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### TURKEY WALK WINNER

Personnel of Olney Savings, with 100-percent participation, received the trophy given to the firm with the best participation in the Nov. 1 Turkey Walk. From left are Olney Savings personnel Vickie Adams, Anita Payne, Leila Miller, Dickie Greenwood and Connie Stone, along with Charles Harvey and Casey Caldwell of the sponsoring American Heart Association.

## Turkey Walk exceeds goal

Well over \$5,000 has been collected to date from the Nov. 1 Turkey Walk in Haskell County.

Charles Harvey of the sponsoring American Heart Association said Monday that collections to date far exceeded the organization's \$4,000 goal, and that more money still is coming in.

Top fund-raiser for the event was Debbie Glandon, who raised \$816.50, which qualified her for the free trip to a Dallas Cowboys' football game, offered by Talley Travel of Sweetwater.

Right behind was Harvey, who raised \$711.50. He received a \$50 savings bond, as did the next three leading fund-raisers, Donna Kemp (\$385), Ann Johnston (\$366.50) and Robert Steed (\$278).

Other top fund-raisers were Leila Miller (\$237.10), Cindy Guess (\$214) and Vicki Adams (\$213.26). A pocket radio from Owens TV & Electric, a pocket calculator from Video Vendor and a toy tractor from Richardson Truck and Tractor were presented to them in that order.

Olney Savings received a trophy as

the firm with the best participation in the event. All five personnel of the firm participated.

Each walker who raised at least \$50 received a T-shirt, those raising \$100 received turkeys and those who raised \$150 or more got both turkeys and T-shirts.

Turkeys were donated by Modern Way, M-System, Pogue's Grocery and Buster's Drive In of Haskell, and Tanner's Grocery of Rule and Weinert Grocery in Weinert.

## Maidens rip Merkel in opener

The Haskell Maidens lived up to their lofty pre-season expectations Friday night when they opened the new basketball season with 70-59 victory over the Class AAA Merkel Lady Badgers.

The Indian boys didn't fare so well, dropping a 70-60 decision to the visiting Badgers.

Both teams will be in action here again Friday night when they entertain Seymour. A third consecutive home game is on tap for

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## Woman convicted on drug charges

A Munday woman was given a three-year prison sentence and a \$5,750 fine upon conviction last week by a 39th District Court Jury in Haskell.

Teresa Gilliam was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance.

Mrs. Gilliam, one of those arrested in a drug bust several months ago, was convicted after a three-day trial. It began Wednesday with jury selection and was not concluded until 12:45 a.m. Saturday.

## Thanksgiving service to be Sunday evening

Ministers and member churches of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance will sponsor the annual community Thanksgiving worship service Sunday evening. It will be at East Side Baptist Church, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Bringing the sermon will be Father Jeff Malpiede, new pastor of St. George's Catholic Church of Haskell.

Special music, in addition to hymn singing, will be presented by a community choir being organized especially for this service. Anyone interested in participating should contact W. O. Elmore, music director at East Side Baptist.

All residents of Haskell and surrounding communities are invited to attend the community Thanksgiving service.

An offering will be taken to support the joint ministries of the Ministerial Alliance. Two-thirds of the offering will be used for the Crisis Center for the local ministry and one-third used to support the Transient Fund.

For the first time, the Haskell Ministerial Alliance is seeking yearly pledges from local businesses and individuals to support its Crisis Center. Thus far, 22 local businesses and individuals have made financial pledges to the center for 1987.

Of each pledge, one-half is placed in the general operating fund and the other half in a special savings account, only to be used in case of a community-wide emergency such as a tornado, flood, epidemic, etc.

Ministers point out that all pledges made for 1987 and received by Dec. 31 are tax deductible. Last year, the Crisis Center assisted 22 families

## Early deadlines to be observed

News and advertising deadlines for next week's issue of The Free Press are being advanced 24 hours because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

All news articles and advertising orders for the Nov. 27 issue must be submitted by noon Monday

The Free Press will be printed and mailed to subscribers Tuesday afternoon.

Offices of The Free Press will be closed Thursday and Friday.

or individuals with groceries, utilities, school clothes, emergency travel, etc.

To qualify for help from the Crisis Center, an individual or family must be referred by a minister or member

of one of the participating churches in the Ministerial Alliance. From October 1985 to October 1986, 89 percent of all Crisis Center funds were used for local ministry and 11 percent for administrative costs.



Mrs. Goodwin receives commemorative medal from Congressman Charles Stenholm.

## Pilot's mother presented medal

A Congressional medal was presented Tuesday to the mother of a naval pilot who disappeared over North Vietnam 21 years ago.

Congressman Charles Stenholm made the presentation to Mrs. Ida Goodwin, 100 S. Ave. L. The brief ceremony, before family members, was at Mrs. Goodwin's home.

Mrs. Goodwin's son, Lt. Cmdr. Charles Burnard Goodwin, was last heard from during a reconnaissance flight over North Vietnam Sept. 8, 1965. It was presumed that he was shot down by enemy fire. He was

listed as missing in action until 1977 when the government officially declared him dead.

The medal presented by Stenholm was the "Commemorative Medal for Families of American Personnel missing in Southeast Asia." It was authorized by an act of the 1984 Congress.

Goodwin was born and reared in Haskell and graduated from Haskell High School in 1957. He joined the Navy while still in high school and went on active duty two years after graduation.

## Smokeout

### Many to give up cigarettes for a day

If Haskell is average, a lot of local smokers will quit or cut down on the number of cigarettes smoked today (Thursday).

For today is the Great American Smokeout, designated as such by the American Cancer Society.

It's the 10th anniversary of a light-hearted campaign which encourages smokers to give up their tobacco for 24 hours. (The program also is directed at users of tobacco in other forms, such as chewers and dippers.)

Last year, 23 million Americans quit or cut down on their smoking during the Smokeout.

The object, of course, is to get many of these people to extend the smokeless day to the time when they can qualify as "ex-smokers."

Many have quit permanently as a result of the Smokeout and the attention generated by the campaign is credited with the decline in the number of young people taking up the habit.

But whether it's during the Smokeout or any other time, giving up a deeply entrenched habit of smoking is seldom easy. Many do,

however, and the numbers are growing.

Darold Roberson, owner of Western Auto, quit smoking about 15 years ago and has never been sorry. He said it took about six months to get over wanting a smoke. He had smoked about 15 years.

W. H. McBroom is another who belongs to the ex-smokers' fraternity. After puffing on cigarettes for 20 years, he quit 15 years ago. "I didn't know I had any allergies until I quit," he says. He also said he doesn't cough as he once did.

Bob Baker is a more recent convert. A heavy smoker for 30 years or more, the Haskell city administrator threw away his cigarettes last May. He said he tried nicotine gum the first day, but it tasted so bad he didn't use it any more.

Among Haskell's newest ex-smokers is Joe Alves. The Haskell postmaster quit five weeks ago. "It hasn't been as bad as I thought it would be," he says. "I feel a lot better," he adds with pride.

## Merchants to give \$1,600 for drawings

Sixteen hundred dollars in gift certificates will be awarded by Haskell merchants this year in the annual Christmas drawings.

Certificates may be redeemed at any of the 49 businesses sponsoring the program.

The number of cooperating merchants is up significantly over the 36 who participated last year, said Tom Long, chairman of the Christmas Drawing Program of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee, sponsor of the program.

"This is one more reason to shop in Haskell," said Long.

The jackpot drawing for at least \$500 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, on the south side of the courthouse. The winner must be present to claim his prize. In other drawings, the winner gets half the prize if he is not present.

Other drawings are scheduled for Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 at the same time and same place. On each date, there will be three drawings of \$50 each, one for \$100 and one for \$200.

In addition to the jackpot drawing on Dec. 20, there will be two drawings for \$100 each.

Gift certificates, printed in \$5 denominations, may be redeemed at any of the the following participating businesses:

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### THEY QUIT

These five Haskell High School boys won't be "dipping" today. Each has been "adopted" for the day by a "non-dipper" who will watch over him during the Great American Smokeout. They're reading over contracts they signed, pledging to go "dipless." From left, the "adoptees" are Stephon Brockington, Chan Guess, Vance Roberts, Bobby Medford and Paul Harvey.

## HELP!

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Haskell smokers can get information about programs to help them stop smoking from the Cancer Information Center in Houston by calling 1-800-4-CANCER.

Callers will receive counseling, information and referrals about smoking cessation from trained smoking counselors.

Additionally, the counselors can provide callers with a variety of publications about cigarettes, pipes, cigars, smokeless tobaccos and nicotine gum.

The Cancer Information Service is a department of M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute.

—School Menu—

November 24-28  
**LUNCH**  
**Monday**  
 Beef & Vegetable Stew  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
 Cherry Cobbler  
 Milk - Elem.  
 Milk or Tea H.S.

**Tuesday**  
 Pizza  
 Buttered Corn  
 Cole Slaw  
 Mixed Fruit  
 Milk - Elem.  
 Milk or Tea H.S.

**Wednesday**  
 Cheeseburgers  
 French Fries & Catsup  
 Lettuce, Tomatoes,  
 Pickles & Onions  
 Sliced Peaches  
 Milk - Elem.  
 Milk or Tea H.S.

**Thursday**  
 No School

**Friday**  
 No School

**BREAKFAST**  
**Monday**  
 Orange Juice  
 Cinnamon Toast  
 Milk

**Tuesday**  
 Grape Juice  
 Biscuits & Honey  
 Milk

**Wednesday**  
 Fruit Juice  
 Cereal  
 Milk

**Thursday**  
 No School

**Friday**  
 No School

Menu's subject to change

## Garden Club members 'consider the lilies'

Members of Haskell Garden Club met last Thursday to "Consider the Lilies."

Mrs. J. O. Blankenship spoke about the Perennial Beauties, Day Lilies and Easter Lilies. Mrs. Tom Kaigler gave a program on Fleur-de-Lis, the Royal Bloomer-Iris, and Mrs. Edith James told about Callas, Cannas and Amaryllis.

Horticulture exhibits brought were discussed by Mrs. Blankenship, horticulture chairman. Seven decorative arrangements brought by members using both fresh and dried materials all featuring the theme of

"Thank You, Nature," were presented and critiqued by Mrs. Juanita Rhea, artistic chairman. Mrs. N. L. Bevel showed colored pictures she made earlier this year of the Rose Festival in Tyler.

During the business session, with Mrs. Linda King presiding, a report was made about the club's participation in the recent District VIII meeting in Stamford. It was decided that the Dec. 11 program on "Deck the Halls" will be a guest day.

Fresh pumpkin bread with whipped cream and hot spiced tea were served by the hostess, Mrs. Lucille Gannaway.

## Mrs. Abbott hostess to Homemakers Club

Josset Extension Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Chester Abbott for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Sixteen members were present. Roll call was answered by each member by telling: "A Home Tried Stain Remover."

Information Day was discussed which will be Nov. 15 at the Haskell National Bank Building. Most all the club ladies plan to attend.

The woman of the year and the gold Star 4-H girl and boy will be revealed that day.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Eral Bevel and Mrs. Margaret Wall gave the program on "Care and Maintenance of Upholstered Furniture," which every one enjoyed.

Mrs. Abbott served an enjoyable refreshment plate of sandwiches, cake and nuts, with coffee and punch.

The next club meeting will be the

Christmas party in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Carl Bailey. She always entertains with Christmas carols on the organ and every one always enjoys that so very much. Club members will bring gifts to exchange.

Paint Creek Extension Homemakers will be guest this year at the Christmas party in Mrs. Bailey's home.

## Hobby Club

Members of the Rochester Hobby Club have expressed thanks to everyone who helped make their bazaar a success. They also issued thanks to those who came by to visit.

Grace Bishop was highest bidder for the "Pioneer Patch" quilt and Danny Whiteley of Pampa won the door prize quilt, "Garden of Eden."

Ida Pack was hostess for the Nov. 4 meeting, a covered-dish lunch served to 17 members and 14 guests. The food was delicious.

Happy birthday was sung to Evelyn Rogers, Truett Kuenstler and Fay and Emily Wilson.

The high school junior class girls' quilt, "Hands All Around," is now in the frame. It is a pretty one and members are proud of the girls and their teacher, Fonda Newton.

Next meeting for the club will be Nov. 18 with Evelyn Rogers as hostess. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Thank you for reading The Haskell Free Press.

## DANCE

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## Guest speaker addresses Study Club

The Progressive Study Club met Nov. 13 in the Community Room with Reatha Mullins second vice president presiding for president Pat Quattlebaum who was ill.

Reatha Mullins called the meeting to order. She ask each member to introduce their guest. The meeting was then turned over to Jill Harris who introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Elsa Bains a Social Worker with Care 1 Psych Center, Abilene.

Mrs. Bains brought a very interesting program on "Stress Management." She explained the program at Hendrick Medical Center.

She discussed the causes of Stress and how to cope. She told the club how many more men were coming to the center because of unemployment and foreclosure on farms. She gave us several tips on how to cope with the stress of Christmas.

Refreshments of popcorn, rice krispie squared, tortilla pinwheels, and hot apple cider was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Nancy Toliver, Thula Perry, Reatha Mullins, Franceine Johnson, and Helen Fouts.

The members returned to their chairs for a short business meeting. Reatha Mullins, chairman for the chicken tetrazzini supper, brought a report on the supper. 385 tickets were sold after expenses the club made \$1040.00 on the supper.

Frances Lane made a motion we give \$1,000 to the Civic Center, Anita Herren second. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anita Herren gave the Federation Counselor's Report. She read a letter from M.D. Anderson Hospital thanking the club for donating nylon hose (used for childrens toys) and wigs. Mrs. Herren presented the club with a certificate for winning first place for the year book cover in 1986. Mrs. Herren reminded the club not to forget their gifts for "Girls Town" at the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

You're reading The Haskell Free Press and we thank you.

## Young Homemakers have 'holiday' program

"An Epicurean's Holiday 1986" was the theme of the program for the Haskell Young Homemakers' November meeting.

More than 30 members met in the home of Roberta High Nov. 10 to see a video presentation entitled, "Time for Tomorrow."

The program included many recipes, craft and decorating ideas and energy tips with an emphasis on holiday entertaining. Each member present received a 1987 energy action calendar with all the recipes from the video.

Refreshments were served by Jill Harris, Valiene Bullinger and Wanda Thompson. They served breakaway vegetable bread, Margie's white fudge, Miss Ruth's cookies, chocolate rum cake and apricot-pineapple punch, all prepared from recipes from the video.

A short business meeting included a report on the November Arts and Crafts Sale and a discussion on the December Christmas project.

Charlotte Peiser won the door

prize and Roberta High was presented a mum plant for being such a gracious hostess and letting members meet in her home.

Next meeting will be a "Chinese Auction" Dec. 8 at the First National Bank Community Room.

## Visit Goldthwaite

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cockerell of Hamlin and Joyce and Bobby Hawkins visited Wednesday through Friday in Goldthwaite with Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Becker.

Phillip, Floradean and Bobby did some deer hunting. Phillip got an eight-point deer and Bobby got a seven-pointer.

Joyce enjoyed visiting her grandchildren, Shelly, Christy and Robert Hawkins.

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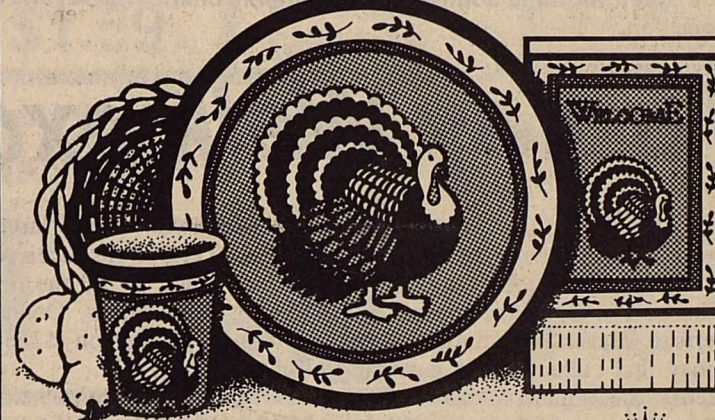
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## Scout group has meeting in Stamford

The Stamford Roundtable was held Nov. 14 at Stamford Methodist Church in Stamford.

This was a meeting for den leaders and cubmasters to discuss December's theme, "The Golden Rule", share ideas and crafts to bring back to use at their den meetings.

Bob Oatman and Margie Stone conducted the meeting. Betsy Nanny, Kay Perry and Barbara Shaw brought craft ideas for Christmas.

Popcorn sales orders were turned into the council.

Leaders were reminded to bring Pinewood Derby cars to next month's meeting. Leaders in attendance were Margie Stone, Lueders; Jim Bob and Pat Mickler, Betsy Nanny, Bill and Kay Perry, Marvin McFadden, Haskell; Waller Overton, Paint Creek; Dave and Helen Fenwick, Jo Ann Sanders, Julie Flores, Barbara Shaw, Anson; Cathie Carter, Elizabeth Ramos, Carol Blair, Stamford; and Donnie Lowery, Hamlin.

Next month's Roundtable will be Dec. 9 at 7 PM at the Methodist Church in Stamford. All den leaders are urged to attend.

## Luthererians plan Sunday meal

Luthererians invite all members and friends of Trinity Lutheran and First Presbyterian churches to be their guests for a meal Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church. It will be at 5 p.m.

There will be no charge for the meal, although those wishing to do so may make a contribution to the Heifer Project, which helps people to be able to feed themselves.

# Weinert News

Edna Boykin underwent surgery at the Bethania Hospital in Wichita Falls on Thursday for an aneurysm and a blocked kidney. She is doing as well as could be expected and was out of ICU on Monday. Her children, Betty Carroll of Nashville, Arkansas and Billy Boykin of Houston are with her.

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Connie Cook was hospitalized in Haskell Memorial Hospital after a fall at her home on Monday.

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The community of Weinert is grieved at the death of one of our boys, Jerry Jetton of Haskell, whose memorial services were held at East Side Baptist Church on Sunday. Many friends and relatives in Weinert attended the services.

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Among out-of-town relatives were Sandra and Dan Stafford of Denton,

Jimmy Young of Holliday, and Bill Jetton of Brownwood, who visited with their parents, Ted and Faye Jetton and Charles Ray Hix of Pleasanton, Texas along with other who came to attend services for their cousin, Jerry Jetton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phemister who recently moved to Munday from Edinburg, Texas, assumed the duties of Minister at the Weinert Church of Christ on Sunday, Nov. 16th. Church services are at 10 a.m. for Bible Study, worship at 10:45, with evening services at 6 p.m. Visitors are always welcomed.

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Out of town visitors on Sunday included Roy's sisters, Edith Davis of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Keahey of Rule. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Don Stafford of Denton, Mrs. Claude Young, Holliday, Bill Jetton of Brownwood, Mrs. Jimmy Hackney and Talanda Hackney of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mahan have moved to Weinert, and are making their home at present with his mother, Francis. Their son Donald enrolled in school today. Leonard is employed with Wilcox and sons of Rule. We welcome these new residents, and hope they will have a most pleasant residency here.

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Faith Crump of Bhie Grove, mother of Don Crump was in Weinert for the day, and attended worship at the First Baptist Church on Sunday where her son Don is pastor.

\*\*\*  
The Weinert Bulldogs overcame Woodson on the Weinert turf Friday night with a 50-0 victory. This was the final game of the season and the Bulldogs will be opening their basketball season on Tuesday night where they entertain the Rule Bobcats here. There were several injuries in the final football game, but Coach Mark Coffman has a great deal of optimism for quick recoveries and enthusiastic participation during the season. Weinert will travel to Paint Creek to challenge the Pirates on Tuesday, November 24th.

\*\*\*  
The Weinert Future Homemakers will host a W.T.U. "Christmas Ideas" show in the homemaking room at 4 p.m. Wednesday November 19th. Carolyn Redden will be the demonstrator, and welcomes visitors and new ideas.

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Chris Howeth of Haskell spent a few days with his grandparents, Bud and Lucille Adams and attended services at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

\*\*\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Byrd of Hamlin visited his grandparents the Buck Tumbows on Sunday. Mike is involved in oilfield work and is dismayed at the reduction of production, and the rapid decline of economics of those in that field.

\*\*\*  
The Weinert First Baptist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday November 23rd at 6 p.m. Alton Sanders will be the director of music and Roy Herricks will deliver the message of the hour.

\*\*\*  
The church welcomed three new members on Sunday night as Heath Guess, David Crump, and Junior King were baptized.

\*\*\*  
The Young Baptist Women will host a dinner for the Senior Singles on Thursday night, November 20th at 5:30 p.m. The setting will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murphy.

\*\*\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ward have accepted the duties as minister for the Church of Christ in Walters, Oklahoma and will be moving to that city this week. We regret losing this talented young couple but rejoice in their good fortune of finding a much larger membership to work with. Kevin graduated from ACU in May and is an outstanding young preacher.

\*\*\*  
Mrs. R.S. Sanders of the Weinert Extension Homemaking Club was selected as Haskell County's Outstanding Club Woman of the Year and her fellow club members feel honored to have her as a member and vice president of our club. She truly is an outstanding clubwoman of each year. Congratulations, Betty.

## Sagerton

The Faith Circle met Nov. 11 with 11 women for their Bible study on "Thankfulness", (Psalm 18). President Alma Hertel opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call showed 11 members present. Ethel Quade, Betty Balzer, Alma Hertel, Norma Tredemeyer, Louise Stegemoeller, Henrietta Stegemoeller, Dorothy Toney, Frieda Knipling, Lillie Lehmann, Velma Lou Lammert and Alice Bredthauer.

Louise Stegemoeller provided refreshments of sandwiches, chips, cookies and coffee. Officers elected for

1987 were: Mrs. Alma Hertel, president; Dorothy Toney, vice president and Ethel Quade, secretary-treasurer. Their next meeting will be on December 9th at the home of Dorothy Toney.

Mrs. David Letz helped Mrs. M.Y. Benton quilt on her quilt one afternoon this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knipling, Erna and Walter Schaake, Mr. Clarence Stegemoeller visited in the home of Mrs. Lena Schaake Sunday night.

Mr. Alvin Bredthauer, Mr. Alfred Bredthauer of Stamford, Mr. Ernest Bredthauer of Rule, Mrs. Adela Niedieck, went to Canwell, Texas last Thursday to attend the funeral of their uncle.

Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer had a nice surprise Monday night when Mr. and Mrs. James Gellner, Mrs. Martha Macon had a birthday supper in the Gellners home with turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Others that helped to make it a surprise were Mrs. Adela Niedieck, Mr. Herbert Rinn, Mr. Clarence Stegemoeller and Mrs. Evelyn Kainer.

The Hobby Club of Sagerton is having their Bazaar Saturday at the community center starting at 9 o'clock. They will also have a meal at noon.

Four men sang a special song in the Faith Lutheran Church Sunday which was beautiful. Those who sang were Billy Teichelman, Johnny Baitz, Jeff Yarborough and J. B. Toney.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson are spending a few days in their mobil home.

Mrs. John L. Brooks went to Dallas last week to have a check up with a doctor in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knipling, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kieke, Mrs. Adela Niedieck played 84 in the home of Mr. Herbert Rinn in Rule Tuesday night.

## Good season

Six Flags Over Texas has ended its regular 1986 season on a positive note. Attendance at the Arlington theme park was up despite a rainy spring and a shorter season.



Clown Randy McLelland

## Youth director is a real clown

By Wendell Faught

"I've been a clown for 31 years, but I've only been wearing a suit seven years," says Randy McLelland.

The First Baptist Church youth director who moved to Haskell in August is making quite a name for himself by clowning.

For kids' events, he's "Uh-Oh." For other performances, he wears different attire and becomes a tramp, "Hickum Donot."

His act may include juggling, magic tricks, making balloon animals, playing the guitar or singing.

In addition to church groups, he has performed for a number of local organizations.

In plain clothes, he works as a stand-up comic and musician (he plays the guitar). He has had assignments in Abilene and other cities in the area.

His wife, Robbie, who plays the piano, often accompanies and assists him.

Every Wednesday, he visits both

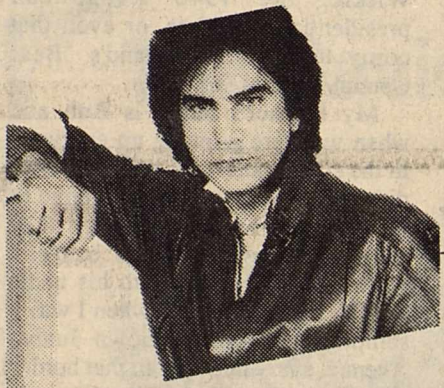
local nursing homes where he entertains residents with his many talents.

McLelland said he got in to clowning seven years ago in Pasadena when he dressed up as a clown for a Halloween carnival. After that, he bought some magic tricks, and clowning has been a sideline profession with him ever since. His pay for services for church-related organizations is usually in the form of "love offerings."

Before becoming involved in religious work, McLelland spent eight years as a pipefitter and two years as an insurance salesman.

He and his wife, along with 3-year-old Rachael and 10-month-old Reid, moved to Haskell from Calvert where he was youth director of the First Baptist Church.

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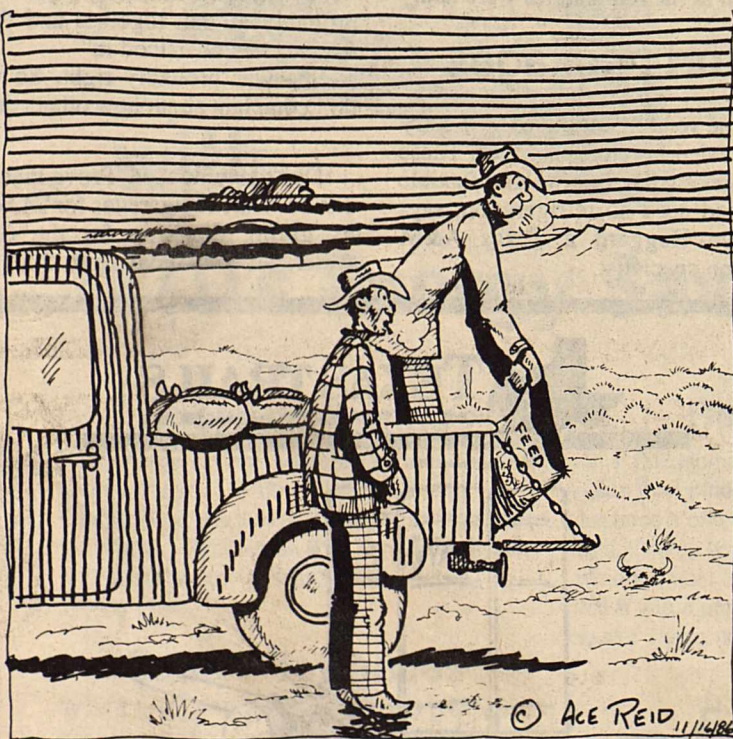
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 WHEREAS, the health benefits of not smoking are substantiated and well known, and  
 WHEREAS, there are additional civic benefits such as reduction of the risks of accidental fire and illnesses related to "passive smoking,"  
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, Abe Turner, Mayor of Haskell, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20th, 1986, as the day of the Great American Smokeout in Haskell, and in so doing urge all cigarette smokers in the community to demonstrate to themselves and their friends that they can quit if they wish.  
**ABE TURNER**  
 MAYOR OF HASKELL

**-Letters to the Editor-**

Editor: The Freshman Class of Paint Creek would like to express its appreciation to the following businesses for their donations at the recent Fall Festival.  
 Perry Brothers, The Sonic, Elsie's Hi-Lander, Rodriguez Inn, Glenn's Bar-B-Que Express and Pizza Hut of Stamford.  
 Thank you for helping make our project a big success.  
 Betsy McManamon  
 Class Sponsor

Christmas lights that we come to see every year.  
 By the way, the Bingo Games were very successful.  
 Thanks again to the people of Haskell for everything.  
 Mrs. (Pat) William Gholson  
 Aspermont, TX

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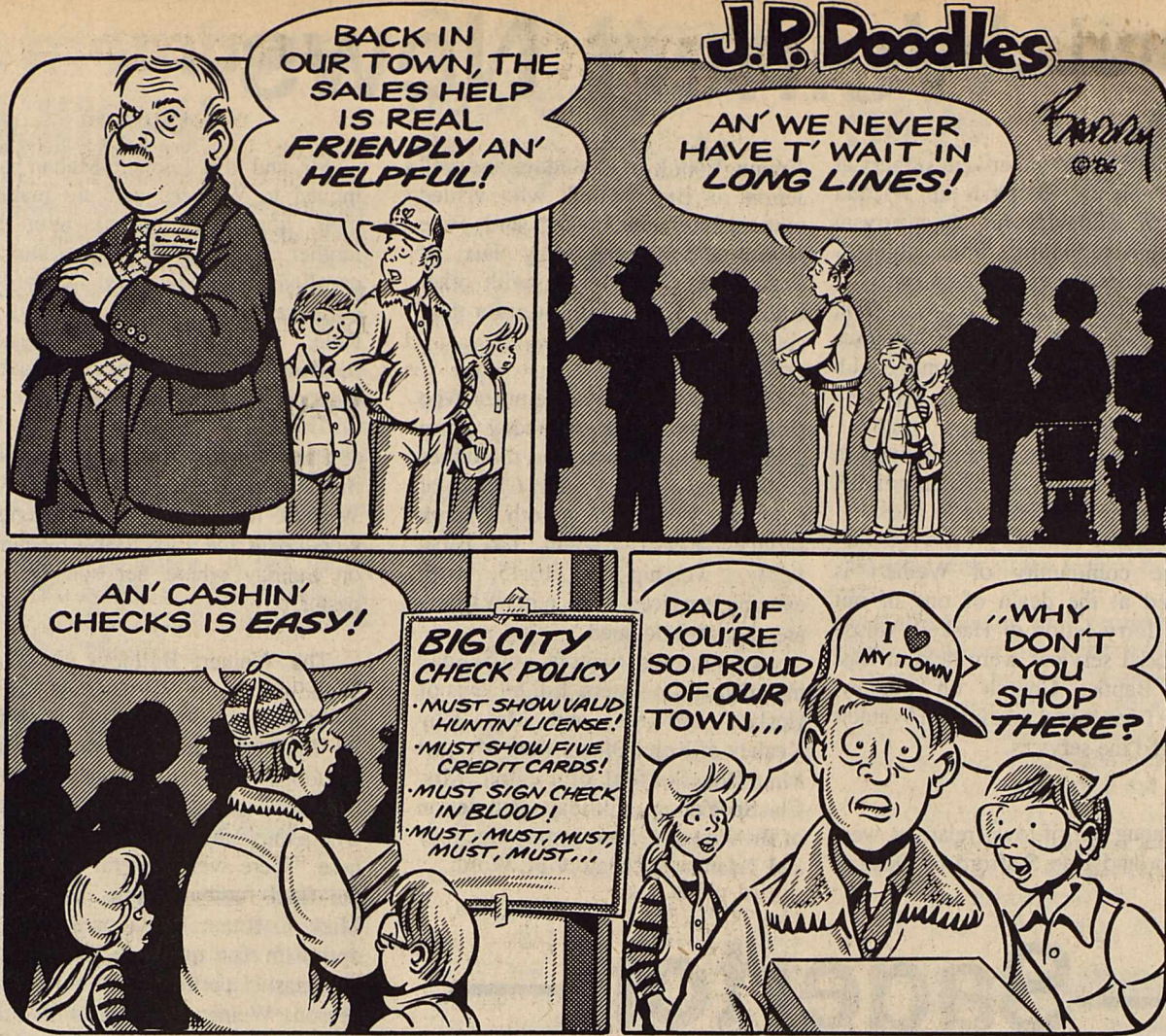
**Nice people**

Editor: A few weeks ago a friend (My linda Martin) and I were in your town taking up donations for a Bingo Carnival to help raise money for the Stonewall County Livestock Show.  
 I'd like to say a special "thanks" to everyone for their donations and for being so nice to us. We wrote a "thank you" also in our local paper which the organization paid for, but I wanted to write something extra for your area.  
 I also wanted to comment on what a nice town you have. You have several choices of places to shop, whether it be groceries, clothes, toys, eating out, western wear, sporting goods, doctors, lawyers, etc. You are very lucky; in Aspermont we are limited and I try to buy locally but when I can't find what I need---Haskell, here we come!  
 I'd also like to say how much we enjoy the Christmas parade and

**Ask VA**

Q -- May a veteran with peacetime service only be buried in a national cemetery?  
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 A - No. Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance proceeds are not assignable, nor are payments to beneficiaries subject to claims of creditors of the insured or beneficiary.

Thank you for reading The Haskell Free Press.



**—From Out of the Past—**

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

**30 Years Ago**  
 Nov. 22, 1956  
 Haskell will be host this weekend to the world's jolliest personage, Santa Claus in person who is bringing his reindeer and sleigh to Haskell for a colorful and dazzling parade Saturday afternoon officially opening the Yuletide season.  
 Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning heard representatives of Miller & Miller Motor Freight Lines express opposition to the proposed entry of the FW&D Railway in competition with the two existing motor freight lines serving this area.  
 In order to continue the highest possible standard of service, the board of trustees of the Haskell County Hospital have announced the hospital will be operated on a cash basis insofar as possible.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Overton are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at 4 a.m. Nov. 20 in the Stamford Sanitarium.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vick, pioneer couple of Rule, observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 18, with all their seven children home for the occasion.  
 The Magazine Club met Friday, Nov. 16, with Miss Beryle Boone presiding.  
 Sandra Hadaway, popular student in Haskell High School, has been elected Chapter Sweetheart by the HHS chapter of Future Farmers of America.  
 Paint Creek, district 4-B champions, won the bi-district crown when they outscored the Jayton Jaybirds 52-26. Captains for the Pirates, coached by J. C. O'Neal and W. L. Medford, were Leon Hokanson, Eddie Lee Thane and Wallar Overton.  
**50 Years Ago**  
 Nov. 19, 1936  
 Chick Henshaw of the Cox-Henshaw Motor Co., accompanied by Bill Zahn, M. C. Josselet, Cohn and R. C. Henshaw, returned Saturday from Detroit, bringing back four new Plymouth automobiles sold by the local concern.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kleiner of Cisco spent the weekend in Haskell

inspecting Mr. Kleiner's ranch properties east of town.  
 Mrs. Nannie Cooper has returned to Haskell after spending several days in Streetman, Texas.  
 Mrs. Dennis Ratliff and Mrs. B. A. Bartrum were in Seymour Wednesday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Golden and Judge and Mrs. Dickson.  
 Leo Southern of Seymour, former local agent for the Wichita Valley Railway at this place, was here Wednesday on business.  
 Mrs. Virgil Reynolds and son, Robert Bruce, accompanied her father, Judge Bruce Bryant to Austin where they will spend several days.  
 S. Hassen returned Tuesday from Dallas where he has purchased a large stock of new Christmas merchandise for his store here.  
 Mrs. Kate Morris and daughter, Frances, of Spur spent several days this week in the home of Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. T. J. Arbuckle and Mr. Arbuckle.  
**60 Years Ago**  
 Nov. 18, 1926  
 Twenty-five wild turkeys were released Saturday on the Ballard Ranch east of Haskell which has been designated as a State Game Preserve. The turkeys were brought here from Kerrville.  
 Frazier and Smith, local contractors, have completed a new three room school building for the Gilliam community. It is located in the Abbot pasture a few hundred yards north of the old school building.  
 Willie Flanary of Curry Chapel suffered a badly injured hand Monday when the engine of a Ford car he was cranking backfired.  
 Tony Patterson of the Center Point community is seriously ill with an attack of influenza at his home.  
 John Earls and W. W. Griffin of the Post community and Eugene Brown, Jimmie Green, Ed Anderson and Paul Anderson of Stamford left this week for Brewster County on a deer hunt.  
**80 Years Ago**  
 Nov. 17, 1906  
 J. P. Trice of Hillsboro was in

Haskell this week with a proposition to put in a flouring mill at this place. Local people are interested and it is likely that a meeting will be called to discuss the proposal.  
 W. T. Newsom, whose farm is a few miles north of town, was here Thursday morning from Stamford where he had delivered 650 bushels of wheat at 75 cents per bushel.  
 G. E. Langford is the new station agent here for the Wichita Valley Railway.  
 This county is having a run of fine warm weather, which is ideal for opening late cotton. The ideal weather is also helping to speed up picking the staple.  
 A large party of prospectors was here this week from Williamson County and we understand that several land deals were made.  
 Our former townsman, A. P. McLemore of Abilene, was here on business a day or two this week. He informed us that the rails are laid on the Wichita Valley to within three miles of Abilene.  
 Mrs. R. E. DeBard and children have returned home after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garren in the southwest part of the county.  
 M. R. Hemphill shipped out four cars of cattle Tuesday, and W. T. Hudson and Theodore Jones shipped one car.  
 G. W. Ballew has completed three more four-room houses in the west part of town on Ballew Street. He says he had the houses rented almost as soon as the foundations were laid.

