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JV-VGB vs Cisco
Tues., 4 p.m. at Haskell

Haskell 7th, 8th & 9th
Haskell vs. Archer City
Mon., 4:30 p.m.
Girls There, Boys Here

Paint Creek
Newcastle Tournament
Dec. 11-13 at Newcastle
Paint Creek vs. Megargel
Tues., 6 p.m. at Paint Creek

Paint Creek Junior High
PC vs. Throckmorton
Mon., 6:00 p.m. at
Throckmorton

Calendar

Christmas party

The annual Haskell Co. Senior 4-H Christmas party will be held Sun., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Members will leave the office and go caroling and end the evening with refreshments and a Chinese gift exchange. Members are urged to bring canned goods and/or toys for those families less fortunate.

Rule Chamber

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their annual house and yard lighting contest. To have your house judged, call Marsha at Rule City Hall, 997-2214.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 11. Three prizes will be awarded, \$50, \$35 and \$25. Winners will be announced Mon., Dec. 15.

Historical meeting

The Haskell County Historical Commission will hold a meeting Mon., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Band concerts

The Haskell 7th grade, 8th grade and High School bands will perform Sun., Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell Courthouse.

Booster Club

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will meet Mon., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse. Parents of athletes are encouraged to attend. Plans for the upcoming Junior High basketball tournament and spring activities will be discussed.

Christmas play

The Haskell High School speech class has invited the community to attend the performance of their Christmas play, "Ms. Scrooge". The play will be presented Thurs., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets may be purchased from any class member or at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Haskell County Child Welfare Board.

Immunization clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health of Stamford will hold an immunization clinic in Haskell, Dec. 18, at the American Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. For information call 915-773-5681.



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JACKPOT DRAWING—Undaunted by the cold day, Haskell County shoppers gathered at the Courthouse Gazebo Sat., listening for

their name called as winners of the gift certificates being given by local merchants and businesses. \$1,000.00 was given away.

ELC phone service is one step closer for Haskell

Telephone customers in 64 rural Texas communities including Haskell who petitioned for larger toll-free local calling areas as long ago as 1993, are one step closer to having the cost saving service because of a decision made this week by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Petitions for the expanded local calling (ELC) program were delayed at the federal level because they each involved calling between an area served by Southwestern Bell (SWB) and one served by a different phone company. Now that they have FCC approval, the Texas PUC and SWB can complete the required process to make local calling available.

The FCC has allowed in an order for SWB to modify its service boundaries in order to provide ELC to these communities. According to the federal order, "Granting the modifications are necessary to meet the needs of local subscribers and will not have any significant effect on competition."

"The customers in these areas have waited a long time for this calling option," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood III. "We've worked hard with the FCC to make these approvals a reality, and now

we'll do our part now to make ELC happen."

The decision was hastened by the efforts of Texas' U.S. senators and representatives, state legislators, the PUC, and many aggressive community leaders whose intervention helped solve a telephone calling problem for rural communities in Texas and all over the nation. Almost every state has some cases that involve calling across telephone company boundaries, but Texas has the most according to the FCC.

"The waiting and hard work by residents of these communities and their representatives is starting to pay off," said Linda Hymans, coordinator of ELC petitions at the PUC. "Now we're anxious to get ELC going in these communities as soon as possible."

Even with FCC approval, it could take six to 12 months before ELC service is available in these communities. SWB will file a notice of FCC approval with the PUC within 10 days. Within 30 days, SWB will file cost studies and a proposed implementation schedule of the equipment and software changes which must be made for the service to begin. After the PUC approves an ELC petition, it may take several weeks

or months for SWB to complete the technical modifications required to begin ELC service.

Upon implementation, the ELC program will provide local instead of long distance service to the rural communities named in the petition. The charge to customers will be a monthly flat-rate fee of

up to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

For questions or complaints, customers can call the Public Utility Commission at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477) or write to the Office of Customer Protection at the PUC, Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326.

Jackpot winners named

The first lucky winners in the Giant Jackpots being given by Haskell merchants were named Sat., during the drawings at the Courthouse Gazebo.

Under the rules, if a person is not present, they receive only half of the prize offered. The remaining half is used to make up additional prizes. Prizes are in the form of gift certificates from local merchants, and for Haskell Bucks listed on back of the certificates.

Those winning \$50.00 each were Linda Caddell, Christine Gallegos, Rose Mickler, Joyce Hester, Steve Alsbrook, I. Preston, and Teresa Torres.

Cindy Kendrick won \$100.00, Ken Jarred won \$200.00, and Julio Aguilar was the big winner with \$300.00.

The second drawing will be at 3:00 p.m. Sat., for seven jackpots totaling \$1,000.00.

Contributions for Wendy still needed

Due to leave Haskell on Dec. 19, local high school senior, Wendy Gray, will participate in the National Cheerleading Association award-winning cheerleading team that is to be featured during the Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl game in Honolulu, Hawaii.

During a summer camp, which attracted over 300 cheerleaders from surrounding states, Wendy received top recognition as being selected on the NCA All American Team.

A cheerleader in her sophomore, junior and senior years, Wendy is a head cheerleader at Haskell High School this year. She is a member of the First Baptist Church; active in the church youth group.

Excelling in several sports, in basketball she is a four year letterman. In golf she was named a District and Regional Medalist in her freshman, sophomore and junior years. After high school she plans to play golf in college and major in childhood education.

The trip will be a time of firsts for Wendy; first time to fly, and first time to be away from her parents, Dwayne and Frances Gray, at Christmas.

With expenses for the trip totaling \$2,300.00, the fund to help her with it is still in need of contributions. They may be made at the *Free Press* office at 401 South First.

Voter cards

Voter registration cards for Haskell Co. will be mailed this week. Bobbye Collins, County Tax Assessor-Collector, is asking that any voter who has moved, or anyone receiving a card for a voter who has moved, please call her at the tax office. The phone number is 864-2181.

Letters to Santa due Monday

Letters to Santa Claus are continuing to come in to his mailbox at the *Free Press* office at 401 South First St. They may also be mailed to Santa Claus at Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521. The deadline for having them published is 5:00 p.m., Mon., Dec. 15.

Lighting contest is tonight

Judging for the Haskell Chamber of Commerce residential and business Christmas Lighting Contest will be on Thurs., Dec. 11.

Those wishing to enter are being asked to have their lights and decorations ready and turned on between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. On Dec. 6 and 13, 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 555, Haskell, TX 79521.

C. A. Thomas, III	\$100
Eula Orr	\$20
Menefee Bible Class	\$25
Anonymous	\$50
Hazel Weaver Bible Class, First United Methodist Church	\$50
Total this week	\$245
Previous total	\$135
Total to date	\$380



WAITING FOR SANTA?—Braving the cold during the Jackpot Drawings Sat., a little girl sits on Santa's sleigh which is parked on the Courthouse lawn, waiting to be filled for Christmas.

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NEW AIRLANE-Traffic was slowed Sat. afternoon when this F-86 fighter plane took an unusual route down Hwy. 277 to its destination at an aviation museum at Webb Air Park in Big Spring.

F-86 fighter plane halts traffic

Activities at the first Giant Jackpot drawings Sat., were all but brought to a halt by the sight of a large air craft coming through town on Hwy. 277.

Enroute by truck to a museum at Webb Air Park in Big Spring, the F-86 fighter plane was donated by the Air Force to the veterans of

Vietnam.

According to data on the permit sent ahead from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, where the trip began, the plane, with wings folded and landing gear retracted, was 28 feet wide, and 16 feet tall. The maximum length of the truck and plane was 86 feet.

