

Fire Station Dedication Set Sunday

BY DON COMEDY
Free Press Editor

After almost a full year, the largest project ever undertaken by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department is completed.

The construction of a new fire station has been finished and the facility will be dedicated during a ceremony this Sunday afternoon. The dedication is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. and an open house will continue until 5 p.m.

During the brief dedication, Fire Chief Tom Watson, Assistant Chief Chester Hodgkin and Mayor Royce Williams will speak. Following the dedication, the public is invited to tour the new facility and enjoy refreshments served by members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The project started last February when representatives of the Haskell County Jaycees met with members of the fire department and explained that disaster funds were available for cleaning debris from Rice Springs Creek in Haskell. The Jaycees agreed to coordinate the clean-up and donated funds to the fire department for a new fire station.

Fire department representatives met with members of the City Council and received permission to locate the new facility on city property east of the existing City

Hall.

Following much discussion, department members agreed to launch a drive to raise donations to complete the project.

The first donations to the fund were reported in the *Free Press* the week of April 5. Since that time almost 500 donations have been received totaling over \$50,000.00.

Original plans called for the project to be completed in stages as funds were available. Most fire department members who were optimistic enough to believe that the project could succeed agreed that it would probably take at least two years before necessary funds would be available.

The obvious need for a new station was readily visible to anyone who toured the facility in use at that time. The station was built in 1926 and would not house all fire trucks currently used by the department. In addition to one fire truck being parked away from the station, much of the smaller equipment of the department had to be stored in other parts of the City Hall.

By July the fund has mushroomed to over \$40,000.00 and the foundation and flooring were poured the week of July 26. Erection of the building started soon after and the trucks were housed in the new structure in September.

With department members and volunteer workers donating labor, the interior of the building was completed to the point that the facility was in use the first part of November.

In addition to pledges and donations of over \$50,000.00, the department has received donations of materials for the station and also donations of labor from several individuals.

The dedication of the new facility this week marks the completion of what is possibly the largest community project ever undertaken in Haskell.

Throughout the building program, department members were overwhelmed with the response of the people in supporting the project.

Department members are very proud of the new facility and extend a cordial invitation to all area residents to attend the dedication and open house.

Donations received to the building fund not previously acknowledged include:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newton . . .	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Davis . . .	200.00
Bobby Hanson and family . . .	50.00
Luphia Lane	20.00
Mrs. Oliver Cunningham	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cobb	20.00
Total this week	360.00
Previous total	52,732.80
Total to date	53,092.80



(Photo By Don Comedy)

DEDICATION SET

Plans for the dedication and open house at the Haskell Fire Station are nearing completion. The dedication ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday and will be followed by an open house of the newly completed facility. The public is invited.

Political Activity Increasing With Five New Candidates

Local political activity in Haskell increased this week with the announcing of five new candidates.

Joseph Thigpen announced for re-election as District Attorney of the 39th Judicial District. Thelma Edwards and Mrs. Bobby L. (Melba) Howard both filed for County Commissioner Prec. 2, (unexpired term); Vernay Howard announced for Commissioner Prec. 3; and Truman Therwanger announced for sheriff.

All local candidates must file with the County Democratic Chairman and pay filing fees. The fees for

County offices are \$300.00 and for Justice of the Peace and Constable is \$200.00.

All candidates and office holders who incurred expense or received contributions during the last calendar year must file a report with the County Clerk by January 15.

Anyone who is seeking a position on the May Democratic Primary Election ballot should pay the filing fee, and file an application form with the County Chairman before the deadline February 4, 1980 at 6:00 p.m. All applications must be

received (not postmarked) by this time.

Filing fee for all countywide offices is \$300.00. Justice of Peace and Constable filing fee is \$200.00.

Board Raises Price Of Lunches

Members of the Board of Trustees of Haskell Independent School District Tuesday night agreed to raise the price of lunches in the school system and agreed not to extend the contract of the Superintendent.

School lunches are currently 50¢ for elementary students; 60¢ for junior high and high school and \$1.00 for adults. Board members agreed to increase the costs of all lunches by 25¢. The new price will become effective February 4.

Following a 45 minute executive session, members of the board voted not to extend the contract of Supt. Kenneth Sams.

