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GOING FOR THE BASKET—Haskell's Carl Riley takes a shot at the basket in Friday night's game with Ranger. The Indians beat Ranger 59-55 for the BI-District Championship. They went on to win the Area Championship, beating Jim Ned 79-55.

Indians advance to Reg. I-2A playoffs

The Haskell Indians brought home the Class 2A Bi-District basketball trophy Friday night, after beating Ranger 59-55 at Mabee Complex on the Hardin-Simmons campus.

Haskell and Ranger were tied at the end of the first quarter, but the Indians moved five points ahead during second quarter play. They maintained a lead over Ranger until the final quarter. With 2:08 minutes left in the game, the score was tied up 55-55, but Indian Cody Cooley scored four points to give the Indians a win.

Haskell's free throw attempts were not on target Friday night, with the Indians only making 14 out of 27 attempts.

Cody Cooley led the Indians in scoring with 20 points and Casey Burgess was close behind with 14 points.

It was trophy time again Tuesday night as the Indians won their Area Championship game against Jim Ned 79-55. This won them a trip to the Region I-2A tournament at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum this Friday night.

Jim Ned never got closer than the 17-9 margin at the end of the first quarter. According to Coach Hoffman, the Indians played a much better game than in last week's game with Ranger.

Cody Cooley was high point scorer for the Indians with 17 points, Casey Burgess had 16 points, Frankie Macias and Matthew McCord each had 10 points.

The Paint Creek Pirates beat the Rochester Steers 64-35 in Class 3A Bi-District play Friday night at

Wylie High School in Abilene, bringing home the Bi-District trophy.

Paint Creek was ahead by seven points by the end of the first quarter and steadily scored through the rest of the game, maintaining their lead. The Steers were unable to stop the Pirates once they got the ball inside the lane.

Josh Howard led the Pirates in scoring with 26, five of those being scored in the final three minutes of the first period. Shannon Waters scored 12 points and Jodie Reel scored 11.

The Pirates lost their bid for Area Championship to Paducah 90-48, Tuesday night at Aspermont. They played a good game but were outscored by the Paducah Dragons. Bobby Scheets led the Pirates in scoring with 14 points. Josh Howard made 10 points and Casey Thompson made nine.

March 4-8 is Public School Week

As a part of Public School Week, March 4-8, a Public School Community Forum will be held at the Haskell Elementary School on Monday, March 4, beginning at 6 p.m.

Superintendent of Haskell CISD, Bob Pheil, will be available to answer questions from parents and other members of the community on the proposed renovation of the high school gymnasium foyer and other items of interest regarding the schools.

The preliminary drawings of the proposed foyer addition have been

PC Elem. to present program

Paint Creek Elementary will present their first annual P.E. program, "Paint Creek...Pure Country," on Thursday, Mar. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Paint Creek gymnasium.

Everyone is invited to this

on display at First National Bank, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and will be on display at Haskell National Bank on Thursday and Friday.

Other activities at the Haskell Elementary School during the week will include the TAAS Writing for the fourth grade on Tuesday, Mar. 5; Spring photos on Wednesday, Mar. 6; a Title I Brunch for Title I students and parents on Thursday, Mar. 7 at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Parents of all students in the Haskell Schools are also invited to

presentation by the elementary students as they "kick up their heels" and "skoot a boot" to some of country music's greatest hits. You're in for an evening of knee slappin', toe tappin,' down home good ole' country fun.

NRCS issues burn ban

Due to the extreme weather conditions, the NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) will not be planning or assisting with the application of prescribed burns. This will stay in effect for the remainder of the burning season or until there is a significant change in the weather.

The extreme conditions include high temperatures and wind in conjunction with low humidity and a very dry soil surface.

Not only do these conditions present a safety problem, they can also damage your grasses and other desirable plants.

A night of one-act plays

On Monday, March 4, the Haskell Memorial Civic Center board of directors will present four one-act plays. Each of these plays will go to UIL contests the last of March.

