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The public is invited to Haskell National Bank's open house from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The open house will climax the bank's year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Haskell National Bank was opened Nov. 13, 1890.

# Santa letters due by Friday

Letters to Santa Claus must be received at The Free Press by 5 p.m. Friday in order for them to

appear in the newspaper.

Letters received by that date will be published in the Dec. 20 issue of The Free Press.

## Rule drawings to be Dec. 22

The annual Christmas drawing in Rule will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 22 in downtown Rule. Merchants are giving tickets for each \$5 purchase.

Prizes and gift certificates will be donated by Rule businesses. The Chamber of Commerce will give 10 \$100 gift certificates to be redeemed in Rule. Winners must be present.

In the event of bad weather, the drawing will be in the high school auditorium.

# College courses to be offered

Courses in English, government and history will be offered at the Haskell exension center of Western Texas College in evening classes beginning Jan. 14.

Courses on the schedule include English 232 (literature), Government 236 (international relations), History 132 (U.S. history after 1864) and History 233 (Texas history).

Registration for all courses will be Jan. 8 in the Haskell High School library (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.).

# Social Security schedule given

Regular visits of the Social Security representative to Haskell for the first quarter of 1991 will be as follows:

Jan. 3-17, Feb. 7-21 and March 7-21.

The representative will be at the City Hall annex at 9:30 a.m. on each of those dates.

# Roewe to play in Lubbock

Julie Roewe and her UT-Arlington teammates will play Texas Tech in Lubbock tonight (Thursday), beginning at 7 o'clock.

The former Haskell High School basketball star is a starter for the Arlington team.

# Two inducted in honor society

Two Hardin-Simmons students from Haskell have been inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society.

They are Sharla Jetton and Elizabeth (Betsy) Nanny, who were inducted in ceremonies Nov. 19.

To be elected to membership, a student must be in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class of the university.

Miss Jetton, a 1988 graduate of Haskell High School, is the daughter of Nelda Jetton and the late Jerry Jetton of Haskell. She is a junior at HSU.

Mrs. Nanny is the wife of Joel Nanny of Haskell. She is a senior at HSU.

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## Santa visits

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Most popular man in town at the Super 2nd Saturday activities in Haskell was Santa Claus, shown here greeting youngsters at the "Breakfast With Santa" at Pat Walker's.

# Visitor in Haskell searches for identity

On the eye of her grand

On the eve of her grandson's three-week birthday, Mrs. Vicci King recalls all the memories of her trial and tribulations of becoming a "legal person".

A long-time resident of Connecticut, Mrs. King is in Haskell, staying with her daughter and new grandson.

Mrs. King was 14 when her mother died. This is when she learned that the woman who had raised her was not her natural mother, and that she wasn't even adopted.

When Vicci was three weeks old, her natural mother sold her to Victor and Anita Gregoire for \$25. Mrs. Gregoire was unable to have children, and they were alrady refused as adoptive parents, so they happily took Vicci into their home.

Vicci's natural mother told the Gregoires that Vicci was born in Texas, and that she was not her

**Emblem winner** 

the water tower.

Jason Halliburton, right, was winner of the Rule emblem contest. Here,

John Pike, center, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presents him

with a \$50 savings bond, and Patrick Pace, president of Farmers

National Bank gives him a \$5 gold coin (worth \$65). The emblem will be

used on city letterheads and envelopes, and will possibly be placed on

husband's child. She gave them no birth certificate or any type of legal document stating where she was born. The only paper she gave was a note saying: "Fred Powers is not the father of this child, father unknown: Jean Powers":

After his wife's funeral, Mr. Gregoire tried to adopt Vicci. Two years later, the adoption was denied. The probate court said it was denied because it did not comply with state regulations. The Department of Children and Youth Services (DCYS) said it was denied because Mr. Gregoire was an unfit father, and that he only wanted the adoption so he could collect the Social Security benefits on Vicci from his late wife's estate.

During this two-year period, the probate judge obtained for Vicci a Social Security card, and later

signed for her first driver's license.

Knowing her situation for the two years, DCYS and the probate

court did nothing else for her.

1. They left her in an undesirable and abusive home.

2. They did not search for her natural mother.

3. They did not relinquish her natural mother's rights.

4. They lost the only note with her mother's signature.

5. They did not give her a legal guardian after the adoption was denied.

6. They left her with no support.
7. They did not give her any legal form of identification.

8. They said she could continue to use the name she had been using, but did not make it legal. (Her birth name is Lindy Powers.)

9. They did not offer to put her in a foster home.

Mrs. King was a minor child left with no money, no support, no family, and most of all, no identity. All she had was a baptismal certificate that said she was born in the State of Texas, and the State of Connecticut.

Vicci later married, raised her three children, and worked in the State of Connecticut almost all her life. Her fingerpritns are on file in Washington, D.C., because she had worked for a state institution.

The family was then transferrd to Indiana, due to her husband's job, where she applied for a driver's license, and was refused because she had no birth certificate. She didn't think she would have a problem getting her license when she returned to Connecticut, because she had one there before, and had no previous traffic tickets. Well, to her surprise, she was told: "no birth certificate, no license."

When Vicci decided to re-join the work force after taking the summer off, she was told that she could not be hired without a state issued picture ID. After 37 lawyers in one week (no one knew what to do for

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# Munday, Vernon girls kick off tourney today

Munday and Vernon girls play at noon today (Thursday) in the first game of the Haskell Booster Club Basketball tournament.

Childress and Paint Creek girls play the second game, beginning at 1:30.

Eight girls' teams and four boys' teams are entered in the tournament. While the girls will play a regular tournament schedule, the boys' action will see each of the four teams playing three games in a round-robin with the championship going to the team with the best record in the three games.

The Haskell Maidens will see their first action at 7:30 Thursday when they meet Rule. The Haskell JV girls will play Ballinger at 4:30 Thursday.

Semifinals in girls' play will be at 1:30 and 7:30 Friday and finals are set for 7 p.m. Saturday. The game for third place will be at 4 Saturday. Consolation semifinals will be at 12 and 4:30 Friday and consolation finals at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The boys' schedule:

Thursday: Paint Creek and Childress at 3 p.m.; Haskell and Rule at 6 p.m.

Friday: Childress and Rule at 3; Paint Creek and Haskell at 6. Saturday: Rule and Paint Creek

at 2:30; Haskell and Childress at 5:30.

record for the season (not counting Tuesday night's game against Winters). The Indians, who won the recent Knox City tournament lost their first game of the season to Seymour, a loss which was later avenged.

The other three losses have been at the hands of larger schools, 4A Sweetwater, 3A Wylie and 3A Vernon. Victories have been over Seymour, Crowell, Aspermont twice, Stamford, Wylie JV and Anson.

Rusty Stocks is the leading scorer for the Indians with an average of 17.6 points through the first 11 games. Adam Coleman has averaged 13 points.

Other starters for the Indians include Craig Hanson, Chris Tanner, Todd Vaughn and Chad Gibson

Going into Tuesday's game against Winters, the Maidens have won six in a row to boost their season mark to 7-4.

Winners of last week's Highland toruanment, the Maidens own victories over Aspermont, Quanah, Cooper JV, Bronte, Garden City, Robert Lee and Anson.

Shelia Unger leads the Maidens in scoring with an 18-point average. Amanda Diaz, Shana McKenzie, Misti Bartley and Holly Hobgood round out the starting team



## Champions

The Haskell Maidens won last weekend's tournament at Highland. Team members are, front row from left, Kendi Williams (manager), Teresa Diaz, Regina Dever, Shana McKenzie, Sarah Jo Mullen, DeAnne Wallace (manager); back row, Daniela Guadalcazar, Shelia Unger, Amanda Diaz, Misti Bartley and Holly Hobgood.

