



Kristen Campbell and Christopher Grand

Campbell, Grand set wedding date

Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Sue Campbell, to Christopher James Grand. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grand. The couple will be married June 11 at East Side Baptist Church.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Haskell High School in May and will attend Abilene Commercial College. The prospective bridegroom is a 1984 graduate of Haskell High School and is employed at Agriculture Services Inc.

Haskell couple to celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester invite their friends and relatives to a reception commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. (No gifts please.)

Hosting the reception will be their son, Dr. Thomas R. Hester, his wife,

Peggy, and sons, Riley and Matthew; and their daughter, Diana Sue Owens, her husband, Bo Owens, and daughters, Jessica and Boanna.

Ira Hester and Eva Dell Squyras were married in Haskell on May 5, 1938. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church where each is an elder.

--Rice Springs Care Home--

By Judy Wolsch
Activity Director

We would like to welcome Gladys Watson and Ava Dulaney into our home.

The monthly birthday party hosted by the Haskell Church of Christ will be Thursday afternoon. Those celebrating birthdays will include Frankie Cloud, Faye Woodson, Fay Cobb, Monterey Cogburn, Ella Peiser, Refugio Villarreal and Gladys Watson.

Visiting with us at RSCH were John and Rosalie Curry with Frankie Cloud; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Irvin from Houston with Alice Allen; Christy Barnett from Palestine with Ella Peiser; Danny Russell from Amarillo, Cindy and Steven Boyd from Irving with Joe Hix; Topoy Ofelia Sanchez from Rockford, Ill, and Elisa Villarreal from Crystal City with Refugio Villarreal; Denver and Ruby Kelley from Brownfield with Mae Ray.

--Haskell Nursing Center--

By Jo Fischer
Activity Director

The Haskell Nursing Center will sponsor a seminar on Alzheimer's disease on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Linda Barrick, administrator of Loraine Nursing Center, will be the speaker. She will discuss the symptoms and progression of the disease. Knowing some of the vital facts concerning Alzheimer's will help those of us who are caregivers to give our loved ones the best possible care.

There are organizations being formed statewide to help families and friends support each other. We do not know when this disease might strike

in our family and we urge you to attend and become familiar with all the aspects of Alzheimer's.

We will serve coffee and punch. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Haskell Nursing Center, 864-3556.

Pruett, Wilson engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Pruett of San Antonio have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lynette Pruett, to Eric Wilson. He is the son of John R. Wilson of White Settlement and Donna Wilson of Merkel.

The wedding will be July 2 in the Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio.

Miss Pruett graduated from Clark High School and Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

Wilson graduated from Haskell High School and Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree in music education.



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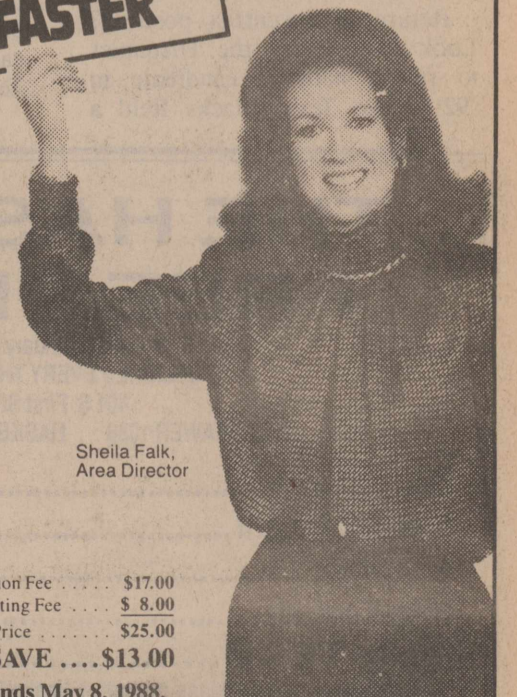
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Berry graduates from FBI academy

Lt. James N. Berry of the Abilene Police Department, graduated March 25 from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Berry of Haskell and a 1969 graduate of Haskell High School. He received a B.S. degree in police science from Sam Houston State University in 1972. He and his wife, Carol Kay, have two children, Gena, 4, and Meagan, 3.

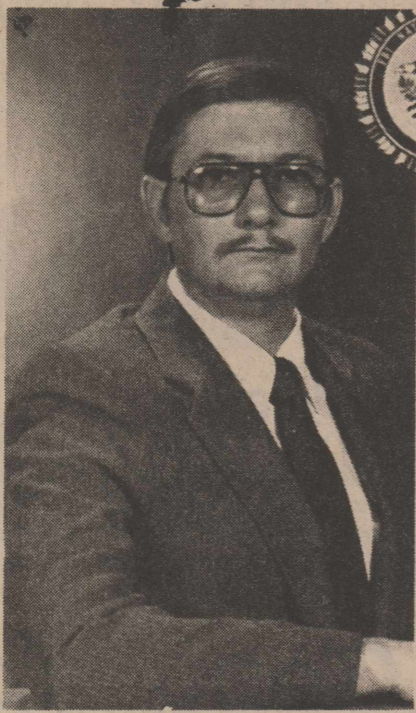
He began his career with the Abilene Police Department in 1973. He has served in narcotics, patrol, tactical unit and is now assigned as commander of the traffic division.

Principal speaker at the academy graduation was Peter M. Imbert, commissioner of metropolitan police, New Scotland Yard, London.

In his address, Imbert spoke of contemporary law enforcement as an international endeavor, one wherein the value of training and the sharing of ideas is more crucial than ever. He congratulated the graduates for completing such a highly regarded program and noted that the future leaders of law enforcement worldwide will come from their ranks.

Established in July 1935, as a domestic law enforcement training program, the FBI National Academy has evolved from the pilot class of 23 officers to the current 11-week program offered quarterly to up to 250 select law enforcement officers worldwide.

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James N. Berry

University of Virginia are offered in the disciplines of management science and police administration, constitutional law, physical training, the education and communication arts and the forensic and behavioral sciences.

Collectively the 199 most-recent graduates represent 48 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, five U.S. military and three federal civilian organizations. Also among the graduates were students from Australia, Belgium, England, France, Italy, Japan, Singapore and Uruguay.

Six attend convention

Six from Haskell County attended the 30th annual convention of the State Federation of Porcelain Art Clubs of Texas, held April 20-24 at the Grand Kempinski in Dallas.

Representing Haskell County were Frances Davis, Anita Herren, Barbara Kile, Jo Ruth Liles, Helen Pinkard and Joyce Turner.

New officers were installed at the close of the convention by Louise Jones of Midland. Joyce Anderson is the new president. Next year's state convention will be in Lubbock.

Demonstrations were scheduled throughout each day. Mrs. Herren gave hers on Thursday afternoon. Many demonstrators were seen from California to Florida and over the U.S. A gentleman from Florida, Stephen Hayes, did some very unusual work.

LoLeta de Smith was there for the last time since she returns to her home in Venezuela. She does one on fire methods. Sue Lancaster of California presented her new technique of painting with dry paint on her palette because she hates to grind paint and also how she keeps liquid bright gold on her palette and mixes as she paints.

There seems to be greater interest in China painting. Several have asked about beginner classes. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Herren at 864-2227.

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Fly-in breakfast to be May 28

The first Haskell Fly-In and Pilots' Breakfast will be Saturday, May 28, at the Haskell Municipal Airport. It is being sponsored by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the City of Haskell.

Buddy Lane, coordinator of the event, said the fly-in is being held in connection with the famous Breckenridge Air Show, now in its 11th year.

"It's a common practice to have a pilots' breakfast at a site near the major air shows like this one," said Lane. "Nobody was sponsoring one for the Breckenridge show so we decided to invite everybody to come over here. It's a great opportunity for us to showcase our community and the fine airport facilities we have."

The Breckenridge Air Show, held every year during Memorial Day weekend, is scheduled for Sunday, May 29.

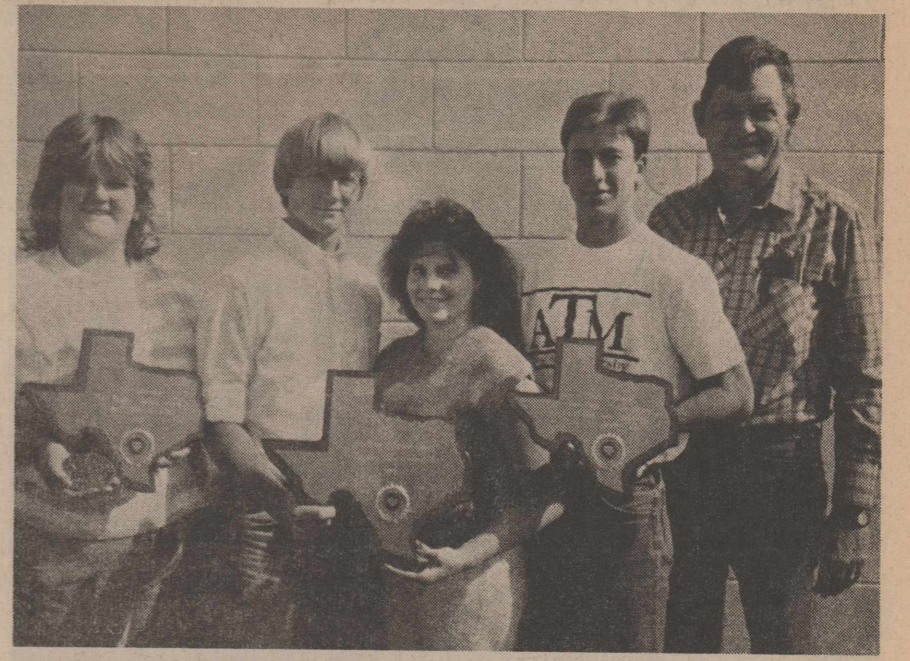
Lane said that owners of World War II aircraft, such as those featured by the Confederate Air Force at the Breckenridge show, are being invited to bring their "warbirds" to Haskell for the fly-in. Other aircraft owners from all parts of Texas are being invited to fly here for the activities, which begin at 7:30 a.m.

