

Coming Events

Rule C of C Banquet

The 42nd Annual Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Tuesday, Mar. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Rule High School Cafeteria.

Nominations for "Man and Woman of the Year" will be accepted through Thursday, Feb. 15.

Sons of Hermann

The Sons of Hermann will have their monthly meeting, Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. at Irby Lodge. The Lodge will open at 2 p.m. for

those who would like to come early for visitation.

The menu for the meal will be pot luck. Everybody is to bring a pot luck dish and a dessert.

Prog. Study Club

Denny Wainscott, Texas State Trooper IV, will be guest speaker at this month's meeting of the Haskell Progressive Study Club on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A slide/video presentation for highway and gun safety awareness will be presented.

KidShare begins

KidShare begins Sunday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church. A parent orientation meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

This will be a 12-week program to help children (grades 4th through 6th) deal with the issues of divorce and the cost will be \$10 per child.

Call East Side Baptist church at 864-2738 for registration information.

Historical Society

The Haskell Co. Historical Society will meet Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the First National Bank Community Room for their regular meeting. President Ann Summers will present the program.

The public is invited.

Check given to Fire Dept.

Texas Farm Bureau Membership week is Feb. 5-9. Haskell Fire Chief E.J. Stewart was presented a check for \$150 for the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Lois Jones. The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Haskell Volunteer Department in their program.

Texas 5-A-Day week

Outreach Health Services Mother/Child clinic located in Haskell joined the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in proclaiming Jan. 21-27 as Texas 5-A-Day-Week. Outreach Health Services wants to remind and encourage Texans of the importance of eating more fruits and vegetables by consuming a minimum of two servings of fruit and three servings of vegetables every day (5-A-Day-Week).

Outreach Health Services challenges everyone in the community to think about changing their lifestyles to be more healthy. WIC has been a leader in promoting healthy lifestyles through good nutrition and early/preventive health care. WIC provides nutrition education for anyone in the community.

Please contact your local Outreach Health Services Clinic for a schedule of WIC classes which are open to the public. During the month of January and February, we are featuring a class on the new food pyramid and how to incorporate it into a healthy way of life.

Obituaries

Doyle Sorrells

RULE—Services were held for lifelong Haskell Co. resident, Doyle Sorrells, 53, of Rule on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Sweethome Baptist Church with Matt Harrington and J.R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Sorrells died Sunday, Jan. 28 at his residence. He was born Dec. 20, 1943 in Haskell. He married Betty Jo Andrews on June 5, 1964 in Rule. He had been partners in Sorrells Texaco Service Station for 20 years in Rule. He was a member of Sweethome Baptist Church where he was ordained as a deacon in 1983. He had been a member of the Rule Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years and was a carrier for the Abilene Reporter-

News.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo Sorrells of Rule; two sons, Paul Sorrells and Doug Sorrells, both of Rule; one brother, Jerry Sorrells of Breckenridge; two sisters, Mavis Middleton of Haskell and Sonja Greene of Stinnett; and two grandchildren, Christi Sorrells and Jeremy Sorrells.

Pallbearers were Clifton Rinchart, Derrell Sorrells, Jeffrey Sorrells, Jerry Butler, C.T. Pierce and Luther Meier.

The family requests that memorials be made to Sweethome Baptist Church, P.O. Box 609, Rule, TX 79547 or American Heart Association, P.O. Box 547, Haskell, TX 79521.

Refugio (Rufus) Menchaca

RULE—Services were held for Refugio (Rufus) Menchaca, 64, of Rule on Friday, Jan. 26, at the Faith Chapel in Rochester with Rev. Katherine Byrd officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Menchaca died Thursday, Jan. 25, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. He was born July 7, 1931, in Austin. He married Janie Maria Martinez on Nov. 15, 1986 in Anson. He had served with the U.S. Army and was a self-employed carpenter. He was affiliated with Faith Chapel.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Manual

Menchaca and one sister, Mary Hatley.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Menchaca of Rule; one daughter, Anita Rodriguez of Harper Heights; two brothers, Paul Menchaca of Austin and Leonard Menchaca Sr. of Rule; two sisters, Detra Moreno of San Antonio and Esther Conner of Rule; and six grandchildren, Brandi Ramos, Christopher Rodriguez, Mary Jane Rodriguez, Misty Rodriguez, Stephanie Rodriguez and J.R. Rodriguez.

Pallbearers were Christopher Rodriguez, Jesse Moreno, Leonard Menchaca Jr., Santos Baiza, Ramiro Baiza and Forrest Hatley.

Brandon Lane Pannell

Services were held for Brandon Lane Pannell, infant son of Chad and Tammy Pannell of Haskell on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the East Side Baptist Church with Rev. David Page officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

The infant died Tuesday, Jan. 23, at an Abilene hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Brandon Chad Pannell and Tammy Lynn Pannell, both of Haskell; maternal grandparents, Ronald and Patsy Norvell of Hobbs, New Mex.; maternal great-grandparents, Walter and Coleene Scheller of Hobbs, New Mex.; paternal grandparents, Bill Pannell of Haskell and Welda Pannell of Haskell; paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Hook of Haskell and Eunice Amonett of Haskell.

Evelyn Katherine Marlene McNiel

ODESSA—Services were held for Evelyn Katherine Marlene McNiel, 31, of Odessa at the 1st Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. J.C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

McNiel died Wednesday, Jan. 24, at her residence in Odessa. She was born Oct. 29, 1964 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and was affiliated with the 1st Assembly of God Church. She had been a resident of Odessa for ten years.

She is survived by two daughters, Geneva Ann McNiel and Debra Lynn McNiel, both of Stamford; her mother, Geneva McNiel of Stamford; five brothers, Michael Dewayne McNiel of Albuquerque, New Mex., Randal Earl McNiel Jr. and Ronnie McNiel, both of Snyder, Delbert Lewis McNiel of Stamford and Johnny Ray McNiel of Hamlin.

Pallbearers were Tommy McNiel, Delbert Lee McNiel, Ronnie Dail McNiel, Albert Davis, Larry Short and Dub Jenkins.

Hospital issues patient's rights statement

In recognition of and respect for patients' rights, Haskell Memorial Hospital historically has adhered to established policies and mechanisms to safeguard patients' confidential health care information. Beginning Jan. 1, a new Texas law clarifies that confidential health care information may be released only upon written authorization of the patient or his legal representative or if a specific legal exception is met.

Sen. Frank Madia (D-San Antonio) was the author of the legislation which establishes parameters for all Texas hospitals to follow when releasing patient health care information. Senate Bill 667, passed in May by the Texas Legislature, defines patients' rights concerning release of their health care information, including assuring patients access to their own medical records. The law requires hospitals to obtain the written authorization of a patient or a legal representative to release information relating to the patient's medical history, treatment, diagnosis or prognosis.

In general, patients may choose what types of information may be disclosed and designate to whom disclosure is allowed. The patients' decision will affect how visitors,

deliveries, telephone calls and requests for information from family, friends and others are handled. The law allows unauthorized disclosure of health care information to specified people or entities, such as to those caring for the patient, to third-party payers for purposes of hospital reimbursement, to governmental agencies as authorized or required by law, and to a court, upon court order or court subpoena.

A hospital may acknowledge an adult patient's presence and provide a one-word condition or status report without written consent. However, patients have the right to request that no information or limited information be released and these requests must be honored. Under the new law, all patient information, including that related to public figures and those involved in matters of public record, is

treated equally. The hospital will release no information about patients under certain circumstances, such as rape, sexual abuse, child or elderly abuse, chemical dependency and attempted suicide. No information is provided on inmates in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice or those in protective custody.

Haskell Memorial Hospital recognizes its responsibility to keep the citizens of Haskell County informed of hospital activities. However, protecting a patient's privacy and maintaining confidentiality of health care information is of paramount importance. More information about this new law and the hospital's policies is available by contracting Haskell Memorial Hospital, Admissions Office, at 864-2621.

Noah Project Mystery Theater

The Noah Project-North will host a "Murder Mystery" dinner theater and silent auction at the Haskell Civic Center on Feb. 3.

The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. and the brisket dinner with all the trimmings and homemade desserts will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the whimsical play, "Much Ado About Murder." The audience-participation mystery is under the direction of Lillian Southerland of Stamford and will feature local talent.

A drawing for a quilt made by Kim Crawford and Kay Smith will be held at the conclusion of the play.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets at the door will cost \$12.

Popcorn and soft drinks will be served during the silent auction. The Civic Center will be decorated in the '50s style. "Theater goers have the option to dress in the '50s style," said Sheila McMeans.

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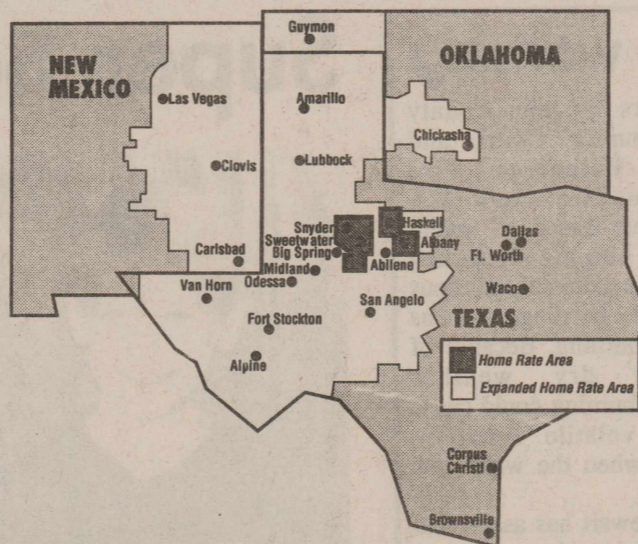
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LIFESTYLES

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

John A. Mayfield of Weinert whose birthday was Jan. 30, celebrated early last weekend. Helping celebrate were children and grandchildren, Arch Mayfield, Plainview, Evelyn Mayfield, Dallas and Alexia Rimmer, Adrienne, Elyse and Meredith of DeSoto.