**Retort packages**

Some vending machines now carry food sealed in retort packages. These packages act like lightweight, flexible cans and need no refrigeration, says Marilyn Haggard a Texas A&M nutrition specialist.



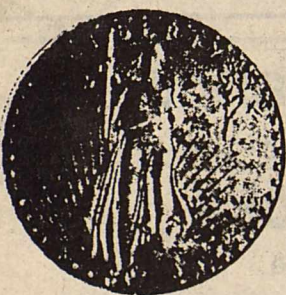
If I'm ever reincarnated I hope I come back as plain old Joe Smith---or John Brown or Bill Adams.  
 I'm not ashamed of my name, but I surely have a lot of trouble with it. My last name is spelled exactly as it sounds---it rhymes with caught, taught and Black Draught. But a lot of people have a hard time pronouncing it, or even understanding it when it is pronounced.  
 Every time I place an order to go, I have to pronounce it three times and spell it twice. After all this, it often comes out as Fault or Faust---which I always accept as being close enough.  
 There was a two-year period when I spent one day a week in El Paso. I usually called Pat to let her know what time I would be home. You'd be surprised at some of the pronunciations telephone operators used when they told her who the collect call was from. By pre-arrangement with her, I started using the name Kelly.  
 That wasn't exactly a name I picked out of thin air. I had a friend named Voiers. It was pronounced Voy-yers, pretty much as it sounded, but he, too, had trouble with his name.  
 One day we went into a restaurant in El Paso, one of those fancy eateries where you give the hostess your name and then wait in the lobby until your name is called. When the hostess asked my friend his name, he replied, "Kelly."  
 I questioned him. He said he always used the name Kelly in instances where the name really means nothing other than a means of identification. Kelly, he further explained, was his wife's maiden surname.  
 First names can give almost as much trouble. Sometimes I think no one ever heard of Oliver Wendell Holmes, either the poet or the Supreme Court justice, or Wendell Wilkie, the 1940 Republican presidential candidate, or even that corny bear in Disneyland's "Bear Country Jamboree."  
 My brother's name is Bob and when we were growing up everyone in the county knew his name. Those I didn't know very well often referred to me as Bob's brother, although they may have known him no better. I wore his FFA jacket with his name on it to Juarez, Mexico, when I was a senior. As I strolled down Juarez Avenue, every huckster in that border city was hollering at me by the name they thought was mine.  
 Putting the two names together also has its perils. Years back, I got a Christmas card every season from a used printing equipment company in California addressed with a single name, a la Liberace, to Mr. Windlethought.  
 "It must be someone you talked to on the phone one time," said Pat. "The way you mumble, your name probably all ran together and that's the way he understood it."  
 She was probably right. So why do I complain about how others do?

Don't stay hooked. Prove that you can do without cigarettes for 24 hours by giving them up for the Great American Smokeout Nov. 20.



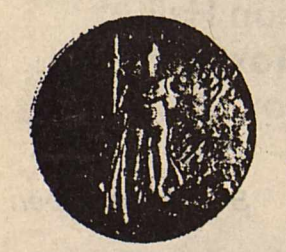
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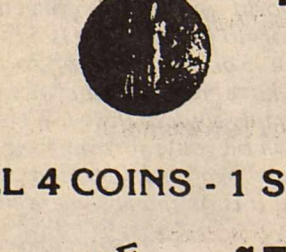
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**MURDER TRIAL ...**  
 In De Witt county in 1876 Henry Clay Pleasants was judge of the 23rd District Court. He presided over a murder trial where eight men were charged with the killing of Dr. Philip Brassell and his son. The emotions of the citizens about the murders was so high that Judge Pleasants had a loaded double-barreled shot gun across his knees during the proceedings.

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# Food Show winners named

New ways to prepare and serve some old favorites joined traditional recipes as 212 boys and girls from Haskell County and 20 other counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show in Wichita Falls Nov. 8.

Winners in the senior division of the contest, held at Sikes Senter Mall, were:

Christi King, Young County, main dish; Carye Gruben, Fisher County, breads and cereals; Jennifer Marquart, Hardeman County, fruits and vegetables; and T. W. Sloan, Young County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Each received a plaque and a ribbon

in addition to qualifying to advance to the state contest.

Senior alternates were Teri Fowler, Kent County, main dish; Pam Willis, Jones County, breads and cereals; Jae-Jae Reneau, Knox County, fruits and vegetables; and Evette Gruben, Fisher County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Intermediate division winners and alternates in the four food categories who received ribbons and plaques but won't compete beyond district level are Kent Franklin, Wilbarger County, main dish; Lezli Zimmer, Kent County, breads and cereals; Calley Payne, Wilbarger County, fruits and vegetables; and Andrew Harmon, Wichita County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Alternates were Allison Loggains, Young County, main dish; Michael Keith, King County, breads and cereals; Jamie Lynn Sursa, King County, fruits and vegetables; and Kim Gilly, Haskell County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Junior division winners and alternates in the four food categories receiving ribbons and plaques were Tiffany Proctor, Jones County, main dish; Kerri Bates, Cottle County, breads and cereals; Kami Littlecreek, Hardeman County, fruits and vegetables; and Jody Moorhouse, King County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Alternates were Heather Stewart, Haskell County, main dish; Audra Roberson, Wilbarger County, breads and cereals; Kalico Karr, Dickens County, fruits and vegetables; and Sara Sweeney, Cottle County, nutritious snacks and desserts.

Special cash awards, sponsored by the Wichijta Falls Cowbells, were also presented to first-, second- and third-place winners in main dish, breads and cereals, and nutritious snacks and desserts in which beef was an ingredient.

Each contestant in the Food Show had earned championships in the county to advance to the district meet, which was viewed by thousands of shoppers during the day-long competition.

Dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and homemakers. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

The show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Elaine Houston, district director with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. She said the project helps youths learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, food storage and safety.

## —HOSPITAL—

### ADMISSIONS

Medical: Irene Yarbrough, Haskell; Elizabeth Carnahan, Munday; Clarence Hitt, Rochester.

Surgical: Betty Weise, Haskell.

### DISMISSALS

Marilyn Benson, Bettie Wainscott, Johnny Leek, Ruth Johnson.

## Youth to have sale Saturday

The youth of "Rainbow Connection" will have a garage-basement and bake sale from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday.

The sale will be in the basement of the Rule Methodist Church, located next to the Rule School.

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## HOME BURNS

The home of the Bob McIntosh family at 304 N. 3rd St. was damaged last Thursday after an electrical short in the attic caused a fire. Haskell firemen spent 45 minutes at the scene, limiting the fire damage to the attic. The house is owned by Floyd Self of Dallas.

# State health clinic adopts fee program

The health clinic operated by the Texas Department of Health in Haskell will begin charging fees for its services, effective Dec. 1.

Fees will be based on patients' abilities to pay, allowing for income, family size and types of treatment.

The local clinic is located on the third floor of the courthouse.

All 44 health clinics in the 44-county Texas Public Health Region 4 are affected by the new policy.

Limited funds for public health clinics, increasing number of patients and soaring health costs were given as reasons for the policy, said Dr. Myron J. Woltjen, regional director.

"Charging small fees for clinic services is a way patients can help the state pay for the minimum costs of services, and it is a means of ensuring continued services to all who need health care," said Dr. Woltjen.

"No one will be denied service at

the clinic because they do not have money," Dr. Woltjen continued. "Those who do have some resources need to help pay for the services they receive, and allow us to use the limited funds available to keep on serving everyone. Anyone who can afford private health care is urged to see a family physician."

Fees will be determined on a sliding scale.

"Every cent of the patients' contributions will go toward defraying the growing costs that have threatened the clinic's ability to continue serving all persons who need help," Dr. Woltjen concluded.

What a difference a day can make! It's only 24 hours, but if you give up cigarettes for the day of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, you just might give them up for good, and live a longer, healthier life. It's worth a try.

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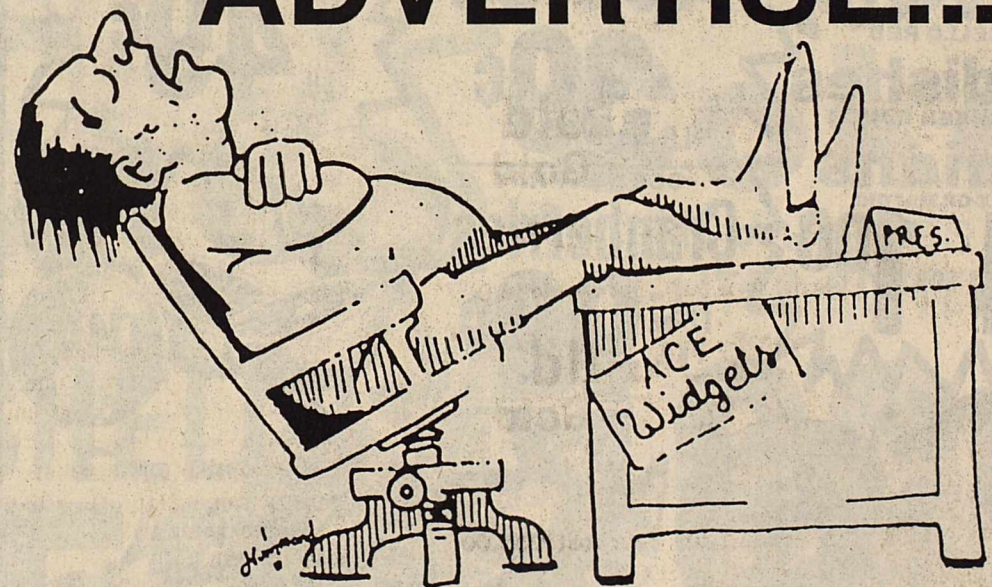
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## Market report Haskell Livestock Auction

Steady prices on all cattle and good buyer participation characterized Saturday's weekly sale at Haskell Livestock Auction.

Bobby Parrott said there were 1,005 head of cattle and 21 hogs.

Butcher calves: choice 55-60; good 50-55; standard 45-50; rannies 35-45.

Cows: fat 36-38; cutters 37-42; canners 33-36; stockers by head 330-500.

Bulls: bologna 44-48; stockers 50-60; utility 40-45.

Stocker steer calves: choice 80-90;

good 70-80; medium 60-70; common 50-60.

Stocker heifer calves: choice 60-65; good 55-60; medium 50-55; common 40-50.

Feeder steer yearlings: choice 60-64; good 57-60; medium 52-57; common 45-52.

Feeder heifer yearlings: choice 58-62; good 55-58; medium 50-55; common 40-50.

Cows and calves: good 550-650; plain 450-550.

## Older homeowners may delay taxes

Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent property taxes on their homesteads by taking advantage of a tax option called over-65 deferral. The elderly homeowner simply signs a deferral affidavit at the local appraisal district office.

This special form of tax relief can also halt a lawsuit already filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's homestead, according to Ron Patterson, executive director of the State Property Tax Board. To stop a delinquent tax suit, Patterson explained, the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.

"This law means that, if the proper affidavit is on file, an older homeowner can't lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Patterson said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes on the homestead as long as that person owns it and lives there.

Patterson stressed, though, that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the homestead; it does not cancel them. "During the deferral period, taxes and delinquent penalties and interest

continue to add up," he said. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, those accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred tax, penalty and interest."

Forms for filing a tax deferral affidavit are available from the chief appraiser of the county in which the over-65 taxpayer lives. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Patterson said.

## Low fat products reduce calories

If you're already drinking skim milk to cut calories, you can save even more by cooking with other low-fat dairy products.

According to Dr. Alice Hungt, yogurt can be substituted in just about any dish that calls for sour cream. Cottage cheese also makes a good substitute for ricotta cheese and sour cream in casseroles. For sauces, casseroles and omelettes, she suggests low-fat process cheese.

"By substituting low- for high-fat dairy products, dieters can get the nutrients and calcium they need without adding extra calories," says the nutritionist.

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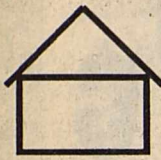
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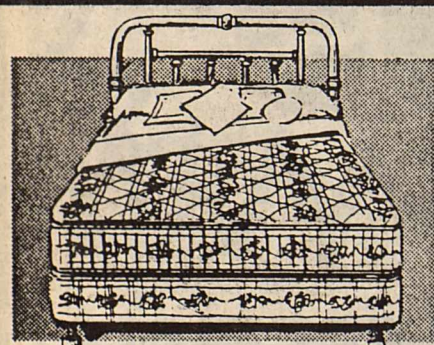


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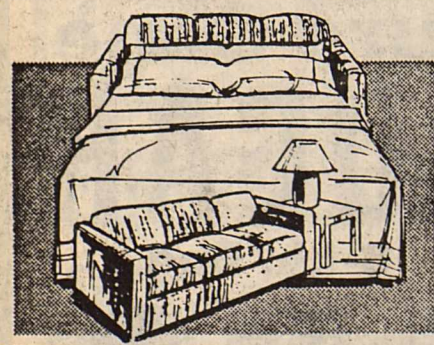
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## Farm Bureau plans meeting in McAllen

Texas Farm Bureau will hold its 53rd annual meeting in McAllen Nov. 30-Dec. 3. More than 1,300 voting delegates from 217 organized county Farm Bureaus will decide policies for 1987.

Theme of the convention will be "The Voice of Texas Agriculture."

Approved resolutions on national issues will be forwarded to the 68th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Jan. 11-15 at Anaheim, Calif. Adopted resolutions dealing with state-level matters will become state policies for 1987.

U. S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is scheduled to be the keynote speaker

## Rice Springs Care Home

By Judy Wolsch  
Activity Director

Visitors have included David Smith, Tommye Jo Clark, Linda Rothwell and Lucille Stephenson from Childress, Buck and Bobby Speer, Woodie and Mae Woodard, Anita and Bob Herren, Charlotte Bridges and Jan Eastland from Abilene, and Peggy Kittley, all with Alma Cole and Charity Bradley.

Eula Orr with Virgie Bledsoe and Thalia Jenkins. Sue and Charlie Hunter from New Orleans with Mrs. Persons. Frances Dilliard from Houston with Joe Teague and Bill Harrell's.

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Irene Woods from Farmington, N.M. and Gladys Sperlin from Roswell, N.M. with Elvie LeFevre. Alfred Letz from Old Glory with Herman Letz, Jan Eastland, Eudora Bradley and Mrs. Julian Bridges from Abilene with Elsy Eastland.

Farris Neely from Stamford with Charity Bradley, Frank and Virginia Strout from Throckmorton with Hargrove, Oleta Bevel from Stamford, Clemens and Katherine Schwartz in home. C. T. Gunnels from San Antonio with Edna Collins and Loita Odle from California with A. L. Holley.

Huge thanks to Christyne Green and the Greater Independence Baptist Church for the party last Saturday. It was a huge success.

Ione Menefee went home over the weekend with her daughters, Mary Beth and Jean. She had a good time.

Also Thalia Jenkins got to go home a few minutes Sunday.

## Property tax levies rise slowly

Local property tax levies in Texas totaled \$8.9 billion for 1985, according to the State Property Tax Board's (SPTB) annual report for the 1985 tax year.

"Overall, property taxes grew at a slower rate in 1985 than the year before," said Ron Patterson, SPIB's executive director. "However," he added, "our figures show that homeowners were paying an increasingly larger share of property taxes while business owners were paying less."

The statewide property tax levy for 1985 was 10.7 percent higher than in 1984, when the total levy was \$8.1 billion. By comparison, 1984 property taxes were 12.1 percent higher than in 1983.

The report shows that the largest increases in property taxes occurred in school districts and cities, whose levies each increased by close to 12 percent from 1984 to 1985. County property taxes grew the least--6.1 percent--while special district taxes increased by 9.5 percent.

"The property tax remains the most important source of tax revenue for local governments in Texas," said Patterson. "It is the only source of taxes for school districts."

## Stamford Electric to give out refunds

Area residents served by Stamford Electric Cooperative (SEC) will receive capital credit refunds this week amounting to more than \$418,000. The size of the refund received by each member will vary depending upon the amount of electricity used during the years from which the refund is being made.

Refunds are from margins SEC made during the years of 1964 and 1965. "Capital credits" is a term used by cooperatives to describe funds left over all operating expenses have been paid for the year.

"We operate under a state charter as a non-profit organization," explained Jerry Terrell, SEC general manager. "We provide electrical service to our members at cost. Under the cooperative's by-laws, margins, or profits, may be retained by the cooperative as working capital. When the cooperative is in sound financial condition we refund margins made in earlier years."

He continued: "Our Board of Directors refunds capital credits on a first in, first out basis. Those members who have provided the cooperative with working capital the longest, should be the first to get their capital back."

"The Board is attempting to maintain a rotation of capital credits every 20 years. This means, if the cooperative stays in sound financial condition we will be returning margins every years for service provided 20 years ago."

SEC has refunded capital credits 18 times during past years, and every year since 1982. "Returning capital credits to members would seem a simple, but it isn't," Terrell explained. "Often times it takes help from friends or relatives to locate former SEC members. SEC will mail refund checks to the most current

address available. If you know of someone who was a member of SEC during 1964 or 1965 and who has changed addresses, please contact SEC and help us find these members."

SEC will hold all refund checks that are returned for a period of three years. After that time, SEC is required by law to turn the checks over to the State Treasury. Checks turned over the State can still be claimed by members or their heirs if they can prove they are rightfully theirs.

Cooperatives such as SEC are owned by the members they serve. "The return of these funds to members demonstrates that the cooperative spirit is alive and well in our area," said Terrell. "Money paid to co-ops such as SEC stay in our area providing local jobs and benefiting the entire area."

## H-SU official has second book

Dr. William O. (Bill) Beazley, vice president emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University, has authored his second non-fiction book.

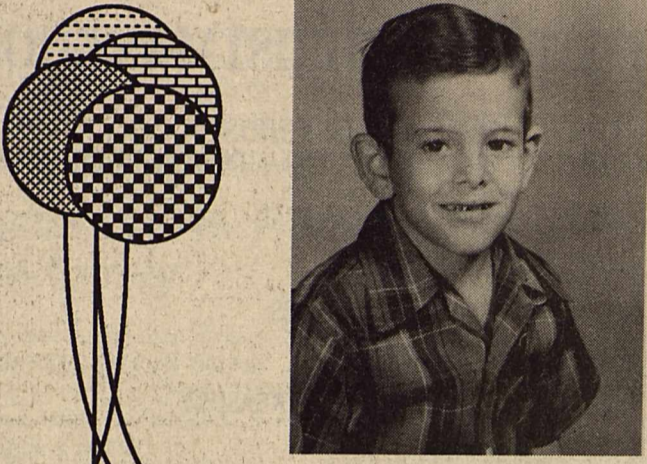
It is entitled, "Therein Lies the Tale," a 243-page hardback edition priced at \$12.95.

He presents events of his life in Texas and Virginia in their most humorous light.

The Virginia-born educator earlier wrote a book, "Horses I Have Known," primarily dealing with his years as coordinator of Hardin-Simmons University's famous Six White Horses.

Copies of the book may be obtained at the H-SU bookstore, at several Abilene bookstores

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## Deposit program helpful

Residents of the Big Country area who receive Social Security benefits can reap several advantages by taking part in the direct deposit program and have their checks deposited in an account in a financial institution, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

Checks are sent directly to a checking or savings account in a bank, savings institution, credit union, or other financial institution, rather than to the person's home.

Some advantages are:  
A person does not have to be home to get the check. The money will be immediately available in an account.

There is no worry about the check being lost or stolen.

There is no need to stand in line to cash or deposit the check.

It is safer to keep money in an account rather than at home or on one's person.

A checkbook provides a written record for keeping track of one's money.

To arrange for direct deposit, a person should complete direct deposit form SF-1199A. The form can be obtained at any financial institution. A person's Social Security check contains all the information to complete the form. A person should check to make sure how the institution will handle the account.

It is very important for people with direct deposit to continue notifying Social Security of any address change so they will receive any notices sent about their benefits.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REDUCTION IN AT&T's TEXAS RATES**


The Public Utility Commission of the state of Texas has entered orders in two recent cases that would substantially reduce the charges which AT&T pays to the state's local telephone companies and which could allow AT&T to reduce prices for most of AT&T's customers on calls placed within the state of Texas.

The total amount of the reduction to AT&T's customers is expected to be between \$115.3 million and \$120.6 million. This is in addition to the \$19.8 million reduction in AT&T's Texas basic long distance prices that went into effect on March 1, 1986 and is in addition to the approximately \$2 billion in AT&T interstate price reductions that took effect earlier this year.

If the changes are approved, all of AT&T's direct dialed long distance, directory assistance, WATS and 800 service customers would be affected, and would experience a decrease in their prices for these services when calling within the state of Texas. The following tables show the anticipated impact of the changes on AT&T customers by service category:

Class of Service	Approximate Overall % Reduction	Approximate Overall Dollar Reduction (in millions)
Long Distance	9.2	\$ 68.4
Directory Assistance	20.0	1.0
WATS	29.1	29.7
800	19.9	21.5

The rate reductions are presently anticipated to occur in two phases on or about October 22, 1986 and November 12, 1986. The matter has been assigned as Docket Nos. 6926 and 7113. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. A complete copy of the tariffs reflecting the potential rate reductions will be on file with the Commission on or before October 23, 1986.



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# More school days recalled

The two following articles were submitted for inclusion in the rural section of this issue, but were received too late to be included:

## POST SCHOOL 1926-1927

By Sula Mae (Ratliff) West

My two years with the school at Post were a joy. Virginia Clarke of Albany and I shared a two-room apartment in the teacherage with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Watson and their children.

I taught the first three grades, and also eighth-grade English. The class came to my room for the lessons. I also taught the older girls in a separate building, Home Economics, which I was majoring in at ACC. Some of the girls became proficient in both cooking and sewing.

The children were eager to learn, were very competitive, especially a set of twins, a boy and girl.

We had both boys' and girls' basketball teams and played other

schools on outdoor courts. Parents came to the games and some of them became very "verbal" when their team was losing, especially the mothers.

Miss Minnie Ellis, the county superintendent, came out once a year to observe the classes and I was "scared to death" of her, but she gave me a high mark so I finally grew to really respect her.

Some of the children did not enroll in school at the beginning and when they came late, they told me they had to stay out to pick cotton to buy school clothes.

We won a lot of blue ribbons at the Interscholastic events and I was the softball coach of the younger students, which I enjoyed.

We played tennis and volleyball on outdoor courts and ran races and hurdles.

Miss Clarke taught a Spanish class to her students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades, and were invited to give a program to a civic club in

Stamford, which we did.

Our play which was presented the last of school was a "big hit" with the community of Post.

Mr. Watson was an experienced school principal and took pride in the achievements of the students. Some of them became successful later in life. Two brothers are well-known ministers in the Methodist church. Some are school teachers and others are prosperous as farmers and in other professions.

## McCONNELL 1924

Mr. and Mrs. Guillet had taught in the McConnell School for several years, but had just retired when Sula Mae Ratliff and Hillary Stone were hired as teachers. There were eight grades and I was the primary teacher of four grades with 20 students in one room.

There were two or three children from some families in my room. Most walked to school.

I lived in the teacherage and ate meals with the Stones for \$20 per month. My pay was \$90 per month. I went home to Haskell on weekends.

The train track was a few hundred yards from the teacherage so I rode the "doodle bug" as it was called, to Haskell on Friday afternoon. To signal the train to stop for me, I rolled a newspaper and struck a match to make a torch since it was almost dark, and the train stopped for me and I went on to Haskell.

Parents often sent word by the children to invite me to their homes for supper. I would walk home with the students.

We had programs on special occasions and the families came to see their children perform. I played the piano for the songs that were sung. On Valentine's Day, the children made Valentines for each other and for "the teacher." I had special treats for them.

I had no discipline problems but one of the fourth-grade boys was a

little mischievous. One afternoon I was asked by the mother of a student in the eighth grade to accompany them to Stamford to help select some new clothes for her daughter. We left at 2:30 in the afternoon and Mrs. Stone kept my room while I was gone. The next morning the children told me Mr. Stone had given the fourth grader in my room a whipping while I was gone, which made me furious. I never forgave him.

Mr. Elmer Watson, principal of the Post School, came over to McConnell near the end of the school term and asked me to teach with the school there. Since it was a larger school and a higher salary, I accepted and enjoyed two years with the school at Post.

## WTU rates are below state average

Residential customers (including those in Haskell) of West Texas Utilities Co. are paying less for electricity during November than the average price being paid by customers of other investor-owned utilities in Texas.

The monthly report by the Public Utility Commission of Texas shows the WTU's standard residential rates are \$36.80 for 500 kilowatt-hours, compared to an average of \$38.53 among the state's eight investor-owned companies, and \$64.09 for 1,000 KWh, compared to an average of \$70.

Highest rates in the state are charged by El Paso Electric, whose customers are paying \$49.69 for 500 KWh and \$92.86 for 1,000 KWh.

The PUC report shows that WTU's rates have declined 11.4 percent since November 1985, while the average decline among all utilities in the survey, including rural electric cooperatives and municipals, was 8.8 percent.

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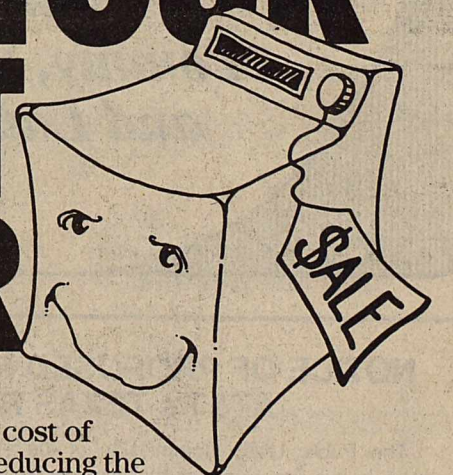
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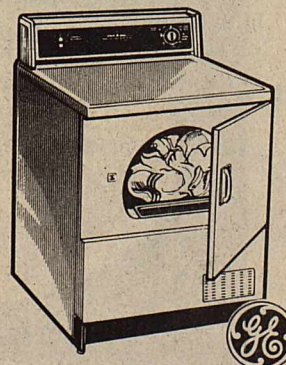
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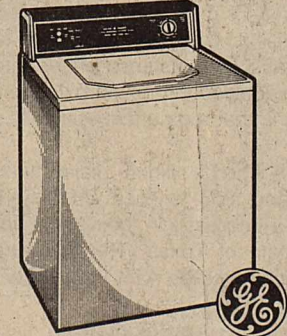
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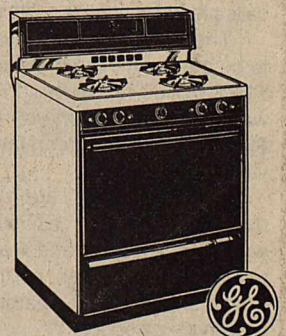
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### Weinert girls make all-district

Two members of the Weinert girls' volleyball have been chosen for the district 10 all-district team. All-district selections include Dianne Carroll, a senior, and Laurie Hester, a junior. Other team members are Anita Rodriguez and Christina Agraz of Knox City and Pam Wills and Becky McCarter of Lueders-Avoca. The Weinert girls finished second in the just-concluded season. Knox City was first-place winner. The team won second place in the Vernon Regional Junior College tournament in September. Laurie Hester was an all-tournament selection in the Clyde tournament.

### Overton's team to play Saturday

Irving McArthur will play Grand Prairie in a Class 5-A football playoff at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in Wichita Falls. McArthur, coached by Ray Overton Jr., son of Mrs. Laura Overton of Haskell, advanced by beating Trinity Friday night in Texas Stadium.

### Rochester meets Gordon Friday

Rochester meets Gordon Friday night in a six-man football playoff game. The game will be played in Albany, beginning at 7:30.

## HASKELL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1986-87 7th, 8th, 9th Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 17	Anson	Anson	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Anson	Haskell	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
Nov. 24	Albany	Albany	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
	Albany	Haskell	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
Dec. 1	Hamlin	Hamlin	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
	Hamlin	Haskell	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
Dec. 4&6	O'Brien 7th & 8th Tournament - O'Brien Girls & Boys			
Dec. 8	Hawley	Hawley	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Hawley	Haskell	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
Dec. 15	Stamford	Stamford	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Stamford	Haskell	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
Jan. 5	Anson	Haskell	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Anson	Anson	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
Jan. 12	Dead Week - Semester Exams			
Jan. 19	Albany	Haskell	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
	Albany	Albany	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
Jan. 22-24	Knox City 9th JV Tournament - Knox City			
Jan. 26	Hamlin	Haskell	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
	Hamlin	Hamlin	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
Jan. 29-31	Haskell 7th & 8th Tournament - Haskell			
Feb. 2	Hawley	Haskell	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Hawley	Hawley	7,8,9 Girls	5:00
Feb. 9	Stamford	Haskell	7,8,9 Boys	5:00
	Stamford	Stamford	7,8,9 Girls	5:00

COACHES: George Martin, Alan Atchison, Jim Lisle, Cody Moree  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Harold Hill

## Sidelines

The Munday Moguls, ranked third among the state's Class A teams, defeated Knox City, 21-7, in a district 5-A zone playoff football game here Friday night. Munday, which won eight games, lost one and tied one during the year, advances in the playoffs. No one in Class A has come very close to the Moguls. The loss was a 2-point defeat at the hands of Seymour and the tie was a season-opening 14-14 standoff against Haskell.

District 7-AA teams had nothing to be ashamed of in last week's bi-district games. Champion Anson turned back the Bangs Dragons, 27-7, Saturday at Anson to advance to the regional playoffs.

Stamford played Goldthwaite on pretty even terms, but came up on the short end of a 30-8 score. Goldthwaite was Class A champion last year, beating Munday in the semifinals. The Eagles moved up to Class AA this season and posted a perfect 10-0 record.

Seven teams on the Indians' 1986 schedule reached the playoffs and five of them won last week. In addition to Munday's win over Knox City, Anson's win over Bangs and Stamford's loss to Goldthwaite, here is how Indian opponents fared in bi-district games:

Quannah 34, Stinnett 22; Electra 42, Paradise 0; Holliday 28, Boyd 14. Only Indian opponents which did not make the playoffs were the other 7-AA opponents, Hamlin, Albany and Hawley. And since only two teams from a district can qualify, that means that it would have been impossible for more than seven Haskell foes to qualify.

This week's playoff schedule will find Anson playing Reagan County in Big Spring, Quannah meeting Seagraves in Plainview, Electra contesting Alstye in Bowie and Holliday against Pilot Point in Wichita Falls.

The Anson-Reagan County contest will be Saturday afternoon; all the others Friday night.

Another Class AA playoff game involving an area team will find powerful Eastland meeting Lorena at Glen Rose Friday night.

## Seat belts save lives

The first year under the mandatory safety belt law brought Texas through

a very busy tourist season with 10 percent fewer fatalities in the seating positions covered by the law.

"We have good reason to be thankful this November," said George Gustafson, president of the Texas Safety Association and spokesperson for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts. He reminded motorists to buckle up during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend as they head for dinner with family and friends.

Preliminary figures for Sept. 1, 1985, through Aug. 31, 1986, show 2,005 drivers and front-seat passengers killed on Texas highways, as compared to 2,234 during the 12 months before the law went into effect. "The law has made a difference," said Gustafson.

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## HASKELL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1986-87 Varsity and Junior Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	BOYS	GIRLS
Nov. 18	Merkel	Merkel	4:00	A&B	A&B
Nov. 21	New Castle	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Nov. 25	Breckenridge	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving				
Dec. 2	Merkel	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Dec. 5	Throckmorton	Haskell	4:00	A	A
Dec. 9	Breckenridge	Breck'e	4:00	A&B	A&B
Dec. 11,12,13	Wylie Lions Club Tournament	Wylie		A	A
Dec. 16	Seymour	Seymour	4:00	A&B	A&B
Dec. 18,19,20	Roscoe Tournament	Roscoe		A	A
Dec. 21-25	Gym Closed				
Dec. 26,27,29	Eula Tournament	Eula		A	A
Jan. 2	Roscoe	Roscoe	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 6	*Hamlin	Hamlin	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 9	*Albany	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 12-15	Semester Exams				
Jan. 16	*Stamford	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 20	*Hawley	Hawley	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 23	*Anson	Anson	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 27	*Hamlin	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Jan. 30	*Albany	Albany	4:00	A&B	A&B
Feb. 3	*Stamford	Stamford	4:00	A&B	A&B
Feb. 6	*Hawley	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B
Feb. 10	*Anson	Haskell	4:00	A&B	A&B

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George Martin, girls  
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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Harold Hill

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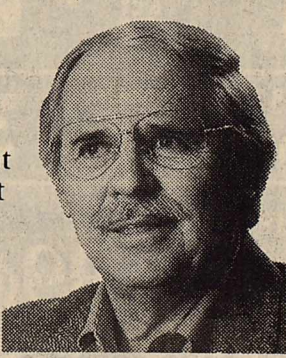
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General Telephone



# Obituaries

## Easter Naron

Graveside services were conducted Sunday for Easter Murphy Naron of Munday.

Mrs. Naron, 71, died Saturday (Nov. 15) in the Munday Nursing Center.

Officiating at the Willow Cemetery services was Bob Hoisington. Burial was under the direction of Holden-McCauley Home.

Born April 4, 1915, in Rule, she married Thurman Lee Naron in Haskell June 1, 1978. She moved to Munday in 1978 from Hobbs, N.M. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by her husband, Thurman L. Naron of Munday; a son, James Naron of Springtown; two daughters, Ruth Hein of Corpus Christi and Joy Luster of Hamilton; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Eward Howeth

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Texas City for Robert Edward Lee Howeth of that city. He was a brother of Jimmy Howeth of Haskell.

Services were at Emken-Linton Funeral Home with Joe T. Rogden officiating. Burial was to be today (Thursday) in the Holland Cemetery in Holland, Texas.

Howeth died Monday in Texas City.

A retired boilermaker, Howeth was born May 6, 1914, in Cleburne.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Jane Howeth of Texas City; three sons, Billy and Bobby Howeth of New Jersey and Allen Howeth of Texas City; one daughter, Jo Ann Oliver of Texas City; three brothers, Jimmy Howeth of Haskell and Howard and Billy Howeth, both of Abilene; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## Jerry Jetton

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday for Jerry Jetton, a lifelong resident of Haskell City.

Jetton, 52, died Thursday (Nov. 13) in Humana Hospital in Abilene.

Services were at East Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Darrell Feemster, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bobby Hester, Wilda Medford, Durwood Livengood, Truett Partons, Frank Jenkins, Melvin Turnbow, Billy Joe Robertson and Buck Speer.

Jetton was born in Haskell Oct. 18, 1934. He was married to Nelda Rose in Haskell Oct. 15, 1961. A member of the East Side Baptist Church he graduated from Weinert High School and had been a car salesman since 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Nelda

Jetton of Haskell; two daughters, Shelah Dickerson of Hamlin and Sharla Jetton of Haskell; his mother, Velma Jetton of Haskell; two brothers, Tom Jetton of Mountain View, Calif., and Keaton Jetton of Lakewood, Colo.; two sisters, Joyce Cooper of Elfrida, Ariz., and Nelda Jennette of Warner Robbins, Ga.; and a granddaughter, Krysta Dickerson of Hamlin. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shannon Leigh, in 1968.