A complimentary pancake breakfast will be served until 11 a.m. For those who wish to drive to the airport to view the aircraft, a \$2 admission fee will be charged. The fee includes breakfast.

As an incentive to area pilots to attend, aviation gasoline will be sold during the fly-in at \$1 per gallon. City manager Bob Baker stressed that this price is for visiting aircraft only, and only from 7:30 to 11 a.m. that day.

Several events are scheduled during the morning, including fly-bys by the warbirds. Awards will be presented for the best warbird, oldest pilot and longest flight. Haskell mayor Greg Melton will welcome the visitors to Haskell and State Rep. Rick Perry will offer some remarks.

Other activities are planned. The public is invited to attend.



National qualifiers

The Haskell FFA range judging team qualified for the National Range and Pasture contest May 3-5 in Oklahoma City. The team placed fourth at the state contest in Stephenville. Team members are, from left, Kristen Campbell, Wayne Geilhausen, Shanna Mueller, Steven Klose and supervisor, James Bevel. Kristin was fifth high and Steven ninth high in the state.

--Market Report-- Haskell Livestock Auction

Prices of stocker cows and stocker cattle, as well as feeder heifers, were steady at Saturday's sale at Haskell Livestock Auction. Packer cows and feeder steers were \$1 lower.

Saturday's sale was on a run of 1,261 head of cattle, 17 hogs and one goat.

Cows: fat 45-48; cutters 46-50; canners 40-46; stockers by head 600-650.

Bulls: bologna 60-65; stockers 70-80; utility 50-60.

Stocker steer calves: choice 121-141; good 100-121; medium 85-100; common 70-85.

Stocker heifer calves: choice 94-109; good 84-94; medium 75-84; common 65-74.

Feeder steer yearlings: choice 85-95; good 75-85; medium 65-75; common 60-65.

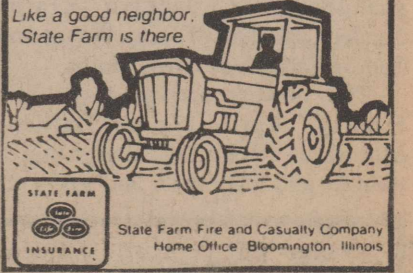
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Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS		
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		1 665
Interest-bearing balances		2 094
Securities		34 237
Federal funds sold		2 850
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		-0-
Loans and lease financing receivables:		
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	13 994	
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	146	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve		13 848
Assets held in trading accounts		-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		513
Other real estate owned		247
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		-0-
Intangible assets		1 096
Other assets		56 550
Total assets		56 550
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		N/A
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		56 550

LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
In domestic offices		51 509
Noninterest-bearing	6 157	
Interest-bearing	45 352	
Federal funds purchased		-0-
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		-0-
Other borrowed money		-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		-0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		-0-
Other liabilities		434
Total liabilities		51 943
Limited-life preferred stock		-0-

EQUITY CAPITAL		
Perpetual preferred stock		-0-
Common stock		300
Surplus		300
Undivided profits and capital reserves		4 007
Total equity capital		4 607
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		N/A
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		4 607
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		56 550

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

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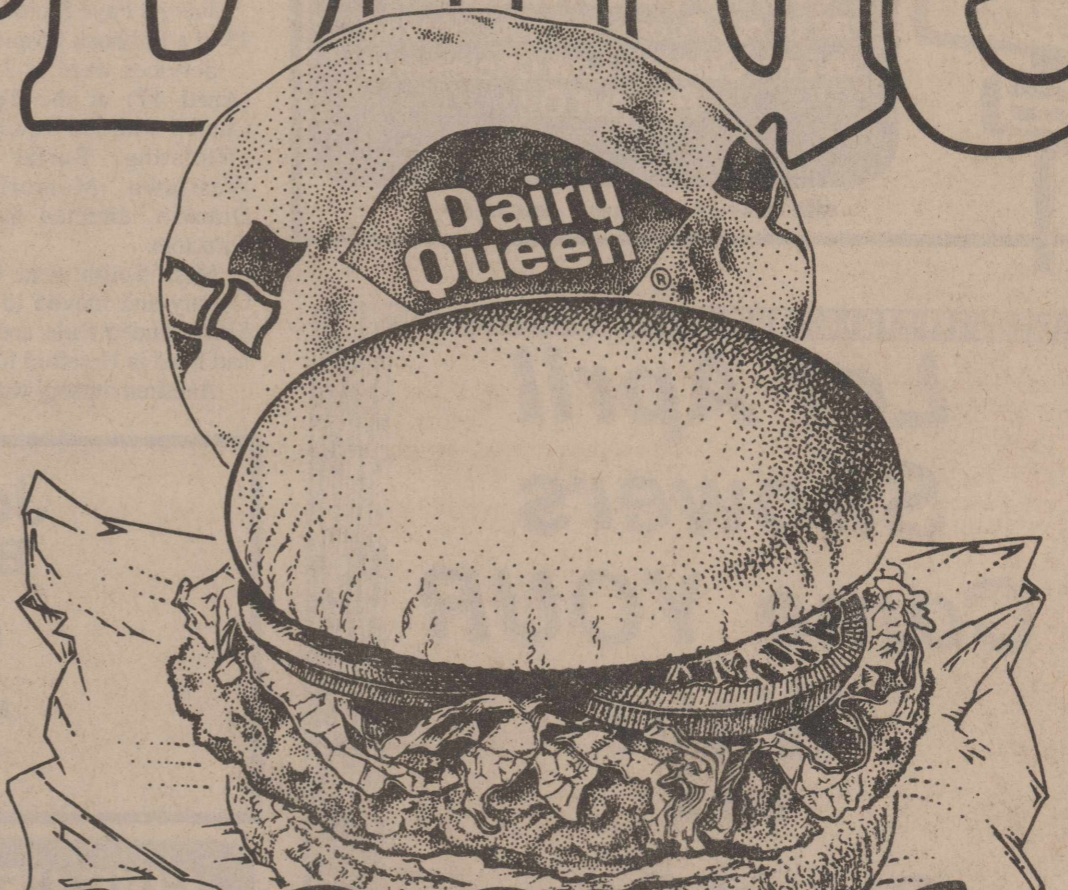
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Mrs. Jack (Sallie) Sanders

Grandmother, again

Mrs. Jack (Sallie) Sanders of Weinert is a new grandmother. There's nothing unusual about this. Mrs. Sanders has been a grandmother for 43 years. In the past year, she has acquired a great-great grandson, at least three great-grandchildren, and now a brand new granddaughter, Jacklyn Elaine Sanders, daughter of Jacky Wayne and Sandra Sanders of Cross Plains. The newest arrival was born Sunday, April 17, at Eastland Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds and 1/2 ounce and being 24

inches long. The baby has two older brothers, Ricky Wayne who is 21 and Rex Allen who is 6. The new baby is the namesake of Mrs. Sanders' first grandchild, Elaine Phelps Campbell of Haskell, and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Isbell of Cross Plains, former Haskell residents. Mrs. Sanders has 12 children, 31 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson, Kendall Doyle Mitchell, son of Doyle and Karen Kay Campbell Mitchell of Haskell.

--Obituaries--

Elsie Roberts

Elsie (Mrs. Grady) Roberts died Sunday at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was 87.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Virgil Cobb, Buford Cox, Buster Gholson, John Castillo Jr., Charles Swinson, Wayne Wainscott, Wallace Cox Jr. and Raja Hassen.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Haskell March 4, 1901. She was married Sept. 3, 1922, to Grady Roberts. He died in 1981. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John P. Payne of Haskell and Mrs. Clinton Walter of Amarillo, and by several nieces and nephews.

Baptist Church, she was the widow of Richard Smith.

Survivors include a son, James C. Cobb of Dimmitt; two daughters, Nona Heard of Dimmitt and Bonnie Heard of Sherman; a sister, Nona Norwood of Rule; a sister-in-law, Laura Sypult of Rogers, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Susie Patterson

Mrs. Susie (John K.) Patterson died Monday evening at Rice Springs Care Home. She was 84.

Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Haskell Church of Christ with Dale Huff and Bob Connel officiating. Burial, under direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home, was in Willow Cemetery. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Born in Coryell County Feb. 22, 1904, she was married to John K. Patterson in Belton on Dec. 23, 1920. He preceded her in death Feb. 20, 1969.

She and her husband ranched at Scott's Crossing in the southeast part of Haskell County from 1920 until 1974. She then moved to Stamford where she lived before moving to Haskell in 1985. She was a member of the Orient Street Church of Christ in Stamford.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Collins of Haskell; a son, Nathan (Pat) Patterson of Haskell; a sister, Alva Howard of Buena Park, Calif.; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, three sisters and four brothers.

Betty Carver

Betty Findley Carver, 64, of Wichita Falls, a former resident of Haskell, was buried Saturday morning in her family's cemetery plot in the Weinert Cemetery.

She died April 20 of cancer. She had served many years on the Wichita Falls Police Department staff. An honor guard from the Wichita Falls Police Force served as her honorary escorts to Weinert.

Katherine Byrd, pastor of the Believers Chapel in Rochester, gave the eulogy, and used many scriptures to comfort the family and friends.

Betty moved from Weinert to Rochester while still a teenager and finished high school there. Many of her school friends and loving neighbors were in attendance at the memorial service.

She is survived by a daughter, Marcia Mills McPherson and her husband; four grandchildren, Amy and Danny Mills and Angie and Nicholas McPherson, all of Austin. One sister, Dixie Adams of Wichita Falls, and several nieces and nephews also survive. Some will remember another sister, Margie Howell Read of Richmond, Calif. Margie and her husband both died in the spring of this year.