Edwin Roberson, Dallas and the B. O. Robersons were in Floydada last weekend with the Roberson's daughter and family, Nick, Melissa and Molly Long. Molly showed pigs at the Floyd County Livestock Show. Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Roberson and Edwin were in Lubbock to see the Texas Tech's Lady Raiders beat Texas U in basketball. On Sunday afternoon, Melissa Long, her mother-in-law, Laverne Long, from Silverton, the B. O. Robersons and Edwin attended the Texas Tech and Texas U men's basketball game with Tech winning that game also.

Ron Hilliard of Odessa and Pat Shaw of Roscoe spent the weekend with their mother, Bernice Hilliard. On Saturday night, Mrs. Hilliard square danced with the Haskell Country Squares. Also attending were guests from the Breckenridge Square Dance Club. Leon Ivey of Munday called.

Ella Belle Burson spent the weekend in Snyder with Wallace and Opal Stark, former Haskell residents. Mrs. Stark returned home with her for a weeks visit.

On McMurry's fall semester Dean's List are Paul Brown, Teresa Diaz and Carla Formby.

Wilbert and Dwanna Klose are very grateful to the following men who stripped and hauled the cotton on their farm northeast of Haskell. Included are strippers Jimmy Burson, Hollis Calloway, Larry Cunningham, Joe Cothron and his employee, Pablo Hermansillo, Leon Kretschmer, Roger Moeller and Barry Walker. Haulers were Tim Burson, Joe Davis and Tony Burson. They were met at the Farmers Co-op Gin by manager, Tommy Matthews. Mr. Klose is recovering from surgery and was unable to harvest the cotton. He is the third generation to own the Klose farm, which he and Mrs. Klose purchased in 1979. In 1968, this land produced 1 1/2 bales per acre. Not so this year.

Jeanette Taylor of Washington, D. C. has been in Haskell on an extended visit with her mother, Iola Henshaw.

Recently staying with the John A. Mayfields in Weinert and attending the funeral services for Bob Guess were Arch and Eddie Lou Mayfield, Plainview; Evelyn Mayfield, Dallas; Alexia, Adrienne, Elyse and Meredith De Soto; niece, Jeanie Kay Rhodes and daughter, Ella, Norman, Ok. and cousins, B.M. and Dorothy Guess and Joyce Ashby, Temple.

Spending the weekend with me were granddaughter, Monica Childs and sons Alan, Richard and Joshua from Midland. They also visited Monica's father Joel Nanny, brother Ryan Nanny, brother Flint Nanny

and family and grandmother, Jenelle Nanny. Husband John Childs was in Irving at an Assembly of God Power Ranger meeting.

Mae Lou Yeldell, Frank Jordan and Donna Adkin were in Stamford Saturday night at Stamford High School's 1996 Senior Class presentation of "Ragweed Cowboy Joe." Frank's daughter and Mae Lou's granddaughter, Angela Jordan, appeared in the play.

Members of the Greater Independent Church were in Anson Sunday evening at the Bethesda Baptist Church's pastor and wife

third appreciation service. The theme was "Our Pastor, a servant performing a servant's duty." Rev. C. C. Hines of King Solomon Baptist Church, Abilene, was the speaker. Other guests on the program were Rev. J. W. Smith, Weeping Mary, Anson; Rev. Eli Cooper, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Breckenridge; Rev. John Mathis, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Abilene and Rev. Leo Scott, New Light Baptist Church, Abilene.

Frank Jordan, Jr. spent Monday night in Arlington with sister and family, Ronnie, Edith and Ebone Williams. On Tuesday, he kept a doctor's appointment in Dallas.

Spending the weekend with Chunky and Viola Tidwell was Mrs. Tidwell's niece, Imogene Glover Dobbs from Abilene. She attended Sunday services at the East Side Baptist Church and the Youth Ministries dinner.

Glasses given to Lions Club

Haskell Lion's Club President, Brian Burgess, recently delivered 389 pair of eye glasses to Lion District Governor, A.C. Sharp in Abilene. The glasses were donated by citizens of the Haskell area to be used by Lions Club International to give sight to people in third world countries who otherwise would remain visually impaired.

Since 1925, when Helen Keller addressed the Lions International Convention, challenging Lions to become "knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness," service to those with failing vision and to the blind has been one of Lions' major service objectives. A majority of the world's eye banks are established and supported by Lions, as are hundreds of clinics, hospitals and eye research centers. Locally, Lions Clubs provide thousands each year with quality eye care, glasses and optical aids.

Burgess said, "We are very appreciative of the great response we've had from folks bringing in old eyeglasses. The gift of these glasses will change lives and give hope to hundreds. Jesus said, 'Even a cup of cold water given in His love would never lose its reward.'"

The collection of glasses is an ongoing project for the Haskell Lions Club. Glasses may be given to any lion, or brought by the State Farm Insurance office at 705 N. Ave. E in Haskell.



Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

How About Them Cowboys!! Local fans gathered at several homes for Super Bowl parties and all were happy with the results of the game. Delbert and Joyce LeFevre had the Ken Brown family and Alvin and Ev Ulmer over, and the Toney's hosted a TV party for Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Alexander of Abilene and Frieda Knipling, Bruce, Michelle and Clay Toney.

Several people from the community joined the crowd at the Sons of Hermann Hall for the party there.

Upcoming events at Faith Lutheran Church for the week of Feb. 4, include the regular worship and Sunday School schedule; Confirmation classes on Wednesday at 6 p.m.; LLM/Altar Guild on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; and home communion on Friday at 11 a.m. A special treat for the teenagers on Sunday afternoon will be the swim party at 2 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene. Everyone who is going is asked to meet at the church at 1 p.m. Pizza from Pizza American is the menu for the supper to follow the swimming.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, a video/Bible study series will begin at Faith Lutheran. The series will include ten sessions and will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It is entitled "Word Alive" and will be an in-depth study of the Bible, the foundation ingredients to the Christian faith and then move on to compare the Christian faith to other religious beliefs. The entire community is invited to attend any or all sessions.

Ex-students of the McConnell and Plainview schools met in the home of Alvin and Ev Ulmer last Monday to begin planning a homecoming which should be held later this year. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Preston, Lenora Young, Hilda Kieke, Frances Robertson and Beatrice Schmidt. If any readers of this newspaper attended either of these schools or know of someone who did, the committee would

appreciate hearing from you or receiving names and addresses so a successful homecoming can be held.

The young and young at heart have been very busy the past week going to the basketball games and stock shows.

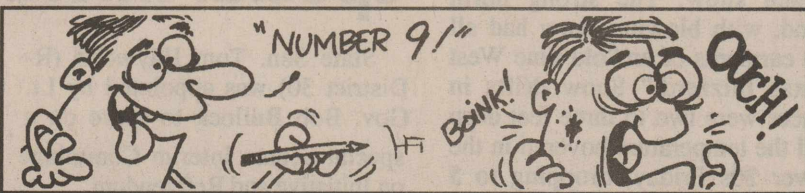
Last Tuesday was a very exciting night at Rule for the first District games of the season. It proved a night of high excitement since the scores were so close. The high school girls lost by one point in the closing seconds of the game. The same was true for the junior high girls. The high school boys lost their game but the junior high boys won. The night was filled with excitement for all fans to say the least. On Thursday night, the

teams played at Rochester for their second game of the district games with the girls winning and the boys losing. We congratulate the Sagerton students who work so hard for their teams.

Some of the local youth participated in the stock shows at Rule and Haskell this past weekend.

Congratulations again to the youth of our community who work so hard to take care and groom their stock and bring back winners.

Joe and Dorothy Clark spent the weekend in San Angelo visiting with the George Olsons. They attended Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday morning and later enjoyed the super bowl game.



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OPINION

Editorial

Equal justice for all?

Is justice equal and fair for all people? There are many people who would say no. There are many who would say that the type of justice you receive in the courts depends on how much money you have, what your race is and what your class is in life (rich, upper middle class, lower middle class and poor).

The Constitution says that all people are entitled to equal and fair justice under the law. But such famous cases as the O.J. Simpson murder trial and the Michael Jackson alleged child molestation case makes us all wonder about equality and fairness in justice. In the case of Jackson, it never reached the courts, so no one knows for sure if it was true or not—Jackson had the money to buy himself out the trouble he was in. And a large portion of the people in our country wonders how much O.J. Simpson had to pay to buy his way out of trouble. We all know that he had a team of very high-priced lawyers, which probably cost him in the millions for the year long farce of a trial; but it also leaves a lot of us wondering if there wasn't some jury tampering going on because of the quickness of the jury's verdict.

There are those adults who live their life through breaking the law and because they can buy their way out of it, they are never punished in a court of law. It doesn't do any good to have police officers, sheriff department officers or other members of law enforcement to make arrests if officers of the courts turn around and dismiss the cases, or the perpetrators are allowed to pay their way out of violations they commit.