The schools and their casts are: Rule High School presents "Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley and permission from Dramatist Play Service, New York City. Cast members are Denise Wilson, Julie Saffel, Kacy Baitz, Stephanie Stegemoller and Megan Jones. The crew includes Lisa Shawver, Isabell Baez, Sara Kitley, Kayla Allison and Teri Shawver. The play is directed by Bobby Robinson.

Rochester High school presents "The Oil Well," by Horton Foote

and permission from Dramatist Play Service, Inc. Cast members are Matt Cisneros, Charli McGhee, Jodi Penman, Gary Strickland, Philip Quade, Erika Nicholson, Shelly Hester and Ryan Byrd. The crew includes Misty Hearn, Mary Jane Short, Veronica Slaughter and Mary Belle Turner. The play is directed by Kay Adkisson.

Haskell High School presents "Good-Bye to the Clown," by Ernest Kinoy and permission from Samuel French, Inc. Cast members are Cy McGuire, Vanessa Miller, Rebecca Unger, Michelle Green, Carol Thornhill and Jeremy Futch. The crew includes Jacy Cypert, Shannon Sanford, Wendy Cadenhead and Adrian Palacios. The play is directed by Dalyn Griffith.

Paint Creek High School presents "The Pot Boiler." Cast members are Marcus Overton, Amanda Crawford, Leigh Ann Reel, Amy McWhorter, Joseph Hawkins and Shannon Waters. The play is directed by Joey McCord.

David Middleton will serve as Master of Ceremonies. A concession stand will be available with nachos, pizza, popcorn, brownies, Rice Krispies squares and soft drinks.

The Paint Creek cast will start the evening off at 5:30 p.m. Haskell, Rochester and Rule will follow in that order. Bring the family and enjoy an evening at the Civic Center.

Tickets will be sold at the door, \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

New insurance plan for county

The County Commissioners approved a new insurance plan for the county at Tuesday morning's meeting. Representatives of Cornerstone Insurance Agency and the Titan Indemnity Co. presented the proposed plan to the Court, and explained the extent of the coverage as to limits, deductibles and options for deductibles.

The county insurance has been with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) up until now. However there was no liability coverage for county law enforcement officers with the TAC plan; the new plan through Titan will have liability coverage for law enforcement personnel.

After a lengthy question and answer session, the Court approved the new plan which was binding as of Tuesday.

Newly appointed County Investment Officer, Willie Faye Tidrow presented a proposed investment policy to the Court and

went over the policy with them. A motion was approved to adopt the investment policy with deletions and additions as noted.

In other business, a motion was approved for the Rockdale School site to go with the property surrounding it. A motion was also approved for the county to secure long-term boot camp service with Re-Corp of Sweetwater for juvenile

offenders.

A motion was approved for Commissioner Bill Hester to advertise for bids for a motor grader for Precinct 1. The bids will be opened at the March 26, County Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Ray Perry was appointed to represent the county at the upcoming Paint Creek Water Association meeting.

Rule C of C Spring Banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce met in regular session and completed plans for the upcoming Spring Banquet, which will be held Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Rule High School cafeteria.

Speaker for the evening will be Jim Pratt and the meal will be furnished by the Junior class of Rule High School. Entertainment

will be furnished by the musical group, "Sold Out," from Aspermont.

The Rule Man and Woman of the Year will be honored. Please make your plans now to attend.

Tickets are \$8 at the door and \$7.50 in advance. They can be purchased at Sorrell's Texaco or Tanner Grocery.