## Band News

Haskell Band Boosters met Nov. 10 in the Band Hall.

Doris Watson, treasurer, made a report of the Fall Festival. Plans were made to operate the concession stand for the Knox City and Munday playoff game.

The club agreed to buy rain ponchos for band members and discussed future band activities and projects.

The Christmas concert will be Dec. 14 in the Civic Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

Next meeting of the Band Boosters will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Band Hall.

# Shopping at home pays off

*(Editor's note: Change a few names and a couple of numbers and the following article from the Albany News would apply to Haskell just as well as it does to Albany.)*

Shopping at home during the 1986 Christmas shopping season, and on throughout 1987, will be even more important than in the past due to the depressed economy, according to several community leaders.

"I think it's time that people started shopping in Albany," said Ed Tackett, chairman of the Albany Development Association.

"Shopping at home is a two-way street," Tackett continued. "The merchants have a responsibility to their customers to stock and clean their stores, and display their merchandise in interesting and effective ways. I believe the local merchants have done this."

Tackett noted, "I believe we, as consumers, owe our merchants the responsibility of giving them our business."

He added that shopping in Albany will "benefit everyone."

"If someone spends \$100 on Christmas shopping in Albany, that \$100 will turn into \$500 to \$700 circulating in town," said Dan Neff, president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. "Those dollars turn over so much."

"Most people don't realize how the money rolls over," he said.

Neff added that many times people forget that most local business establishments fund many non-profit organizations in Albany. "If stores go out of business, we will lose our 'contribution base' as well as part of our tax base."

David Janca, Chamber manager, stated that sometimes the idea of going to a shopping mall is appealing. "Many times we forget about the frustration of the crowds and the hassles involved with going shopping in the city," he said. "You can eliminate the frustration of crowds by shopping right here in Albany."

Besides helping out the local merchants, Janca said shopping at local stores allows you to "do a little PR for your own business or company at the same time."

"Members of the Albany Development Association made a pledge to do as much shopping as possible in Albany to help the merchants," Janca said.

In addition to helping out local merchants, shopping locally can make a real difference as far as property taxes are concerned, said Betty Viertel, chief appraiser of the Shackelford County Appraisal District.

"County-wide, we are presently anticipating that the tax value will drop \$45-\$60 million in 1987," Viertel said. Taxes assessed in 1986 amounted to \$199 million for Shackelford County.

Presently, commercial property accounts for 28 percent of the city's taxes.

The tax burden could shift even more to residential and agricultural property owners in 1987.

"If retailers are supported, it will decrease the shift of the tax burden somewhat," she said.

"If local businesses are not supported, they have to shut down or decrease their stock. This really affects their tax value," Viertel said. "Empty commercial property does not bring in a lot of taxes. More empty buildings affect other commercial property, and brings down the appraised values. It's much like what has happened to the housing market here."

Viertel added that people just don't realize how important it is to spend their money locally.

"Albany is so fortunate to have buildings full downtown," she said. "Most small towns have empty stores downtown, and it is amazing that Albany doesn't have this problem."

If a community doesn't have a fairly thriving business sector, it has a tendency to decline, she said.

"You might save a few dollars by going out of town now, but it will ultimately hurt," the appraiser continued.

In addition to the tax base, the city also receives sales tax payments on money spent locally.

Local merchants actively seek to keep Albany residents shopping at home.

The Chamber of Commerce Merchant's Activity Committee has instituted such activities as the Christmas drawing program, October Fest and sidewalk fairs, as well as last weekend's joint open house, Holiday Preview '86.

(Written by Carol Lackey)

## Indians...

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next Tuesday when Breckenridge visits Haskell.

The Maidens started slowly against Merkel, dropping behind 8-0 in the opening minutes and trailing 16-13 at the end of the first quarter. Midway through the second period, however, the Maidens began rebounding well and started doing what they do best, getting the ball to the open girl.

Coach George Martin used all 14 of his squad members, and eight of

them got in the scoring column.

Julie Roewe's 21 points paced the scorers. Patricia Henry and Robyne Weaver also were in double figures with 13 and 12 points respectively. Sheree Dumas had 9 points, Tiffany Moeller scored 6, Sadie Thompson added 4, Rebecca Flores scored 3 and Tammi Miller tossed in 2.

Coach Martin said he thought his team did an "outstanding job" for an opening game. In addition to the scorers, he praised the efforts of Joy McKeever, Mindy Smith, Vicki Chavez, Tamra Burnett, Dala Harris and La Kay Gibbs.

The Indian boys dropped behind 20-13 in the first quarter and never were able to catch up.

Brad Bevel paced the Indian scoring with 18 points and Jerry Davis had 10.

Other scorers included James Rike and Dusty Meeks with 8 each, Mark Young with 5 and B. J. Mitchell with 4.

The Indians were handicapped by the fact that several team members had just completed the football season last week. Patrick Perez, Ponciano Lopez and Paul Harvey, all football team members, did not play due to injuries.

# Vet burial benefits restored

The amounts paid by the Veterans Administration for the burial of eligible deceased veterans have been returned to the maximum available under Federal laws. D.E. Livengood, Veterans Service Officer for Haskell County, said the maximum amounts are once again being paid, effective Oct. 1 of this year.

On March 1, the VA burial allowance benefits were reduced under provisions of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, all part of the plan to reduce government spending. These reduced payments for VA burial allowance continued in effect until the new Fiscal Year commenced on October 1, 1986.

The VA burial allowance is now \$1,100 when the evidence shows that the death of a veteran was caused by a disability which was rated as service-connected by the VA. When the veteran's death is not service-connected, the amount paid by the VA is \$300, with an additional \$150 paid for the grave space or burial plot when burial is not in a cemetery owned by the Federal Government.



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**For Sale**  
FOR SALE: 1986 Chevy Suburban Silverado. Red and charcoal. Red interior. Low miles. V-8 engine, automatic overdrive transmission. Power windows and door locks, folding rear doors. AM-FM stereo cassette, extra clean. See at 1305 N. Av L after 6 p.m. or call 864-8958 after 6 p.m. **47-48p**

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Haskell Free Press

**For Sale**  
HORSE SALE: Every other Saturday. Next sale Nov. 22 and Dec. 6, 12:00. OK Horse Auction, Breckenridge, Tx. 817-559-3612. **47-48c**

**For Sale**  
FOR SALE: 3 cumming 2 year old trailers. 1-300 gal. diesel tank trailer. 1-120 gal. diesel tank. Pecans, \$1.00 per lb. Glen Merchant, 864-3277. **47p**

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HASKELL MEDICAL SUPPLY. 706 N. Ave G. 864-2258. For sale or rent: walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, commode chairs, oxygen and supplies. Medicare approved and free delivery. **36fc**

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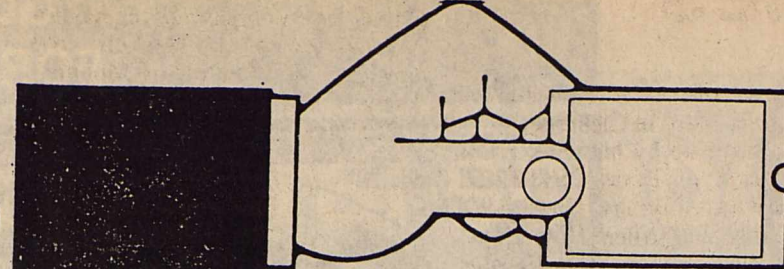
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This Report Made by David Drinnon to Sheriff's Dept. THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Johnny L. Mills, in and for Haskell County, Texas, who being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 10th day of November, 1986, he was notified by the above described person of the above described livestock which was found running at large in Haskell County, Texas, at the above described location and pursuant to the stock laws of the State of Texas, Chapter Four, Title 121, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, impounded said livestock, said impoundment being at the above described location.

Johnny L. Mills  
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the 10th day of November, 1986.  
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Enjoy Small Payments. This two bdr. Stucco near town and only \$10,900  
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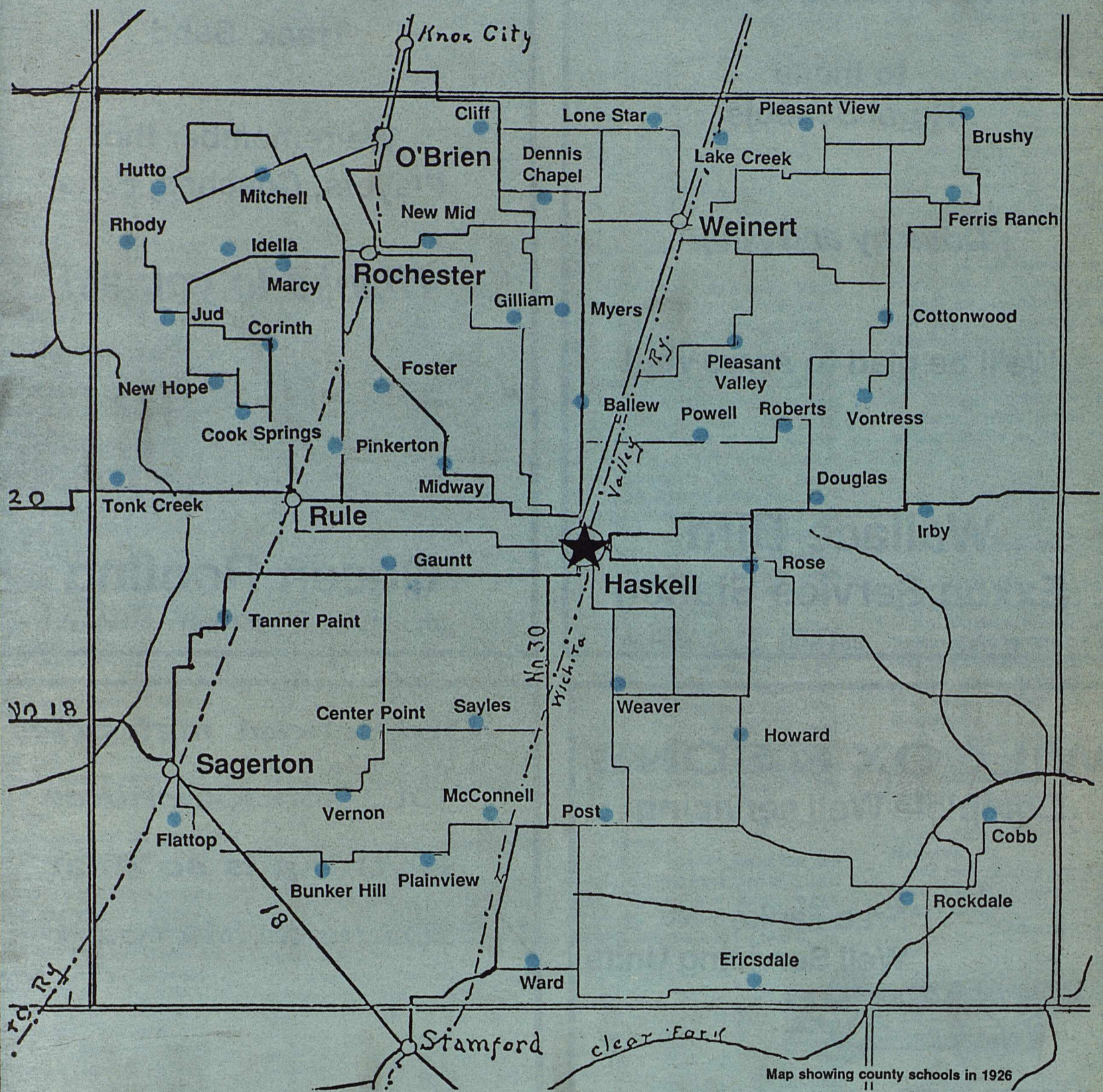
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Map showing county schools in 1926

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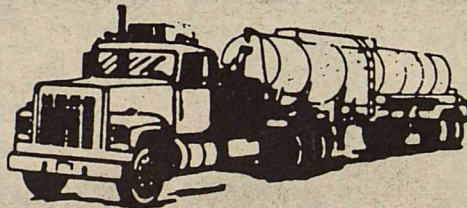
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# Education was goal of settlers

By Ernestine Cox Herren

"Tis education forms the mind...Just as the twig is bent, the trees inclined." Pope.

Public education was one of the primary goals of the early settlers of Texas, who listed the failure to provide education as one of the grievances in the Texas Declaration of Independence.

As early as 1838, Mirobeau B. Lamar advocated setting aside public land for public schools and he is called the "Father of Education in Texas." The Texas Treasury had very little money but an abundance of land, so over 52 million acres of the Texas public land was allotted for school purposes.

The early settlers of Haskell County were no less dedicated to establishing schools for their children.

The first school in Haskell County was in Mr. Tucker's store in the little village of Haskell, but this is not about town schools. This is about country schools.

The next school was in the George Cook neighborhood in the northwest part of the county in January 1887. This was originally called Camp Springs, and the new school was called Cook Springs.

Another early-day school was Buffalo Springs in the eastern part of the county, but it was a subscription school, later changed to Cobb when it became a county school.

Many of the schools were named for the family giving land for the school, only a few acres. Land was cheap. The value of the whole community then was the value of a good farm now. There must have been a sharp increase in population in the early 1900s as a lot of schools were built then.

Everybody supported the schools. There might be dissension of one kind or another, but that did not affect the school for it was the center of the community, not only for learning, but as a social center as well. Often church services were conducted, as well as political meetings. Candidates were invited to speak and oftentimes elections were held in the building.

Pie suppers and box suppers were popular to make money for school improvements--a piano, playground equipment, etc. Singings and plays were also popular and in the early days, dances were often in the school building.

Most of the schools could raise the partition between two rooms, making a nice auditorium. On Sunday afternoons, ball games were popular on the playground. Lighting was coal lamps, sometimes Coleman lamps and a few schools even had carbide lamps.

There was the school building, a coal house, and in the early days, a shed for the horses was provided and later there was a teacherage for the teachers to live in.

The school trustees were usually pillars of the community, had large families and some served many years. They not only hired the teachers but they hauled the fuel, donated their labor to keep the buildings in repair and sometimes hauled the lumber for the building and assisted in the building.

Mr. Bob Webb was trustee for Tonk Creek over 20 years and Shelby Harris was trustee for many years at Sayles. Very few of them had any college, many had not finished high school but they were ambitious for their children.

The country school filled a dire need of that time and did very well indeed. It trained honest, substantial citizens who developed this county.

The school districts were spaced so that the schools were five miles apart so the children only walked two and a half miles to school. This was not always true, as some walked three miles and Opal Watson had pupils who rode horses seven miles in the early days. Probably there was not a school yet in their neighborhood.

Children either walked, rode a horse or came in buggies. Model T Fords came in the mid-20s. The winters were cold and sometimes the roads were impassable. There was no pavement in the county until the early 30s. The men in each precinct gave the county so many days of road work each year with their teams and Fresno. Betty Toliver Dulaney said when she was in first grade in Weaver school, she walked three miles and would be so tired. The McDonald family lived about half way and one of the older boys would carry her the last mile and a half.

Children arose early, did their chores, ate a hearty breakfast of real cow butter, home-cured ham or sausage and eggs and biscuits. Nobody had ever heard of cholesterol. They usually walked when the horses were being used for farming purposes. This was their physical exercise; nobody had heard of having physical exercise classes. For lunch they carried more home-grown food in a syrup bucket, plus cookies or fried pies. Fried pies made at home were delicious.

The children got a good foundation in reading, math, spelling and geography. The equipment consisted of textbooks, maps, a blackboard and a small library.

In the late 30s, the county superintendent sent a library truck around to all the schools once a month. It took a long time to visit 44 schools, especially if the roads were muddy. After all the children could exchange with each other.

All schools started out as a one-room school with one teacher teaching seven or eight grades, but as population grew so did the school, to two or three rooms. The lower grades could listen to the upper grades recite. They diagrammed sentences, memorized poems and studied Dickens, Scott and Tennyson. We wept when they read "A Man Without a Country" and were thrilled at "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." We sang songs, answered roll call with a famous quotation, had prayer and patriotism was taught in all the schools. Each Friday we had current events. Each child reported some news item.

At recess we played ball, pop-the-whip, wolf-over-the-river, Annie Over, hop-scotch, memblety-peg, three deep and the little girls played house under the trees.

On Fridays we had spelling and arithmetic matches. When school had

a play or program, everybody had a part--everybody was somebody. The porch was often used in the Spring, used as a stage with sheets strung on wires as curtains and everybody came. All the desks were moved outside for the audience.

Usually, a man was principal. He taught the upper grades and he always wore a white shirt and tie. He also handled the discipline problems and could and sometimes did use the paddle. This was before Dr. Spok!

All teachers built their own fires, swept out and carried water from the cistern or pump for their own use unless they lived with a child's parent. There was no plumbing or electricity.

In the 30s we had a severe drouth and folks had to haul water. Sagerton did not have a city water system so had to haul water for the whole town. Mary Moncil was teaching in Sagerton at that time and her landlady had a real true bathroom with real true plumbing, but Mary was only allowed one bucket of water per day. At that time only five percent of all rural homes in the U.S. had a bathroom. Some of the teachers were more germ conscious than others and were opposed to the children all drinking from one dipper and had each child bring a cup, but some forgot and cups could always be passed around to classmates.

In the very early days, teachers were paid \$35 to \$40 per month in the lower grades and the principal \$50 to \$60, which was in keeping with the cost of living around 1890-1900. In the 30s the pay was \$80 for lower grades and \$100 for the principal. In the Great Depression, teachers were paid in script which they could keep until taxes were paid or they could sell them at a discount to someone with money.

Teachers usually fitted into the community and some married a local man. There were many, many dedicated, excellent teachers who brought knowledge to the prairie, but

some of their names have been lost in the mists of time. They were just as much a pioneer as the early settlers.

The progress of the schools parallels the transition from horse-drawn vehicles to the mechanization of this part of West Texas. Paved roads made it easier to send the children to larger town schools but something was lost in the process. The folks who attended country schools recall those days with pleasure, happy memories of old teachers and friends and sometimes a tear. People were warm and caring, even though times were hard and a neighbor was a neighbor in the true sense of the word.

Most of the students served in World War II with honor and some went on the marked success and we have many, many good solid citizens from the country schools.

All the buildings are gone now. Only cisterns are left at Foster, Rose and Weaver. Country people were hospitable, friendly and would lend a helping hand to anybody. They still do.

## Thanks!

To all the people who helped me with the this county school issue.

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A sincere "thank you" to the teachers and students of county schools for their encouragement, cooperation and for writing their memories.

We have recalled a way of life--gone forever--a part of Haskell County history.

...Ernestine Cox Herren



IRBY SCHOOL BEFORE 1911

Top row, Lorene Von Gonten, Erma Pueschel, Selma Stienfath, Mr. Fred McCarty, Bettie Kretschmer, Adele Pueschel, Lena Stienfath, Irene Kretschmer, Helen Kretschmer; second row, Isabell Brueggeman, Ervin Wilkinson, William Von Gonten, Leonard Weise, Amanda Moiller, Frances Zelisko, Leora Stewert, Minnie Seelig, Alma Stienfath, Leona Pueschel, Frances Seelig, Everlyn Peiser, Helen Moeller, Erma McCarty; bottom row, Martin Stewert, Robert Ejem, Fred Klose, Walter Kretschmer, Edward Moeller, Wilton Weise, Raymond Stewert, Frank Moeller.

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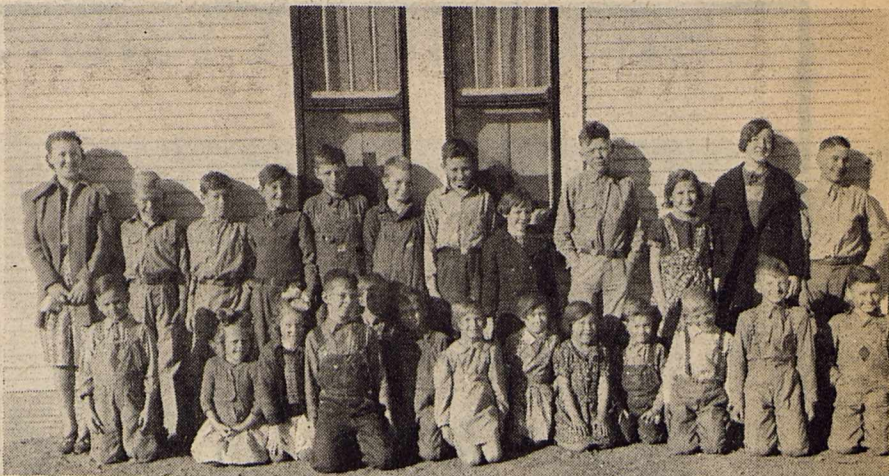
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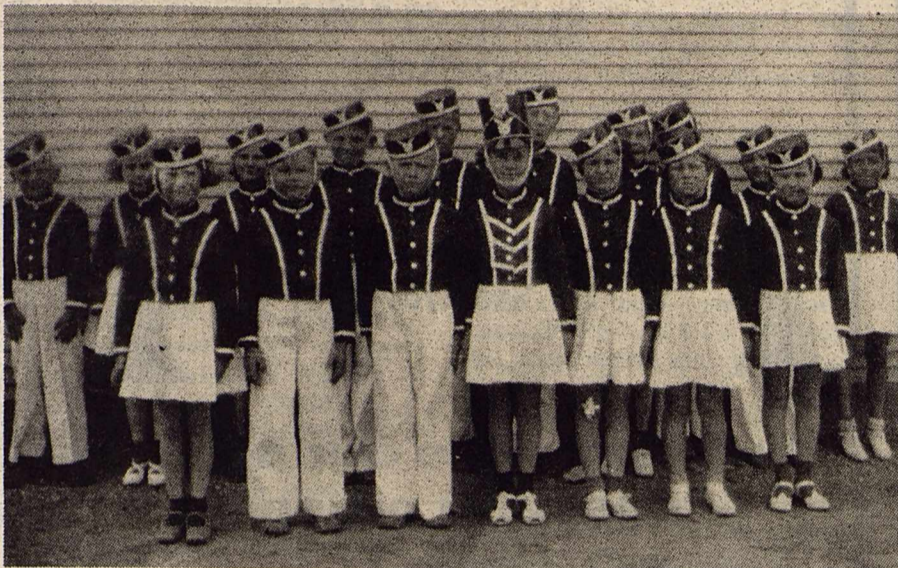
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**TANNER PAINT SCHOOL 1935:** Teachers include Mr. Ed Cloud Jr., Mrs. Ed Cloud, Ernestine Cox.



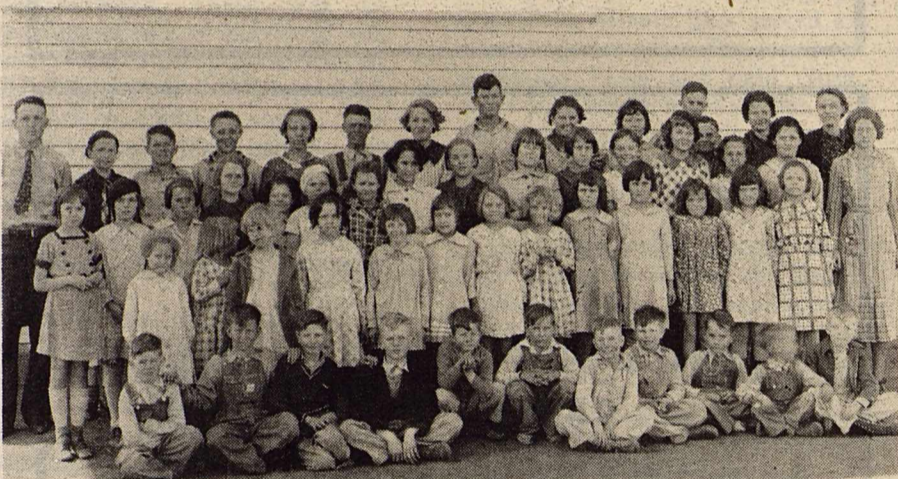
**PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL:** Neither the names of the students nor the year were available.



**MIDWAY SCHOOL Rythm Band,** directed by Mary Mancil.



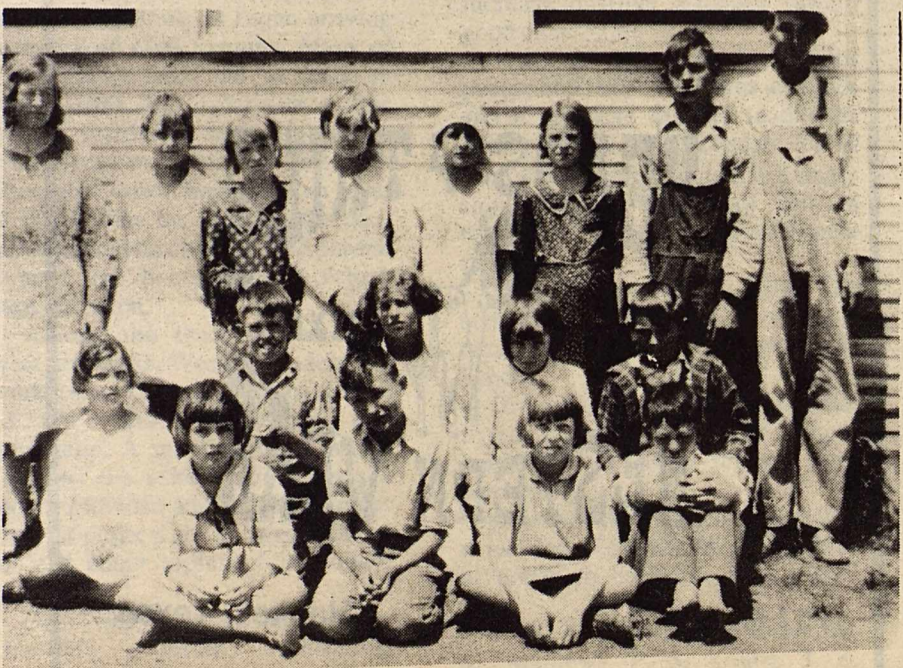
**TANNER PAINT baseball team 1935.** Mr. Ed Cloud, coach.



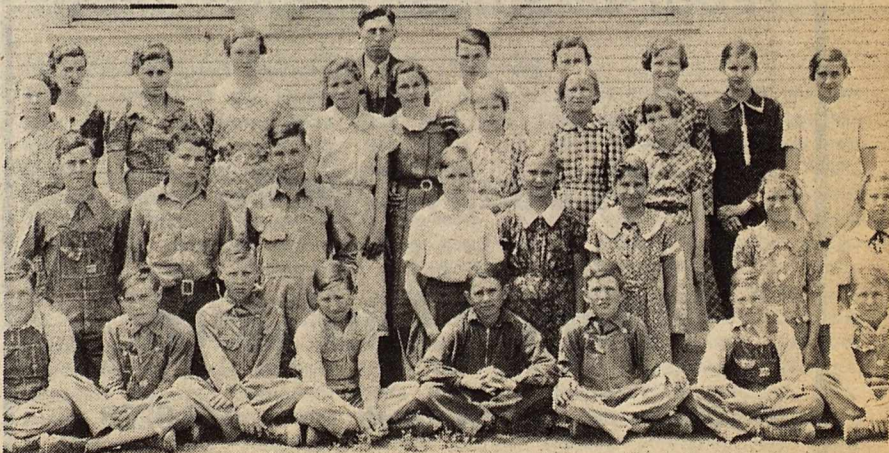
**FOSTER SCHOOL 1936:** T. B. Roberson, principal, Ruth Server.



**HOWARD BASKETBALL TEAM 1923-24**  
 Making up the team were Opal Watson, Lorene Medford, Ila Mae Medford, Tiny Bishop, Pearl Medford and Bertha Trimmer. Teachers were Hilary Stone and Luther Watson.



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# Children brought water from home

By Mrs. A. B. McLennan

Ericksdale's origin dates back approximately 80 years. The first building was constructed near the California Creek around the turn of the century. Kenneth McLennan, Alexander McLennan, Charley Shaw and many others assisted in constructing the building which was later known as "District No. 25" in Haskell County.

The original building was destroyed by fire around 1913, and a bond issue was called for in September 1915 to build the new two-classroom building with a library. It was constructed about a mile west of the first site.

The new school ground had a cistern to provide drinking water. Children had been bringing their own drinking water from home since 1908. That was the year the children quit drinking water from the creek after eight-year-old Ellen McLennan died of typhoid fever.

Major building maintenance and repair on the school was done by the trustees, and housekeeping duties were done by the teacher. Various other persons from the community volunteered to assist the teacher and trustees with yard work. This included caring for the playgrounds, as well as tending the outdoor toilet facilities.

Ericksdale had a tradition of doing a three-act play each year. Local residents of the community provided the excellent community entertainment. There was an abundance of talented individuals who contributed to the play as well as other night time activities which included a monthly social. The children could play games, and different diversions for the older people were provided. Then, as now, a freezer of homemade ice cream was a favorite among the refreshments served.

While the writer taught in Ericksdale from 1928 to 1938 school days varied in significant ways from those of today. Students frequently had to stay home to pull cotton; thus, attendance was irregular until around Christmas.

A typical winter school day went something like the following: I arrived early to build a fire in the coal circulating heater which heated the entire room. Students began arriving around 8:45 each morning. Many of the students had had to walk to school—some from as far away as five miles. Students had 15-minute recesses at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Lunch break was an hour, at which time the children ate their home-packed lunches and then played. School was dismissed at 4 o'clock each afternoon.

Among the teaching materials were textbooks, Weekly Readers and workbooks. Classes emphasized the "3 R's": reading, writing and arithmetic. A mobile library which serviced the school about once a month provided additional resources for class projects and allowed children to read about topics of individual interest.

Each Friday morning there was an assembly program, combining elementary and secondary students. Songs, assorted readings, skits and other activities which promoted

leadership and communication skills were highlighted. School rules and regulations were also reviewed.

Successful teaching depended on efficient time management because there were three to four grade levels in each room with a number of subjects to be taught. The average amount of time per subject was about 15 minutes. Math and spelling were subjects which allowed two or more grades to be taught simultaneously; homework provided extra practice.

Much of the work was done at the blackboard (chalkboard). When a student finished his/her work correctly, he/she was allowed to help other students not yet finished or those having difficulty understanding the concept.

Teachers had many additional responsibilities. Some were related to housekeeping such as caring for floors on a daily basis and occasionally applying hot linseed oil to control the dust.

The single desks were purchased from Sears Roebuck & Co. The desks were placed in rows and nailed to one-by-fours so that the desks could not be shuffled around by the pupils, but the row could easily be moved for cleaning purposes.

Academically, the state set goals for each child to attain before being promoted to the next grade level.

Supervisors were provided through the county superintendent's office. During my years of teaching at Ericksdale, Minnie Ellis served as county superintendent. She visited on a regular basis and paid close attention to teacher qualifications, the daily register and schedule of classes. Her expertise on curriculum matters made her highly regarded by the teachers.

In addition, a state inspector came once a year to inspect the entire school program. The local school board was in charge of hiring teachers and for general supervision of the school.

In my opinion the small schools were excellent. Each child was given an opportunity to participate in activities which helped him to grow in many ways: to gain necessary skills and knowledge, to develop feelings of self confidence, and to increase positive attitudes toward good citizenship.

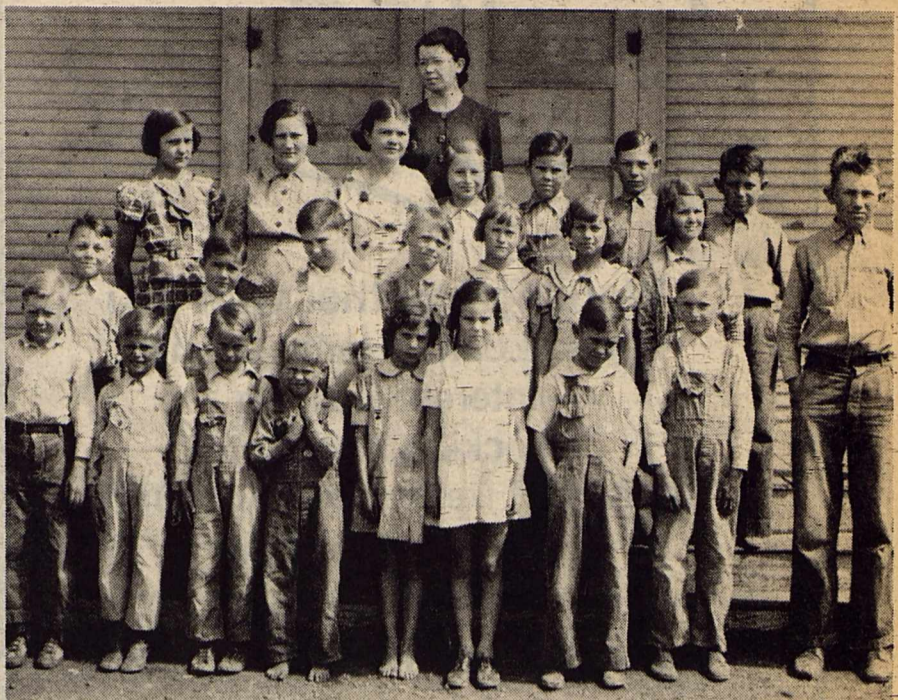
I will always be grateful to the people of Ericksdale. It was an honor and a privilege to have taught the primary grades at Ericksdale for 10 years. The community was extremely supportive of its school and its teachers. I cherish each hour I spent there.

When I want to think of something pleasant and rewarding, I recall my days at the Ericksdale School.

(Editor's note: Mrs. McLennan listed a lot of names of people involved in the school and community.)

Signing the petition in 1915 requesting an election for the issuance of bonds to build the new school were:

J. W. Anderson, Hally Shaw, W. M. Mathews, P. S. Young, J. Z. Williams, R. J. West, L. E. Scott, A. L. Young, C. E. Dishman, A. H. Alston, C. L. Bouldin, C. J. Scott, J.



## WEAVER SCHOOL 1935-36

Back row, Minnie Lucile Mullins, Bettie Lois Mullins, Ira Kinnimer, Anna Belle Ray, Carroll Toliver, P. D. Body, Bill Jack Ray; second row, Wilda Medford, Burl Mullins, Holman Mullins, Jo Dell Andress, Bennie Fay Andress, Dorothy Olene Andress, Genevia Kinnimer, Herbert Ray; bottom row, Leon Parsons, Don Boddy, Vernay Andress, Winford Lee Andress, Alma Jean Faught, Betty Joe Toliver, Max Ray, David Deene Andress, Teacher Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald.

M. Mickler, Alex McLennan and K. McLennan.

Trustees included:

Bill Mickler, Fred Shaw, Otto Thane, Ulric Ferrell, Neils Hanson, Claud McCowan and Fred Buerger.

Teachers included:

Mrs. Steele (first teacher), Edna Osborne, Vera McLennan, Elvov Thompson, Pearl McLennan, Mr. Parks, Roberts Fuqua, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Alexander.

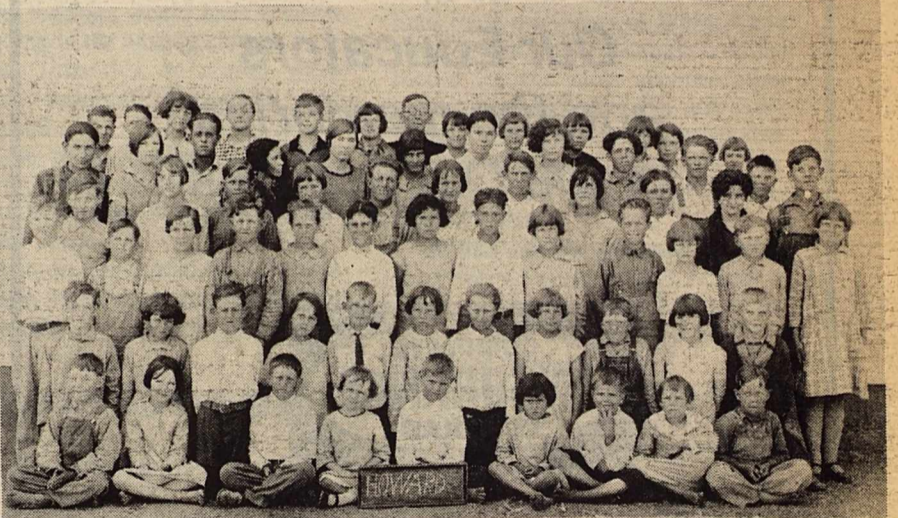
Also Mrs. Bess Bohannon, Miss Allie King, Mrs. Elmer Childress, Mrs. Amelia Bowman, Mr. Crane,

Mr. Smith, Tom Cunningham, Mrs. Claire King McLennan, John M. Ivy and Laveda Ivy.