Then there are those cases of juveniles breaking the law and never getting punished, because the parents pay their way out of the trouble or it is thrown out of court because of personal connections between the parents and members of the court. Parents who are guilty of this are not doing their children any favors; they are not teaching them to grow up to be responsible adults. They are telling them that it is okay to be disrespectful of the law and that it is okay to commit crime, however small or large it is, because mom and dad will take care of everything.

There are also those parents who are deaf, dumb and blind when it comes to their kids; in other words, they think their kids do no wrong and are offended when someone else brings up those wrong doings. In most cases, you will find that these kids have no respect for their teachers and administrators at school, no respect for the law and no respect for their parents or other adults.

When juveniles or adults break the law, the courts should deal with them in an equal and fair manner, no matter what race they are or how much money they have or don't have. It is time for the officers of the court to deal justice out equally and fairly for all people.

An ode to lawmen

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in *The Albany News* recently. It was submitted by Tammy Walker of Albany, wife of Sheriff's Deputy David Walker. We would like to share it with our readers.

Mister Citizen, Sir...
I'm the "lousy cop" you've been talking about.
Your courts let felons go free and you blame me.
Then you buy books written by the pampered predators and their sleazy lawyers.
Whose side are you on, Sir?
You accuse me of coddling criminals—until it's your kid I catch.
You raise hell with the guy who cuts you off in traffic, but let me catch you doing the same thing and you threaten to sue!
Whose side are you on, Sir?
When some career crook twice my size curses me, spits on me and dares me to stop him, you say that's part of my job.
If I do what I have to do to arrest him, you call it "brutality."
It's okay with you if I change a flat tire for your wife or give her enough gas to get home on a dark night or deliver your baby in the back seat of my cruiser or work hours overtime looking for your runaway daughter.
But if I stop for a cup of coffee, I'm goof-off at taxpayer expense.
"Do something about crime!" you demand.
Yet, if a rapist runs, you tell me, "Don't shoot; he's too young!"
And if I shoot anyway, I'm suspended without pay pending a probe that may cost me my badge.
And maybe you'll demand that I be jailed.
Sir, whose side are you on?
It's the wife who phones in the family fight, yet when I get in the middle, she's on his side!
I'm expected, with my Academy education, to make life-and-death decisions in seconds which courts take weeks to decide.
If I'm right, I'm lucky; if I'm wrong, I'm dead.
I spend sleepless nights on dry-run stakeouts, wasted days on redundant paper work, tedious hours tracing long shot leads to a dead end.
Yet, the only time you see me it's when you're driving too fast.
Then, if I smile, I'm a flirt, and if I don't I'm a pig.
In a chase my tired Ford is outrun by some crummy junkie's souped-up Mercedes.
In the alley, I'm out-gunned. In the revolving-door courtroom my handout lawyers are no match for the ones the elons can afford.
Any one cop on the take splatters his guilt over all the rest of us because apparently you want to believe the worst of us.
Mr. Citizen, Sir, do you want to trade jobs?
I didn't think you would.

Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens, we have to keep going back and beginning all over again.

—Andre Gide



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Although it's not known if expected changes in the federal budget may necessitate changes in the state tax structure, Gov. George W. Bush says he doubts a tax hike will be needed in 1998-99.

After speaking at a meeting of state agency directors last week, Bush pointed to the "strong performance" of the state budget in the last biennium, and said, "I don't believe we need to raise taxes."

Like Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney have spoken optimistically about the possibility of producing another budget with no new taxes.

Meanwhile, the state officials are awaiting a report from a task force appointed by Bush to consider a plan that would eliminate local school property taxes. Bush said the report should be released within a month. Last biennium local school property taxes pumped about \$9 billion into the state's coffers.

Bullock said that if the task force's report calls for a state tax to replace the property tax, "then that will require a tax bill."

Bush and Laney both have said that if the state were to kill local school property taxes, some Texans would pay more taxes than before and some would pay less under a new tax structure.

Laney said a revised tax structure might include new state taxes on businesses, such as a gross receipts tax and a value-added tax, but quipped, "Nobody ever came to me and asked, 'Please, I want you to raise my taxes.'"

State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which writes the state budget, made his concern plain: "Does anybody have a clue what Washington is going to do?"

Texas Teachers' Salaries Lag

Texas teachers' salaries lagged more than \$5,000 behind the national average for 1994-95, the president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said last week.

Richard Kouri, TSTA president, said a recent survey shows the average annual salary of a Texas teacher was \$31,223, while the national average was \$36,874.

But Kouri pointed to a hopeful sign for teachers in a preliminary 1995-96 survey. More than 900 Texas school districts have given state-funded pay raises for the current school year, ranging from \$100 a month to \$600 a month, to 189,000 teachers.

"Our survey of 974 school districts shows that most Texas school districts did pass through the bulk of the additional salary money appropriated by the Legislature for teachers," Kouri said.

Last spring, the Legislature appropriated \$271 million to increase teachers' base pay. Districts where salaries exceeded the state minimum were not required to offer increases.

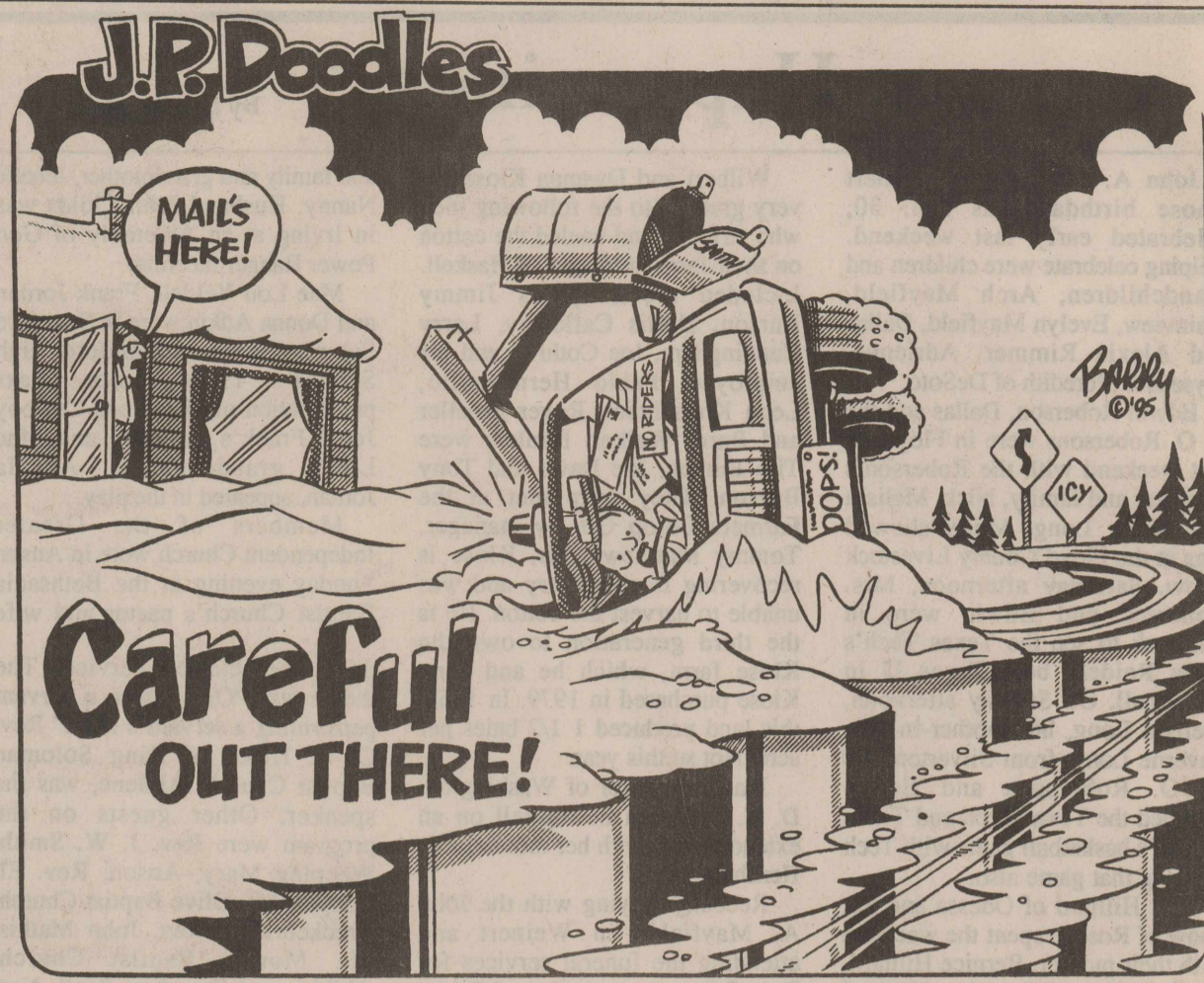
Failing Students Promoted?

On another education front, the president of a teachers group said a survey shows that tens of thousands of failing students are being "socially promoted."

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said that social promotions — designed to keep students with others their own age — are widespread in Texas, based on results of a poll the group conducted in November.

Almost 40 percent of the 2,132 teachers who responded to the survey said failing students were promoted even though teachers recommended they be retained.