Council Buys Police Car

Members of the Haskell City Council accepted bids on a new police car and agreed to advertise for bids on a new ambulance at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The low bid on a new police car was submitted by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Olds. The bid on the Chevrolet totaled \$6575.00 and was accepted by the council.

Council members heard an ambulance report from Jerry Sorrells and agreed to jointly seek bids on a new ambulance with the County and Hospital.

During his report Sorrells told Council members that the current cost of operating the service is \$80.00 per patient and collections are averaging \$37.00 per call. Collections are averaging 67% of the totaled billed.

In other action, Council members agreed to lease the grass at the sewer farm to Sammy Larned for five years and heard a financial report by Desmond Dulaney.

Mayor Royce Williams reported the receipt of sales tax rebate in the amount of \$19,865.85.

Exemptions Available For School Property

Haskell Independent School District is presently taking exemptions for 1980.

The regular homestead exemption allows a homeowner to subtract

\$5,000 from the market value of his residence. This homestead exemption affects only local school taxes.

A resident over the age of 65 is eligible for a special exemption that takes \$10,000 from the home's market value for school tax purposes.

Homestead exemptions will be mailed out later this month, but Mrs. Sorrells warned that exemptions will be lost if not returned by the deadline of April 1. Anyone who fails to receive an application form should contact the school tax office.

Also available upon request at the school office are forms for a disability exemption and agricultural exemption on land used for agricultural purposes.

All forms can be obtained from the tax office or by contacting C. O. Holt, who will also be taking personal property renditions for the school district.

Stenholm Seeks Re-election

Citing mounting tension in the middle east as a prime example of the need for increased United States preparedness as the top priority in the 1980s, Congressman Charles W. Stenholm announced his plans Tuesday to run for his second term of office.

Stenholm told a large group of supporters of his firm commitment to a stronger defense position that could "leave no doubt in any nation's mind of America's resolve

to defend our hard won freedoms."

"That is one of my primary goals during the next session of Congress", he said. "One of the reasons I am asking for a renewal of my contract to serve the people of the 17th District."

"Cindy and I wanted to make this announcement here at home where it all began", Stenholm told the group. "We could not have won in 1978 without your help. We shall continue to work hard to merit your confidence and pledge to every citizen in the district our commitment to listen to their views, to respond to their needs; and to

represent them in Washington to the best of our abilities".

Stenholm, 41, was elected to Congress following the retirement of longtime Congressman Omar Burleson of Anson. He serves on the House Agriculture Committee and was recently named to the House Small Business Committee. A native of Jones County, he graduated from Tarleton State University in 1959 and in 1961 received his BS degree

from Texas Tech University. The following year he earned his MS in Agriculture Education at Texas Tech.

Stenholm told the group of the "new and varied challenges" faced every day in the Congress. Outlining his overall views, he said he had "every confidence in our system of government and I am optimistic about the second session of the 96th Congress". He stressed the elimination of deficit spending as another primary goal and emphasized his intentions "to continue to do all that is possible to cut any unnecessary federal spending."

"The true test of a good Congressman however is knowing where to cut—knowing what is unnecessary fat and what is real muscle. In the case of national defense, we are dealing with the backbone of our country", he emphasized.

"We are grateful for the encouragement and help given by all of our good friends in the past and during the upcoming campaign", Stenholm concluded. "We know our roots here in Texas soil will continue to provide the strength and determination to use all of our energies in service to the people of the 17th District".

Cornbread & Bean Supper Set Tuesday

The Haskell County Junior Livestock Association will hold its annual Cornbread and Bean Supper January 15, 1980, at the Haskell High School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$2.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting a member of the Junior Livestock Association or they can be bought at the door as you enter. Serving time will be from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The proceeds from the supper are used to provide prize money, ribbons, etc. for the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.



CONG. CHARLES STENHOLM

New Hot Check Fee Policy Explained

Beginning January 1, County Attorney Charles Chapman has started collecting fees on all hot checks collected by his office.

Chapman said the necessity of collecting the fees came about due to increased records currently required.

The fees include \$5 if the check does not exceed \$100.00; \$30 if the check does not exceed \$300.00; \$50 if the check does not exceed \$500.00 and \$75 if the check is over \$500.00.

The fees are a per check amount and will be collected with the payment of a check. Payment of the check without payment of the fee will not dismiss the possibility of prosecution.

