. Gladys Wright Mundy, who has been associated with the Haskell County tax assessor-collector's office for the past six years, has accepted a place with Haskell County Hospital. She will be a bookkeeper and receptionist at the hospital.

18,148 bales of cotton were ginned in Haskell County from the crop of 1946 prior to Dec. 13 as compared with 28,871 bales for the crop of 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stark are announcing the arrival of a son on Dec. 8 at the Haskell County Hospital. The young fellow has been named Garland Reid.

Planning is the key

Social Security offers checklist for successful retirement for baby boomers

Most experts agree that planning is the key to a successful retirement and that for baby boomers, it is absolutely essential. Increased longevity and medical advances mean that boomers—people born between 1946 and 1964—will generally need to plan for a longer period in retirement.

Following is a checklist to help you plan using your Social Security benefits as a base.

- How much can you expect from Social Security in retirement?

Baby boomers have a big advantage over their parents in access to information about what their future benefits will be. You may call Social Security and ask for a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" (PEBES). The statement tells you the amount of earnings credited to your Social Security record and estimates the amount of benefits payable on the earnings at retirement, or if you become disabled, or die. The number is 1-800-772-1213. Generally speaking, for a worker earning lifetime average wages, the benefits will replace about 42 percent of earnings.

- How does working after retirement affect Social Security benefits?

Many boomers say they plan to continue working after retirement. There is a limit on how much you can earn and still receive retirement or survivors benefits, called the retirement test. The limit increases

annually with increases in general wage levels. In 1996, it is \$12,500 for beneficiaries age 65 and older (earnings over this reduce the benefit \$1 for every \$3) and \$8,280 for beneficiaries age 62-65 (earnings under the limit reduce benefits \$1 for every \$2 in earnings). In 1997, the retirement test increases to \$13,500 for beneficiaries 65 and over, and \$8,640 for beneficiaries under 65.

- How do other types of retirement income affect Social Security?

Income from other than earnings generally will not affect retirement or survivors benefits. These include payments from private insurance and pensions from private employers and annuity payments, and income from investments such as interest and capital gains. This rule is designed to encourage people to build up income for retirement and financial security using Social Security as a base. However, other government pensions and pensions from work not covered by Social Security may reduce your Social Security benefit.

- What is the age at which you can retire for full benefits?

For baby boomers, this varies depending on the year in which you were born. Under present law, the retirement age for full benefits will increase gradually from age 65 starting in 2003 to 67 by 2027. People born in 1938 or later will see the increase. Reduced retirement benefits will still be payable at age 62, but they will be reduced a maximum of 30 percent instead of

20 percent.

- What happens to your Social Security benefits if you delay retirement?

Increased retirement benefits are payable to people who delay retirement past full retirement age. The delayed retirement credit is currently set at five percent a year, but will gradually increase to eight percent a year for people who reach full retirement age in 2008 or later.

- How much work under Social Security do you need for Social Security retirement benefits?

Under present law, you will not need more than 10 years of work (40 credits) to qualify for retirement benefits. These credits can be earned at any time before you apply. They stay on your Social Security record for life and go with you from job to job.

- Who can qualify for benefits on your work record?

Among the family members who may qualify for a Social Security benefit on your work record are children under 18; a mother or father caring for your child under 16; a spouse or widow(er); a divorced spouse or surviving divorced widow(er) and grandchildren, under certain circumstances.

- How do taxes affect your benefits?

Federal income tax may be due on up to 85 percent of your Social Security benefits if you have high income. About 20 percent of beneficiaries are affected by this rule.

Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

Today you can pick up a telephone and speak to just about anyone in the world. There is a less pleasant side to this convenience, however, and victims of the latest telemarketing scam know it all too well. That is why we at the Office of the Attorney General feel that it is necessary to alert Texans to the latest telephone tricks.

The newest scam is all the more effective because it seems so innocent. You come home from work, and find a message on your answering machine. An official-sounding voice tells you of some problem or emergency. You might even be notified that you have won a prize. You are asked to return the call immediately. If the prefix is 809, DON'T CALL BACK, unless you know who you are calling.

The prefix covers most of the Caribbean nations, and the scam works because it avoids U.S. telephone regulations. Those regulations specify either a notification or a maximum price for a long-distance call. If you call without the protection of those regulations, you could end up paying \$100 or more and get nothing in return.