"The results of that survey confirm what many of us have suspected: School administrators override teachers' grades and simply promote students from one grade to the next even though those students have failed their classes," Cole said.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1976

Rod Townsend received the Dorothea Griffin Showmanship Award at the Abilene Livestock Show. Mrs. Griffin presents this award each year to the one chosen by a group of judges in honor of her late father, the late G.O. Cresswell. "I want you to know how much it means to me to be able to present this award to one of our fine young people," Mrs. Griffin said. "And I hope you will remember always what a great and wonderful country you live in."

Haskell Volunteer Firemen answered a call Tuesday at a mobile home owned by J.B. Reeves. Dollar value and extent of damage have not yet been determined. The fire apparently started from a wiring shortage between the inside and outside walls.

30 Years Ago Feb. 3, 1966

Haskellites were greeted with more of that "white stuff" when they ventured out Friday morning and by 1:30 p.m., when the snow stopped, Haskell had received another 4 inches. 16/100 of an inch of moisture was squeezed from the 4-inch snow. The strong north wind, with blowing snow had all the earmarks of an "old time West Texas blizzard." Snow drifts in places were two to three feet deep and the temperature hovered in the lower 20s Friday, dropping to 5 above zero Saturday and Sunday morning.

A rash of car accidents "broke out" here Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as a result of the "icy roads," Sgt. Frank Jirick, Jesse Priest and Tim Terrell of the Highway Patrol said.

From the Prattle Column by Al Hinds—Christine Greene was telling me the other day about the woman who put on a false wig, false eyelashes, padded herself with falsies, then put in her false teeth and exclaimed: "There just aren't any real men left."

60 Years Ago Jan. 40, 1936

J.J. Tucker, manager of the style shop and W.A. Lyles, of Lyles Jewelry Store, returned from Dallas Wednesday where they had been attending the opening of the spring marketing season for their line of merchandise.

H.G. Hammer has authorized the Free Press to announce his candidacy for Commissioner, Pct. 3. M.F. Medley of Weinert has announced as a candidate to succeed himself to the office of Public Weigher of Pct. 2. R.H. Jones, well-known Weinert resident and businessman, has announced his candidacy for Public Weigher, Pct. 2. F.C. (Floy) Pillely authorized this newspaper to announce his candidacy for Commissioner, Pct. 4. Ben Charlie Chapman, who has served Haskell County for the past three years as County Attorney, has announced his candidacy for District Attorney.

Mrs. Ruby Smith, the former secretary to B.W. Chesser, moved into Mike Watson's office last Monday and is busily issuing Poll Tax receipts.

70 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1926

W.H. Atkeison, manager of MSystem here, spent several days in Munday last week helping to install the MSystem Grocery store in that city.

H.H. Cook of the West Side Barber Shop has just completed a new 5-room bungalow and has moved his family to his new home in the northwest part of the city.

Davy Crockett, a bank cashier of Rule, is helping out in the Farmers State Bank of this city while Mr. R.C. Couch is away at the Sanitarium.

The Haskell Telephone Company has purchased the system at Megargel and will make it a part of the system of the company.

A.A. Heathington makes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

90 Years Ago Feb. 3, 1906

Haywood appointed to special interim committee

State Sen. Tom Haywood (R-District 30) was appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock to serve on a special Senate Interim Committee on Initiative and Referendum.

"I have taken this issue very seriously because I know that my constituents take it seriously. Many citizens of Dist. 30 have been very active in their support of enacting I&R in Texas. Therefore I consider it my duty to do all I can to see that it gets a fair shot in the Legislature," Haywood stated.

Initiative and Referendum would allow citizens to initiate new laws or constitutional amendments and/or refer a proposition to a statewide ballot for a vote without going through the current

"Hello Stranger, who got you to come to this country?" Stranger: "Mr. Cahill, of course. He is representing the Haskell Real Estate Company. His firm is advertising all over the east." It was through the efforts of T.C. Cahill, Haskell Real Estate Company's traveling agent, that so many Bell County men were brought to this county.

Messrs. Earnest and Sanders gin in this city has ginned up to this date, 2,050 bales of cotton of the 1906 crop.

Mr. John Carothers has resigned his position with Messrs. Foster and Jones and accepted a position as bookkeeper with Alexander Mercantile Company.

Sheriff Collins announced that 1,158 Poll Taxes were paid up to Wednesday night and something like 250 are unpaid.

Mr. Ernest Sutherland went to Dallas this week and purchased an up-to-date outfit for his barber shop.

legislative process. Haywood was a co-sponsor of senate Joint Resolution 34 during the last legislative session, which would have allowed this process in Texas.

"During my campaign for the Legislature, I vowed to cut bureaucracy and return government to the people every chance I got. Initiative and Referendum is a key way to further involve our citizens in their government, and I'm grateful to the Lt. Gov. for this chance to make it happen for the state of Texas," Haywood ended.

Committee meetings are expected to begin right away, with a final report due no later than Dec. 1, 1996.

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HASKELL BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—The boys' varsity wound up in a three-way tie for first place with Anson and Rotan for district. Members of the team are Greg Rodriguez, Matthew McCord, Justin Lisle, Jason Briles, Mik Everett, Cody Cooley and Carl Riley. Their coach is Mark Coffman.



HASKELL GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—The girls' varsity won the first half of District basketball with a 5-0 record. Members of the team are Kelly McCulloch, Rebecca Unger, Heather Guess, Stephanie Alsbrook, Veronica Gonzalez, Shayne McKenzie, Betsy Coleman, Charissa Huff, Anita Rapp, Wendy Gray, Lisa Rodriguez and Jennifer Andress. Their coach is Dwayne Gray.

Rochester Show results

Results of the Rochester 4-H and FFA Livestock Show held Wednesday are as follows:

Rabbit Division
Fryer rabbits—1. James Bass; 2. Crystal Clopton
Champion Fryer Rabbits—James Bass
Reserve Champion Fryer Rabbits—Crystal Clopton

Poultry Division
Broilers—1. Lesley Birks; 2. Allie Birks; 3. Bobby Muhle
Champion Broilers—Lesley Birks
Reserve Champion Broilers—Allie Birks

Market Lamb Division
Lamb—1. Philip Quade

Champion Lamb—Philip Quade
Market Swine Division

Durocs—1. Laci Townsend; 2. Ryan Byrd; 3. Amber Hearn
Champion Duroc—Laci Townsend
Reserve Champion Duroc—Ryan Byrd

Hampshires—1. Cody Byrd; 2. Kiel Rowan; 3. Tandi Townsend
Champion Hampshire—Cody Byrd

Reserve Champion Hampshire—Kiel Rowan
White Other Pure Breeds (OPBs)—1. Kiel Rowan; 2. Cody Byrd; 3. Tara Lisle

Champion White OPB—Kiel Rowan
Reserve Champion White OPB—Cody Byrd

Black OPBs—1. Cody Byrd; 2. Jonathan Short

Champion Black OPB—Cody Byrd
Reserve Champion Black OPB—Jonathan Short

Lightweight Crossbreds—1. Chase Cockerell; 2. Laci Townsend; 3. Tandi Townsend

Heavyweight Crossbreds—1. Kiel Rowan; 2. Cody Byrd; 3. Brian Bevel

Champion Crossbred—Chase Cockerell, with lightweight crossbred

Reserve Champion Crossbred—Laci Townsend, with lightweight crossbred

Overall Grand Champion Market Swine—Kiel Rowan, with white OPB pig

Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine—Chase Cockerell, with crossbred

Cattle Division
Market Steers—1. Mary Belle Turner; 2. Amy Turner; 3. Brian Bevel

Grand Champion Market Steer—Mary Belle Turner, with a Hereford steer

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer—Amy Turner, with a Hereford steer

Heifers—1. Mary Belle Turner; 2. Amy Turner
Champion Heifer—Mary Belle Turner, with Hereford

Reserve Champion Heifer—Amy Turner, with Hereford

Showmanship Awards
Swine Showmanship—Tara Lisle
Lamb Showmanship—Philip Quade

Beef Cattle Showmanship—Amy Turner

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 5-9
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

Monday: Cereal and donuts
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy and sausage

Friday: Cereal and cinnamon rolls
Lunch

A choice of baked potato with ham and cheese, salad bar or hamburger and fries plus milk and tea are offered daily at the high school. Milk and juice are served daily at the elementary school.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, fried okra, buttered hot rolls and brownies
Tuesday: Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, buttered cornbread and cherry dessert

Wednesday: Steak fingers, gravy, oven fried potatoes, green beans, buttered hot rolls and sliced peaches
Thursday: Chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, buttered corn and cinnamon rolls

Friday: B.B.Q. on bun, curly fries, pickle spears and sliced pineapple
Menus are subject to change.

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Think carefully before you engage the services of a professional such as an accountant, an attorney, a stockbroker, a realtor, or an insurance agent.

The areas of expertise within a given profession are so varied that it is to your benefit to review the experience of the professional you are about to engage. Although most professionals would not intentionally do you a disservice, the lack of one's experience on a given problem may work to your detriment.

The practice of accounting, for example, has become so complicated that it requires several areas of specialization. There are accountants who spend most of their time in one area of practice, such as audits, tax planning and preparation, computer usage for business applications, or small business consultation. Each of these areas of practice may be even more specialized depending on the size of the accounting firm. Tax planning and preparation, for example, may be further divided into corporation tax problems, partnerships, estate and gift, and personal income tax problems.

It's fine to accept the recommendations of friends and business associates for the selection of a professional, but keep in mind that the individual making the referral may have a significantly different problem from yours.