Gin Report

BY: MAX STAPLETON
County Extension Agent
January 9, 1980

HASKELL:	BALES
Farmers Co-op Gin	14,539
Haskell Co-op Gin	15,970
K&G Gin	4,766
ROCHESTER:	
Paymaster Gin	5,686
Farmers Co-op Gin	15,934
RULE:	
Rule Co-op Gin	17,829
Lisle Gin	5,241
SAGERTON:	
Sagerton Gin	6,161
Denson Gin	6,470
O'BRIEN:	
O'Brien Gin	24,944
WEINERT:	
Paymaster Gin	11,371
Weinert Gin	6,537
TOTAL	135,448

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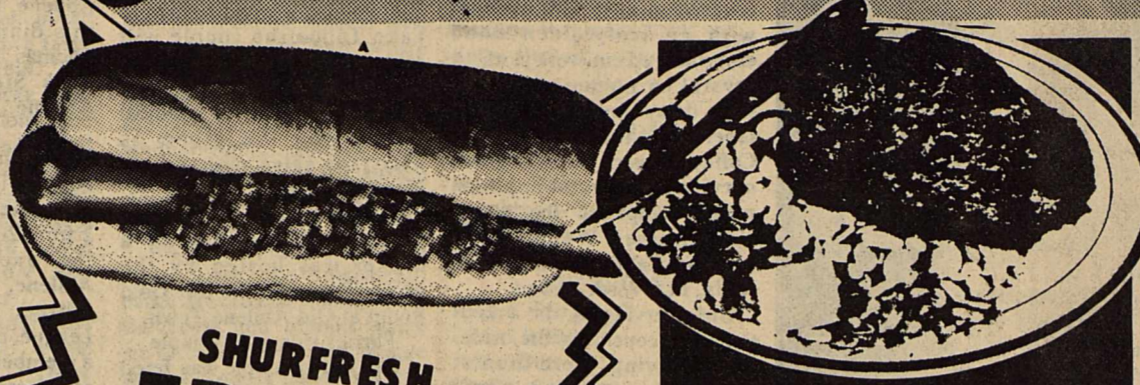


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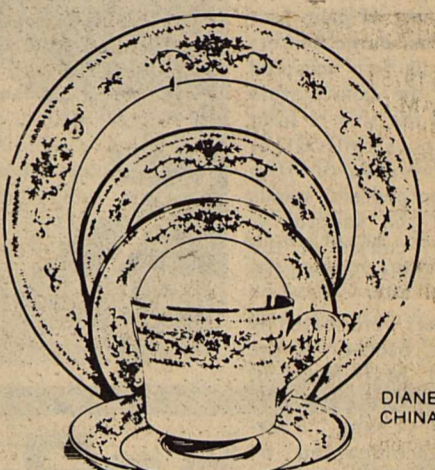
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Del Monte **Kraut**
3 303 cans **99¢**

TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT JUICE LIMIT 2
46-OZ. CAN **48¢**

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4-ROLL PKG. **99¢**

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6½-OZ. CAN LIMIT 2 **48¢**

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Lee, Perry Wed In Afternoon Ceremony

In an impressive worship ceremony composed by the bride and groom, Milla Perry and Jay Lee were married at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 31 in the First United Methodist Church, Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ray Perry of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn A. Lee of Abilene are parents of the couple.

Prelude music of traditional wedding songs was played, on the organ, by Mrs. Kenneth Lane of Haskell.

The church was lighted by ivory everlasting candles in five brass candelabra before an arrangement of palm fern and love birds. Large baskets of woodwardia fern accented the base of the candelabrum and covered the area in front of the chancel rail. Other baskets of woodwardia fern were used on pedestal stands throughout the sanctuary. Dirk Perry, cousin of the bride, from Dallas lighted the candles.

The mothers were seated by Rick Perry, brother of the bride, and Mat Monaco, brother-in-law of the groom as Brian Burgess sang "Evergreen", accompanied by Nelda Lane on the organ, and his wife Jennifer on the guitar. Mrs. Perry was wearing a street length dress of barberry red suede cloth. She chose burgandy accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of gardenias. Mrs. Lee wore a street length dress of sage green suede cloth. Her accessories were taupe and she wore a shoulder corsage of gardenias also. Earlier in the ceremony Brian had sung "More" as the grandparents were seated.