The way it works

This is the way it works. In the United States, 900-line operators are required to tell you how much each minute on a 900 line will cost, and the average number of minutes you might spend on the line. Callers who dial 809 are not forewarned that charges begin once the connection is made, the calls cost anywhere from \$1 to \$25 per minute. Every effort is made to keep you on the line for as long as possible.

Only a few years ago, an international phone call was a complicated business involving multiple operators, time, and trouble. At the very least, you had to dial the "011" prefix. Now it's just as easy to call a foreign country as it is to dial Dallas. The only difference is that instead of dialing the 214 area code, you dial 809.

The widespread, nationwide scam has generated hundreds of consumer complaints to the Federal Communications Commission. Don't be taken in.

Common sources of numbers

The answering machine is not the only source of these phone numbers. All too often, people looking for jobs are targeted. Classified job advertisements in local newspapers might encourage job-seekers to apply for work in retail and service stores as a "mystery shopper."

It all starts out fairly simply: in a local job advertisement, readers are asked to call a U.S. area code number, where they reach a recorded message saying something like: "Our attorney wanted us to read this statement up front. We want you to

know you are dealing with a legitimate and reputable company." You are then asked to call a number in the 809 area code for further information. You are notified that you will pay for the call, but not how much. You are kept on the line as long as possible, either on hold or listening to a lengthy recorded message.

Beeper beware

Another variation of the scam is to hijack your beeper. You will see a number on your beeper, call back, and get stung with the same trick. Other area codes that have been made into pay numbers include "268," "242," "246," "345," "441," "664," "670," "767," "758," "787," "868," "869," and "876."

Because none of these numbers are in the US, they can be used for toll numbers. To make matters worse, two new schemes have cropped up. Some "800" numbers, which are usually toll free, roll over to the 809 and other pay-per-call area codes with little or no warning.

Protect yourself

Area codes and phone numbers will continue to change with bewildering speed. The best advice we can give is to know who you are calling. When you get a message asking you to return a call, take an additional minute or two and find out from your phone company or phone book where it is you are calling. Don't know anyone from a Caribbean nation? Don't call back. And beware of ads touting "mystery shopper" jobs or unknown overseas opportunities.

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Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
"We will be glad and rejoice in thee." Song of Solomon 1:4

We will be glad and rejoice in thee. We will not open the gates of the year to the dolorous notes of the sackbut, but to the sweet strains of the harp of joy, and the high sounding cymbals of gladness. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation."

We, the called and faithful and chosen, we will drive away our griefs, and set up our banners of confidence in the name of God. Let others lament over their troubles, we who have the sweetening tree to cast into Marah's bitter pool, with joy will magnify the Lord.

Eternal Spirit, our effectual Comforter, we who are the temples in which thou dwellest, will never cease from adoring and blessing the name of Jesus. We will, we are resolved about it, Jesus must have the crown of our heart's delight; we will not dishonour our Bridegroom by mourning in his presence.

We are ordained to be the

minstrels of the skies, let us rehearse our everlasting anthem before we sing it in the halls of the New Jerusalem.

We will be glad and rejoice: two words with one sense, double joy, blessedness upon blessedness. Need there be any limit to our rejoicing in the Lord even now? Do not men of grace find their Lord to be camphire and spikenard, calamus and cinnamon even now, and what better fragrance have they in heaven itself? We will be glad and rejoice in Thee. That last word is the meat in the dish, the kernel of the nut, the soul of the text.

What heavens are laid up in Jesus! What rivers of infinite bliss have their source, aye, and every drop of their fulness in him! Since, O sweet Lord Jesus, thou art the present portion of thy people, favour us this year with such a sense of thy preciousness, that from its first to its last day we may be glad and rejoice in thee. Let January open with joy in the Lord, and December close with gladness in Jesus.

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 6-10 Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Cereal, buttered toast/jelly

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup

Thursday: Biscuits/gravy and sausage

Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast

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: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, pork & beans, pickle spears, congo bars

Tuesday: Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, buttered hot rolls, ice cream

Wednesday: BBQ on bun, tater tots, pickle spears, cookies

Thursday: Elementary: Chili & beans, grated cheese, tossed salad, buttered cornbread, diced pears. High School: Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, apple crisp

Friday: Hamburger, curly fries, H.B. trimmings, pudding cake

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 6-10 Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily.