# Maidens capture Highland tourney

The Haskell Maidens defeated Robert Lee, 62-47, Saturday in the finals of the Highland Tournament to take the championship.

Shelia Unger and Misti Bartley led the scoring with 23 and 17 points, respectively. Amanda Diaz scored 9, Shana McKenzie had 6, Teresa Diaz 3 and Sarah Mullen and Regina Dever 2 each.

In the tournament opener Thursday, the Maidens defeated Bronte, 49-46 with Unger scoring 24 points, Dever getting 13, Bartley 6, Amanda Diaz 4 and Holly Hobgood 2.

In the semifinals Friday against Garden City, the Maidens breezed by a score of 50-24. Unger scored 16, Amanda Diaz had 11, McKenzie 7, Bartley 6, Hobgood 6 and Dever and Teresa Diaz 2 each.

The Maidens had previously won consolation honors at the Knox City tournament by defeating Quanah and Abilene Cooper JV.

# Haskell receives \$9,343 tax rebate

The City of Haskell's sales tax rebate check from the state comptroller this month was in the amount of \$9,343.71.

This is a decrease of 2.01 percent from the \$9,535.30 received for the same period last year.

This month's check brought the total sales tax rebate to Haskell this year to \$148,091.47, down by 6.26

percent over the \$157,986.31 for the same period in 1989.

Only other Haskell County city receiving a rebate check this month was Rule, which got \$1,446.97, compared to \$926.79 last year. For the year, Rule has gotten \$20,507.92, or 7.15 percent more than the \$19,138.97 received during the same period last year.

## Visitor...

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her), a sympathetic town clerk obtained one for her.

Mrs. King can't get a passport, and can't even prove she's an American citizen.

Vicci has sent money to the vital statistics offices in all 50 states to have them check their files. The only state that has not answered her is Texas. All other states have come up negative.

Mrs. King has tried to trace Fred Powers through the military, but he is protected by the Privacy Act. She wrote him a letter once a month for four and a half years, but stopped writing three months ago, after never receiving a reply.

The Connecticut state representatives and senators (the ones she could reach) have done nothing to help her. Mrs. King says, "They don't seem to realize the problem this is causing me and will continue to cause me. The financial burden is enough. I was not allowed to work in Connecticut until I got a state ID. I had traveling expenses to do my research, and my phone bills ranged from \$300 to \$600 a month. My family has suffered because I have spent almost all my time since September 1989 trying to be recognized as a whole legal person. I did not feel abandoned as a baby, but I feel abandoned by my government."

Mrs. King is still looking for information about where she was born, so that she may obtain a birth

She is also the topic of a new book entitled, "The Woman With No Identity", by author Terri Scoggins of Haskell.

Mrs. King states, "I don't want to barge in and disrupt my natural mother's life. All I want is to know where I was born so that I can get a birth certificate, and be recognized as a person."

If you have any information, or know how to get in touch with a Fred or Jean Powers, please contact one of the following: Mrs. Vicci King, 24 Thompson St., Rockville, CT 06066, or Terri Scoggins, 106 S. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521.

Thank you for reading The Haskell Free Press.

# 6-man all-district teams announced

Here is the district 9 six-man alldistrict football team, chosen by

**OFFENSE** First Team

Quarterback: Jesse Cedillo of Paint Creek.

Running backs: Brad Bevel of Rochester, Paul Morales of Jayton, Gary Dixon of Goree, Shannon Taylor of Rule.

Blocking ends: Kody Wilson of Rule, Tommy Casey of Rule.

Receivers: Rodney Tsoodle of Paint Creek, James Tabor of Aspermont, Jeff Hollingsworth of

Center: Paul Leonard of Rule. Deep back: Paul Page of

> DEFENSE First Team

Ends: Kody Wilson of Rule, Phillip Clark of Rochester, Rodney Tsoodle of Paint Creek.

Linebackers: Callen Benavides of Rule, Kurt Sloan of Rochester. Ron Freemeyer of Jayton.

Cornerbacks: Stan Aalbres of Jayton, Carlos Muniz of Rule, Ross Shaver of Rochester, Kenny Forehand of Rochester, Rodney Medford of Paint Creek.

Safety: Paul Morales of Jayton. OFFENSE

Second Team Quarterbacks: Shane LeFevre of Rule, Chris Carver of Rochester.

Running backs: Carlos Muniz of Rule, Robbie Strickland of Rochester, Rodney Medford of

Blocking ends: Bryan Holmes of Rochester, Ryan Freemeyer of

Receivers: Callen Benavides of Rule, Moe Green of Paint Creek, Domingo Aguilar of Goree.

Center: Stan Aalbres of Jayton. DEFENSE

Second Team Ends: Bo Norris of Jayton, Paul Leonard of Rule, Jay Hutchins of

Goree, Joey Fernandez of Jayton. Linebackers: Paul Page of Aspermont, Bobby Acosta of Paint

Cornerbacks: Brad Smith of Jayton, James Tabor of Aspermont, Cato Macias of Rule, Scott Castillo of Goree.

Safety: Brad Bevel of Rochester. HONORABLE MENTION Offense

Quarterbacks: Brad Smith of Jayton, Kurt Page of Aspermont, Greg Teichleman of Rule, Jay Hutchens of Goree.

Running backs: Bo Norris of Jayton, Cato Macias of Rule, Donny Waters of Paint Creek, Michael Brown of Rochester.

Ends: Ross Shaver of Rochester, Jimmy Fuentes of Aspermont, Bobby Acosta of Paint Creek.

Centers: Kurt Sloan of Rochester, Jim Gardner of Aspermont, Sergio Muniz of Goree, John Leonard of Rule, Chris Brown of Rule.

HONORABLE MENTION Defense

Ends: Jeff Hollingsworth of Rochester, Moe Green of Paint

Linebackers: Greg Teichleman of Rule, Sergio Nunez of Goree, Donnie Waters of Paint Creek. Cornerbacks: Brad Stulir of

Rule, Rusty Newsome of Aspermont. Safeties: Kurt Page of

Aspermont, Shawn Barbour of Paint Creek, Shane LeFevre of Kicker: Brad Bevel of Rochester.

Punter: Rodney Tsoodle of Paint ALL-STAR 6-MAN

Rochester: Brad Bevel. Jayton: Paul Morales. Rule: Callen Benavides (Alt.) Goree: Gary Dixon (Alt.) Paint Creek: Bobby Acosta

# Cotton helps rehab center

Cotton gins throughout the area are humming, processing what appears to be a bumper crop. Many are reporting the best cotton harvest

This year's harvest is special for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center as well as the cotton producer. Sixty-five area cottons gins and countless producers are joining hands to support the Center's Cotton for Crippled Children fund-raising effort. Producers are being asked to donate 25 cents per bale to the Center from this year's crop. Rehab Center officials are encouraged by the reports form the gins that indicate an excellent participation by

Bill Snowden, executive director of the Center, stated: "This fundraising effort comes at a critical time for the Center. As we close out 1990 and begin 1991, this projet is extremely important to the Center's financial picture. The Center appreciates the cooperation of the gins and the hard work of our volunteers who have done a good job in getting the story to producers throughout the area."

The 1990 Cotton for Crippled Children program is co-chaired by F. A. (Bogus) Lollar of Anson and Congressman Charles W. Stenholm of Stamford. The committee is comprised of Elmer Martin of Colorado City, Foy Mitchell of Roby, Eugene Olson of Stamford, Harold Sloan of Merkel, Garon Tidwell of Munday, Billy Tubbs of Stamford and Ted Weatherford of San Angelo.

Producers who have not already signed up can do so at their local cotton gin. The gin will have

complete details.