Earl Proctor, of the Texas Department of Transportation, said the plane's overland trip went smoothly through Haskell County, although the Highway Patrol,

County Sheriff, and City Police Departments were all called in to assist if needed.

Dispute over Anchor's back taxes top Commissioner's agenda

The subject of unpaid back taxes at the Anchor County Park topped the agenda of the Commissioners Court meeting Mon.

Finding that the lessee was responsible under the present contract, County Attorney Bill Jones suggested the lease agreement be changed to a caretaker agreement,

leaving the County paying lessee Bobby Morrison his percentage instead of Morrison paying the County.

Citing three years of having a hard time "making it", Morrison stated that he could not stay on less percentage. With Commissioners split on their opinions on this, discussion led to the setting of a special called public meeting Dec. 16, at 9:00 a.m. to settle the lease agreement. Anyone with input can attend this meeting, or send a signed letter to Judge Davis's office.

Announcement was made that the Court has changed county long distance services to U. S. Long Distance at a cost of 10.5 cents per minute for County Courthouse, Extension office, etc. Any county employee will be eligible for this rate at their home. Cathey Rapp is the local representative.

Judge Davis reported a 911 GPS meeting for Mon., Dec. 18, at WCTCOG in Abilene.

Discussion over the request for a county employee to put in overtime resulted in denial of the request, based on the reasoning that if one got it, all would request it.

Administrator's, EDC director's salaries on Council agenda

With all members present except one, the Haskell City Council met in regular session Mon., Dec. 8.

Heading the agenda was the decision to increase the salary of City Administrator, Sam Watson, by \$2,000.00, bringing it to a total of \$35,000.00 per year.

Also, a cost-of-living increase was voted for the Economic Development Corporation Director, Monty Montgomery. The amount of this is to be decided later.

No further business was transacted.

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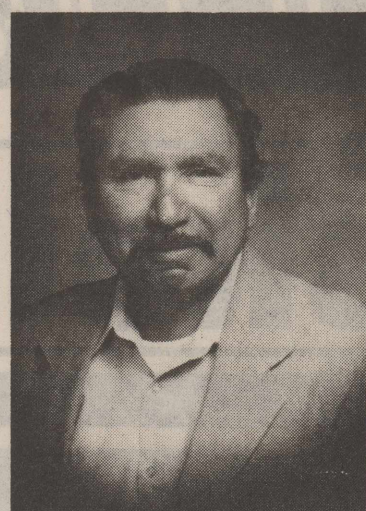
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AMADOR BENAVIDES

Obituaries

Amador Benavides

Funeral services for Amador Benavides, 59, of Haskell were held Sat., Dec. 6 at St. George Catholic Church with Father Micheal Melcher officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Benavides died Tues., Dec. 2 at an Abilene hospital.

Born in Falfurrias in 1938, he had been a resident of Haskell for 30 years. He married Angelica Perez in 1957. He worked as a mechanic at Medford's in Haskell for 25 years and was a member of the St. George Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Angelica Benavides of Haskell; four sons, Amador Benavides Jr., and his

wife, Linda of San Angelo, Joe Benavides and his wife, Toni, of Knox City, Pablo Benavides and Hilbert Benavides, both of Haskell; three daughters, Elsa Rodriguez and her husband, Amado, of Knox City; Zilda Benavides of Denton and Emyln Escobedo and her husband, Rufino, of Austin; three brothers, Gil Benavidez and Jesse Benavidez, both of Falfurrias and Alex Benavidez of Houston; one sister, Rufina Macias of Falfurrias; 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Sammy Rios, Eugene Gonzales, Martin Silvas, Johnny Fuentes, Javier Tafolla and Carlos Mendoza.

Lucy Fulbright

Funeral services for Lucy Elka Singleton Fulbright, 92, of Rule were held Tues., Dec. 9 in the Church of Christ in Rule with John Greeson and Travis Boyd officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fulbright died Sun., Dec. 7 at a Haskell care home.

Born Dec. 23, 1904 in Oklahoma, she had been a resident of Haskell County for over 75 years. She married Lowell Marvin Fulbright April 21, 1921 in Haskell. He preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1965 in Rochester. She was a member of the Rule Church of Christ and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by three children, M. D. Fulbright, Arra Mae Little and Etta Williams.

Survivors include one daughter, Polly Cox of Rule; two brothers, Charlie Singleton of Sundown and A. D. Singleton of Seagoville; one daughter-in-law, Dollie Fulbright of Arlington; and two sons-in-law, Tex Little of Haskell and Odell Williams of Crawley; nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great great granddaughters.

Pallbearers were Clifton Rinehart, R. W. Callan, Lavon Beakley, Pete Kittley, Owen Aiken and Eddie Leonard. Honorary pallbearer was Nathan Patterson.

Norma Coleman Kelley

Memorial services for Norma Coleman Kelley, 65, of Riverside, N.M. were held in Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Artesia, N.M. with David Brunson and Pinson McWhorter officiating. Graveside services were held Sun., Dec. 7 in Willow Cemetery with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating, directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kelley died Thurs., Dec. 4 at her home. Mrs. Kelley married Carlton Kelley in 1950. She moved to Artesia, N.M. in 1978 and with her husband, started Kelley Drill Collar Service and Oilfield Machine

Shop in Riverside, N.M. She was a cheerleader and graduate of Stamford High School.

Survivors include her husband of Riverside, N.M.; one son, Tony Kelley of Spur; one daughter, Pam Fernandez of Santa Fe, N.M.; one sister, Marjorie Mathis of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two brothers, Eugene Coleman and Ronald Coleman, both of Anton; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice, 1031 N. Thomas, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

Area students on Who's Who list

A total of 54 students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate

in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Students from Weinert include: Lane Murphy, Timothy D. Perez, and Dustin T. Yates.

Haskell students include: Roy J. Alvarez, Amy M. Aycock, Angela J. Aycock, Brittany L. Bartley, Jason E. Biles, Jenny E. Brzozowski, Tiffany A. Cadenhead, Lee C. Christian, Amanda P. Cothron, Daisy R. Cothron, and Mitchell Cox.

Amanda Crawford, Craig J. Cunningham, Kelli K. Cunningham, Cole Earles, Erik A. Everett, Evan C. Everett, Amber D. Futch, Paula D. Harvey, Misti

Henson, Mindy N. Howard, and Shannon D. Jordan.

Hilee M. Mulligan, Micah E. New, Conrado Palacios Jr., Breann Peiser, Brandon Reid, Jodi E. Thigpen, Jessica L. Thompson, Sherita R. Tidrow, and Brent W. Watson.

Students from Paint Creek include: Stefanie Isbell, Jason K. Shackelford, and Halee Walton.

Rochester students are: Jodi, Address, Shelly Hester, Charli McGhee, Erika Nicholson, Mary Jane Short, Patricia Slaughter and Veronica Slaughter.

Named from Rule are: Kayla R. Allison, Nathan S. Bowles, Benny G. Bundy, Justin A. Custer, Justin C. Halliburton, Michael J. Hertel, Lezli Jenkins, Lindsay Pike, Eric S. Robinson, and Deborah L. Wilson.

Indians named to All District teams

Haskell Indian football players named to the 9-2A All District teams include, on First team offense: Jason Biles, tight end; Turner Frierson, running back; and Michael Rodriguez, tackle.

On First team defense: IV Burson, linebacker; Jason Hobgood, interior lineman; Timmy Masias,

defensive back; Rodriguez, interior lineman.

On First team specialty: Chris McSmith, kicker.

