

Basketball games

Haskell
JV-G, VG-B vs Aspermont
Fri., Dec. 18, 4 p.m. at Haskell
9th-JV-G, JV-B at
Haskell JV Tourney
Dec. 19 at Haskell

Paint Creek vs Knox City
Fri., Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.
at Knox City

Paint Creek vs Megargel
Tues., Dec. 22, 6 p.m.
at Megargel

Calendar

Early deadlines for holiday editions

Deadline for the Dec. 24th edition of The Haskell Free Press is today, Thurs., Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Deadline for the Dec. 31st edition will be Mon., Dec. 28 at noon.

Toys, clothes accepted

Haskell County Child Welfare Board is accepting clothes, toys and donations for the annual Christmas project. Items may be dropped off at the Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services Office, 420 N. 1st in Haskell until Dec. 18.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Dec. 17 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

Pig jackpot

The Rochester FFA will sponsor a pig jackpot Sat., Dec. 19 at the Rochester FFA Show barn. Weigh in will be held Fri., Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. and Sat., 6 to 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$15 per head. Entry deadline is Dec. 12, a \$5 late fee will be charged for entries post marked after Dec. 12. Judge will be Randy Nation. For information call Alan Reed 940-743-3247 (school) or 743-3301 after 9 p.m.

Open house

The faculty and students of Haskell Elementary School will hold an Open House Thurs., Dec. 17 from 5 to 6 p.m.

School to dismiss

The Haskell Elementary School will dismiss at 12:05 p.m. Mon., Dec. 21 and Tues., Dec. 22. Classes will resume Jan. 5.

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Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins	\$100
In memory of Garth and Ocie Garrett by Don Garrett	\$500
In memory of Edna Burnett by E. H. Burnett	\$25
In memory of Lon and Dovie Pate	\$50
Total this week	\$675
Previous total	\$400
Total	\$1075

Final Jackpot Drawings Sat. and Tues., 3 p.m.

The Haskell Free Press

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DOWNTOWN FOR THE DRAWING—Haskell area shoppers gathered around the Courthouse gazebo Saturday for the first Jackpot drawing. \$1,000.00 in gift certificates from local merchants

and businesses were given away. On hand for the fun were three sisters, center, who were having their family Christmas together in Haskell and spent the afternoon downtown at the drawing.

Various projects discussed by County Commissioners

At the Jan 22 meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, Monty Montgomery, executive director of Development Corporation of Haskell, reported that Jan. 22, is the day the Texas Prison Committee will decide which community will get the state prison facility. Four communities are vying for the prison.

Montgomery also told the Court that a low-radioactive waste disposal plant is interested in Haskell. He said if this disposal plant becomes an option, the public should be offered a vote to see whether Haskell wants this facility.

Commissioner Bud Turnbow reported the ramp and rails at the MHMR are now complete.

Turnbow also said there has been some work done at the jail, including repairing the female

showers and cell doors. Metal has been ordered to repair the lavatories. Turnbow and Sheriff Johnny Mills spoke about the electrical wiring in the jail and the fact that, with the female cells, 911 equipment, and computers being added, the wiring is inadequate.

Outside rest rooms and some additional painting inside will be done at the County Courthouse. After some discussion, no action was taken on the possibility of another handicap ramp being installed on the east side of the Courthouse. A decision was made to pre-buy three airconditioners from F & D Electronics to be delivered in the spring.

A Resolution of Support for an alternate route of Highway 277 through Haskell was passed with all

Court officers voting for the measure.

Enron Communications will run

a telephone cable along county roads around the north side of Haskell.

Jackpot winners named

Winning \$100.00 gift certificates were Nikki Collins, from Boggs and Johnson; Doris Brueggeman, from M-System; Dora Torres of Rule, from Boggs and Johnson; Francis Silba, from Sport About.

Winning \$200.00 gift certificates were Gloria Bolding of Stamford, from The Slipper Shoppe; and Tony Burson, from Cecil's Country Grocery and Market.

Two more drawings will be held Sat., Dec. 19, and Tues., Dec. 22,

at 3:00 p.m. at the gazebo on the Haskell County Courthouse lawn.

Ten local shoppers were lucky winners Saturday afternoon when their names were drawn at the first Jackpot Drawing for gift certificates given by Haskell merchants and businesses.

Winning \$50.00 certificates were Yvette Harlan, from Modern Way; Elaine Campbell, from Heads or Tails Western Wear; Billie Jean Walters, from M-System; and Jerry Don Klose, from Bill Wilson Motor Co.

City offers abandoned railroad for highway bypass

Highlighting the agenda of the Haskell City Council meeting Mon., Dec. 14, was the adoption of a resolution by the City of Haskell requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to construct a four-lane highway following the abandoned railroad right-of-way in the city limits, and to provide funding for the purchase of the necessary right-of-way. As required by law, the meeting was open to the public.

In the resolution it was pointed out that since the City of Haskell has suffered in its ability to attract commerce and industry due to insufficient highway connection, there exists a need to provide a highway which would provide enhanced opportunities for

attracting both visitor and trade traffic and economic development.

A four-lane highway with uninterrupted traffic movement following the railroad right-of-way could significantly reduce the travel time between Abilene and Oklahoma City, a corridor subject to approximately one million trucks per year. This could also greatly help the safety factor for movers of freight, visitor and local traffic along the corridor.

Citing the fact that there is general support for such a highway by the Haskell City Council and others along the corridor, the city is requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct an alignment study to consider the abandoned railroad right-of-way

Also requested in the resolution is sufficient funding by the Texas Transportation Commission to enable the Texas Department of Transportation to purchase additional land for use as right-of-way which would consider the future expansion of the corridor as future need might dictate.

After adoption of the resolution at the open meeting, the Council retired for an executive session to consider the matter of Government Code 551.071 consultation with an attorney on the status of the Therwanger lawsuit.

With no action taken, the members returned to the open session.

The Dec. 28 meeting of the Council has been cancelled.

FSA announces new livestock assistance program

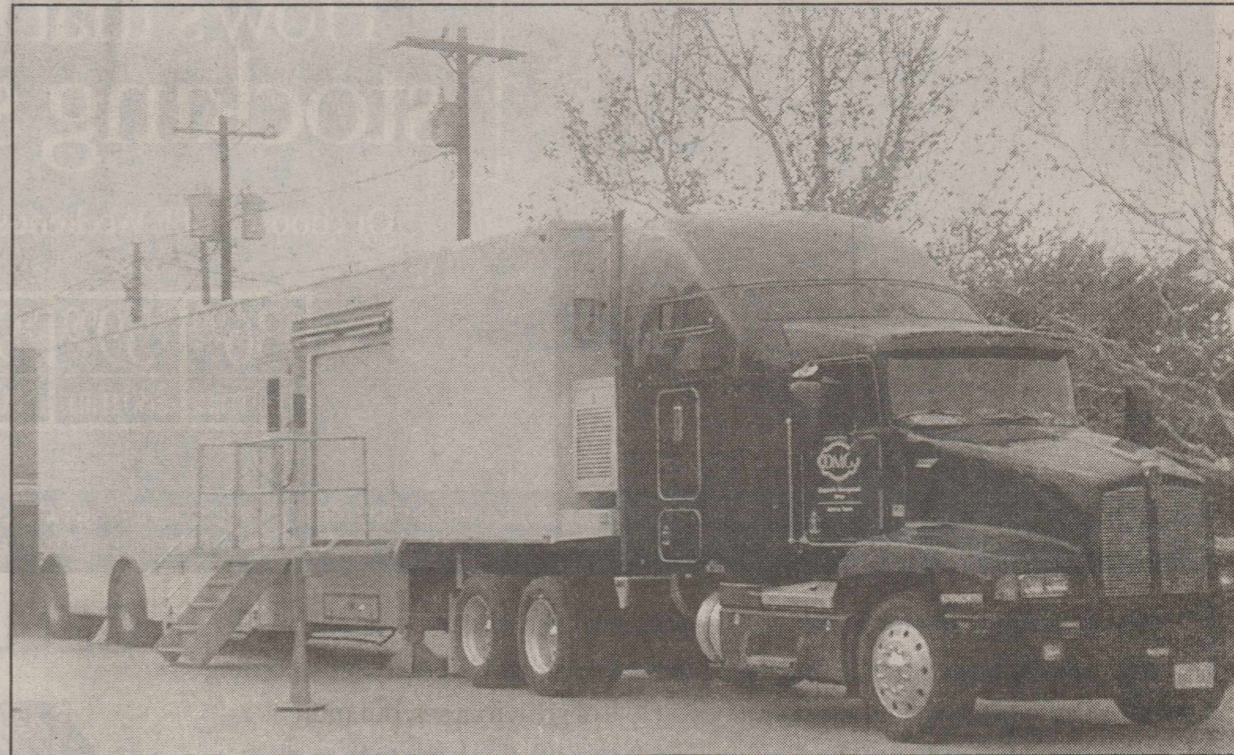
Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced a new \$200 million livestock assistance program to compensate farmers and ranchers for 1998 losses because droughts and other natural disasters reduced grazing vegetation.