# Think before you drink

Where's your holiday spirit? In the bottle or in the heart?

It's a well-known fact that during the holiday season it can be either or more often both.

People who normally don't drink a lot of alcoholic beverages will indulge during this festive season. This is society's form of celebration.

Unfortunately for some, this year's celebration will result in less than goodwill toward men

Johnson

**Bobbie Johnson** 

Owner

Photographer

prosperity for all or a happy 1991. For some, the holiday "cheer" will ring out in the form of family violence, DWIs, PSs, injury or death. Very gloomy. Scrooge would be pleased.

Knowing your legal limit is essential. In Texas that means .10 percent of blood alcohol content (BAC). Impairment of driving ability begins at .05 BAC.

Vision, decision making, judgement, reaction time, depth perception and concentration are essential driving skills that are easily impaired.

In Taylor County alone the demographic profile reports ending in October show 2,908 people on probation for various offenses. Of this total, 1,341 or 46.1 percent were for DWIs (1,127 males and 214 females). Since 1985, the number of DWI arrests for females has increased.

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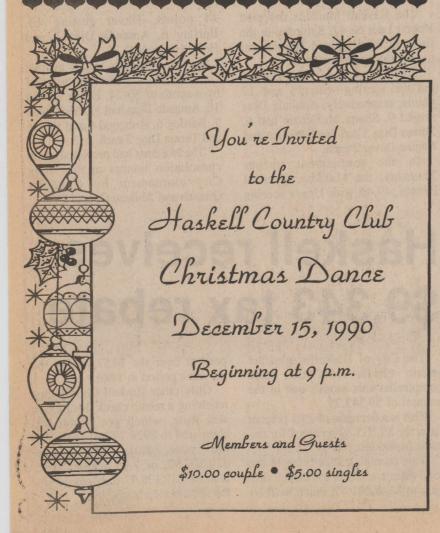
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# Much to know about appliances

By Lou Gilly County Agent Home Ecnomics (First in a series)

More than 1 billion major and portable appliances are in use in American homes. These mechanical servants offer homemakers previously undreamed freedom from household drudgery. In order to receive maximum efficiency from appliances consumers must know how to select appliances.

Since this is the time of the year when gifts are purchased and "wish lists" are made, I wanted to share some helpful information with you concerning purchasing appliances.

To get the greatest return for dollars spent, consider these factors when planning to buy an appliance as a gift or when placing an appliance on your Christmas list.

1. Need. Is the appliance needed and will it be used frequently? Is it really ncesssary and does it fit the individual's needs or is it being purchased because everyone else has one or is getting one?

2. Use. Does the appliance have the necessary features to give desired results.

3. Budget limitations: The

highest price tag does not necessarily indicate the best quality product. Bargain appliances may prove to be the most expensive when repair costs and breakdown inconveniences are considered. Be sure and compare prices. This is especially important during holiday gift-buying time. The same item may vary a great deal in price from store to store. Be very careful of prices in mail order catalogs. Sometimes these prices are a good amount more expensive.

4. Space limitations. Is there adequate space to place and for use of the appliance? If it is an appliance that is to be stored, can it be stored conveniently?

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5. Safety. Are there any rough edges or sharp points? Be certain that electrical appliances have the Underwriter's Laboratories seal. This seal indicates that the appliance has met rigid standards for safety from fire and electrical shock. Gas appliances should have the American Gas Association seal.

If you have any questions concerning buying appliances contact Lou Gilly at the county Extension office located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

# --Social Security--

By M. Glyn Hammons District Manager "Could I support myself on my

Social Security benefits if I became disabled?'

"Would my children be able to get Social Security if something happened to me?"

These are questions that we want young adults to ask. Young people can get answers to these questions with a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.

The benefit statesments show estimates of the Social Security benefits each worker could expect. The estimate shows disability benefits for workers and their families, and survivors benefits available to family members if the worker dies.

With a realistic estimate of their

will be in a better position to make informed decisions about their need for insurance and savings. People can also use their

statements to verify that all their earnings are shown correctly on their Social Security records. If the record is wrong, Social Security may be able to correct it. It's usually easier to make corrections if the error is found within a few years while records are still available.

To get a benefit statement, call Social Security at 1-800-234-5772 and ask for a free "Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement." When it comes in the mail, fill it out and send it back. You'll get your statement in a few

Thank you for reading The Social Security benefits, people Haskell Free Press.

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for the kindness and consideration shown to our family during the illness and loss of our loved one. There's a rare and special quality in our community, and our friends and neighbors are what make it so special. The flowers, cards, food, visitors, and prayers were especially appreciated and made our loss a little easier to bear. A special thanks to Brother Donnie Harbors who was great comfort to us from the very beginning, and for the beautiful service we are grateful. The loving concern you have shown our famly will never be forgotten.

Margie Stewart

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Happy Birthday Princess! Love you, Ben & Mary Vasquez

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# From the Inside Out

"Times are tough," Dad said on Saturday nights as he figured up the week's profits. A few little welding jobs, or possibly in a good week a complete overhaul of some old Farmall; maybe a brake lining, or breakdown on the highway by motorists on their way to Amarillo; never too much, but somehow enough. He made it enough.

Times were indeed tough in the early '30s. The harsh winds of the Depression and the Dust Bowl blew in together through the little West Texas Panhandle town, straining human spirits to the breaking, and stripping human dignity to the bare. Like everyone else, we didn't escape it.

During those years Mamma ran a benevolence program out of the kitchen door that wasn't so unusual for that time but seems inconceivable to me now, in this time. She was not an outgoing nor outspoken person, yet she made a statement, by quietly doing what seemed to her to be the right thing. the natural thing. "I've just got it to do," she'd say. "That's all there is to

She joked that every time the train whistled into town someone would soon knock on the back door asking for a meal. "I can just count on it. I'll declare, I think our house is marked some way." But, she never turned one away.

With whatever she had on hand---fried eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuits and butter, peach preserves, fresh milk or left-overs from our noon "dinner"---she fed them. She never questioned whether they were worthy recipients; hoboes or looking for work, going home or leaving home, a good person or bad. Times were "tough", and she "just had it to do."

Mamma wouldn't drive the car. Giving that up in 1921, after a bad experience driving Dad's new Model T, she contented herself with doing the things she felt confidence in

Sewing was her thing. She could make me a new "print" dress for fifty cents---or less, if she could get a ride over to J. C. Penney's on Dollar Day. She would always manage for enough yardage to also make an extra dress at the same time to send to the Boles or Tiptons Orphan Home. Each month when their trucks came to the church building to pick up supplies she sent along a new dress, blouse or pajamas that she had made. Several times a year she also sent a new "string" quilt made from bits and scraps of left-over yard goods.

"Run up to Struve Mercantile and get me a package of rick-rack and a spool of Clark's O.N.T., and we'll sew this afternoon," she'd say; her brown eyes sparkling with

As I scurried out of the door she'd remind me to stop by Dad's shop to tell him I was going to charge two Dr. Peppers for us at Bill Hinson's filling station.

Raising the lid of the pop box to pull cold bottles out of the icy water was a treat. I ran all the way. Always stumbling on the road at least once, knocking scabs off skinny knees and sending wet bottles spinning in the dry sand, I hurried home to get to lick up the sweet, brown foam that was sure to erupt when I pried off the bottle caps.

Running her electric sewing

machine almost non-stop, Mamma would talk about how surprised and happy the little unknown orphan girl was going to be to get the new dress. She didn't doubt it for a minute; it made her happy to think about it.