If you have an on-going need for an accountant, spend some time interviewing one to determine if he or she has the background which best suits your needs. Call for an appointment and request a "no charge" conference to become acquainted. This first meeting should determine the suitability of the accountant for your business and financial affairs.

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Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

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East Hwy 380, Haskell

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Sun. Morn. 8:00 a.m., Sunday School to follow
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Raul Tirado, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Sidney Parsley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Jasper McClellan, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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Food for thought

"In my flesh shall I see God."—Job 19:26.

Mark the subject of Job's devout anticipation "I shall see God." He does not say, "I shall see the saints"—though doubtless that will be untold felicity—but, "I shall see God." It is not—"I shall see the pearly gates, I shall behold the walls of jasper, I shall gaze upon the crowns of gold," but "I shall see God."

This is the sum and substance of Heaven, this the joyful hope of all believers. It is their delight to see Him now in the ordinances by faith. They love to behold Him in communion and in prayer; but there in Heaven they shall have an open and unclouded vision, and thus seeing "Him as He is," shall be made completely like Him.

Likeness to God—what can we wish for more? And a sight of God—what can we desire better? Some read the passage, "Yet, I shall see God in my flesh," and find here an allusion to Christ, as the "Word made flesh," and that glorious beholding of Him which shall be the splendor of the latter days. Whether so or not it is certain

that Christ shall be the object of our eternal vision; nor shall we ever want any joy beyond that of seeing Him.

Think not that this will be a narrow sphere for the mind to dwell in. It is but one source of delight, but that source is infinite. All His attributes shall be subjects for contemplation and as He is infinite under each aspect, there is no fear of exhaustion.

His works, His gifts, His love to us, and His glory in all His purposes, and in all His actions,

these shall make a theme which will be ever new.

The patriarch looked forward to this sight of God as a personal enjoyment. "Whom mine eye shall behold, and not another." Take realizing views of Heaven's bliss; think what it will be to you. "Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty." All earthly brightness fades and darkens as we gaze upon it, but here is a brightness which can never dim, a glory which can never fade—"I shall see God."

Submitted by Sam Biner.

Local youth wins at Ft. Worth

Amy Turner of the Haskell County 4-H showed a first place heifer in the Junior Hereford Division at the Centennial Edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

This outstanding event was judged by Charles Rollins of

Crowley. The Stock Show's Junior Division posted some 8,000 entries by the youth of Texas as the culmination of year-long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior Show premiums exceeded \$57,000.



RULE WINS AT SPC—Team members from Rule, captured the Sweepstakes trophy in the Small School Div. at the annual South Plains College Math-Science Invitational. From left on the front row are winners Eric Robinson and Justin Carter, and from left on the back row are winners Cory Robinson, Denise Wilson and Kacy Baitz. Their teachers were Alice Jones and Jerry Cannon.

Rule wins small school sweepstakes

Students from Rule High School won the sweepstakes trophy in the Small School Division at South Plains College's recent Math-Science Invitational.

Rule took first place in math, calculator and science and second place in number sense and computer.

Individual awards for Rule students were awarded to the following people:

Cory Robinson won the overall

first place award in biology, chemistry and physics, first in 12th grade math, science, computer science and calculator and second in 12th grade number sense. Justin Custer won first in ninth grade number sense, first in ninth grade math, second in ninth grade calculator and fourth in ninth grade science.

Denise Wilson won second in 12th grade calculator, third in 12th grade number sense and third in

math. Kacy Baitz won second in 12th grade computer science and fourth in 12th grade calculator. Eric Robinson won first in ninth grade calculator, second in ninth grade math and sixth in ninth grade science.



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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Stamford There 4:00 JV-VBG		C.S.O. meeting 7 p.m.	Rotan Here 4:00 JV-VBG	UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest HS at HSU JH at Abilene High
11	San Antonio Stock Show Feb. 12-17 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	12	DAT Career Testing 8th grade 8:30-11:00 Hawley Here JV-VB 4:00	13	Valentine's Day End of 4th Six Weeks	14
				15	No School Staff Development	16
					No School Holiday	17
18	President's Day	19	20	21	George Washington's Birthday	22
	Beginning of 5th Six Weeks					23
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Philadelphian

By Oleta Cornelius
The Rule Philadelphian Club met Thursday, Jan. 18, in the Clubhouse for their Annual Business Meeting with President, Orheana Greeson, presiding. Preceding the meeting, members joined in prayer for the family of Geraldine Pool, who had died earlier that day on Thursday. Ms. Pool was a former teacher in the Rule Public School and was known and loved by all in the community. Members answered roll call with a New Year's resolution, although several said they hadn't kept last year's, but were willing to try again for the new year.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. Frances Campbell, yearbook committee, called members attention to February's program which will be on Americanism Day pertaining to American Patriotic Symbols; to March's program on Texas Heritage; April's program about carbon monoxide poisoning; and in May, when the club will close out the year with a salad luncheon.

The treasurer's report was given by Ruth Eaton, who listed revenues, expenses, bills paid and the present balance. The audit committee reported that the books

were in excellent shape and commended the treasurer on her work.

A report of the nominating committee was given by Nell Estes with the following being elected as officers for the 1996-98 years: President—Orheana Greeson; First Vice-President—Frances Campbell; Second Vice-President—Tomi May; Recording Secretary—Marilyn Cloud; Corresponding Secretary—Joyce Hester; Treasurer—Ruth Eaton; Critic—Jo Simpson; Press/Publicity—Oleta Cornelius; Custodian—Swede Kittley; Historian—Ola Mae Lisle; Federation Counselor—Nell Estes; and Parliamentarian—Jo Simpson.

Standing Committees are: Year Book—Frances Campbell and Orheana Greeson; Social Committee—Tomi May, Mildred Chambers and Swede Kittley; Telephone—Jo Simpson and Ola Mae Lisle; Membership—Frances Campbell and Bertha McQuinn; Finance—Ruth Eaton and Swede Kittley; Auditing—Nell Estes and Marilyn Cloud; Reports Chairman—Opal Grice; Nominating Committee—Nell Estes and Jo Simpson.

Department chairmen are: Conservation—Nell Estes; Education—Mildred Chambers; The Arts—Barbara Kile; International Affairs—Ruth Eaton; Home Life—Opal Grice; Public Affairs—Tomi May; and Texas Heritage—Frances Campbell.

State delegates are Nell Estes and alternate Bertha McQuinn. District delegates are Opal Grice and alternate Mildred Chambers.

Material pertaining to club membership survey and parliamentary procedures was handed out to club members by the president. Also, members were asked to write down the number of years they had served in the club.

Discussion was held pertaining to the club observing their 75th anniversary in 1997. Their 40th anniversary was observed in Nov. 1962 and their 50th in Mar. 1972. Following discussion, members decided to give this matter more thought and would decide at the February meeting whether or not to observe the anniversary and begin to make plans for it if they should.

This concluded the business meeting and the Program Director, June Biffle, led club members in the pledge to the United States flag, followed by Federation News given by Nell Estes. Each member then participated in reading the Constitution and By-Laws of the

Rule Philadelphian Club. The meeting concluded with Ruth Eaton leading all in the reading of the Club Collect.

Members enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments of spiced tea, coffee and an assortment of cookies from the serving table, which was covered with a beige cloth with a floral arrangement in a crystal bowl centered on the table. Angels surrounded the centerpiece. Another table covered with a white cloth held an assortment of various candles; and angels on a white doily, adorned the piano.

Members will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse for a program on American Patriotic Symbols telling where our symbols originated. Program director will be Tomi May.

FCE Clubs

The Haskell County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee, a Program Area Committee of the Haskell Co. Extension Program Council, met on Jan. 17, in the Haskell Co. Extension Office kitchen for their first training and planning committee meeting in 1996.

Serving on the Family and Consumer Sciences Committee for 1996 are James Bevel, Rose Guadaluca, Margaret Jones, Ophelia Newsom, Usha Patel, Myrtle Plemister, Mildred Robertson, Abby Salinas, Wanda Thompson, Nancy Toliver, Alice Yates and Mae Lou Yeldell.

The committee's programming plans for 1996 will be centered around the area of Household Resource Management. Some of the items planned for the year include: 1) Information letters to be included with the quarterly newsletter, "Extension Happenings in Haskell County," on topics of interest to household managers; 2) Computer Fair for interested consumers to be able to view various types of computers, computer equipment and software and to be able to ask questions from their peers who are knowledgeable on the subject of computers; 3) very basic computer class for county residents who have had absolutely no exposure to computers; 4) a one day computer training conducted by Stan Bevers, Extension Economist, on one of the four following topics—Introduction to Quicken for DOS, Advanced Quicken for DOS, Quicken 4 for Windows, or Introduction to BudPro.

The topic will be determined by the number of individuals requesting one of the four topics; 5) panel program for the general public on recycling, composting and xeriscape; 6) tour of compost projects, gardens—both flower and vegetable, xeriscape plans, and

lawn and garden watering systems; 7) news series on insurance and; 8) mail-out series on insurance.

If you would like to be added to the Haskell County Extension Office's mailing list to receive their newsletter and other information pertaining to these programming plans, please either call the County Extension Office at 817-864-2658 or 817-864-2546; come by the office located at 101 So. Ave. D in Haskell; or mail your name, mailing address and phone number to the Haskell Co. Extension Office, P.O. Box 693, Haskell, TX 79521.