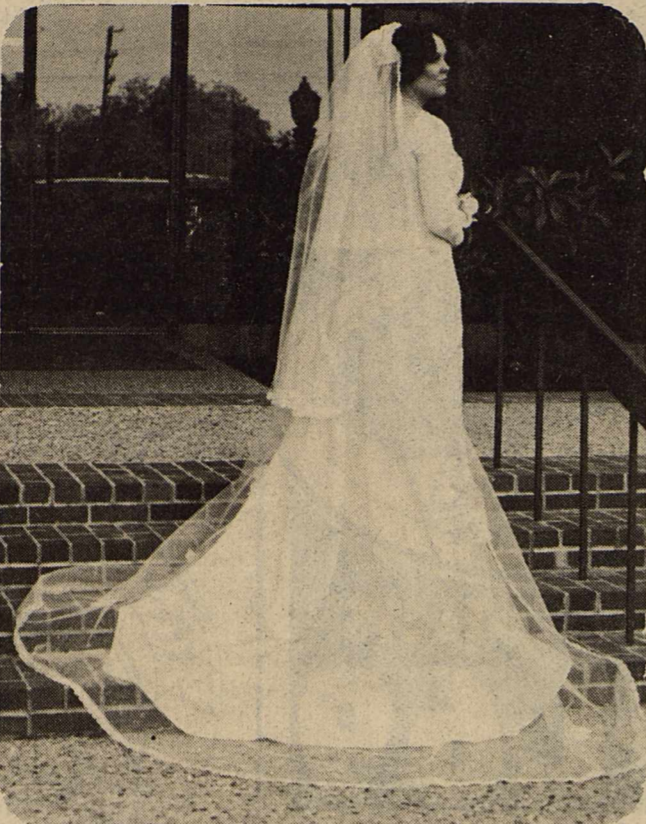
Immediately after the mothers were seated, ivory satin pew ribbons and an ivory antique satin aisle runner were drawn by Dirk Perry and Thomas McWhorter, cousins of the bride.

Mrs. Heidi Bridgestock of Abilene served as matron-of-honor and was escorted down the aisle by Lynn Lee, best man, and father of the groom. Maid of honor was Miss Susan Haynes, Abilene escorted by Groomsman Thomas Taylor, Houston. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lynda Monaco, sister of the groom, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada escorted by groomsman Mat Monaco, Her husband, and Miss Kathy Lee, sister of the groom, of Lubbock escorted by groomsman Rick Perry, Haskell, brother of the bride.

The attendant's after-five dresses were of navy burgundy polyester designed with butterfly sleeves and side-wrap skirt. Neckline, sleeve edge, and draped hemline were finished with lettuce-leaf fluting. Each attendant carried a single ivory silk flower accented with eucalyptus leaves, baby's breath, stephanotis, and tied with navy and ivory satin ribbon. In their hair they wore a silk butterfly and stephanotis.

The groom was attired in an ivory suit and ivory shirt with a navy bow tie and navy shoes. His boutonniere was of baby's breath and stephanotis. The groom's attendants wore navy suits and ivory shirts and their boutonnières were identical to that of the groom.

As the bride came down the aisle to the traditional strains of the Wedding Chorus, she was escorted by her father. She carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias, stephanotis and baby's breath tied with navy pique satin ribbon. Her gown,



MRS. JAY LEE
...formerly Milla Perry

and original design, fashioned by her mother, was of candlelight polyester and wool. The fitted bodice had a decollete neckline and was completely covered with re-embroidered lace and seed pearls. A bias drape fell from the shoulders in back almost to the waistline. The princess skirt flowed from the fitted bodice into a chapel length train. Front panels and entire hemline of the skirt were covered with the same lace and seed pearl design as the bodice. This same design was repeated on the long sleeves which ended in a point on the back of the hands and were fastened with tiny covered buttons. An open crown headpiece of heavy lace, pearls and crystal beads held the double tiered French silk illusion veil. The veil was edged with Venice lace and tiny seed pearls and was applied with the same lace and pearl motifs used on the skirt of the gown. The "Something new" was her gown and shoes and a gold and diamond cross given to her by the bridegroom.

