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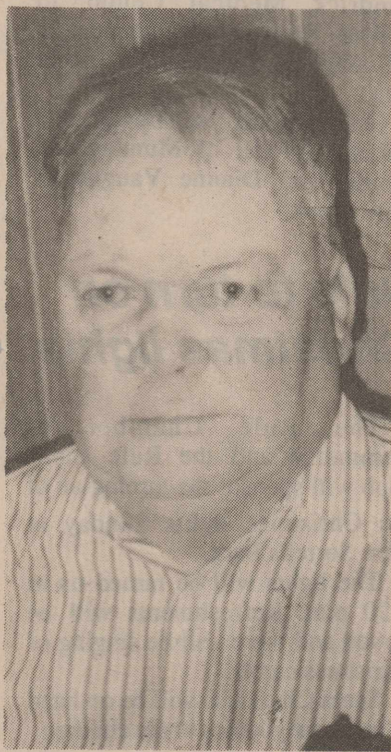
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Fred Draper

Veteran 'watchman' retires

Fred Draper starts living like normal people this week.

But don't bet the farm that he will adjust to normal hours any time soon. It'll probably take a while for him to get re-oriented.

Draper retired after Sunday night's shift as Haskell city night watchman, ending 18 years of a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., seven-days-a-week job as overnight sentinel of the Haskell business district.

Since he started to work for the city on Nov. 15, 1975, Draper has had exactly one vacation. He and his wife took off last summer to visit a daughter in Chattanooga, Tenn. Except for a very few sick days, that is the only time he has not been on duty.

As night watchman, Draper walked the alleys and checked for unlocked doors in the Haskell business district each night. He also kept an eye out for fires.

Although not a police officer, Draper also kept his eyes and ears open for any criminal activities while the town slept. When he spotted a crime in progress, or suspected something, he would call the police.

Throughout the 18 years he worked as night watchman, Draper would go to bed about 6 a.m. and get up around noon. Sometimes he would take a nap in the afternoon, or before reporting to his 9 o'clock assignment.

Before going to work for the city, Draper was a farmer.

Now that he is retired, Draper says he will be able to see more of his family. He and his wife have seven children, David and Harvey of Waco, Glenda Storm of Joshua, Kathy Perlman of Albuquerque, N.M., Kim Schulte of Mineral Wells, Karen Draper of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Steve, a policeman in Abilene.

The City Council has hired Robert Yeldell as Draper's successor.

Students at Paint Creek mark smokeout

Fashion conscious people know smoking is going out of style.

Last Thursday (Nov. 18) the Paint Creek FHA members were involved with the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke Out.

Together, the FHA members and the American Cancer Society worked to influence smokers to kick the habit of smoking for 24 hours.

Members passed out stickers to students and faculty of Paint Creek ISD. They also enlisted the help of community members in taking the pledge to stop smoking for the day. Hopefully, this gave the smokers an incentive to quit permanently.

Quitting smoking pays off in the end, and you just might find this new fashion statement making a lot of sense.

Sales tax rebate stays ahead of last year's

Haskell's sales tax rebate of \$27,881.32 this month was 4.77 percent less than last year's \$29,279.37 for the same period.

But for the first 11 months of 1993, the city still is 3.38 percent ahead of 1992 figures.

During the January-through-November period, the city has received \$216,892.22, compared to \$209,535.73 for the same 11 months in 1992.

This month's check from the state comptroller was Haskell's share of sales taxes collected on September sales. Haskell's share is figured on the 1.5-percent local city sales tax rate.

The City of Rule received

\$3,108.08 this month from September sales. That is an increase of 13.42 percent over the \$2,740.24 received by Rule last November.

Also receiving rebate checks this month were the Haskell County cities of Rochester, \$1,218.40; Weinert, \$595.87; and O'Brien, \$397.11.

For the year, Rule has received \$20,227.82; Rochester, \$7,531.97; Weinert, \$4,303.70; and O'Brien, \$1,888.06.

Altogether, Haskell County's cities have received \$250,543.77 in 1993 sales tax rebates. That's 4.31 percent more than the \$240,186.89 they got in the first 11 months last year.

Perry eyes Senate

Abilene Reporter News
Sunday, Nov. 21

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry is running for re-election next year—but he's also talking about a possible 1996 race for U.S. Senate.

However, it's way too early to start painting "Perry for Senate" signs (or looking for someone to run against him). Such a race relies on several things happening in just the right way, Perry said Friday in a phone interview from Laredo.

First, he assumes his re-election as agriculture commissioner. He plans to formally announce during a series of appearances around the state, including his native Big Country, beginning Nov. 29.

Thus far he has one opponent: Hopkins County dairyman Marvin Gregory, a Republican-turned-Democrat who serves on the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority Board. Gregory says Perry has "completely ignored proven practices which have made real agricultural businesses thrive in this state."

Gregory has little statewide name-identification, but neither did Perry when he started talking about challenging then-incumbent Jim Hightower in 1990.

Obviously, the ag commissioner race is the priority, Perry said, but he openly admits his long-term interest in the U.S. Senate.

"We will look at the Senate very closely in '96," he told the *Dallas Morning News* while in Washington lobbying for NAFTA.

On Friday, he outlined how such a race might occur. Several "political factors" need to fall in place, he said:

•Most important, Perry said, is the election of Republican George W. Bush as governor.

"If Bush were not elected governor, I would not even consider leaving the agriculture commissioner's post and letting Ann Richards name my successor," he said. "We can't stand another Jim Hightower."

•Incumbent U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm would have to seek the GOP nomination for president. That occurrence seems as certain as anything in Texas politics can be; Gramm has made no secret of his interest.

•Since Gramm's Senate seat is

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Goodfellow project to aid needy

Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas boxes again this year.

The project will be conducted as it has in previous years, and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas box of useful items to anyone who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Dec. 11, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the First National Bank community room between 2 and 4 p.m. Boxes will be delivered Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club and the Haskell County Child Welfare Board. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project and the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes.

Anyone wishing to donate food, toys or clothes may contact any Lions Club member for more information.

Cash donations may be made at The Haskell Free Press, Box 1058. Food, toys and clothes may be taken to the Haskell Fire Department.

'Tour of Homes' set for Dec. 5

Noah Project-North will host a "Tour of Homes" in Haskell on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person for the complete tour, which includes all of the homes and refreshments at the home of Sheila McMeans.

Tickets may be purchased at one of the homes the day of the tour or from any Noah Project Advisory Committee member before then.

Homes on the tour include those of:

Mark and Janet Thane, 1207 N. Ave. E.

Scott and Sylvia Bingham, Route 2.

Greg and Jan Blair, 305 Bonnie Lane (Addison addition).

Robert and Lynette Tribbey, 306 Bonnie Lane (Addison addition).

Rob and Amy McKnight, 403 N. Ave. H.

Mark and Melissa Robison, 401 N. Ave. H.

Sheila McMeans, North Avenue K East (last house north of the Lutheran Church).

Maps of the tour will be available at the homes the day of the tour.

The public is invited to tour these beautiful homes and help support the Noah Project-North.

City to celebrate Christmas season

There will be no Christmas parade in Haskell this year, but there will be a county-wide celebration of the Christmas season on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The all-day event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the courthouse square.

Activities will include the decorating of the "county tree" by all area children, which will last all day.

Santa Claus, sponsored by the Haskell County Child Welfare Board, will be on hand to greet the youngsters and Christmas music will be provided by area bands, churches and choirs.

A special tree-lighting ceremony will begin at dark when the courthouse lights also will be turned on.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce invites all organizations (churches, bands, children and adult choirs, bell choirs, etc.) to come and be a part of the celebration. Participants should all Clark Richardson at 864-8551 or 864-8073 to confirm their participation by Wednesday, Dec. 1.

The first drawing by Haskell merchants is scheduled for 3 p.m. Five jackpots, totaling \$500, will be given away to customers of participating business firms.