On Second team offense: Billy Bible, guard; Hobgood, running back; Cory Ivy, wide receiver.

On Second team defense: Jim Crawford, defensive end.

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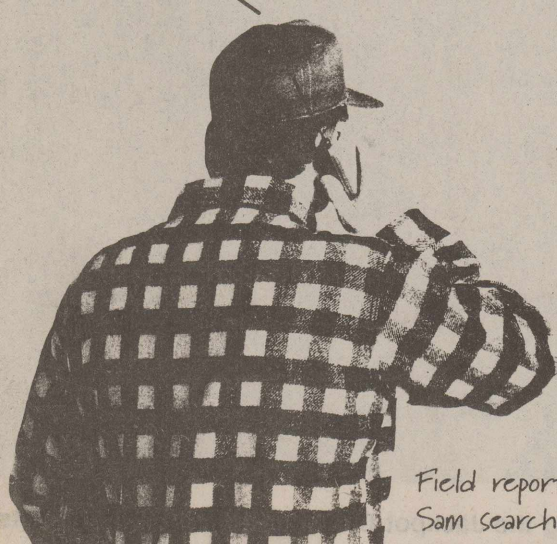
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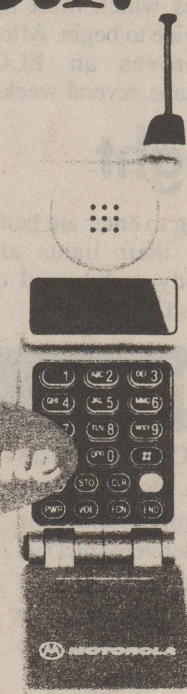
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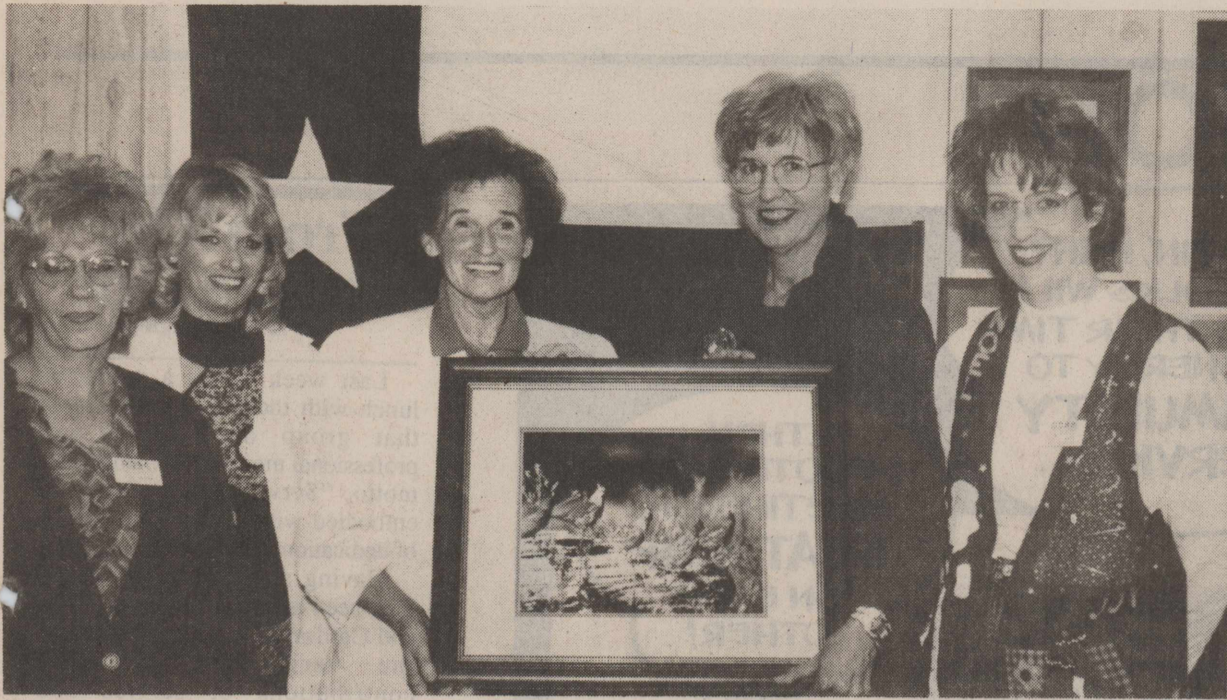
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BENEFIT RAFFLE—Members of Outreach Health Services of Haskell display the Wyman Meinzer photograph of blue quail which they have donated to be raffled to benefit the Experienced Citizens Center. From the left are Henny Reid, Debbie DeLosSantos, Mary Ann Boone, Florence Peden of the ECC, and Cheryl Hannsz.

Outreach Health Services donates Meinzer photo to benefit ECC

On Dec. 20, during the downtown Christmas drawing, a signed, framed photograph of blue quail by famed wildlife photographer, Wyman Meinzer will be given away in a raffle to benefit the Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell.

Donated to the Center by Outreach Health Service of Haskell,

the photograph is now on display at First American Bank. It may be seen at the First National Bank on Dec. 10, and at Haskell National Bank on Dec. 16.

Meinzer, who this year was named the official state photographer of Texas, has been described as having the heart of a buffalo hunter and the eye of a 19th

Century impressionist painter. His work has appeared in *National Geographic*, *Texas Parks and Wildlife*, *Smithsonian*, *Field & Stream*, *Audubon*, *Sports Afield*, and *American Hunter*.

Tickets for the raffle may be purchased at all of the local banks, the The Hair Shop. They are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00.



SHANE HADAWAY

Hadaway presents FCE program

The Weinert FCE Club met Tues, Dec. 2 for the annual Christmas party in the Community Room of the First National Bank.

Shane Hadaway, speaker for the evening, enlightened the group about "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care". Hadaway gave each person two very important handouts regarding this subject. Myrtle Therwhanger introduced the speaker.

Alice Yates presented the club's guests with cakes. Yates also stated the Weinert Club makes special donations to the Noah Project, Haskell County High School Graduation Party, Vernon State Hospital, Abilene Disabilities Resources, Abilene Rehab, and individual memorials.

Betty Sanders and Myrtle Therwhanger entertained the group with a skit titled "Beauty Shop Gossip". These two talented actresses provided the group with many a laugh. John Therwhanger added to the fun with some jokes he had obtained when he taught a Sunday School class for some twenty years.

Kathryn Schonerstedt, playing the part of Mrs. Santa Claus, assisted everyone in participating in a Chinese Christmas. The members brought gifts that will be donated to a worthy organization.

A session of Christmas carols was led by Estalynn Liles.

Those in attendance included Judge David Davis and wife, Louetta, Lou Gilly, FCS Agent, and husband Duane, Commissioner Ronnie Jack Chapman and wife, Linda, Shane Hadaway, Alice and Toby Yates, Myrtle and R.S. Sanders, and Estalynn and Howard Liles, Kathryn Schonerstedt, and Erma Liles.

The Weinert FCE Club will meet Jan. 6 in the home of hostess Erma Liles.

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MR. AND MRS. GLEN MERCHANT

Merchants celebrate 65th anniversary

Sixty-five years ago on Nov. 22, 1932, Maggie Boggs and Glen Merchant were married in front of the Weinert school by Taylor Carter, Church of Christ minister and school teacher.

Except for the time Mr. Merchant spent in the service during World War II, the couple has lived and farmed in Haskell County all the years since the day he vowed to have Maggie as his partner for life and she accepted this partnership as one ordained by God.