The machine stitching was soon done. Then, measuring out an arm's length of thread, she'd bite it off at the spool, fill the needle, lick her finger to twist a neat knot in one end of the thread, and be ready to "put in" the hem and "work" the

We'd sip our "peppers", and she'd tell me stories---everything from the fables of "The Little Red Hen" and the "Grasshopper and the Ant" to the poems of Robert Burns and the "Merchant of Venus." Some were enlightening, some instilling, some inhibiting; but all entertaining. She knew how to brighten a little girl's day---with a new dress or story.

When I think of then and of her, I'm aware of how different I am and how different the world is now. This is not the 30s in any way you take it. Yet, even during these better times we enjoy, "times are tough" in many areas; there is still need. Global, national, state, local; I read of it, hear of it and see it. Unable to avoid it, even if I look away my throat and heart constrict. and I wonder if this is, for me in the 90s, a knocking on my back door. Can I pretend not to be at home rather than open myself up to the pain of looking want in the face? Asking myself what is the right thing to do, I'm disturbed to think that it may not be the natural thing for me to do.

What can one person do that will bottomless pit.

I try to rationalize that in reality many people need help because they don't try to do everything they can to help themselves, as I try to do. While, in some situations, this may be the case, that line of selfrighteous thinking doesn't do it for me; it doesn't make it go away.

one, the least of these . . .," I think in every way---situation, resources, talent, religion, nationality, questioning whether it would permanently fix all of the world's had it to do."

make any difference, or even make a dent in it? The odds seem staggering. Blind logic makes me question how on earth Mother Teresa can stand in the sea of human misery and suffering in India, concentrating her attention and effort on one frail child at a time, without giving up in despair and frustration. By many of today's standards of value she is pouring time, energy and resources down a

Remembering the verse, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto of two mothers; mine and India's. Both so different from one another education---yet both doing what their hand found to do. Not ills; not straining the quality of mercy by qualifying the need, but each one whole-heartedly giving whatever each had to give. If I could ask her why, Mamma would answer in her own simple idiom, "I just

During her time, in her way, my mother understood about her responsibility for that cup-of-coldwater thing, and I know there is, in there somewhere, an understanding for me to grasp about my own responsibility. During my time, in my way, "I've just got it to do. That's all there is to it.

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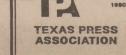
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# -- From Out of the Past--

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Dec. 10, 1970

The Haskell Indians will get a shot at the Iowa Park Hawks Friday night in Wichita Falls in the semifinals of Class AA. The Indians soundly trounced the Childress Bobcats Friday night in Vernon by a score of 50-15.

Royce L. Williams has been employed as a vice president of the Haskell National Bank, effective

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Roe) Lankford will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 13, with a family reunion at the American Legion Hall.

The Sundown Roughnecks wrapped up the Regional I Class B championship at Slaton lat Friday night by downing the Rule Bobcats 26-15. Rule, under the coaching of Dennis Briles, closed grid play with an 8-3-1 record.

Hundreds of persons jammed the courthouse square, sidewalks and streets in downtown Haskell Saturday afternoon to greet that Grand Old Man of the Year---Santa

The Haskell Garden Club's tour of homes today will include the homes of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lane, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Colbert and Mrs. Ed Hester.

30 Years Ago Dec. 8, 1960

Burglars who entered eight Haskell business concerns Monday night got approximately \$200 in money and left a trail of battered safes and broken doors and windows representing damage that will amount to multiplied hundreds of

Population of Haskell in 1960 was officially listed at 4,016 in the final official count announced by the Bureau of Census on Dec. 2. Rule has a population of 1,347 and Rochester has 625.

Seven homes in various parts of the city have been chosen for the annual Christmas Pilgrimage of the Haskell Garden Club on Dec. 16. Homes included in the tour are those of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. John Larned, Conner Nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mack Ray returned last week from an extended trip to Miami Beach, Fla., where they attended the Lee Gotcher Square Dance Institute.

The 1959 agricultural census shows there are 1,183 farms in Haskell County. This is 147 fewer than in 1954, but the average size increased.

Major Theo L. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Moore of Haskell, recently received his official retirement certificate, signifying completion of more than 20 years service in the U.S. Armed

Carl Anderson left Tuesday by plane from Abilene for Pasadena, Calif., where he will attend the Junior Rose Bowl in which Tyler Junior College will play. Tommy Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, is a halfback on the Apache squad.

50 Years Ago Dec. 6, 1940

A party of five Haskell businessmen left Tuesday on a deer hunting trip to Real County where they expect to remain for several days. In the group are Dr. L. F. Taylor, J. W. Gholson, Rev. H. R. Whatley, H. M. Smith and Ed Fouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates and daughter, Betty, accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Smith, visited in the home of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Frank Ragsdale and Mr. Ragsdale in San Antonio during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Robert Barnett, who is attending Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, visited relatives and friends in Haskell last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bernard visited relatives in Marble Falls last week and attended the football game in Austin on Thanksgiving.

R. J. Paxton and Roger Gilstrap attended the Grand Lodge session of the Masonic order in Waco this week as representatives from the Haskell lodge.

Mr. and Mr. Bill Richey and daughter, Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bagwell visited in Abilene

60 Years Ago Dec. 18, 1930

Officers of the Odd Fellows lodge for the ensuing year have been elected as follows: R. B. Kinnison, Noble Grand; P. G. Kendrick, Vice Grand; Press Perry, Secretary; Virgil A. Brown, Treasurer. E. E. Welsh was elected as delegate to grand lodge with Virgil Bailey alternate.

Jones & Son, local manufacturers of tin and sheet metal roofing, were recently awarded the contract for re-roofing the county

Uncle Mike Perry is gaining a reputation as an expert gardener. He was exhibiting downtown this week some extra large radishes grown in his garden. One measured more than 10 inches in length and nine inches in circumference, and several others were almost as large.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Caudle are moving from Sagerton to Spur this week where he will be the dealer for International Harvester farm machinery. Dr. W. A. Kimbrough and Mike

B. Watson took a group of boys on an enjoyable 'possum hunt on Buffalo Creek Friday night. 80 Years Ago

Dec. 10, 1910

Rev. W. M. Rogers of Throckmorton was a visitor here Monday. He was pastor of the Haskell Methodist Church in 1891.

McNeill & Smith Hardware Co. established a large general hardware store at Weinert this week. The new store is under the management of O. S. Maggart, formerly of Hskell.

E. Elliott went to Weinert Tuesday morning to assist in the publication of The Enterprise during the illness of Editor Thomason.

90 Years Ago

Dec. 15, 1900 It is announced that the partnership of McGee & Hentz, who have geen engaged in the

general merchandising business here, has been dissolved, Mr. McGee having purchased the interest of his partner.

J. E. Wilfong moved to his new place near town this week.

J. G. Walden, our sewing machine man, attended a state meeeting of Singer sewing machine salesmen in Fort Worth this week.

A newcomer named T. E. Davis bought a section of land in the southwest part of the county this week and is negotiating for another.

J. F. Jones returned last Saturday from his ranch in Tom Green County.



## **Boy Scouts**

Editor: On behalf of the 4,700 plus youth and adults of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, we would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to all those in the Big Country who helped make our recent food drive a success.

We collected 23,309 pounds of non-perishable food for area food banks and pantries. That's a 21.2 percent increase over last year. Collectively, the BSA picked up over 80 million pounds during the Nov. 17 coast-to-coast food drive.

We have much to be thankful for in our country today. Foremost of all is our ability and desire to help our fellow man.

Tim D. Fambrough Board President John H. Clark **Executive Director** 

# Grateful

Editor: Thanks to Haskell for your free, all-service camping

We appreciate your hospitality and we shopped in a number of your stores. You have a nice place.

We enjoyed our trip. We are farmers, but we were surprised to learn Texas has so much cotton (a new thing to us).