Cub Scouts set cake bake auction

Local Cub Scouts will have their annual cake bake auction Tuesday night during their monthly meeting at Haskell National Bank community room. It begins at 7.

"We really need the support of everyone for this fund-raiser," said Doyle Mitchell, cubmaster.

All proceeds go to fund the local scouting program for approximately 55 boys in the pack.

Before the auction, cakes are judged and awards are presented in the following categories:

Best tasting, worst tasting, biggest cake, littlest cake, biggest flop, tallest, most creative, most scout spirit, ugliest and judge's choice.

Each cake is made by a Cub Scout and his dad or other adult partner. "They don't always turn out as intended," said Mitchell in explaining the different judging

categories.

Parents can buy their son's cake for a set fee of \$15---or let it go to the highest bidder.

Bitner stallion named reserve world champion

Dream T', 1992 Appaloosa stallion owned by Sam and Gayle Bitner, was named reserve world champion junior halter stallion in the non-pro division at the World Appaloosa Horse Show in Fort Worth Oct. 31.

The stallion was presented by Sam Bitner. He was conditioned and fitted by Sam and Gayle Bitner of Haskell.



New business

Pat Grand, owner of Peddler's Village, stands beside an antique sewing machine which belonged to her great-great-grandmother, Martha Simmons. The sewing machine is well over 100 years old.

Peddler's Village offers specialties

Peddler's Village, Haskell's newest business, is off and running.

Thirty-eight booths, representing about 25 different vendors of crafts, antiques and specialties, occupied the Peddler's Village mall when it held its formal opening Saturday.

"We still have room for a few more," said Pat Grand, owner of the business.

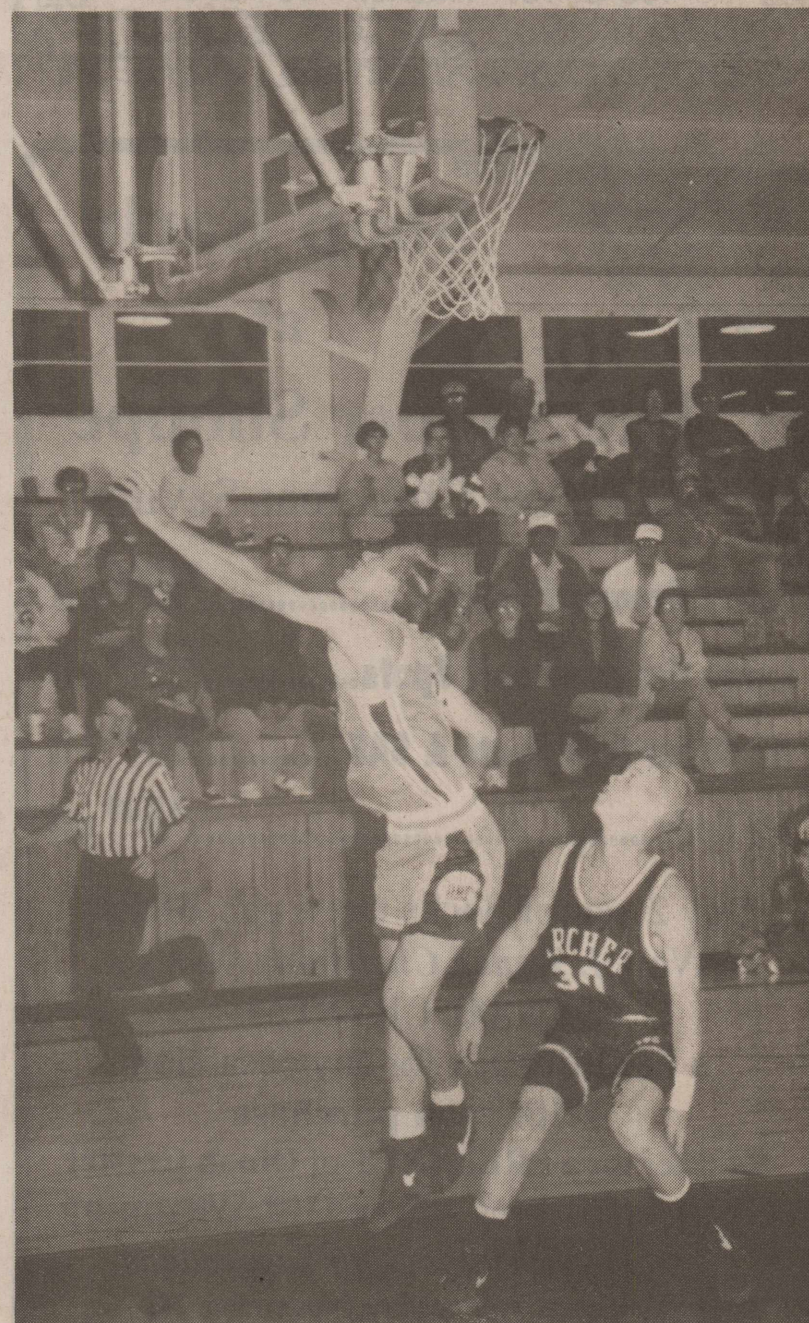
All except three of the 38 booths feature crafts, antiques and specialty items of local people. Owners, who rent their space from Mrs. Grand, place their goods in their booths. The sales are handled by Mrs. Grand.

The business actually opened Nov. 6 and Mrs. Grand said business has been good. "I hope we

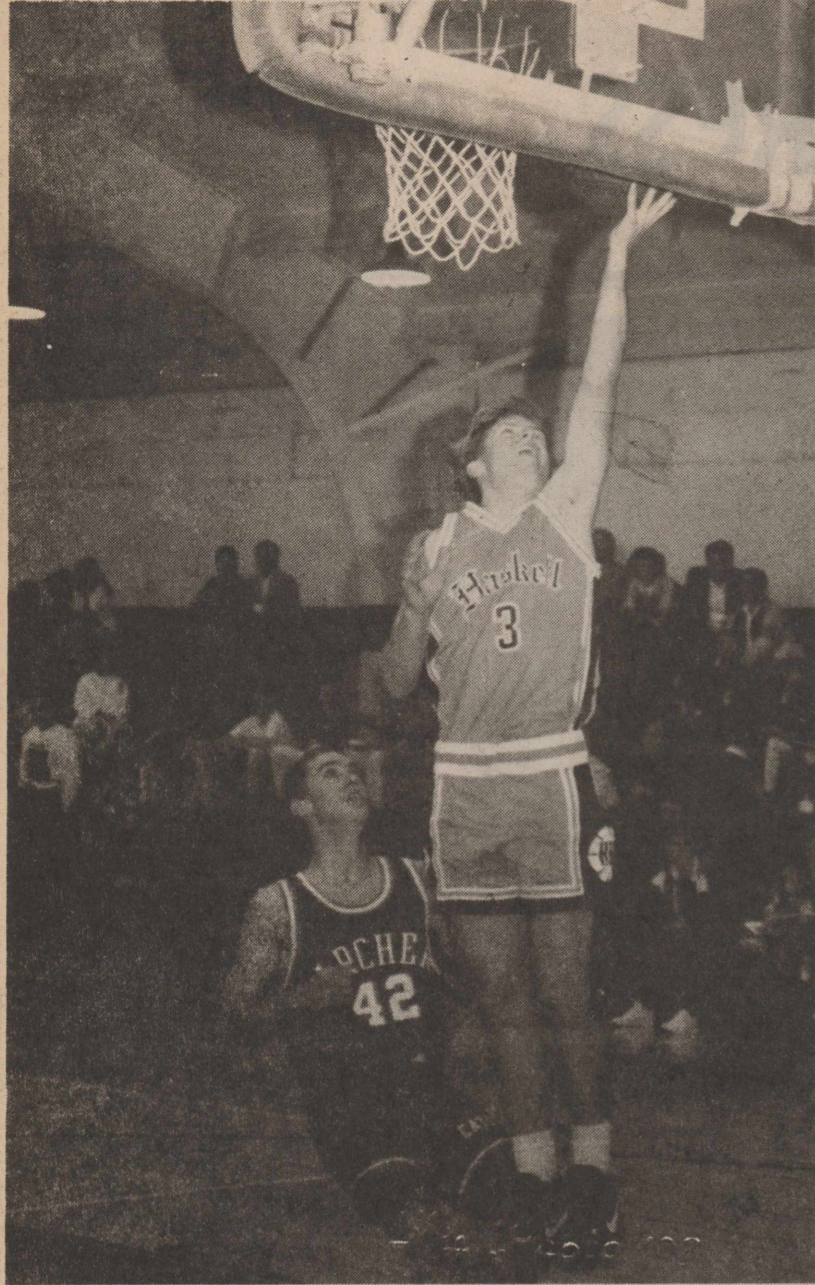
can attract a lot of out-of-town people who will not only patronize our business, but also shop with other local merchants," said the owner.