"The Clinton Administration worked hard to get money for this

program and other relief measures so that farmers and ranchers whose livelihoods are on the line, through no fault of their own, can have a chance to continue doing what they do best—producing food and fiber for Americans and for the world," Glickman said.

Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County FSA Office, said the sign up for assistance under this program will begin soon. Payments will be issued after publication of program regulations and the completion of the sign up, which is expected to end Feb. 5th. USDA will make assistance available on a county-by-county basis in counties where at least 40 percent grazing loss occurred for 90 or more consecutive days.

Livestock owners can contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 940-864-2617 for an appointment to sign up.



NEW MEDICAL SERVICE—Haskell Memorial Hospital is now providing local MRI testing through the services of Diagnostic Management Group of Abilene. The mobile unit truck will be in Haskell every Wed., and may possibly be here two days a week if the need arises. Also, through DMG, a bone density screening unit will be at the hospital every other week. This unit, which will be housed in a 32 foot vehicle similar to an RV, will give local patients convenient access to early detection of osteoporosis and bone cancer. Both of the mobile units are expected to save patient's travel time and possibly waiting time for their diagnosis.

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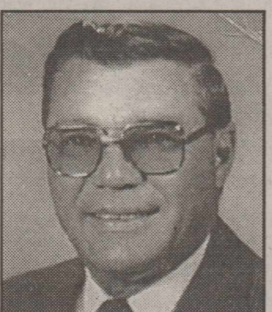
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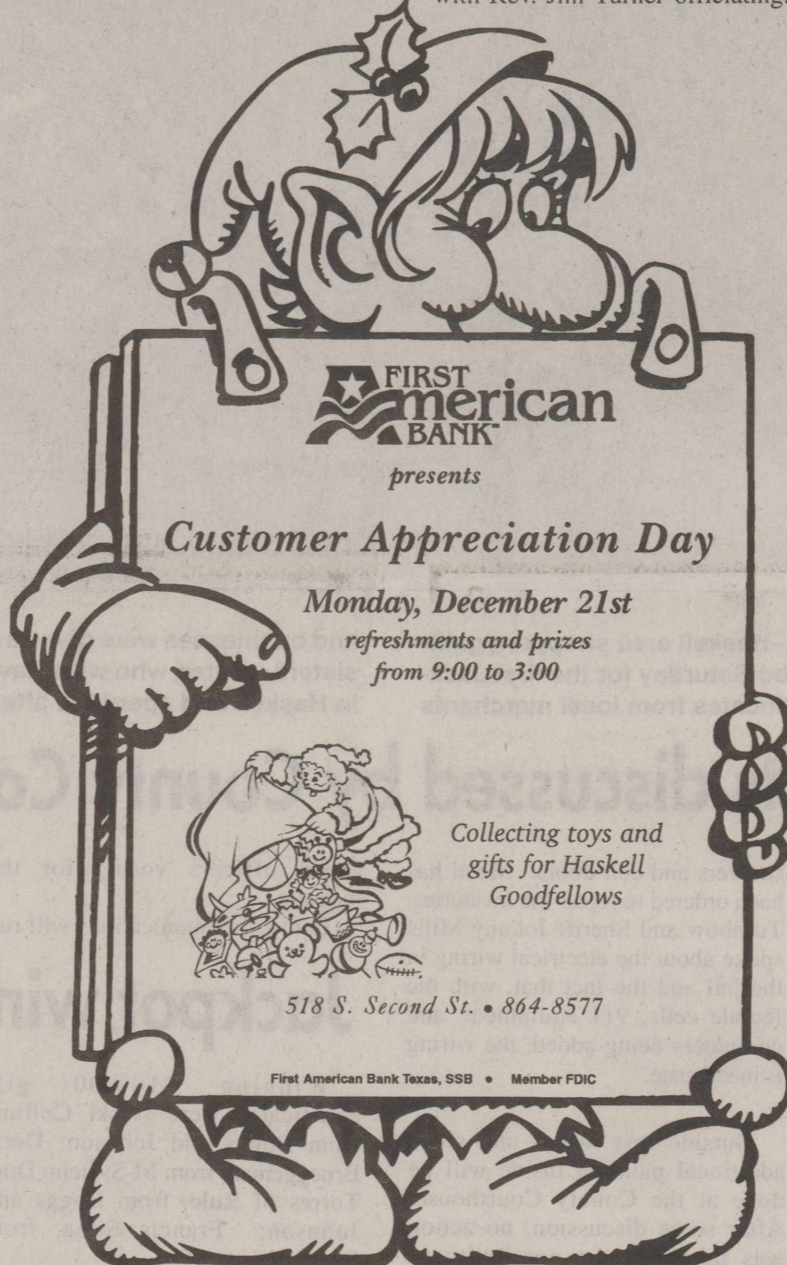
Rule Basketball

The Rule Bobcats traveled to Jayton last Fri. night to play the Jaybirds in basketball. The Jaybirds came out on top in both the boys and the girls games. The Jayton boys won 48-45. The game was back and forth all night long. Brian Lehmann led the Bobcats with 17 points. Grant Hisey had 12, Josh Smith and Michael Hertel 7 and Joe Sotelo 2.

In the girls contest, the LadyJays defeated the Ladycats 47-29. The Ladycats jumped out to a 18-15 halftime lead but weren't able to keep it. Lezli Jenkins and Deborah Wilson lead the Ladycats with 17 and 10 points.

The Rule teams will have several contests over the Christmas break. On Tues., Dec. 29 they will play the Chillicothe Eagles at Rule with the JV boys game starting at 5:00. Then the teams will be in the Jayton Holiday Tournament over the New Year's weekend. Their first game will be New Year's Eve at 9:30 a.m. with the girls playing the Paducah Ladydragons followed by the Rule-Paducah boys game at 11:00.

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Obituaries

Verna Ann Hill Druessedow

Graveside services for Verna Ann Hill Druessedow, 73, of Haskell were held Sun., Dec. 13 in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors. A memorial service followed at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Gary Bruns officiating.

Mrs. Druessedow died Fri., Dec. 11 in Abilene. Born March 29, 1925 in Bell Co., she had been a resident of Haskell since 1956.