Monday: Teacher work day

Tuesday: Toast and jelly

Wednesday: Cereal

Thursday: Pancake and sausage

Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Teacher work day—teachers on your own for lunch.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, hot rolls, peach slices

Wednesday: Baked chicken, fried okra, tossed salad, bread, pear slices

Thursday: Tuna, bologna sandwiches, lettuce, cheese, pickles, chips, pork & beans, cookies

Friday: Hambrgers, lettuce, cheese, onions, pickles, french fries, ice cream

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We hope whatever will befall
Brings peace of mind to one and all.
The year just past sustained the blows
Of war and economic woes;
While other nations that we see
Are still determined to be free.

Their resolutions of this kind
Inspire us to keep in mind
Our own resolve to go and pray
That we may see a brighter day.
So let us worship God each week;
An opportunity unique
To help us keep our goals in sight,
And thereby start the new year right.

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East Side Baptist Church

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

Gary Bruns, pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Vergil Smith, interim 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

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 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.; Tues. 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

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.

Paint Creek

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First Baptist Church

Werth Mayes, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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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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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

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

Ed Buerkle, pastor

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.

Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister

Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Rochester

SAGERTON

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Daniel Ramey, 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.

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RULE

First Baptist Church

Don Myers, 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 Greeson, minister

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

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 Herrington, pastor

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Gladstone Ave., Rule

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Students in the News

Students from 40 states and the District of Columbia are among candidates for degrees this fall on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Degree participants eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies in May include Tre'Ann Kittley, BBA of Rule.

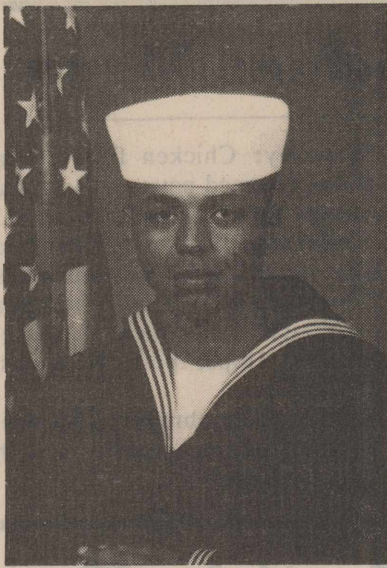
Drawing from the popular children's author Dr. Seuss, Texas Rep. Patricia Gray told Sul Ross State University graduates, "You can steer yourself anywhere you

wish. You will be the one who decides where you go."

Gray was the keynote speaker at Sul Ross fall commencement exercises in the Graves-Pierce Complex Dec. 14.

The Galveston resident told the graduates, "We cannot let the things we cannot do keep us from doing the things we can do. Sometimes we can't take large steps, but we must take the small steps."

The university conferred degrees and certificates on 179 graduates. Graduates from Haskell include Bryan McCulloch, Master of Education, School Administration.



TYRONE THOMAS

In the Service

Tyrone M. Thomas, a 1996 Haskell High School graduate, completed his eight weeks of basic training at Great Lakes, IL on Sept. 6. After graduating from basic training he was sent to Meridian, MS where he has successfully completed his course of study at the Personnelman "A" School Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, MS, Nov. 26.

Thomas is a Personnelman Seaman Recruit, for the U.S. Navy. After completion of his P.N. "A" School, he came home to spend two weeks with family and friends for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Dec. 14 he reported back to duty and was flown to Saudi Arabia, where he will be for the next four months. When he returns to the States, he will be stationed in Pasagoula, MS for the next four years.

Tyrone is the son of Lola Thomas of Haskell.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Well, another new year is here and we wish happiness, good health and God's blessings to all who read this column. We look forward to the same and plan to try to do "good to all!"

Christmas Day brought sadness to the Joe Clark family when a telephone call came just after they had opened their Christmas gifts. A close friend and neighbor of Patsy and Don Bivins called to tell them that their home had burned on Christmas Eve. They live near Valley View and their mobile home was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. A neighbor discovered the fire and called the fire department. The responded and put out the fire and probably helped to save Don's pickup which was parked nearby. The Bivins and the Clarks were in Valley View that afternoon to inspect the damage.

Other guests in the Clark home for Christmas dinner were Emmalee Bivins of Rule and Ray and Nancy Clark and Emma Raphael of Stamford.