Mrs. Grand, who has been making and selling quilts and curtains for 15 years, said she had been thinking of such a business for a long time. She will continue to operate her quilt- and curtain-making business from Peddler's Village, where she can also display some of her merchandise.

Peddler's Village is located at 304 S. 1st Street, across the street from City Hall. The firm's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



Mart Guess gets off a shot against Archer City in the Indians' home opener Friday night. The Indians lost a heart-breaker to bring their record to 1-1.



The Indians' Casey Larned puts one up for the Indians in their first home basketball game Friday night against Archer City.

WTU gives safety program for students

An electrical safety program was presented recently to fourth-grade students at Haskell Elementary School by West Texas Utilities Company representative Shirley Deal.

"Play It Safe Around Electricity" was the emphasis and title of WTU's public awareness program.

Through a video and other visuals, the students learned to avoid flying kites or climbing trees near power lines, to stay away from electrical substations and downed lines, and to always observe overhead lines when working or playing.

Mrs. Deal also discussed the nature of electricity and what to do in case of accidents. After the program, students were given an opportunity to ask questions. Each student received a booklet of electrical safety tips and other materials.

Greg Blair, area manager, also attended.

Rochester loses to Panther Creek

Rochester's great football season came to an end in Clyde Friday night when the previously unbeaten Steers bowed to defending state champion Panther Creek, 66-18, in a regional playoff game.

The Steers made a game of it through the first half, despite three costly turnovers.

Rochester scored first on a 39-yard pass play from Shannon King to Brandon Kelly, but Panther Creek answered with three first-period touchdowns.

The Panthers' first touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Chad Humphries, and was followed by a 2-yard scoring run by Monte Bouldin and a 5-yard scoring pass from Humphries to Randy Griffin. This gave the Panthers a 22-6 lead at the end of the first period.

Panther Creek scored again early in the second quarter on a 5-yard pass from Humphries to Todd Harris to stretch its lead to 28-6.

But Rochester came back with two TDs before intermission. Mark Brown pass 14 yards to Arnold Delacruz for one touchdown and Brown scooted 16 yards for the second to pull the Steers to within 28-18 at halftime.

But in the third period, Panther Creek padded its lead by scoring three more touchdowns and then added two more in the final quarter before the game ended under the 45-point rule with 4:49 still to play.

Brown finished the night with 81 yards rushing on 13 carries. He completed 11 of 19 passes for another 126 yards. Brown also led the Rochester tacklers with 10, followed by Kyle Hollingsworth with 9.

-BIRTHS-

Terry and Genie Vaughn would like to announce the birth of their son, Payten DeWayne.

Payten was born Oct. 19 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Lester and Tricia Caldwell of Munday and Ronnie and Dianne Vaughn of Paint Creek.

Rule to turn on Christmas lights

The Rule Chamber of Commerce and the Rule Lions Club will sponsor the turning on of the Christmas lights Sunday at Slim Sorrells Park.

The lights will be turned on at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be singing of Christmas carols.

Santa Claus also will be on hand to hand out goodies to the children.

Hamlin advances to regional round

District 7-2A champion Hamlin advanced to the regional playoffs Friday night with a 33-8 victory over Ozona in San Angelo.

The Pied Pipers will meet Earth-Springlake in Lubbock this Friday.

Hamlin is now 11-1 for the season, the lone loss being to Haskell.

-HOSPITAL-

Medical

Opal Loewen, Haskell
Kay Perry, Haskell
Lector Thomason, Haskell
Edith Davis, Haskell
Laura Whitaker, Haskell

Dismissals

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Haskell School Menu

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Thursday: Juice or fruit, biscuits with gravy, sausage, milk.
Friday: Juice or fruit, breakfast pizza, milk.

LUNCH
Elementary School
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Chicken on bun, french fries, pickle spears, pineapple tidbits, milk, juice.
Wednesday: Taco salad, grated cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, brownies, milk, juice.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls, peach halves, milk, juice.
Friday: Hamburger, tater tots, lettuce and tomatoes, pickles and onions, ice cream, milk, juice.

LUNCH
High School
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Hamburger or chicken on bun, french fries, salad bar, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday: Hamburger or taco salad, french fries, grated cheese, salad bar, refried beans, brownies.
Thursday: Hamburger or chicken fried steak with gravy, tater tots, creamed potatoes, salad bar, buttered hot rolls, peach halves.
Friday: Hamburger or chalupas, french fries, grated cheese, salad bar, buttered corn, ice cream.

Genealogical group is being organized

As a result of a program sponsored by the Haskell County Home Economics Committee on Oct. 25, there is a new genealogical society being organized for Haskell County and the surrounding area.

Members of the society will study and investigate genealogical and historical records of the area and will receive, collect and maintain genealogical and historical records for public use.

The first organizational meeting for the society was held Nov. 1 with 17 people in attendance, representing Haskell, Jones and Throckmorton counties.

Officers serving the society for the first year are R. S. Sanders of Weinert, president; Wanda Irby of Seymour, vice president; Doris Robbins of Stamford, recording secretary; Wanda Ham of Haskell, corresponding secretary; and Sue Medford of Haskell, treasurer.

The Executive Council will consist of the five elected officers and four appointees. The appointees are Kathryn Schonerstedt of Weinert, editor; Dorothy Hartsfield of Haskell, librarian; June White of Rule, genealogical records secretary; and Wayne Dunnam of Haskell, historian.

The society will meet the first Monday night of each month at the First National Bank in Haskell. The meetings are open to anyone interested in genealogy.

Those who join the society during the remainder of 1993 or during 1994 will be considered

charter members. An official name for the new society will be selected at the December meeting.

Bylaws of an existing society have been reviewed. Recommended revisions, additions and/or deletions will be drafted by the Executive Council and submitted for adoption at the next meeting.

For more information about the society, call any of the officers.

Haywood stays in race for Senate

Tom Haywood, GOP candidate for State Senate of District 30, released a statement Saturday denouncing rumors that he may withdraw from his campaign to defeat 10-year incumbent legislator Steve Carriker.

"I want everybody across the district to understand clearly that I am in this campaign to stay and I am in this campaign to win," Haywood said.

"I have made no attempt to hide the fact that I have Parkinson's. After consultation with my family, my supporters, and two physicians, I made the decision to move forward with this campaign. Parkinson's is not pleasant, but there is also nothing about it that will in any way prohibit me from campaigning or from performing my duties when I am elected," Haywood continued.

Haywood's statement was prompted by a report in an Abilene newspaper which cited speculation that he would withdraw from the race because of Parkinson's.

Haywood cited two leading Americans who also suffer from the same condition: the Rev. Billy Graham and U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

New farm agency to be established

A Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be established through the collocation of ASCS, FCIC and programs administered by FmHA except for the rural development program.

The FSA will carry out programs relating to:

- Price and income support and other related programs,
- Supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation,
- Agricultural credit programs, formerly assigned to FmHA and other lending programs for persons engaged in the production of agriculture.