Sue Smith and Bill Stewart of Knox City were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Juanita Smith

Juanita Faye Smith, 74, died April 15 at a Lubbock hospital.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday (April 17) at the Temple Baptist Church with the Rev. H. W. Bartlett officiating. Burial was in the Westlawn Memorial Park at Dimmitt, directed by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born in Wise County and moved to Rule in 1922. She attended Rule area schools. She had lived in Hereford for 20 years.

A retired nursery worker at Temple



55 years

J. E. Walling, center, was presented a plaque last Wednesday from the Exxon Company in recognition of his 55 years with the company. Making the presentation is Donald L. Mitchell of Houston, district manager, right, and Gary Pittard of Amarillo, Exxon business counselor. Walling started with Humble Oil and Refining Co., now Exxon, Sept. 13, 1932.

Good night's sleep

Tossing and turning, you watch the clock as it ticks away the night. Before you turn to the sleeping pills, the Texas Medical Association wants you to know that may not be the best solution to your sleepless nights.

Insomnia is a common sleeping disorder that affects many people at different times throughout life. Usually, it subsides within a few weeks. However, if you have an ongoing sleeping problem, TMA advises you to see your physician.

Insomnia is not a disease, but is your body's response to an underlying problem. Causes include emotional stress, such as the death of a loved one or loss of a job, irregular sleep schedules, daytime naps and use of caffeine or diet pills.

Perhaps you don't even have a sleeping problem. Everybody's sleep requirement is different. You might need more or less than eight hours. The important thing is that you feel rested when you do get up.

Use sleeping pills cautiously. You could become dependent on the pills, or they may accumulate in your body

and make you drowsy when you are awake. TMA suggests that you try to solve the problem without using medication.

Keep a regular sleep schedule--go to bed and get up at the same time every day, even on weekends. Exercise regularly, but not within two hours of going to bed. Exercising helps your muscles relax and helps you enjoy a deeper sleep. A warm bath can help you relax too.

Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages before bed. They can help you fall asleep, but they often cause restless sleep. Don't dwell on falling asleep, you can't force yourself into it.

Finally, maybe there's something to "counting your blessings" to help you sleep. People who have trouble sleeping often think about the day's problems or about a tough decision to be made as they lie in bed. Think about good things and look forward to a good night's sleep.

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Q: Please suggest desserts for children that are sweet but still nutritious.

A: Milk and egg desserts as well as fruit and custard-style yogurt are rich in nutrients. Fresh or canned fruit also is a good choice. Dessert suggestions include pudding, custard, tapioca, Angel food cake, baked apples and fruit compote.

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Haskell National president serves on national committee

Abe M. Turner, president of Haskell National Bank, recently attended the national convention of the Independent Bankers Association of America (IBAA), held at the Sheraton Waikiki in Hawaii.

Turner is a member of the national agriculture and Rural America Committee in the association. He also serves as director of District I in Texas for member banks. As district director, he serves an area which spans from Throckmorton to Amarillo, to El Paso, to Austin.

The Agriculture and Rural Committee was instrumental in efforts to see legislation passed which created a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans. The legislation will provide farmers with fixed-rate loans, set for a long term, which can be sold by financial institutions to the open market, much the same as GNMA and FNMC loans are handled. Banks, production credit associations and other lending institutions will participate. The

program will be implemented some time this year.

Turner said that U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford worked hard for the farm credit system, and is a friend of independent banking.

IBAA is an organization which supports home-owned, independent banks through education seminars, tapes and training. Its main objective is to see that the local economy is bolstered by supporting, through the financial institutions, the local merchants and tradesmen who make

the economy strong.

"IBAA believes that in home-owned, independent banks, decisions are made by the people who have a vested interest in the local economy and in the community's needs," Turner said.

Turner is serving his second appointment to the agriculture committee with IBAA and is in his second three-year term as district director.

Turner began his career in banking as a teller at Haskell National Bank in 1958. He became president in 1969.

Ask VA

Q: My husband receives VA pension benefits. If I go to work will this affect his benefits?

A: If your husband established entitlement to pension benefits prior to Jan. 1, 1979, and continues to receive benefits based on the law in effect at that time, your earned income would not be a factor. If he receives benefits under the current pension law (PL 96-588) your income would be a factor in determining the amount of his pension. If your joint income reaches a specified level his pension would be discontinued.

Q: Are veterans with service-connected disability seeking VA medical care exempt from the VA's means test?

A: All veterans with service-connected illnesses or disabilities are provided no-cost care regardless of income. Certain other veterans also are exempt from the means test, including former prisoners of war, veterans exposed to radiation or herbicides, and veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Mexican border period and World War I.

Child Welfare Board

Members of the Haskell County Child Welfare Board met April 19 in the jury room. Five members and Linda Haynes, Child Protective Services, were present.

Sue Miller, treasurer, reported that a reimbursement had been received from the Wichita Falls Crippled Children's fund for gasoline to take a Rule child to see a Dallas doctor. Mary Martin, secretary, presented material received from the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. There is a desire to join Region 04 in ordering the Spiderman comics which deal with family verbal abuse.

Mary Martin represented the board at the Region 04 advisory council held at Boys Club in Abilene. Linda Berry, Tom Green County, is the new chairperson. Sixteen counties, including Haskell, contributed to the Independent Living project. Thirty young people are being aided. Job skills seminars are being held for those in the program. At 1 p.m. the council went to Lee Elementary School where three women, three men and a narrator presented "Touch" to several sections of third graders. The narrator asked the children questions about the meaning of good touches and bad touches before the players acted out examples. It was artistically done and well received by the children.

There are now 199 county child welfare boards in Texas. The state board is planning a publicity display when the 200th board is formed.

By common consent the board will not meet during May, June and July unless there is a need. If there is, Linda Haynes will call a meeting.

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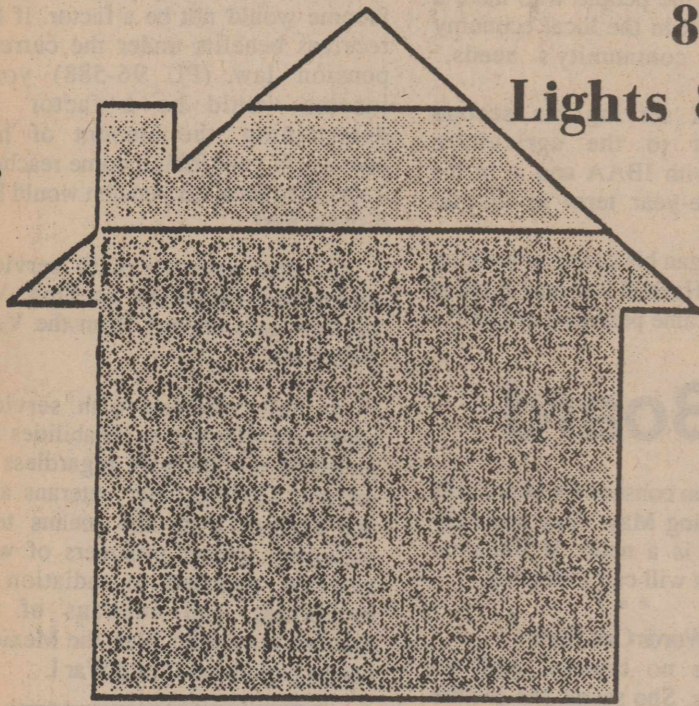
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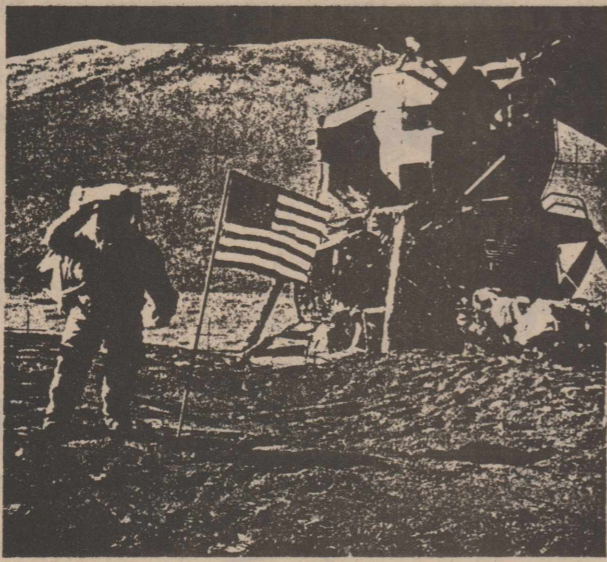
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Patsy Bivins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark was awarded a full semester scholarship at North Texas University in Denton during the annual banquet Lambda Epsilon Chi held last Thursday night at Cook County College in Gainesville. Patsy is employed for the Denton County District Attorney's Office is taking courses in criminal at North Texas University. She attended school in Sagerton and graduated from Rule High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bivins and Emmalee and Amy Fulton of Argle visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark during the Easter weekend and also came for the Sagerton Hee Haw. Tom Bivins and Gerald Olson of Denton also came for the Hee Haw show.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse this week end were Charles Vahlenkamp from Denton, Eric and Mitzi Barbee from Sundown and Dewayne, Fred Monse from Haskell Nursing Home, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek of Aspermont, Randy Lehmann and Vernessa from Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. B. Toney, Erma Schaake, Mrs. Arthur Knippling went to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. John L. Brooks visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zenor Summers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Leo Monse and Mrs. M. Y. Benton went to Aspermont Wednesday to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer, Erna and Walter Schaake, Clarence Stegemoeller played 84 in the home of Mrs. Lena Schaake Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schonerstedt of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schonerstedt, Kristi, Kraig Schonerstedt of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Wade of Odessa, Leonard Rhoads of Georgetown. All visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schonerstedt. He also attended the wedding of Mike Rhoads.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gellner took Mrs. John L. Brooks to Hamlin to the Dairy Queen to celebrate her birthday on April 18.

Those who attended the get together at the Old Glory Lodge Hall Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs.

John Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Valton Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stremmel, Mrs. Odene Dudensing, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Vahlenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corzine, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer After playing games hamburgers were enjoyed by all.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tredemeyer over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jennings of Haskell, Mrs. Ed Letz of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lehmann of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney, granddaughter, Tara visited in Abilene with their daughter, Rene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson of Martindale have gone home after having a family get-together here in their home and also attend the Hee Haw show.

Top student

Virginia Rogers was named outstanding nursing student at Seymour during the "Honors-Convocation" program April 23 on the campus of Vernon Regional Junior College.

Cattlemen to vote on referendum

Final rules governing procedures for conducting the beef referendum as authorized by the 1985 Beef Promotion and Research Act have been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In Haskell, voting in the referendum will take place May 10 in the county extension office.

Eligible voters are all producers and importers of cattle who owned or acquired cattle, beef or beef products during the period of Oct. 1, 1986, through March 31 of this year. This includes 4-H, FFA and other youth who owned cattle during the designated period of time.

Ballots will be counted by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The ASCS also will determine eligibility of challenged voters and ballots, and report referendum results.

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Charter Number 18479

Comptroller of the Currency Eleventh District

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin.....	.735
Interest-bearing balances.....	1,086
Securities.....	1,936
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	1,325
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income.....	8,658
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses.....	39
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve.....	8,619
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases).....	675
Other assets.....	255
TOTAL ASSETS.....	14,631
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices.....	13,581
Noninterest-bearing.....	1,340
Interest-bearing.....	12,241
Demand notes issued to the U. S. Treasury.....	62
Other borrowed money.....	3
Other liabilities.....	61
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	13,707
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common Stock.....	875
Surplus.....	625
Undivided profits and capital reserves.....	(576)
Total equity capital.....	924
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL.....	14,631

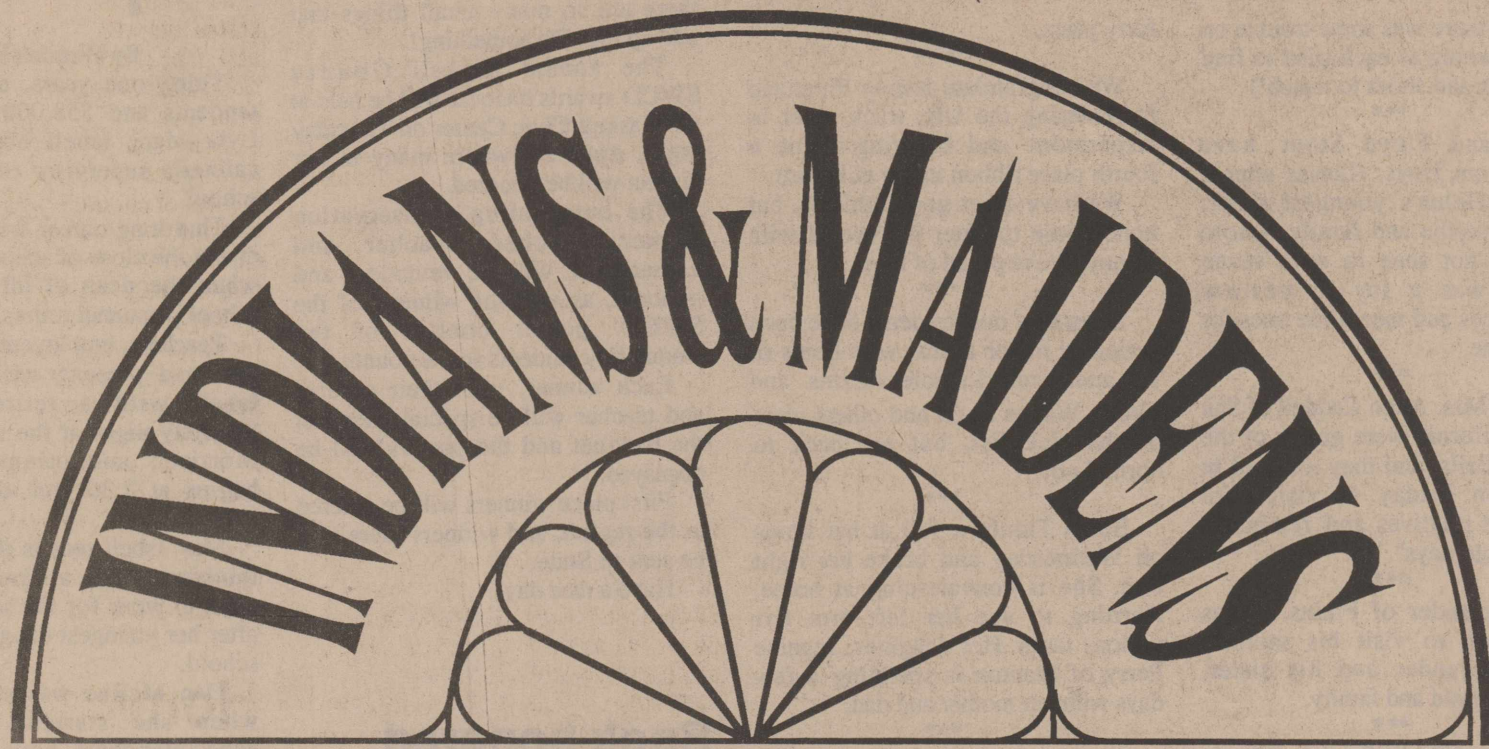
I, Clayton Fowler, Vice President & Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Clayton Fowler
April 25, 1988

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Directors
/s/ Robert C. Hobgood
/s/ Burnell Gilleland
/s/ Bill Jones

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DISTRICT CHAMPS 1988

District 7-AA Track Champions

1988 Indian Track Team



1988 Maiden Track Team



The supporters on this page urge you to go and support the Indians and Maidens at the Regional Track Meet in Big Spring Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30

**Regional Track Meet
Big Spring
Schedule**

Friday, April 29
(All Friday events are preliminaries except where noted)

6:30 p.m.	3200 Meter Run	Girls Finals
6:45 p.m.		Boys Finals
7:00 p.m.	400 Meter Relay	Girls
7:05 p.m.		Boys
7:15 p.m.	800 Meter Run	Girls
7:25 p.m.		Boys
7:30 p.m.	100 Meter Hurdles	Girls
	110 Meter Hurdles	Boys
7:45 p.m.	100 Meter Dash	Girls
8:05 p.m.		Boys
8:25 p.m.	800 Meter Relay	Girls
8:45 p.m.		Boys
8:50 p.m.	400 Meter Dash	Boys
9:20 p.m.		Girls
9:25 p.m.	300 Meter Hurdles	Boys
	200 Meter Dash	Girls
9:50 p.m.		Boys
9:55 p.m.	1600 Meter Relay	Girls
10:05 p.m.		Boys
10:20 p.m.		

**Regional Track Meet
Big Spring
Schedule**

Saturday, April 30
Field Events

9:00 a.m.	High Jump, Boys
	Pole Vault, Boys
	Long Jump, Girls
	Discus, Boys
9:30 a.m.	4 Kilo Shot, Girls
	Long Jump, Boys
	High Jump, Girls
11:00 a.m.	Triple Jump, Girls
	Discus, Girls
	12 lb. Shot, Boys
1:45 p.m.	Field Events Awards

RUNNING EVENTS, FINALS

2:00 p.m.	400 Meter Relay	Girls
2:05 p.m.		Boys
	800 Meter Run	Girls
2:15 p.m.		Boys
2:25 p.m.	100 Meter Hurdles	Girls
2:30 p.m.		Boys
2:45 p.m.	110 Meter Hurdles	Boys
	100 Meter Dash	Girls
2:55 p.m.		Boys
3:00 p.m.	800 Meter Relay	Girls
3:15 p.m.		Boys
	400 Meter Dash	Boys
3:20 p.m.		Girls
3:30 p.m.	300 Meter Hurdles	Boys
3:45 p.m.		Girls
	200 Meter Dash	Boys
4:00 p.m.		Girls
4:05 p.m.	1600 Meter Run	Girls
4:15 p.m.		Boys
4:25 p.m.	1600 Meter Relay	Girls
4:40 p.m.		Boys
4:50 p.m.		

5:30 p.m. Running Events Awards and Team Trophies

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Track teams in regional meet in Big Spring

Haskell sends its two district champion track teams to the regional track and field meet in Big Spring this weekend in hopes of qualifying in several events for next month's state championship event in Austin.

Coach Jimmy Lisle's Indians are defending champions, having won in the regional last spring enroute to a second-place finish in Austin.

Things look good for a repeat performance in the regional. The Indians have 14 individual competitors, plus the two relay teams.

Defending state 800-meter champion Mark Young leads the

hopes of the Indians. He turned in his best time of 1:57 in winning in a practice meet in South Lake last Saturday.

Young also will run in the 400-meter dash. He was third in that event at South Lake Saturday with a 50.1 time. The versatile Young also qualified for the regional in the long jump.

Fred Shaw, out with an injury since the third week of the season until the district meet, is entered in the 100-meter dash. He finished third behind Derrick Billington in district, but has replaced Billington as a regional qualifier in that event. Shaw,

who ran in the state meet last year, ran a 10.67 in winning first place at South Lake Saturday.

Stephon Brockington in the 200-meter dash also is a state meet veteran in that event.

Billington, Brockington, Shaw and Rodney Johnson will make up the Indians' 400-meter relay entry. Shaw has replaced Johnny Billington on this team which ran second at South Lake with its best time of the year at 42.9.

The 1600-meter relay team of Josh Reid, Brockington, Louie Torres and Young, which took third at South Lake with a time of 3:24.8, also will

be shooting for a return trip to Austin. Lisle said Tuesday that Shaw may run on the mile relay team.

Other Indian performers in the regional will include Dusty Meeks in the high jump, Roger Roewe in the discus, Joe Comacho in the 3200- and 1600-meter runs, Paul Harvey in the shot put, Eric Mullin the discus, Torres in the 400 and 800 and Billington in the 200.