Both are active members and workers in the Church of Christ, having taught Bible classes, and still continue in church work as much as they are able.

Their success in their relationship is attributed to "self-sacrifice, hard work, and total commitment to the marriage and the Lord."

Births

Felix and Lydia Klose of Haskell are pleased to announce the arrival of their eighth great-grandchild, Morgan Shay Zett. Morgan was born on Sun., Nov. 9, in San Angelo weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Morgan is the daughter of Chris and Kyla (Carpenter) Zett and granddaughter of Gary and Linda (Klose) Carpenter of Abilene.

Students visit Rotary Club

Kaki Stapleton, daughter of Max and Christie Stapleton, is president of the youth group at First United Methodist Church, where she is a member.

Also active in school activities, she is vice-president of the National Honor Society, drum major of the band, Senior class treasurer and plays on the varsity tennis team.

Her hobbies are tennis, playing piano, 4-H activities and shopping. Special awards Kaki has received are the 4-H Gold Star Award, the A-honor roll, Girls tennis Award 95-96 and 96-97, and 1st in state with the FFA radio team.

After high school she plans to

attend Texas Tech University, majoring in biology.

Jennifer Address, daughter of Charles and Laura Address, is active in Senior class offices, FFA and MOCT. She has been named in Who's Who and is an honor student.

Jennifer's hobbies are basketball, talking and visiting with friends, shopping and reading. She is member of the First Baptist Church.

After high school she plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in child psychology.

Amy Burson, daughter of Tony Burson and Judi Chapman, is a member of the First Baptist Church.

In school activities she is secretary of the National Honor Society, Student Council reporter, band drum major, Senior class vice-president, and is on the Varsity Tennis team.

Special awards she has received are: '97 Homecoming Queen, '97 Band Sweetheart, '97 Football Sweetheart and the A Honor Roll.

Amy's hobbies are playing tennis, 4-H activities and watching TV. She plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in physical therapy.

Kerkmaz, Lane engagement announced

Mr. and Mr. Ken Lane of Haskell announce the engagement of their son, Shawn, to Vicki Kerkmaz of Shore Acres. The bride-elect is employed by Cargo Tank in Webster.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from The University of Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Occidental Chemical Corporation in Deer Park.

A Dec. 27 wedding is planned at Under The Oaks Wedding Chapel in League City.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Sylvia Escobedo and children of Austin spent the weekend visiting her mother, Paula Garcia.

In the Service



T.J. WOOD

Airman T. J. Wood graduated from basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio on Sept 26. He is stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls for technical training as a crew chief on the KC-135 aircraft.

He is the son of Jim Wood of Woodward, Okla. and Alice Henderson of Jal, N.M.

Grandparents are Tommy and Norma Bird. Great-grandparents are Nellie Bird and Jess and Olivia Leonard, all of Haskell.

Dora Holley has had her sisters visiting several days. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dude Hutchen of Pheonia, California; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin White of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Abbott of Fort Worth. Joining them on Thurs. eve were other sisters, Nellie Bird and Kellie Moore and Brother, Odie Carruth, all of Haskell. They went to Burkett's Restaurant to have Christmas dinner.

Visiting Bernice Hilliard for Thanksgiving were her children, Ken Hilliard of Waco; Ron Hilliard of Odessa; and Larry, Linda, Mary Jane and Ross Short of Rochester. Sat., Nov. 29 Bernice went to Fort Worth with Ken to attend the wedding of Heidi Bergkamp and Jason Hilliard, Bernice's grandson.

On Tues., Dec. 2, Bernice Hilliard and Ruth Ann Klose went on a bus tour with RSVF Travelers of Abilene to Shreveport/Bossier City and Natchitoches, Louisiana for the Louisiana Christmas. More than one million Christmas lights and larger than life size Christmas cards were part of the exciting Christmas spirit. In Natchitoches, they toured the oldest permanent settlement in Louisiana. The tour included an inside visit to Magnolia Plantation.

Sat., Dec 6, Bernice square danced with the Haskell County Square Dance Club in Haskell.

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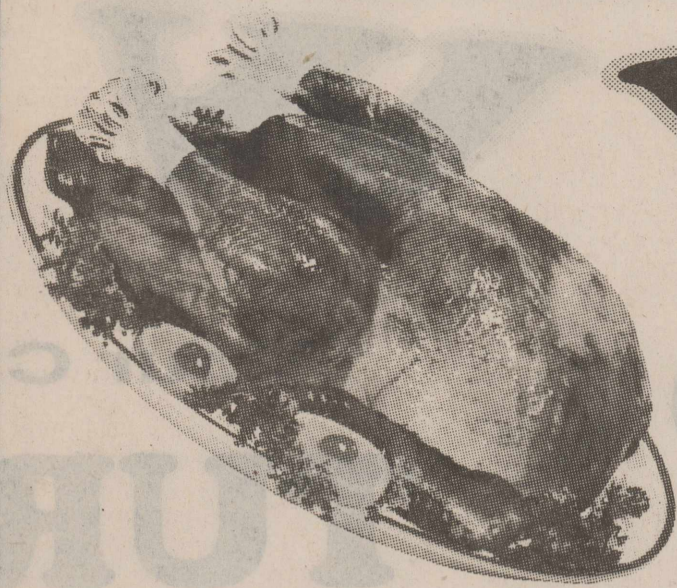
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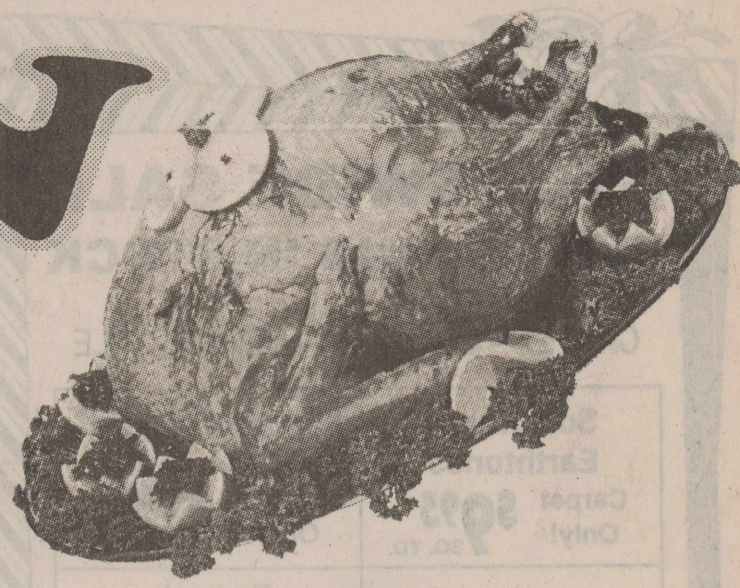
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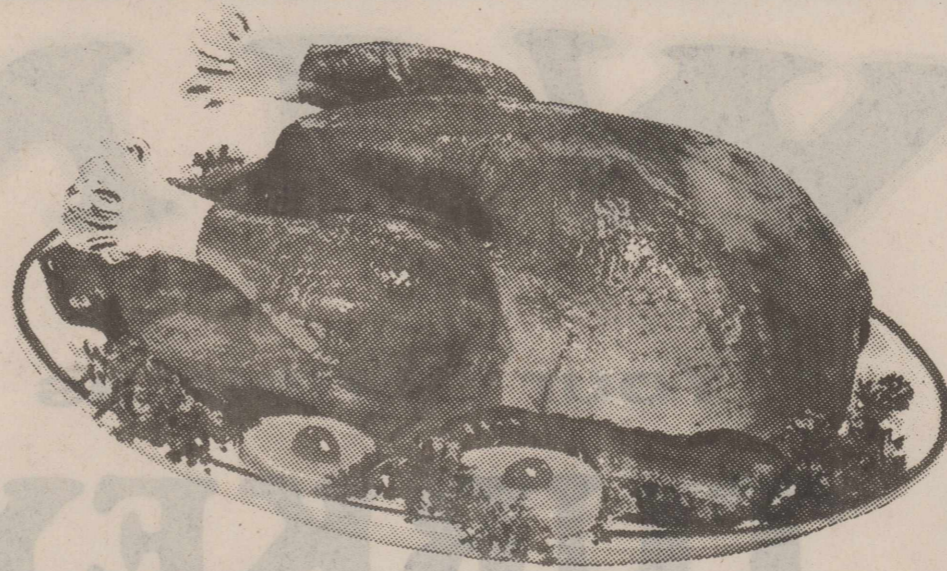
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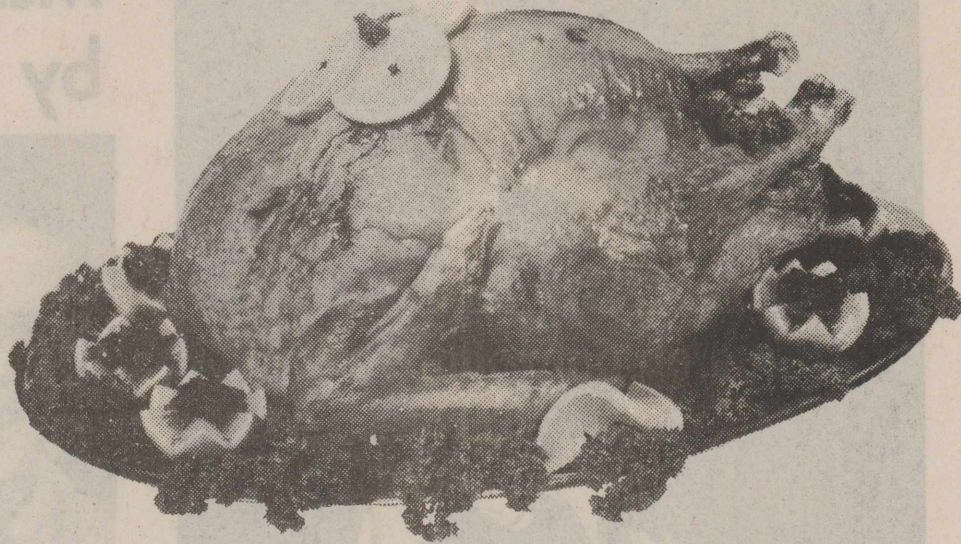
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1997 to be good year for Christmas tree growers