Not included in the function of the Farm Service Agency are conservation programs (ACP, CRP, ECP, etc.) which are to be assigned to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACP approval authority will be taken away from a producer elected county committee.

In each county or area, the secretary may establish a county or area committee in which activities of the FSA are carried out. The committee will consist of five members who are fairly representative of the farmers in the county or area. Three of the members shall be elected by the farmers in the county or area under such procedures as the secretary may prescribe. Two members shall be appointed by the secretary. Members will serve for terms not to exceed three years.

Cancer Society has \$4800 goal

A 1994 goal of \$4,800 has been set for the Haskell County unit of the American Cancer Society.

This past year, the local unit raised \$4,576, about half of which came from the annual Texas Hawaiian Luau in August. Most of the rest came from memorial donations.

Treasurer wants to abolish office

Texas Treasurer Martha Whitehead has announced she will run for re-election in 1994 based on her support for a constitutional amendment that would abolish the State Treasury.

Whitehead said that her goal as treasurer is to oversee the downsizing and ultimate merger of the Treasury into the State Comptroller's office.

"I am convinced that we can save three out of every four dollars we currently spend--in any way, shape or form--on Treasury operations," Whitehead said. "I also think the state of Texas is at a point where we can operate a high-yield investment system and a cash management function without the tax burden of an entire state agency

to go along with it." Whitehead said her plans are to run for election in November 1994, then draft and support legislation in the next regular session to do away with the Treasury.

Any final action would come as a result of a constitutional election. Whitehead said she is hopeful that the legislature will pass a proposed amendment to be sent on to the voters.

"I feel very strongly that this is the right decision," Whitehead said. "I believe that we can do something here in Austin that really hasn't been done before. I think the people of this state are desperate to see this kind of thing actually happen, so that's what I'm going to do."

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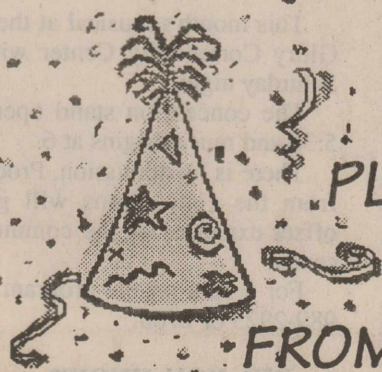
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Agriculture should look toward Asia

American farmers would be better off to throw away their government crutches because Asia is now starting to get affluent--and beginning the last big surge in world food demand. And that, according to Dennis Avery, could lead to a highly profitable era for American agriculture--if government leaders will look at agriculture in a new light.

Avery, director of the Center for Global Food Issues of the Hudson Institute, made his remarks during the annual convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Nov. 7-9 in Corpus Christi.

Avery challenged industry and political leaders to stop thinking of American agriculture as a mature industry facing shrinking markets. "For the first time in 60 years, I would like the leadership of this country to look at American agriculture as one of its premier growth opportunities."

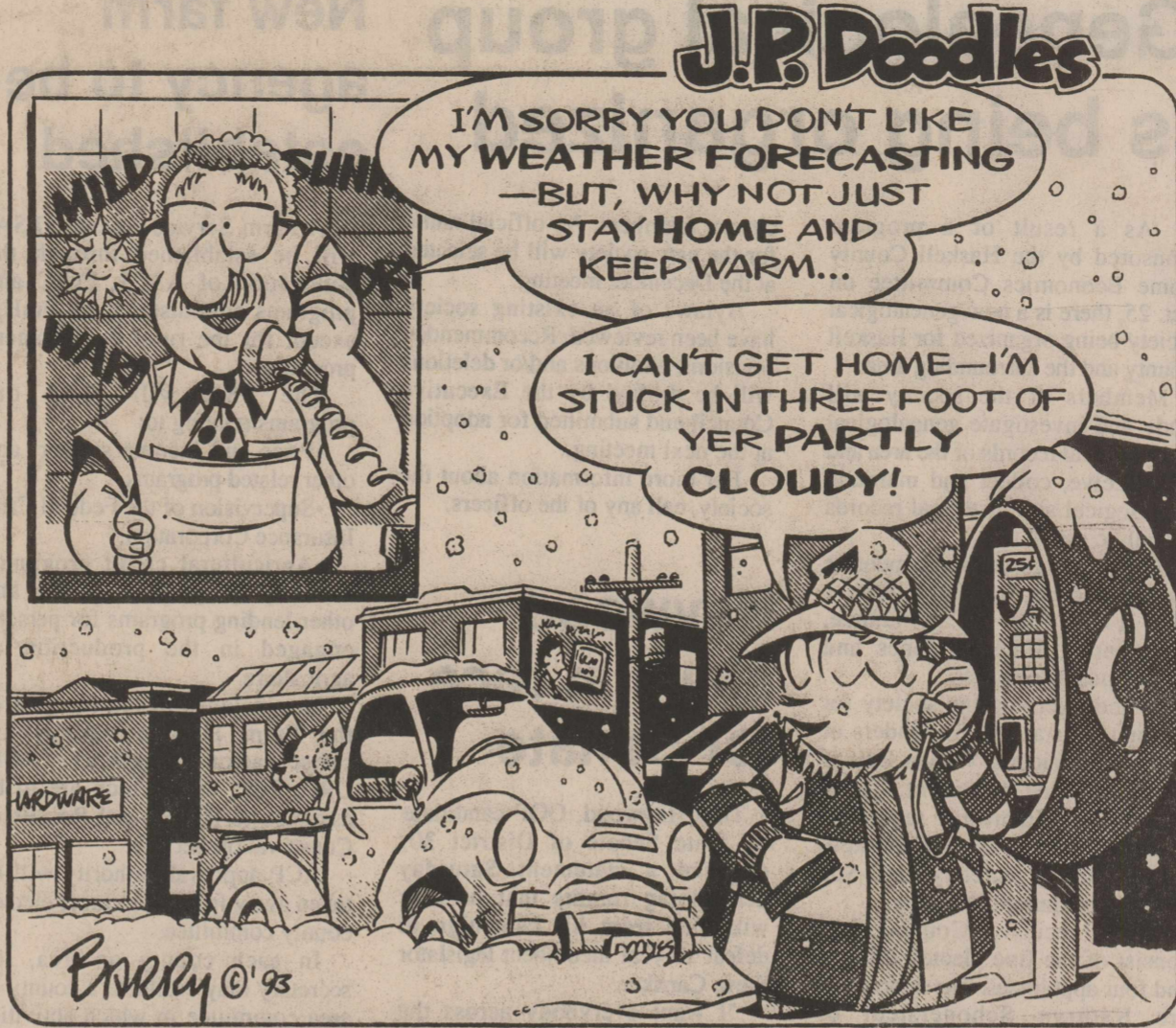
"There is no question that the world must triple the output of its farming resources during the next few decades," Avery said. "World population will double before it levels off again. In addition, billions of people in Asia who don't eat well are gaining the incomes to upgrade their diets."

To whet their appetites for the

potential in Asia, Avery told cattle feeders that meat consumption is rising hardly at all in the U.S. and slowly in Japan. "But in China, meat consumption over each of the last few years has risen an average of 3 million tons."

Because of its production efficiencies, American agriculture is poised to capture the exploding Asian market, he said--if farm import barriers can be torn down. He predicts that most of the world's food exports will move toward the burgeoning economies of Asia, where about 75 percent of the world's population lives. "And since Asia will be nine times as densely populated per acre of arable land, farm exports from the Western Hemisphere should be the salvation of Asia's already dwindling environmental resources."

Unfortunately, Avery says that U.S. agriculture may not be able to take advantage of the Asian opportunity. "Many of America's crop farmers still believe that it is government programs and not people's needs for food which support their livelihoods. American farmer may still be so narrowly focused on maintaining their subsidies that they will fail to grab their export opportunity."