"Something borrowed" was her mother's pearls which had been a gift from her father to her mother at their wedding. "Something blue" was the garter and the sixpence worn in the bride's shoe was the one her father brought from England after World War II and her mother had worn it in her shoe at her wedding. For "something old" the bride wore a diamond and gold brooch belonging to her Grandmother Perry. This brooch had at one time belonged to Milla's great grandmother Dinsmore. The wedding day was on what would have been the late Mrs. Dinsmore's 100th birthday. Another "something old" was a linen handkerchief which had belonged to another great grandmother, the late Mrs. W.T. Brite. The bride's mother had carried this handkerchief in her wedding. Before starting down the aisle the bride's chapel length train was straightened by her aunt, Mrs. Gene Jeter. As the bride and her father approached the chancel rail both mothers stepped from their places and followed a few steps behind.

Richard Vincent, cousin of the bride, of Haskell recited "Love" by Roy Croft and

the centerpiece. Misses Connie Perry of Lubbock and Renette Vincent of Haskell served.

A buffet table from which guests were served an assortment of meats, cheeses, dips, chips, relishes, and fruit was covered in navy knit overlaid with an ivory linen hand embroidered cut-work cloth. A crystal cornucopia adorned with daisy mums and ivory tapers was the center piece. Coffee served from a silver service and crystal appointments completed the reception. Misses Wendy Holt, Lompoc, California and Karen Alvis, Ft. Worth served.

Girls serving at the reception were cousins of the bride. Also serving were aunts: Mmse. Nanette Perry, Jane Andress, Jewel Pittman and Jeanette Vincent all of Haskell; Tommie Alvis, Ft. Worth; Jeneane Perry, Stanton; and Frances Perry of Austin. Also assisting were Mrs. Mary Gonzales and Mrs. Joe Cox of Haskell.

Upon leaving the reception to see the bride and groom off the guests were asked to dip into a silver bowl filled with bird seed for a hand-full to throw at the couple.

The bride chose a navy and tan cotton print dress with a tan gardinie jacket and tan accessories as a traveling outfit.

The home of the groom's parents was the location of a wedding celebration party hosted by parents and families of the bride and groom and the newlyweds from 9 to midnight that evening following the wedding ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe the couple will make their home in Abilene where the bride is Directory of Dietary at Hendrick Medical Center and the groom is assistant sales manager at Heritage Cadillac.

Following the rehearsal on Saturday, December 29 a dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in the Gold Room at Old Abilene Town.

Parties Honoring Couple
The young couple was feted at numerous parties prior to their wedding. On September 16 parents of the bride hosted an announcement tea in the Community Room of the Bank in Haskell. October 6 was the day chosen for a Coffee introducing Milla to Jay's family and friends in the Lynn Lee home, Abilene. Hostesses, Mmes. Jenny Brazell, Jerene Couch, Jean Free, Earlene Griffith, Nelda Lane, Nedra McCauley, Shirley Mickler, Gayla Nanny, Genelle Overton, Nancy Peiser and Christie Stapleton gave a Gift Brunch on Saturday, October 20 in the Don Nanny home for the

couple. Next was a Green Stamp Party in the home of Mrs. Jane Andress for family and close friends, on Saturday November 10.

On the 24th of November a bar stocking party was held in Abilene. Host and Hostess for this dinner and party were Thomas Taylor, Houston and Miss Stephanie Sayles of Abilene.

Mrs. Molly Haynes and Miss Susan Haynes were hostess for a kitchen shower given the couple on December 2 from 2-4 in the afternoon in the Jack Haynes Home, Abilene. The Cookbook Committee, Abilene Junior League, of which Miss Perry is a member, gave her a surprise recipe tasting party December 5.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Spalding, Abilene was the place for a fun party of marital advice and dinner on the evening of December 11. After a delicious dinner, Mr. Spalding read the good advice guests had written down for the engaged couple.

A luncheon was held in the home of Mrs. Tom West for Milla on the 13th of December. Hostesses for the occasion were Mmse. West, C.F. Douglas, Brian Brooks, Bill Womack, Dallas Perkins, Otis Richards, and H.S. Higginbotham.

Mrs. B.B. Trotter was hostess for a lingerie Shower and luncheon for the bride-elect on December 19, at the Abilene Country Club.