Pupils came from the families of:

Alston, Denman, Bounds, Shaw, Hager, Bohannon, Hansen, Strickland, Blount, Mickler, Wilkinson, Stephens, Martin, Taylor, Ferrell, Ivy, Buerger.

Also Patterson, McLennan, Sconce, Garvin, Smith, Turner, Young, Corley, Chambers, Chandlers, Shannon, Olson, Dishman, Lindsey, Nelms, Thane, Gavitt, Johnson and Canuteson.



## HOWARD CONSOLIDATED 1933-34

In this picture of the Howard student made in 1933 or 1934 are the four faculty members, Miss King and Mrs. Opal Watson Nanny, on the left, and on the right Mr. Stevenson and Miss Watson. Students are Marie Hammer Elmore, Oscar Tidwell, Ruby McMahan, Jesse Dean, Gladys Weaver Haley, Irene, Nanny Bischoffhausen, Colen Hammer, Thelma Landess Boone, Vernay Howard, Kathryn Harvey, R. T. Landess, Inez Earles Gilleland, two McClung boys, Arthur McMahan, Martha Grand Andress, Medford Underwood, Lloyd Gilleland, Edna Tidwell Calloway, Otis Elmore, Walton (Bud) Nanny, Winsor Wells, Nevada Underwood Hammer, Elmer Dean, Alice Cox Graham, Howard Earles, Jack Landess, Johnny Grand, Juanita Mitchell Jones, Mary Annys Brown, Neina, Joyce Nanny, Alvin Medford, Doyle Elmore, J. W. Elmore, Mann Trimmier, Kenneth Brown, Christene Wells Bruxton, Bonnie Hisey, Mozell Cox, Audry Green English, Willie Lee Medford, Tick Elmore, Merle Weaver, J. V. Weaver, Elgin Stevenson, Kermit Brown, Russell Johnson, Roy Haley Troy Haley, Gene Wells, Henry Medford, W. A. Earles Jr., Othella Cox, W. S. Cox, Laverne Livengood, Howard McMahan, Mary Tidwell Jarmon, Albert Thane and others whose names are not available.

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# Center Point school days recalled

By Rena Sue Chitwood  
Blythe, Calif.

Center Point was a farming community of between 15 and 25 families. Some had nice homes and maybe a car. Others weren't that lucky, with just medium houses and no cars.

Some rented their farms and others owned them. But every family was equal in their hearts. If one family had trouble or problems of any kind, everybody pitched in and helped.

We had a little one-room church and everyone went to church Sunday morning and Sunday night. Sometimes on Sunday afternoon all the kids would go horseback riding or watch a baseball game. Several of the men played baseball and their families would go watch the games.

There was a two-room school house with a house on the school ground for the teachers to live in. Most of the time they tried to have a man and wife for teachers. Some of the single teachers drove back and forth from Haskell to teach.

School was always a joy for all of the children because then you didn't have so many things for entertainment. You worked together and went together to make your own entertainment.

We always had basketball, volleyball and baseball teams for girls and boys. Everyone worked hard and we always had good teams and won a lot of ribbons over the years.

There was only one night basketball court in the district and it was at Knox City. Every year we went there to play in our basketball tournaments. Some would have to go and stay the full time because they didn't have transportation to go back and forth. Most everyone had friends they could stay with. It was always in the winter time and it got very cold and would rain almost every year. A lot of the kids would come home sick from exposure. But it was always a lot of fun and the highlight of the year.

When the weather was bad some kids would drive wagons or buggies to school and would pick up all the kids on their route.

Some rode horses. Some parents would drive them. Others would walk if they didn't live very far. Some lived as far as four miles from school. Everybody always took a sack lunch if you had anything to make it out of. Times were very hard then and some of the families didn't have as much as they needed to eat at times. But others always helped out if it was needed.

There was a man-made water tank over the fence on one side of the school ground and in the winter it would freeze over and all the kids would ice skate on it at lunch time and recesses. There were a lot of shoe soles worn out.

We nearly always had a ball game of some kind on Friday afternoon, sometimes at other schools in the district. After the ball games we had a party part of the time or would plan one for Saturday night. Most of the parents were good to take turns and let us have parties at their homes.

We had some boys that played musical instruments and we would dance if we didn't have a house we could go to. Sometimes we would get

trailers and wagons and a car or two and pick up everybody we could and have a hayride. We would go to a bridge there close and dance on the bridge by car lights. We always had a married couple or two go along. Some had children and some didn't. There never was any traffic on the county roads at night.

Most of the girls had brothers and they all went together. Some had dates and some went alone. Everybody in those days went together. You double-dated or maybe three or four couples went together.

The whole community was just like one big happy family. Everything we did was just a lot of good clean fun.

It's really sad that kids (and adults) now don't know how much fun can be had without drugs or liquor.

## Cottonwood

By Mrs. Lois (Goode)  
Pinkerton

I went to school at Cottonwood in 1928. It was a two room building with two teachers; Miss Deaney and Miss Cook.

We lived about three miles from school and had to walk. As we went along other kids joined us. We almost always went, come snow or high water.

We had a storm celler there. We would get Miss Cook there then shut the door on her.

We had an old pot belly stove and a water well with a hand pump and a tin cup to drink with. Everyone used the same cup.

Cottonwood school went in with Mattson school.

I only went to Cottonwood that one year, then I went to Weinert where I finished in 1940.

## Center Point

In the early 1900s Center Point was a one-room school of eight grades located southeast of Rule where four roads met.

The water supply was a barrel by the side of the school and the children all drank out of a dipper from a bucket. The teachers either boarded with a nearby parent or rented and lived in one room.

Eva Kendrick Speer remembers when she was in first grade in 1909 walking to school with her brother Buck. He carried the books and she carried their lunch in a syrup bucket. One cold day her fingers froze so the teacher thawed them out and let her sit by the stove all day. She also was sitting in the teacher's chair, the only chair in the room. And one time she got to ride to Sayles School in a buggy with the teacher and one of the older girls.

Lucille Mauldin Martin of Rule also remembers happy days in Center Point School when it was three rooms with three teachers. She recalls the spelling and arithmetic matches on Friday afternoons. Two group captains were appointed and they chose sides. When a word was misspelled that person had to sit down. The one standing the longest

received a pencil from the teacher as a prize.

The students were transferred to Haskell in 1938-39, then back to Center Point in 1940. In 1942 or 1943 the school building was torn down and the ground cleared. It is being farmed at this time by Adell Thomas.

Some of the families were Gregory, McClennon, H. F. Harwell, Ferrel Jeter, Will Jeter, Frank Jeter, Ivy, Toney Patterson, Will Bland, A. Briden, W. T. Kirby, Clyde Briden, Jim Mauldin, Joe Davis, Sedberry and Hanny.

Some of the school trustees were W. E. Bland, Tony Patterson, Ferrel Jeter, Mr. Briden, Gene McClennon, Will Jeter and Tom Morgan.

Mr. L. I. Morgan and Mr. Guest taught in the one-teacher school.

Among telachers in the three-teacher school were Freddie Johnson, Virgie Johnson, Mr. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Watson, Mr. Brannon, Lorena Liles, Audrey Boyd.

Also Veda Boyd, Quida Boyd, Lonelle Denson McCandless, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Leslie Jeter and James McCain.

## Gauntt

By Helen Davis Miller

When I started to school I went to Gauntt which was west of Haskell. It was a three-room brick building. My first teacher was Miss Fannie Kay.

We lived about three miles from school and rode to school in a two-wheel cart with my two older brothers. When my sister started to school we rode in a four-wheel cart and picked up other children on the way. When the weather was cold we would be pretty cold when we arrived, but the teachers would have a warm fire going in the heating stoves.

Our activities at recess were games, baseball, basketball and volleyball.

Some of my teachers were Jenny Tucker, Mary Kimbrough, Mary Emma Whitaker, Mamie Jones and Haskell Stone.

I went to this school until I was a junior in high school and then I went to Haskell.

## Lake Creek

By EffieNola Long Shook

In the fall of 1917 and spring of 1918 I taught the first five grades in a two-teacher school at Lake Creek, a few miles east of Weinert. (After my graduation from Haskell High School in the spring of 1915, I had spent one year at home and then one year at the University of Texas at Austin.)

Mr. Hutto, Haskell County superintendent, took my dad and me to meet with the Lake Creek School trustees. They gave me the job at \$65 per month, which would go a long way 69 years ago when there was a drought and World War I had been declared in April of 1917. School opened late in the fall to give kids time to help with crops.

It was a two-teacher school with one to eight grades. Davida Morrow of Wellington, Texas, was the other

teacher. We boarded at a home close to the school with a family of several children and no extra bedrooms, but a living room with a couch-bed they gave us. We were delighted. There was a piano in the room and I played.

The War was on so the boys of the county had gone to camps or to France. Food was rationed, especially sugar and flour.

Our water in that area came from surface tanks and cisterns. The drought dried the cisterns and a cold winter froze over the tanks, but we broke the ice, pushed back the debris and enjoyed the water.

Our hosts needed their living room, so we changed boarding places in the spring. There we had a comfortable bedroom and the daughter of the family played the organ and the two sons played guitars. We were fortunate again.

We had school programs at Christmas time and closing exercises at the end of school in late spring. We had a great bunch of kids and we enjoyed a good year at Lake Creek.

*(The writer, now 89 years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Long. Her husband was the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Shook, pioneer families of Haskell County.)*

## Pleasant Valley

By Velma Chitwood Jetton

During the three years I attended Pleasant Valley School, one of the fondest memories I have is of the rural mail carrier who left mail at all the boxes lined up on a board just north of the school house.

He was Mr. Oscar Lewis. The mail route originated in Weinert and covered a big area. He must hold the record for the most accomodating mail carrier of all time. I'm sure every student at P.V. at one time or another and probably lots of times, asked Mr. Lewis to bring them school supplies from Weinert.

At that time, people couldn't go to town every day. Some days, he had as many tablets, note books, pencils, etc., as mail and delivered it with a smile and good wishes.

He would honk his horn and the teacher would let a couple of us go get the mail and school supplies. He was a good ole guy.

## Mitchell

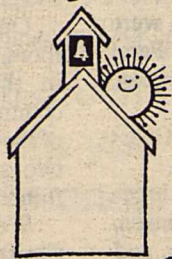
J. L. and S. M. Mitchell gave one acre of land for a school in the northwest part of the county.

Mildred Mancil attended this school and Miss Tommye Carr was her teacher. In 1918, Miss Carr married Audie Verner before he went overseas in World War I. Mrs. Verner shared her letters from her husband with the students and they looked forward to his letters.

Some of the teachers were Oscar Southall, Mrs. Flournoy, Mr. McConnell and Mrs. Langston

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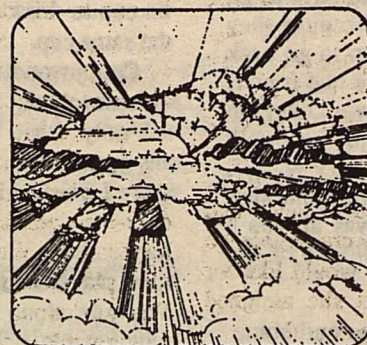
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# Howard School was also a church

By Opal Watson Nanny

In 1902, my grandparents, Lewis and Mary Ann Howard moved onto their farm in southeast Haskell County. The school, in the beginning was a temporary building which was also used by Lewis, a Baptist lay-preacher, as a church.

About 1907, the Howards gave land for a school and cemetery; both the cemetery and the school were named Howard.

Money was raised through a bond election and the county built a large one room school building which was to be used as a church when school was not in session. In those days, church services were not held every Sunday for any one denomination. I attended services, mainly Baptist, but Methodist and Church of Christ also. Mr. Sid Medford held Bible study on Sunday afternoons, and I was always present.

In 1918, we moved back to Howard, and my brother John R. Watson, Jr. and I began our next four years in school at "Old Howard."

On a bright October day we joined Morris Fowler, Buster Cox and Olen Willis and walked a mile to school. We carried our book satchels, which contained cedar pencils, tablets and the textbooks our parents bought for us. I have one of those books. It is Sutton and Bridges Arithmetic, Lower Book, copyright 1914. The price listed in the back of the book is .22 cents new and .11 cents exchange.

The schoolroom had shelves at the back for our lunches and nails in the wall to hang our wraps on. On another shelf was the water bucket and 'community' dipper. A large coal stove was centrally located. A coal bucket, shovel and box of kindling were near by.

My teacher, Miss Zadie Weathersbee, took our names and enrolled us. The desks were double, so she let us find who we would like for our desk partner. Then she assigned our lessons and we began our day.

Some of the children who lived farther away came in buggies or rode horseback. The Dinsmore girls, Thelma, Ruth and Reba and the Monroe Howard children, Weldon, Myrtis, and Harry are some of those who came in buggies.

Teachers in those days boarded with families. Some came in buggies if they lived close by. I think Miss Una DeBard probably was one who did.

Miss Weathersbee was an excellent teacher. She and the other teacher (I can't recall her name) taught seven or eight grades in the same room. We had a burlap curtain to divide the room, but it was seldom drawn. An energetic and devoted teacher, she managed to have all the classes recite each day. She liked music, and before we arrived at school in the morning, a song would be written on the blackboard for us to copy. We learned many patriotic songs, for World War I was going on. I remember one sad ballad called, "Just Before the Battle, Mother."

Miss Zadie was interested in health, and soon the community dipper was used only to pour water into the

glasses or cups that each of us brought to school. She, with the help of Sophie and Lorene Medford, Artist Howard, and other upper class pupils, made charts for us to check off the list of "Good Health Habits" we carried out each day.

Discipline at "Old Howard" was not a big problem. Pupils were told at home that they were to respect the teachers, and that if they got into trouble at school, they would be in big trouble at home. Naughtiness and mischievousness were punished by having to stay in at recess or noon, or by being made to stand in the corner. If you failed to prepare home assignments, you were kept after school. Fighting was about the only misbehavior that received a whipping. This happened very rarely.

Noon and recess were fun times. We hurried through our lunches in

young local rancher, Demmit Hughes, called on her and they became good friends. He came to see her on Sunday afternoons, riding a beautiful horse and leading one for Edith to ride. They made a handsome couple on horseback.

Ethel Howard Tidwell's class was assigned to tell a joke on a Friday afternoon. She didn't know a joke, so her father M. B. Howard, told her the following:

Three Irishmen were walking down a road when they met a very excited young man.

"I need a shovel! My friend is up to his ankles in mud and I've got to dig him out!"

"You don't need a shovel if he's only ankle deep. We can pull him out," the three replied.

"Faith and B'Jesus, you don't understand! He jumped in head first."

When Ethel told the joke, Jeanette

winter Friday afternoons. We and the adults had spelling and arithmetic matches. Abi Howard Watson always won the spelling match and A. L. (Boo) Cox won the arithmetic matches.

Grace and Ruth introduced us to basketball, and we could not play it long enough. Out of doors on gravelly courts, we played every minute we could.

At the close of the year, we said "good-bye" to Old Howard. The old school had consolidated with Whits Chapel. A four-teacher school was being built. We were very excited about it and looked forward eagerly to having four teachers and a new building. The sophomore class would be taught now, and we would be one year longer in our school before having to go to town to get a high school diploma.

Some of the families whose children attended Old Howard School were those of Jack, Sid and Lee Medford; M. B. Howard; A. L. Cox; A. A. Green; John R. Watson; R. B. Fowler; J. B. Nanny; Joe Novak; J. R. Dinsmore; Ches Cavitt; Temp Kingston; Oscar Short; F. Q. Blount; Earl Bishop; Walter Gilliland; Andrew Josselet; Mart McQuary; George Weaver, Joe Howard, G. L. Willis and others whose names I cannot recall. Mrs. Ed Robertson was the County Superintendent.

Many of the heirs of the early settlers still live in the Howard Community and others live in the area. They are hardy, neighborly, hard working, progressive people. They reflect the qualities of their forebears and are good citizens. The influence of the teachers and our parents instilled in us a love for learning, a respect for hard work, and love of land.

## Discipline was not a big problem

order to have more play time. There was not much variety in our food, so we sometimes traded food with others. Our sandwiches were biscuits with ham, sausage or bacon. Rarely cheese and crackers were a treat. Apples and oranges with an occasional banana when in season were our fruit. A hard-boiled egg or baked potato were other foods we had often. Fried pies made of stewed dry fruit we considered a special treat. It was wonderful when, in about 1920, peanut butter was added to our food list.

During noon and recesses we played chase games such as wolf-over-the-river, redrover, and drop-the-hankerchief. We jumped rope, spun tops, played marbles and hop-scotch. We got along very well on the playgrounds, for if we fussed, we had to sit down.

Very seldom were we absent. Only sickness kept us home. Bad weather did not. In very cold weather, we pulled our desks near the stove and stayed in all day, except for hasty trips to the outhouses. We entertained ourselves by singing, listening to teachers read or drawing.

If the weather was very bad, a parent fartherest away would hitch a team to a wagon and take children along the road to school.

Mr. Meredith was teacher (again, I can't remember the name of the other teacher) in 1919. He let the children move along as fast as they could in the studies, and some children moved up a grade.

In 1920, two beautiful young women, Jeanette Graham and Edith Wyche came to teach. They boarded in our home, so we were privileged to meet the young men who called on them. One who courted Jeanette was a young attorney, Clyde Grissom, who later became a federal judge.

Edith came from ranch country. A

laughed and laughed. Later, when Clyde Grissom arrived to drive Jeanette home, Jeanette repeated the joke for Clyde and both had another good laugh.

Grace and Ruth Riddle were the last teachers to teach at Old Howard. They were excellent teachers. They had several school programs. They taught declaiming and debating to older groups. Payne's Drug provided medals for the declaimers. Morris Fowler won first place, and John R. Watson won second. I think Tiny Bishop won first for the girls.

Often community parties were held at the school house, usually on



HOWARD SCHOOL 1919-20

First row, from left, Weldon Howard, ?, Harvey Medford, ?, Beenyon Howard; second row, T. B. Blount, John R. Watson, Troy Carrigan, Covitt, Guinn Medford, David Ulmer, Merl Howard; third row, Reba Densmore, three unknowns, Ruby Medford, Opal Watson, Clara Medford, Ila Mae Medford; fourth row, Lola Nanny, Zelisca Green, Ethel Howard; fifth row, G. T. Blount, Olin Willis, Marie Ulmer, Isabel Gamble, Artist Howard, Ruth Densmore, Walter Green, McQuary, Alma Covitt; sixth row, Pearl Medford, Thelma Dinsmore, Sophia Medford, Lorene Medford, Willie Carrigan, Marvin Carrigan, Lena Blount, Fannie McQuary.

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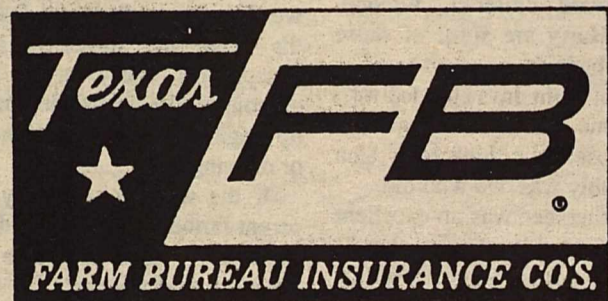


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# Sid Post deeded land for school

By Mrs. Gene Overton

In the early 1900s, Haskell County became more inhabited with settlers from eastern and southeast Texas counties coming further west to buy the cheap land and start farming the virgin soil. Their one aim was to find a place where their children could have a better life. As soon as enough people were settled in an area, they began planning for a school.

In 1907, Mr. Sid Post deeded an acre of land to Haskell County to be used as a school campus. This land was southwest of the present Paint Creek School and is now a part of the J. R. Perry farm.

At first, there was only a little one-room school building which was used as a school and a church. When a circuit rider or a preacher from a neighboring town came by, church services were held. The rest of the time it was a school. There was only one teacher, a Mr. Lee Humphry, who taught all grades.

As the community grew, a larger school building was needed. So in 1913, the taxpayers of the area had the land surveyed by H. M. (Bunk) Rike and petitioned the county to build a larger school house: "henceforth and hereafter to be known as Post School District No. 15."

The petition further stated: "We, the undersigned, qualified property owning, tax paying workers of Common School District No. 15 in Haskell County, pray that an election be ordered to be held in said district to determine whether qualified property taxpaying voters desire the issuance of bonds, etc."

The petition was signed June 25, 1913, by R. L. Livengood, J. R. Gilstrap, D. I. Tidwell, C. C. Shy, W. E. Tidwell, J. A. Hartsfield, M. L. Middlebrook, W. H. Darnell, R. F. Hood, D. C. Lee, P. J. Green, Thomas Green, D. R. Terrell, J. F. Simmons, R. H. Darnell, W. T. Bray, R. E. Lee, B. P. Davis, W. H. Terrell, A. T. Smith, D. W. Macon, H. C. Adams, R. C. Ketron, Kim Hisey and W. A. Hart.

The election on issuance of bonds was held with J. A. Gilstrap as presiding officer and M. L. Middlebrook and R. L. Livengood the election judges. So the new Post School building was built. Someone said there were only two rooms at first, with the third room being added on later.

Elmer C. Watson of Rule became the principal in 1915, but he had to go to the Army in 1917, and fought in World War I. He returned after the war and taught for 15 years. He was a very progressive school man and the Post community became one of the best communities in Haskell County.

The school offered all the required courses, plus Spanish and even an agriculture course where the boys learned to terrace land and whatever the modern farming practices of that time were. He bought a Delta electric system that lighted both the school and the teacherage, and even the basketball court.

The building was heated by big round coal stoves in each room. Restroom facilities were two little buildings, the boys' on the northwest corner of the playground and the girls' on the southwest corner. There were

tall board fences around the buildings, with "seating" capacity for four or five students.

Teachers were responsible for building the fires in the morning, keeping them burning all day, emptying the ashes and sweeping the floor of the rooms after school. The boys considered it a privilege to go out to the coal bin for a scuttle of coal during classes. In real bad weather, Mr. Watson built all the fires in the morning.

There were home talent plays, school carnivals (to pay for tennis courts, etc.), box suppers, singing conventions (don't know why they were called conventions), baseball and

Overton and Edythe Merle Dilbeck rode ponies to school while I was teaching at Post, and Arthur McDonald had a great big old horse.

The Raymond Davis children walked three or four miles. Once or twice every year they would invite the two lady teachers to spend the night with them. We loved the walk with all the children, sleeping in a big feather bed and Mrs. Davis' good biscuits for breakfast. She always made the best lunches for us next day. The walk the next morning wasn't quite as much fun, but it was great to be outdoors that early. Mary Mancill (Mrs. Bill Holden) and I boarded the last year I was at Post, and we walked

Ray Overton Jr., Rob Simmons, Floy West (Guillet), Opal West Thompson and Elmer C. Watson Jr. all made teachers. Estle Gilliland, Louie Kuenstler and Ray Perry have served as commissioners for precinct 3.

Some of the best farmers in Haskell County were Post students: V. P. Terrell, Dale Middlebrook, Norman Nanny, Gene Overton, R. V., Johnny and Jodie Earles, Homer Livengood, Raymond and Les Davis and many others. Truett Kuenstler is a Baptist pastor at Rochester.

I wish I knew the names of all the teachers and principals. I think there were only five principals: Lee Humphrey, Mr. Daughtery, Elmer C. Watson, C. C. Banks and Roy McDaniels.

Some of the teachers were Mrs. Elmer Watson, Vida Welch, Gladys Taylor, Lucille Taylor, Louise Davis, Salle Belle Arnold, Frances Bullington, Ola Yates, Bernice Mask, Dorothy Guillette, Ione Taylor, Gaynell Porter, Roberta Guillette, Lois Killingsworth, Vada Cole, Vergie Johnson, Lucille Newsome, Lois Norton, Jodie Gardner, Mabel Jones, Mary Mancill, Floy West and Mrs. Roy McDaniel.

In 1937, the rural schools of Post, Howard, Rose, Weaver and McConnell decided to consolidate. The patrons wanted a school which offered the 11 grades required for graduation and eligibility for college. From the five school boards they chose seven men to form a new board, and consolidation began.

The large school buildings were torn down and the lumber used in building the new school building, and the smaller school buildings were moved to the site for teacherages. The main building was brick and contained eight classrooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, lockers and office quarters. A separate building housed the vocational agriculture and home economics departments.

## Post graduated some outstanding students

basketball games and track meets for community entertainment.

For a time the older boys would skip school and go down to the creek or to Scott's Crossing on April 1, so Mr. Watson began having a big track meet every April Fool's day. He invited the Howard and McConnell schools to come and there were events in which all ages of students could compete. It was such fun that nobody wanted to go to the creek when he might beat his big rival from Howard or McConnell in a race.

The kiddoes all walked to school, even those who lived four or five miles away, unless they had a horse to ride. Gene started to Post School when he was about 8, and Mr. Overton furnished a horse and buggy for Della and Lela Montgomery to take them all to school. Ray Jr.

a mile to and from school.

Post graduated some outstanding students. Woodrow and Grady Adcock could out-declaim and out-debate anybody in the country. They later became Methodist preachers. Juanita Adams (Mrs. H. B. Watson) played tennis about like Helen Wills. Our students had to go to Haskell or Stamford to graduate because rural schools only went to the 10th grade.

Juanita won state for Haskell in her senior year. Gene Overton played in the first football game he had ever seen at Stamford High. He went on to play three years for Texas A&M. John Bray is president of Albany National Bank. Bruce Bray is retired postmaster of Albany. Reatha and Johnnie Davis are heads of departments in the Abilene Walmart store.

## The Tin Dipper

by Margaret Neel

*It hung on a nail that stood on a stool  
By the door of an old-time country school  
And the water it dipped was cool and sweet*

*Its handle was long, its cup was battered  
But to shoving children all that mattered  
was the clear cool drink that would quench the thirst  
of the lucky youngster who reached it first*

*And never was water so good, so cool,  
'As dipped from the pail at that old time school.  
Along with the schoolhouse of another day  
The common tin dipper has passed away.*

*But on warm still days it is good to think  
Of that old tin dipper's refreshing drink.  
From the shining pail on a wooden stool  
By the door of an old time country school.*



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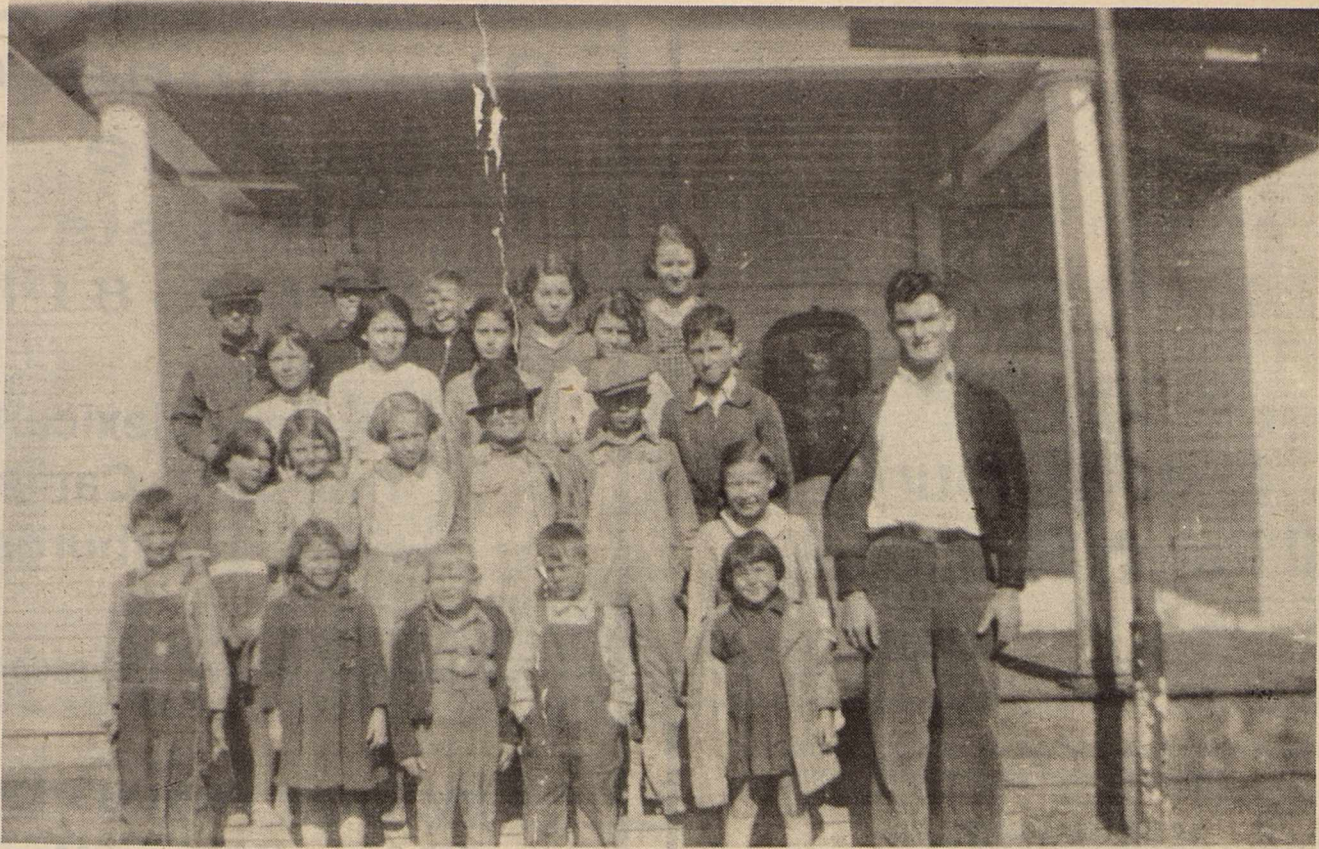
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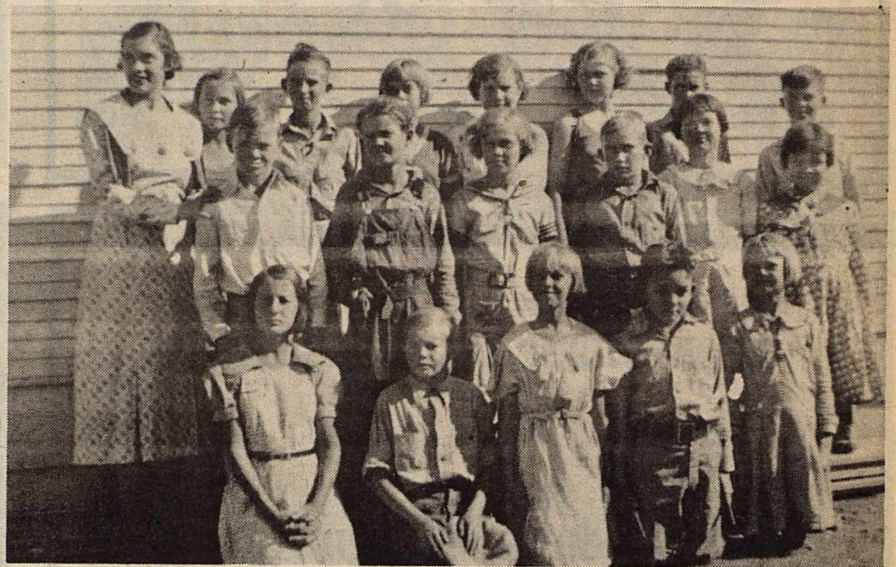
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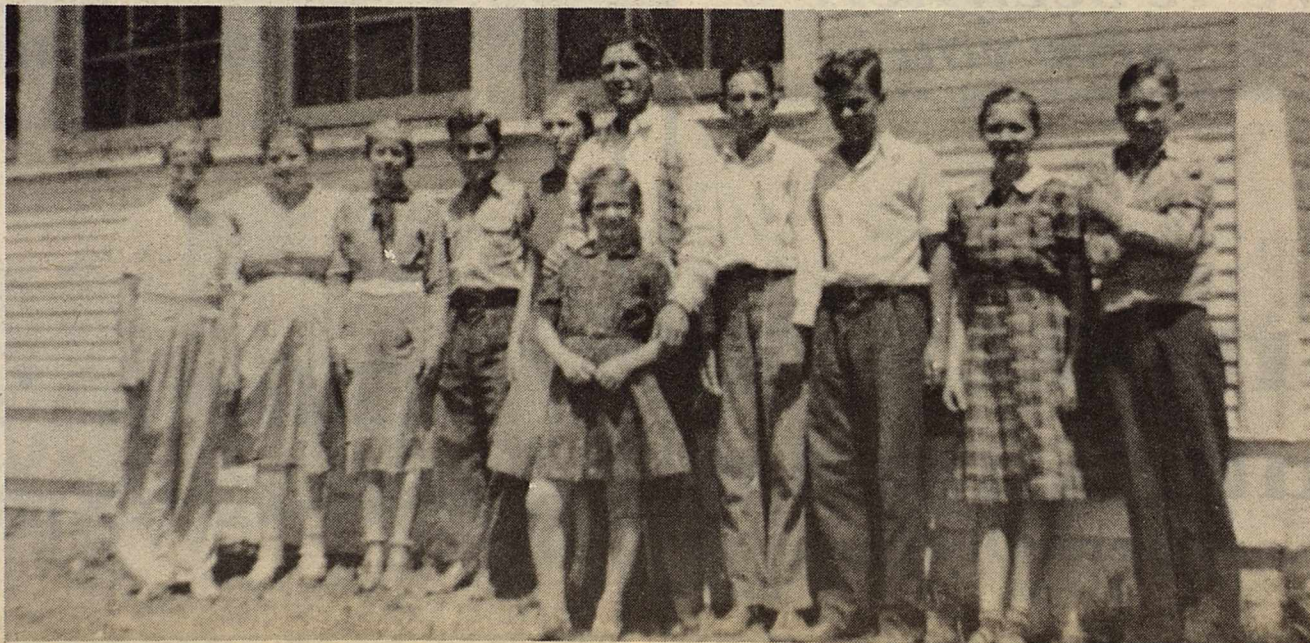
**ERICKSDALE:** This photo shows Ericksdale students about 1937. John M. Ivy was principal and teacher at that time.



**IDELLA IN 1931:** These were students at Idella in 1931. Fern Hobbs is in the center of the back row.



**POST SCHOOL 1934-35:** The teacher was Mabel Jones (Overton).



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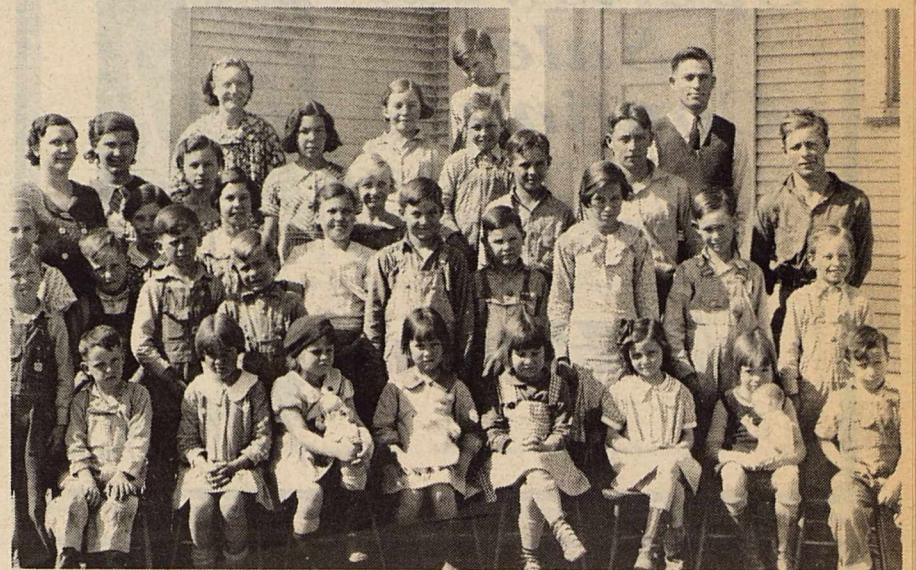
Upper grades. Back row, Curt Shelley, Glenn Marr, Orville Welch, Lucille Taylor, teacher; second row, Bruce Wheeler, Ora Welch, Verna Jetton, Lillian Wheeler, Lorene Welch, Alma Mullins.