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

With the drought over, 1997 has been a better year for most crops. That includes Christmas trees. Mike Walterscheid is still cutting down trees he says died because of last year's drought. Like the other 400 Christmas tree growers in Texas, he hopes his business perks up from the rain received this year.

Drought recovery was a major topic at this year's Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association conference. Bob Allison grows Christmas trees in Marquez. He says the trees look better this year. His focus now

shifts to marketing...convincing people to choose and cut their own tree. Of the three million trees sold in Texas each year, only about ten percent are grown here.

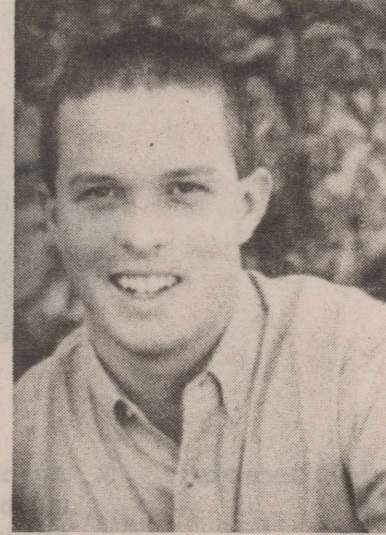
Extension forester Lanny Dreesen says it takes four to five years for a tree to reach maturity. The trees are trimmed a few times each year to get them in shape. The going price for a home grown Christmas tree is three dollars and fifty cents a foot. So for a six foot tree, you'll pay \$21. It is recommended you cut off another inch from your tree when you get it home, then immediately put it in water, keeping it wet to prevent it from drying out.



JUMP SHOT—Shane McKenzie pumps in a shot in the game with the Munday Mogulettes, which the Maidens lost 46-31.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

McMeans remembered by fellow workers



HEATH MCMEANS

Heath McMeans, an officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who died in a tragic accident in August while visiting his family in Haskell, was recently honored with a memorial ceremony at the John Montford Unit near Lubbock.

A graduate of South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Heath worked as a correctional officer at the Lubbock facility for two and a half years. Fellow officers who had become good friends with him during this time were on hand to take part in the ceremony which was overseen by Senior Warden, C. C. Keeton. Also speaking to the invited friends and family members about their professional and personal admiration of Heath, were

Captain Michael Chumley and Officer Robin Bachman.

After the ceremony and brief tour led by Warden Keeton and fellow officer and close friend Monte Griffin, a plaque containing Heath's picture was placed on display in the conference room where officers of the unit meet each day. Warden Keeton stated that, in this way, Heath's contributions to the unit and the State of Texas will be remembered as long as the John Montford Unit stands.

Stallman outlines aggressive TFB legislative program

The president of the Texas Farm Bureau outlined an aggressive legislative program for the state's largest farm organization in his annual address to TFB convention delegates in Arlington recently.

Bob Stallman, a rice producer from Columbus, focused on the need for Farm Bureau to redouble its efforts in meeting policy goals on the issues of property tax cuts, fast-track negotiating authority, estate taxes, the federal farm program, and Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND) support for political candidates.

Stallman urged members to continue informed activism and hard work in achieving these goals. "This year, more than any year I can remember," said Stallman, "we have unfinished business."

"This issue of funding schools through property taxes has gained a lot of attention in Austin, allowing Farm Bureau another chance at reform of school funding, according to Stallman.

"Some businesses and non-capital intensive industries have been getting a free ride with respect to funding education...let's face it, the property tax is a lousy way to fund our public schools," said Stallman.

Stallman also reiterated the need to press for fast-tracking negotiating authority during next year's Congressional session. "We must have fast-track; the future of agriculture, now so dependent on international trade, hangs in the balance," he said.

terms of our ability to produce foods and fiber," said Stallman. "Many young farm people have left agriculture to pursue more lucrative and less labor intensive careers."

Stallman focused on the successes of the TFB in the past year. The Boll Weevil Eradication Program was saved, in large part, by the efforts of TFB members. The TFB also helped to deny county and city governments exemption from the Property Rights Law. The Young Farmer/Rancher Committee worked to expand loan guarantees through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority's Young Farmer and Rancher Loan Program. A major water bill protecting the water rights of agriculture was passed with the help of Farm Bureau. AGFUND, he said, has attracted the attention of policymakers in Austin and Washington with an 85 percent success rate for those candidates it has endorsed.

"This year, more than ever before, Texas farmers and ranchers have an opportunity to help shape the immediate future of our state," said Stallman.

The farm leader said estate or "death taxes" are a burden to agriculture. Stallman cited this as "perhaps the most unfair tax ever devised by the federal government."

Stallman said farm policy should focus on improving net farm income, to halt further declines in the numbers of farmers and ranchers.