Before retiring, she had worked 35 years as a legal secretary. She was an Avon Representative for 10 years.

Elza Ray Hill

Funeral services for Elza Ray Hill, 75, of Hamby were held Mon., Dec. 14 at East Side Baptist Church with Pastor David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hill died Fri., Dec. 11 in Hamby. Born May 9, 1923 in Hamlin, he served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He worked at the gypsum mill in Hamlin from 1954 to 1960 and later worked in the New Mexico towns of Roswell, Lovington and Big Lake as a roughneck in the oilfield before moving to Haskell in 1973. He retired in 1988 after managing the Bell Station.

Warren Edward 'Bud' Larned

Graveside services for Warren Edward 'Bud' Larned, 76, of Albany were held Fri., Dec. 11 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Rev. Eric Clark officiating. Services were directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Larned died Tues., Dec. 8 at an Albany nursing home.

Born Sept. 15, 1922 in Haskell, he was the son of William Edmond Larned and Minnie Lou Barrett. He married Betty Winger June 30, 1961 in Haskell. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and worked as custodian of the Stamford schools for 10 years until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the Church of God in Haskell.

Martha Ann Reeves

Funeral services for Martha Ann Reeves, 68, of Haskell will be held Fri., Dec. 18 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial will follow in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

before her death. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one son, Gary Druessedow of Haskell; one daughter, Pamela (Mrs. Derrel) Davis of Hamlin; two sisters, Erna Mae Wade of Lubbock and Leona Braune of Irving; and three grandchildren, Harrison and Dawson Druessedow and Tyler Davis.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell or Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation in Abilene.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts of Haskell. He was a member of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union. He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Angie Hill in 1988; and one son, Jerry Ray Hill in 1989.

Survivors include a daughter, Louise Clark of Hamby; one sister, Ola Bell Vance of Powell, Wyoming; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kode Lovett, Sam Lovett, Ray Ohmer, Albert Hill, Billy Don Cooper and Dave Briley.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Dililah Jan Larned; two sisters, Annie Wolf and Mary Lucille Larned and two brothers at birth.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Albany; one son, John Larned of Hawley; five stepsons, Frank Cross of Houston, Wayne Thompson of Roscoe, Bobbie Thompson of Albany, Samuel Hill of Dallas and Eddie Hill of Newhamshier, Maine; two step daughters, Diane Brooks of Moore, Okla. and Mary Rambousk of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 34 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.
She died Mon., Dec. 14 at Rice Springs Care Home.

Basketball scores

Haskell Boys
12/8/98
Haskell 42, Anson 39
Scores by quarter: Haskell 12, 10, 11, 9. Anson, 9, 10, 15, 5.
Individuals scoring for Haskell were: Cole Earles 4, Jason Isbell 2, T. Nichols 2, Robert Spells 5, Trey Cheyne 23, Shane Steele 5, and Jimmy Huff 1.
JV Score: Haskell 45, Anson 23.

12/10/98
Catclaw Invitational
Championship
Haskell 26, Wylie 40.
Scores by quarter: Haskell 9, 3, 6, 8; Wylie 8, 15, 13, 4.
Individuals scoring for Haskell were: J. J. Comedy 1 0-0 3; Wallace 1 1-2 3; Tiffany Cadenhead 0 0-2 0; Tiffany Lindsey 0 2-2 2; Bree Burgess 1 0-0 3; McKenzie 7 0-1 14; Rodela 0 1-4 1. Totals 10 4-11 26.
Comedy and Burgess each made 3-point goals. Haskell had 13 fouls and no foul-outs or technicals.

Paint Creek Boys
12/8/98
Paint Creek 55, Megargel 19.
Scoring by quarter: Paint Creek 17, 15, 12, 11. Megargel 5, 5, 5, 4.
Scoring for Paint Creek were: Hegan Lamb 2, Wes Harrison 8, Blayne Davis 11, Eric Hearne 25, Jodie Reel 7 and Bronc Davis 2.

Paint Creek Girls
12/8/98
Paint Creek 33, Megargel 15.
Scores by quarters: Paint Creek 14, 9, 7, 3. Megargel 2, 2, 2, 9.
Scoring for Paint Creek were Ashley Medford 7, Halee Walton 8, Jackie Davis 4, Selina Salinas 7, Brandy Gardner 3, Bridgett Silvas 2, and April Terrell 2.

Hospital

Admissions
Raymond Saffel, Rule
Claude Edwards, Jr., Rule
Gloria Blake, Goree
Vivian Smith, Rule

Dismissals
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COLLEGE FAIR—Among the Rule students visiting with the recruiter from West Texas State University during the College Fair in Haskell were, from the left, Cody Tibbets, Mandi Hunt, Grant Hisey, and Maria Aguinaga.



AT THE FAIR—Visiting with the Tarleton State recruiting representative at the College Fair in Haskell, were Rule students, from the left, Michelle Stegemoeller, Gene Robinson, Cinda Martinez, and Stephen Kittley.

Head Start Menu

Dec. 21-22
Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.

Monday: Chicken and rice, English peas and carrots, orange slices
Tuesday: Hot dog, pork and beans, apricots

Snacks
Monday: Banana, milk
Tuesday: Ritz crackers, orange juice

Breakfast
Monday: Corn flakes, fruit cocktail
Tuesday: Waffle w/syrup, pineapple slice

Lunch

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Haskell School Menu

Dec. 21 & 22
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.
Monday: Cereal, buttered toast/jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are

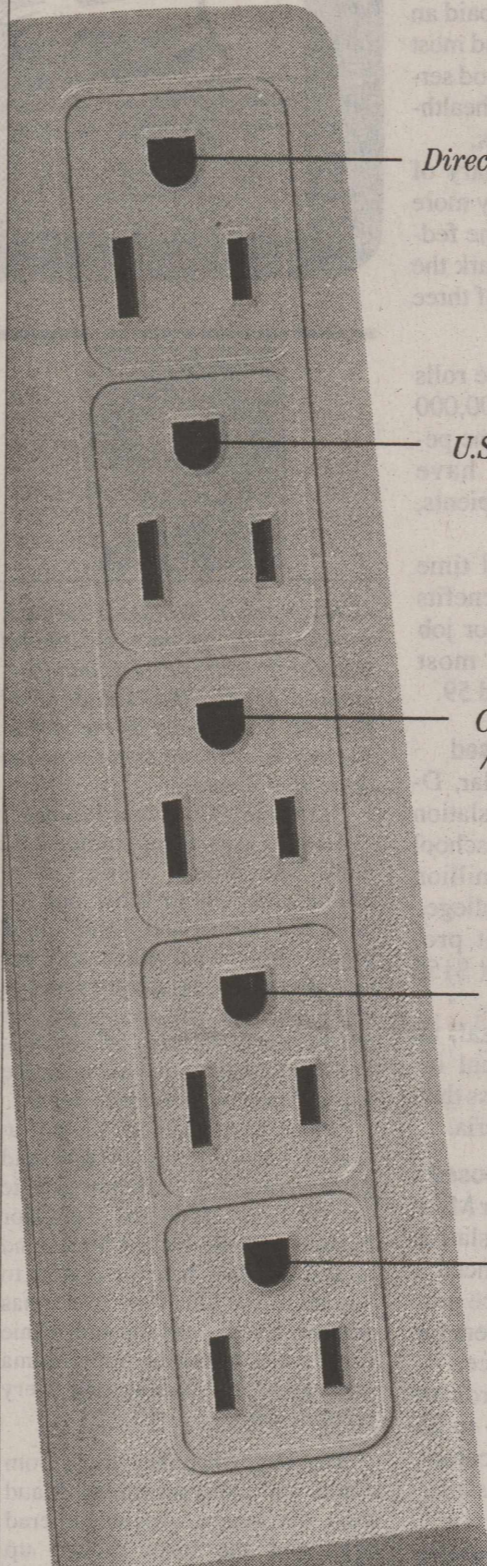
offered daily at the High School. Milk and tea are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.
Monday: Corndog, macaroni/cheese, pork & beans, pickle spears, brownies
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, potato chips, vegetable sticks, Shape-up

ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, Dec. 21
Lunch-BBQ on bun, potato salad, turnip greens, peach upside-down cake, milk, tea or coffee

Tuesday, Dec. 22
Lunch-Turkey/dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, bread, milk, tea or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	98 AUGUST 31, 1998	97 AUGUST 31, 1997
REVENUES:				
Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$1,320,719	\$172,526	\$1,493,245	\$1,399,109
State Program Revenues	3,658,446	125,580	3,784,026	3,392,374
Federal Program Revenues	5,000	489,927	494,927	472,023
Total Revenues	\$4,984,165	\$788,033	\$5,772,198	\$5,263,506
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	\$3,030,062	\$448,266	\$3,478,328	\$2,847,902
Instruction and School Leadership	364,482	-	364,482	310,349
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	469,267	303,906	773,173	657,838
Administrative Support Services	223,881	2,559	226,440	245,281
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	681,635	11,674	693,309	591,744
Ancillary Services	6,161	89,529	95,690	95,033
Debt Service	37,716	-	37,716	37,716
Capital Outlay for School District Facilities	13,969	-	13,969	585,016
Intergovernmental Charges	149,152	-	149,152	145,536
Total Expenditures	\$4,976,325	\$855,934	\$5,832,259	\$5,516,415
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$7,840	(\$67,901)	(\$60,061)	(\$252,909)
Other Resources	-	51,377	51,377	22,901
Other (Uses)	(48,675)	-	(48,675)	(21,399)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(\$40,835)	(\$16,524)	(\$57,359)	(\$251,407)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,884,962	16,524	2,901,486	3,157,620
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	(4,727)
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$2,844,127	-	\$2,844,127	\$2,901,486

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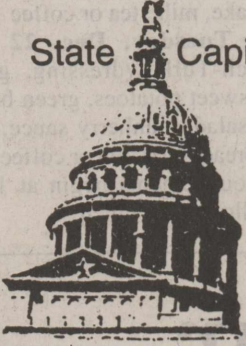
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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week ordered cuts averaging 5.5 percent to the private-passenger auto insurance benchmark rate.

The cuts are to take effect Feb. 15.

Drivers carrying only liability insurance also will see cuts averaging 7.8 percent, Bomer said.

Bomer's action follows a 5 percent benchmark rate cut he ordered last January. At the time, he urged companies to file lower rates. Major companies in the personal auto insurance market responded by reducing rates 7 percent on average.

Insurance company claim payouts continue to lag behind premium collections because of tort reform, safer cars, less drunken driving and other factors, Bomer said.

"We need to close this gap so that consumers don't pay too much for their car insurance. All the evidence justifies a substantial rate reduction that still should leave the companies a fair profit on their Texas business," he said.

The rate changes apply only to drivers insured by rate-regulated insurance companies that cover about 75 percent of the drivers in Texas.

Bomer did not order changes to rates for commercial auto insurance, following a recommendation by administrative law judges.

Minorities, Poor Pay More

Where a driver lives may have a bearing on how much he must pay to get behind the wheel with suitable insurance coverage in Texas, a new study shows.

State Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, last week told the *Austin American-Statesman* that data collected in the first quarter of 1998 by the House Insurance Committee show that "many lower-cost, standard insurers appear to systematically deny coverage to consumers who live in poor and minority areas."

Only 49.7 percent of drivers are insured by less-costly, rate-regulated lines of insurance if they live in areas where the minority population is 85 percent or greater.

In 1997, rate-regulated premiums in Texas averaged \$800 a year, while non-regulated premiums averaged \$1,300 a year, the study said.

Welfare Rolls Have Shrank
A study released last week by the Texas Department of Human

services gives a first look at the impact of the 1995 welfare reform law.

More than two-thirds of adults pushed off welfare rolls found work; those workers were paid an average of \$6.28 an hour; and most of them found jobs in the food service, clerical, retail sales or health-care fields, the study shows.

The average annual salary of the respondents was slightly more than \$11,000. The figure the federal government uses to mark the poverty level for a family of three is \$13,650.

Since 1994, state welfare rolls have dropped by nearly 400,000 recipients, and over the same period, food stamp rolls have dropped by 1.3 million recipients, the study said.

Work requirements and time limits on Texas welfare benefits took effect in 1996. Work or job training is mandated for most people between ages 18 and 59.

Scholarship Hike Proposed

State Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, last week filed legislation that would give Texas high school students access to \$250 million more in financial aid for college.

Student loan and grant programs presently total about \$156 million.

Under Cuellar's proposal, an applicant's family's annual income would have to total less than \$75,000, among other criteria.

Teacher Reward Plan Proposed

Education Commissioner Mike Moses, in response to a legislative directive, last week announced a teacher pay-for-performance program that will reward teachers for gains in student performance.

Every year, cash awards of \$750 per person would go to 25 percent of the state's educators, under the commissioner's proposal.

Rewards would go to all teachers at campuses that have shown significant improvement in student performance, as measured by the state education agency's Academic Excellence Indicator System.

Other Highlights

Officers from 25 law enforcement agencies are fanning out in Austin's Sixth Street club district to catch and arrest minors using fake identification. Offenders face a stay in jail, a fine and interrogation by federal agents.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

My mother, Lennie Wiseman, spoke often of her childhood friendship with Yettie Cummings, mother of Martha Meadors of Haskell. This is one of the stories she shared with me about growing up in Bell County.

Lennie's Christmas Present

Lennie was disappointed and mad. She didn't answer when Mama came in to blow out the lamp and tell her and Annie "good night." After what Mama told her that afternoon she didn't expect to sleep the rest of the night, or maybe even the rest of her life. Pulling the quilts over her head she hoped Annie wouldn't hear her cry.

She'd been excited all day at school knowing that Mama and Papa were going to Belton to vote for William Howard Taft for President of the United States and to sell the last bale of cotton to buy all of the kids their Christmas present. Every year she and Annie each got a beautiful doll; Mama was good at finding the very prettiest ones.

That day, when they got in from school and unharnessed old Maud from the buggy, Annie gathered eggs and the boys picked up kindling wood. As Lennie sliced the ham Papa brought in from the smoke house, Mama dropped the salty, pink slices into the cast iron skillet, where they turned deep red in the hot lard. "Oh, Lennie," she whispered secretly, "let me show you what we bought for the little ones."

Everything was hidden in the big wooden quilt box in the shed-room just off the kitchen. Unfolding the tissue paper in a big box, Mama said, "This is for Annie."

Lennie caught her breath at the sight of the most gorgeous doll she'd ever seen. It had long black curls tied with rosettes of blue satin ribbons, and a blue silk dress with lace inserts. "You're thirteen now, Lennie. I knew you wouldn't want another doll this year. You'll want something more grown-up. I know you'll like it." Mama seemed pleased about it.

Lennie knew that she certainly would not like it. She always got a doll and that's what she wanted. She wasn't even flattered that

Mama let her see the other kids' gifts. She wished she hadn't seen them. Every year, during the long, cold days after Christmas, she and Annie sat on the warm stones of the big fireplace hearth making new clothes for their new dolls.

"This year I won't have anything good to do while Annie plays with her doll," she thought, watching Mama re-hide the gifts.