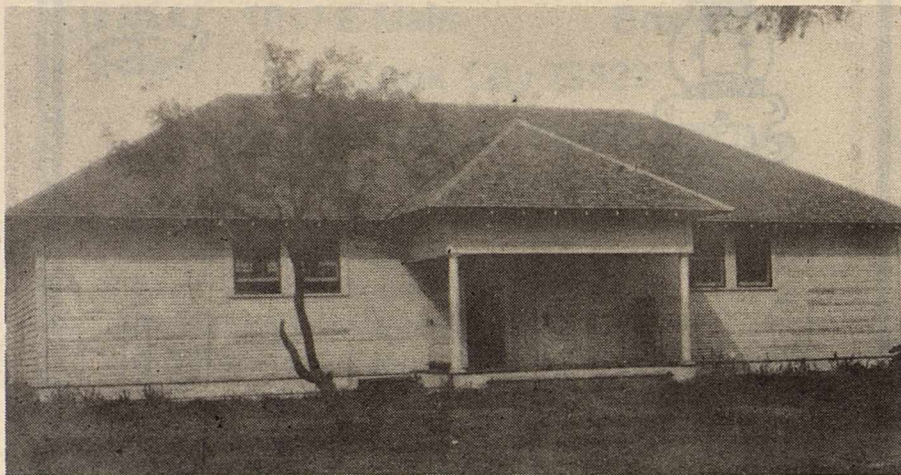
**SAYLES SCHOOL:** The Adamses, the Meltons, the Easterlings, the Parkers, the Harrises, the Foutses and others.



**JUD SCHOOL 1935.** Beulah Segó's primary grades.



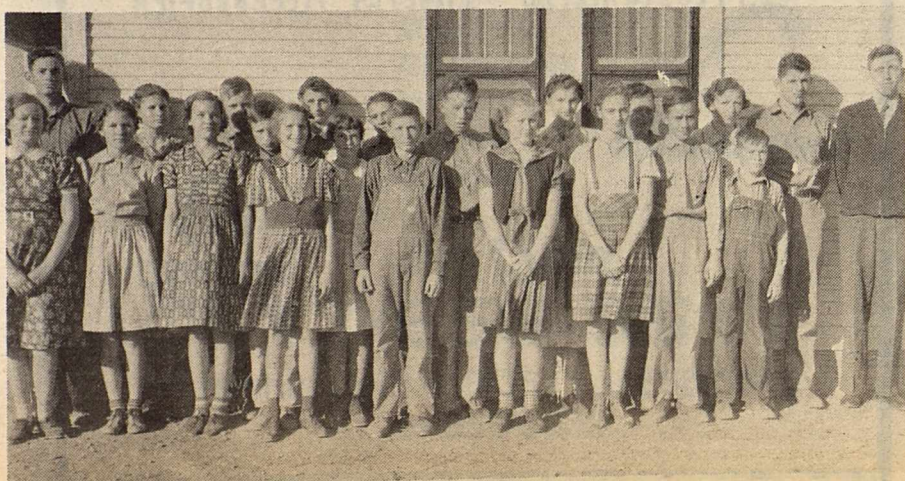
**GILLIAM SCHOOL 1935.** Hugh Gaunt, principal.



**Pleasant Valley School Building**



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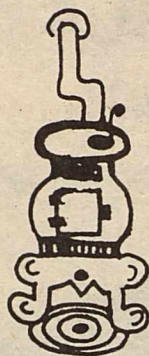
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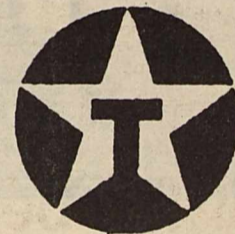
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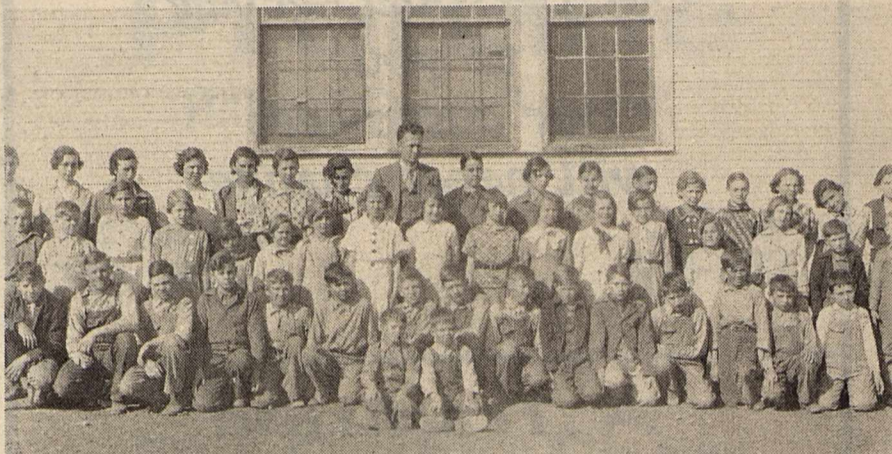


**SAYLES BASKETBALL TEAM 1927**

Horace Thompson, Rex Felker, Ottie Johnson, Alvis Bird, Bo?



**JUD SCHOOL 1934-35. Beulah Sego, teacher**

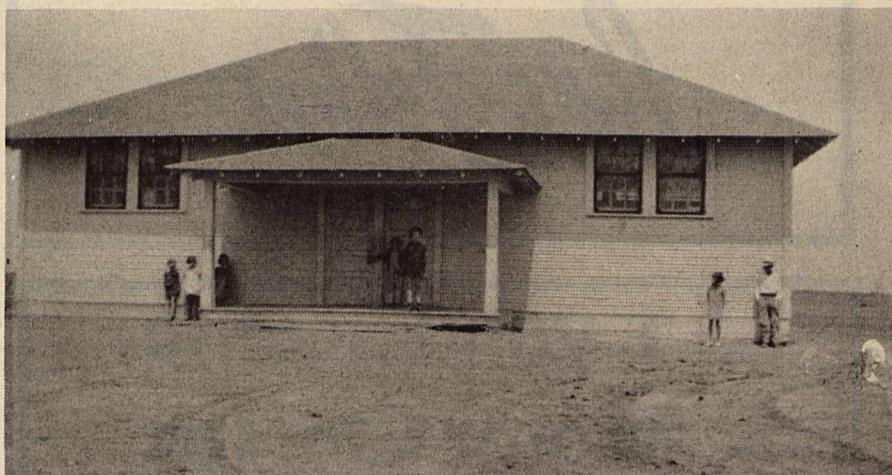


**IRBY STUDENT BODY 1931.**



**IRBY SCHOOL 1948**

BACK ROW, FROM LEFT, Bruielle Melbums, teacher, Alfon Peiser, Alene Weise, Vernell Klose, Wayne Peiser; front row, Barbara Peiser, Loyd Klose, Leon Kretschmer, Sandra Peiser.



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# Midway School opened in 1921

By Sibyl Scott Graham  
Fort Worth

The information I have received from other students who attended Midway School is that the school opened for attendance in the fall of 1921. I guess that makes me a charter student.

In 1936 the high school students started school in Rule and Haskell. In 1939 all grades moved to Rule and Haskell.

The reason given for consolidation was the extra training they would receive in a larger school. Another reason was cost.

Some of the board members of Midway were C. G. Burson, Alf Laird, Will Chastine, Sam Threat, C. O. Scott, Virgil Bailey, Jess Wright, L. N. Lusk and I am sure there were more. Forgive me for leaving some good people off the list.

A few teachers were C. W. Williamson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Fulbright, Lela Welch, Miss Pippen, Mr. Wilson and others I wish I could remember.

Thanks Floyd Lusk for helping me with the above.

Thanks Sam and Ernestine Herren for asking me to write what Midway School means to me. They are life long friends, understanding and dedicated school board members, excellent teachers and facilities that were far above average in 1921, the year I entered as a third grade student.

The building was four times larger than the one-room school houses of Gilliam in Haskell County and another in Taylor County near Tuscola. I could not understand why my daughter Kay burst into laughter when I told her it was the largest rural school in Haskell County with four rooms.

Midway was midway between Haskell and Rule, about a mile north of the Old Rule highway. It seemed equal distance from most every place in the county.

Each of the four rooms contained approximately 30 desks, an open cloak room back of the desks and an enormous circular coal-burning stove at each corner of the building. The northeast and northwest rooms were divided by a folding door partition enabling the school to accommodate a large audience for guests, speakers and an occasional Sunday church service. A large stage and two dressing rooms made it possible for the drama class to show our talents to our parents and friends.

We were involved in speech contests, debates, one-act plays and a two-week singing school almost every summer. We also gave two three-act plays each school term.

Each and every student felt a part of our school. We played basketball, baseball and tennis. Girls and boys played together on teams during lunch hour and 30-minute recess.

We carried our lunch to school in a brown paper bag or a half-gallon syrup bucket, and gathered in groups all over the school yard eating our lunch or trading for a favorite goodie from a friend.

The word "friend" keeps coming to my mind when I recall my years at Midway.

How do you condense eight or

more years of happiness and community involvement into a few paragraphs? The whole community was like one big happy family. The four Frierson brothers, A. A., Felix, Paul and Charlie, and their many children, six or more Adkins families, three Burson families, plus others I can't recall and with so many marrying neighbors the community became a group of cousins.

We used the school building for everything. There were 4th of July celebrations, reunions, elections and Home Demonstration meetings. I can remember some of our boy friends spending a night after we ran out of gas and they had walked us home. Remember fellows? They said those desks did not make very good beds.

West Texas is noted for its tornadoes which prompted the men in the school district to build a storm cellar. It was a long tunnel with a concrete ledge along each side for seating. There was a cellar door at each end. I remember us using it only once. However, we had storm and fire drills ever so often.

Our rest room facilities were the six-seater variety, the boys' on the far northwest edge of the school grounds and the girls' on the northeast. Trips to the john in cold weather and snow was pretty miserable.

The building grounds of Midway had been thoughtfully planned. Stalls had been built for those who came to school by horseback. These were usually filled during extremely cold weather. I can't remember anyone who came by cars. Families owned only one car so these were needed at home during the day. I remember my father taking us to school in a wagon during cold weather. He would stop at each house to pick up all the children.

The principal and his family lived in a two- or three-bedroom frame house just east of the school.

A good water well was located just east of the school. Four or five fountains provided us with drinking water but someone had to do some fast hand pumping to keep the water flowing.

The girls' basketball court was just back of the school house and boys' court just to the west. We never had sports events at night because we did not have electricity. We did have a battery powered system which worked part of the time. This furnished us lights for events such as "declamation" contests and our drama events.

The blackboard served as our copy machine, projection screen and for all our tests. Questions were written just before we entered the room. No completion, true-false or multiple choice. We just picked up our pencil and started writing.

About the year 1932 the Demonstration Club sponsored a money-raising event for the construction of a building. Volunteer labor was used and soon after the club had a place to meet and the homemaking class met there also.

Our favorite games were Wolf over the River and Pop the Whip. In the spring we were on our knees, playing mumble peg and various marble games. Groups of see-saws and swings were located northwest of the building. The swings were so tall that

sometimes students would free-fall and tumble from the seat. I remember this happening to Ethel Frierson, knocking her out for a short time. We feared for her life.

The discipline we received from our teachers taught us respect for our parents, the laws of the land, the teachers and our flag. We were taught to arrive at school on time and remain outside until the bell rang. We then formed four lines in front of the entrance. We pledged allegiance to the flag and marched to our respective rooms. When it was time to be dismissed for lunch or recess and when school was over at 4 o'clock we stood beside our desk until we were told to march outside.

Chapel was a weekly occurrence. We met, sang songs such as "God Bless America," and listened to instructions for that week. I think we had daily prayer but I can't remember us having prayer in chapel. We said yes-sir and no-sir to our teachers or any adult as a courtesy. To show respect to people was as much a way of life as good manners at the dinner table. We were taught this from infancy.

Our teachers were kind but firm. Their good character was an influence to us becoming better people. Some of the extras we received other than the "3 R's" were penmanship, current events, special reading classes, spelling bees, foreign language and public speaking.

We shared in the building of a better community, good educational background and in the sorrows and the happiness of others.

Midway gave me a foundation which I continue to build upon.

My sister, Mildred Scott Nelson, has helped me make a list of all the students who attended Midway School. I am sure we have failed to name all but the 56 years since I graduated has taken its toll on my memory. Some of you who attended school with me can furnish the missing names. How about a Midway reunion? I would love it and would help.

## Mattson

By Imogene Turnbow Aycock

Mattson School was organized in 1936 with the consolidation of five small schools.

The schools were Powell, Roberts, Vontress, Cottonwood and Pleasant Valley. Later Douglas and Irby were added. In 1942, Ferris Ranch joined the school.

The buildings from Roberts, Vontress and Cottonwood were used for the school until the spring of 1937 when the buildings burned. A new building was started that same year and was finished in time to begin the school year of 1937.

The school was named after Matt Graham, Haskell County superintendent and the first superintendent of the school was Elmer C. Watson. The grades consisted of first through grade eleven. In later years, 12 grades were required.

The school was closed in the spring of 1967. Tom Alvis was the last superintendent.

## Sayles

By Jack Harris USAF  
Colonel

My awareness of the Sayles School district begins with my first year of school, 1926. At that time there were two rooms in the school. As I recall in 1926, the two teachers were man and wife. I think that their names were Mr. and Mrs. McElroy. I don't recall the names of the teachers in 1927.

Early in 1928 the school burned from unknown causes, so there was a short period of time when school was suspended while a temporary school building was built.

This building was really a rush job. But it served the purpose very well. A new three room school was built during the summer of 1928. That fall we had three new teachers; Mr. Ray Moore, Mrs. Opal Walton, and Miss Mildred James. Each teacher had about three grades to teach. First, second and third for one teacher and so on.

Sayles was located on about four acres of land on the southwest corner of the Fouts' farm. In 1986 the farm is owned by Henry Harris. A better description is approximately two miles west of US 277 on FM Road 1225.

The four acres served a good purpose, as we had plenty of room for a basketball court, tennis court and a softball field.

Being a small school wasn't all bad. Classes ranged in size from four to six students. Sometimes the whole class was in one row. Also everyone was needed for most any school activity.

The softball team required almost everyone to field a team. The small boys got to set a "pig tail" for the catcher. We didn't have a back stop or a fence so a wild throw could go across the road into the field.

When I was real small, too small to play, we had a good basketball team. Rex Felker, the Melton boys, Ota Johnson, Alvis Bird and maybe the Ivy boys were some of the players. (I didn't know everyone when I first started.)

Being small had some disadvantages, as times were hard and not much money. The school didn't have much equipment or a library.

The school district covered about two miles in each direction from the school so most of the kids had two miles or less to walk. The kids that lived in the far corner of the district had more than three miles to walk. Almost everyone walked.

It was a lot better when everybody on your road was friends. When we went to school, it was everyone for themselves, as we arrived at school at different times. But on the way home we all left school at the same time. Kids dropped off as the group went by their house.

One or two times when I was twelve or thirteen I drove the car to school so my sister could ride. When

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# Schools of Rochester area

By Modelle Manly Ballard  
Barton

Getting at education didn't come easy in the early days for the teachers or the pupils. The teachers had many chores besides teaching. They kept the school room swept and clean. They drew water and kept it in a bucket for the pupils to drink. Everyone drank from one dipper. Many had to chop their wood for fuel to warm the building.

Teachers boarded with families in the communities and walked miles to school as did the children.

Teachers and pupils carried their lunches in pails, flour sacks or whatever.

School terms were shorter, maybe some only five months a year. The salary for teachers was very low. Both teachers and pupils had to contend with the weather, tornadoes, sandstorms and snowstorms. We did have sandstorms then so bad the children would have to hold hands to keep from getting lost or maybe protect a small child.

Probably one of the earliest schools in Haskell was Marcy, about three miles west of Rochester. It was established in the late 1800's by Zed Marcy. It was a two room wooden building with a few high windows.

When I started school there were about twenty five students and one teacher. The teacher occasionally rode a donkey to school.

Not everything ran smoothly all the time. A student was hit over the head with a base ball bat and the case went to court.

When Marcy moved to Rochester, another school was established about three miles west of there. It was called Four Corners. Two of the early day teachers were Mae Fields and Frances Tennison. Some of the children who attended Four Corners were the Will Speck children, the Carr children, the Langston children, the Jones children, the Verdinin children, the Worley children and the White Chapman children. There were many more because the community was being settled rapidly by that time. The last teacher to teach at Four Corners was Opal Martin Hinton. Four Corners contracted with Rochester about 1936.

Corinth school was established about 1900. It was known as Corinth School District No. 22. Some of the teachers were Quinton Hendrix, Lee Humphrey, Marble Parrish, May Collins, Ruby Efferson, Evie Ragsdale. Pat, Vita, Hattie, Bernice, Clem Marble and Opal Martin were some of the pupils. There was also a set of triplet girls, Faith, Hope, and Charity Cardwell and at the present time all three girls are still living. Pat Martin is still living as is Ralph McGuire of Rochester.

Some of the early trustees were: O. L. Berry, M. O. Lyles, A. C. Henry, P. P. Martin and C. S. Barbee.

In 1923 the school house was moved about one mile southeast and later merged with Cook Springs and was renamed New Cook.

College Hill or Cottage Hill which ever name you prefer was built in

1910 or 1911 about four miles southeast of Rochester on D. W. Hamilton land. The school disbanded after a few years and the pupils went to Rochester or New Mid.

One of Rochester's very own taught there. She was Eunice Gauntt Michaels. She taught in 1924 and 1925.

Some of the pupils were Lois Spinks, Reba Martin, Pat Ballard, Horace McClure, J. D. Beauchamp, Bill Hicks, Eilene Trimmier, Bill Cantrell, Lola McClure, Adelaide Hicks, Keefer Beauchamp, Bud Hicks, H. R. Beauchamp, Nannie Stanfield, Bula Strickland, Otis Hicks, Esher McClure, Jack Hicks, P. G. Beauchamp, Orville Hamilton, E. L. Hicks, Paul and Urban Trimmier and Bill Balton. Stella Kendell was the teacher.

When New Mid School was first established it was a one room building located east of the present city of O'Brien. This was in 1910. In 1913 it was moved to Mrs. Gauntt's place and named Old Mid. It was still just a one room building. Some interested citizens and parents agreed to move the building and build two more rooms to it in 1916. It was called New Mid.

Two land owners in the community, Mr. S. W. Scott and Joe Hester agreed to let the building be put on their land, which joined, with the stipulation the land go back to the owners once the school disbanded.

New Mid was a very modern rural school with three classrooms. Three classes were in each room. Grades one thru nine were taught, then students transferred to Rochester.

New Mid was noted for having plays to raise money for playground equipment and supplies. The adults were eager to cooperate and help with the plays.

Each year at the close of school, everyone brought their lunch and had an all day picnic.

New Mid had a better than average out-door basketball court. They also had a good baseball field and had many ballgames with Midway, Foster, O'Brien and others.

Two other things New Mid was blessed with was an extra good well of water with a hand pump and a good concrete storm cellar.

New Mid contracted with Rochester in 1938.

Some of the teachers were: Mr. Lynch, Miss Opal Middleton, Grace Hackaman, Mrs. Mary A. Blakley, Miss Fannie Kay, Grace Hutchens, Mildred Mancil, Mrs. Franklin, Bill Boley, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell, Nina Murphy Smith and Mary Frances Wyatt Melton.

Some of the trustees were John Jones (father of Annie Jones Marshall), Odker Pool, Jess Pinkerton, Scott Hutchens, Floyd Hutchens, Felton Mitchell, Willard Mitchell and Roy Hester. There were many others.

Some of the pupils were: Talbert, Earmal and Thelma Beason; Edith and W. H. Jr., and Virginia Cunningham; Marian and Ada King;

Buster, Alice, Vera and Dora Strickland; Baylor, Jack, Hazel,

Clyde and Beal Walker; D. T. Taylor; Lorene Smedley; Margie, Buford, Hester, Boyd and Sidney Wright; Wreyford and Archie Porch; Floyd Taylor; Lucille Sharp; Fern, Leta, Juanita and Buster Howard; Roy and Aubrey Tibbetts; Jewel Hearn; Jewell Mitchell; Lassie Mills; Jack and Willard Emerson; Leona Raby; Wiley and Wilson Bean; Willie Riggins; Grace and Bennie Wilkerson; Modell and Vertis Herring; Kenneth and Jo Evelyn Russell; Ines Sharp; Dora Brown; Carl, B. Cecil, Willie, Flora Mae and O. D. Pool Jr.; Susie, Lorene and Fred Pinkerton; the Mauck children; George, Emily and Cecil Hook; W. L. (Knott) Ballard; Nasby and Willie Elzie Ballard; Thomas and Norman Bevel; Callie, Annie, Tommie, Jeff, Mattie, Lorene, Ruth and Donald Ray Jones; Frances and Joan Hutchens; Floy Mae and Florene Hutchens; Sam and Pauline Wisenbaker; Bertha Brown; Mardelle Garner; Lois and Bernice Lee; Namoi and Lindell Lee; Dora Brown.

Sorry to leave out so many names, but I didn't have access to any more.

## Memories...

By Eudora Bradley  
Abilene, Texas

My father was a farmer and moved around a lot and I remember just about all of the country schools from my early childhood.

My parents were married in 1903 and lived for several years in the old Post community. When the first Post school was built, it had only one room and the people had a box supper to raise the money to buy the desks. My father sold the boxes.

After they left the Post community we lived between O'Brien and Knox City. Later we moved to the Pinkerton community and my brothers and I went to the Pinkerton Community School for two years. Then there were two churches, the Methodist and the Baptist. In the summer both churches had services under an old brush arbor. The teachers then were Bro. Millard Smith, Miss Myrtle Penick and Miss Pansy Garber. That was in 1915 and 1916.

Then in 1917, we moved to the Mitchell community for six years. Several of the teachers there went into the service in World War I. Mrs. Lee Humphreys was a teacher for several years. Mr. A. C. Southall, Herbert Southall, Mrs. Flourney of Rule and Mr. Davis from Knox City. Other ladies who taught there were Miss Tommy Carr, now Mrs. Verner (Mrs. R. C. Couch's mother), Miss Bell Lawless, Miss Bertha Capps, Ruby Lee Brothers and several others.

My father served on the school board quite a lot as we were living in the Mitchell community.

I do remember most all of the country schools in Haskell and know where they were located, so it will be real interesting to read about them.

When we left the Mitchell community we moved out southwest

of Haskell and my brothers and sisters and I all finished high school in Haskell. My sister here is Elyse Eastland and her daughter Jan. I am only two blocks from them.

## True Story

By Floyd (Satch) Lusk

This is a true story that happened at Rose School about 1918:

There was a large girl going to school at Rose and she weighed around 300 pounds. In those days, most girls wore garters to hold up their stockings and this girl unknowingly lost one of her garters.

In those days, a few of the pupils rode horses to school and I guess one of the boys must have found this lost garter. So he put the garter on the back legs of one of the horses.

Everyone marched out in single file at recess and at noon so when we marched out we saw the horse with the garter on his legs. Everyone began to laugh and the teacher threatened to make everyone stay in after school if they didn't quieten down.

## Idella

Fern Hobbs Casey has a picture made in the spring of 1927 beside the old Idella School building. It includes members of 10 families of the community, and Miss Opal Martin who taught for several years at Idella. She married Julian Hinton some time during her tenure at Idella.

There are five children from the Herndon family, five from one Elliott family and two boys from another Elliott family, not related. Three Clinton girls, three Pierson children, two from the Edge family and one each from the Clark, Hilton, Rector and Hobbs families are also shown.

As usual, the West Texas wind was blowing. The photographer told the students not to move a muscle or there would be no picture. Mrs. Casey said she and Rebecca Elliott were afraid to move a hand to brush the hair out of their eyes.

There was no playground equipment and a favorite game of the younger children was to jump through the broken window panes and torn screens onto the ground, then back into the building, repeating the process until the teacher stopped the fun.

During Mrs. Casey's eight years of school at Idella, she had only three teachers. Her first grade teacher was Mr. Roy Moore. He was married to Lillie Bridges of the Rhoda School district. They later moved to California where he died many years ago. Miss Opal, as she was called, taught Mrs. Casey from second grade through the sixth grade. The late Thomas B. Roberson was her teacher during the seventh and eighth grades.

The new school, a two-room stucco, was ready for the fall term of 1928. Students were real proud of the new building.

A 1931 picture in front of the new building includes children from the Flournoys, Parkers, Sanders, Dunlaps, McElroys and identical twin boys from the Ray family. There were twin girls, Velma and Thelma, whose last names Mrs. Casey does not recall. There are also four or five other children.

# Bunker Hill origins go back to 1907

By Fred D. Brown

The old school established in 1907 and named Grisham for 15 years and re-named Capron for a period of only 3 years was soon to be moved, added onto, totally refurbished and re-named Bunker Hill. It was located near the South East corner of the Astin land and close to the old railroad track that carried freight from Stamford to Spur, Texas. The train would leave Stamford at about 8 a.m. going to Spur and there turn around after loading and unloading and return to Stamford at about 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Guillet, the teacher at Grisham at that time, who lived in Stamford noted that the time schedule of the train coincided perfectly with his own time table of work hours at school. He would board the train every morning a little after 8 a.m. and arrive at school before 9. The train would then stop for him on their return trip to Stamford at about 4:30 p.m. and he would be home about 5 p.m. A lot of people in the big cities today would enjoy a commuter system with a time schedule that good and reliable.

In early 1925 a movement was afoot to do something about the Old Capron school house. It was too small and it was poorly located. The patrons of the Community started circulating a petition to move and remodel the whole structure. At the urgency of some good and far-sighted men, namely: Alfred Rinn, W. W. Newton, G. J. Forqurean, F. G. Chatwell, S. C. Grisham, John Windeborn, P. H. Martin, H. W. Schroeder, Gus Mueller, J. J. Wofford, G. A. Roberts, F. B. Knipling, C. F. Teichleman, E. W. Wofford, Herbert Dipple, W. N. Knipling, Frank J. Boedeker and F. A. Bryan, and after a survey was made by H. M. Rike, the official Public Surveyor of Haskell County, to be sure that District 39 boundaries did not encroach upon any other district and also to determine the actual acreage involved in District 39. On September 28, 1925 the survey was completed and an appraisal made. The total value of real and personal property within the district was appraised at \$174,540.00. There are many single farms within that district worth more today than the total valuation in 1925. The bond issue was approved by the Commissioners Court, and signed by the Attorney General, Dan Moody, and with the approval of the voters, Bunker Hill was soon to become a reality.

The old school house was moved from its original location near the railroad, Eastward to the main road, which was the highway, then North for a little more than one mile and then Eastward across the road a few roads for the total distance of one and one-half miles. It was moved with mule teams, which was about the only horse-power we had at the time, and by the use of block and tackle. Block and tackle works on the same principle as the gears in a truck or tractor transmission. The more times one laces the blocks with rope, or cable, the lower the gear and the

lower the gear, the farther the mules had to travel in relation to the distance the school house moved toward its destination. Almost a week was spent moving the school house. But once it was set into position, properly rebuilt, repaired and added onto, it appeared to have been there always. It sat right on top of the hill as you go South, but the land levels as you top the hill and is level for several miles.

Bunker Hill would probably have been just another sleepy rural school except for the occurrence of several important events.

W. C. McKenzie came to Bunker Hill from Florida. He had heard of the newly created school and wished to look around for a while and evidently liked what he saw. He applied for the job as principal. I have to believe that some very wise old men, J. J. Wofford, Alfred Rinn, G. A. Roberts and C. E. Teichleman, knew winners when they saw and talked to them. They hired Mr. McKenzie and a little later they hired two sisters from Abilene, Miss Vesta Baker and Miss Venita Baker. This trio of teachers were destined to motivate kids into areas of education they probably never thought possible.

In thinking back, these teachers all had to be great. Together they set up a system to involve students, and we all felt involved. Our schedules were tight, none of our regular subjects were neglected yet many extracurricular activities were added: such as declamation, debating, extemporaneous speaking, along with a better system of teaching Math and English. All to coasting and dreaming days were over. If you felt you did not want to be left behind then you better get up and go. We had three tennis courts with both boys and girls participating. We participated in all forms of track, both Junior and Senior, and had the best. The Boedeker boys, Dick and Elmer, could not be beaten. The mile relay team with Dick and Elmer Boedeker, Clinton Forqurean and Arley Wilson were never beaten. Our basketball team won first and County Championship in 1926-27 with Dick Boedeker, Arley Wilson, Elmer Boedeker, Clinton Forqurean, Fred Brown, Herman Knipling and Tom Chatwell.

Mr. McKenzie taught Geometry, Senior Math, English and History plus boys vocational classes in our shop room. He was Coach in all our boys activities.

Miss Venita taught the lower grades plus Home Economics. During recess she was coaching girls basketball and tennis. Miss Vesta taught all middle grades. She also taught our Senior Spanish II class. I remember practicing my Spanish with hands who were grubbing an acreage of land for us and were camped in tents across the creek. Grubbing was hard work and they worked hard at it, but each night the sound of their Mexican style music floated gently across the creek. The sound of that music had a double meaning for me. At that time I was studying Spanish II and I was not

doing too good with the grammar, so I would visit those people every evening after work to try out some new words and phrases. I learned a lot of Spanish that way but I also learned a lot about self discipline of these hard working people. If they ever had any dissention among themselves, I never knew of it. They had one boss and they followed his orders. Grubbing or clearing pasture land of trees and brush required a lot of manual labor and three tools, an axe, a grubbing hoe and a spade. At this time in history thousands of acres were being put into cultivation in this manner. We can thank our Spanish speaking people for almost all the land cleared before 1940.

The subject of clearing land, to put it into cultivation, came up in discussion in our Vocational Ag class one day and Mr. McKenzie showed such interest in that operation, Dick Boedeker and I went with him after school to see the actual work being done. He described the grubbing as real team-work and real dedication. He said that if we would work that hard in basketball and track and show the same team-work we would win the county championship. Mr. Mac always had a way of coordinating any thing physical with sports. As he told us track boys at the end of school to remember every time we went swimming that summer, to practice broad jumping and that we might be surprised how much it would help us next year.

The history of Bunker Hill would be incomplete without a little history of Martinville, the store and filling station built and owned by Price Martin and his wife, Jessie Martin of Sagerton, Texas. It was located just down the hill North of the school house, about a city block, and on the same side of the road; also about half way between Stamford and Sagerton, on the main highway from Abilene to Lubbock, which was the bus route. It was a very convenient shopping center for the whole community. As you drove in, from either direction you were greeted by the signs: MARTINVILLE DRIVE IN, and on your departure, THANK YOU COME AGAIN. As one bought gas and oil for their Model T Fords or ice and groceries for the week-end, Price and Jessie certainly made you feel welcome and you knew you would come again.

"Sody" pop, as we called it, was just becoming popular at that time. Ne-Hi was being advertised on metal signs everywhere. The first bottled soft drink in a tall bottle. The knee high or Ne-Hi was exemplified by the picture of a girls leg exposed all the way up to and including the knee. One dear old lady, talking to my older sister, Frankie Lovvorn, commented they were "Just carrying it a little too far," and those "Ne-Hi signs are ridiculous".

I established my first credit with Price Martin quite by accident. Soda pops and bars of candy cost 5 cents each, at that time. On this occasion I bought a candy bar and started eating it while trying to find the nickel. Mr. Martin, noting my frustration said,

"Fred, you don't have to pay me now, your credit is good.

Bring the money later." I was very grateful and never forgot the incident.

Martinville was also the center for outdoor picnics and local and state political rallies. The large space just North of the store building was equipped with long tables and benches. The whole area was wired and electrically lighted by an extension from the Delco system at the store.

The most important political rally was held the summer of 1926 at Martinville. Dan Moody, then Attorney General of Texas, was vieing with Mrs. Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, the incumbent, and Lynch Davidson, for the office of Governor of Texas. A state wide campaign was being vigorously initiated on behalf of Dan Moody, a 32 year old, and very popular Attorney General of Texas who had vigorously prosecuted wrong-doing in the highway departments' contracting practices. With his signs posted over the state, almost as numerous as Ne-Hi, and the words: DANS' THE MAN and HE WILL FIGHT THE KLAN and speeches made on his behalf, like the one so eloquently delivered at Martinville, left no doubt as to his popularity or the outcome. Dan Moody was elected and sworn in on January 1, 1927 and served two terms 1927-1931.

Church and Sunday School was held each Sunday morning at the school house. One Sunday it would be Methodist-the next Sunday would be Baptist. Sunday afternoons would then be devoted to singing conventions. Bunker Hill had its share of sood singers. The McIntyre and Chatwell families certainly should be remembered for their contributions of music and song. Nor should we ever forget the beautiful voices of the Baize brothers of Tuxedo as they sang together in quartet: Lester, Urphy, Audie and Novel Baize drew a crowd where ever they went. Cars would be parked all over the school yard except the tennis and basketball courts. There would be Model T's and Overlands, a Dodge or two and one Veelie. It was a rather large touring car owned by the Reid family, and nearly always driven by Arley Wilson, a really good track star, and Mrs. Reid's son by her first husband.

Bunker Hill was the Community Center for all sorts of indoor and outdoor entertainment. Just before school was out in 1926 we had planned just such a day. Our outdoor activities included boys and girls intramural tennis matches, volley ball, potato sack races, etc. A maypole had been made and put up by the Ag. boys after being strung with 16 vari-colored streamers by the Home Ec. girls. The object of this game was friendly association of rather shy boys and girls. Eight boys and eight girls would each take a streamer in hand and back away from the pole and when they were all ready, would start singing and circling the pole. At the end of the song as they

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## School begins Tuesday

School bells Tuesday morning will signal the end of the summer vacation and the start of the new school year for some 650 Haskell students.

About 400 students are expected to be enrolled in elementary classes when school begins, and about 250 in junior high and high school, said Dr. James Kemp, superintendent. This would be about 20 fewer than the total number which enrolled last year, most of the drop coming at the secondary level.

Junior high and high school students will register today (Thursday), starting with seventh graders who will register between 9 and 9:15 a.m. Eighth-grade registration will be between 9:30 and 9:45, ninth grade from 9:45 to 10:11th grade from 10 to 10:30.

All elementary students (grades K-6) will register at 9:30 Friday morning in their rooms. New elementary students will register in the library. Kindergarten students, not pre-registered in May, should bring their shot records and birth certificates. Other new students will need their report cards and shot records.

Teachers began the new school year at the Haskell school Tuesday morning. Raughton still has not been filled. Kemp said his teaching assignments are being absorbed by other teachers, although the coaching staff is working short-handed.

One change in the school schedule this year will be that tutorials will be in the mornings instead of at the end of the day. Tutorials, which probably won't begin until the second six weeks, will be from 7:50 to 8:15 a.m. at the secondary schools. The exact times for elementary tutorials have not been determined.

A number of physical improvements were made in school facilities during the summer vacation. At the football stadium, seats have been repaired, fences re-aligned, the old ticket booth and the old concession stand removed. (The Band Boosters have erected a new concession stand.)

Interior modifications have been made in the assistant principal's office, lighting replaced and new wiring installed for computers. At the elementary school, new carpeting in the primary wings has been installed and a termite eradication project completed. Several other improvement projects are in progress or planned. These include the replacement of curtains in both auditoriums and a remodeled photo lab at the secondary school and an irrigation system for the elementary school.