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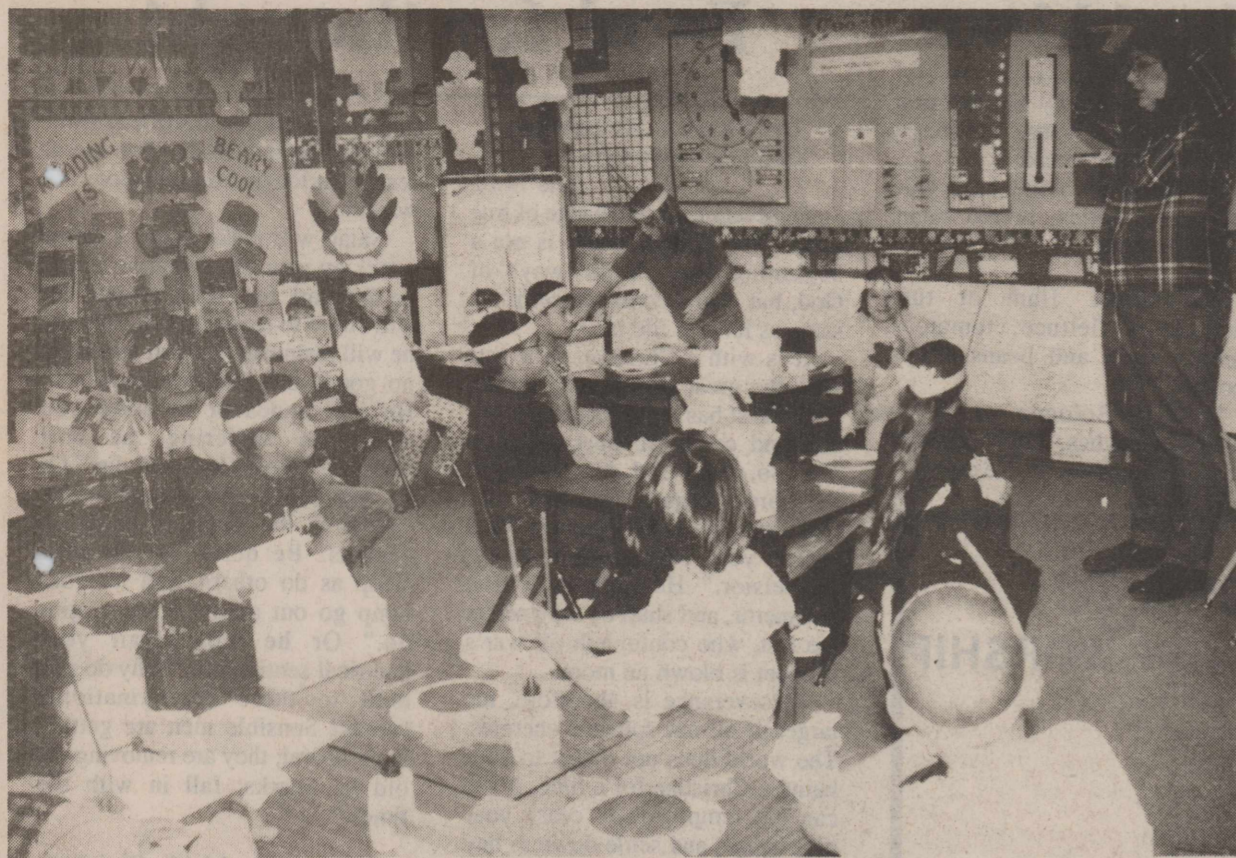
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STORY TIME—Courtesy of the Region 14 Education Service Center, Haskell 2nd graders were treated to a special presentation during National Children's Book Week. Once Upon A Tour, a project of the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, presented a 45 minute classroom experience weaving together reading, art and fun. This year's storybook, *The Leaf Men* by James Joyce, presented by Jackie Hamp, focused on the value of literature and art in promoting literacy for children. The students enjoyed reading the story and making art projects that went along with the story. Special thanks went to Mrs. Billie McKeever for arranging this innovative exhibition.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Christmas time's a comin', the little song reminds us. Decorations are being put up, baking has begun, and Advent services at church remind us of the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas. Special services at Faith Lutheran include a Christmas play presented by the youth of the First Baptist Church of Rule, directed by Larry LeFevre. The play is Christmas Story as told by the animals. Characters are costumed and the presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend for a good beginning in their celebration of Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 there will be a candlelight carol service at Faith Lutheran beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this service also.

The Sagerton Methodist Church will be having their Christmas program and social on Wed., Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. with refreshments and a gift exchange.

Keep food safe while traveling

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Many of us will hit the road over the holidays to see relatives and friends, but if you're taking food with you, you need to be careful. You wouldn't want it to go bad and ruin this festive time.

Extension food safety specialist Dr. Peggy Van Laanen says leave the big items to the people hosting the meal. She says it is not a good idea to cook a turkey or dressing and then travel three and four hours with it. Items such as deviled eggs and potato salad are also easily spoiled.

Van Laanen says any meat or egg product needs to be properly chilled and kept in an ice chest. Van Laanen also reminds us to be careful with holiday buffets. No perishable food should sit out at room temperature for more than two hours. After that point, it enters the danger zone where bacteria thrive.

Adkins elected

B. Royce Adkins Jr., a retired lawyer of Haskell, was elected to the board of Hendrick Medical Center, a major position on a Texas Baptist board during the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Nov. 10-11 in Austin.

Texas Baptist institutions include eight universities, San Marcos Baptist Academy, Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen, Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio, hospital systems, child care institutions and home for the aging in multiple locations throughout the state.

Wayne and Kathy Hartwig of Burlington, Ontario, Canada have been visiting in the home of Pastor and Marie Zell. While here they all enjoyed a trip to Fredicksburg. Kathy is a sister of Marie.

Visitors in the home of Jack and Peggy Tabor during the Thanksgiving weekend included Larry, Vanessa, Hawk and Hunter Griffin of Little Elm; Bill, Denise, Miranda and Amberly Tabor of Austin; Jim Tabor of Austin; Karen, Micheal, Aaron and Anna Pokrivnak of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Bill and Wanda Tabor of Sweetwater; and John L. Brooks.

Jennifer Lehrmann and Michelle Stegemoeller were on the Rule FFA leadership team that placed second in the farm radio competition in Anson recently.

On Saturday, Michelle Stegemoeller placed first and second in the FFA Prospect Swine Show at Munday with two Spots. She was also the Reserve Champion Spot breeder.

The Hobby Club held their Christmas dinner and party at the community center last Monday night. Ladies in charge of the menu and meat preparation were Christine Stremmel, Leona Letz and Jo Brown; decorations, Dorothy Clark and Yvonne Swofford; entertainment, Jo and Dave Brown and Bud Turnbow furnished his famous hot rolls for the meal. Members and their spouses present were Margie and Bill Hertel, Jo and Dave Brown, Joyce and Delbert LeFevre, Yvonne and Joe Swofford, Christine and Herbert Stremmel, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Leona and David Letz, Peggy Tabor, Mary Neinst,

Wilma Teichelman, Ev and Alvin Ulmer and guests, Rev. Daniel Ramey and Matthew and Bud Turnbow of Haskell. A gift exchange was held after the meal.

Bill and Margie spent Thanksgiving Day with Mike, Cheryl and family near Rule and visited with Cheryl's parents and her grandmother. Leslie and Kay Baitz of Leander spent Thursday and Friday nights in the Hertel home.

The Bill Hertel's visited in the home of her mother, Gladys Martin of Stamford with her brother, George Martin and family, Al and Jodie Maddox of Amarillo and Patty, Kayla and Heagan of San Antonio.

Darin and Kimberly Dorothey of Fredricksburg spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Charles and Helen Diers.