Mary Kaigler: From the Inside Out

How great a matter a little fire kindleth....The Bible: James 3:5.

During the recent fires in California I spent hours watching TV network news, tracing the path of the firestorms on my atlas, feeling that deep, clawing maternal concern for the safety of my children.

Although our daughter Karen and her husband Bud live in an area near the fires as the crow flies (and fires tend to go by crow, they were not affected except for experiencing the hot, high Santa Anas and the fallouts of smoke and psychological trauma of witnessing the devastating immensity of it.

Last week, knowing they were now out of danger and safe, I was able to read with somewhat less personal involvement the fire-related stories in two weeks of editions of *The Los Angeles Times* that Karen mailed to us. But even these stirred my deep-rooted, uneasy feeling about fires and brought back the memory of my first encounter with the paralyzing fear that uncontrolled fire can strike into a person; the time that I almost cooked our Thanksgiving turkey's goose, feathers and all.

That year Grandpa Wiseman gave us one of his turkeys, and we brought it back from Bell County to our house on Homan Street in Waco tied and lodged, with feathers flapping in the wind, between the fender and hood of the Chevy. Daddy put it in an old wooden shack located on the back of the weedy vacant lots behind our house to fatten it--a few weeks before Thanksgiving. My brothers and I fed and watered it, and all the kids on the block joined us daily in agitating the big bird just to hear it gobble.

One morning the week before the holiday Mama sent me out to take a sack of garbage to the barrel where we burned our trash. In a burst of industry and a four-year-old's self-confidence, I secretly took a match with me, planning to burn the trash myself. Undaunted at finding the barrel too tall for me to empty it into I poured out the trash on the ground, lit the match and watched with a sick feeling in my stomach as flame hopped and skipped from paper to weed to grass, eating its way across the lot toward the turkey shed.

With the back lots covered with piles of old lumber and tall, dry grass, all of the houses and Oliver's furniture store at the end of the block were in immediate danger. People were running out in panic, neighborhood kids were crying about the fate of the turkey, the turkey was gobbling non-stop, and my two brothers were telling me I was going to have to go to jail.

When the fire trucks roared up with bells clanging I was so scared the firemen were going to arrest me for setting the fire, I hid in the house, peeping out the window.

After what seemed an eternity the smoke subsided, the fire trucks drove away, and I ventured out. The fire had burned the full length of the vacant lots and all the way down to the little crawl-dad creek at the back. But amazingly, standing there in the middle of the smoldering black grass was the turkey shed, still intact.

Fortunately for everyone that day, the firemen were able to save everything of real value.

Fortunately for me that day, I learned a hard and lasting lesson about the consequences of carelessness with fire--and everyone, except the turkey, lived happily ever after.

Unfortunately for him, we had turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner, just as planned.

Old Glory musical Sat.

This month's musical at the Old Glory Community Center will be Saturday night.

The concession stand opens at 5:30 and music begins at 6.

There is no admission. Proceeds from the concessions will go to offset expenses of the community center.

For a spot on the program, call 989-2925 or 2760.

Did You Know?

Fencing was practiced as a sport, or as part of a religious ceremony, in Egypt as early as 1360 BC.

--From Out of the Past--

From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago
Nov. 29, 1973

The City Council has announced an increase in water rates, the first increase since 1960. The new rate will be \$4.50 on a minimum of 3,000 gallons, with 50 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiebert of Midland spent Thanksgiving with the Dave Hieberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Alexander and Pam of Hooks spent the weekend in Rule with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bristow.

Denise Roberson of WTSU in Canyon spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darold Roberson. They went to Spur to be with Mr. Roberson's family on Thursday.

Lance E. Belan, a senior agriculture education major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student teaching in the Dublin Public Schools.

Haskell girls basketball team kicked off their 1973-74 season in a game against Rotan Nov. 20, with Haskell winning 87-30.

Rhonda Sue Woodard of Haskell has been inducted into Alpha Chi honor society at Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Jessie Parmelley of Rule was honored on her 80th birthday Nov. 25 at the Rule Recreation Club.

Mrs. Leone Pearsey, Patsy and Glen Casselberry spent Thanksgiving in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. Menard Fields.

40 Years Ago
Nov. 26, 1953

The Paint Creek Pirates rallied behind speedster Kenneth Howard to rack up three touchdowns in the final period in defeating Jayton 58-54 Thursday night for the bi-district title in district 3 and 4-B.

Haskell County's cotton allotment for 1954 is expected to be about 130,000 acres, a drastic reduction from this year's planting of around 200,000 acres.

At least 34 Haskell stores will take part in the annual Christmas Treasure Hunts, sponsored in connection with the holiday season.

Mrs. Ada Rike, a teacher in the Haskell public schools for over 30 years, was honored at the Progressive Study Club meeting Nov. 19. Mrs. Rike was surprised to hear that the final speech on the program, "The Story of a Great Teacher," by Mrs. Viars Felker was a tribute to herself.

Boy Scout Troop 36 had its first hike of the season Monday when they made camp on the Brazos River west of Rule. Making the trip were Ben Anderson, Tom Anderson, Bryan Corley, Gary Fulmer, Doyce Hudson, Paul Merchant, Kenny Neely, Elwyn Waldrip, James Waldrip, Dowell Warren and Donald Urban. The troop was escorted by Cecil Corley and Dr. E. O. McLellelan.

60 Years Ago
Nov. 30, 1933

Lee Pierson of San Diego, Calif., is here to spend Thanksgiving with relatives and friends.

Miss Miss Florence Shook of Mineral Wells is here this week

visiting relatives and friends.

A number of teachers in the Haskell city schools are in Austin attending the annual Thanksgiving meeting of teachers in the state. Attending from Haskell are Supt. C. B. Breedlove, L. S. Ramsey, George Wimbish, Ms. Irene Ballard, Mrs. A. J. Brooks, Miss Alma Sprowls, Miss Donna Davis, Miss Jessie Vick and Miss Marguerite McCollum.

The sum of \$2,073.60 was paid out to the unemployed in the county last Saturday by the national unemployment relief organization.

Mr. Middleton, an old time Haskell citizen who moved to Canyon a few years ago, was in the city the first of the week visiting friends.

70 Years Ago
Nov. 30, 1923

W. C. McKenzie and Dick Boedecker of the Bunker Hill community believe they have found the wintering place of all rattlesnakes in the Flat Top Mountain region. Sunday afternoon they ran across a number of rattlers near the mouth of a small cave and started in to exterminate them. The two men killed eight rattlers and let four big ones get away.

M. L. Stephens and H. E. Stephens arrived here Saturday from Weatherford. They will teach the Tanner Paint School which will begin the term Monday.

A. W. McGregor of Waco was here Friday and Saturday visiting his brother, Chas. McGregor and family, and looking after business

interests here.

Miss Kate Woodson, principal of the Sayles school, was shopping in Haskell Saturday.

Dr. W. H. Dunn of Rochester plans to move his family to Lamesa where he has purchased a large residence. He is reported to be planning to establish a sanitarium in Lamesa.

P. R. English and Marvin H. Post made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week.

90 Years Ago
Nov. 28, 1903

C. R. Peters has moved his barber shop into the back of Carney's Store on the west side of the square.

Wm. Oglesby returned Wednesday from the eastern part of the state where he disposed of a lot of horses.

Lou Lindsey will leave Monday for Merkel where he expects to make his home.

Mrs. John A. Couch visited her mother in the country a few days this week.

B. F. McCollum, accompanied by J. S. Post, went to Marlin this week to try the mineral water there for his health.

Jeff Johnson, who sold his farm near Marcy last spring to seek a fortune in Mexico, has returned to Marcy and has bought the Will Hall place north of the community.

The Magazine Club of Haskell will hold its regular meeting this afternoon with Mrs. S. W. Scott. The club now has as its special study, Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

--Library Notes--

By Joan Strickland

The Haskell County Library was recently accredited as a member of the Texas Library System for fiscal year 1994, according to William D. Gooch, director and librarian of the Texas State Library.