**NEW CARPETING**  
The athletic fieldhouse has new carpeting throughout, thanks to the Haskell Booster Club. Here Joel Torres, Baltimore Perez, Rocky Gonzales and Joel Torres Jr. lay the carpet in the weight room.

## Candidates needed for foster parents

The City Council is expected to approve its 1986-87 budget and set its tax rate when it meets tonight (Thursday).

The meeting has been moved to Thursday from the regular Tuesday meeting time since three councilmen will be out of town Tuesday. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

R. C. Couch, chairman of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, has requested a spot on the agenda.

In work sessions, the Council has been looking at a budget which calls for expenditures of \$965,400, about

## Program planned for swimming pool

A "splash day" at the Haskell swimming pool is being planned as a kickoff for a fund-raising campaign to renovate the pool. It will be Saturday, Sept. 6.

Parks and Wildlife Department to renovate the pool. Another \$63,000 must be raised locally. The City had previously authorized an expenditure of

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## City to finalize budget

# Myers School--1907 - 1937

(Researched and compiled by Mrs. Fred Monke and Erma Monke Liles, Weinert, Texas.)

Myers School District 38 was created in 1907 and the one-room structure built in 1908. There were approximately 35 pupils who attended the first term. There were some 12 families represented.

The school building was located on the northeast corner of the I. J. Smith survey, land which now belongs to Erma Monke Liles, 1986, on the old Benjamin Road, six miles southwest of Weinert and nine miles north of Haskell.

The school district was named for William Myers (Uncle Billie), a bachelor.

The first trustees were William Myers, Fred Monke and Paul Zahn, Sr. The first teacher was Miss Sybil Collins of Haskell and she boarded in the Fred Monke home, which was a quarter of a mile north of the school building.

Teachers who also taught in the one-room school building included Vivian High, Bertha Williams, Virgil Lee, Claudis Walden and a Mr. Overall.

In 1917 it was considered wise by the community to erect a two-room school building. This building was erected on the same location as the previous one. Mr. M. E. Park bought the one-room building for a farm house.

The two-room structure had windows all along the north side, and the building faced south. To be sure, the windows were above the heads of the pupils when seated, so outside passing would not distract their attention from the 3 R's. As one pupil states: "My, I was a big girl before I could see out of those windows without standing on a box."

The two rooms were divided by a huge wooden partition which could be raised into a hollow wall up toward the ceiling. It was necessary to raise this partition when the first two teachers came to teach (they were sisters) as only one heating stove was in the building. Whenever box suppers, pie suppers, plays and community gatherings were held, the partition was raised. It was lifted by man strength, not automation.

It was always understood that the teachers would board at a home near the school, but as time went on, it seemed necessary for a husband and wife to be the best teachers, so in 1928 a three-room teacherage was built on the school ground.

These teachers taught in the two-room school building: W. E. Spurgen, Mattie Moore, Fairy Caveness, Mrs. Lewis, Bette and Jennie Moore, J. E. Hayes, Ora and Carl Halsell, Gertrude Wade, Mary Melton, Ruth Beverly.

Also Beulah Mitchell, Kathryn Maxwell, Anita Scott Ralls, Ola Mae Wilson, Ermine Daughtery, Thelma Pearl Chitwood, Margurite Greene, Alma Sprowls, Eula Mae Gibson, Ella Lee Pierce, Velma Hambleton, Nolan and Lottie Boyd, Martha Burt McClellan, Erma Monke Liles and Julian V. Perrin.

Thirty-seven teachers served Myers school from 1909 to 1937. In 1937-38, the district consolidated with Weinert Independent Rural District.

Erma Monke Liles and Julian V.



## MYERS SCHOOL 1923-24

Teachers, Katherine Maxwell, principal; Ermine Daughtery, primary teacher. First row Girl with tam, Henneritta Perrin, boy with hands in pockets, Raymond Watipka; on end, Cleatus Turnbow; second row, Woodrow Turnbow; John Paul Perrin; boy with cap turned backwards, Fred Monke Jr.; third row, Weldon Turnbow, Robert Graham, Linnie Cardwell, Almeda Josselet, Ruby Kreger, Bertha Kreger, Erma Monke, Raymon Liles; back row, Dura Graham, Jessie Kreger, Frank Oman, Alfred Turnbow, Veta Turnbow, Orville Graham, Annie Kurfee, Alma Zahn, Gussie Cardwell, Joe Watipka. Some names are omitted.

Perrin served as Myers School's last two teachers. The point of interest here is that both of them attended all their grade school days at Myers School, and later came back to teach.

After consolidation, the building was moved to Weinert School grounds and converted into an agricultural and classroom building where it served this purpose until 1963. At the present time, 1986, it is serving as a day care center.

The teacherage of Myers School was bought and moved to the Steve Perrin farm.

Myers school teachers from 1909 to 1937 were:

Sybil Collins, 1909-1910.  
Vivian High, 1910-1911.  
Bertha Williams (Bennett), 1911-1912.  
Virgil Lee, 1912-1913.  
Mr. Overall, 1913-1914.  
Claudis Walden, 1914-1915.  
Alma Willis Smith, 1915.  
Cora Davidson, 1916.  
W. E. Spurgen, 1916-1917.  
Mattie Moore (Angel) 1917.  
Mrs. Lewis, 1 month, 1918.  
Fairy Cavinness, 1918.  
Bette and Jennie Moore, 1918.



## MYERS SCHOOL 1917

Rhoda Wofford Harrison sold Farm and Ranch subscriptions and won a library, some 50 books, for Myers School. Rhoda is seated on box. The teacher, Mr. W. E. Spurgen, far right. On left, County Superintendent John Hutto and wife. Small girl near Mr. Hutto is Erma Monke Liles.

## Idella

Idella was an early-day school of one room northwest of Jud, near the county line.

As the population increased, a two-room school was needed and in 1907, Jim Helton gave two acres. Forty-three property owners signed a petition for a bond election for a two-room school of stucco.

The structure cost \$1,600 and the school tax was 15 cents per \$100. County taxes were 23 cents, road and bridge tax 9 cents, courthouse and jail 11 cents, jury 10 cents and public buildings and improvements 6 cents.

Though 43 people signed the petition, only 31 people voted in the election, all of them voting for the bonds.

The school was heated with wood and the older boys were glad to cut the wood to get out of the school room.

Vivian Curtis and Tom Roberson taught here in the early 1930s. They also were united in marriage while teaching here. They lived in one room in the Tate home, but later rented two rooms from the Helton family. Their heat was coal, their lighting was coal oil lamps, and the water supply was a hand pump. An overgrown cemetery is all that is left of this once active community.

Jim Alvis attended this school and said that Mr. Roper was a very strict teacher. Other teachers were Opal Martin and Evelyn Curry.

## Rockdale

Bonds were voted for a two-room Rockdale school in 1923. Property valuation was \$141,175 and the school tax was 20 cents per \$100.

This two-room school was about nine miles south of the Cobb School and on the Gillespe farm, as well as the Rockdale Baptist Church.

Vera McClennon and Miss Bogart were among the teachers.

In 1928, bonds were voted for a new school or to build on to the old structure. Records do not reveal, but the school may have burned.

A bond election was held in the home of Tull Newcomb. Fourteen voted for the bonds, no one voted against. A wooden school was erected, costing \$1,500. School tax was 15 cents per \$100. Property value of the district was \$140,120.

## Hutto

The first Hutto School was built in 1901 and moved in 1908 two and a half miles. As the population grew, a second story was added.

In 1917, bonds were voted for \$3,000 for building and equipping a public free school of concrete materials.

Election officers were T. D. Cummings, J. B. Hutto, M. T. Casey and P. D. Solomon.

Sixteen people for the bonds and 13 against. Property valuation was \$129,275 and the school tax was 25 cents per \$100.

Among the teachers was a Mr. Lynch.



## Paint Creek

(From the Aug. 21, 1958, issue of *The Haskell Free Press*)

The Paint Creek community covers one fourth of Haskell County, the southeast corner. The community was formed in 1937 when the school board members of the Post, Howard, Weaver, Rose and McConnell schools met and planned the consolidation of their schools to form one large accredited school to better serve their children. These schools had only 10 grades at the time and children desiring to finish high school had to go to Haskell or Stamford.

A school board was chosen from these board members for the new consolidation and it consisted of Ray Overton and Howard Montgomery from Post, Paris Trimmier and John Grand from Howard, Leslie Medford from Weaver, Jim Adams from McConnell and H. C. Griffith from Rose. Bonds were voted by the patrons of the communities and the new building was begun.

The board asked for name suggestions for the new school and several were submitted. Most of us tried to make a name from the letters of the names of the original schools. Then Wayne Perry suggested that since old Paint Creek wandered all through the community, Paint Creek would be a fitting name. The more people thought of it, the more sensible it seemed, and so Paint Creek it became.

As many of the old teacherages as were usable were brought to the campus for homes for the faculty. The superintendent was to live in the Post teacherage, the coach in the McConnell, and apartments were built in the Howard teacherage for the single teachers.

In September 1938, the first school term began. The faculty consisted of Clyde Boyd, superintendent; R. E. Everett, principal and coach; Miss Patsy Lou Koonce, English; W. B. Cowan, vocational agriculture; Virginia Bess Atkeison, homemaking; W. T. Knowles, Mrs. C. E. Boyd, Betty Ann Hancock, Marga Loveless and Mrs. Imadel Fitzgerald.

Much of the credit for the success of the consolidation goes to Mr. Boyd and Mr. Everett. It was hard for the boys and girls to feel "consolidated." These five schools had been rivals in athletics and scholastic events for years and now they were on the same team.

Often someone would say, "Let's have the Howard boys play the Post boys," and Coach Everett would quietly say, "There are no Howard or Post boys here, so I guess the Paint Creek boys will just have to play each other."

During those first few years, Paint Creek had a 25-piece band, directed by Mr. Boyd, and after a few months of separate and combined practice (very hard on poor parents not used to school noises) they began to sound pretty good in concert. Several commercial subjects such as bookkeeping, accounting and filing were taught then, and some of our young graduates made very capable bookkeepers in the county offices and businesses of Haskell.

Not many football games were won in the first few years. Most of our boys played in the first game they ever saw. Gene Overton started the

workouts in August and ordered the suits and equipment so that by the time Coach Everett came, the boys knew something about the game and were anxious to learn more. They played 11-man football until 1945. Since then they have played six-man.

The school song was written by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, "Hail to Old Paint Creek." It was suggested that no color combination of any of the old schools be used, but a new one be chosen, so maroon and gold became the school colors.

During the first three years four other schools asked to be contracted or consolidated with the original schools, and Plainview, Ward, Rockdale, Ericksdale and Cobb school districts were added to Paint Creek.

## Idella

By Vivian Curtis Roberson

In the early 1930s there were more than 40 rural schools in Haskell County. My husband, Thomas B. Roberson, and I taught our first term in the Idella School in 1931.

This was a two-teacher school, located in the northwest part of the county. The patrons were friendly and supportive of their school. The school was the center of activity. Parents were cooperative in school activities.

We practiced softball (both boys and girls) all week and engaged in tournaments on Saturdays. All rural schools in the area were invited to participate.

We were not married when we started our first term of school here. I boarded with the Will Edge family. They were very courteous to me. I remember on humorous incident that occurred while I was living with this family.

The lighting of homes in the rural areas during these days was done mostly by kerosene lamps. However, the Aladdin lamp came into use about this time. A salesman called upon the Edge family about dark one evening. I happened to be away when he came.

He lighted up his lamp and let it burn while he made his sales talk, the kerosene lamp having been extinguished. Mr. Edge stated that he believed he was not interested enough to purchase the Aladdin. The salesman turned his light out, leaving the room in darkness.

Mr. Edge spoke up immediately, saying, "Nobody is going to leave me in the dark." At this moment he took out his wallet and paid for the new lamp.

Then he remembered having me as a boarder and said: "I can tell you one thing. That little school teacher is not going to use my Aladdin lamp."

He didn't realize that I was standing on the porch, but did as I immediately opened the door and entered the room. Needless to say, he developed a rather peculiar expression, and fumbling for words asked me how I liked his lamp. I said: "Fine. I'd love to have one."

He didn't offer me the lamp but insisted I should do my school work in that room with the good light.

I have always cherished the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edge and their two daughters. One of these daughters lives in Haskell now, only four or five blocks from my home. She is Mrs. Victor Hobbs.

Before this term was over, Thos. B. and I married and moved to live

with the E. L. Rays. This two was a delightful family. We remained friends with both of these families as long as they lived.

The next year, Thos. B. and I bought second-hand furniture and rented a two-room house, paying \$3 a month rent.

A few years later we moved to the Cliff School three miles east of O'Brien. While there I developed a little musical band which most rural schools had. We called them rhythm bands.

In the spring, all rural schools journeyed to Haskell to what was called the Interscholastic League. We referred to this as the County Meet. Schools competed in both athletics and literary events.

One year my rhythm band placed first. When I informed one of our school board members (trustees they were called then), he replied, "It should have placed as it cost the school district \$90 to get it ready." That was my monthly salary. He was inferring that practice was all we had done.

We also had entries in story telling and declamation. In athletic events, it was softball all the way. At any rate, this is how I remember it.

## Whitt's Chapel

By Emma (Grand) Reed

The land for the school was donated by Mr. Whitt Williams. The school was built by men of the community. It was furnished with some second-hand school desks and several slatted benches of lumber, a table with a drawer for the teacher's desk and a store bought chair and a wood burning pot bellied stove served as heat in winter.

I entered first grade there in 1909 and I believe that was the first year school was held at that location. My first grade teacher was a Mrs. Davis. (I do not remember her first name.) She taught two years. Then Mr. Clyde Foote was teacher for one or two years. I'm not sure. Following Mr. Foote was Ollie Welch. His sister, Vida Welch also taught. Mr. Foote taught school there again for two years. After that I do not remember names of teachers.

Some exciting things I recall was the Easter egg hunts in Whitt's pasture and the Christmas programs and decorating Christmas trees. One year failing to find a suitable cedar tree the boys found one scrub cedar bush and brought that up. They cut a mesquite tree and we pulled sprigs off the cedar and fastened them to the branches of the mesquite. After the trimming and lights plus gifts were added, we had a beautiful tree.

Also exciting was a grass fire at the back of the grounds, which both teacher and older children extinguished with wet burlap bags.

We had a softball team and field, also croquet diamond. We sometimes played other schools in contest.

The drinking water was hauled in barrels from the Williams' well. Later a cistern was dug, and the house guttered to collect rain water. When rain failed water was hauled and emptied into the cistern. A

storm cellar was dug for protection from storms. We never had to use it.

When Whitts Chapel and Howard schools consolidated and the new school built, the Methodist bought the Whitt school building and moved it on A. J. Josselet's Pasture. The Methodist church was organized at that time. Some years later it was moved across from Howard school on the Nanny farm. Then when the present Paint Creek school was built, the old building again was moved to its present location.

That, as near as I remember, is the history of Whitts Chapel. Long live its memories.

## Lake Creek

By J. L. Harrison

Las Cruces, New Mexico

I attended the Lake Creek school in 1910-1911. Our teacher was J. Fred DuPriez. He was good to all of us.

We always played games at recess and at noon. The larger boys played baseball and the younger ones played marbles.

On Friday evenings we would have arithmetic matches and spelling matches. I liked the spelling matches the best.

Mr. Fred, as we all called him, wanted a library. We had a box supper to raise the money. It brought in so much money that Mr. Fred got us an organ and song books.

On rainy days at recess we would sing our favorite songs.

There was thirty five dollars left over after Mr. Fred bought the library and organ. The Baptist women wanted to take some of the money left over and buy their pastor a new suit of clothes and the Methodist women wanted to buy a new suit for their janitor, Mr. Stutts. Since there was not enough money left to buy two suits we decided to buy Mr. Fred a new suit because it was his idea to have a box supper to raise the money.

Elmer Meeks was the one that tried to make the kids laugh when we were suppose to be studing. He was the only one that gave the teacher any trouble. But he never had to stay in at recess. Mr. Fred never kept any one in at recess.

Mr. Fred was one hundred percent Texan and he really taught us Mrs. Pennybecker's Texas history.

Some days we would all gather around an old bush and Elmer Meeks would preach to us.

We would play mumblely peg and the girls would join in. Janey Bartlet was hard to beat.

## Ferris

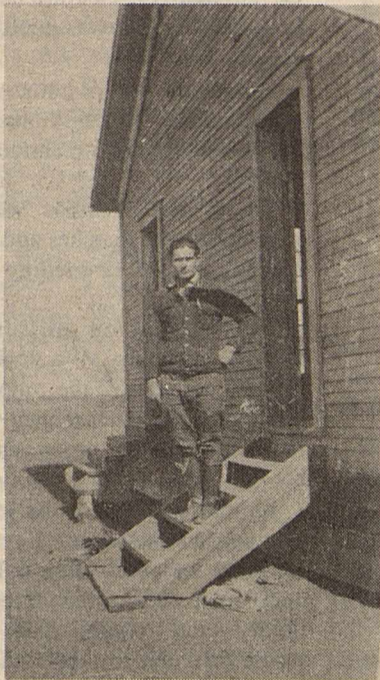
After due deliberation and careful consideration, the County School Board created the new school district to be Ferris Common District in 1916.

The valuation of the district was \$115,190 and the school tax was 15 cents per \$100.

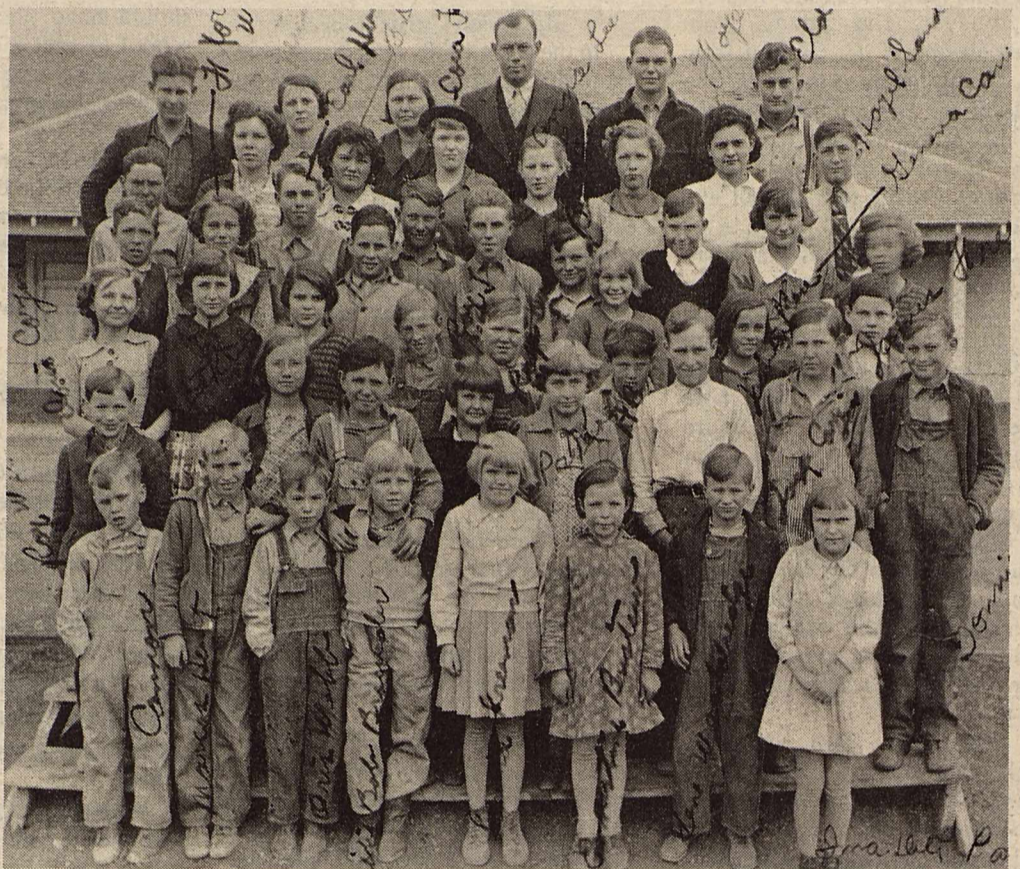
The school was in the northeast part of the county, near the Ferris Ranch.



Midway School student body mid 20's.



Mr. Roy Moore was a teacher at the Idella School in 1925-26.



TONK CREEK SCHOOL 1935-37: Teachers were Mr. James Norman, principal, Mrs. James Norman and Miss Ernestine Cox.



**NEW MID SCHOOL 1920-22**

Among the students were Annie Jones, Thomas Bevel, Earmol Beason, Callie Jones, Willie Berryhill, B. Pool, Knot Ballard, the Walker children, the Strickland children.



Mrs. Blakely, teacher at New Mid School.

# Tonk Creek enlarged in 1916

By Ernestine Cox Herren

We know very little about the first one-room Tonk Creek School of 1908, very, very near the Stonewall County line.

In 1916 there was a need for a larger school so a bond election was held for a new two-room school on the road to Aspermont, about a mile west of the bridge on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River. The building would cost \$2,000 and the school tax was 25 cents per \$100.

Eleven citizens voted for the bond election, nobody against. Property value of the district was \$81,860 and the Stonewall part of the district was \$37,650. Records for the Stonewall part of Tonk Creek School are on file in Aspermont.

In 1922, another bond election was held to add a room, making three rooms, and other improvements. A cellar was constructed. The control and management of the district was placed in the jurisdiction of Haskell County. The district contained 24.95 square miles.

In 1935-37, I taught first, second and third grades in this school, about one block from Tonk Creek, a narrow deep creek that gets very swift when there is a heavy rain. In the early 20s, a horse and buggy were washed away attempting to cross this creek. In April 1867, there was an Indian fight at the mouth of the creek where it empties into Double Mountain Ford.

The school of three rooms faced south and was fenced in with a stile over the fence in front of the school. Sweet Home Church was just across the road.

Nine grades were taught here, three grades to each room. There was a coal house and we heated the room with a coal stove.

This was a friendly, helpful community, composed of the Webb, Hatch, Bristow, Freeman, Tribby, Hunt, Corzine, Dunn, Sanderson, Parsons, Rose, Frazier and other families. The parents were very nice to me. They brought me homemade sausage and fresh vegetables and at first took me to town on Saturdays to buy groceries.

In the 1930s, times were very hard and families harvested their own crops. Some years there would be six weeks of school, beginning in August, then a recess so the children could pull bolls. This was necessary to earn money to buy winter clothing and other necessities.

In the fall our school had a carnival to make money. The merchants in surrounding towns gave items for bingo and to be auctioned off. The money was used for athletic equipment and other things that were needed. Before I taught there, they had box suppers and pie suppers. There would also be voting for the prettiest girl and ugliest boy for a penny or nickel a vote.

Our water supply was a windmill that pumped water into a tank that supplied drinking fountains, a lot more healthy than everyone drinking from one dipper. We also had a cistern, sometimes wiggle-tails were in it but we could always strain them out.

Nobody ever went into the cellar as this was rattlesnake country. One afternoon after working late, I came out of the building and there was a

rattlesnake 15 feet long, actually only 5 or 6 feet long, that had crawled from beneath the school.

I lived in the southwst room of the teacherage with south and west doors and windows and it was unbelievable how much sand came in when we had a sandstorm. Many times I looked out the schoolroom window and could not see the fence. In the spring, sand and dust storms were frequent, but we accepted them and swept out.

We had school plays and a good basketball team. The children walked to school and we had very little illness.

Tonk Creek consolidated with Rule and Old Glory about 1940.

Some of the teachers were Mr. Williams, Myron Smith, Jewel Day, Jack Clymer, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. James Norman, Mr. Everett, Miss Pearl Gilcrease, Lora Singleton, Lellie Singleton, Ona Fleming, Miss Mitchell, Miss Coburn and Ernestine Cox.

Some of the trustees: Bob Webb, for over 20 years; Mr. Hunt, many years; Mr. Dean, John Cluck and Joe Parsons.

## Jud

Jud School was named for Jud Roberson, father of the present county judge of Haskell County. At the time, Jud was an active little town with a post office, gin, drug store, churches, a doctor, a store and blacksmith shop.

In 1921, property owners signed a petition for a bond election for a \$2,200 school. School tax was 25 cents per \$100 and property value of the community was \$100,119.

A. J. Lett was presiding officer for the election. Officials were A. Chaney, M. L. Ivey and A. F. West. Nineteen votes were cast, 15 for and 4 against. Bonds bore 6 percent interest.

The building was a two-story structure with classes downstairs and the Woodman Lodge met in the second story. School enrollment soon grew so classes had to be conducted in the second story as well.

The water system was an outdoor pump with a bucket and dipper for each room. Some children walked five miles until John Eppley contacted all his neighbors and Rhoda was built, just inside Stonewall County. Later, a three-room school was built as the population of Jud and the surrounding area grew. Jud consolidated with Rule and Rochester in 1947.

Some of the teachers were Mrs. Lewis Bray, Mildred Lewis, Grace Cross, Willa Bell Frierson and Gladys Mathis.

## Irby

By Frances Peiser Fischer

Irby school was located twelve miles east of Haskell on highway 380.

Gus Grusendorf gave the land for school, church and grave yard purposes on September 4, 1904.

The first school in this community was established before 1905. It was a one room building. It was sold in 1911 to the "Sons of

Hermann Lodge" and moved to Mr. F. A. Klose's pasture. Later was enlarged and made use of as a lodge hall.

To replace the building that had been sold, a new and more modern building was erected. This was one half of the present building.

The country was treeless then with the exception of an occasional mesquite tree. Most of the land in the community was in a ranch owned by the Reynolds Cattle Company. The roads were only lanes without bridges. Buggies and wagons were the only means of travel in those days. Even these often got stuck in the muddy roads and creek beds they were forced to travel.

Some of the people who lived in this section then were: F. W. Zelisko; Gus Grusendorf; George Atchison; Mr. Moore; Mr. Grimsly; David Hallmark; Ross Hempfield and Will Grusendorf.

A little later these families came and settled in the community: Marie Moeller; Ernest Peiser; Herman Kretschmer; Richard Kretschmer; Gus Kretschmer; Fritz Stienfath; F. A. Klose; Will Von Conten; Will Weise; Albert Stiewert; Joe Cerweny; Otto Peiser; Louis Brueggeman; Joe Ejam; Will Seelig; Henry Arend; Albert Linam; T. A. Ballard; Gus Pueschal; Emma Eschberger; Emery Anderson.

These were the teachers that taught at Irby, to the best of my knowledge, while it was a one room school: Lillie Hollis; Grace Hackleman; Mrs. Leila Jean Conner; Mrs. Thomas; Mrs. Irene (Bounds) Zelisko; Ruth Wyche; Mrs. Crocket; Leila Sprowls; Mrs. Irene (Roberts) Barbar.

In 1925 another room was built on. The following teachers taught then. Miss Willie Riley; Bessie Johnson; Miss Vern Mills; and Lewis Percy.

Up until that time the teachers roomed with the following families: John Stiewert's; Owen Kelly's; Pete Moeller's; and Albert Peiser's. Everyone walked to school in those days, unless the weather was bad.

At this time a teacherage was built on the school ground. The following teachers taught after this: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Everett; Mr. and Mrs. Arch McCarty; Mr. F. M. McCarty; Miss Ethelene Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. (Ethelene Gordon) Owen Sparkman; and Mrs. Bill Nellums.

Mr. Everett organized a basketball team. The court was divided into three sections with six players on each team, foward, center and guard.

We also had a baseball team. They would play other schools such as Roberts, Rose, Howard, Cottonwood and even ventured as far as Brushy.

Our drinking water came from a cistern and we had a water bucket and dipper. Lunch was brought to school in a gallon syrup bucket.

The school was heated by two large pot bellied stoves, with coal. There was a coal house and the boys had to bring in the coal with a coal bucket.

Also we had out door toilets and we used Sears Roebuck catalog for toilet paper.

When the school bell rang, everyone formed a line and stood there

until the teacher told them to march in.

The morning was opened with singing songs such as "America"; "Old Black Joe"; "America the Beautiful" and others.

On Fridays there would be a spelling bee or arithmetic matches.

The school transferred to Haskell in 1948. They went to school there for two years and then Mattson consolidated with Haskell.

As the land was given for school, church and grave yard purposes in 1917 the Lutheran church was founded by Rev. F. Bracher who was the home missionary for West Texas. German church services were held in the Irby school building once a month and later twice a month, one Sunday in German and one Sunday in English.

They continued to worship in the school until it was discontinued. They worshipped in the Presbyterian Church while they were building a church east of Haskell city limits.

There are seven people buried on the school ground. Two have tombstones. The Hallmarks, three Mexican children buried next to them on the east side of the school ground. And two Mexican children are buried on the south side of the school ground. The markers are gone from these graves.

In 1938-39 the National Youth Association (N.Y.A.) built a rock fence along the north side of the school grounds. The school building was moved to Haskell where it is still standing on North Sixth Street. The teacherage was sold and moved to Throckmorton.

## Flattop

In 1901, a school was constructed southeast of Sagerton called Leavitt since that was the name of the post office, but the legal name was Flattop. Mr. L. W. Simpson gave two acres for a school and church. This was porabably a one- or two-room school.

In 1923, a petition was presented for a bond election for a new school building to cost \$1,200. The property value of the district was \$172,600 and the school tax was 10 cents per \$100.

Miss Leila Jeans (Mrs. Charlie Conner) taught in the school. When it rained, the sticky mud made the roads almost impassable. To come to Haskell she had to go by buggy or wagon to Stamford, then by train to Haskell. It was such a hassle that she did not come in to see her family in Haskell from October until Christmas.

Flattop consolidated with Sagerton sometime in the 40s or 50s.

## Did you know?

During the Great Depression, Haskell County teachers were paid with warrants, which couldn't be cashed until enough taxes were collected to cover them. Some teachers would sell them at discounts.

# Plainview

By Marjorie Coleman Mathis

The one room wooden building built by Uncle Jimmy Mallaria was completed in time for school to begin in the fall of 1902. A newcomer to the community Chris Miller named the school Plainview because the view was clear where the school was located. In later years the brick building was built with 2 classrooms, a cloak room for each class room and a book room. The Miller's daughter and son attended school at Plainview the first year. Before Plainview school was built the children in this area attended Joe Bailey school that was located north west of Plainview and west of Vernon. Plainview school is five miles northwest of Stamford. The Chris Miller farm was a mile west and one half mile north of Plainview and the first teacher Lelia Nesbitt, a Haskell High School graduate lived with Chris and Kate Miller and children Jim and Tyna. They all walked to school together. A teacher could teach two years before having to further their education.

Jim Miller was an excellent baseball player and his family would come to the games when Plainview was playing other teams. After he was out of school he played with town men's teams.

My first four years of education was at Plainview school and Mrs. J. C. (Lemoine) Coleman was my teacher. She was the teacher for the "little room" and the "big room", the fifth, sixth, and seventh and half of the fourth grades day was divided between the two rooms.

Mrs. Coleman had a mimeograph machine and she always had copies for students to color when the other work was completed. Listening to the fourth grade say the multiplication tables, I learned them completely in the first grade. I also learned many of the states and capitols that year the same way. I think this tells one a lot about having a few grades together.

Friday afternoons were special. We had a "program" among the students. Everyone had a partner if singing was your part. I was often assigned to sing with a Mexican in my grade and he spoke good English, but we sang Spanish songs and all had fun. When Uno Rancho Grande is played I go back to those times when Sylvester Diaz and I sang. Some would question that it was singing, as I never had a music teacher.

Christmas programs were really enjoyable. We always had a huge Christmas tree that we got to decorate and again we had a program. This time it was for the parents and people in the community. One year I had to say "Twas The Night Before Christmas" poem. I wanted to be sure to finish before Santa came onto the stage, so near the end of the lengthy poem I really was rattling it off fast.

The end of school picnics were looked forward to by everyone in the community. We had excellent picnic lunches and played games among the trees in a pasture near the school.

Plainview school doors were closed for good in May 1939 and I had just completed the fourth grade and was sad indeed to see this

happen. Plainview was just across the road from my home and the only school I had attended to this date. I did not want Plainview to close.

Plainview school only lasted thirty seven years, but some "mighty fine folks" received all the education they ever had there. The brick building still stands today.

## Ward

Ward School had been in the Stamford school district, but in 1922 it came into Haskell.

An election was held in 1921 in the home of J. B. Clark to vote bonds for a new school.

Trustees, appointed by the County School Board, were G. W. Bosse, Ray Clark and S. H. Mercer. Property valuation was \$100,215 and the building cost \$2,000. The school tax rate was 25 cents per \$100 valuation. The school was built in 1922.

The area was the site of an early-day Indian battle. It is reported in R. E. Sherrill's "A History of Haskell County":

**FIGHT NEAR BILL WARD'S PLACE:** This occurred after Fort Griffin was established, while the Ledbetter sale works south of Albany was running, probably in 1867. At the time, Judge Ledbetter had 16 men making salt, and among them a young man who with his wife lived in a house about 120 yards from the salt works.

The Indians charged while the men were at work. The young married lady called to her husband to come to her. When he started to her, Judge Ledbetter told him it would be certain death to go to her, but he went to the house armed with a six-shooter.

Three Indians dashed upon him and he shot all three of them. He claimed one of those he shot was a yellow negro, and that he had hit the negro right under the bulge of the ribs on the left side.

The Indians then retreated, going a northwest course, taking their wounded men with them. The young fellow who shot the Indians put them to flight, and he and his wife escaped with their lives.

Judge Ledbetter went to Fort Griffin and got a company of troops and an Indian guide named Johnson, a Comanche Indian. They left Fort Griffin and struck the Indian trail on California Creek, and camped there for the night. Johnson followed the trail in the night and found the Indians camped on Paint Creek. He came back about 10 o'clock and reported to Judge Ledbetter that he had found the Indians and that they were making litters to carry their wounded.

He said they would doubtless leave very early in the morning, and wanted the captain to take soldiers and surround them in the night, and charge them at day break. But the captain refused to go. Johnson went back again and returned about 4 o'clock in the morning. He urged the captain to go immediately, but the captain told him he was lying.

That was a little more than Johnson could stand. He shook his fist in the captain's face and told him he was a coward and afraid to fight. The captain laughed heartily at the mad Indian, but gave orders to saddle up.

They traveled the balance of the night, and saw the Indian fires at the dawn of day. The men were thrown in

line of battle and charged for about a mile. Of course this gave the Indians a chance to get away, and they fled, leaving the negro and the two wounded Indians on the camp grounds.

They found the yellow negro shot as the young man said he had shot him at the Ledbetter salt works. The captain ordered them shot. The negro begged for his life, and told them he had been captured northwest of San Antonio. When they realized they were going to be shot, the two Indians rose straight up in their beds and looked the men straight in the face that were going to shoot them, and died bravely. But the negro, still begging for his life, lay down on his bed when he too was shot. Then all were buried in one hole.

This was near to where William Ward later built his house between two prongs of Paint Creek on the Haskell and Stamford road.

## Weaver

By Julius C. Williams  
Fort Worth, Texas

My memories go back 53 years to the Weaver community schoolhouse about six miles southwest of Haskell.

It was in 1933-34 when I was a pupil in that two-room institute of learning where the first through eighth grades were taught. In one room the first through third grades were taught the basic rudiments and skills. In the other room, the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades were taught the higher skills and a sense of moral values was also instilled by Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald into her pupils.

By the time a pupil was finished with the fifth grade curricula he was well indoctrinated in the higher levels of learning as well as his own and could master them easily.

In the fall and winter months, after school, about 7:30 p.m., the community gathered for a spelling bee which was continued until a winner was declared. Grown-ups also participated and competed with children at the Bee. Weaver would have been the interscholastic spelling champs for the district had it not been for a misunderstanding. The spelling captain did not recognize his name the way it was mispronounced when his team was assigned their number to be written on their papers where their names would usually appear. What a shame!

The Weaver community, having no church, used the school in the summer months for interdenominational evangelistic crusades under a brush arbor built behind the school. Many souls accepted Christ in those soul stirring meetings. One stands out in my memory especially, the first soldier from Haskell County to lose his life in World War II, was such a one.