THE BALL IS IN THE BASKET—Paint Creek Pirate, Shannon Waters, makes a basket during Friday night's BI-District game with the Rochester Steers. The Pirates won the BI-District Championship beating Rochester 64-35. They lost their Area game to the Paducah Dragons, 90-48. (Photo by Jason Shaw)



MEMBERSHIP PINS WERE PRESENTED—to several members of the American Legion on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Left to right are John M. (Jack) Rousseau—25 yrs., Charles F. Owens—25 yrs., Clarence A. Meler—35 yrs., Homer E. Lett (Stamford)—40 yrs., Abe Turner (Comm.), Dennis Young—50 yrs., and James (Sonny) Reynolds—50 yrs. Not pictured, Royce Adkins—45 yrs., Willie W. Buerger—25 yrs., Fred Kupatt (Sagerton)—25 yrs. and Harvey Simmons—50 yrs.

Coming Events

Church concession

The Foursquare Church of Haskell will be selling fajitas, hamburgers, cotton candy and lemonade on the square, Saturday, March 2. All proceeds will go toward a Baptistry.

Historical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will have their regular meeting on March 4, at 7 p.m. at the office of Hartsfield Insurance to study historical pictures.

Sons of Hermann

The Sons of Hermann will have their monthly meeting, Sunday, March 3, 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.

Immunization dates

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct immunization clinics on the following dates:

10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Aspermont Community Center on Thursday, March 7.
10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Knox City Community Center on Monday, March 18.
10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Haskell American Legion Hall on Thursday, March 21.

Public meeting for Boll Weevil Erad.

In its nonstop effort to seek input from area cotton growers, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. will hold a public meeting in Haskell to discuss eradication plans for the Rolling Plains Central Zone next Monday, Mar. 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

While this particular meeting will focus mainly on the eradication program in Haskell and Stonewall counties, anybody is invited to participate, Anderson added.

Hee Haw time

For the 25th time in as many years, the dates for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw have been scheduled, according to Billie Kupatt, director. The 1996 edition of the funniest music and comedy extravaganza this side of the Brazos River will be March 28-30.

All activities will be at Sagerton Community Center. Ticket sales will be announced later.

Each evening of the performance, the lunch room will open at 5:30 p.m., the music will begin at 7 p.m. with the performance at 8 p.m.

According to Dorothy Clark, music director, the Hee Haw Band, a crowd pleaser, is looking forward to providing many toe-tapping favorites.

Obituaries

Lena Overcash

Graveside services were held for Lena Overcash, 91, of Haskell on Friday, Feb. 23, at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Blair and Eugene Gibbs officiating. Burial was under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Overcash died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Haskell Memorial Hospital. She was born Feb. 26, 1904 in Malakoff. She married George Melton Overcash in 1932 in Haskell. He preceded her in death in 1961. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God.

Mary Morgan Kennedy

Services were held for Mary Morgan Kennedy, 82, of Haskell on Monday, Feb. 26, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sid Parsley and Rev. James Patterson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Kennedy died Friday, Feb. 23, at Rice Springs Care

Karen Lynn Howeth

Services were held for Karen Lynn Howeth, 43, of Haskell on Thursday, Feb. 22, at East Side Baptist Church with Minister Kenneth Blair and Rev. David Page officiating. A private burial was held under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Howeth died Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born Nov. 3, 1952 in Haskell. She married Eddie Howeth on May 25, 1973, in Haskell. She was a case worker for the Texas Dept. of Human Services. She was a graduate of Paint Creek High School and then received an associates degree in business and accounting. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Howeth of

James Paul Hudgens

ROCHESTER—Services were held for James Paul Hudgens, 62, of Rochester on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Christian Life Church in Anson with Pastor Rick Hargrave officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Hudgens died Sunday, Feb. 25, at his residence in Rochester. He was born Feb. 4, 1934, in Whitesboro. He had been a resident of Haskell County for 38 years. He married Shirley Herricks on June 6, 1954, in Weinert. He was a farmer and a member of the Christian Life Church in Anson.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Brittany Dawn Hudgens.

She is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Jo McGhee and Gloria Faye Slayton, both of Haskell; two sisters, Sylvia Leonara Gibbs and Mrs. Walter Moeller, both of Haskell; three grandchildren, Jama Rena Rodriguez of Tennessee and Chris and Chad McGhee of Haskell; and two great-grandchildren, Alicia Dawn Rodriguez and C.J. Rodriguez of Tennessee.