"We are pleased to award a certificate of system membership in recognition of the efforts this community has made in providing public library services," said Gooch. "It is a symbol of having achieved a level of excellence."

The Haskell County Library is a renewal member of the Big Country Library System and serves citizens in Haskell County and the surrounding area. The Haskell County Library had to meet strict criteria, such as hours of access, professional staffing requirements, number of library materials, and local per-capita support, to become an accredited member. Public libraries must apply and qualify for system membership annually. The Haskell County Library has been a full member of the Big Country Library System for the past three years.

Some of the local system benefits are 52 extension books a month from the Abilene Public Library in large print, audio cassettes that rotate quarterly with

other libraries, the Interlibrary Loan program and free consultations for any questions or problems with the director of the Big County Systems director, Beatrice Takacs.

We also received an Apple computer and it will be exchanged next year for a new Macintosh computer that is available for the public's use. In addition to these benefits, we receive \$1,487 in book value to be paid for by the BCLS in Abilene. Book bags and book markers also are provided.

Authorized by the Library Systems Act of 1969, the Texas Library System was developed to improve library service in the state through cooperative efforts. Comprised of 10 regions, the statewide system provides an opportunity for local libraries to make the best possible use of both their own resources and those available elsewhere in the system.

These cooperative efforts are made possible through state and federal funds appropriated to the Library Development Program of the Texas State Library. This year, the Texas State Library will distribute about \$7.7 million to the 10 library systems. (This is where the money--\$1,487--we receive comes from.)

Registry service locates lost buddies

If you're a veteran of American military service, or currently on active duty, an old buddy may be looking for you. A new organization called Registry of American Veterans (ROAV) will be able to help you locate friends you served with in the Armed Forces.

ROAV is designed to be the largest private database of American veterans and military personnel in the United States. Its purpose is to alleviate the problems veterans encounter in searching for one another and putting former military friends back in touch with each other.

ROAV gathers information from veterans and computerizes their

names, current residence, military units they served in and the time periods served in each outfit. Persons who join ROAV will receive an initial and annual printout of the database information of all veterans who served in the same unit during the same time frame as the joining member. The printout will show the current address and phone number of surviving unit veterans.

The service can assist in finding veterans for military associations that are planning to hold reunions. However, it is expected to primarily aid long-lost buddies in locating each other. The user will be someone who thinks back on times of strong friendship in the military and want to know what happened after military service.

Veterans are encouraged to write to ROAV for information on how to get themselves registered. ROAV will then send them the proper form to complete and become part of the database. The address is Registry of American Veterans, P.O. Box 51148, Riverside, Calif. 92517.

Prostrate cancer No. 1 for men

Prostate cancer is the most common male cancer in North America.

Cancer of the prostate can usually be cured in its early stages with radiation, surgery or hormone therapy.

"Regular exams can detect the cancer early," said Dr. Peter Scardino, director of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "If it spread beyond the prostate, it could be fatal."

Perry...

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up for election in 1996, Gramm would need to run exclusively for the presidency. If he takes advantage of the "LBJ Law," he could run for both the White House and the Senate.

The 1959 state law allows candidates for president or vice president to simultaneously run for another state office. Lloyd Bentsen used it in 1988 when he was Michael Dukakis' running mate.

It's also possible the Texas Legislature will repeal the "LBJ Law" next year. In that case, Gramm would be forced to choose between his Senate seat and a presidential run.

Perry admits "that's a lot of ifs." But he says, "The concept of running for the Senate is very appealing. Few senators have background in agriculture."

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Study club has patriotic program

The Progressive Study Club met Nov. 11 in the community room.

First vice president Nancy Toliver called the meeting to order and reminded members and guests that "Tomorrow's future is more secure because men and women in the past left their homeland to fight for America so that Today we can enjoy freedom their sacrifices bought for us."

Gene Plunkett, head of the local American Legion, led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Abe Turner gave a reading from the current American Legion publication which spoke of duty, honor and country, plus liberty, right and justice, sacrifice and high moral law. Douglas MacArthur said the American soldiers were reliable, the world's noblest figures whose own history was written in red, and who were obsessed with liberty, freedom and justice, and endured under cold, heat and disease in fox holes. Many gave the greatest gift of all, their lives.

Andy Anderson was a POW in

Germany about a year. He told of his training at various bases before going to England in April 1944. The plane was really loaded. He thought it would never get off the ground. After the bombs had been unloaded and the B-24 was returning, the plane was attacked and those in the front lost their lives, but the three in the rear parachuted and were taken as captives. Andy endured the cold and food shortage before being liberated about a year later.

Gene Plunkett told of serving in the Pacific area by transporting goods behind the lines. Abe Turner reminded club members that it had been 50 years since World War II and 75 years since the Armistice Day at the end of World War I. "It is a worthy thing to fight for one's freedom; it is another sight finer to fight for another man's"...Mark Twain.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses, Ruby Turner, Billie Cannon, Ruby Holt and Sandy Forehand.

Jill Druessedow introduced Cynthia Halliburton and Jancan Jordan, who were selected to attend Girls State which is sponsored by the American Legion. The girls told how the group organized political parties and elected speakers in each. They did research and studied problems on water, crime, capital punishment, economy and how to pass a bill. They studied the history of Texas government, in counties, district and state. One stated that she had been convinced to become a politician but had changed her mind and now wishes to become a criminal lawyer. The girls' mothers were also guests.

The club voted to give a

scholarship to Erika Kilgore who is planning to attend Texas Tech.

The patriotic program concluded with Mona Gibson reading, "The American's Creed."

New members present were Jan Blair, Yuvi Cadenhad, Eva Dunnam, Debbie Earles, Ushi Patel, Kathie Parsley and Judy Patterson.

The Dec. 9 meeting will be in the home of Frances Lane. Members are to bring toys and canned goods to help the Child Welfare Board, and a sample of a favorite Christmas goodie.

Abilene chorus sets program

The Classical Chorus of Abilene will present "A Christmas Garland" on Saturday, Dec. 4. It will begin at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1420 N. 3rd St.

Tickets are \$7. Senior and student tickets are \$5.

Call 915-692-9854 for reservations or information.

Many are due IRS refunds

Earlier this year, the Dallas district of the Internal Revenue Service matched up just under 2 million North Texas taxpayers with their refund checks. But 2,868 refund checks were returned to IRS by the U.S. Postal Service and now IRS is trying to find the owners.

The most common reasons for the returned checks are that the taxpayer has moved and failed to give the government a forwarding address, is illegible handwriting on the address portion of the return, marriages, remarriages and divorces.

The checks range in amounts from \$1 to more than \$15,000 with the average refund amount being \$438.

Taxpayers who believe they were due a refund in 1993 which they have not received, should call toll free 1-800-829-1040 to learn how they may claim their undelivered check.

Exercise video aimed at seniors

Cindy Lee Hanawalt grew up with her grandparents, so she learned first-hand the limitations of an aging body. She found older adults---even healthy ones---can have trouble reaching an item on the top shelf or standing up from the toilet seat because of poor flexibility or strength.

So Hanawalt combined her education at The University of Iowa---a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in preventive medicine---with her longtime skill as a certified fitness instructor to produce an exercise video for senior citizens to help improve their quality of life, prolong independence, and enable them to maintain strength and flexibility.

It's called "55+ And Fit." The 55-minute, color video is designed to help seniors remain independent and prevent ailments common to aging bodies. "The focus is range of motion, flexibility and strength training," says Hanawalt, 27, of Iowa City, Iowa. "It is not high impact or a heavy cardiovascular workout. Many older adults don't even work up a sweat during the exercises."

The beauty of this video is seniors can stay in their homes and work their way up to performing the entire program of exercises.

The video may be ordered by calling 1-800-369-IOWA.