Coach George Martin's Maiden team also sends a bunch of crack performers to Big Spring.

Seven Maiden individuals and three relay teams will be competing for

trips to Austin.

Joy McKeever, who won the district in both the 100-meter low hurdles and the high jump, is the only performer who will compete in two individual events.

Leiza Morales, who went to state last year in the 800-meter run, will be out to repeat in that event.

Other Maiden individuals in the regional include Gloria Castillo in the 3200-meter run, Regina Dever in the 400, Sheree Dumas in the triple jump and Jana Payne in the 3200.

In addition, all three Maiden relay teams will be competing.

Making up the 400-meter relay

team will be McKeever, Dever, Dumas and Shelia Unger, with Teresa Unger as alternate.

Members of the 800-meter relay team are Shelia Unger, Dumas, Morales and Teresa Unger, with Dever as alternate.

The 1600-meter relay team is composed of Morales, the Unger sisters and Dever with Dumas and Teresa Rodriguez as alternates.

The Maidens did not run in the regional qualifiers' meet at South Lake Saturday.

All first- and second-place finishers in the regional meet will qualify for the state track and field meet in Austin May 13-14.



Track award

The 1988 track team was awarded the Jeffery Anderson award at Friday night's all-sports banquet. It was presented to senior members of the team. They are, from left, Marty Martinez, Louie Torres, Stephon Brockington, Michael Mendoza, Mark Young and Coach Jimmy Lisle.



Girls' athletic awards

Girls receiving athletic awards at Friday night's all-sports banquet were Robyn Weaver, left, and Tiffany Moeller, right, co-winners of the Jaycee's basketball award, and Leiza Morales, center, recipient of the Red Howard track award.



Sweethearts and heroes

Named as heroes and sweethearts of the basketball football teams this season were, from left, Patrick Perez, football hero; Loutina Hadaway, football sweetheart; Robyn Weaver, basketball sweetheart; and Dusty Meeks, basketball hero.



Boys' athletic awards

Athletes receiving awards at the all-sports banquet Friday night were, from left, Derrick Billington, winner of the Dick Gaines award; Louie Torres, the Jaycee's football award; Matt Lane, the Booster Club award for the most sincere athlete; and Mark Young, the Jaycee's basketball award.

Julie Roewe gets honors at WTC

Julie Roewe of Haskell was named Miss Congeniality and Miss Hustle at the Western Texas College sports banquet held April 18 at the Willow Park Inn in Snyder.

Miss Roewe, a freshman on the WTC Lady Dusters' basketball team, was also honored as team assist leader by Coach Kelly Chadwick. She was credited with 84 assists in 22 games.

A 1987 graduate of Haskell High School, Miss Roewe was an outstanding basketball player for the Haskell Maidens. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Roewe of Haskell.

The WTC Booster Club sponsored the sports banquet to honor all of the college's athletes.

Browns to lead Rochester teams

Anthony Brown and his two sisters, Karen and Sharon, lead the Rochester track teams into the regional meet at McMurry College in Abilene Friday and Saturday.

Anthony, a senior, will compete in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and will anchor the 400-meter relay team.

Karen Brown, a junior, will compete in the 100- and 400-meter dashes and the long jump and will anchor the 400-meter relay team.

Sharon Brown, only a freshman, will run in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and runs second leg on the 400-meter relay.

Anthony won the district meet in the 100 in a time of 11.34. He was second in the 200 with a time of 23.02. The sprint relay team, which also includes Larry King, Bobby Short and James Wyatt, also finished second at 44.69.

Also representing the Steers in the regional will be Denny Tibbits, who

was district runnerup in the 110-meter high hurdles at 16.83.

Karen Brown won district firsts in the 100-meter dash (12.86) and 400-meter dash (60.12) and was second in the long jump (16-9). Sharon Brown won first in the 200-meter dash (26.40) and was second to her sister in the 100 (13.07).

Joining the Brown sisters on the first-place sprint relay team (50.71) are Janet Quade and Melody Speck.

Melody Speck won first in district in shot put (35-6).

A couple of Rule discuss throwers also will be competing in the regional. Robert Saffel (136-6 3/4) and Kyle Wilson (135-6 3/4) finished 1-2 in the district meet.

Mike King wins in bull riding at Mesquite rodeo

Mike King won the bull riding competition at last week's 11th annual Walt Garrison All-Star Rodeo in Mesquite. King, of Stephenville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen King of Haskell.

King had a score of 77, riding on Crankshaft.

The rodeo, which drew a sellout crowd of 6,000, attracted many of the top performers from the Professional Rodeo circuit.

Proceeds of some \$300,000 will benefit the North Texas Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis

Golf tourney here on weekend

The Haskell Country Club will host a two-man partnership scramble Saturday and Sunday. The pro am is scheduled for Friday.

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Beginning June 1, representatives from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will be contacting farmers and ranchers across the state to help set the 1988 planted acreage estimates and mid-year livestock inventories.

"These surveys are very important because they will be the first measure of the impact of the changes in the 1988 national farm program," said state statistician Dennis Findley. "Our estimates can be no better than the numbers producers provide."

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To help make the day go a little easier, Abilene city buses will provide transportation to the open house from the south parking lot of Westgate Mall. With more than 30,000 people expected, parking at

the base will be at a premium.
Buses will run from 9:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. going to the base. Return buses begin at 3:45 p.m. (just after the Thunderbirds land) and run until no longer needed. Cost will be 75 cents. Children 5 and under ride free.

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Procrastination!

By Myrtle Phemister

The year was 1969, the lovely little farm was located on a county road in Montague County. The fence rows were planted with blackberry vines and the abundant crop of ripe berries prompted me to stop to purchase some of the luscious fruit.

As the caretaker picked the berries for me, I strolled down the sandy turn-row and admired the richness of the sandy loam soil. Suddenly I was standing on the brink of a gully that stretched down the width of the cultivated acres. I gasped in astonishment at the sight. The gully was fully 20 feet deep, and it was 30 yards or across.

As I wondered at the vastness of the waste of good land, the story of its beginning was told to me, how at first it was only a furrow, plowed across the land as a property line, dividing the family farm between the two children after the owners had died.

For more than 30 years the wind and the rain had taken its toll, unchecked by human hands and the ingenuity of conservation practices. "What apathy! What unconcern! What utter neglect of God's land!" I thought.

I tried to imagine what the reaction of the deceased parents would be, if they could see this land they had worked and sacrificed to buy, so as to have an inheritance to pass on to their children and grandchildren. Their love of the land was evident in the grassy meadows, the orchards of fruit trees, and even in the blackberry vines that

grew on the fence rows around the farm.

As I made my purchase and drove away I tried to "blame" someone for this destruction of good soil. Were the parents to blame for not passing on to their children the importance of caring and upkeep of the land? Were they too busy to teach as they toiled?

And the children. How about blaming them? Even though they lived away, didn't they see, and care? How much responsibility did the tenants have?

Then I came to this conclusion: The culprit was not a person, but an "attitude"; and the name of that attitude is procrastination.

1. The parents "put off" teaching their children that soil is to be loved and cared for (there will never be any more land made).

2. Schools "put off" teaching in the classroom the basics of soil conservation practices.

3. The heirs "put off" seeking information and help with control of the erosion.

4. The neighbors "put off" suggesting methods of controlling the erosion as they saw it progress.

I have never returned to that little farm, though I think about it, and I've often wondered if, in these 20 years, if steps have been taken to start the repair on the damaged land.

Beware of "Procrastination." Today is the day!

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the well-being of our people depends upon the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of the soil; and

WHEREAS, the quality and quantity of these products depend upon the conservation, wise and proper management of the soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, our people have a mutual interest in the soil and water and share the responsibility of conserving and managing these resources properly; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to conserve and make proper use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are carrying forward a conservation program in cooperation with numerous agencies and countless individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, B. O. Roberson, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of soil and water to the public welfare, and desiring to honor those who protect it, do hereby designate the week of April 24 to May, 1988 as

Soil and Water Stewardship Weeks

in Haskell County, Texas.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF,
I hereby affix my signature

B. O. Roberson

County Judge of Haskell County

Stewardship is our future

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 24 through May 1, 1988, according to an announcement by R. V. Earles, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Stewardship Is Our Future." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil and water. Together we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's natural renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

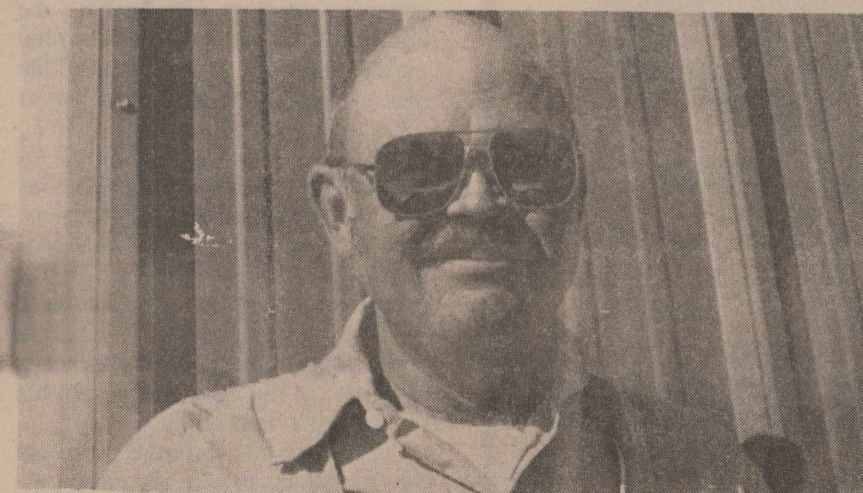
The Haskell SWCD was organized in 1977 for the purpose of offering

farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet their individual land's capabilities and needs.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range and pastureland management," said Mr. Earles.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Information on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme each year is distributed through the local conservation district.