Pallbearers were Chris McGhee, Chad McGhee, Sammy Decker, Eugene Gibbs, Rickey Martin, Kyle Martin, Servando Rodriguez Jr. and Carlos Rodriguez.

Home. She was born July 15, 1913, in Anniston, Ala. She married Wilton Kennedy on Nov. 1, 1930 in Haskell. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1995. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one brother, Fred D. Morgan of Hobbs, New Mex.; one sister, Naoma Morgan Fain of Haskell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Haskell; her mother, Mary White Bartley Kierepka of Haskell; one daughter and son-in-law, Monica Lynn Shelton and Chris Shelton of Haskell; one son, Colin Lynn Howeth of Haskell; two sisters, Sandy McGhee of Abilene and Kathie Livingston of Chattanooga, Tenn.; one brother, David Bartley of Haskell; two step-brothers, Danny Kierepka and Michael Kierepka, both of Haskell; one step-sister, Carol Joe Jones of Abilene; and one grandson, Christopher Brett Shelton.

Pallbearers were Arvil McFadden, Robert Weaver, Danny Weaver, Michael Bartley, Terry Bartley, Robbie Payne and Rusty Howeth.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Hudgens of Rochester; one daughter and son-in-law, Paul and Randy Hise of Haskell; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Don and Donita Hudgens of Haskell; one brother, Don A. Hudgens of Abilene; two grandchildren, Bryce Hudgens and Caleb Hudgens of Haskell; and three half-sisters, Edna Smotherman of Fort Worth, Opal Wilson of Hurst and Vera Burns of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Pallbearers were Tim Burson, Melvin Vojkufka, Steve Clompton, Clifford Byrd, Wayne Stout and Elmer Adams.

Honorary pallbearers were Jon Godsy, Clifton Morrison, Lloyd Hanke and Randy Brown.

Speed restrictions on Texas highways

If you tow a trailer with a passenger car or a light truck, you should be aware of the following which is taken from the transportation code (traffic law book):

"Light truck" means a truck with a manufacturers rated carrying capacity of not more than 2,000 pounds, including a pickup truck, panel delivery truck and carry-all truck. (This would cover one ton, 3/4 ton, 1/2 ton and smaller pickup trucks)

Unless a special hazard exists that requires a slower speed, the

following is the speed limit:

60 miles per hour in daytime and 55 miles per hour in nighttime if the vehicle is a truck, other than a light truck, or if the vehicle is a truck-tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer, or a vehicle towing a trailer, semi-trailer, another motor vehicle, or a house trailer of an actual or registered gross weight lighter than 4,500 pounds and a length of 32 feet or shorter, excluding the tow bar.

45 miles per hour if the vehicle is towing a house trailer of an actual or registered gross weight

heavier than 4,500 pound or longer than 32 feet, excluding the tow bar.

50 miles per hour if the vehicle is a school bus. (55 miles per hour on interstate highways)

The important point to remember is that if you are towing a trailer, the speed limit is 60 mph during daytime and 55 mph during nighttime. This includes any size or type of trailer.

"Daytime" is the period from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Submitted by Mike Haley, DPS Trooper.

Noah needs information

Noah Project's Board of Directors is beginning the process of long-term strategic planning for the organization. The input of former clients is important in evaluating services.

If you have ever received services from Noah Project, please call anonymously, 915-676-7107 and answer a couple of brief questions. Outside of Abilene, use the toll free number 1-800-444-3551. We appreciate your participation.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. sends a big Thank You to all citizens of Haskell who contributed to our cause at the Hatahok Drive-In on Feb. 13. Our thanks also goes to Doug Browning and Betty Lacey of the Hatahok for allowing us to have fireman's night at their restaurant.