Awake in the dark bedroom, watching the squares of moonlight moving on the walls and ceiling, she thought of the long black curls and blue silk dress of Annie's doll. It made tears in her eyes. "If Mama doesn't give me a new doll I'll just die," she thought, burrowing down under the heavy quilts.

The next morning, putting the sausage and biscuits into the school lunch buckets, she blurted out in anger. "Mama, I don't want anything else for Christmas. If I can't have a doll like Annie's, I don't want anything."

"Well, Lennie, I'm sorry you feel that way," Mama said. Unsmiling, she dropped a hot, baked sweet potato into each bucket. "We'll just have to wait and see." Mama didn't say anything else and Lennie knew she'd better hush up about it. But, she couldn't forget about it.

"It's not fair," she told herself. Every Christmas she and Yettie Cummings compared dolls at the community-tree program held at the school house on the last Friday before the holiday. Her eyes and cheeks burned to think how humiliated she was going to be when she didn't have one to show this year. The pain of it gnawed like a constant throb; Mama had let her down.

Every day for weeks after that she looked for signs that Mama and Papa had been back to town in the wagon. She hoped that, knowing how she felt about it, they would go back to Belton and surprise her on Christmas with a doll to match Annie's. She began to believe that they would.

At school, the week before the holiday, the older kids made decorations to trim the fresh-cut cedar tree brought down from Sparta Bluff, above the school house. Lennie and Yettie were cutting and pasting red and green paper chains.

"Oh, Lennie, guess what I'm asking for Christmas this year," Yettie whispered. (Lennie expected it would be the most special doll in the world; Dr. Cummings could well afford it.) "I'm asking for a lavalier on a gold chain," Yettie continued, "and I'm going to open the package at the school Christmas tree program Friday night."

Lennie's heart sank all the way to the tips of her brown brogans when Yettie said, "What are you asking for, Lennie?"

Before she could think of an answer, Yettie whispered again. "Look over there at the seventh and eighth grade boys. Have you noticed how Lloyd and Davis keep looking at us?" Lennie hadn't noticed before, but Yettie was

right; the boys were looking. For the rest of the afternoon it was delicious fun to keep glancing back at them and giggling about it with Yettie.

Friday morning Davis dropped a tightly wadded note on her desk as he went to the blackboard to recite. He wrote, "Lennie, will you let me sit by you at the program tonight?" Down on the corner of the note he'd drawn a little heart.

Suddenly, Lennie's worry about not getting a doll changed to worry that Mama and Papa may have gone back to town and exchanged her gift (whatever it was) for a doll like Annie's.

The thought of sitting next to Davis at the Christmas tree program, unwrapping a doll, while

her very best friend, Yettie Cummings unwrapped a grown-up lavalier on a gold chain, made her sick to her stomach. She wished she didn't have to go to the program, but everyone always went—it was the social highlight of the season—and besides, Davis wanted to sit by her.

That evening, riding across the valley with the family, she eyed the boxes and sacks of presents bouncing in the front of the wagon. Along with the feeling of dread for the time to come to open the presents, she was aware of a strange, new feeling of anticipation and excitement at being near Davis. "If Mama gives me a doll I'll just die," she thought.

When the gifts were handed out Annie opened her doll box amid "oohs and aahs" from the younger girls.

With shaking fingers Lennie finally opened her big box. When she brought out a dainty little lavalier, she felt such relief and unbelief she thought she might just faint. It was the most beautiful Christmas gift she'd ever seen. The rest of the evening seemed to go by like a magic time.

Riding home in the back of the wagon after the program, the little ones were rolled up asleep in the quilts. But Lennie was wide awake, reliving the events of the night. Watching stars flicker in the black night sky, reminding her of the little candles burning on the school tree, she felt the new necklace around her neck. Golden bubbles of happiness were bursting all up and down inside her, tingling and crowding in her chest. She could barely wait for school to begin again after Christmas to see Yettie and find out how her hair was fixed and how her ribbons were tied.

Watching Mama lay her head on Papa's shoulder as he drove the team of horses home, Lennie began to see her with new understanding and appreciation. "Mama is so wise," she thought. "She knew what I wanted even before I knew I wanted it."

Breathless with her new-found awareness and wonder of growing up, Lennie felt new love for her Mama for recognizing it in her before she herself knew it was time. It was the best present she'd ever had.

From Out of the Past

From the files of
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
December 22, 1988

Winners in the "Merry Mirthworm Christmas" coloring contest sponsored by Olney Savings and Loan were Erica Lynn Rueffer, Crystal Dewey and Bucky Harvey.

The Weinert Baptist Church hosted the pastors and staff of the Haskell-Knox Baptist Association with a dinner and the annual Christmas party. Twenty-nine of the local and area pastors, staff and their wives were present.

The Haskell FFA chapter distributed 135 bags of fruit and candy to Rice Springs Care Home and Haskell Nursing Center.

20 Years Ago
December 21, 1978

Retiring firemen were presented plaques of appreciation at the annual Christmas banquet. Retiring were Bob Dumas, J. B. Gipsom, Ray Lusk, Jack Medford, Duke Mercer and Belton Duncan.

The Menefee Class of the First United Methodist Church celebrated the Christmas season with the annual gift exchange party in the home of Mrs. Lillian Spencer.

Mrs. Wayne Cadenhead killed two deer in two days and finished her deer hunting for the season on the opening weekend. The deer were killed near Sweetwater.

30 Years Ago
December 19, 1968

Sixty-nine members, wives and guests of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department gathered at Felker's Restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner. Twenty-eight men with a total of 508 service years were presented service badges by Mayor H. V. Woodard.

Mrs. Glenn Caddell, Mrs. Lewis Corzine, Mr. Russ Hobbs, Mr. C.A. Thomas, Jr. and Extension Agents Miss Ruth Ann Fansler and Mr. Max E. Stapleton attended the luncheon in honor of Senator David Ratliff at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford.

Showing at the Texas Theatre is "Bonnie and Clyde" starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

40 Years Ago
December 18, 1958

Six employees of the West Texas Utilities Company's Paint Creek power plant recently spent several days visiting the Rio Grande plant of El Paso Electric Company.

James P. Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Norman, is a sophomore at Texas A&M College. He is majoring in finance and is in the cadet corps and a member of the YMCA and the Haskell Hometown Club.

Members of the Dorcas class of the East Side Baptist Church met in the home of the teacher, Mrs. Opal Rose, for their Christmas party.

Miss Barbara McAnelly, county Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration on gift wrapping to members of the Weinert Girls 4-H Club. Miss McAnelly gave helpful instructions for doing attractive gift wrapping.

50 Years Ago
December 16, 1948

The Spanish II Club of Haskell High School entertained the Spanish I Club with a Christmas party at the Homemaking Cottage. The clubs sang Christmas carols in Spanish, played Spanish games and the highlight of the evening was the breaking of the pinata.

Employees and officials of the Phelps Ice Company have returned from the annual meeting of the Southwestern Ice Manufacturing Association held in El Paso.

Paint Creek High School homemaking club had their first Mother-Daughter banquet at the homemaking cottage.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Arlos W. Weaver for the annual Christmas program. Mrs. Carroll Dean Bledsoe was the guest speaker.

80 Years Ago
December 21, 1918

E. H. Kemp, former Government Farm Agent in Haskell county until resigning to enter the army, is here for a visit with friends.

A. W. Hanson received a letter from his son, Roy, who is with the U. S. Army in France. Roy advised his father to plant a big wheat crop as he believes that he will be home in time to help harvest the 1919 grain crop.