The home of Delbert and Joyce LeFevre was the scene for a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Kit and Delbert LeFevre. Present for the day were Kent, Kathy and Kit of Tuscola, and Ken, Jill, Kinsey, Tully and Cade Brown and Frances Clark of Sagerton.

Guests in the home of G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre to celebrate G.W.'s birthday and Thanksgiving were Charles and Dolores Gibson of Jackson, Mississippi, Larry and Jean Gibson of Springtown, Shane Gibson of near Ft. Worth, Betty LeFevre of Haskell, Jack and Tina LeFevre of Spring, and Lisa Mosier and her two children of Wautoga.

Everyone is reminded of the Christmas dinner of the Friendship Club on Thursday, December 18.

Country Christmas to be held

An old time 1870's Country Christmas will be held at Fort Griffin State Park, in the Post Bakery, Dec. 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. Authentic dressed 1870's Cavalry and Civilians will gather with park visitors sing Christmas carols and enjoy frontier refreshments along with coffee and hot cider.

The Garrison Ladies will decorate the old bakery in an 1870's theme, including candles, lanterns, and wood burning fires. Living history of Fort Griffin at Christmas during the 1870's will continue all afternoon with special programs at 2 and 4 p.m. including: Tales of Fort Griffin, Christmas carols, first person impressions, and special music.

According to Lester Galbreath, Park Manager, this will be a very special time at the fort and those who attend will have the opportunity in this modern day of 1997 to pause, remember and stand for one afternoon in the footprints of those courageous men and women who dared to settle this great Clear Fork Country of ours, and to be a part of this unique period of our heritage.

The park is located 15 miles north of Albany on us Hwy. 283. The Bakery is on the west side of the highway in the fort area.



POSSE WINNERS—Rutkowski children winning belt buckles at the Stamford Jr. Sheriff's Possee year end awards banquet held in the Bunkhouse on the Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds were Brittany, with a 3rd place in the 9-12 age group, Weston, with a 2nd place in the 8 years and under, and Ashton, with a 1st place in the 8 years and under group. Brittany was also voted 1997-98 sweetheart. Their parents are John and Glenda Gayle of Haskell. Proud grandparents are Jack and Joy Chapman, also of Haskell.

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Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Donuts
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Milk is served daily.
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Tuesday: Turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, bread
Wednesday: BBQ on a bun, tater tots, pickles, potato salad, onions, peaches
Thursday: Ham or tuna sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pork and beans, chips, cookies
Friday: Bologna or turkey salad sandwiches, lettuce, pickles, chips, pork and beans, ice cream

Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
"Continue in the faith."
Acts 14:22

Perseverance is the badge of true saints. The Christian life is not a beginning only in the ways of God, but also a continuance in the same as long as life lasts.

It is with a Christian as it was with the great Napoleon: he said, "Conquest has made you what you are, and conquest must maintain me." So, under God, dear brother in the Lord, conquest has made you what you are, and conquest must sustain you. Your motto must be, "Excelsior." He only is a true conqueror, and shall be crowned at the last, who continueth till war's trumpet is blown no more.

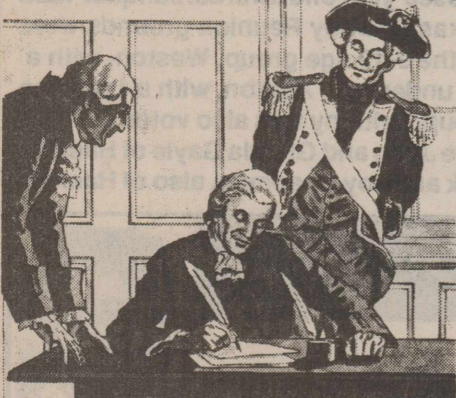
Perseverance is, therefore, the target of all our spiritual enemies. The world does not object to your being a Christian for a time, if she can but tempt you to cease your pilgrimage, and settle down to buy and sell with her in Vanity Fair. The flesh will seek to ensnare you, and to prevent your pressing on to glory. "It is weary work being a pilgrim; come, give it up.

Am I always to be mortified? Am I never to be indulged? Give me at least a furlough from this constant warfare."

Satan will make many a fierce attack on your perseverance; it will be the mark for all his arrows. He will strive to hinder you in service; he will insinuate that you are doing no good; and that you want rest. He will endeavor to make you weary of suffering, he will whisper, "Curse God, and die." Or he will attack your steadfastness: "What is the good of being so zealous? Be quiet like the rest, sleep as do others, and let your lamp go out as the other virgins do." Or he will assail your doctrinal sentiments: "Why do you hold to these denominational creeds? Sensible men are getting more liberal; they are removing the old landmarks: fall in with the times."

Wear your shield, Christian, therefore, close upon your armour, and cry mightily unto God, that by his Spirit you may endure to the end.

This Week's Devotional Message: THE BILL OF RIGHTS GIVES US FREEDOM OF WORSHIP



Largely unheralded in the excitement of the approaching holiday season is the Bill of Rights Day: an event set aside to commemorate the ten most vital provisions in our insurance policy of freedom known as the Constitution. One of them contains among other things the guarantee of our right to express ourselves freely, without fear of reprisal; through speech, the press, in the company of others, and in accordance with a primary purpose of the founding of this great nation, in our right to worship God as we see fit. Take advantage of this priceless freedom by attending the Church of your choice on Sunday.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p>HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Shane Brue, 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., 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., 10:30 a., 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., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
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</p> | <p>Greater Independent Baptist Church
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Park
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion</p> | <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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</p> |
| <p>PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek</p> | <p>WEINERT
First Baptist Church
Joel Rister, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Methodist Church
Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowover
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert</p> | <p>RULE
First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 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., 10:40 a., 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., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> |

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 15-19
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Pancakes/syrup
Thursday: Biscuits/gravy, sausage
Friday: Cereal, buttered toast/jelly
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School
Monday: Sloppy Joes, French fries, pickle spears, fruit cobbler
Tuesday: Pizza, cole slaw, corn on the cob, cherry dessert
Wednesday: Frito bag, pinto beans, cornbread, peanut butter/crackers, diced pears
Thursday: Turkey/dressing/gravy, candied yams, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad/cranberry sauce
Friday: Submarine sandwich, potato chips, carrot sticks/sliced pickles, mazzone bar

Head Start Menu

Dec 15-19
Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.
Monday: Cherrios, banana
Tuesday: Sausage biscuit, peaches
Wednesday: French toast sticks w/syrup, pear halves
Thursday: Oatmeal, strawberries
Friday: No School
Lunch
Milk served daily with lunch.
Monday: Hamburger on bun, tater tots, apple sauce
Tuesday: Baked ham slice, carrots coins, fried okra, roll
Wednesday: Ravioli, string cheese, green beans, apricots
Thursday: Steak fingers, smashed potatoes, broccoli, bread
Friday: No School
Snack
Monday: Ritz crackers, orange juice
Tuesday: Apple wedges, slice cheese
Wednesday: Vanilla waffles, orange juice
Thursday: Fruit cocktail, milk
Friday: No School

ECC Calendar and Menu

Monday, December 15
Lou Gilly-11:45 a.m.
Lunch-Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, milk, tea or coffee.
Wednesday, December 17
Exercise-10:30 a.m.
Lunch-B.B.Q. on bun, cole slaw, baked beans, tater tots, peaches, milk, tea or coffee.
Friday, December 19
Beltone Hearing-10:30 a.m.
E.C.C. Christmas dinner
Lunch-Turkey/dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, milk, tea or coffee.
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

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LOST: 11/5/97 small light brown Chihuahua type dog, near Haskell Memorial Hospital. Has tattoo on inside of back leg. Small boy with broken heart needs dog back. \$75 reward. If found, please contact Karen Baxter in lab at Haskell Hospital 864-2621. Wears black and grey collar with two tags from Wellington Vet Clinic. 49-50p

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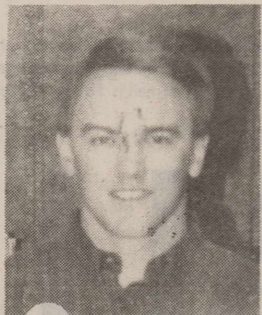
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The family of Dook Jeter

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Farmers and ranchers to receive 1997 Census of Agriculture report forms

Report forms for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will soon begin appearing in the mailboxes of farmers and ranchers across the nation. For the twenty-fifth time since the first Ag Census in 1840, farmers and ranchers will play the key role in providing the country with a statistical picture of U. S. agriculture at county, state, and national levels. The 1997 Census will provide a detailed picture of the changes in agriculture since the last Census, in 1992.