The men's breakfast was held at Faith Lutheran Church on the morning of Dec. 20 with the following present: Marvin Stegemoeller, Jack Jones, Leon Stegemoeller, Ronnie Teichelman, Bruce Toney, J.B. Toney, Marchel Nauert, Lewis Corzine, Fred Kupatt and Pastor Zell.

Visitors in the home of Minnie Monse over the holidays were Tommy, Debbie, Jason and Jennifer Mrazek of Plano, Frances Howle of Clyde, Jeff and Tracie Howle of Abilene, Jay and Jill Sharp of Uvalde, Isabell Mrazek and Bubba Mrazek of Aspermont, Doris Lehrmann of Rule, Bobby and Norva Smith of Rule, Charles Vahlenkamp of Sanger and Virgil and Geneva Vahlenkamp of Denton.

Jack and Lois Monse spent Christmas with their daughter and her family, Diane, Donny, Mitzi and Eric Barbee of Levelland. Other family members and guests present

included DeWayne Monse and Barry Smoot of Abilene and Evan, Sherilyn and Kayla Cox of San Angelo. After Christmas, Donny and Eric flew to Nevada for the wedding of Lisa Barbee. Upon arriving there they found two feet of snow on the ground. They reported that it was pretty, but they preferred the Texas weather.

The family of Frances Clark was here for several days during the Christmas celebration. Visiting in the Clark home were Pete and Glenda Bryan of San Antonio, Dr. Clark Don and Mary Terrell and daughters, Iris and Emma of Boerne, Kay, Chelsea and Brian Tonnon of Springdale, AR. While he was here, Clark Don served as pallbearer for the Rollins funeral.

The Delbert and Joyce LeFevre home was filled with family on Christmas Day and the day after. Family members included Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule, Shane LeFevre of Sundown, Holly Hobgood of Lubbock, Eric and Laressa Earthman of Schulenburg, Linda Pierce of Wylie, Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola, Rob Bailey and family of Las Vegas, NM, Russ and Brad Bailey from McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bailey from Garland and Ken, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown of Sagerton.

An early Christmas party hosted by Bruce and Michelle Toney, Saturday night was attended by John and Renee McAden and Dennis and Becky Alexander of Abilene, J.B. and Dorothy Toney and Frieda Knipling and of course, the Toney children. It was a special event for Frieda Knipling since this was her first venture out of the house since her stroke.

Lois and Ed Peel of West Columbia visited with the J.B. Toney's and Mrs. Peel's mother, Freida Knipling.

Christmas Day visitors in the J.B. and Dorothy Toney home were John, Renee and Josh McAden, Bruce, Michelle and Clay Toney,

and Walter and Erna Schaaake of Stamford.

Everyone of the community is reminded of the annual business meeting to be held at the community center on Tues. night, Jan. 14. Officers will be elected, financial reports will be given and any other pertinent business will be attended to. Further details will be forthcoming.

Guests in the home of Corine Lowack for Christmas Day were Kimberly and Darin Dorothy of Muleshoe, Alden, Janice and Ricky Lowack of Old Glory, and Charles and Helen Diers, Bobby and Kim Lowack.

The children of Mary Neinast spent Christmas with her. They are

Kenneth, Betsy and Laura Kate Neinast of Emory, Judy, Roy, Darryl, Doug and Dustin McEwen of Sudan.

Tony and Sheila Carter have been visiting in the home of his grandfather, Alvin and Alice Bredthauer. The granddaughters, Abby and Holly were with their parents and enjoyed the small town after coming from Amarillo.

Garrett Spitzer of Haskell provided a chili dinner at the gin last week. Enjoying the meal were Jack Jones, David Letz, Jimmy Teichelman, Danny and Casey Letz, Cato Macias, Jr., Jack Monse, Leon Stegemoeller, Vernon Wofford, Daniel Ramirez, Cliff Gholson, Joe Clark, Alvin Ulmer, Bob, Lana and Rob Culpepper and Darnell Wilburn. Everyone thanks Garrett for his generosity.

Congratulations to Stephanie and Michelle Stegemoeller who made the cast for the Rule UIL one-act play. The play this year will be "Little Women" and we look forward to a long arduous trek to the State finals in Austin.