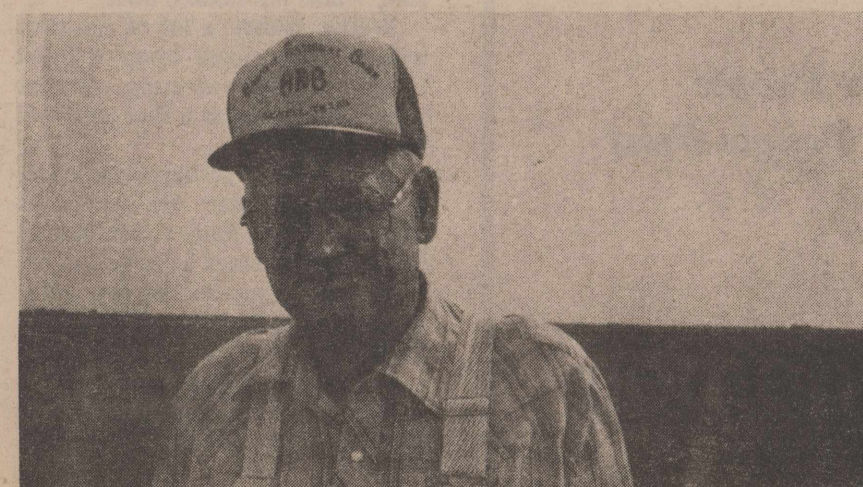
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Wallar Overton



Conservation Teacher
James Bevel



Conservation Farmer
Dale Middlebrook



Conservation Homemaker
Melba Howard

1988 Haskell County Soil and Water Conservation District Award Winners

Melba Howard Conservation Homemaker

Melba Howard was born in Knox City. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kreger. She attended school in Haskell. In 1951, she married Bobby Howard. They began farming at that time.

The Howards have two children, Bobby Jr. and Ginger. They have two grandchildren, Mindy and Ryan.

The Howards own 1083 acres and are currently participating in the Great Plains Conservation Program. They are constructing terraces and building waterways. Several years ago, they

built a barn on the farm and included a home inside the barn to save time when they need to be in the field.

Melba is a busy lady. Not only does she keep two homes and helps her husband with the farming, she works as a crop insurance salesman for Matlock Associates. Spending time with her family is also important.

Melba said that she has not special hobbies, except hard work and people. She believes that conservation of the land is most important.

James Bevel Conservation Teacher

James Bevel was born in the Haskell area. When he was young his family moved to the Valley. He graduated from high school at Rio Hondo. He received an ag education degree from Texas A&I. He taught vocational agriculture at LaPryor for 20 years before moving to Haskell in 1982.

One of James' favorite parts of teaching is to teach the class range and pasture judging. He uses several ways to teach this. To help the students learn to identify plants he

uses samples in the classroom. He also takes his students out to on-site fields and lets them practice identification.

James' senior team finished first in the Haskell and California Creek SWCD Range and Pasture Judging Contest. The team finished 15th at the State Contest. James is always working with new students so that when one team graduates he has another team ready.

James and his wife, Leila, have three children and three grandchildren. He likes to hunt and fish. He also likes to raise pigs.

Wallar Overton Conservation Rancher

Wallar Overton was born to farm parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Overton, in the Paint Creek community in Haskell County. He graduated from Paint Creek High School, then went to college and graduated from Texas A&M. Following college, Wallar went into the Army where he was stationed in Germany.

Wallar met his wife, Steffi, in Germany. Ten years after he returned to the states, they were married in 1973. Wallar and Steffi have two children, Hanns and Marcus.

Wallar's great-grandfather bought the family ranch in 1910. Wallar and his brothers inherited the ranch in the early 70's. They named the ranch the Mable J Ranch, after their mother. Wallar is the operator.

Wallar believes it is important to conserve our natural resources. He has made many improvements on the ranch. Four stock ponds were constructed and are spring fed. In the bottom land, brush was cleared and side oats grama was sowed. A concrete structure was built in the bottom of one of the creeks so that pickups can get to all parts of the ranch. Good fences are another part to a successful ranch.

Wallar also has 95 acres of cultivated land with the ranch. He has constructed parallel terraces. He keeps this cropland sowed in wheat or haygrazer. To control water erosion, a grade stabilization structure was built.

Wallar believes wildlife preservation is important. He keeps feed out for the birds. He stocks his ponds with hybrid perch.

The ranch is a favorite place for the Boy Scouts to hike and camp out. A small structure was built on one of the springs and is called the Boy Scout Dam. In the pool behind the dam, Wallar has stocked trout.

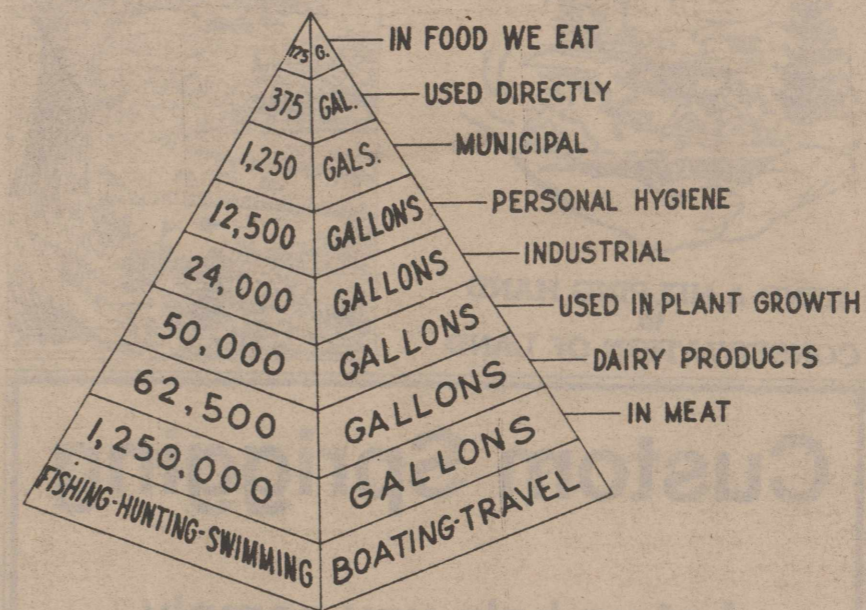
Wallar spends a lot of his time with the Boy Scout troop at Paint Creek. At this meeting, Wallar teaches the secret to a flint and steel fire.

Wallar is also an important leader in the community. He serves as president of the Paint Creek School Board. Other boards he serves on are the Farmers Coop Society No. 1 Gin Board and the Paint Creek Methodist Church.

Wallar sums up conservation as taking care of the land. It will not be productive if it is allowed to wash or blow away.

Also this year, Wallar was selected as runnerup Conservation Rancher for the Area V Conservation Awards.

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It is the concern and responsibility of each Texan that soil and water resources be conserved and managed properly to assure the welfare of our citizens.

Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources.

It is fitting that we designate a week to recognize the importance of maintaining and protecting our natural resources.

Therefore, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby designate April 24 through May 1, 1988, as:

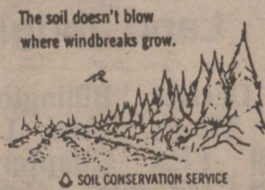
Soil and Water Stewardship Week



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Members of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Soil and Water Stewardship Committee and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board witnessed and received a signed proclamation designating April 24 - May 1, 1988 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas from Governor Bill Clements.

"Stewardship Is Our Future" is the theme of this year's Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Texas' 206 soil and water conservation districts will participate in the annual observance to remind all Texans that soil, water and related renewable resources warrant our best in creative conservation and considerate management.

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Dale Middlebrook Conservation Farmer

Dale Middlebrook was born in the Paint Creek community to farm parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Middlebrook. He attended school at Paint Creek. On May 25, 1943, Dale married Ruby Dean, also from Paint Creek. Dale and Ruby began farming with his father in 1945. Following a brief period while Dale was in the Army, the Middlebrooks began farming on their own in 1948, renting a small acreage.

The Middlebrooks have farmed in Haskell County all their lives and are dedicated to the preservation of the soil. Always trying to improve the land and make it more productive by putting pastures into cultivation, building fences, ponds, terraces, waterways and corrals for a more efficient farm operation.

Working side by side through the years, Dale and Ruby now own 1785 acres and rent 1275 acres of land. The Middlebrooks have been involved in conservation practices from the very beginning. They began with contour farming, then conventional terraces and now have parallel terraces on most of their land.

They have continued to improve the soil throughout the years and have constructed five farm ponds, 150 acres of waterways, which are sodded with Bermuda grass and 100 acres of permanent pasture seeded in Kleingrass.

To make clearing pastureland from brush more cost efficient, Dale

purchased a bulldozer and does the work himself. Dale believes that a good way to keep his fields free from grass and weeds is to keep the ditches clean. One can see this driving down the road. Dale has worked with the supervision and help of the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District and the Haskell SCS Field Office.

The Middlebrooks have been registered Charolais breeders since 1967, members of the Golden Spread Charolais Association and the American International Charolais Association. They also farm cotton and wheat along with their cattle operation.

The Middlebrooks built their present home in the Paint Creek community, on FM RD 6128 in 1972. With the help of a few family members getting the first part of the construction up, Dale used his carpenter abilities to finish the home.

The Middlebrooks have on daughter, Phyllis. She married Phil Coleman, a farmer in Haskell County. They have two sons, Adam and Casey. The family includes four dogs, too.

The Middlebrooks have several pecan trees in their yard. This year they won second place at the Haskell County Pecan Show.

Dale feels that farmers are stewards of the land, an invaluable resource that God has given. He believes it is important to conserve this land for future generations.



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How well this is done doesn't depend entirely on land owners and operators; we all have a share in the job to be done. It is too important a job to be bypassed by anyone. There must be teaching conservation in the schools throughout the nation. On this teachers and conservationists agree.

As an aid to busy teachers, the Soil Conservation Service offers a publication that gives some practical suggestions to help them in carrying out activities and observations in the classroom and out-of-doors.