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December 12, 1998
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O'Brien Gin	14,513
Rochester	
Rochester Co-op Gin	440
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Rule Co-op Gin	460
Sagerton	
Sagerton Gin	500
Weinert	
Paymaster Gin	1,462
Weinert Gin	1,340
Total Bales	20,371

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Just think...next week is Christmas! Midweek Advent services are being held at Faith Lutheran Church, Christmas program rehearsals are being held and lights are up everywhere. Festivities abound in all communities and we look forward to the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child and family gatherings.

Joe and Dorothy Clark entertained members of Faith Lutheran Wed. night after services with an open house and Christmas goodies. Those in attendance included Milton and Betty Ehlers, David and Leona Letz, Clancey and Helen Lehmann, Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell, Mary Neinast, Anita Dozier, Isabel Mrazek, Samuel Turner, Marchel and Barbara Nauert, Meta Kupatt and Cho, Heidi and Robin Diers.

The Hobby Club had their annual Christmas dinner and party at the Community Center Mon. night. Ev Ulmer, Yvonne Swofford and Wilma Teichelman were on the food committee; Margaret Wendeborn and Peggy Tabor were on the decorating committee and Jo Brown was in charge of entertainment. After the dinner and gift exchange, games were enjoyed by Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell, Wilma Teichelman, Mary Neinast, Bill and Margie Hertel, Ev and Alvin Ulmer, Peggy and Jack Tabor, Yvonne and Joe Swofford, Jo and Dave Brown, Margaret and J. C. Wendeborn, Leona and David Letz and Joyce and Delbert Lefevre.

Michelle Stegemoeller, daughter of Clayton and Paula, was elected Sentinel at the District FFA

meeting held at the Civic Center in Haskell. She was the only student from Rule running for an office. Brian Lehmann and Yolanda Rodriguez from Sagerton were voting delegates. About 150 FFA members and leaders attended the meeting. Michelle had to take a 25 question test prior to the election, plus an oral 3 question test and then give a 3 to 4 minute speech on motivation and setting goals. Michelle raises pigs for her FFA project and recently entered the Munday Jackpot show where she placed 2nd with her Cross and 1st with her black OPB. She also won Reserve Champion with her breed. Congratulations!

Bud Hunt, local custodian for the Fairview Cemetery, donated his time for the final cleaning of the

year to the community. We all appreciate his contribution and thank him for a job well done.

The family of Polly Frazier gathered this past weekend for their Christmas reunion. On Sat. they all met at the home of Tony, Billie Jo and Josh Freeman for lunch. Sun. morning breakfast was enjoyed at the home of Polly Frazier and then on Sun. afternoon the group went to Old Glory for a meal and gift exchange at the home of Greg, Heather and Bailey Epley.

Family members and friends included Darin Epley and his friend Jenna of Lubbock, Andrea Epley

and her friend Greg of Lubbock, Cary Epley and his friend Gina of Midland, Landra Post and her friend John of Abilene and Rhonda Baitz of Abilene.

Women of the church of Faith Lutheran had their Christmas tea and gift exchange Sun. night with Mary Neinast, Doris Lehmann and Isabel Mrazek acting as hostesses.

Delicious refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table featuring a red Christmas centerpiece and tablecloth. After the

meal, Barbara Nauert read the story of the Annunciation taken from a book, Martin Luther on Christmas Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. Secret prayer sisters were revealed and names drawn for the upcoming year. Ladies enjoying the party included Doris Lehmann, Isabel Mrazek,

Mary Neinast, Meta Kupatt, Laverne Stanhope, Barbara Nauert, Loretta Connolly, Anita Dozier, Minnie Monse, Verlene Stegemoeller, Odene Dudensing,

Dorothy Clark, Pastor Jeff, Marie and Thomas Zell.

Jana Manske is recuperating from recent surgery and is reported to be doing well. Her rural friends miss her mail delivery each day and look forward to seeing her smiling face again real soon.

Births

Kerald and Donna Searcey of Gould, Okla. are the proud parents of a son, Sawyer Reid, born Nov. 19 at 5:34 p.m. at Comanche Co. Hospital in Lawton, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by proud big sister, 2 1/2 yr. old Schyler Elizabeth.

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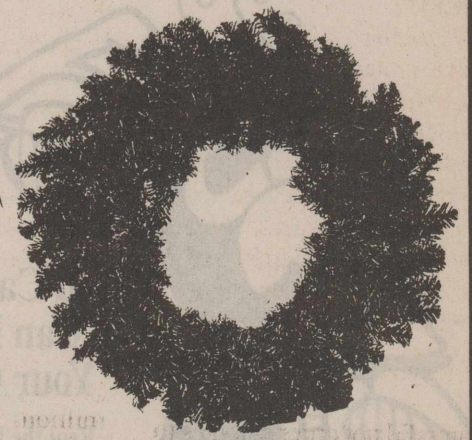
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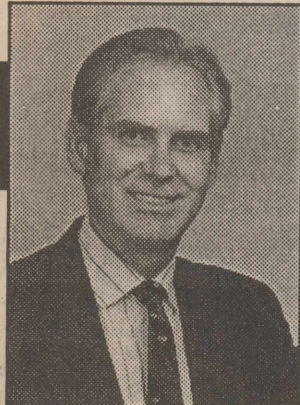
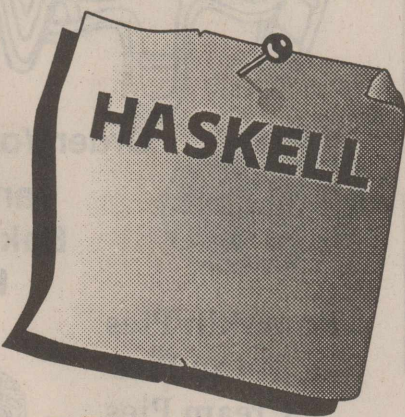
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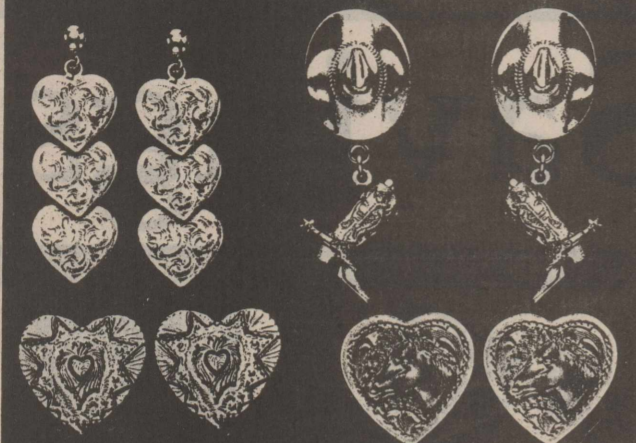
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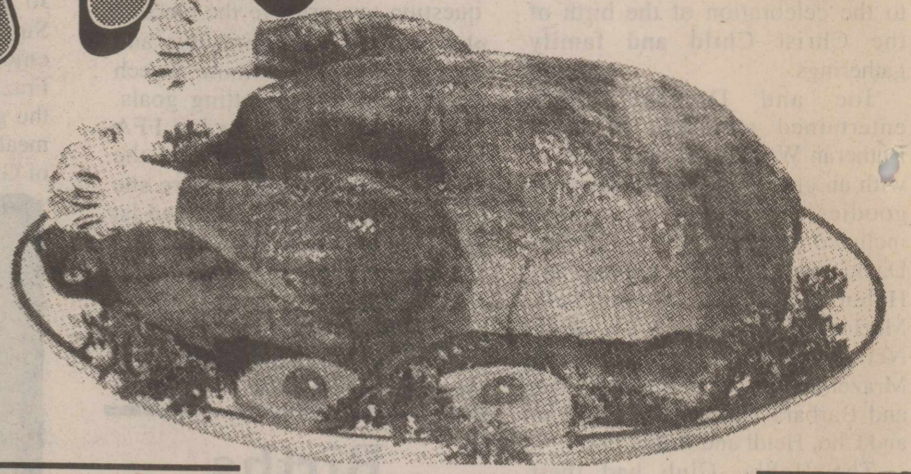
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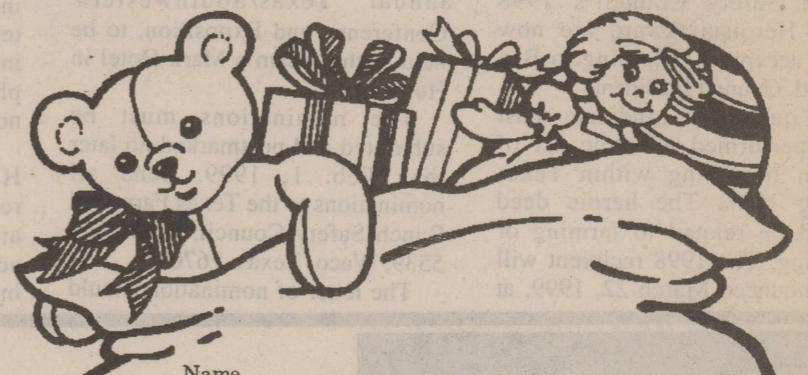
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the Texas Safety Association 60th annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition, to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 1999. Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P. O. Box 5539, Waco, Texas 76708.