Hope to travel your way again some day.

Frank Hallett and Ken Davis families Edgerton, Alta.

## Rule sponsors lighting contest

The Rule Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a home and yard lighting contest again this

Anyone wishing to enter their decorations in the contest should call the City Hall (997-2214) by Tuesday, Dec. 18, in order to enter.

Decorations will be judged Thursday, Dec. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. Out-of-town judges will be used.

Winners will be announced at the drawing on Dec. 22.

# BY WENDELL FAUGHT

Americans eat their way through 90 acres of pizza a day, says the U.S. National Association of Pizza

According to my calculator, that's about a square mile in a

The Dallas district of the Internal Revenue Service has 2,197 refund checks which were returned by the postal service.

The most common reasons for the returned checks are that the taxpayer has moved and failed to notify the IRS or the post office of a new address, the IRS was unable to read the handwriting on the address portion of the return, or the taxpayer has died.

Checks range in amounts from \$1.40 to \$97,000, with the average being \$493.

If you think one of them belongs to you, call 800-829-1040 and put in your claim.

Some words and expressions die out in time.

Remember when a person was "falling off" if he was losing weight? Or if he looked like his dad, he "favored" him? And if he could really swat a baseball, he could probably knock it "plum" over the fence.

Other words have taken on new meanings. Remember when "gay" meant lively, happy? And sex meant gender?

Along that line, Jack Cowan of the San Angelo Standard Times has been trying to resurrect some old expressions from his readers. His list includes:

·She drove her ducks to a durn poor water." (For someone who didn't marry well.)

•"Dumb as a post" . . . "handy as a pocket on a shirt" . . . "looks like a mile of bad road" . . . "looks like the breaking up of a hard

•"Don't try to teach your grandmother how to milk mice."

•"Busy as a tick in a bucket of

"He's so tight he'd squeeze a nickel 'til the Indian was riding on the buffalo."

•"Higher than a cat's back."

•"Cold enough to hang meat." •"It's nothing a man on a galloping horse would notice.'

"Fits like a sock on a duck's •"I didn't fall off a turnip

wagon.' •"Busy as a cranberry mercahnt."

"I have no more use for that than a hog does a sidesaddle. •"Drunker than Cooter Brown"

or "drunk as a hoot owl." •"That coffee is strong enough to carry double and kick up.

•"Even if syrup goes to a dollar a sop, I'll find a way.

# -Goodfellows-

Registration of recipients for the Lions Club's Goodfellows project will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First National Bank.

Donations of money for the project may be brought or mailed to The Haskell Free Press (Box 1058). Toys and good coats may be left

at the fire station.

Anonymous .....5.00 Mr. and Mrs. Royce Adkins .. 50.00 Delma Williams family......50.00 In memory of J. H. Stewart by Mr. and Mrs.

Hugh A. Miller ......20.00 In memory of Lon and Dovic Pate.....50.00 Felix & Winona Mullino ......25.00 Jim and Louise Isbell ......100.00 Previous total ......180.00 Total ......480.00

# Sam Beakey on Austin team

Sam Beakey of Haskell is a member of the Austin College basketball team at Sherman.

A sophomore, he is the son of Kay Cook.

The only American author to win the Pulitzer Prize four times was poet Robert Frost.



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the night of Dec. 13 there will be a

by Vicky Anderson
Sincere sympathy is extended to
the family of Maudie Kittley. Also,
sympathy is extended to the family
of Melba Knipling and the T. J.
"Jack" Goree family.

As I am writing this item, I notice that it is Dec. 7-Pearl Harbor Day plus 49 years. There is not doubt that we all remember where we were at the time the news was announced on the radio that Pearl Harbor had been bombed by the Japanese. To quote our late, great President Franklin D. Roosevelt, that was "A day that will live in infamy!"

Mrs. Jenkins' fourth grade class made a Field Trip on Thurs. to Abilene with Rev. J. R. Williams driving the bus. All of the class of 16 pupils were able to attend. Those going were Melissa Anderson, Bobbie Alaniz, Adam and Austin Boger, Michael Hertel, Michael Hunt, Cinda Martinez, Alfredo Mendoza and Stuart Watson, Jace Manske, Lezli Jenkins, Lindsay Pike, Eric Robinson, Erika Sanders, Deborah Wilson, Brandon Williams. The group first stopped at the Planetarium, which was quite interesting and informative. Among other things, they learned that on

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shower of meteors, which will be visible to the naked eye and will begin at 10 p.m. Next they were taken to a Pizza Hut on Ambler for lunch. Their next stop was at the newest fire station in Abilene, which is East of Abilene Christian University. One of the firemen, Eddie Chandre started the tour off by showing and describing their various vehicles and duties. Next there were shown the sleeping quarters, kitchen and day-room by Robert Sebellos. Of interest, there was a picture on the wall as the group entered of Stamford native, Alan Plumlee, who had been chosen as "Fireman of the Month". This also was quite an interesting and informative stop. Last the 4th grade was taken to Mrs. Baird's Bakery for another interesting tour, also they were served hot bread and butter while there. Everyone seemed to have had an enjoyable

Old Man Winter has sure entered the scene these past few days, hasn't he? That cold wind sure does "cut through" a person!

Best wishes are sent to Retith Keahey who recently underwent surgery at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene; also, to Sherri Sorrells who was hospitalized at Stamford Memorial Hospital.

Although it was much too briefly, it was good seeing former neighbors, Ethel Barbee and daughter, Doris Gail recently in Stamford. Then, more recently J. L. Anderson, Woncile and Allen Fowler, all at Wal-Mart.

Incidentally, the time has been set for Rule's Christmas drawing at 10 a.m. Sat., Dec. 22nd.

Quite a few Rule residents were in Stamford this past Sunday night to attend the presentation of "Handel's Messiah". A cast of 70 participated, directed by Troy Hoffman, organist being Billie Mayes and pianist Jenny McClendon. This was a most uplifting, inspiring program, and they played to a packed house at Stamford High School auditorium. A Rule native, Leigh Ann Greeson was one of the cast members.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Valeta Mullins of Hamlin, who underwent extensive eye surgery in San Antonio recently; also to her brother, Milton Crow, who had eye surgery in Abilene this past Monday. Both suffer from glaucoma.

Our sincere sympathy is extended the family of Mike Little.

Don't forget the Theater Arts Class presentation of "Puttin' on the Christmas Hits" the night of Dec. 18 in Rule. These students and Bobby Robinson, their teacher, work hard in preparing for these programs, so let us lend our support. Admission is only \$1.00. Time is 7 p.m.

Also the Elementary students will present their annual Christmas program on Dec. 19.

Rule's merchants Christmas drawing will be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 22, so as not to conflict with the one at Haskell, which, I believe, will be at 3 p.m. that same day.

Think about it: "The problem is to live and learn' and by the time you have learned, it is too late to live."

# Rule won't have Christmas parade

There will be no children's parade or treasure hunt this Christmas season in Rule.

The Chamber of Commerce decided against the events since the drawing will be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 22 and it was feared the weather may be too cool for the children.

Santa will make his visit to talk to children and give out candy.

# Rule -School Menu-

Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, ranch style beans, milk, cookie

Tuesday: Turkey with dressing and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, milk, cranberry sauce.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizzi, blackeyed peas, salad, milk, cake.

## Sales up

In the fourth quarter of calendar 1989 and first quarter of 1990 (October-March), statewide retail sales were almost 9 percent higher than in the same period of the previous year.