Crop loss claim payment authorized

Emergency disaster legislation signed recently by President Clinton authorizes the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to pay 100 percent of each eligible disaster claim filed by producers who sustained quantity and/or quality losses on their 1993 crops due to weather related disasters.

"Eligible producers may apply for disaster assistance through March 4, 1994," said Glenn Brzozowski, local ASCS official. He added that the 1993 crop loss benefits will be paid to eligible producers after the producer submits all required information to ASCS.

To be eligible for disaster benefits, producers with crop insurance must have had losses greater than 35 percent. Producers

without crop insurance must have losses greater than 40 percent.

"Farmers who lost over 65 percent of their 1993 crops must purchase multiple peril crop insurance on the same crop for 1994," Brzozowski said.

The ASCS disaster program provides cash payments for production losses on participating program crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, extra long staple cotton and rice. Non-participating program crops are peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, sugar beets, sugar cane and tobacco, and all commercial non-program crops.

More information on 1993 crop loss benefits may be obtained from the local ASCS office.

--Market Report--

Haskell Livestock Auction

The market at Haskell Livestock Auction Saturday was \$2 to \$3 higher on all classes of cattle. There was very good demand for feeder and stocker cattle. Young bred cows and bulls were \$25 to \$50 higher.

There will be no sale this week. Packer cows: canners 35-45; utility 40-47.

Bulls: packer 55-65; feeder 65-75.

Steer calves: 200-400 lbs. 100-120; 400-600 lbs. 82-100; 600-800 77-88.

Heifers: 200-400 lbs. 88-105; 400-600 lbs. 76-92; 600-800 lbs. 65-78.

Bred cows: young 600-840; old 400-550.

Pairs: young 750-920; old 500-650.

PHARMACY NEWS



By Elbert Johnson, Registered Pharmacist

Checking Before Taking: While most over-the-counter (OTC) medications are safe when taken as directed, they can cause some adverse reactions. People with high blood pressure generally should avoid decongestants, most of which can raise blood pressure. Aspirin should be taken very carefully by those who have had stomach ulcers, and it can interact with anticoagulants and anticonvulsants. Antacids can impede the absorption of many prescription drugs. Finally, those with a chronic illness that requires medication should check with their doctor or pharmacist before taking any OTC.

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WTU offers cookbook

The 1993 "Holiday Delights" cookbook is now available at the West Texas Utilities Company office.

This year's cookbook is a recipe collection of past favorites to use for entertaining, baking and gift-giving. Each recipe features a nutritional analysis for each serving to help if you are watching calories, cholesterol, fat, sodium, etc.

The holiday season brings with it thoughts of baking and food preparation. WTU has a few tips to offer during this time of year. Food safety is particularly important during the holidays when traditionally larger quantities of food are prepared. Here are a few food safety precautions to follow:

•Thaw turkey in the refrigerator or in cold water, never at room temperature, to prevent bacterial growth;

•Do not oven-roast meats at temperatures below 325 degrees. Temperatures below 325 are not high enough to destroy bacteria that may develop in large cuts of meat or turkey during long cooking periods;

•Cooked food should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours, including preparation time. Refrigerate promptly;

•Refrigerate cream, custard or meringue pies and any food with a custard filling, such as cakes, cream puffs or eclairs, just as soon as they have cooled slightly. Follow the same precautions for salads and sandwiches made with salad dressings containing eggs or milk products;

•Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods should be kept at 140 degrees until served. Cooked cold foods should be kept at 45 degrees or lower.

--Rule--

by Vicky Anderson
 Congratulations to John and Orheana Greeson, who have been in Rule 28 years as of Oct. 8th. John preached his first sermon in Rule at the Church of Christ of Oct. 10, 1965. Quite a record!

Tom Massey of Graham visited relatives in Stamford on Nov. 14. Among those visited were his sister, Pat Gray and family, his step-mother, Louise Massey and his aunts Clydia Taylor and Vicky Anderson.

Belated happy birthday to Ennis Webb, who was 80 on Nov. 20. A party was held for him in the Church of Christ.

Congratulations to the Rule High School's math-science teams who swept the practice meet in Sweetwater on Oct. 23. They won first place trophies in number sense, calculator, and math; and a 2nd place in science. The team also won the sweepstakes trophy for the small school division. Justin Custer and Eric Robinson, 7th grades, competed as freshmen and did very well.

The results are as follows:
 Juniors: Allison Pike: number sense 1st, calculator 1st, math 1st and science 8th. Sophomores: Kacy Baitz: math 8th, calculator 10th, science 10th; Cory Robinson: science 1st, calculator 2nd, math 2nd, number sense 3rd; Julie Saffel: calculator 8th, math, 9th; Denise Wilson: calculator 1st, math 1st, number sense 2nd, science 2nd. Freshmen: Michael Murray: science 2nd, number sense 3rd, math 4th, calculator 6th; Justin Custer: calculator 2nd, number sense 9th, science 10th; Eric Robinson: math 3rd, number sense 4th, calculator 5th, science 7th.

Also, the high school computer science team took top honors out of the six students competing. RHS took the top five individual awards as well as the first place team trophy and second place team. The team and individual awards were as follows: first place team: Jana Saffel 1st, Bobbie Jones 2nd, Allison Pike 5th; second place team: Heather Simpson 3rd, Nichole Holcomb 4th and Brian Manske 9th. Congratulations to all these students.

Get well wishes are sent to Lorene Boyd, Jewel Ousley, Woody Woodard, David Lassiter, Sarge Hickman, Gladys Summers, Joyce Carlton, Reba Decker, Clara Dennis, Lois Hughes, Virginia Moore, John Page, Hazel Strand, Oma Mullins, Vicky Wilson, Gaylord Cook, Paul Griggs.

Congratulations to Jerry Cannon of Rule who has been selected as the 1992-93 calculator coach of the year in conference 1-A by the Texas Math and Science Coaches Assn.

It was a pleasant surprise on Thursday night to go into the BPW silent auction and see two Rule teachers Vida White and Jacky Leonard. Other Rule residents seen in Stamford recently were Ruth Moore, Maxine and Malcolm Hertenberger, Jean Meier, Elaine Holcomb, Cheryl Robinson, Linda Caddell and daughter, Thelma Mathis, Alyeen and Frances Wilson.

If the airline stewardess strike doesn't prevent it, the Andersons are expecting their oldest daughter and family from Wheaton, Illinois for the Thanksgiving holidays. Hope that all of you have an equally enjoyable day.

On Thursday, Pat and Tommy Gray and Jeremy accompanied your writer to Abilene. Lunch at the Golden Corral was great.

Remember the best way to liquidate a quarrel is to dry up.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Munday loses to Hart in playoffs

The Munday Moguls were eliminated from the Class 1A playoffs Friday night when they lost to Hart, 30-20.

Munday ended its season with an 8-3 record. One of the losses was to Haskell.

The good, the bad, the ugly

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a symposium on feral swine in the Rolling Plains, entitled "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly."

The symposium will be at the community center in Benjamin on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the final panel discussion is scheduled to conclude at 4 p.m.

Feral hogs from the Knox County area will be barbecued and served for lunch. Cost, including lunch, will be \$10 prior to Dec. 1, and \$15 after that date.

Symposium speakers will include representatives from the Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Animal Damage Control Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, as well as individuals representing the perspectives of naturalists, ranchers, farmers, hunters and even locker plant operators.

Topics will include "History of the Feral Hog in Texas," "Attitudes Towards Feral Hogs," "Depredation Problems," "Animal Health Considerations," and "What Is and Is Not Known About Feral Hogs."

The day will conclude with panel discussions on perspectives of feral hogs and marketing hog hunting.

For more information or for registration materials, contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin, 817-454-2651.

Students attend drug convention

John Wilson and Joy McKeever of Haskell were among six students from the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University who recently joined more than 5,000 attendees at the 95th annual convention and trade exposition of the National Association of Retail Druggists in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Goals of the convention are to keep independent retail pharmacists up to date on the latest developments in pharmacy care, marketing and management as well as pressing political issues facing the profession.