Lou Gilly, County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences, serves an advisor to this committee.

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By Dolores Medford
Reporter

On Jan. 17, the Haskell Co. Family and Community Education Clubs met at the County Extension office with ten members and two guests present. Chairman Jane Smith called the meeting to order.

Betty Sanders, from the Weintert Club, gave the recitation titled "Today." Club presidents gave reports from their club meetings to council. Minutes of the last council meeting were read by secretary, Betty Sanders, and approved. A treasurer's report was given by Lennie Blankenship. Reports from the standing committee were given. A special committee was appointed for a County-wide Education Trip. The 4-H clothing projects are underway, as the fashion show will be held in March for the County 4-H and the District show will be in April.

On Mar. 26, the Haskell County FCE Clubs will be guests of Knox County at Rally Day.

Young Homemakers

By Rhonda Hanson

The Haskell Young Homemakers met Jan. 8, at the First National Bank Building. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful Mexican food prepared by the Ruiz family. Twelve members were present. It was nice to just get together to eat and visit.

Karla Page won the door prize of salsa made by Carol Cottingham. Our next meeting will be Feb. 5, at the home of Tracy Frierson. Melissa Burson will present a BeautiControl makeup program. Hostesses will be Tina Adams, Michelle Dunnam and Rhonda Hanson. Hope to see you there.

HASKELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1995

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				TOTALS (MEMORAN)
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	AUGUST 31, 1995
REVENUES:					
Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$2,125,204	\$58,428	—	—	\$2,183,632
State Program Revenues	2,388,385	36,726	—	—	2,425,111
Federal Program Revenues	7,162	426,843	—	—	434,005
Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14	\$4,520,751	\$521,997	—	—	\$5,042,748
Revenues Collected for Funding Function 14	—	—	—	—	—
Total Revenues	\$4,520,751	\$521,997	—	—	\$5,042,748
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	\$2,139,257	\$221,843	—	—	\$2,361,100
Instructional Administration	47,597	—	—	—	47,597
Instructional Resources and Media Services	62,285	5,143	—	—	67,428
School Administration	236,306	—	—	—	236,306
Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development	3,818	—	—	—	3,818
Communication and Dissemination	—	—	—	—	—
Guidance and Counseling Services	56,491	630	—	—	57,121
Attendance and Social Work Service	—	—	—	—	—
Health Services	30,810	—	—	—	30,810
Student Transportation	92,528	5,114	—	—	97,642
Co-curricular Activities	195,057	—	—	—	195,057
Food Services	—	228,040	—	—	228,040
General Administration	224,222	5,508	—	—	229,730
Debt Services	—	—	—	—	—
Plant Maintenance and Operations	429,279	—	—	—	429,279
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	702,768	93,329	—	—	796,097
Data Processing Services	16,826	—	—	—	16,826
Community Service	—	25,409	—	—	25,409
Expenditures Excluding Function 14	\$4,237,244	\$585,016	—	—	\$4,822,260
Instructional Services Between Districts	—	—	—	—	—
Total Expenditures	\$4,237,244	\$585,016	—	—	\$4,822,260
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$283,507	(\$63,019)	—	—	\$220,488
Other Resources	109,152	19,847	—	—	128,999
Other (Uses)	(132,890)	(1,108)	—	—	(133,998)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	\$259,769	(\$44,280)	—	—	\$215,489
Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	2,485,554	65,675	—	—	2,551,229
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	—	—	—	—	—
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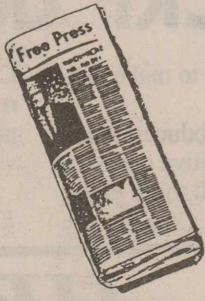
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 The family of Thurman H. Mason

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USDA offers early out and contract extensions for CRP acreages

Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, recently announced an 'early-out' option for some producers with acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Acreage released under 'early-out' will have crop acreage bases, allotments and quotas restored for the 1996 crop year.

"This early out option is important for several reasons," Glickman said. "First, producers should have the opportunity to take advantage of the high market prices by planting more of their land. Second, the offer is consistent with USDA's responsibility of ensuring a grain supply that meets market demand. Third, offering an 'early-out' for productive, less erodible land is consistent with the Clinton

Administration's commitment to an environmentally sound, cost-effective CRP."

This 'early-out' option applies only to those CRP contracts scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 1996. Eligible land must have an erodibility index of 15 or less. Highly erodible land released early from the CRP for cropping must have an approved conservation plan or, if for haying or pasture, a haying or grazing plan. For approved conservation plans, producers will have to meet the requirements of alternative conservation systems.

Land devoted to useful life easements, field windbreaks, grass waterways, shallow water areas, filterstrips, bottomland timber on

wetlands, shelterbelts and land within an average of 100 feet of a stream, or other permanent water body will not be eligible for the 'early-out' option.

"These eligibility qualifications for the 'early-out' offer ensure that environmentally sensitive land continues to remain under contract," Glickman said.

"President Clinton has stated his strong support for the CRP and is committed to ensuring its continuity for years to come. Consistent with this commitment, one of the administration's farm bill recommendations to Congress is for new enrollment authority for 1996 and beyond.

"If Congress renews this authority, the Department fully

intends to replace the early-released acreage with enrollments of highly sensitive lands. Having new enrollment authority is critical to maintaining and improving the program over the next ten years. We will work with Congress to ensure that farmers continue to have the opportunity to enroll environmentally-sensitive acres into the program to improve soil, wildlife habitat and water quality," Glickman said.

"Sign-up dates and other details of this 'early-out' offer will be announced after the rulemaking process is completed," Glickman said. "We will also make an announcement on options to extend expiring CRP contracts before the 'early-out' sign-up period begins, giving producers all of the

information they need to make their CRP decisions."

Under the CRP, producers retire environmentally-sensitive cropland from production for 10 to 15 years. In return, USDA's Commodity

Credit Corporation provides annual rental payments and cost-share payments to establish and maintain vegetative cover.

Submitted by the Haskell Co. FSA office.

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Swine Exhibit

Class 1

Lightweight Hampshires
1st—Chad Teichelman, Rule; 2nd—Riley Pace, PC; 3rd—Laci Townsend, Roch.; 4th—Candice Eberhart, Hask.; 5th—Kayla Allison, Rule; 6th—Kelly McCulloch, Hask.; 7th—Dustin Barbee, Hask.; 8th—Melanie Michaels, Hask.; 9th—John Hodgins, Hask.; 10th—Laci Townsend, Roch.

Class 2

Mediumweight Hampshires
1st—Jeffrey Murray, Rule; 2nd—Cody Byrd, Roch.; 3rd—Laci Townsend, Roch.; 4th—Ryan Byrd, Roch.; 5th—Brian Lehmann, Sager; 6th—James Bass, Roch.; 7th—Amy Aycock, Hask.; 8th—John Hodgins, Hask.; 9th—Amy Barbour, Hask.; 10th—Wendy Gray, Hask.

Class 3

Heavyweight Hampshires
1st—Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 2nd—Amy Hisey, Rule; 3rd—Amy Hisey, Rule; 4th—Susan Acosta, PC; 5th—Ryan Byrd, Roch.; 6th—Shayne McKenzie, Hask.; 7th—Maggie Brzozowski, Hask.; 8th—Kayla Allison, Rule; 9th—Hegan Lamb, PC; 10th—Crystal Hill, PC.

Class 4

Breed Champion (Hampshire)
Jeffrey Murray, Rule

Class 5

Reserve Breed Champion (Hamp)
Jonathan Hisey, Rule

Class 6

Lightweight Duroc
1st—Dala Nicholson, Roch.; 2nd—Cary Cox, Roch.; 3rd—Amber Hearn, Roch.; 4th—Laci Townsend, Roch.; 5th—Josh New, Hask.; 6th—Jodi Thigpen, Hask.; 7th—Wendy Dulaney, Hask.; 8th—Chad Brendle, Hask.; 9th—Brandy Gardner, Hask.

Class 7

Mediumweight Duroc
1st—M'Lynn Lehmann, Sager; 2nd—Ryan Byrd, Roch.; 3rd—Brittany Bartley, Hask.; 4th—Tara Lisle, Roch.; 5th—Heath McCulloch; 6th—Jace Manske, Sager; 7th—Dustin Barbee, Hask.; 8th—Brian Bevel, Roch.; 9th—Shayne McKenzie, Hask.; 10th—J.J. Comedy, Hask.

Class 8

Heavyweight Duroc
1st—Cody Byrd, Roch.; 2nd—Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 3rd—Laci Townsend, Roch.; 4th—Amy Hisey, Rule; 5th—Turner Frierson, Hask.; 6th—Hegan Lamb, PC; 7th—Josh Smith, Rule; 8th—Jennifer Lehmann, Sager; 9th—Kayla Allison, Rule; 10th—Levi Terry, Hask.

Class 9

Breed Champion (Duroc)
M'Lynn Lehmann, Rule

Class 10

Reserve Breed Champion (Duroc)
Cody Byrd, Rochester

Class 11

Lightweight Cross
1st—Tim Campbell, Rule; 2nd—Laci Townsend, Roch.; 3rd—Cody Cockerell, Roch.; 4th—Ryan Byrd, Roch.; 5th—Cody Byrd, Roch.; 6th—Nicky McCulloch, Hask.; 7th—Heath

Class 12

Mediumweight Cross
1st—Angela Aycock, Hask.; 2nd—Cody Byrd, Roch.; 3rd—Michelle Stegemoeller, Sager; 4th—Jennifer Lehmann, Sager; 5th—Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 6th—Chris Tatum, Hask.; 7th—Kory Tidrow, Hask.; 8th—Hattie Walton, PC; 9th—Hegan Lamb, PC; 10th—Stephanie Stegemoeller, Sager.