In the depression summer of 1933 at a time when the Southwest experienced a long drought the rabbits were especially prolific and a rabbit drive was held. About 200 assorted rifles, shotguns and slingshots participated. The rabbits summarily executed. Those who survived the holocaust left town, presumably for California; at least no one heard from them subsequently, and their whereabouts remain unknown.

The names of those who stand out in my memory of those halcyon

years are Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Arthur and Laverne MacDonald, Cecile, Nellie, Nannie, Junior and Odessa Ralston, Orville and Elva Mae Coxx, Estelline Templeton, P. D. Buddy and Edman Williams and a great many others whose names have faded in my memory, like Billy Ray Balthrop, Bennie Fae Andress, Beno's girl.

Those days will live in the pages of historic evolution (?) of public education in Texas. A time when children were attended to spiritually and intellectually during the course of their public education by dedicated, as opposed to professional educators, teachers who really cared for the child.

## Tonk Creek

By Olin Ashley  
Malakoff, Texas

I attended Tonk Creek School for about a couple of months in the fall of 1930 but was "bumped" because of overcrowding in the first grade.

My mother, the late Delia Ashley, entered me at the age of 5 with the permission of Supt. Homer Neal (who years later taught at Haskell High School) and with the understanding that I would have to withdraw if the class filled up.

I remained at home of the rest of the school year, but with the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Neal (who also taught at Tonk Creek) my mother taught me at home and kept me up with the class. Meantime, we moved to the Norman place three miles north of Rule, and in the fall of 1931 I entered the second grade at Rule. Mrs. Blackwell was the teacher, and it was tough but I pulled through.

It was at Tonk Creek that I learned how important a "pigtail" was to a boys' softball team. I was permitted to stand back behind the catcher and chase balls the catcher couldn't hold onto. There was no backstop at Tonk Creek. But there was a boys' and girls' basketball team. In fact, my sister, Nadine, played on the girls' team and caused an uproar at my house (from my Dad, the late Claude Ashley) when my Mother agreed to make a pair of basketball "bloomers" for her. They were the bottom part of the girls' uniforms, which were topped by some kind of a blouse, also provided by the family. The bloomers didn't show anything. The elastic clamped just above the knee and the baggy bloomers drooped well below the knee. But it was a revolutionary development, which took some getting used to.

On the first day of school at Tonk Creek, I proudly took the round metal dinner bucket my mother had carefully packed for my lunch and was eagerly looking forward to joining the other kids for a noontime feast. So when the bell rang, I grabbed the pail, dashed outside to find a choice place to sit down and enjoy the meal. All the other kids ran outside, too, but it was only after I'd started eating that I realized I was the only one who was having lunch. The bell, you see, was for the first recess--not lunch.

In 1934, my dad rented the J. E. Cloud place across the road from the Pinkerton church and that fall my sister and I enrolled in the school at Midway. The superintendent was C. B. Ramsey, a dynamic educator and one of the best teachers I ever knew. We played basketball on a dirt court,

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# Paint Creek

By Dorthy Thane Wells

Paint Creek originated from the consolidation of five schools; Rose, McConnell, Weaver, Post and Howard. Ericksdale consolidated with Paint Creek a year later in 1939. Rockdale, Plainview and Ward also consolidated later. The school was built at the centralized point of the first five school districts.

The land on which the school was built was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schaake and the Louis J. Thane Estate. The land originally belonged to the late William Thane. The campus consisted of twelve acres, with six acres purchased from each of the families.

Construction of the school building was begun in 1937 and completed in 1938. The building was built by a group of W.P.A. workers, who were men of the Paint Creek community.

When teachers were interviewed for the first term, sixty teachers applied for jobs at the country school. (These were hard times.) A teacher's salary during this time was approximately \$90.00 a month.

The first Board of Education consisted of one member from each former school district except Post and Howard, which had two members each.

The first school term began on September 5, 1938. The first superintendent of the school was Mr. C. E. Boyd. The first faculty was as follows: R. E. Everett, coach; Miss Patsy Lou Koonce, English; W. B. Cowan, Jr., agriculture; Miss Virginia Atkinson, homemaking; W. T. Knowles, elementary principal; Mrs. C. E. Boyd, Miss Betty Ann Hancock, Miss Marga Loveless, and Mrs. Imadel Fitzgerald, elementary teachers. The first janitor was H. G. Hammer and the first bus drivers were Chester Elmore, Lewis Nanny, Harvey Medford and Jodie Earles.

The school got its name from a landmark, the creek named Paint. Mr. Wayne Perry suggested that the new school should be named Paint Creek, so that was the name adopted by the newly formed school district. The school colors selected were maroon and gold. These colors were changed to maroon and white in 1958.

The school song was selected on February 3, 1938. Each grade in school wrote a song and it was determined from these as to which was to be the official school song. Mr. C. E. Boyd organized a band which consisted of twenty-five members. One band student was a member of the National FFA Band in Kansas City, Missouri in 1939 and another was in the National FFA Band in 1940. The band was dissolved in 1944.

Paint Creek High School became a fully accredited school the first year of operation. Members of the first graduation class were Willie Lee Medford, Bertha Adcock, Kenneth Brown, Ruby Mae Scheets, Sybil Nanny, Durwood Livengood, Nannie Bell Sanderfur, Walton Nanny, Frances Larned, J. B. Nanny, Opal Rose, Vera Hise and Post graduates Pauline Wiley and Christine Wells.

The school's first lunchroom went

into operation in the 1945-46 school term. The lunchroom was in one of the teacherages behind the school building. The first workers in the lunchroom were Mrs. Ruth Livengood and Mrs. Veda Griffin.

The first homemaking and agriculture departments were located in one of the former school houses moved on the campus where our present agriculture building stands. This building was destroyed by fire during the 1941-42 school term. The homemaking department was then moved to a teacherage which was located where the present superintendent's house is located. It was destroyed by fire in 1945.

The agriculture building was next located in an army barrack that was moved in at the present agriculture building location. The lunchroom was moved into a portion of this same barrack.

A new homemaking building was built and used for the first time in the 1945-46 school term. It is the building that is now vacant behind our present school facilities.

The agriculture building and lunchroom were destroyed by fire in March, 1953. The present agriculture building was built in 1954. Also in 1954 a new wing was added to the west end of the original school building, which consisted of a lunchroom and auditorium combination and two grade classrooms. The present bus shop was built in 1961.

A fire destroyed the west wing addition of the school late one evening in December, 1963. This was reult in 1964. This wing, which is our present west wing, consists of a lunchroom and auditorium combination, two classrooms, the superintendent's office, Board of Education room, a teacher's lounge (now the tax office).

After the death of Mr. Pat Morrison, the auditorium was named H. P. Morrison Memorial Auditorium as a memorial to him. This dedication took place during the elementary graduation exercises in May 1968.

In 1967 another fire claimed a teacherage on the east end of the campus. The last addition to the school building was in 1971 when a building was added to the west wing, which consisted of a homemaking department, kindergarten and special education classrooms.

The first electricity provided to Paint Creek School was by a D. C. generator driven by a gasoline motor that was behind the present gym. In November 1939 the REA began to provide electricity for the school. The school has not always had such an excellent source of water as it has at the present time. The first water system was a dug well that was located at the northeast corner of the campus. Later another well was drilled near the bus shed to increase the water supply. After Lake Stamford was built the school built a water line from it to supply the water. Our present water is supplied by a coop water line.

The school did not have a lighted football field until about the 1950 season. The football field was not sodded with grass until water was

received from Lake Stamford. Later the football bleachers were added to the field.

Paint Creek has had ten superintendents. They were C. E. Boyd, 1938-1943; N. T. Underwood, 1943-1945; John M. Ivy, 1945-1951; Dan McRae, 1951-1958; Pat Morrison, 1958 until his death in March 1968; Bill Gibbs was selected to fill the office for the remainder of that school term and held that position until 1973; Winifred Dodds, 1973-1978; Grady Avants, 1978-1984; Alan Dinsmore, 1984-1985; James Sinclair, 1985. Jerry Morgan is now serving as the eleventh superintendent.

There have been eight homecomings at Paint Creek School. The first was held in 1958. Others were in the years of 1960, 1966, 1969, 1973, 1977, 1981, 1985.

Paint Creek students have excelled in many fields. Among Paint Creek's graduates there have been college professors, dietitians, registered nurses, bank president, geologist, a veterinarian, coaches, doctors of medicine, state representative, county extension agents, preachers and teachers in various fields such as agriculture, drama, elementary, accountant.

## Vontress

By Blanche (Anderson) Harrell

I remember when I was in third grade we moved to a little community called Vontress located some sixteen miles east of Haskell in Haskell County in 1924.

It was a one room school with basketball goals, two out houses and a coal shed. Inside was a large coal stove, with approximately thirty or thirty five pupils gathered around. It seemed that it would never come my turn to get close enough to warm my feet after walking two and a half or three miles in the cold.

Mrs. Hazel Weaver came to be our teacher. It seemed someone told her the boys there would run her off. Of course they were only teasing I suppose, but there were several big boys there. But Mrs. Weaver came to stay, teach and we were to learn.

After a very short time Mrs. Weaver decided to promote building another room and hired another teacher, that we might get a better education.

As I remember, there were three men on the school board. There were Mr. Albert Arend, Mr. Sam Sorenson and my father, Mr. Emry Anderson.

Pretty soon plans were made and work began. The following term Miss Neta Flippen was hired to teach grades one thru four. Mrs Weaver was to have grades five thru seven or eight if there were students who chose to go on to the eighth. And there were some.

On the corner of rural Mail Route stood a large post with a wheel on it, where several mail boxes were placed.

One dreary day, a big boy saw the mail man coming. He jumped up and out of a window which had the hail screen off. It seemed he had forgotten to mail a letter for his mother. Of course Mrs. Weaver did not approve

of any such behavior, so she talked to him and he talked back. That was a mistake because with paddle in hand she thrashed him good. You see, there was no principal to send him to.

Soon she began having flat tires, but not as many as was intended. Many tacks had been strewn in the path of her car.

We had recess and lunch hour just as now, except lunches were carried in sacks or mostly syrup buckets. We just set out under trees or any place we chose to eat our lunch. Then off to a softball field to play mumble peg or marbles.

The basketball team was done away with for some reason. Come spring there was baseball, school plays, programs, Easter egg hunts, end of school picnic, etc.

Even though Mrs. Weaver first thought was to teach and learn, we enjoyed many fun things.

One April fools day, some older ones played hooky. Mrs. Weaver sent some older boys to the store of Vontress, run by Grandma Weaver (we all called her). It was about two miles north of school. We had a picnic at noon, but no classes were missed.

When there were plays or programs, every student had a part in them, be it ever so small. We were made to feel important.

Mrs. Weaver took time to visit in each student's home and we all enjoyed that. You see at that time, parents really worked with our teachers.

I recall one incident. Miss Minnie Ellis came to visit our school, as she did quite often, or so it seemed to me. I was afraid of her and don't know why. She and Mrs. Weaver went to entrance hall to discuss any problems or business that needed taking care of.

Mrs. Weaver said, "Children, get your books out and study." I didn't because my books were not covered and I was more afraid of Miss Ellis than I was of Mrs. Weaver. When she came back, she came over to me and gave me a good talk. Needless to say, my books were covered and my studying was done.

When we finished seventh grade, there was graduation. It was a very important event. Much had been learned by that time with a teacher like Mrs. Weaver.

Mrs. Weaver moved on to another country school, other teachers were hired and my family also moved on.

School went on at Vontress several years. Then several country schools consolidated, becoming Mattson, with high school education being offered. Many students finished there in the years to come and went on to all walks of life.

I always felt I got a pretty good education at Vontress, because someone like Mrs. Weaver believed in us and taught us that we could do anything we really put our minds to, if we were willing to work for it.

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# New Cook School built in 1929

By Mary Sue Henry

New Cook School was built in 1929 and opened for its first term in 1929-30.

This rural school, located five miles northwest of Rule, was a consolidation of Cook Springs and Corinth rural schools.

Early schools before and soon after the turn of the century were built close together to accommodate the mode of transportation. People walked or used horses for travel. Now, in 1929, the automobile allowed more mobility in travel, thus a change in the location of schools.

The land for early schools was donated by landowners. John Hutts donated for Corinth and George Cook for Cook Springs. Cook Springs and New Cook were named in his honor.

New Cook School was a modern building for the times. The stucco building consisted of four large rooms, a hook room and a stage. There was a four-room teacherage, a shed for horses, a coal shed and a well, along with "outside facilities."

Teacher loads were less in this school. I taught in New Cook the year it opened and until 1935. The first faculty in 1929-30 was composed of the following:

Fred Owens, principal, Mary Sue Henry, Audie Suther and Elizabeth Tarpley. In 1930, Virgil Cassle replaced Fred Owens as principal.

Many changes ensued over the the next 10 years. The above teachers were followed by Mabel Overton, Frances Campbell, Belva Curry, Ruth Grindstead, Bera Smith, Eloise Walters, Maxine Burleson, Yvonne Hodges, Lanelle McCandless, Rhogenia Chambers, Mancill Shaw and Bennet Goodlove.

Teachers were janitors in those days, cleaning rooms, building fires in great black stoves that devoured the coal poured in. Students were "encouraged" to bring in coal to feed these monsters and help with other chores. Hopefully, they developed some sense of responsibility, but mainly they got out of class!

Miss Minnie Ellis was County Superintendent and had in her charge all common schools in Haskell County, issuing textbooks, dispensing vouchers to teachers, visiting each school regularly to check on teachers and progress.

Salaries were \$80 for teachers and \$90 for principal for an eight-month term, formerly five to six months. These salaries were paid just for the months taught, not on a yearly basis and there was no retirement. That came later.

During the depression teachers were paid in scrip, issued by the state in lieu of salary. Most teachers had to sell their scrip at a discount in order to live.

The life of the community centered around the school. Box suppers, plays with casts of teachers and students, singings, ball games of all types and other events took place at the school.

Parents were involved in the lives of students and teachers, supporting schools in discipline, urging cooperation and respect for teachers. Many strong citizens emerged from the rural schools of that era. Patriotism and love of God and Country were words that could be voiced freely.

Transportation, in the form of the school bus, changed the rural school. New Cook ninth and tenth graders were transferred to Rule ISD in 1938 or 1939. Enrollment dwindled in New Cook School as busses transported children and mechanized farming replaced the horse. The teaching staff went down as fewer children were enrolled.

Then in 1945, New Cook School was consolidated with Rule ISD.

Peggy Kietley and Geraldine Pool finished the 1943-44 term and taught the closing year of 1944-45.

So, the era of rural schools came and went within half a century. These schools can be credited with turning out many good citizens who had a part in molding communities, cities, states and the nation.

My teaching years were between 1921 and 1973. I taught in the early days of rural schools and later in the modern school, but the ultimate goal to the teacher was the same then and now: to educate the mind and mold character through study and discipline, thus making better people for a better world.

I still live in the New Cook community, as I have since 1929. My life has been enriched by the people here, the students I have taught and the goodness of life in a rural community.

## New Cook

By LaVerne Casstephens

I went to New Cook seven years. I am the former LaVerne Casstephens.

When I was in the first and second grade, Mrs. Henry was my teacher. In the third grade, Miss Grindstead was my teacher, in the fourth grade Ellis Cole was my teacher, in the fifth grade I don't remember my teacher.

In the sixth and seventh grade Mr. Virgil Cassle was my teacher and principal. Mrs. Mabel Jones Overton of Paint Creek was our music teacher. She also sang opera.

My uncle, Buford Casstephens, my sisters, Opal and Althie Casstephens, attended Marcy school. Both of my sisters went to Cook Springs.

As for events, I spent time getting my lessons. I was an above average student in school. Our sport was softball. Our school bins looked like they do now. We had school plays. Mr. Cassle did not allow any cigarettes smoked at school.

## Foster

In 1904, A. C. Foster gave land for school and church purposes on a small rise northwest of Haskell.

The first record in the courthouse pertaining to the school was in 1912 when bonds were voted for a \$2,000 wooden building.

Election officers were H. A. Lamb, C. W. Denson, J. W. French, T. R. Barrett and W. L. McGowen. The bond issue carried by a vote of 18-4. Property values were \$112,067 and the school tax was 18 cents per \$100.

In 1918, bonds were again voted for a three-room school. Property values at that time were \$110,223 and

the school tax was 10 cents. A drouth in 1918, resulting in several people moving from the community, had reduced property values.

The latter school was three rooms. It had a porch where plays could be held, a moveable partition between two rooms for community functions, a cistern for water supply, a cellar with two entrances for the stormy seasons and in the 1930s even had a Delco lighting system

Foster was an active community with a lot of spirit. But about 1948, it consolidated with Rochester. The Harrell and Adkins families had the most children. Only a cistern is left of this community center.

Among the teachers were Hugh Gaunt, T. B. Roberson, Bessie Bell Buckner, Bill Boley, Vivian Kelly, Stella Cooner, Ina Mae Henry, Ruth Server, Virgil Cassle and Verna Cassle.

## Rose

The first Rose school was built in 1905 on land owned by Grandpa Zack Rose.

G. W. Henshaw made up a petition in 1907 among the neighbors to build a church and a school. Henshaw bought most of the lumber himself, and they hauled it in wagons from Stamford.

The school house was one room, and had one teacher. The second school house was about a mile up the road from the first and later on rooms were added to it to make the three-room school house Rose had when it was consolidated.

The Rose Baptist Church, called Pleasant Valley Church, met in the same one-room school. They had a picture of an early baptizing in a stock tank when 16 people were baptized and a Rev. Nickelson and his preacher son conducted it.

Early families in the Rose community included the Henshaws, who came to the area from Bell County in 1905, the Will Pilands and G. W. Pilands, who came in 1905 and 1906 respectively. Then there were the Zack Roses in 1907 from Bell County; the Hines Bishops, the L. N. Lusks in 1914; Will Kendricks in 1920; the Dale Andersons in 1920; Eal Treadwell in 1922; and the Dave Bartons, the Swillings, the Horace Hilliards, the Taylor Hilliards, the McCurdys, the Mans, the Starks, the Owen Webbs and many more.

Rose was noted for its athletes. One basketball team was never defeated, as far as is known. It was composed of Vernon Lusk, guard; Thurman Lusk, center; George (Chick) Henshaw, forward; Ben Reed, forward; John Beech, guard.

Jim Henshaw once had a complete baseball team with more sons on the bench, and at one time the basketball team and its substitutes at Rose was composed of Henshaw boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Eal Treadwell had as many girls as the Henshaws had boys, and the girls' basketball team once was composed for the most part of the Treadwell girls.

Two-room schools were often divided by a partition, which could be removed to make an auditorium.

## Other Schools

Little is known about the following rural schools of Haskell County:

### Brushy

In 1916, this county line school of Haskell, Throckmorton and Knox counties was formed. It must have been a two-room school as it cost \$3,000. All three counties paid school taxes to operate it at 20 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Teachers included Buck Chamberlain, Virgie Johnson, Eunice Gaunt and Veda Weaver.

### Vontress

This school in eastern Haskell County was part of a little settlement which included a store with a post office. Mrs. W. F. Weaver, who gave the land for the school, operated the store and was postmaster. The store sold everything needed in that day and time.

Allene Couch was one of the teachers.

### Pleasant View

In August 1917, J. R. and Mollie Griffith gave two acres of land in the northeast part of the county for a "public free school." It was almost in Knox County.

Teachers included Buck Chamberlain, Lucille Foote and Opal Wallace.

### Powell

J. L. Powell gave two acres in February 1910 for a school which was built at a cost of \$1,200. School tax was 22 cents per \$100.

No records can be found in the courthouse for some of the rural schools of Haskell County. They include:

### New Hope

New Hope, northwest of Rule, later was taken in by Cook Springs. Ed Cloud taught there.

### Carter

Carter School was about 10 miles south of Rule. The John Carter family came to that area in the 1880s and there was not a school so Mr. Carter gave land and probably helped build the school. His wife taught. This school lasted about two years.

### Tanner

In 1889, soon after the J. E. Maxwell family settled on Double Mountain Fork, Mr. Maxwell gave two acres of land for school and church purposes.

The school was called Fairview. Soon, as the population grew, a larger school was needed and built. The Maxwell land had changed ownership and was then owned by George Tanner so people began calling the new school Tanner. The cemetery was still called Fairview.

Some of the teachers were Carlton Couch and Elmer Davis. Tanner later consolidated with Willow Point and became Tanner Point, a three-room school. Teachers boarded with one of the Kittle families.

### Red Top

Although there is no record of this school, Ottie Johnson states that his mother attended this school north of Rule. It was near a church about halfway between Rule and Jud. The church was white with a red roof, hence the name Red Top.

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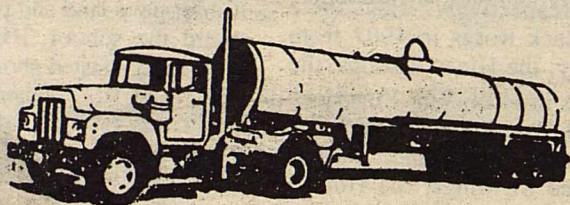
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POSTSCHOOL: Etta Luper, Reatha Davis, Margarete Davis, Dorothy Hise, Mr. Roy McDaniel, McDaniel daughter, John Bray, Jr., Irvin Overton, Jerre Gipson, ? Cathey.



**PLAINVIEW 1938-39**

Back row, from left, John McGowan, principal; Bertha Ulmer, Beatrice Marugg, Lenora Brandenberger, Margaret Hurst, Marta Diaz, Dan Lovvorn, Alfred Marugg; middle row, Santos Diaz, Sylvester Diaz, Joyce Holloway, Marjorie Coleman, Alton Hurst, Emil Miller, Bille Joe Blackwell, Junior Robbins, Agnes Helm, Mrs. J. C. Coleman, teacher; front row, Lewis Helm, Milbert Helm, Gerry Hanson, Minnie Lee Holloway, Mary Jo Connell, Jack Clements, Betty Jean Blackwell, Yuell Ulmer, Willie Faye Connell, Gladys Holloway, Ima Ruth Clement.

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# Roberts

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard (Jess and Olevia).

From the information we can collect, the first Roberts School must have been in the early 1900s.

Buelah (Lewellen) Toliver told us she started to school in 1906 in a one-room school building located on the southwest corner of the J. D. Roberts land.

That is where the school got the name Roberts. It is a tract of land known as the Muesbam place now.

Buelah's first teacher was Marlon Ray in 1906-07. This school was seven miles east and three miles north of Haskell.

Mr. Crump taught the fall of 1907 and spring of 1908. Then Mr. McQueen taught a year.

Mr. Gentry came in the fall of 1909 and taught in the one-room building one year. In the fall of 1910, they hired the second teacher, Mr. Claudis Walton. In order to make two rooms, a curtain was hung to separate them. Mrs. Gentry and Claudis Walton taught two years, one year with the curtain serving as a divider.

Buelah thought they built the two-room building in 1911 so Mr. Gentry and Claudis Walton were the first teachers in the new building. This new building was on the northwest corner of Mr. Reese's land, just across the road south of the one-room building.

There was a large cellar on the south side of the school ground. The cellar had a door in the west and east end of it. Just north of the school building was a cistern that furnished our water.

We know Nola Kirkpatrick taught at Roberts but we aren't sure which year.

Essie Crow and Trixie Johnson taught from 1914 until 1919. Louise Davis and Margaret Green taught in the fall of 1919 and spring of 1920. Louise Davis married and then Zena Mae Beck taught the next year with Margaret Green.

Vera Baker and Bertha Smith taught in 1921-23. Then Vera and Venita Baker taught 1923-25. Mr. A. T. Austin and Edith Jones taught the fall of 1925 and spring of 1926. Ollie Chinaworth came and taught with Mr. Austin one year.

Mrs. Lane and Ollie Chinaworth taught 1927-28. Ollie Chinaworth moved on somewhere else and Blanche Frierson taught one year with Mrs. Lane.

C. B. Ramsey and his sister, Olevia, taught from the fall of 1929 until spring of 1932. C. B. married and went to Murray to teach. Lewis Ramsey came and he and Olevia Ramsey taught one year.

Jack Bynum taught 1933-34. Elmer C. Watson came to teach in 1934 and continued through the spring of 1936. Then Roberts, Powell, Pleasant Valley, Vontress and Cottonwood were consolidated to form Mattson which was named for Matt Graham, who was county superintendent at that time. Elmer C. Watson was the first superintendent of Mattson School.

Most of the men of the Roberts community served some time on the school board during this period.

Mr. I. A. Leonard, J. C. Lewellen, Mr. Lane, Edd, Elbert and Tom Mapes and their daddy, Truett Cobb, E. J. Couch and several other men of

the community were among this group.

In 1927 there was a five-room house built on the corner (where the one-room school had been) for a teacherage; that served as a home for teachers each year.

In 1925 the Baptist Church was built on the northeast corner of the T. R. Odell place which is now owned by the four children of Raymond Brewer.

The Roberts Cemetery is all that remains at Roberts now.

During this period of time, all of the children walked to school. They didn't have any indoor facilities. The only heat was a huge coal heater. Sometimes the stoves smoked until the students' nostrils were black.

We didn't have playground equipment like today. The children played Pop the Whip; Red Rover, Let Someone Come Over. Most of the time they were lucky enough to have one basketball, that kind that had a rubber bladder which could be patched when punctured. They managed to play baseball sometimes with a homemade ball of string, wound tight around a small rubber ball. Sometimes their ball bat was a grubbing hoe handle.

Some of the boys always got kindling and a scuddle of coal in the afternoon so the teacher could build a fire the next morning.

Some of the families who lived in the Roberts community were Walter Atchison, Will Atchison, Edd and Jim Stamford, J. A. Mapes, Edd, Tom and Elbert Mapes, Henry Druessow, E. J. Couch, Truett Cobb, all the Wheatleys, Bill Holt, Mr. Woolsey, McGuire, Hallmark, Farce, Chapman, Bill Arend, T. W. Free, Thomas Bird, Mr. Lane, Mr. Lewellen, Cavitt, McNiel, Larry Smith, Ivy, Clarence Massey, Gene and Roy Lancaster and Cothron. There are probably more but I can't remember.

# Whittman

In November 1909 W. P. Whittman gave land for a school so the school was named Whittman. It was located four or five miles northwest of Haskell.

This was a one-teacher school of eight grades, lasting six months. The water supply was from a windmill and all children drank from one dipper, about 30 of them.

The children all walked to school in all kinds of weather--blizzards and sandstorms. Velma Frierson Campbell said that when it rained her father hitched up the wagon and team and took them to school, stopping along the way to pick up neighbor children.

Mrs. Thelma Bledsoe Adams Vogelsang, 88 years old, recalls her school days at Whittman 78 years ago with happy memories. She recalls how they got up early and she made the biscuits for breakfast while her older brother and sister helped milk six or eight cows. After a hearty breakfast they walked to school across a pasture. Very little land was in cultivation then. People made their own entertainment and neighbors helped each other.

Whittman consolidated with Pinkerton to make Midway.

Some of the teachers were Miss Vivian Jones, who married A. A. Frierson, father of all the Friersons;

Miss Olga Cathy, Miss Anderson, Miss Louise Farley, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hovins who went on to teach at Howard Payne College.

Some of the students were:

Mattie Flannery; Ethel, Pauline, Calvin, Velma, Alta, Blanche, Pete and Monte Frierson; Neta Sego (Benson); Minnie McNelly (Bailey); Beulah, Alice, Effie, Ruth and Rhea Hayes.

Also Carlie Bailey, Lome Bledsoe, Albert Hayes, Jimmy Hayes, Nannie Jean Hayes, Henry Smith, Marvin Gibson, Leslie Gibson, Johnny Smith, Sidney Mantooth, Ruby Mantooth, Wanda Treet, Gladys Lawson, Raymond Lawson, Carol Bledsoe, Boyd Decker, Jim Decker, Watson Adams and Allen Adams.

School trustees included W. L. Norman, J. P. Ashley and J. S. Sloan.

(Information for this article was furnished by Thelma Bledsoe Adams Volgelsong.)

# Ballew

By Joyce Jetton Cooper

My brother T. W. Jetton Jr. and I went to school at Ballew two or three years in the 30s before it consolidated with Haskell.

Mrs. Scott Green and Mrs. Ralph Duncan were the teachers. Most of the time in nice weather we walked. In bad weather Daddy would take us and pick up the Hurt children and the Kimbrough boys, sons of Clay and Valley Kimbrough Jr.

Once we had a terrible sandstorm and Daddy came after us at noon. It was so dark mother had lighted the lamps when we got home. The chickens even went to roost.

# Ballew

Taylor Childress of Guymon, Okla., recalls his school days at Ballew in 1926. He started to work as custodian and activity bus driver for the Guymon schools since 1960.

Now semi-retired he still drives a short school bus route, picking up 40 to 50 children.

"School children are still a very important part of my life and I enjoy them very much," he writes.

He recalls memories from his early school days at Ballew:

It was the usual two-teacher school that taught first through eighth grades.

Although I was only in the third grade I remember the long walk of four or five miles in the cold. When we got to school with almost frost-bitten fingers and toes, the school house was still cold since it had to be heated by a wood or coal pot-bellied stove which took some time to get warm.

Another memory was the spelling bee and arithmetic match. We would choose sides and line up on each side of the room. When we misspelled a word given us we would sit down. The one who stood without missing their word won.

The arithmetic match was somewhat like the spelling, but we would be given a problem to work on the blackboard. The side which stayed the longest won.

I also remember there were a few fights at school. The teacher had to settle these, but they would usually start again after school.

Of course we all looked forward to races when we could play Pop the Whip or Red Rover.

The one who asked the teacher first got to ring the bell. It was a hand bell and the children liked to ring it.

We had to line up to march in. Then came the push and scuffle for everyone wanted to be first in line. The teacher settled this by each one taking their turn being first.

In the summer all went bare footed. The boys most always wore overalls.

We got our drinking water from a well. We had to draw the water up in a bucket with a rope on a pulley. Everyone drank out of the same tin cup or long handled dipper.

Even though the lifestyle was quite different from our schools today, everyone was happy and enjoyed life and got a good education.

# Ballew

By Faye McMillin Jetton

I attended school at Ballew, approximately five miles due north of Haskell on what everyone called the Old Benjamin Road. It was a two-teacher school with a grade school and high school teacher. I started to school at Ballew in 1926.

My first teacher was Mrs. Burt Trice. She was a wonderful teacher to me, loving and kind. I was a new student to the school, moving here from Cooke County (Gainesville). I knew two people, Marvin and Helen Phemister, cousins. She made me feel special.

It wasn't long before I knew a lot of other kids and neighbors. The Homer Cagle children, the Tom Roberson children, the Giffords and the Jeff Turnbow children all walked with my brothers and sisters to school, and others at times. It was a lot of fun walking together unless it was very cold or raining.

I remember after I got older, Inez Parks walked to school with us. She was so tiny that I felt like I had to take care of her. And I did. She would get tired and cry at times (a first grader) and I gave her plenty of tender loving care. The boys would scuffle and fight at times which would scare the girls, but the boys loved it.

Mrs. Trice was an artist. She knew I loved to draw and paint and she encouraged me in this. She painted me a painting of a teenage girl which I still have.

The year I started, Mary Low was high school teacher. I went to Sula Mae Ratliff, who married Cody West while teaching there. She was a good teacher. I see her frequently and enjoy visiting with her.

I believe a Mr. Suggs followed her in high school. Following him was Roy Bullington from Munday. He was a very good teacher. I remember he loved history and he made us kids all love history. He was my last school teacher.

I remember a grade school teacher, Mary Kimbrough, we had so long at Ballew. She was a swell person and a good teacher. My brothers went to her, Stanley and Ben McMillin. They really thought Miss Mary was grand. I think Ben was her pet. One time when she got ill in school, she let me fill in for her. Later she gave me a camera. I still have it for a keepsake. She later married Hugh Ratliff.

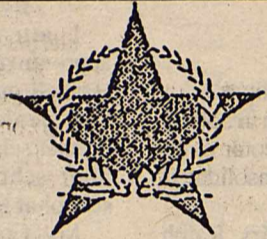
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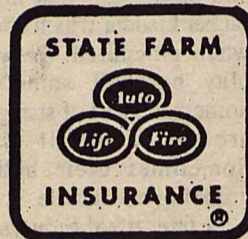
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# Teacher remembers old schools

By Lela Welsh Duncan

I taught in Haskell Public Schools many years. I received my basic teaching training in rural schools of Haskell County.

My first school was Gilliam, 1924-25. Then I went the next year to Midway (consolidated Whitman and Foster schools). Later I taught six years at Ballew.

In 1915 we moved from Bell County to Haskell County. Our farm, three miles northwest of Haskell, was in the Ballew district.

My sister, Lola Welsh Scott and I attended Ballew for almost one term. Our teachers, Miss Nellie Rich and Miss Elsie Tyson (a Haskell native) came to board with us as soon as our house was built. We drove in a buggy to Ballew because it was too far to walk.

Students that year included Reno and Mamie McGregor, Ida, Lillian, Eli and Levi Leflor, J. C. Holt, Ophelia Josselet, John E. and Ethel Robinson, Florence and Hubert Segó.

The next year we transferred to Whitman. Pansy Garber and Mrs. Homer Hutto were two of the teachers during the next few years.

Students over the years were Alice, Velma, Ervin and Felix Elton Frierson, Ethel and Pauline Frierson, Wanda and Willie Trat, Marshall, Vada and Jessie West, John Mitchell, Gladys, Raymond and Avis Lawson, Lorene and Marie Huff, Opal West, Bertha, Bennie and Ferrell Lane.

After a few years we moved into town.

My first teaching job was at Gilliam with Juanita Farrington. We lived in the Jetton and the Wyatt Hill homes. Mr. Charlie Shelley and Mr. R. C. Lowe were our trustees. Buster and Taylor Shelley, Vernie Lee and Cecil Jetton were students.

The next year I taught at Midway, a four-teacher school. Mr. Owen, Mattie Lee Leon, Goldie Hobson and I lived in the teacherage. I taught some high school subjects and thus had students I had previously gone to school with at Whitman—namely the Friersons.

In 1932 after teaching in the Haskell Public Schools and Wichita Falls, I returned to Haskell and had a teaching job at Ballew. Hope Haynes was the principal and after three years he went to another school I became principal and Louise Greene was the primary teacher.

Our trustees were Mr. Tom Rhoads and Mr. Elijah Wheeler.

During those six years some of our students were Marie, Clifford, Raymond and Wilbur Rhoads, Edmond and Virgil Wheeler, Lynn Tolliver's children, Joe, Jeffie Maud and Morris, Annie Bess Gilliam, J. B. Dalton, Aleene and Stella Kirby.

I concluded my teaching career in the Haskell Public Schools again, and with 17 years at Jefferson Junior High School in Abilene.

## Did you know?

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## Cobb School

By Elizabeth Middleton Stewart

Cobb School was first a one-room school on Buffalo Springs where all the Cobbs got their water.

After the Rose family all finished the school, it was moved to the Gat Cobb ranch just northeast of his barn. The first teacher that anyone of the family could remember was a Miss Wolf. She stayed with the Cobbs.

Before they had the school at Buffalo Springs, Vernon Cobb, the oldest son of Gat, went to Albany and stayed with the Matthews, and Norma stayed with another family in Albany.

More people moved in on south and west of Cobbs and they moved the school to the center of the community and Vernon Cobb gave the land and the name was changed to Cobb in 1910.

Gentry Middleton now owns the land where the Cobb School was. The old well is still there. This was a one-room school and went through the seventh grade. The first teacher at Cobb was a Mr. Corley from Stamford.

Chang Middleton's family moved to Cobb near the school where he bought land. Chang went to school at Cobb as well as the Newcomb children. The joke was that Jay Newcomb traded his books to Chang Middleton for his knife. Back then, you had to buy your books.

When Sam, Von, Addie and Mich Cobb got old enough to go to school, Gat moved his family to Haskell where the kids went to school. Then in the summer they would go back to the ranch.

My grandfather Cobb homesteaded part of the land and gave 25 cents per acre for the rest of his land. He worked for the Reynolds Cattle Co. for \$20 a month and paid for the land. His family lived on the rest of the money.