A gift shower in the home of the Alan Bridgestocks of Abilene feted the engaged couple on Saturday afternoon, December 8th. At a square dance honoring the couple, on December 21 bar-b-que, beans, and the trimmings

were served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cohen. On the morning of the chosen wedding day—New Years Eve—December 31, 1979 the bride and groom elect and members of the wedding party were honored with a brunch in the Joe Thigpen home, 701 North Ave. L, Haskell. Acting as hostess, along with their parents were Anita and Emily Thigpen.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued during the month of December by the Haskell County Clerks office included:

Terry Scott Langford and Betsy Nan Opitz, Haskell.
Jose Manuel Marin and Phyllis Mary Casillas, Haskell.
Thomas Edgar Whittemore and Marguerite Frances Corley, Rule.
Michael Dean Spink and Tammy Diane Tucker, Stamford.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Smajstrela of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Adam James Smajstrela, born January 1, 1980 at Haskell Memorial Hospital weighing 9 lb 12 1/4 oz.



Mischel Garrett and Keith Frezza of Arlington were married December 29, 1979 in Richland Hills United Methodist Church by Rev. John Dade. Mischel is the granddaughter of Mrs. Grace McKelvin and Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Garrett of Haskell.

Conservation Program Topic

Members of the Weinert Matrons Club met December 6 in the Community Center for their annual Christmas party and dinner. Husbands and other guests were presents.

Mrs. J.A. Mayfield returned thanks for food, and everyone enjoyed a delicious holiday meal. Stanley Short, Church of Christ Minister, brought an inspiring devotional on "Giving." Then he led the group in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. W.A. King and Mrs. V.C. Derr handed out gifts from under the Christmas tree. All members were hostesses for the occasion.

The Matrons Club met again January 3 in the Community Center. Mrs. Floyd McGuire and Mrs. Henry Smith were hostesses.

Mrs. Ramon Liles, president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Henry Smith was program chairman for the day and introduced the program on "Conservation."

Roll call was answered with "How Conservation of Gas Has Affected Our Family." Mrs. V.C. Derr spoke on "The Gasoline Crunch." Mrs. Ramon Liles spoke on "The Christian and the Energy Crisis," and Mrs. Henry Smith spoke on "Stretching Dollars African Style." All of the women gave interesting and informative talks. The group was dismissed by singing "This Is My Father's World," led by Mrs. Ramon Liles.

Open House Discussed By Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Haskell Fire Department met for their regular monthly meeting Monday night, January 7 in the home of Nene Comedy. Plans for the open house of the new fire department this Sunday were discussed.

Members present looked at the Auxiliary scrap book, being composed by Betty Watson and discussed articles and materials to be put in the book.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, February 4, in the home of Lisa Watson. The program will be on Funeral Arrangements and will be presented by Charles McCauley of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home in Haskell.

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Letters To The Editor

(EDITORS NOTE: The Haskell Free Press will publish letters to the Editor dealing with any subject. All letters must be signed but names will be withheld by request. All letters are subject to editing for length and liability.)

Dear Editor:

I'm a former resident of Rule who has been visiting during the Christmas holidays. The people are still as friendly as they were in former days, and the weather has been as pleasant as you could ask for, but I have one complaint to voice since I've been here;

I sure would like to have a complete nights sleep. That complaint arises from the barking of dogs and dog fights that occur because of free running dogs.

On three occasions we have gone outside to run the dogs out of the yard. On two of those occasions the dogs have stopped and snarled and then retreated. They pose no real threat to a healthy adult, but to a young child or elderly individual they would be a very real threat. With as many as ten dogs in a group (the number in the yard and street the first time they were run off) I would be very cautious about letting a young child outside to play. In fact, a group of unfriendly dogs can make just about anyone feel somewhat uncomfortable.

Now before you get the idea that I hate dogs and like a good nights sleep, let me assure you that the former is false and the latter is true. I do own a dog, it's big (a Saint

Bernard) and it stays on its own property.

Not to be one to just complain and not offer any suggestions, let me give one solution I've seen work.

Notices that ask people to keep their dogs at home seem to work only for those people who already keep their dogs at home. To shoot them in the street can be dangerous and also the dog could be loose by sheer accident. But the pocketbook is one place that makes an impression.

The first time a dog is picked up it's \$15.00 and a warning ticket, if the dog is retrieved. If the animal is not picked up in three days it is destroyed.

The second time the cost is \$25.00 and a second warning ticket. The third time the cost is \$40 and a trip to court.