Class 13

Heavyweight Cross
1st—Michael Murray, Rule; 2nd—Kelly McCulloch, Hask.; 3rd—Turner Frierson, Hask.; 4th—Hollie Smith, Rule; 5th—Dustin Barbee, Hask.; 6th—Amy Hisey, Rule; 7th—Matthew Cunningham, Hask.; 8th—Maggie Brzozowski, Hask.; 9th—Sherita Tidrow, Hask.; 10th—Turner Frierson, Hask.

Class 14

Breed Champion (Cross)
Tim Campbell, Rule

Class 15

Reserve Breed Champion (Cross)
Laci Townsend, Rochester

Class 16

Lightweight OPB
1st—Brittany Bartley, Hask.; 2nd—M'Lynn Lehmann, Sager; 3rd—Michelle Stegemoeller, Sager; 4th—Heath Brendle, Hask.; 5th—Shannon Jordan, Hask.; 6th—Jonathan Allison, Rule; 7th—Josh Smith, Rule; 8th—Amanda Muhle, Roch.; 9th—John Hodgins, Hask.; 10th—Landon Terry, Hask.

Class 17

Mediumweight OPB
1st—Kyle Brendle, Hask.; 2nd—Stephanie Stegemoeller, Sager; 3rd—Jace Manske, Sager; 4th—Amy Barbour, Hask.; 5th—Jonathan Hisey, Rule; 6th—Brian Lehmann, Sager; 7th—Jennifer Lehmann, Sager; 8th—Turner Frierson, Hask.; 9th—Nicky McCulloch, Hask.; 10th—Brittany Bartley, Hask.

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Class 19

Breed Champion (OPB)
Kyle Brendle, Haskell

Class 20

Reserve Breed Champion (OPB)
Stephanie Stegemoeller, Rule

Class 21

Grand Champion
Jeffrey Murray, Rule

Class 22

Reserve Champion
Jonathan Hisey, Rule

Junior Beef Showmanship—Jonathan Hisey, Rule

Sr. Showmanship—Cody Byrd, Rochester

Cattle Division

Class 1 Steers

1st—Rusty Howard, Has. 4H; 2nd—Ross Pittman, Has. 4H; 3rd—Kayla Allison, Rule 4H; 4th—Brian Bevel, Roch. 4H; 5th—Eric Hager, Wein. 4H

Class 2 Steers

1st—Eric Hager, Wein. 4H; 2nd—Brittany Bartley, Has. 4H; 3rd—Amy Turner, Roch. 4H; 4th—Jonathan Allison, Has. 4H; 5th—Ross Pittman, Has. 4H

Class 3 Steers

1st—Brian Bevel, Roch. 4H; 2nd—Brittany Bartley, Has. 4H; 3rd—Jeremy Hager, Wein. 4H; 4th—Angela Hager, Wein. 4H; 5th—Matthew Cunningham, Has. FFA

Class 4 Steers

1st—Matt Pace, Rule 4H; 2nd—Mindy Howard, Has. 4H; 3rd—Ben Pace, Rule 4H; 4th—Mary Belle Turner, Roch. 4H

Class 5 Steers

1st—Matt Pace, Rule 4H; 2nd—Mindy Howard, Has. 4H; 3rd—Ben Pace, Rule 4H; 4th—Mary Belle Turner, Roch. 4H

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Class 8 Steers

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Class 9 Steers

1st—Matt Pace, Rule 4H; 2nd—Mindy Howard, Has. 4H; 3rd—Ben Pace, Rule 4H; 4th—Mary Belle Turner, Roch. 4H

Class 10 Steers

1st—Matt Pace, Rule 4H; 2nd—Mindy Howard, Has. 4H; 3rd—Ben Pace, Rule 4H; 4th—Mary Belle Turner, Roch. 4H

Market Report

Packer cows and bulls were \$2 to \$3 higher at Saturday's sale at the Haskell Livestock Auction. The English-bred stocker steers and heifers were fully steady. Brahma crosses were \$1 to \$2 lower. All compact and plain cattle were \$10 cheaper than quoted prices.

Cows: fat, .28-.34; cutters, .32-.375; canners, .20-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .47-.52; feeder, .35-.45; utility, .30-.40.

Steers: Medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .65-.70; 300-400 lbs., .56-.67; 400-500 lbs., .52-.62; 500-600 lbs., .54-.58; 600-700 lbs., .52-.59; 700-800 lbs., .54-.60; 800-up lbs., .48-.55.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .50-.57; 300-400 lbs., .45-.55; 400-500 lbs., .46-.52; 500-600 lbs., .46-.52; 600-up lbs., .45-.53.

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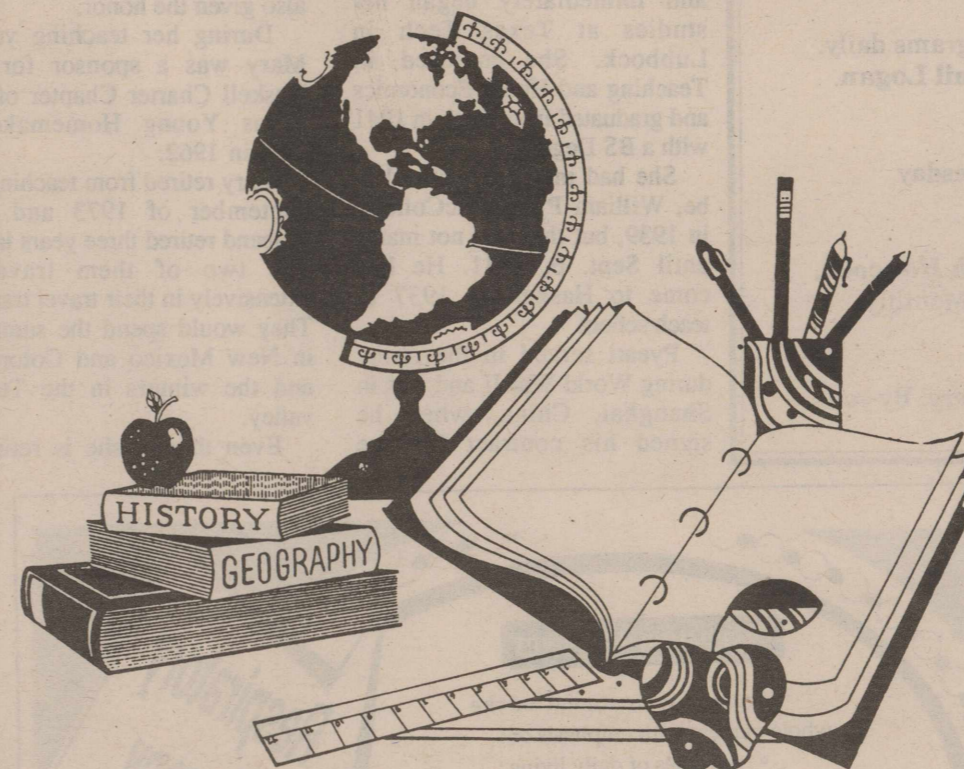
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MARY MCCOLLUM



GLADYS O'NEAL



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....and these two former Haskell CISD educators, Gladys O'Neal and Mary McCollum, did teach school when discipline was stressed in classes by the teachers and administrators (not necessarily with a hickory stick), and when teachers were shown more respect by students and parents alike.

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Mary McCollum taught Home Ec for 21 years

By Joyce Jones

Mary McCollum taught Home Economics at Haskell High School for 21 years and the biggest change that she saw through those years was the addition of the boys' Home Economic class. She also saw a change in students' and parents' attitudes and in disciplinary action. She also taught math one year before Home Economics.

Mary McCollum was born Mar. 14, 1919 in Munday and moved with her parents to Haskell when she was in the second grade. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1937 and immediately began her studies at Texas Tech in Lubbock. She majored in Teaching and Home Economics and graduated from Tech in 1941 with a BS Degree.

She had met her husband to be, William Pyeatt McCollum, in 1939, but they did not marry until Sept. 6, 1941. He had come to Haskell in 1937 to teach school.

Pyeatt served in the Army during World War II and was in Shanghai, China, when he signed his contract for the

principal's job at Haskell. Mary said, "A school board member brought the contract to me and asked if I thought he would like to be principal. I said I know he would. So I mailed the contract to him and he signed it. When he came back to Haskell after his tour of duty, he came back as the principal. He was the principal for nearly 30 years."

While in college, Mary was named to "Who's Who in Universities and Colleges" during her senior year. Her college roommate of three years and best friend since the second grade, Geraldine Conner, was also given the honor.

During her teaching years, Mary was a sponsor for the Haskell Charter Chapter of the Texas Young Homemaker's Club in 1962.

Mary retired from teaching in September of 1973 and her husband retired three years later. The two of them traveled extensively in their travel trailer. They would spend the summer in New Mexico and Colorado and the winters in the Texas valley.

Even though she is retired,



LOIS AND CLIFF NICHOLSON

antique and in small airplanes.