Cobb School was made up of Gat's grandchildren, the Pattersons and Middletons. After Gat was killed from a fall from a pecan tree, his wife bought a house in Stamford and she kept all of her grandchildren that finished the seventh grade and sent them to school.

She has a lot of stars in her crown. She didn't care how much fun we had, only we had to stay home. So the kids would gather at her house, a party every night. She was wonderful.

After school every day we had horse races going home from school. We also stopped at all the tanks that were frozen over in winter to skate or in warm weather we went swimming. And we all lived through it.

If we got in a fuss we were made to clean off the pasture. It made good kids.

One of the Pattersons put a box of 22 shells in the wood stove. It broke up school for the day. We were lucky no one was hurt.

Chang Middleton and Addie Cobb would write notes and put under a rock. When we moved to Haskell the rocks were moved to Haskell and I have these rocks in my yard now.

Teachers were a Miss Ramsie, Miss Veda Newcomb, Miss Ima Delle Woods Fitzgerald, Miss Wilkerson, Miss Evelyn Ivey Cobb and a Mr. Coke.

The Cobb School was transferred to Lueders School until they were consolidated with Paint Creek.



### HOWARD GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM 1933-34

Seated, left to right, Marie Hammer Elmore, Nevada Underwood Hammer, Inez Earles Gilliland, Edna Tidwell Calloway; standing, Ruby McMahan, Thelma Landess Boone, Coach Opal Watson Nanny, Ruby Dinsmore Elmore, Irene Nanny Bischofhausen and Gladys Weaver Haley.

## Pinkerton

Pinkerton School was named for J. F. Pinkerton, largest landowner and taxpayer in Haskell County at that time. In August 1901 Pinkerton gave four acres for school purposes.

Pinkerton was a little town with a gin, church, doctor, stores and a blacksmith, but faded away when the railroad passed through Rule and missed Pinkerton. It also had a post office. All that is left of this once thriving community is an overgrown cemetery.

In 1901, there was a school but very little is know of this school, but Miss Betty Herren of an early day family was one of the teachers, as was B. M. Whitaker, so it was probably a two-teacher school.

In 1920, bonds were voted for a new building, costing \$4,500. After some controversy, bonds were approved 31-22. Election officials included H. A. Self, W. O. Black, Fulton Lee and W. W. Reeves.

Signing the petition for the election were:

W. L. Norton, J. S. Sloan, J. P. Ashley, T. V. Gordon, S. W. Vernon, W. F. Durrett, J. S. Perison, B. F. Ash, A. W. Haynes, W. D. Johnson, S. M. Haroom, J. O. Jackson, B. F. Neal, O. H. Bowen, J. M. Merrill, S. O. Bell.

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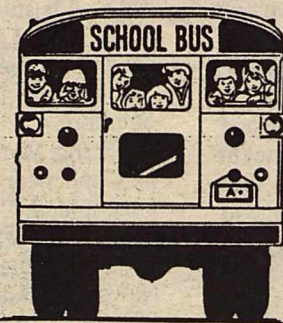
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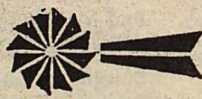


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# 'I received an excellent education'

## Gilliam

By Frank C. Spencer, M.D.

I attended the Gilliam School for five years, completing the seventh grade there in 1937. I believe, if my memory is correct, the schools were closed at that time when the system was consolidated with school buses to bring everyone to Haskell. I used the school bus to complete my four years of high school in Haskell, graduating in 1941.

I have often commented in different public addresses that the availability of a good public education to everyone is one of the keystones of our society. It was a sign of unusual wisdom that led to the founding of the country schools when West Texas was settled, literally checkerboarding the countryside with small two room country school houses about six miles apart.

I do not know how widespread this was but certainly throughout Haskell County this was true because no child had to walk more than three miles. This was a key point because the roads were often not usable in the winter time, so one had to walk to school.

I received an excellent education in the school system there in all fundamentals. My only humorous reflection on any deficiency in training was that our training in music was limited to singing "God Bless America" and similar songs for a few minutes after lunch each day!

I have often marveled at the dedication and ability of the teachers because one teacher taught four grades in one room while the other taught three in another room.

When I entered school I had fortunately acquired some information under my mother's tutelage so I was soon placed in the third grade and hence had my entire secondary school training there. My teachers there included Alice Maude Latham, Hugh Gantt and Clyde Banks. All were excellent, dedicated teachers, not only teachers but advisors and "secondary parents."

My father generously provided me with a small pony for transportation to avoid walking, so I acquired an early education in horseback riding, traveling three miles each way every day to and from school. My only restriction, vividly remembered, was the fact that I rode bareback without a saddle because of the well-known hazard of a child falling from a horse with a saddle with his foot hanging in the stirrup. I recall tumbles from the pony which patiently stopped and waited for me to climb on and try again.

More seriously, the education in the schools was remarkably good because my entire life has been spent in universities. My bachelor's degree was obtained at Denton at North Texas State in 1943, after which I obtained a medical degree at Vanderbilt, had my surgical training at Johns Hopkins and then remained on the faculty there for several years.

I have now been in New York for 20 years as chairman of the Department of Surgery, New York University Medical Center.

Throughout this time I have encountered many colleagues and friends from different universities throughout the world and have been amazed at how excellent my public education was. Separate from the scholastic training, these teachers maintained a remarkable tone and enthusiasm.

I believe the total school

population was between 40 and 50 students, with a generous mixture of athletics, picnics and similar activities. Disciplinary problems were virtually unknown as the combination of traveling to and from school, together with the standard work on a farm, kept everyone well occupied.

## Bunker Hill

Bunker Hill, sometimes called Grisham, was built in 1916. It was a two-teacher school.

The school structure cost \$1,600. Property value was \$170,746 and the school tax was 20 cents per \$100.

A petition calling for a bond election to finance the school was dated Feb. 18, 1916, and was signed by:

F. Teichelman, H. Hanks, C. F. Teichelman, T. C. Middlebrook, A. T. Grisham, E. W. Fricke, J. H. Brewer, W. Knipping, T. W. Bartholmew, J. J. Wofford and C. N. Grisham.

## McConnell

McConnell School, a two-room school, was built in 1922 on the Stamford highway near Overton Switch. The school was named for pioneer Judge H. G. McConnell who was judge of Haskell County in 1890.

Signing the election petition were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, W. E. Bunkley, Mrs. M. V. Sanders, J. C. Harper, M. V. Sams, L. C. Smith, E. C. Harrison, M. V. Bland, Mrs. M. V. Bland, D. H. Terrell.

Also Joe Gremethan, E. L. Cawthen, Mamie Cawthen, Mrs. M. L. Jones, R. E. Bain, J. Hagenom, Mrs. T. Hagenom, John Chloger, T. W. Burge and S. T. Burge.

Property valuation was \$103,090 and the school tax was 30 cents per \$100.

Mrs. Ada Rike was one of the teachers.

## Dennis Chapel

Dennis Chapel was named for the family of J. R. and Millie Dennis who gave two acres for the school in 1906.

The school building in 1912 cost \$1,200 and property of the district was valued at \$107,219, with the school tax 20 cents per \$100.

The petition for the school was signed by:

R. A. Webb, Bob Edwards, Oscar Read, J. E. Warren, W. J. Lane, H. L. Dunn, A. P. Mallock, J. F. Read, D. C. Duke, W. E. Adams, G. W. Martin, R. S. Edwards, G. W. Turnbow, W. K. Whitford, M. W.

Lewis, J. V. Lewis.

Also V. K. Gerick, Joe Havron, H. H. Read, J. L. Perry, J. B. Martin, S. J. Stovall, M. M. Dennis, Walter Harris, A. F. Hamerick, Frank Havron, B. B. Whitford and R. S. Sprayberry.

In the bond election, all 16 voters voted for the school.

In the early days none of the petitions were signed by ladies of the community.

Scotch Coggins taught in this school and walked from Weinert daily.

## Rose School

In 1907, J. A. and Willie Rose gave one acre of land for a two-room school almost due east of Haskell. At one time there was a Rose Ranch in the eastern part of the county.

In 1925, bonds were voted to build a \$1,500 school building. The property value was \$109,560 and the school tax was 20 cents per \$100.

The Bledsoe family attended this

school, also Vernon Ivey. Slover Bledsoe, after listening to people talk and talk about lettering in football, track, etc., said that when he attended Rose School he had lettered. He had lettered in Pop-the-Whip. The children either walked or rode horseback.

Teachers included Mamie Jones and Leila Jeans (Conner).



**OLD WHITTMAN SCHOOL 1919**

Top row, left to right, Baily Evans, Bunk Chastine, G. P. Wingo, Charlie Newsom, Joe Overcash, Reuben Heathington, Opal Seets, Alice Frierson, Nita Segoe, Minnie Lee Dendy, Gladys Lawson; second row, Bertha Lane, Blanche Frierson, Alta Frierson, Fannie Bell Dendy, ? Evans, Buelah Segoe, Winnie Adkins, Sadie Lees, Willie Belle Frierson, Velma Frierson, Gladys Hutchens; third row, Lester Noah, Paul Newsom, ? Evans, Robert Segoe, ? Overcash, Hubert Wingo, Bennie Larn, Neva Segoe; fourth row, Gladys Moser, Marie Hall, Effie Moser, Beatrice Moses, Mary Lees, Grace Hutchens, Cleo Burson, Ora Burson, Gladys Hutchens, Nadine Newsom, Ethel Frierson, ? Evans, Pauline Frierson, Helen Chastine; unknow, unknow, unknow, unknow, Allen Lees, unknow, Ned Newsom, Man Newsom, Ervine (Dick) Frierson, Marvin Gibson, unknow, unknow, Pete Frierson.

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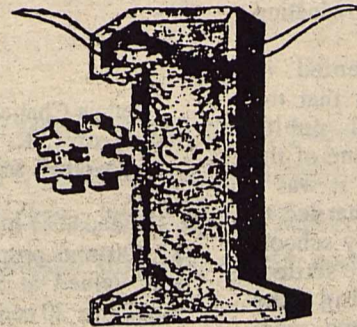
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PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL 1909: Trustees posed with the student body. They were Mr. Henry Free, Mr. Derr, Mr. Mitchell.

## Pleasant Valley

In 1909, the citizens of a little community southeast of Weinert applied for a bond election to build a one-room wooden building, known as Pleasant Valley School, sometimes called Grasshopper.

The building cost \$800. The property value was \$132,563 and the school tax was 15 cents per \$100.

Signing the petition calling for the bond election were:

Henry Free, J. R. Mitchell, H. Kreger, J. A. Robertson, A. C. Golden, T. D. Roberts, J. J. Crump, J. F. Patrick, E. L. Redding.

Also J. A. Kemp, T. A. Kemp, E. F. Carmichael, W. T. Hester, W. D. Yackery, W. C. Renfro, J. W. Markham, M. M. Wood and J. W. Derr.

Henry Free presided over the election. The bond issue carried 8-0.

In 1918, another bond election for two rooms was held for a larger school costing \$2,200. Property value was \$124,050, a decrease from the earlier valuation, but 1918 was a very dry year and some folks had moved. J. R. Mitchell presided over this bond election. It was erected a few miles from the first one. The school tax rate then was 25 cents.

Children rode horses or came in a buggy. Eloise Toliver relates that they had runaways every time Jake Kreger came by on his motorcycle which scared the horses. It was a lot of fun riding in the buggies and riding horses to school.

The school also had a champion basketball team, made up of Bryant Garret, Bud Derr, Mancil Robertson,

Martin Robertson, Lewis, Ed and J. C. Ashby and Melvin Josselet.

John and Adell Thomas, Mancil Robertson and four or five other boys played "hooky" one April 1 and it was so much fun that they played "hooky" for a week down in Couch's pasture. They brought their lunches and instead of going to school they spent the day in the pasture. Their parents thought they were in school.

The boys told the girls that there were snakes and spiders in the cellar, so naturally the girls were scared to go down there, even if a storm came up. (The boys were making home brew in the cellar.)

The school was a community center with box and pie suppers, plays and programs and everybody was in the programs even if they just recited a poem. Mrs. Velma Chitwood still remembers the play "Train to Podunk."

Some of the families were:

Kreger, Garret, Free, Robertson, Cheek, McGuire, Colwell, Derr, Ashby, Kirby, Springer, Josselet, Toliver, Sparkman, Finnally, Caddell and Chitwood.

Teachers included:

Mrs. Mabel Derr, Hazel Mitchell, Thelma Johnson, Margarette McCollum, Mrs. Pat Weaver, Miss Guess, Alma Jetton, Velma Hamilton, Mrs. Trice, Miss Coburn and Miss Burke.

Mrs. Trice drove a buggy to school 12 miles every day. The Weaver family usually kept the teachers in winter.

## Pleasant Valley

By Ernestine Cox Herren  
Mr. Thee Free, 80 years old this August, attended Pleasant Valley

School in the early 1900s. He recalls his days there not only as a learning experience but as one of carefree, happy days.

He lived on a farm near the school and always walked to school. The teachers always either stayed with his family or the Derr family. His father, Mr. Henry Free, an early-day settler, was a School Board member.

Mr. Free and some of his friends liked to go down to Gray Mare Tank in the pasture during recess, even though they were not supposed to. But the boys just loved to go the tank. It had frogs and turtles and the old barn had snakes and mice. He said there were always some less adventuresome sissies who stayed in the school house and when he and his friends returned from the tank, hoping to slip into the room unobserved, the sissies would lock the door. If they could not get in they would be in deep trouble with the teacher and later with the parents.

So one day the boys returned, and sure enough, the door was locked, but this time they came prepared. While half the boys were begging to have the door unlocked, the other half crept around the building, opened a window and dumped a bucket of mice and mice nests into the room. Needless to say, after screaming and jumping upon the desks and all kinds of commotion, the door was unlocked--and left unlocked thereafter.

In 1913, when Mr. Free attended this school, he recalls two teachers, Mr. Williams and Miss Askew who had only one eye.

Pupils he remembers were Ed, J. C., Lewis, Lily, Edna, George and Mildred Ashby; Richard Quinlin; Hoyt and Ruth Crump; Buster and Price Kurd; Odie, Raymond, Melvin, Tom, Teddy and

Lily Mae Kreger.

Maurine (Pete), Frank and Bernice Hickman; Logan, Raymond, Howard, Lester and Bruce King, along with two other King children whose names he can't recall; Melvin (Shorty) and Alma Josselet;

Carrie, Lewis and Granville Rogers; Giles and Edna Kemp; Maud, Kate, Thee, George, Jim and Lewis Free; Fred, Mabel, Urfa, Vera, Bud and Francis Derr; and Grace, Alvy and Hazel Mitchell.

## Pleasant View

In 1917, C. T. Jones, W. T. Ford and W. O. Largent were appointed to hold a school bond election for a \$2,500 building for the Pleasant View School.

Records show that the above named men declared the election was held in an orderly and legal manner. The property value was \$127,985 and the school tax was 25 cents per \$100. J. R. and Mollie Griffith gave two acres for the school.

The following signed the petition for the election:

Ed Goss, A. J. Smith, C. T. Jones, C. C. Cunningham, R. L. Gaines, W. O. Largent, C. M. Strickland, David G. Griffith, E. P. Bone.

Also David Ridling, W. W. Morrison, W. R. Owens, J. C. Runnels, L. C. Irick, A. D. Irick, Alex Jones, R. R. Jones and G. C. Jones.

Among the teachers were Buck Chamberlain, Ina Cowan, Lucille Foote and Opal Wallace.

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## Lone Star

Lone Star was built in 1923 by A. J. Tuck. G. A. Couch, Alvey Couch and W. A. Murchinson bought the school bonds which financed the three-room brick structure.

In the 1930s, Mr. Hawkins was the principal. The scholastics had decreased so Mr. Hawkins and his family lived in one room, partitioned by curtains.

In 1918, Miss Hassie Davis and Miss Williams taught eight grades. Miss Davis finished high school in May, went to college during the summer and qualified for her teaching certificate. She taught four grades. She had 16 beginners, 12 who had been to school part of a year and 12 in third and fourth grades.

One little boy only talked twice. The year before he had gotten mad at the teacher, jumped out the window and stayed home until Miss Davis came.

Miss Davis and Miss Williams boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reid and walked a mile and a half to school. The last month of school, it rained so much that the school yard was covered with water so children had to stay in the house and the teachers wore boots all day.

Miss Davis went to college every summer until she graduated. The bus fare to Canyon Teachers College was \$2.69.

## Weaver

In 1910, George Weaver, a bachelor, gave an acre of land for a one-room school southeast of Haskell. There must have been a school erected shortly after, but there is no record of one until 1923 when the following men signed a petition for a bond election:

G. W. Bischofhausen, J. D. Andress, T. D. McGregor, M. D. Underwood, Tom Johnson, W. A. Earles, Carl Fischer, J. M. Lackey, W. W. Johnson, M. P. Copeland, Sam Armstrong and C. S. Boothe.

The community property was valued at \$123,150 and school tax was 35 cents per \$100. Mrs. Ima Dell Fitzgerald would put on her bonnet and play roly poly with the children. They sang patriotic songs.

Betty Toliver Dulaney attended this school in first grade. She walked three miles, carrying her lunch in a syrup bucket. She said she would be so tired that one of the older McDonald boys would carry her the last mile and a half.

Orville Cox also attended this school at the same time. He was the first boy from Haskell County killed in World War II.

Only a cistern is left at the school site.

Teachers included Ima Dell Fitzgerald, Naomi Hudson, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Miss King and Mrs. Stevenson.

Some of the trustees were J. D. Andress, Crawford Boothe and W. E. Johnson.

## Gilliam

Mrs. B. J. Abbot gave one acre of land in 1926 for the Gilliam school of two rooms. A cistern and a fallen down church are all left of this once

active community.

Dr. Frank Spencer, famous heart surgeon, attended this school. He was so bright and his teacher, Miss Lucille Foote, said she didn't know what to do with him so she wrote his parents a note for permission to place him in third grade. Of course, it was agreeable with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer as they knew all the time they had a genius in the family.

Besides Lucille Foote, some of the teachers were Hugh Gaunt, Mrs. R. L. Foote, Bill Richey, Alice Maud Latham, Mr. Banks, Louise Green, Allene Taylor and Clara Clift.

Among the trustees were Frank Spencer and Arthur Shelly. Families included those of Wheeler, Ammonet, Mullins and Strickland.

## Plainview

The citizens of the Plainview community were very proud of their two-room brick school.

In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Overby had given land for this school of eight grades. The playground was very well kept and the children played basketball, volleyball and softball. They played ball with their neighboring schools and the winner of all games in their area got to go to the county meet to compete with the other winners.

Mrs. Faye Moody Hallmark attended this school, walking a mile and a half. There was one girl, Louise, who pushed the little ones into the ditch. Some children came in a buggy, about half the families had a car. Mrs. Hallmark's father purchased a '26 Ford for \$600 so then they could go to the Carnegie Library in Stamford and rent a book for two weeks for 10 cents each. The school also had a small library.

Mrs. Hallmark said she was always tense when the county superintendent and the official from Austin visited the school once a year for fear that something might not be "up to snuff."

The school was also used for church services once a month. Revivals were conducted outside in the summer after the crops were "laid by" in August.

Some of the families in the community were Hanson, Coleman, Overby, Haney, Scott, Hardwick, Mueller, Ulmer, Cornelius, Nauret, Frizell, Marug, Kohorot, Lusk, Diceman, Blackwell.

(Related by Mrs. Faye Moody Hallmark)

## Vernon

A one-room Vernon School was built in the late 1880s where Stamford and Pinkerton roads cross.

Miss Alice Garren, now Mrs. Alf Denson and the oldest living resident of Haskell County, attended the school about 1894.

Sam Vernon gave 10 acres for the school.

The children walked to school and if it rained and the creeks got up, someone would come for them in a wagon. There were still cattle drives passing through, going north. When they came through, the children had to stay in the house.

The school burned about 1921 or 1922. In 1922 bonds were voted for a new school building. It was a two-room school costing \$2,500.

Property value was \$120,205 and the tax rate was 25 cents per \$100 valuation.

Miss Mabel Isabel was one of the very early day teachers and she rode her horse to school every day.

The Mathis, Jeter, Wilson, Armstrong, Garren, Hanson, Lovorn and Denson families attended the school from its beginning.

## Corinth

By Ernestine Cox Herren

Corinth was a two-room wooden building, painted brown, located about half way between Rule and Jud.

It was in sandy land just north of Red Top Church.

In 1923, G. W. Hutto and wife Susie gave land for this school with the stipulation that "a fence be erected and maintained to prevent depredation of livestock."

The first school was built in 1910, costing \$1,000 and the school tax was 15 cents per \$100 valuation. The following men were instrumental in voting the bond election: J. A. Parish, presiding officer; C. S. Barbee, election judge; J. A. Parish, Jr., clerk; M. O. Lyles, J. W. Barbee, C. S. Barbee, Jr., C. S. Barbee, Sr., J. R. Barbee, W. B. Williams. The election results showed eight votes for the bonds, none against. The property valuation was \$84,400.

Everybody walked to school in all kinds of weather. Eight grades were taught, four in each room. I was in the sixth grade and each morning we answered roll call with a quotation or memory verse.

Miss Wilbert Freeman was our teacher and she emphasized reading, math, spelling and geography. She also taught us to diagram sentences and introduced us to Tennyson, Dickens, Scott and others. The eighth grade studied these authors and we listened. We wept when they read "A Man Without a Country."

Miss Freeman somehow got some money for a small library and encouraged us to read the classics. We always had current events on Fridays. We also had spelling and arithmetic matches. This was the first teacher to introduce work books that cost almost 50 cents.

When we had plays in the winter the partition was raised but the closing school program was held on the porch with sheets for curtains.

Our basketball court was sandy and our water supply was a pump. We were supposed to have our own cups but sometimes we drank from the pipe while the older boys manned the pump.

The older children played ball, the fifth and sixth grade played croquet. The little girls played house and we all played Wolf over the River, mumblety peg and annie over.

Besides Miss Freeman, some of the teachers were Miss Maud Mugg, Miss Velta Cassle and Miss Verna Cassle.

Some of the trustees were A. C. Henry, P. P. Martin, C. S. Barbee, O. L. Berry, M. O. Lyles and Joe Lowry.

## Cottonwood

Cottonwood was a one-room school costing \$1,200, built in 1916 in the northeast part of the county. Property valuation was \$89,468 and

taxes were 15 cents per \$100 valuation.

Miss Frankie Curry (Mrs. Ed Cloud now) taught her first school there, all eight grades. She did not know anybody in the community. One of the trustees, Mr. Nicholson, told her she was expected to do more than ring the bell and collect her pay and must behave in a seemly manner.

The boys would gather at the outhouse and fight, encouraged by the older boys. She did not know how to stop them but Hubert Bledsoe, an older boy, would stop the fights and make the rascals come into the house. She said she could have never finished out the year without his help. She was 18 or 19 years old.

Each morning they had a short prayer and songs. There was no mail delivery and no roads like we have now and no paved roads in the county until the 30s.

Other teachers who taught there included Miss Sue Milam, Dorothy Sullivan, Bonnie Harmon, Hillary Stone and Mr. Alexander.

Families included those of Bledsoe, Nicholson, Mayfield, Yates, Tanner, Gosset and Merchant.

## Cliff

Cliff, a three-room school in the north part of Haskell County, was named for M. A. Clifton who gave land for the school, first in 1897 and again in 1904. The bond election for a \$1,200 building was approved 24-1.

Sandstorms were very bad in 1937-38 when Vivian and T. B. Roberson taught there. When they came home from school the linoleum pattern could not even be seen. The sand got into the teacherage. It was on the beds, in the dishes and everywhere.

Mr. Roberson was 25 and the boys called him "Old Man Roberson."

In 1938, Cliff consolidated with O'Brien and the teachers rode the bus with the students.

Among the teachers were Tom Cunningham, Mrs. Agnes Hyde Montana, Vivian Curtis Roberson and T. B. Roberson.

## Douglas

The first Douglas School was a little ways north of Scotch Crossing.

In 1917, bonds were voted to build a one-room school with eight grades on the Throckmorton highway where the old Kirkdale Church had been. No one knows what happened to the church.

The following citizens signed the petition for the school bond election:

T. L. Greens, M. E. Green, H. A. Smith, D. J. Barton, C. A. Money, H. A. Moyer, A. H. Moyer, J. W. Moyer, W. T. Moyer, A. F. Overcash, E. D. Yeatts and J. R. Afee.

Election officers were H. A. Smith, judge, H. A. Moyer and T. L. Green.

Among the teachers were Opal Watson (Nanny) and Ima Dell Fitzgerald.

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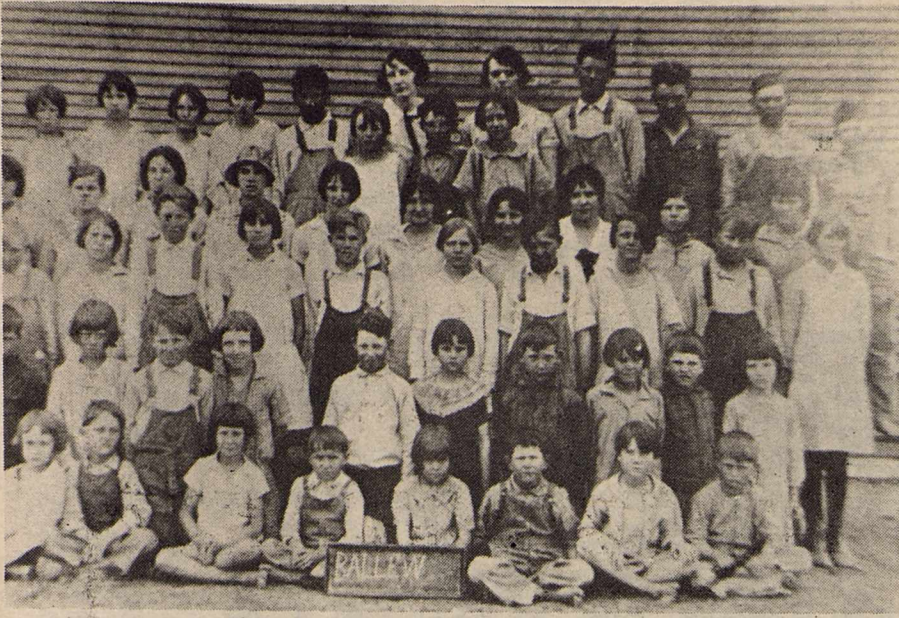
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**BALLEW SCHOOL 1926**

First row, Lola Bell Gifford, J. W. Gifford, Earlene Cagle, Cleaburn Moore, J. W. Darden, Catherine Wheeler, George Tatum; second row, Cecil Rousou, Lora Keel, Jack Moore, Lucy Mae Carr, Leland Cagle, Bernice Wheeler, Stanley McMillin, Susie Turnbow, Ben McMillin, Edith Plemister; third row, Taylor Childress, Madge McMillin, Clifford Cagle, Helen Plemister, Buck Turnbow, Helen Higgins, Herman Edwards, Francis Rousou, Jack Roberson, Ellen Keel; fourth row, Lola Keel, Gladys McMillin, Lillie Fraley, Lorene Edwards, Clara Childress, Cuba Brown; fifth row, Catherine Cagle, Faye McMillin, Margaret Higgins, Velma Childress, Oren Darden, Mary Fraley, Marvin Plemister, Minnie Rousou; top center, teachers, Mrs. Maloge, Mrs. Trice, Allen Keel, Carr, Lee Brown, Harold Cagle.



**TANNER PAINT GIRLS' BALL TEAM**

Ernestine Cox, coach, Margaret Waller, Opal Culpepper, Armetie Benton, Augusta King, Becky Quade, Mary Webb; seated, Joyce Culpepper, ? Bush, Christine Patterson, Pauline Fullbright.



**PLEASANT VALLEY EARLY 20s**

Back row, first three unknown, Wayne Terry, Allene Free; middle row, Kathryn Gregory, unknown, Ethel Asby, Connie Bell Free, Thelma Gregory; bottom row, Teddie Kreger, Mancill Robertson, Martin Robertson, Bud Derr, J. C. Ashby.



**MIDWAY HIGH SCHOOL 1927**

Standing, Ethel Frierson, Norma Laird, teacher, Velma Frierson, unknown, unknown, Pauline Frierson; boys, Croft Laird, Ralph Keith, Pete Frierson, Satch Lusk, Felix Keith, Davle Evans; seated, Dorothy Keith, Helen Chastine, Linnie Adkins, Ora Beerson, Vera Adkins.



**FLASHLIGHT CLUB OF MIDWAY**

Back row, Lee Humphrey, Vera Adkins, Hubert Wingo, Beulah Sego, Jr. Evans, Velma Frierson, ? Clark, Blanche Frierson, Allan Lees, Willie Bell Frierson, Felix Keith, Ruth Clark, Ernest Wright, Alta Frierson, Lola Chambless; second row, Linnie Adkins, ? Clark, Sadie Lees, Jessie Maud Hayes, Christine Griffin, Nova Griffin, Mary Lees, Ora Burson; bottom row, unknown, unknown, ? Adkins, Pete Frierson, ? Evans, ? Evans, Dick Frierson.



JUD SCHOOL 1940. Beulah Sego's primary grade.

## Tonk Creek

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and finally they built an eight-foot wooden fence around the court to give a meager bit of shelter from those icy north winds in the fall of the year.

Later, Mr. Ramsey began a one-man campaign to raise \$5,000 to build a new gymnasium for Midway. He did it, too, although he put all his shop students to work on the structure. It was a wooden building, but it was new, it had a hardwood floor and bleachers, and we were proud of it.

Mr. Ramsey wore many hats at Midway. He ran the school, he hired and supervised the teachers, he coached basketball, softball and track, and he was the school janitor. He also served as Sunday School teacher and song leader at Pinkerton Baptist Church. In the winter time, he always had the coal-fired stoves blazing and all the rooms warm before the students arrived.

Mrs. Ramsey also taught at Midway, and there were three vivacious young teachers when I was there. I think they lived with the Ramseys in what was called the teacherage. They were Miss Bullock, Miss Dorothy Hankins and Miss Mansell. The latter, and I apologize if I have misspelled her name, later married Mr. Bill Holden of Haskell. Although I was a lad of only 10 or 11, I vividly remember that all three of them were very attractive, communicative and dedicated teachers. It was Midway's good fortune to have them.

My sister, who passed away earlier this year, played on the girls' basketball team, but I think she transferred to Rule High School before the gym was built. Lamar Casey of Rule was one of the stalwarts on the boys' team in the years that I played.

## Sayles

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I was thirteen I rode a horse for the most part. My sister rode behind. I tied the horse to a tree behind the school. I had a McCullen saddle, that my grandpa had loaned me.

There are several events that stand out as being representative of our way of life. Christmas was a big affair for me when we had a tree at school. I don't think we always had a tree. When I was real small I figured out that one of my grandpa's was acting as Santa Claus. I liked that.

Box suppers: Sometimes we would have a social event where the women and girls would fix up a big meal, cake, pie, etc. They would put it in a box covered with colored paper, ribbons and anything to make the box look pretty. The girls would hope that her favorite boy would buy her box. The buyer of the box would get to eat with the fixer of the box. You can be sure that the auctioneer was good at observing if there was more than one fellow interested in a girl. The auctioneer would keep the bidding going until he got the very last possible nickel. The crowd just loved a good contest. Sometimes the girl liked the extra attention but she was afraid that her favorite guy was going to loose out in the bidding.

During the early thirties there were many Jack Rabbits. They did a lot of damage to young crops. The County Commissioner offered a bounty for each set of rabbit ears. The big fun was when they turned out school for a whole day and had a rabbit drive. The first time I remember, someone furnished a calf for the barbecue. Before the crowd arrived early in the morning someone had started the fire in a long hole in the school ground on the far southwest corner. By noon, the food was cooked and the crowd reassembled for lunch. That year I wasn't included in the hunt. Next year I got to carry a gun with the big boys.

## Ballew

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teenagers in school socially. She went with us to places we needed to go. Sometimes she would take us home with her to meet her family. I remember she had a lot of brothers. My family used her dad as our family doctor--Dr. Kimbrough (not Earnest).

When Mr. Bullington taught eighth, ninth and tenth grades my classmates were Woodrow Turnbow, Herman Edwards, Lois and Pauline Trimmer, Marvin Phemister and Mary Fraley. We would play basketball and baseball against other schools close by, Myers, Pleasant Valley, etc.

I remember Miss Minnie Ellis was county superintendent. She would come out and visit the schools often.

Yes, I have a lot of happy memories about going to school at Ballew, a little two-teacher school. We were all so close.

## Bunker Hill

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continued, they would find themselves in rather close proximity. The lady who made the comment about the Ne-Hi signs said, "They are just doing that so they can squeeze up together."

Later in the evening we would go inside the school house for such activities as extemporaneous speaking, declamation and short skits, either formal or humorous. I remember one recital given on Thanksgiving by J. R. Chatwell, a very small boy six or seven at the time. He had been coached by Miss Venita Baker. He was too small to be seen by all the people in the audience on stage, so they let him stand in a chair where he played the violin. Then he proceeded to recite the following poem:

If turkeys were as tall as telephone posts

And ten times bigger and fatter  
Who would do the carving  
To keep us from starving

And what would they use for a platter?

The applause almost brought the house down. This performance was entered in the Haskell County Meet that year where it won first place as unique drama.

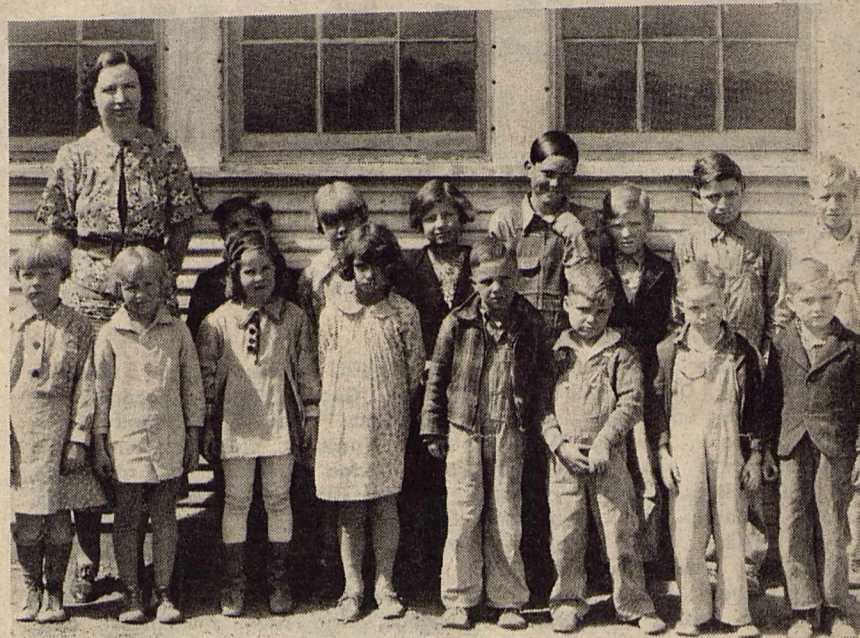
(It is with a feeling of inadequacy that I attempted this report of Bunker Hill School As I began to mentally delve into it, it brought back to mind the wonderful families of people who

lived here then.

I shall always be thankful to have been taught and coached by W. C. McKenzie, whom I have described as a genius, a man of super intelligence and energy and a strict disciplinarian you could trust and respect, and Miss

Venita Baker who later became Mrs. McKenzie: and to Miss Vesta Baker, who later became Mrs. R. L. Harrison, who smiled and encouraged me as I struggled through a Spanish poem, La Gargantilla De Coral.

## School Days



### JUD SCHOOL 1933-34

Front row, Wanda Henderson, Opal Cogburn, Ozella Skains, Imogene Bogard, Clarence Webb, Bufford (Shotgun) Webb, L. B. Ivey, Dean Masterson; back row, unknown, Lenora Henderson, Dorothy Webb, unknow, Junior Masterson, two unknowns.



### POST SCHOOL 1924

Among them are Minnie Faye (Owens) Turner, Taylor Childress and Myrith Jean Nanny.



MIDWAY High School students in mid-20s.