Sales were up 12.8 percent in Fort Worth, 10.2 percent in Dallas, 9.9 percent in Houston, 7.4 percent in Austin and 5.5 percent in San



We wish to express our humbleness and gratitude to all of you who extended sympathy, brought food, sent flowers, offered encouragement, and befriended us during our bereavement. In addition, our heartfelt thanks goes to the staff at Rice Springs Care Home, the doctors and nurses at Haskell Memorial Hospital, and the ladies of the First Baptist Church who prepared meals for us. May God's richest blessings be yours.

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## Haskell -School Menu-

Dec. 17-21 BREAKFAST Monday: Juice or fruit, cereal, buttered toast, milk.

Tuesday: Juice or fruit, biscuits with gravy, sausage, milk. Wednesday: Juice or fruit, cinnamon toast, raisins, milk.

Thursday: No school. Friday: No school. LUNCH Elementary

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Monday: Nachos, pinto beans, apple sauce, peanut butter and crackers, milk, juice.

Tuesday: Turkey with dressing and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, buttered hot rolls, fruit salad, milk, juice.

Wednesday: "Brown Bag Lunch": Ham and cheese sandwiches, potato chips, pickle spear, apple, milk, juice.

Thursday: No school. Friday: No school. High School

Monday: Hamburgers or chicken nuggets with gravy, french fries, creamed potatoes, salad bar, buttered hot rolls, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Hamburgers or BBQ on bun, tater tots, pork and beans, salad bar, sliced pears.

Wednesday: "Brown Bag Lunch": Ham and cheese sandwiches with lettuce, pickle spears, potato chips, apple.

Thursday: No school. Friday: No school. Note: Milk and tea are offered daily.

Menus subject to change Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

# Scouts clean grounds at Paint Creek school

Paint Creek Boy Scout Troop 148, in conjunction with the Paint Creek ISD, chose a school beautification project this year as its service project as well as to accumulate bonus points for Colgate's Youth for America

The troop assembled at the Paint Creek School on two different occasions where they trimmed the rank growth from the existing cedar treees on the north side of the school, loaded it on trailers, and carried it away from the school

Upon removing the unsightly branches, the troop noticed years of debris such as papers, broken glass from the 1986 hail storm which demolished all of the windows on the north side of the building, cigarette butts from smokers long since graduated from school, cartons, a desk that has been hidden for years, and plastic boxes once used to deliver milk to the school now hanging in the wild growth.

The Scouts cleaned up all of the debris that they could and raked the area, leaving the north side of the school something to be proud of.

Today, all of the cedar trees which once were so dense and matted on the ground are trimmed six feet above the ground and the area cleaned.

The second phase of the cleanup. campaign occurred just prior to the accreditation visit by the Texas Education Agency. Scouts wanted

# Rule students compete

The Rule math/science team competed at Wichita Falls Hirschi in a practice meet Saturday, Dec. 1.

Students were given the opportunity to compete by grade level in calculator, number sense and science. Sweepstakes awards were given based on the grand total of team scores in these categories.

The calculator team placed first, the number sense team placed second and Rule placed second for the sweepstakes award.

The following students competed and won individual awards:

Rusty White: First in 12th-grade number sense; first in 12th-grade

Joseph Pace: First in 11th-grade calculator.

Craig New: First in 10th-grade calculator. Bobbie Jones: Second in ninth-

grade calculator. Allison Pike: Second in ninth-

grade number sense; third in ninthgrade calculator. Denise Wilson: Fifth in ninth-

grade calculator. Probably the most celebrated diamond in the world is the Koh-i-

noors, presented to queen Vicoria in

1850 by the East India Company.

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(817) 422-4851 (800) 327-1936 Vandalism

A large rock was thrown through the glass door on the front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Gibson, 400 N. 3rd, last Thursday night.

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## Sales taxes

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the accreditation team to be

impressed with their school when

they first arrived, so the day before

the visit, the Scouts again

assembled and gave the grounds a

thorough cleaning from the south

entrance, around both sides of the

football field, and the parking area

up to the farm to market highway

on the south. The school presented

its best appearance to the visitors

who must have been favorably

impressed, according to those

Troop 148 had 100-percent

participation on the project and the

Scouts participating were Hans

Overton, Marcus Overton, Casey

Thompson, Cody Ender, Mathew

Overton, scoutmaster, and Kenny

Mrs. Mabel Overton for supplying

punch and cookies for the Scouts.

Thompson, assistant scoutmaster.

Leaders present were Wallar

The troop expressed its thanks to

attending their exit interview.

Morton and Ray Morton.

Sales tax receipts this year will account for more than \$7.5 billion, or 55.7 percent of the tax total.

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### **Transportation** Jerry Camp, Haskell Texas transportation employment is soaring, mainly because of strong growth at the

Dallas-Fort Worth Intrnational D/FW is now the second busiest

airport in the world. In all, statewide employment in transportation and public utilities gaine dnearly 17,000 jobs in fiscal Hassie Couch, Haskell Delia Tidrow, Haskell Leonia Raby, Knox City Margaret Jones, Haskell

Russell, Bill Flowers, Guadulupe Nerio, Arnold Nelson.

## Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who offered acts of kindness during the death of our loved one, Lee Roy Isbell.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts We thank you so much. Whatever your part

May God bless each of you.

The family of Lee Roy Isbell

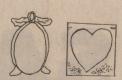
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# Haskell County sons in spotlight

# Dr. Spencer heads Dr. Norman identified College of Surgeons

(Re-printed from the American College Surgeons Bulletin)

Frank C. Spencer, MD. FACS. of New York City was installed as the 71st president of the American College of Surgeons last month during the Convocation ceremonies which concluded the College's annual Clinical Congress.

A native of Haskell, Texas, Dr. Spencer is professor and chairman of the department of surgery at the New York University Medical Center.

Dr. Spencer received a medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn., in 1947. He then undertook an internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., followed by a year of laboratory investigation. He was assistant resident in surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine from 1949 to 1951. He then entered military service in the Korean War, after which he returned to Johns Hopkins as resident surgeon from 1953 to 1955. During the Korean War, Dr. Spencer devoted two yaers of service to the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and was awarded the Navy's Legion of Merit Award for his exemplary service.

In 1954, Dr. Spencer began a series of distinguished academic appointments, beginning with the position of instructor in surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He subsequently became assistant professor of surgery and associate profession of surgery. Dr. Spencer was named a John and Mary T. Markle Scholar in Medical science while at Johns Hopkins. From there, he was appointed professor of surgery at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, in 1961. In 1966, he was appointed to his current position at New York University

School of Medicine---George David Stewart Professor and chairman of the department of surgery.

A cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Spencer was named a diplomate by the American Board of Surgery in 1956, and by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery in 1957. Since he was admitted into Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons in 1958, Dr. Spencer has made numerous contributions to the College's objectives and activities. He has served as a member of the College's Cardiovascular Committee; member and chairman of the Surgical Forum Committee; and member of the Program Committee He delivered the annual John H. Gibbon, Jr., lecture at the College's 1979 Clinical Congress. In 1972, Dr. Spencer was elected to his first of two three-year terms as a member of the Board of Governors, which serves as a liaison between Fellows of the College and the Board of Regents. He served as chairman of the Governors' Committee on Professional Liability from 1975 to 1978.

In 1980, Dr. Spencer was elected to the Board of Regents, the body that formulates policy and directs the affairs of the College. He has served memberships on the Board of Regents' Education Committee, Central Judiciary Committee and Professional Liability Committee. Dr. Spencer has also performed in two vital leadership capacities during his nine-year tenure on the Board of Regents: he was chairman of the Board of Regents from 1987 to 1989, and he has been chairman of the Regents' Professional Liability Committee since 1987.