Clancey and Helen Lehrmann were hosts for a Christmas Eve family gathering in their home for Gail Lehrmann of Denver, CO, Buddy Letz of Wylie, James Gunter of Claude and Steve, Karen, Jennifer, Brian, M'Lynn and Joanna Lehrmann.

The following day the same group with the exception of Mr. Gunter were guests in the Buddy Letz home.

Helping Meta Kupatt celebrate her birthday and enjoy Christmas together on the 27th were her children, Johnny and Jana Manske and family and Karla and Doug Terrell and family of Stamford.

The Leon and Mae Stegemoeller family gathered for their Christmas celebration on Saturday. Present were: Calvin, Cherri Lynn, Eric, Christi and Ross from Hewitt; Carl, Beth, Mindi and Jonathan from Hobbs, NM; Clyde and Lauri Bragge, exchange student from Finland coming from Richardson; Mrs. Emma Raphael of Stamford and Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle from Sagerton.

The children of Emma Raphael had an early Christmas celebration in the home of the Joe Clarks on Dec. 21. Attending were Leslie and Kay Baitz of Austin, Ruby and George Olson of San Angelo, Emma Raphael of Stamford, Melvin and Annela Baitz and Mae and Leon Stegemoeller.

Congratulations to Jeremy Hertel who made the all tournament team at the Goree tournament recently and to his brother, Michael who made the all tournament team at the Benjamin tournament. They are the sons of Mike and Cheryl Hertel. Bill and Margie are the proud grandparents. Another grandchild of the Hertel's, Misty Dawn Smith of Crowell was the Drum Major at her school this year and was also chosen band sweetheart.

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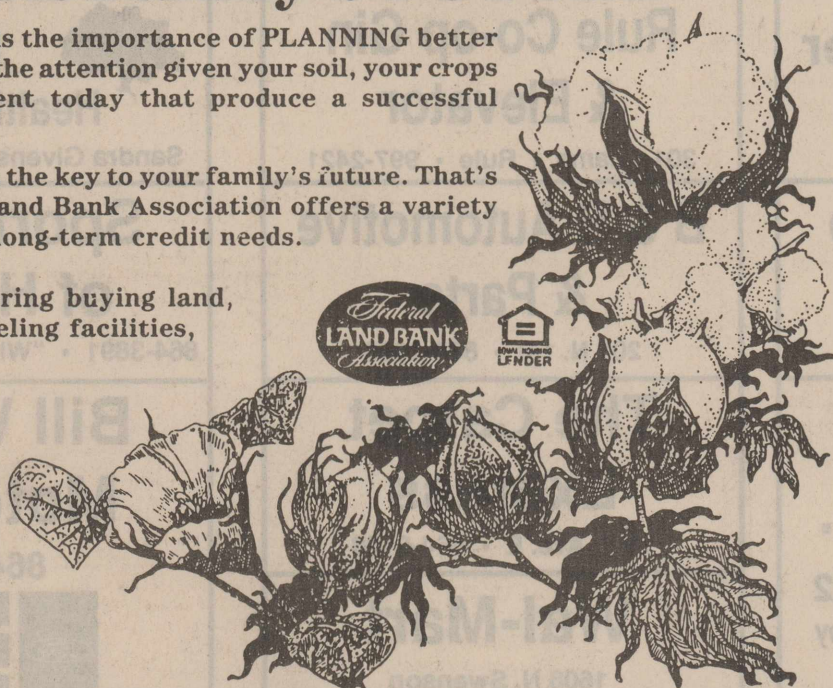
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The membership will be notified of this Rule by publication of same in the Haskell Free Press for three consecutive weeks.

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Bridwell Oil Company, P. O. Drawer 1830, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