I've seen this system solve dog problems in a country town smaller than Rule, and do it within a month. I don't suggest you use the system, I only use it as an example. Also I would sincerely hope that the problem is never brought to public attention the way it was in our area. A group of dogs killed a five year-old boy.

Sincerely,
Kent Dunnam
Box 473
Troy, Idaho 83871



Dec. 16, 1979 was Christmas Celebration time at the home of Belle Merchant. Another highlight of the day was "picture taking," including a picture of five generations. Visiting in the home for the occasion were: Mrs. W.H. Harrell; Mrs. Ellen O'Brien and her children, Bobby and Cathy Poe and baby Sara Ellen, Steve and Tammy Money and baby Stephanie; Kenny Neeley, John and Kay Neeley, Terry and Johnny, Eddy and Jamie Neeley, David Eddie II and Brandon, Sid and Sandy Merchant, Rebecca and Renee. Mr. Bud Medford was also a guest at the Merchant home. Penny (Money) Foster visited in Haskell New Years Weekend. The family was sorry that Bill O'Brien (Ellen's husband) and a number of grandchildren were unable to attend.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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The Board of Directors of the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., January 16, 1980. The meeting will be in the usual conference room. The Board meeting is open to the public. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.

Since the last Board Meeting, the building housing the Soil Conservation Service has sold. The new owner, Brian Burgess, has remodeled. Entrance to the conference room can be through the Soil Conservation Service Office or the State Farm Insurance Company offices.

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Leisure Lodge News

School Days. Rule days, good old golden rule days. Reading and 'Riting and Rithmetic, done to the tune of a hickory stick...

With the holidays over with and all the children in Haskell going back to school we thought it a good time to talk to the residents here about experiences at school.

"For me," begins Mrs. Eron Boykin, "it meant one word, 'trouble.' When I was young I had long red hair and the boys kept trying to pull those long red curls. It became a habit with me to go home crying saying I'd never go back to school, but I always came back.

"I never disliked a teacher, oh they'd get mad at us lots of time because of the mischief we'd get into, but no one ever got hurt. We had good fun, got like the kids have today. They have a lot of trouble nowadays. I can look back on those days with no regrets."

"I went to a country school," Ima Frieble tells. "It was a one room school house and I really enjoyed it. When I was eighteen I went to business college and took stenographic and bookkeeping training for nine months. I worked at Hemwills for 15 years after that."

"I always loved school," Mary "Granny" Smith begins as she starts to tell her experiences. "Went whenever I could only when I took the fever or something like that. I was always a little afraid of the teacher. Then I quit school at fifteen."

"I never got a whipping" though that's a wonder. Did stand in the corner a few times for laughin'. I believed everything the kids told me. Once we had a heavy rain and the creek by the school had started to swell. All the other kids were jumpin' over it but they were bigger. Once they

got over they dared me to. Not wanting to be outdone I tried and fell into waist deep water. I grabbed onto a limb nearby and pulled myself out. Then they told me the teacher had said anyone playing by the creek would get a whipping. I was so scared I didn't want to go back to school but did. The teacher didn't say a word. I never stopped to think that if the teacher really said that everyone would be in trouble."

Albert and Agnes Schmidt also had memories about School... "We used to walk about a mile against the wind and the snow," Agnes Schmidt tells us. "One time we stopped at my sister's house and borrowed an umbrella, but the wind was so hard the umbrella buckled under the pressure. Here we all were trying to hold onto that umbrella for dear life so afraid of losing it... we never asked my sister for the use of the umbrella again."

"We had all kinds of teacher. The first one I had was pretty lenient and let us play and run the school until she got fired. Then we got a really strict teacher. The boys in our school were a problem and once the teacher got so mad she told one of the boys to fetch a switch as big as a fence post so she could whip one of the older boys. Soon the boy came in with a fence post and the teacher was fuming. Even though we didn't like the strict teachers, we always learned. One of the teachers got so frustrated with us that she sat down and cried. That hurt us more than a whipping. One of our teachers was a minister. Man, he kept those boys in line. But all the girls were afraid of him. One day my sister climbed up of the loft sort of like the attic and the minister came in the school house and shouted boo just for a joke. My sister got so scared she jumped and landed right on top of the minister. I don't know who was the most startled."

"During this time my sister had a beau and they would court seriously at school. Those two were inseparable. If one stayed home sick the other would. And kissing, well, that was something to see. Each would stand on the opposite side of the window and kiss on the window pane."