Dr. Spencer is a member of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, and he has been awarded membership in 17 other academic, regional, national and international medical associations, including the

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# with new laser surgery

(Fort Worth surgeon, Dr. James Norman has played a major role in the development of a new laser gallbladder surgery technique at All Saints Episcopal Hospital. Originally from Rule, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Norman of Rule. The following article was a feature in the fall issue of Health-Scope, the official publication of All Saints Health Care, Inc.)

After a hectic day watching her two preschoolers, 40-year-old Mary Smith was ready for a restful evening. She settled in front of the television with her favorite comfort foods---fried fish, hushpuppies and a thick milk shake. An hour later, she fell into bed only to suddenly be wracked with sharp pains radiating from her stomach to her back. Overcome with indigestion and nausea, Mary planned to call her physician first thing in the

Mary fits the profile of the average gallstone victim---fair, fat, forty and female.

Dr. Aslam Malik, general surgeon, says that gallstones affect half a million people a year, making gallbladder removal the most common abdominal surgery.

Until now, the surgery was also one of the most dreaded due to intense pain from a six-inch incision and a lengthy recovery. Luckily, ever-improving medical advances have entered the arena of general surgery.

Revolutionary laparoscopic (band-aid) surgery is now applicable to a gallbladder removal. All Saints Episcopal Hospitals have several general surgeons who began offering the procedure in March.

"Laparoscopy has been done since the '40s, But within the last 10 years, these procedures were developed with video capability so

we can see well," says Dr. James Norman, general surgeon. "Gynecologists have carried the ball on this technique by using the laparoscope for a number of procedures. General surgeons looked at the technique and initially didn't think there was anything they could do with it. Most abdominal surgery requires a lot of moving around of organs, searching and feeling."

Dr. Norman explains that Dr. Eddie Joe Reddick and his associates of Nashville perfected the technique and paved the way for surgeons across the country.

"He did over 100 laparoscopic surgeries that proved to be as safe and effective as the traditional

A traditional cholecystectomy requires about a six-inch incision through the abdominal muscles that allows the removal of the gallbladder. With laparoscopic cholecystectomy, four puncture wounds are made around the navel.

The laparoscope is a device that contains a light and a camera that magnifies the image several times. The image of the surgical area is projected onto a nearby video screen in the operating room. The surgeons determine their maneuvers by watching the screen as opposed to looking into an open incision. Delicate instruments allow the surgeon to gently remove the gallbladder through one of the openings.

"There is nothing magical about this. It's just a new technique that enables us to do a classic operation which has been the gold standard for years. We can now do it through four small punctures instead of a six-inch incision," Dr. Norman

The advantages for patients having laparoscopic surgery are numerous. Dr. Malik explains, "The advantages to the patient are minimal pain, reduced chances for

infection and complications, and the cosmetic appeal of the absence of a large scar. The economic advantages are great as well. The laparoscopic surgery only requires an overnight hospital stay vs. five to seven days with traditional surgery, so hospital bills are lower. The average laparoscopic patient can return to work in a week, traditional surgery patients must recover for six weeks before returning to work."

Despite other recent advances in treatment, gallbladder removal is the only certain end to the production of gallstones.

"We are happy to see this procedure come along because it lets us treat patients in a surgical, permanent way without any recurrence," Dr. Norman says.

Before laparoscopic cholecystectomy, lithotripsy was the latest innovation in the treatment of gallstones.

"Lithotripsy, the breaking up of stones with soundwaves, was appealing when it first came out because it was a way to remove gallstones without an incision or missing work," Dr. Norman says. "However, it's time-consuming, not cost-effective and is not a definitive cure. It leaves the diseased gallbladder intact to make more stones. Lithotripsy shatters the stones so they can be passed; in some cases, this can be painful. It softens the stones so they can be passed. Patients must continue to take the drug after their lithotripsy treatment. Gallstones usually reappear if the drug is discontinued. Also, more than 70 percent of patients require a second treatment,"

Dr. Norman forsees laparoscopic surgery replacing lithotripsy, traditional surgery and other experimental techniques in select

Though most people have heard of gallstones, few know the purpose of the gallbladder or how stones are formed. The gallbladder is a reservoir that contains bile. Its opening connects to the bile passage that runs from the liver to the small intestine. When a person eats, the intestine sends a signal to the gall bladder which contracts and squirts bile into the small intestine. Bile helps with the digestion of greasy foods.

Gallstones form when certain

chemicals in the bile---cholesterol. calcium, etc., --- crystallize. The stones can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as an egg. Their quantity can vary from one stone to several thousand tiny granules. People often don't know they have "silent" gallstones because there aren't any symptoms. But eventually the stones will cause irritation and indigestion.

"Problems can occur if the gallbladder tries to empty against stones which have created a blockage. The resulting pressure creates pain, belching and indigestion for seemingly no reason," Dr. Norman says.

Complications from gallstones can be quite severe. The gallstones can back up bile into the liver, causing yellow jaundice. The stones can also block the duct that leads from the pancreas, causing pancreatitis.

"We don't know much about why people get stones. We do know that women get them more often than men, and assume this has something to do with hormonal variations. It's more prevalent in women who have children and are overweight. Quick-weight-loss diets radically change the chemical balance of the bile, causing stones to form. A high-fat diet also contributes to the formation stones. Gallstones will be with us also requires taking a drug that as long as the American diet stays as is," explains Dr. Norman.

Despite its advantages, laparoscopic cholecystectomy is surrounded by controversy from some skeptical physicians and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Dr. Malik explains, "General surgery has lagged a little bit in innovations. Not many new developments have come along. I consider this procedure to be a significant development.

"A certain amount of skepticism is healthy; however, just because something is new doesn't mean we shouldn't do it. I'm generally conservative and I don't jump onto fads. But I think the future prospects are good for this new procedure," he says.

General surgeons at All Saints who are familiar with the new technique aren't doing the traditional surgery except in cases with severe complications. The physicians agree that as the technology is

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# --Weinert--

by Myrtle Phemister

Weinert is in mourning again, as another of our very dear people expired last week. J. N. (Junior) Stewart finally lost the long battle with cancer he had so courageously fought, and his memorial services were held in the First Baptist Church on Dec. 6

The house overflowed with those who came because of their love for him and his family, and for over an hour they silently passed by his bier with tear-filled eyes and a quite "good-bye" on their lips. Ross Anderson of Haskell and Donnie Harbers officiated.

Junior Stewart will be long remembered and we share the loss and grief, with his wife, their four sons and their families and his brothers and sisters.

The weather, with the exception of one very windy day, has been very cooperative with the busy farmers as they work at trying to finish up the years farm work.

The cotton harvest continues, and the Paymaster Gin reported 4143 bales ginned on Monday, and the Weinert Gin reported 4350 bales, with the thought that they are probably at the half-way mark.

We will sing the birthday song this week to Bernice Mathison, Louise McGuire, Andrea Estrada, and our own Mrs. "B" Bellinghausen. Happy birthday, all.

Gracie Griffis spent Saturday in Abilene with her sister and other relatives.

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coaches and of course all the fans, for their outstanding victory over Rankin High School on Sat. in Colorado City.

Space would not allow naming all those who made the trek west to see the game, but it was a joyous occasion for everyone.

Mildred and Alton Sanders were in Merkel on Sat. to visit with their son, Jerry and Joyce Sanders, Amanda and Jeremy.

Mildred attended the "pink" shower honoring the "expected one" in the morning, and later she, with Alton and Amanda joined the "wagon-train" going to Colorado City for the Mogul game.

The Haskell Indian Band game a lively, and lovely, concert at the Haskell Civic Center on Sat., with a good crowd in attendance.

Jace Yates, son of Joe and Caron Yates, and Heather Guess, daughter of Hal and Cindy Guess, are participants in the Jr. High band.