The conference featured 20 educational workshops on pharmacy management and practice, and seven symposia on current pharmacy issues.

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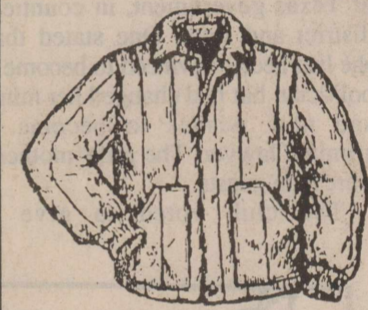
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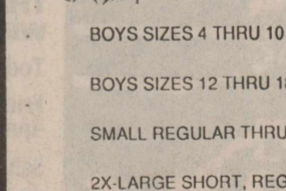
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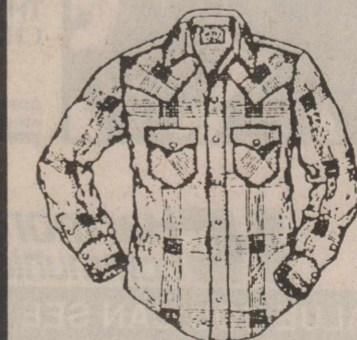
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The contract(s) for this work will not be awarded to any contractor or firm which is currently debarred from bidding on Texas Department of Transportation projects. No currently debarred contractors will be permitted to perform subcontract work on this project.
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
The State of Texas
County of Haskell

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 3rd day of November by the Clerk thereof, in the cases styled as follows:

Cause No. 10,107: Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. the unknown heirs of Arthur Mcada. Legal Description: 1. Lots 10, 11, Block 72, T. G. Carney Addition of the City O'Brien, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,183: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Juanita Sullivan Ind/DBA City Cafe. Legal Description: 2. Lot 9, Block 19, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,198: Haskell County Appraisal District v. A. D. Johnson. Legal Description: 3. Lots 5, 6, and 7, Block 11, Original Town of Weinert, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,211: Haskell County Appraisal District v. A. A. Frierson. Legal Description: 4. Lot 3, Block 12, Cottage Lawn Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of December, 1993, which is the first Tuesday of said month, as the South door of the Court-house of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

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Given under my hand this 3rd day of November, 1993.
Johnny L. Mills
Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas 45-47c

NOTICE

The City of Haskell and the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department will be accepting bids until December 13, 1993, on Accessory Equipment for a one (1) 1000 GPM pumper with 750 gallon water tank. This equipment must meet N.F.P.A. 1901 standards. Specifications can be seen at the Haskell City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday). The bid will be awarded on December 14, 1993, at the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. 46-47c

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Public Notices

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373). 47c

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Gunn Oil Company, P. O. Box GOCO, Wichita Falls, TX 76307 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn 4500' Sand, Hester "A", Well Number 3-31. The proposed injection well is located 2 miles northeast from Haskell in the Shields (Strawn 4500) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4535 to 4541 feet.

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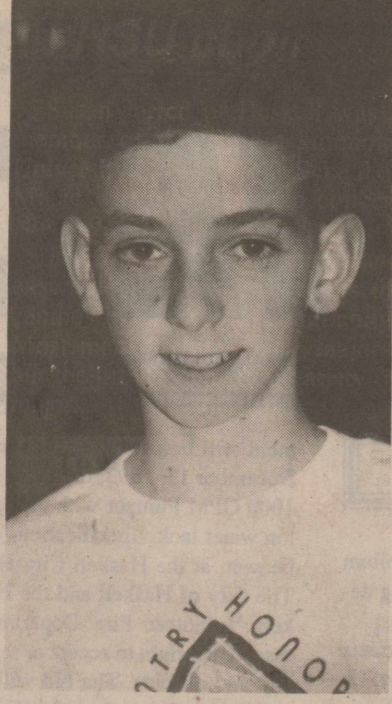
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Brent Toliver

Brent Toliver qualifies for Honor Choir

Brent Toliver of Sweetwater was one of 120 students who qualified out of the 250 who auditioned for the Big Country Honor Choir in Abilene.

He placed sixth chair in the Tenor II section of the choir.

The Honor Choir gave an afternoon performance of selected songs at the Lincoln Middle School auditorium this past Saturday.

Brent is the son of Brian and Leesa Toliver of Sweetwater, formerly of Haskell. He is the grandson of Biggon and Glenda Drinnon and Bailey and Nancy Toliver, all of Haskell.

Richardson explained that the original magnum tractors, the 7100 series introduced in 1987, represented the first real industry breakthrough in tractor design in more than two decades.

"At the meeting, we got a good, first-hand look at all five of the 7200 series models," Richardson said. "They have the features our customer have always liked about the Magnum tractors--18-speed full power shift transmission, reliable Case diesel engine, super visibility and tremendous hitch capacity."

"I'm convinced that these new Magnum tractors will have every bit as much impact on setting standards in the industry as the original lineup did," Richardson said.

Richardson views new tractors

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Richardson explained that the original magnum tractors, the 7100 series introduced in 1987, represented the first real industry breakthrough in tractor design in more than two decades.

"At the meeting, we got a good, first-hand look at all five of the 7200 series models," Richardson said. "They have the features our customer have always liked about the Magnum tractors--18-speed full power shift transmission, reliable Case diesel engine, super visibility and tremendous hitch capacity."

"I'm convinced that these new Magnum tractors will have every bit as much impact on setting standards in the industry as the original lineup did," Richardson said.

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Wichita Falls editor finds helping hands in this area

(The following article appeared recently in the Wichita Falls Times and Record-News.)

By Richard Mize
Agribusiness Editor

STAMFORD---Thank goodness this isn't Dallas or Houston or San Antonio or Oklahoma City or Tulsa. Or even the mean parts of Wichita Falls, Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock or Lawton.

Break down in farm country and somebody'll be glad to help you out. At least they helped me.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, I was headed to Stamford to cover Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy's town hall meeting with U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

At Haskell, about 15 miles north of Stamford, the power steering went out on my 1991 Ford Ranger. I didn't think too much about it; I'd had power steering units go out on me before.

So I kept on truckin' to Stamford, to the Super 7 convenience store, to ask how to get to the high school where Espy and Stenholm were to have their meeting.

That's when it boiled over. It wasn't just the power steering unit.

What happened, I found out later, was the harmonic balancer was out of balance, which caused some bolts to break, the bolts that held on the crankshaft pulley, which kept the belt tight--THE belt; there's only about one on the little truck---which means the

whole shebang was out of whack.

Lucky break No. 1: The engine, working without benefit of a fan for 15 miles, was hot as blazes, but the radiator reservoir boiled over, not the radiator itself.

Lucky break No. 2: Rick Lindsey happened to be having a sausage-in-a-biscuit at the Super 7 and overheard me having a mild fit because I had 30 minutes to get to the school Rick gave me a ride.

Lucky break No. 3: Rick happens to own Lindsey Auto in Stamford, which, among other things, means he had a tow truck and a mechanic to work on my truck on a Saturday. While I was at the meeting, someone tried to fix my truck.

Bad break: He couldn't do anything about the pulley or the harmonic balancer.

Lucky break Nos. 4 and 5: The next Monday, Rick towed the Ranger to Haskell to be fixed and he let me slide on the tow bill until the next Friday, since I had little cash and he doesn't take plastic.

Lucky break No. 6: Lindy Patton was in Stamford. Lindy, a Wichita Falls native, is executive vice president of Rolling Plains Cotton Growers. Lindy got me to Abilene to get a rental car, so I could get back to Wichita Falls and meet my deadline.

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John charged me a whopping \$10 for his time. Quite a lucky break, since the Ford dealership could have charged me a lot more by taking a full-time employee off work long enough for the 110-mile round trip from Haskell to Abilene.

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