The letter of nomination should

include a written account of the incident and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

The 1997 winner was Stanley H. Davis of Port Neches who rescued Clyde Allison from being attacked by a bull. Davis then administered first aid for his injuries until EMS arrived.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Viola Tidwell was honored for her 88th birthday, Sat., Dec. 12 at the First National Bank Building in Haskell. Christmas dinner was served to all those in attendance.

Attending were C. E. and Viola Tidwell, Haskell; Harrison and Nettie Loyal Head, Fort Worth; Frances Dillard, Fort Smith, Ark.;

Pat, Sue and Katia Glover, Richardson; Eric Glover, Garland; Charlie and Christy Miller, Commerce; Roy Paul and Marietta Glover, Richardson; Scott and Dana Shipley; Casey and Angela Waits, Dallas; Vernay and Dona Lusk, Stafford, Ariz.; Gene and J. C. Harrell; Daisy Smith, Abilene and Mike and Julia Harrell, Haskell.

Bernice Hilliard spent the weekend in Abilene with daughter Pat Shaw and attended the dance at the Wagon Wheel where Leon Ivey did the square call and Maxine Ivey did the line dance.

Descendants of the late I. T. and Addie Briscoe met at the Haskell National Bank Community Building for their Christmas party on Sun., Dec. 13. Those present were T. J. Briscoe, Debbie and Destin Briscoe, Diana and Alecia Cooper of Midland, Bill and Betty Briscoe, Tina, Terry and Stephanie of Rule, Missy Goosen and Ryder

Harris, Darren and Deniece Wright, Ronnie and Pam Briscoe, Julie, Bruce, Jonathan and Michael Edward Wright of Abilene, Denise, Heather and Patricia Dakota, Cody Blair and Joseph Hawkins of Wichita Falls, Michelle, Lorne and Brittany Pannell of Throckmorton, Bud and Evelyn Wright, Charles, Jean and Eric Blair and friend Kim, Jerry, Betty, Rusty and Cody Stocks, Nathan, Ann, Ariel and Alice Blair, Gary and Vickie Hawkins, all of Haskell and David, Cynthia, Bobby, Amanda and Chance Muhle and Rodger Muhle of Rochester with Leanne, Wilmar, Teresa Smith of Malano. All reported a good time and plenty of good food.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. J. Brian McCallum of Oklahoma City visited his mother, Audree McCallum, at Rice Springs Care home and also visited his sister, Nedra McCauley.

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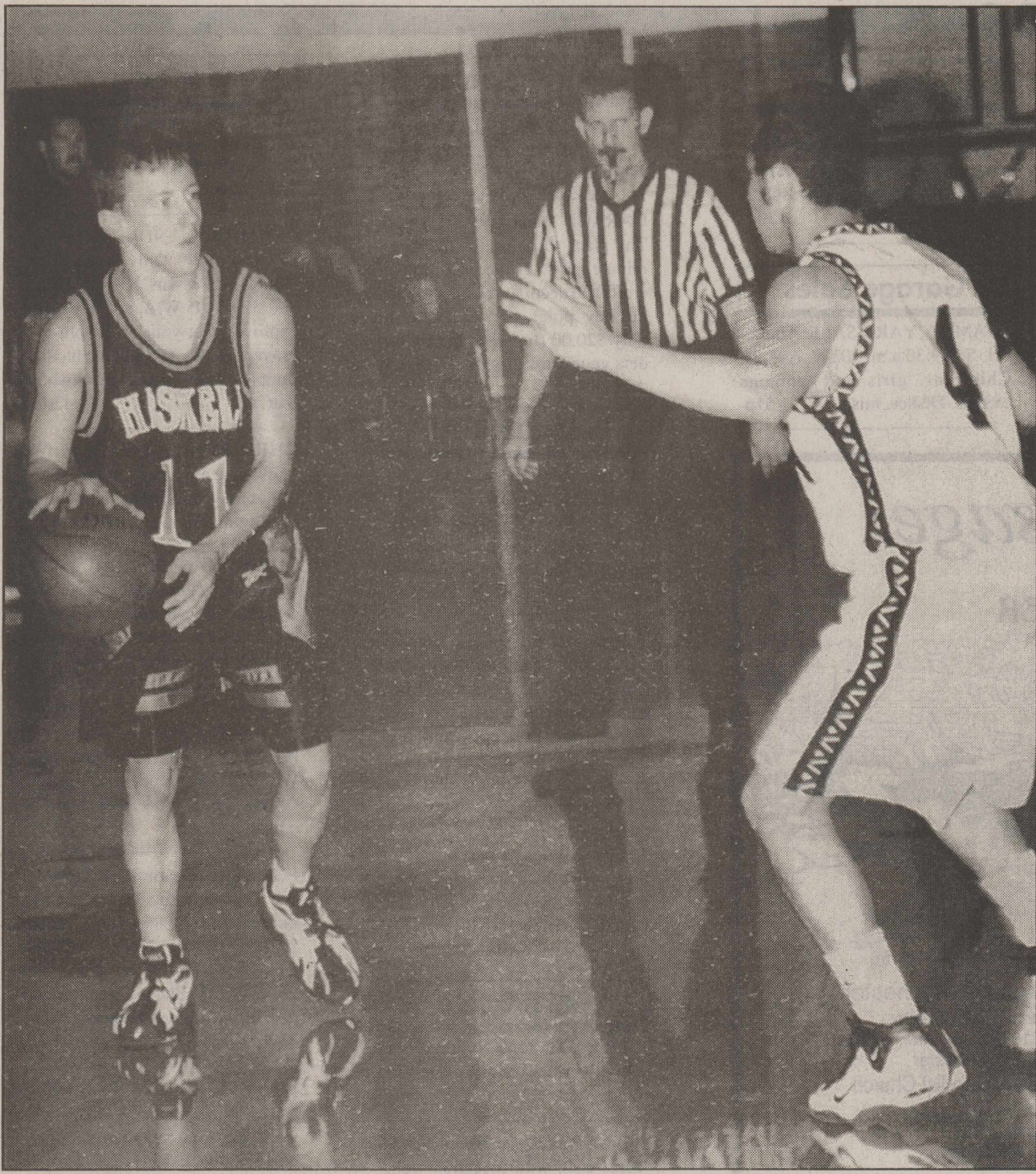
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See schedules on VRJC website: http://www.vrjc.cc.tx.us



Table with multiple columns listing various classes such as ACCOUNTING, AGRICULTURE, AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY, BILINGUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH, BIOLOGY - LECTURE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, CHEMISTRY, COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, COSMETOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, COMPUTER-ASSISTED DRAFTING AND DESIGN, ENGLISH, ENGLISH-DEVELOPMENTAL, FARM AND RANCH MANAGEMENT, FIREFIGHTER TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT, GRAPHICS, HISTORY, MATHEMATICS, MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, MUSIC, NURSING, OFFICE TECHNOLOGY, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, PHYSICS, PSYCHOLOGY, READING-DEVELOPMENTAL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING, SOCIOLOGY, SPANISH - LECTURE, SPEECH, and WELDING. Each class entry includes course number, title, time slot, and instructor.