The focus of the current Census includes number of farms, farm size, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production, agricultural product sales, and production expenses of farmers and ranchers. Report forms will be mailed late in December to collect data for the 1997 calendar year. Farmers will be asked to return their forms by Feb. 2, 1998.

Census of Agriculture statistics make up the only national, state and local-level agriculture information database available. These statistics are used by many different organizations and individuals for a myriad of purposes, including:

- Farm machinery manufacturers use Ag Census statistics to locate their industries where they are needed by using county and state statistics, resulting in economic benefit to farm operators.

- Researchers and legislators can use county-level data to define problem areas and help farmers recover from outbreaks of disease and pests.

- The agricultural community as a whole uses Census information for evaluating programs affecting agricultural production.

- Farm organizations, Congress, and state and local governments use Ag Census Statistics to plan programs to help farm operators get the most for their investments.

- Seed and fertilizer producers use Ag Census statistics to compare yields and other informations to help operators do the most effective job.

- Irrigation specialists, water resource developers, and irrigation equipment manufacturers use Ag Census information to formulate practical advice for farm operators.

- State and national lawmakers can determine where to allocate funds that will benefit agricultural producers.

- Farm broadcasters and agriculture editors can convey census results to their audiences, and use the data to help focus their stories on important areas of agriculture.

Many of the questions asked in the 1997 Census will be similar to those asked in 1992. Data will be collected from all farmers and ranchers on land use and ownership, crop acreage and quantities harvested, numbers of livestock and poultry, value of crops and livestock sold, and operator characteristics. New items include area and value of cut Christmas trees harvested.

One of every four farms and ranches will receive a report form that includes additional questions on production expenses, fertilizer and chemicals, machinery and

equipment, market value of land and buildings, and income from farm-related sources. All report forms are tailored by region to make them less burdensome to respondents.

Anyone who receives a census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive census questionnaires. In this situation, recipients should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch. The cost of conducting the census can be kept down if questionnaire recipients return their completed forms promptly, so additional mailings can be avoided.

Farmers, farm organizations, agricultural universities members

of the Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, and state and federal agencies, were asked for input and advice concerning the

content and development of the report forms. Farmers and ranchers represent a major sector of the U.S. economy.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1053 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, December 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stocker cattle: \$2-\$3 higher, Feeder cattle: \$1-\$2 higher, Cows steady.

Cows: fat, .28-.31; cutters, .30-.36; canners, .18-.28.

Bulls: bologna, .38-.45; feeder, .56-.65; utility, .36-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .76-.94; 500-600 lbs., .74-.87;

600-700 lbs., .72-.83; 700-800 lbs., .67-.75; 800-up lbs., .64-.75.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .78-.88; 300-400 lb., .72-.88; 400-500 lbs., .74-.86; 500-600 lbs., .65-.76; 600-up lbs., .64-.73.

Bred Heifers: medium frame 450-525.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 550-670; aged or small, 375-480.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 550-740; small or aged; 430-520.

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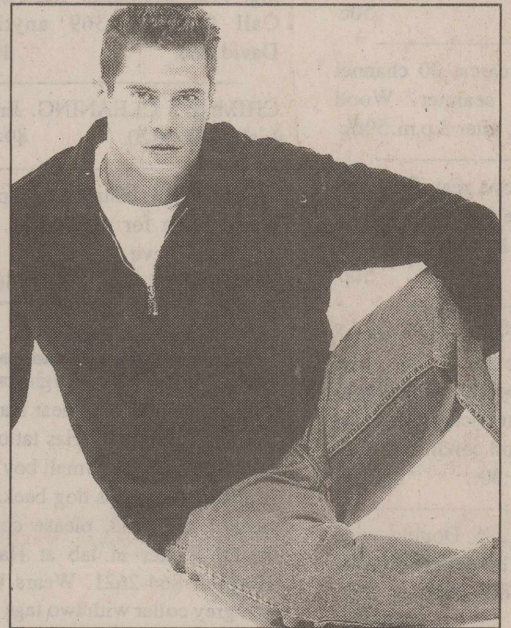
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Basketball scores

Graham Tournament Boys

Haskell 48, Breckenridge 43.
 Scoring by quarter was 19, 3, 12, 14. Individual scoring was by Robert Spells 4, T. Nichols 7, Jason Briles 6, Gavino Ortiz 15 and Trey Cheyne 16.

Polk Key-City Tournament Girls

Wall 40, Haskell 37.
 Scoring by quarter was 8, 10, 12, 7. Individual scoring was Comedy 0 0-0 0, Gray 0 0-0 0, McCulloch 0 0-0 0, Alvarez 2 0-0 4, Tatum 0 0-0 0, Gonzalez 0 0-0 0, Tidrow 0 0-2 0, Burgess 0 0-2 0, Rodela 4 1-1 9, McKenzie 2 0-0 4, Bartley 8 4-6 20.

Denton 46, Haskell 41.
 Scoring by quarters was 7, 9, 9, 16. Scoring by individuals was Comedy 0 1-3 1, Gray 0 0-0 0, McCulloch 0 0-0 0, Alvarez 1 0-0 2, Tatum 0 0-0 0, Gonzales 0 0-0 0, Tidrow 1 2-2 4, Burgess 0 1-7 1, Rodela 1 3-4 5, McKenzie 6 0-6 16, Bartley 3 6-9 12.

Munday 46, Haskell 31.
 Scoring by quarter was 5, 7, 5, 14. Individual scoring was Gray 2, Alvarez 2, Gonzales 3, Burgess 4, McKenzie 13, Bartley 4.

Paint Creek Boys

Paint Creek 57, Moran 32.
 Scoring by quarter was 12, 18, 11, 16. Individual scoring was Lamb 2, Martinez 25, Goss 3, Davis 4, Reel 19. In records Paint Creek is 3-1.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

December 6, 1997	
Haskell	
Farmers Co-op Gin	5971
Haskell Co-op Gin	12,452
O'Brien	
O'Brien Gin	9592
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	1675
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin	5214
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	3200
Weinert	
Paymaster Gin	4114
Weinert Gin	4602
Total Bales	46,820

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued in Nov. by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk include:

Matthew Wayne Webb and Susan Reyna, both of Rochester.
 Bobby Dean Howard and Rhonda Gayle Dorner, both of Haskell.

Alan Wayne Merchant of Haskell and Misty Dawn Hearn of Rochester.

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Ted Russell Hart of Plano and Judy Nell Ingram of Aspermont.

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