"The largest job that we ever did, was all of the seats in the Ruidoso Downs racetrack; we also did pews and seats in a lot

of churches. Anything that needed upholstering, we did it. One of the most unique things that I upholstered was making a chaise lounge out of an old

antique bathtub, the kind that has legs on it," Cliff said.

More recently, he just upholstered an old Coca Cola box that had been cut down for a couch. He has a smaller box to upholster, which will be the size of a loveseat, for the same person, Tim Shelton of Eastland.

The couple also taught their three sons the upholstery business; they wanted them to have something to fall back on, no matter what their chosen career would be. Their son, Clifford Ray, who is now deceased, had an upholstery shop in Stamford where he did all kinds of upholstery work and also made boot bags. However, their other two sons are in different trades; Eddie teaches school in Brownfield and Greg works for Bill Gates at Micro Soft Computers. They also have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In their seldom spare time, the couple keeps busy working and restoring their house. The

home is filled with a variety of antiques they have collected over the years. Lois said that the bottom part of the house was built in 1916 and that rooms were added later to accommodate salesmen coming to Haskell. "There were no hotels here at the time, so the top part of the house, which has seven bedrooms was built as a boarding house. When we bought the house, some of the bedroom doors still had the house had never been out of the

Brooks family until we bought it," she said.

Meanwhile, the couple is enjoying being back home in Haskell. "We thoroughly enjoy living in Haskell and everybody is so nice," Lois said. "But when you have been gone 30 years and come back, you can't hardly recognize some people, everyone has aged so much, but I guess they say the same thing about us," Cliff jokingly said.

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Nicholsons keep busy redoing and restoring

By Joyce Jones
Lois and Cliff Nicholson meant to retire a few years back, they didn't work for a year, but they decided retirement wasn't for them, they like to keep busy. And they do keep busy in their antique and upholstery shop located on Highway 380 East in Haskell. Cliff also likes to restore antique cars and upholsters everything in them except the headliners. He has a 1928 Model A in his back yard which he is restoring now. In their spare time, both of them work on the restoration of their antique home (the old Brooks home) located on North Ave. F.

Lois was born Sept. 4, 1922, in Haskell, the daughter of old settlers in the community. Her family moved to Old Glory when she was a small child and she went to school there through the ninth grade. The family then moved back to Haskell and she graduated from Haskell High School.

Nick was born May 24, 1920, in Paris, Tex. As a small child, he moved with his family to Knox County in the small community of Sunset, where he attended school.

The two of them met on a blind date in Haskell and later married on Nov. 6, 1940 when she was 18 and he was 20. After their marriage, they lived on a farm close to the Thorpe community in Knox County. Then Cliff went into the US Navy during World War II and stayed until the war was over.

Lois moved to Haskell after Cliff went into the service and

worked for the telephone company as a central operator before the dialing system came into being.

Cliff actually started in the upholstery business at the age of 13. "My dad was a cotton farmer and I didn't like to pull bolls, so I started making cotton sacks for the owner of the general store at Thorpe," he said.

After his release from the Navy, he went to work for Pittman Motors (now Medford Motors) on Mar. 16, 1946 as an upholstery person. He stayed at Pittman for two years, then opened his own shop, which he ran for about six months. He sold out to Bill Wilson Ford Motor Co. and went to work for them and stayed there for eight years.

In May of 1956, Cliff and Lois moved to Farwell, where he went to work for the Ford house there as shop foreman. He worked there for two years and the company sold out, so Cliff bought his own upholstery shop in Clovis, N.Mex. and was in business there for over 30 years until his first retirement. It was the largest upholstery shop in New Mexico for 18 years.

They both worked in the business; Cliff did upholstery work and supervised his employees, and Lois did the book work and the leg work doing estimates and getting jobs. They did contract work for Cannon Air Force Base and also contracted work from all over the state. They also did upholstery work in cars, both new and



Mary tries to keep busy; she was a part of the grandmother's lap program at Paint Creek School. She said "I really enjoyed it and would like to be a part of the program if it continues in the future. I have also assisted with special programs for the third graders in Haskell Elementary, and really enjoyed that also."

She enjoys crafts, sewing, needlepoint, and bird watching. She is a volunteer at the Experienced Citizens Center and delivers home meals for the center on a regular basis.

Mary said that some of the changes she has seen around Haskell is paved streets, "The only paved streets in town, when I was young, was the paved streets around the square and Ave. F to the depot. The streets

were not numbered or named. There were also more schools; we had three elementary schools, Southward, Eastward and Northward.

"I am one of a few old timers that can still say she knows where Dr. Lewis' house was. And we had a lot more grocery stores back then, of course they were smaller stores, the mom and pop type of grocers. And I hate to see so many empty business houses here now."

Mary and Pyeatt, both members of the Church of Christ, raised two sons, Kenneth who lives in Houston and John who lives in Richardson. They have four grandchildren, Amy, John, Matthew and Casey and one great-granddaughter, Devin.

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Information on the 1996 changes in the Medicare costs the beneficiary pays will be included with the checks Social Security beneficiaries receive on Jan. 3, 1996, according to Ken Hargis, manager of the Abilene office.

The basic Medicare Part B premium, the amount most

people pay, is \$42.50 starting Jan. 1. If you are paying for Medicare Part B, the new premium will be deducted from your check.

The Part A deductibles—the amount you owe before Medicare starts paying—have increased. In 1996, you will pay \$736 for the first 60 days of a hospital stay and \$184 per day for the next 30

days. The Part B deductible remained at \$100 per year.

If your monthly income is \$643 or less (\$856 for a couple), your state may pay your Medicare premiums and deductibles. Contact your state or local medical assistance (Medicaid) agency, social services department, or welfare office.

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Gladys O'Neal stressed discipline in her classes

By Joyce Jones
Gladys O'Neal taught school in Haskell Junior High for 26 years and the biggest change she saw in those years was the attitude of parents and the

discipline of students. "I enjoyed every year of teaching, but I stressed discipline in my classes and I showed no partiality," Gladys said.

Gladys said that another change has been with students using computers. "I think that the students should be taught the basics before they get into calculators and computers," she said.

Gladys Fouts O'Neal was born Aug. 23, 1918 in Haskell

to Ed and Bessie Fouts. She graduated from Haskell High School in 1936. She attended HSU in 1937 and 1938 while she was still single. She married Lee Roy O'Neal on Sept. 3, 1939. The couple raised two sons, Barry who is a doctor in Irving and Randy who is an Engineer with Canyon Exploration in Amarillo. They have five grandchildren.

But in the '50s, this young wife and mother who was in her

high, which she liked a lot better. She taught English, Social Studies, Texas History and Art in Haskell Junior High from 1955-1981.

Gladys said that a lot of her ex-students come back to visit her, "I really enjoy their visits, I don't always know them or recognize them, but I love everyone of them."

Her advice to students today is, "Finish school, get your diploma and try to go to some kind of school, a college or trade school that will help you make a living; never give up, just keep trying to learn. You can't get a good job today if you don't get a degree."

Gladys said she has seen a lot of changes in the Haskell Community over the years. She has seen new schools being built and even though the town has grown a lot, there were more grocery stores in the downtown area, when she was younger.

She said that downtown was the hub of activity, especially on Saturday, "Everybody would come to town on Saturday; we would sit in the car and watch the people and visit with them. Now most people go to town everyday, but they don't visit

like they did then."

Since retiring, Gladys has stayed active with club and church work. She is a member of the First Baptist Church. She is a lifetime member of the Progressive Study Club, 57 years, and is a member of the Garden Club, Brazos West Art Association and the Retired Teachers Association. She is a reporter for the Art Club and Garden Club and writes the monthly, article, The Green Thumb, which appears in *The Haskell Free Press*.

She also spends some of her leisure time painting in oil and watercolors, delivering baked goods to her friends, reading both fictional books and the Bible (her favorite book) and watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune on television. She also enjoys entertaining and traveling. She and her sister spent two years traveling extensively, including trips to Branson, Mo. and Nashville, Tenn. and one "Mystery Trip" to Arizona.

Gladys said the best advice she ever received was from her mother—to always tell the truth. Her philosophy on life is: "I try not to criticize harmfully, or pass judgment on anybody. If I can't say something nice, I just keep my mouth shut."

Part B Medicare enrollment

If you're 65 or over and don't have Part B Medicare coverage, you'll have a chance to sign up for the Part B medical insurance coverage during the 1996 annual enrollment period, according to Ken Hargis, Social Security manager in Abilene.

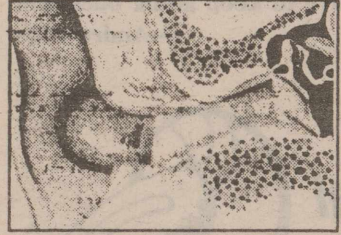
Every year, the government offers a three-month open

enrollment period from Jan. 1, to Mar. 31.

People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage should call the Abilene Social Security office or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day.

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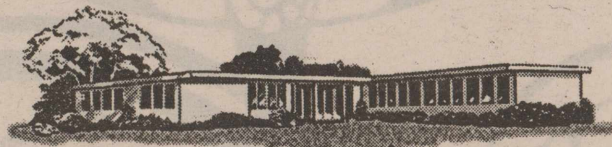


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mid 30s decided to go back to college and complete her education and start teaching and help put her sons through college. She went back to Hardin-Simmons where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in 1953. She majored in Art and Education and minored in English and Business.

Gladys said that she taught in the first grade for the first six months of her teaching degree then started teaching in junior

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