Teachers can modify the activities according to the interests or needs of their students. Not all the steps needed in developing, carrying out, and analyzing the activities are given. These will depend on the conservation projects undertaken and on how the teachers and students plan together. Procedures can be planned as the work progresses, usually in connection with a larger activity or curriculum unit that draws on all subjects.

In the beginning stages of teacher-student planning, teachers may find it

helpful to follow a few planned activities such as those given here. After the students have carried out a few of these activities, they will want to move ahead creatively and independently, to see problems, to ask questions, and to plan new studies or activities to get answers that satisfy them.

Both science and social studies teachers can find suggestions that will help them guide their students in understanding the resources around them. Such possibilities are limited only by teacher ingenuity, school curriculum, and community soil and water conservation problems, and opportunities for field trips and for practical application of resource use and conservation to the schoolgrounds and elsewhere.

Each activity is presented in two parts: A how-to-do-it part and interpretation. The how-to-do-it part is written in a language and style for presentation to students. The interpretations are addressed to teachers to give readily available background information.

The publication, "Teaching Soil and Water Conservation, a Classroom and Field Guide," is available at the local SCS field office. For more information contact the SCS at 1203A South Avenue E or phone 817-864-3212.

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The Board of Directors meet monthly on the third Friday of each month in the Haskell SCS Field Office at 1203A South Avenue E. The meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. All regular meetings are open to the public in accordance with Texas State Laws.

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The origin and observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week

For centuries, men and women have offered humble thanks to God for the priceless gifts of soil, water, air and sunshine which make all living things possible. This gratitude by religious people has been expressed in many ways over the years but in all its forms there has been a continuing thread of emphasis on the wondrous powers of the Almighty to create and to heal.

There has been stress, too, on the universal dependence on His grace for salvation and for all good things.

The world as we know it could not exist without a fruitful agriculture. A regular harvest is a critical matter. But nature, like man, is erratic. There are times when the very elements seem to conspire against a yield.

When the rains cease and the earth cracks, when storms and pestilence wreak their havoc, fields become barren and livestock grow gaunt in search of grass. It is then, and particularly in times of prolonged hardship, that the call goes out for divine intervention to ease the suffering and restore the bounty of the soil.

That is what happened in France more than 1,500 years ago in the city of Vienne and its surrounding countryside. Bad weather, fires and earthquakes had brought crop failures and widespread hunger. The Bishop of Vienne, Saint Mamertus, called for prayer and penance on the three days preceding Ascension Day. The people responded and implored God for help in their suffering and privation.

Word of what happened in Vienne spread throughout France and then to other countries beyond the Alps. The supplication filled a need in the hearts and minds of the people and, as the years went by, the practice of setting aside these special days--Rogation Days--was widely established on an annual basis. By the end of the eighth century, the Church formally adopted the custom.

In our own country, the decision to set aside a week each year to acknowledge before God our gratitude for His gifts of soil and all the bountiful resources associated with it has met an evident need of a great many people.

The week--now known as Soil and Water Stewardship Week--has become a special time to remind all people that these gifts of the Creator warrant their best in creative conservation and considerate management.

In parts of the South earlier in this century, a few churches and their congregations began to set aside the fifth Sunday after Easter as Soil and Soul Sunday. Subsequently, this designation was changed to Soil

Stewardship Sunday when, in 1946, the publishers of Farm and Ranch magazine took an initiative. They suggested to religious leaders in a number of southern states that one Sunday be set aside each year as a time for a special reminder to the men and women of their congregations about the ethical obligations of all people to serve as responsible Stewards of the land.

The response of clergymen and laymen was so warm and widespread that observance of Soil Stewardship Sunday spread steadily to additional churches and additional states. In 1954, the publishers of the magazine suggested to the officers of the National Association of Conservation Districts that a still wider observance of Soil Stewardship Sunday could aid significantly in bringing about a national awakening and recognition of man's duties as stewards of the Lord's earth.

To help achieve this goal, the publishers offered to transfer their limited sponsorship of Soil Stewardship Sunday to the Association, which represents 3,000 local conservation district organizations in all the states and territories of the nation. The NACD accepted and, beginning in 1955, undertook to foster the observance on a nationwide basis.

A year later, recognizing possible conflicts with Rural Life Sunday and other events often observed on church calendars, Soil Stewardship Sunday was changed to Soil Stewardship Week--beginning always with the fifth Sunday after Easter and continuing through the sixth. The change provided a helpful latitude in church timing for the observance.

Since these two Sundays occasionally conflict with Mother's Day or Memorial Day, Soil and Water Stewardship Week was designated as the last Sunday in April through the first Sunday in May. Beginning with the 1988 observance, Stewardship Week will not conflict with Easter, Mother's Day or Memorial Day until well into the 21st century.

The Soil and Water Stewardship Week observance, by its very nature, is one to be joined in by everyone who shares a sense of personal responsibility under God for the care of soil, water and the other vital elements making up our environment. The prime concern of our conservation districts, along with thousands of involved clergymen and laymen, is to encourage an evergrowing participation by Americans in this annual recognition of the continuing importance of the thoughtful stewardship.

Stewardship is Our Future

By Dusty Garison

Once again this year, our Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring Stewardship Week. Some might ask, "Why have a special week for this? We always try to be good stewards of our resources."

Perhaps. Nevertheless, it is appropriate to take time out to consider our responsibilities as managers of the land God has given us, and to re-double our efforts to insure the continued efficient and safe utilization of our resources.

The theme for this year's Soil and Water Stewardship Week is "Stewardship Is Our Future." This statement reminds us of our reasons to practice good conservation techniques.

First of all, it is our future because it preserves our land. Many area residents can still remember the "dust bowl" days before effective stewardship was practiced. Even today, in many parts of the world, we see the effects of "desertization" on what once was prime farmland. If we are to avoid these dangers, we must continue to employ sound management practices to our land and water.

These practices can take many forms, and some of them may seem needlessly expensive. We should realize, however, that failing to do those things which have been learned through hard experience will cost us much more in the long run. Being "penny wise and pound foolish" is always unwise. When it comes to conservation techniques, it is also dangerous for the future of our land.

A similar reason why stewardship is our future relates to the finite nature of our resources. As the old television ad used to say, "Land is expensive, and there is no more being made."

We live on a planet where the population is increasing by millions of people each day, and our natural

resources are under growing strain. This is true of energy. It is true of water. It is true of our minerals. And it is also true of our land, especially our topsoil. For now, the only way to make these assets last is to use them wisely.

Perhaps some day, we may be able to reach beyond the Earth to find new quantities of these valuable resources. Until then however, we must continue to conserve our land and water, so that we will always be able to feed and clothe ourselves and our neighbors.

Finally, stewardship is our future because children are our future. If our children and grandchildren are to enjoy the kind of lives we want for them, we must act to insure that future.

Today, we benefit from the foresight of our ancestors who settled and tamed this land. They left it to us as a rich heritage and a treasured legacy. If we hope to do the same for our posterity, we must practice good stewardship of our resources.

As previously stated, God has given us this land; we call it "Texas." It was here long before we were, and it will still be here generations after we are gone. The question is, how will we leave it? Will it be a better place because we came this way? If we are to preserve this land, then it is not enough simply to say, "Stewardship Is Our Future." It must be something we practice--every day.

Psalm 104:24-30 speaks of the dependence of every living thing upon the grace of God. It says, in part, "When You take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the Earth." May we always remember the awesome responsibility God has given us, in entrusting this beautiful place into our care. May we always be found worthy of that trust.

Judging Contest Winners



First Place Range and Pasture Judging Team



Second Place Land Judging Team



Third Place Range and Pasture Judging Team



Third Place Land Judging Team

Range and Pasture Judging Contest

Haskell FFA received first place in the Haskell-California Creek Range and Pasture Judging contest. Team members were from left: Kristen Campbell, Wayne Geilhausen, Shanna Mueller, and Steven Klose.

Anson FFA placed second, and Haskell, third. Third place team members were Rodney Johnson, Pete Torres, and Shane Buchanan.

The Haskell Teams were coached by James Bevel.

Kristen Campbell of Haskell was second high point individual in the contest.

Land Judging Contest Winners

Derrick Billington, Bobby Medford, Brad Bevel, Rusty Meeks, Cole Larned, and Mike Bailey of the Haskell FFA Chapter received second place in the Haskell-California Creek Land Judging Contest. The team was coached by Duane Gilly and Mike Fouts.

Rochester FFA placed third. Team members were Bobby Short, Denny Tibbetts, Craig Rogers, and Wayne Hester. The team was coached by Rod Townsend and Joey Kimbrough.

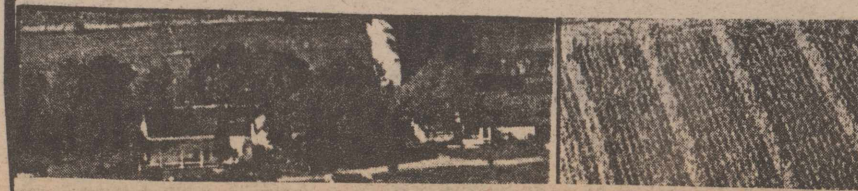
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Which way should I go? Should I bale wheat hay or harvest for grain?

These are the big questions that are being asked by many wheat producers in Haskell County.

To answer these questions the first point to be considered is, are you in the government program? Producers in the government program need to check with the ASCS office to find out what is permitted. You may find that you have no choice other than to harvest for grain production.

Otherwise, looking at the situation from strictly an economic viewpoint, you first need to compare harvest costs of grain versus forage harvest costs. Secondly, look at potential grain yield and price versus forage yield and price. At this stage, all other variable costs such as fertilizer, herbicide, etc. have been applied, so they do not enter into the equation for the 1988 crop.