TIGER AND INDIAN—Haskell Indian, #11 Cy McGuire, works to get around a Tiger during the Indian's winning 42-39 game with the Anson team, Tues. Dec. 8. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Society meets

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting Dec. 7 at the First National Bank Community Room.

New officers were installed as follows: President - Johnny Scoggins; Vice President - Eula Peters; Recording Secretary - Doris Butler; Corresponding Secretary - Wanda Ham and Treasurer - Jerri Buerger.

Present were Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Eula and Lowell Peters, Doris Butler, Ernestine Herren, Ola Mae Lisle, June White, Jim Irby and Wanda Irby.

Art Club celebrates Christmas

The Brazos West Art Association met at the Haskell National Bank Building Dec. 7 for the annual Christmas party. Everyone brought a gift to exchange.

The hostesses, Peggy Middlebrook and Iva Lee Gipson, decorated the serving table with a Christmas theme. Martha Spitzer, president, directed a short business meeting.

Iva Lee Gipson led in prayer before a delicious meal was served.

Christmas gifts were brought, numbered, exchanged and distributed among the members. Each member brought canned goods and staple goods for an offering to be given to needy families.

Games were played and enjoyed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 4 at the bank building. The artist will be Patty Wellborn from Abilene. She is well known and does beautiful work.

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And skies aren't overcast with gray,
The brightest stars are on display
To brighten up the night;
And meanwhile, on the earth below,
The ground and trees are all aglow,
They're blanketed with ice and snow,
To everyone's delight

The icicles adorn the trees
And all the world would seem to freeze;
However, everyone agrees
It is an awesome sight.
Each lesson of our faith implies
A blessing we should recognize:
The love of God before our eyes,
With winter's sparkling white.



ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—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
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 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

Luther S. Hollowell, II, 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

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
Bilingual Services
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 Lutheran 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

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

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

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—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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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

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—ROCHESTER—

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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., 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

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

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.

Sagerton

—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.

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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

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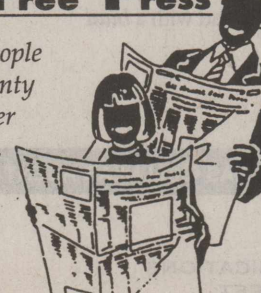
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MAIDEN WITH A MOTIVE—Haskell's #32, Kelli Moeller, positioned to make a move against the Lady Tigers in the Maidens winning game with Anson. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Study Club enjoys Christmas caroling

The Progressive Study Club met Dec. 10 in the home of Nancy Toliver.

The program was *Focusing on Music and Friends*. After the group gathered, President Frances Lane announced that the group would leave immediately for caroling at Rice Springs Care Home, where honorary life member, Jerrene Couch resides. The group then went to the home of another honorary life member, Mrs. S. Hassen. Carolyn Herring led the group in singing carols. At Mrs. Hassen's, the group was greeted by her son, Raja, then served delicious Christmas delicacies after the singing.

Upon returning to the Toliver home, Mrs. Lane called a short business meeting.

Lane announced there would be a special meeting for committee chairmen in her home in Jan. for

the distribution of reporting literature.

Hostesses Nancy Toliver, Sandy Forehand, Carolyn Herring, Eva Dunnam and Helen Fouts served refreshments to 29 members.


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Garden Club holds holiday meeting

The Haskell Garden Club met Dec. 10 at the Haskell National Bank Building for their annual covered dish luncheon.

Each member brought a Christmas decoration they had made.

Mrs. Dee Sprayberry gave the invocation before the meal was served.

Five visitors came from Rule and other places; we were very happy they came and we hope they will join the club.

Hostesses for the day were all members of the club. Everyone enjoyed a nice friendly time, meeting different people and visiting with everybody.

The next meeting will be Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. at the bank building. Visitors are always welcome.

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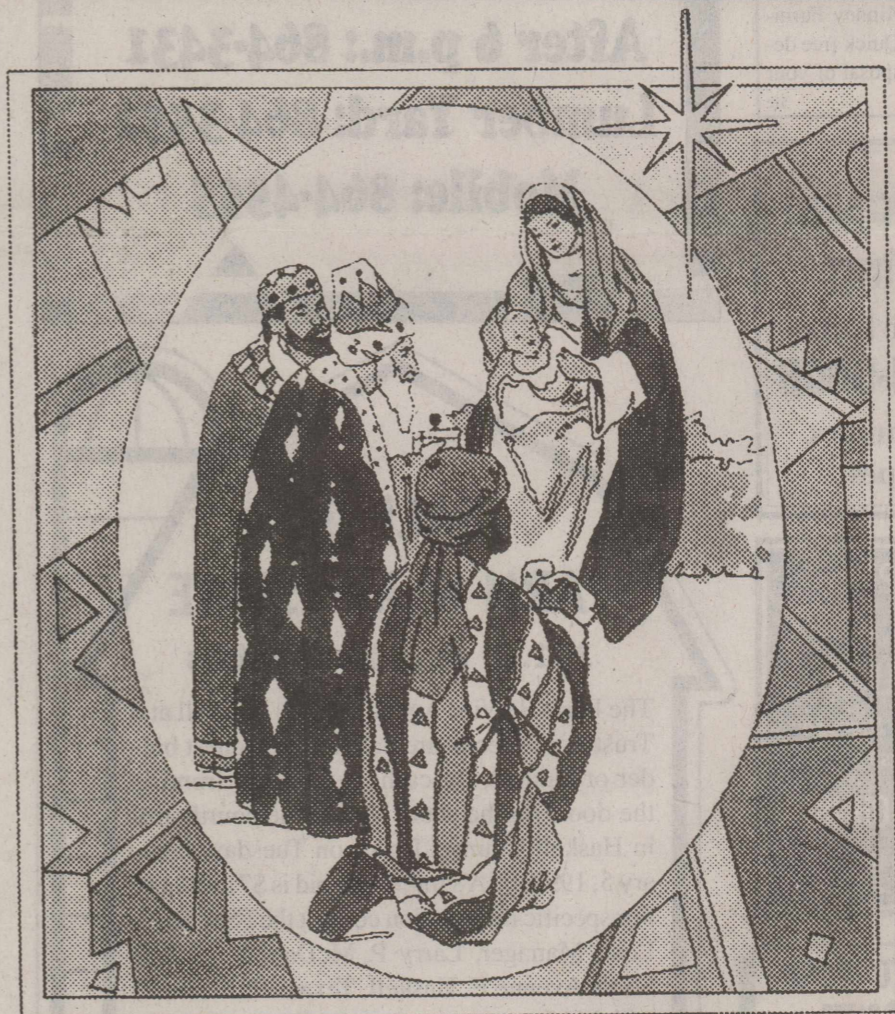
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