Several from Weinert were in attendance and also attended the festivities of Haskell's Super

Alice Yates and Mary Murphy were part of the crowd that enjoyed the Tour of Homes at Munday on Thursday night.

Claude and Vera Mae Harrison of Lubbock were weekend guests of R. S. and Betty Sanders and attended worship with them at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

The Weinert Home Extension Club received a special invitation Texas Rehab Center of Abilene on Sat., honoring those who have donated quilts and afghans for the January Telethon Auction.

This year is the ninth year the club has made a handcrafted quilt for the auction, and plans are already in the making for the tenth

Those making the trip to Abilene for the reception included Jimmie Weinert, quilt chairman, Alice Yates and Alta McGuire.

Channel 9 TV crew was on hand to televise those in attendance, and the quilts and afghans on display, and the program will be aired at 5 p.m. on Dec. 13.

The Home Extension Club met on Tuesday night, at the First National Bank Community Room, Haskell, for their annual Christmas dinner and party, and installation of officers for 1991.

The Weinert 4-H group will meet at the school house for their regular monthly meeting on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

They plan to make Christmas ornaments as their project, and later enjoy a social hour.

At a 4-H Record book workshop held last week by Lou Gilly, agent, all 4-H'ers were encouraged to keep a diary, so as to be able to recall events of service and study when they begin their record book.

Mary Murphy serves as 4-H leader for Weinert.

Congratulations are in order for Ida and Willie Farrel at the birth of their newest great-grandchild, Janie Elizabeth Sikes, who arrived in

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and Mrs. Troy Sikes.

Guests in the Farrel home this week included her brothers, Joe Garrett of Abilene and Frank and Fawna Garrett of Las Vegas,

They all made it to sister Maxine Bolings in Olney for lunch the next day.

Pud and Susie Brockett enjoyed a visit with Humpy and Juanita Stewart of Ft. Worth last week and with the Brockett children Jo Coffman of Goree, Pete and Imo Brockett with their daughter Kim Muth, with Renae, Justin and Jimmy all of Munday.

Ricky Wade of Kermit spent a few days in Weinert trying his hand at working as a "cowboy" with Toby Yates, veteran cowman.

Ed and Mary Murphy with Lane visited in Wichita Falls last week with her aunt, Billie Joe and Bud Yates, who has been quite ill in the hospital there.

Bryan and Rose Phemister, Jonathan and Matthew were guests on Sunday in the home of Nancy and Dan Sheets, Elizabeth and Susan of Rochester.

Recent guests in the home of Billie and Roy Herricks were her brother, Austin Crager, of Indo, Ca., and his sister-in-law, Clara Scott of Hamlin a former resident of Weinert, who was Clara Spratling at that time.

While here, Austin was guest speaker at the Foursquare Church on Sunday night and titled his sermon "Words", using the things we say to others as the base of his exhortation.

The Herricks accompanied him to Denton and other parts in the Dallas area, to visit family and

Roy Herricks was guest speaker at the Foursquare Church on Sunday in the absence of Paul Chambers, the regular pastor.

Word has been received that Edna Boykin is at home recuperating from major heart surgery she underwent recently in a Texarkana hospital. A card and letter shower would

help boast her morale and let her know how much she is loved. Her address is Rt. 4, Box 73B, Nashville, Ark. 71852.

We continue to be prayerful for all our ill ones, but very grateful for the good news Gayle White received; the return of some of our Americans from Iraq and the

optimistic note that we hear about a peaceful settlement in Saudia

Let's keep up the yellow ribbons, the U.S. flag, the Christmas lights, and prayers for

You are invited to visit the Weinert Cemetery. We are so

Have a nice day!

# Who's Who has 26 from county

Twenty-six students in Haskell County have been included in the 24th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1989-90.

Who's Who is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performances in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

County students listed include: Tiffany Bradford, Davis

Chapman, Deneice Rogers, Shelia Unger, Eugene Butler and Amanda Diaz of Haskell.

Chris Cockerell, Colin T. Childress, Rodney L. Tsoodle and Kelly Williams of Paint Creek.

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QUITTING BUSINESS CONTINUES

# Beta Chi meets in Munday

A regular meeting of the Bet Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held Sunday, Dec. 2, in Munday at the First United Methodist Church.

President Phyllis Letz called the meeting to order. An opening invocation was given by Nancy Toliver.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by recording secretary

Cathy Bartley, and approved as read. Margaret Chafin gave a financial report. She also asked if anyone had any bills which she needed to pay.

Someone from each community needs to pick up membership cards and yearbooks for members not in

Phyllis read a correspondence from the state which was a research survey. From a list of 20 items members were to choose the items which would affect educational change in this area. From the same list members were to choose the items which might be more readily addressed. Phyllis read the ones she chose and gave members a chance to discuss those and choose others.

New membership applications can be obtained from Lillian Hicks. Leslie Kupatt reminded members again of the urgency to get applications for scholarships.

Gerre Larned then presented two Red Rose Salutes. The October salute was presented to Dana Martin of Aspermont and the November salute was given to Cathy Bartley of Haskell.

President Letz then turned the program over to the Munday members. The theme for the program, "A Christmas in Texas," was presented by children of the Munday members. Zane Donoho read the Christmas story from the Bible; Lanesa Wilson played a trilogy of carols on her flute; Kandis Longan read a beautiful, moving poem; Robin Bowen played the piano; and Chris and Laura Burnett read the poem, "The Night Before Christmas in Texas." Judy Burnett ended the program with a cheery "Merry Christmas,

Phyllis Letz thanked the Munday members and their children for the lovely program and the beautiful decorations. The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

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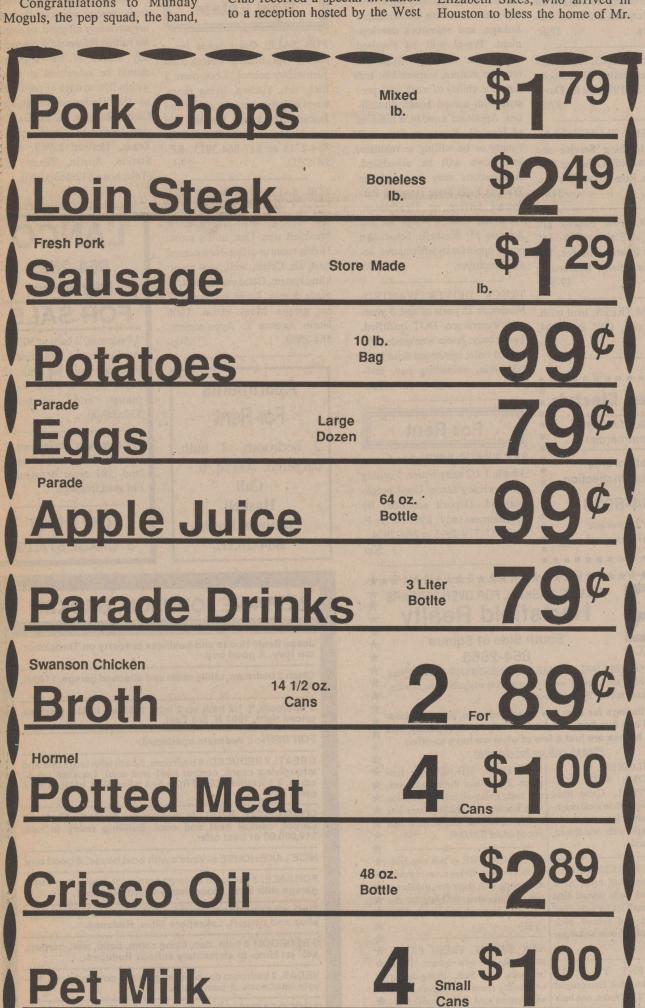
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