Mr. Schmidt talked about the modes of punishment, "I had one teacher that felt I had been bad for something and gave me 32 cuts with a plum branch. By this time I was mad and I tried to show him I wasn't going to take that from no one and he turned around and gave me another 32 cuts. "One boy was punished for laughing by standing by the

window on one foot. He got so bored he began to swatting flies with his hand."

For Mr. Schmidt school also meant interruptions when it came time for cotton planting. For Pearl Lackey School meant "Walking a mile every day then getting home about 4:00 to milk the cows."

"Some of the games were the same at recess as they are today," Dora Long says. "We played dolls, ball, basketball and drop the hankey."

"We used to eat lunch as fast as we could," W.O. Lewis recalls. "so we could play baseball. I loved knocking the first home run in my life during those times. We used to play horseshoes too. I had a huge horse named Eagle. When Eagle would get new horseshoes I'd use his old ones. One time a boy got in my way just when I was pitchin' and instead of ringing the pole, I rung the feet of the boy."

Mrs. White went to school 'til the sixth grade then she up and got married. "We were poor so we could only go to school a half a year after the crops were planted and harvested. I used to walk two miles to school. During recess we played baseball with a plank whittled down to make a bat and a black ball. One time a girl hit it so hard that I thought I had caught it but missed and it hit my eye. Believe me, I saw stars for a while."

"Lummie Westmoreland tells about some of her studies. "In the elementary grades I remember having a book telling the story of the little red hen only the hen was not red in my book so I commenced in correcting it by painting the hen red. I loved my studies algebra and Latin-I learned Virgil during that time. The year I missed we were to learn Caesar in Latin which I'm glad I missed. The only class I really didn't enjoy was geometry. I couldn't see any use drawing a line from one point to another. When I graduated I had only attended Anson for one year my brother was the first speaker and I was second. He was Validictorian and I was Salutatorian."

Mrs. Myrtle Russel has many cherished memories of School. "We had one regional superintendent of Schools that I just loved. When we got a brand new Model T Ford he brought it around and had as many as he could step up on those high side fenders and climb in so he could take us all around the countryside."

"But the thing I remember most about him was his story telling. He once acted out a story about his philosophy, never say can't. There were two bullfrogs and they somehow got caught in a milk churn. The first one just gave up and said, 'It's no use, I can't live any longer and he sank down to the bottom. The second piped up and said 'I can and I will.' By this time the superintendent was waving his arms and everything trying to show us how that frog swam and jumped and moved around in the churn always saying, I can and I will. Finally after some time of splashin' and kicking the frog

churned that milk into butter and was able to jump out to safety. I'll never forget that story."

Hope your School days are happy ones...

We want to thank the Catholic Church for coming out and ministering in the month of December and Father White showing his slides of Israel. Rev. Jacobson and the Presbyterian Church are coming out this month and we wish to thank them for coming. Rev. Kardokus, Pastor of the Foursquare Church came on Christmas Day and served communion to the residents. The Church of Christ singers, Gene Long-leader, came and sang Sunday night. We have gotten nothing but praise for their presence. All the people enjoyed their singing.

We need volunteers who are gifted in any type of music ability to come and share their

talent with our residents. We would appreciate anyone coming and playing for us.

We want to take this time to thank our visitors for coming. Mrs. David Granaway of Rosewell, New Mexico, Billy, Alice and Steve Shaw of Hartsville, South Carolina came and visited Mr. J.M. Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Bean of Plains visited Mrs. Eva White. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Vahlenkemp and family of Denton visited Mr. Charlie Monse. Rev. and Mrs. Bob Wright of Lockney visited Mr. J.A. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Reddel of Pampa and Sam West of Lubbock visited Mr. C.W. West. Janice Nowlin and Sean Lauderdale of Dallas visited Mrs. Ruby Moon. Mrs. Shelia Long and Mrs. Marilyn Nichols of Abilene visited Mrs. Dora Long. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carigliano of Alamogordo, New Mexico visited Mrs.

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From Rochester, Mrs. Frieda, Mrs. W.P. Russell and Mrs. Sam Basson visited Mr. W.O. Lewis. Florene Sorrells, Jeff and Ola Mae Smith and Mrs. Myrtle Russel. From Rule, Mr. Paul Flores visited Mrs. Nolberta Flores.

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