What about expected local prices at harvest time? Wheat prices should be in the \$2.75 per bushel range. Good wheat hay, if you can find a market, should be in the \$60-\$70 ton range. Cost of custom harvest should be in the \$12-\$13 per acre range for grain. A complete hay job, large 1,500 pound round bales, may cost \$15 per bale, while a small twine tie

complete custom harvest may be in the \$0.75 per bale range.

Putting all this together into an example, assuming a 15 bushel per acre grain yield potential versus one ton for forage, the figures might be as follows:

Grain Production: 15 bushels x \$2.75 per bushel equals \$41.25, less harvest cost equals \$29.25 return to grain.

Forage Production: One ton x \$70 per ton equals \$70, less \$25 per acre harvest (small bales), equals \$45 return to forage; or for large 1,500 pound bales, \$70, less \$18.75 per acre harvest cost equals \$51.25 return to forage.

Please remember this is only an example used for the purposes of demonstrating how to calculate the relative possible returns from each harvest possibility. Plug in your potential yields and costs. Government program payments were not included in these calculations.

Another consideration is your own potential use and market for forage. If you can't sell or use the forage it has no value to you. Remember too, that wheat hay needs to be cut and baled prior to head emergence. Protein content, and feeding value of wheat hay, drops off rapidly once the plant is fully headed.

Conservation Compliance

More than one in every four of America's cropland acres is highly erodible. Of these, more than 70 percent currently have annual erosion rates higher than the natural rate of soil replacement. By allowing farmers to include this highly erodible cropland in their base acreage without requiring soil protection, some U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) farm programs have in effect promoted soil erosion and overproduction of surplus commodities.

The conservation compliance provision of the Food Security Act of 1985 discourages the production of crops on the highly erodible cropland where the land is not carefully protected from erosion. If you produce crops on such fields without an approved conservation system, you could lose your eligibility for certain USDA program benefits. (Conservation compliance applies to land where annually tilled crops were grown at least once during the 1981-1985, and will apply to ALL highly erodible land in annual crop production by 1990.)

What is highly erodible land? For land to be considered "highly erodible land," potential erosion must be more than eight times the rate at which the soil can maintain continued productivity. For a field to be considered highly erodible, one-third or more of it must be highly erodible, or the highly erodible area must be 50 acres or more.

How to determine erodibility? Employees of the Soil Conservation Service determine if a field is highly

erodible by consulting soils maps or by visiting the site. Technical assistance is provided in the Haskell Field Office by the Soil Conservation staff: Jim Hudson, district conservationist; Alfons Kolar, soil conservationist; and Harry Koehler, conservation technician.

Producers have until January 1, 1990 to develop and begin actively applying a conservation plan on highly erodible cropland and January 1, 1995 to have that conservation plan fully operational.

The USDA farm programs that are affected include price and income supports, crop insurance, Farmers Home Administration loans, Commodity Credit Corporation storage payments, Conservation Reserve Program annual payments, Farm Storage facility loans, and other programs under which USDA makes commodity-related payments.

Producers options include contacting the SCS to see if this provision applies to you and your land, developing and applying a conservation plan on your highly erodible fields, plant permanent cover on fields where annually tilled crops cannot be grown without excessive erosion, or farm highly erodible fields without using a locally approved conservation plan and lose your eligibility for certain USDA farm program benefits. Applying a conservation plan will help you reduce soil loss to levels that are technically and economically achievable. Producers will also retain eligibility for certain USDA farm program benefits.

All USDA programs and services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

Conservation Reserve Program

174 bids in Haskell County for 24,115 acres have been accepted into the Conservation Reserve Program. The bids averaged for an annual rental payment of \$39.40 per acre.

Land entered in to the program, as directed by the Food Security Act of 1985, will be ineligible for farming for 10 years and must be planted with permanent vegetative cover. Participants will receive cost share eligible costs to establish grass on the acreage placed in the reserve. These payments will partially reimburse farmers for one-time cost of establishing required conservation practices on the cropland.

The next signup period will be the latter part of July. For more information contact the local SCS Field Office, phone 817-864-3212.



LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE CONSERVATION OF LAND

The Love of the Land

By Myrtle Phemister

The title tells the reason for the organization of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. It has been a continuing battle to teach and inspire people to conserve the land that has been given to our care, just for our lifetime, then we pass it on to those who come after us.

Many of you lived during the late 20's and 30's, you saw the devastation the drought and mis-use of the land can cause. During the year 1935 the wind storms of Texas and Oklahoma lifted the topsoil and it was seen as far as 300 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.

The skies of New York and Washington, D. C., were often darkened by the wind blown soil, and it is said the Congressmen could taste the grit in their mouth as they listened to men tell about the need for a soil conservation program.

One who talked and fought for a national program was Hugh Hammon Bennett, and he could well be titled the "father of NACD"---the National Association of Conservation Districts.

In 1935, the NACD was finally organized, and R. Neil Sampson has compiled a book about many of the men and the events that took place before and after the association was organized. It is titled "For Love of the Land," and a copy is in every school library in Haskell County, waiting for your enjoyment.

The first State Auxiliary of SWCD Women was organized in Idaho in the year 1948, but since that time almost every state has an

organized Women's Auxiliary. Texas was organized in 1986, and all the Haskell County SWCD directors' wives are members of it, and attend the state conventions with their husbands and participate in the auxiliary projects.

"Consider our Commitment" is a poem written in 1984 for the Soil Stewardship Brochure. It ends with these words:

We each have a duty to God our Creator

To protect Earth's resources for those who come later.

Yes, it's time our commitment went even deeper,

If we are to be Our Brother's Keeper.

Consider our commitment, consider it well,

Rewards or regrets, only time will tell.

Fishpond stocking

Orders for fingerling fish will be accepted by the Haskell SWCD through May 16, 1988. Channel catfish are recommended for most ponds in this area but bass and bluegill or redear are also available.

An average pond will need 50 catfish and two pounds of fathead minnows. The SCS staff can assist you in determining your needs. Stop by the SCS office at 1203A South Avenue E or call 817-864-3212 for assistance.

1988 Poster Contest Winners Named

Amy Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cunningham received top honors in the Annual Conservation Poster Contest. Amy's poster theme was "Save the Soil". She is a student in Dolores Foster's fifth grade class in Haskell Elementary School.

Second Place went to Sarah French of Rochester, student of Mrs. Jinx Shaver. Karmen Adkins of Rochester received third. Her teacher is Debbie Miller.

Other winners were Mary Jane Short, Cody Byrd, Elizabeth Scheets, Jeremy Harlan, Alisa Garza, David Crump, Amy Barbour, Nick Jiminez, Gary Acosta, Heather Guess. Leigh Ann Reel, Jamie Hodgins, Laura Barbour, Daniel Castorena, and Angela Adkins.

See photos next page.....

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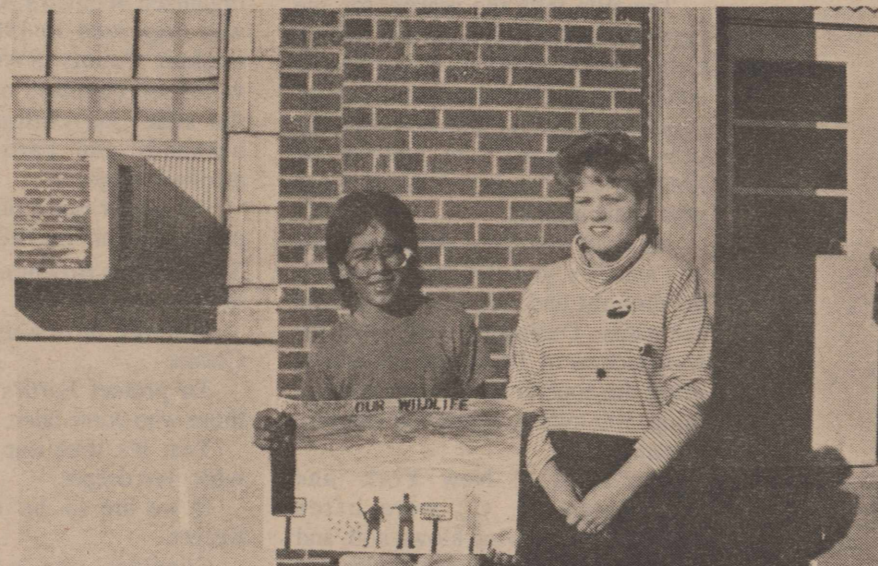
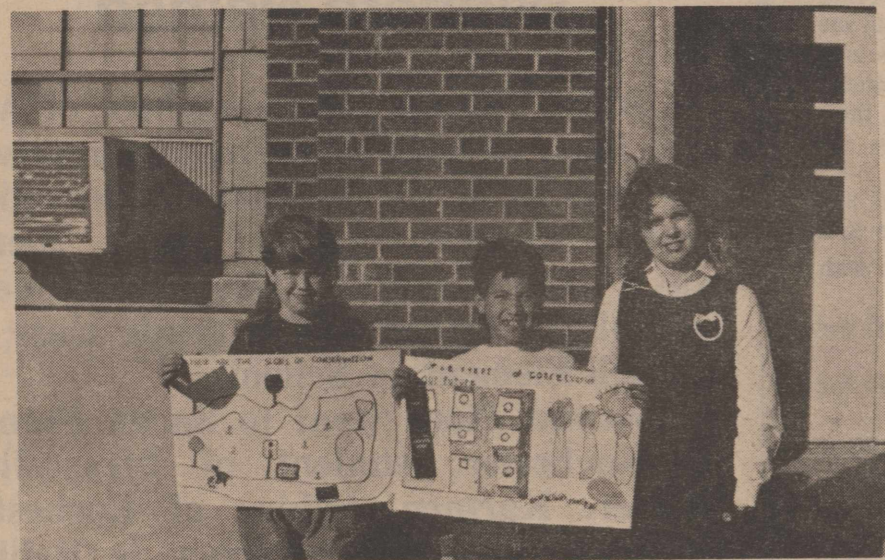
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