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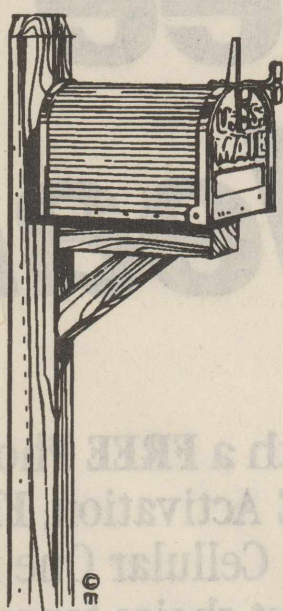
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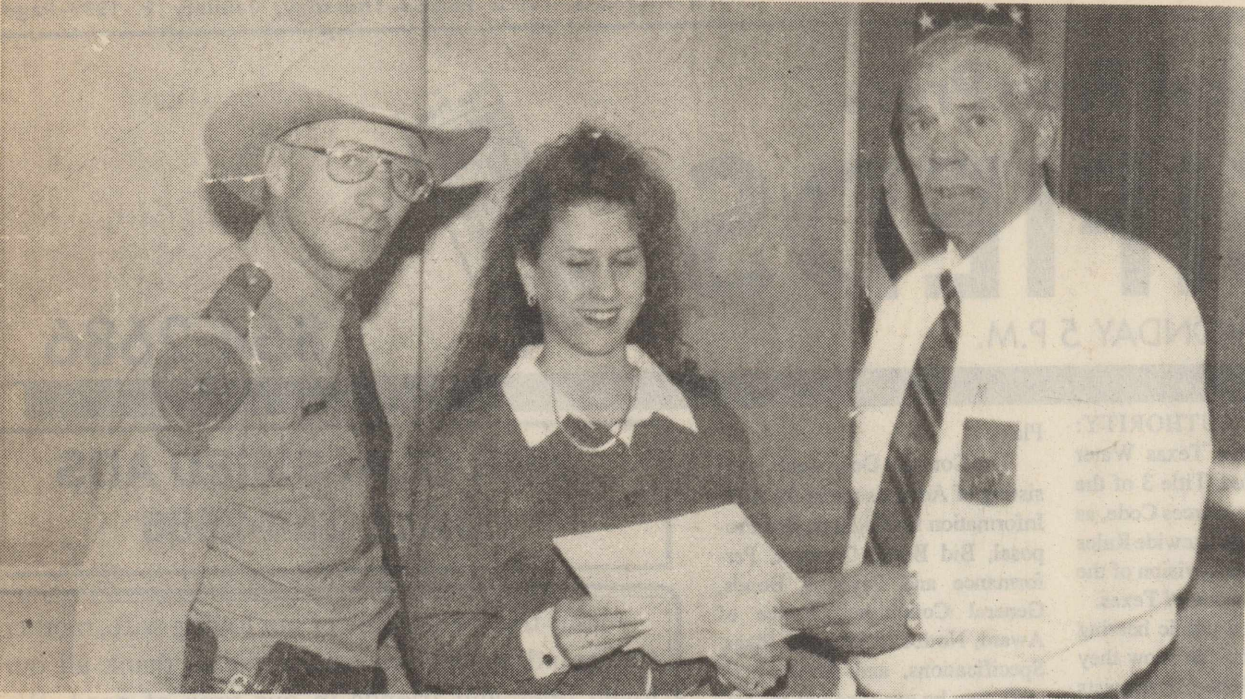
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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Courtney M. Haley, center, receives a scholarship for the 1996 Fall Semester from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Johnny Mills, right, Haskell County Sheriff made the presentation on behalf of the Association. Mike Haley, left, Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper, looks on as Courtney receives the award. Courtney is the daughter of Mike and Angel Haley of Haskell. She is a sophomore at Weatherford College where she is a criminal justice major. She is a member of the Gold Duster Dance Team and an officer in student government.

Be alert for emergency vehicles

In an emergency, minutes can mean the difference between life and death, and critical seconds can be lost if drivers don't make way for emergency vehicles. Take sirens seriously—make way for an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle.

What can you do? There are some simple things to help emergency personnel reach a person in need. Use the letters S-I-R-E-N to remember the right way to yield to an emergency vehicle.

S: Stay Alert—Drive defensively, keep the noise level down in your car and look for more than one emergency vehicle approaching when you hear a siren.

I: Investigate—Check your rear-view mirror, scan in front and on both sides of your vehicle, try to estimate the closing speed of the emergency vehicle and plan your next move.

R: React—React quickly, but calmly and scan in all directions before pulling over. Always use a turn signal when exiting the roadway and don't slam on the brakes or pull over suddenly.

E: Enter—Before re-entering the road, make a visual sweep in all directions, turn on your signal and gradually merge back into traffic.

N: Never—Don't stop at a place

that doesn't have enough room to pull over safely and never follow or try to outrun an emergency vehicle.

At intersections, be alert for pedestrians who may be in the crosswalk or at the edge of the roadway.

On the highway, always use your signal, pull as far off the highway as possible and gradually brake to avoid losing control.

As pedestrians, always check for turning vehicles before you step into the street. Be sure to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Keep looking for vehicles.

As bicyclists, always wear a helmet on every ride and equip your bicycle with reflectors on the front and rear. Bicyclists must obey traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles. When an emergency vehicle is approaching, pull as far to the right as possible.

Not every emergency medical response requires lights and sirens, but next time you encounter such a situation, yield immediately so that the emergency personnel can reach the person who is waiting for help to arrive.

Lake Copper Breaks to stock rainbow trout

In the second of two stocking dates, rainbow trout will be stocked at Lake Copper Breaks near Quanah on Thurs., Jan. 9. A total of 1870 fish will be stocked this year. Park officials are unable to pin point a specific time for the stocking, but have been assured by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. that it will take place during business hours on that date.

Lake Copper Breaks was left off the stocking schedule last year because of budget cuts, and this year's stocking is made possible by contributions from area citizens, the Quanah Chamber of Commerce, and the Comanche Breaks Heritage Foundation. The first date for this year's trout stocking was Dec. 11.

"We are so pleased to be able to again provide this popular program. And I am proud of the ongoing initiative and effort of a number of local citizens who worked so hard to make this happen," said David D. Turner, park manager. Turner also noted that donations are currently being solicited to stock the lake next year, saying, "Public support will be the only way we can continue this program."

Access to Lake Copper Breaks is free with regular park admission. For those who need them, fishing licenses are available in the park headquarters between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Manuals with the hunting and fishing regulations are also available at park headquarters. A

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Farm & Ranch Show set Feb. 12-13

The 5th Annual Big Country Farm and Ranch Show scheduled for Feb. 12 and 13 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene will feature the latest in agricultural equipment and offer the attending producers a two day educational conference.

The exhibit floor will showcase over 350 booths of national manufacturers, dealers and suppliers. The exhibits will range from large hp tractors to seed and chemical companies. National companies will include: American Cyanamid, Bigham Brothers, Caterpillar, Dekalb, Flexi-Coil, Ford Trucks, John Deere, Melroe and New Holland. The educational seminars are organized by the Taylor County Agricultural Extension Service. CEU's will be offered for Pesticide Applicators during various meetings. The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers will be holding their annual meeting on Wed., Feb. 12.

The 1997 Big Country Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for Feb. 12 and 13 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. Show hours are 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. respectively. Sponsors for this years event include the Abilene Reporter News, KTAB-TV, KEAN-Radio, Taylor County Ag Extension Service and the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers. Admission to the show is free. For more information please call 612-894-8007.

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NEW YEAR - NEW TAX BREAKS

Last August, Congress passed legislation that contained more than six hundred changes to the tax code. Most of those changes became effective January 1, 1997, including several that you might find useful in your tax-cutting efforts.

First, there's the expanded IRA deduction for stay-at-home spouses. Previously, one-earner married couples could contribute a maximum of \$2,250 to a tax-deductible IRA. Now such couples can contribute up to \$4,000 a year if they otherwise qualify for deductible IRA contributions.

Second, those who adopt a child might qualify for a new tax credit of up to \$5,000 per child (up to \$6,000 if the adoption is of a special needs child). The tax credit phases out for people with incomes over \$75,000 and is gone completely when income reaches \$115,000 or more.

Long-term care insurance premiums and long-term care expenses become deductible this year. There are limits and certain requirements, so if you might benefit from this tax break, get details.

A pilot program begins this year that will allow the self-employed and employees of small companies to open Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs), accounts that are similar to IRAs but used for medical expenses. These accounts allow tax-deductible contributions each year, and the earnings in the account are not taxed. MSAs must be combined with high-deductible insurance, and money in the account is to be used to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Another change allows you to withdraw money from your IRA to pay medical expenses under certain circumstances without paying an early withdrawal penalty.

For individuals with sizable pension funds, a three-year penalty moratorium on excess retirement plan distributions could be a big tax saver. Before 1997, excess retirement plan distributions were hit with a 15% excise tax, but that tax will be waived in 1997, 1998, and 1999. If you have a large retirement kitty, perhaps you should plan your distributions to take advantage of this three-year penalty-free period.

When you have your 1996 tax return prepared, be sure to find out how the new tax changes might apply to you.

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