Because of your support, \$2,100 was raised toward the \$3,100 purchase price of a new pump for the jaws of life. With the help of the citizens of Haskell and Haskell County, we know we can raise the additional \$1,000 needed for the pump.

Your support enables us to

provide the best equipment and services needed in the event of an emergency for all of our citizens.

Thanks again for your generosity and support of your fire department.

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department

To the Editor:

I would like to say thank you to the Haskell Fire Department and the staff of Haskell Memorial Hospital. I would also like to thank everyone who donated clothing and to everyone who donated money for my fund.

Thank you,

Gloria Slayton

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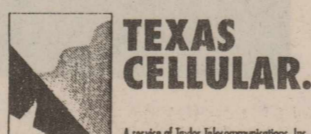
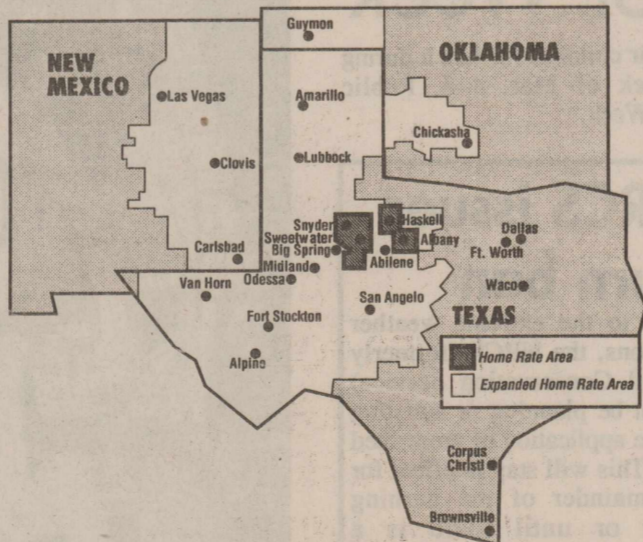
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Leader at seminar



Dr. Karen Kaigler-Walker, daughter of Tom and Mary Kaigler of Haskell, has been selected to be a workshop leader at the 17th annual Creative Options Seminar presented on Mar. 2, at the Women's Resource Center by California Lutheran University and the American Association of University Women of Thousand Oak, in cooperation with 50 other nationwide organizations, associations, foundations and councils.

Planned as a day for women to broaden horizons, be stimulated, challenged and encouraged, it provides an educational experience for women—a day for listening, discussing, learning, talking, caring, renewal and growth.

Dr. Kaigler-Walker, who earned an MS at Texas Tech, earned her Ph.D. in Human Ecology from the Ohio State University in 1975. For the past 20 years, she has researched, written and lectured on women's aging and appearance.

She began her teaching career at the University of Texas at Austin where she conducted groundbreaking research on the appearance changes associated with aging. In 1983, she was appointed Assistant to the President for Special Projects at Southwest Texas State University where she served as writer and special envoy for the University in Texas and Washington, including serving as an advisor to the Governor's Committee on Aging and the Governor's Commission for Women on issues of women, aging and appearance.

She also served as a media consultant in both Austin and San Antonio on women's and children's appearance, including a segment of "Inquiring Mind," for NPR on clothing and appearance of the elderly.

In 1987, she and her husband, M.E. (Bud) Walker, relocated to the Los Angeles area, where she assumed a Professorship at Woodbury University and currently teaches in the department of Marketing and Psychology and Management.

Experienced Citizens Calendar and Menu

Friday, March 1
Lunch—Lasagna, carrots, green beans, tossed salad and bread pudding.

Monday, March 4
Lunch—Beef and cheese enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cake with strawberries.
1 p.m.—China painting

Wednesday, March 6
10:30 a.m.—Exercise
11:45 a.m.—Lou Gilly
Lunch—Chicken and dumplings, peas, carrots, tossed salad and apple cobbler.

Friday, March 8
Older Worker luncheon
Lunch—Roast beef, potatoes, green beans, cabbage slaw and peaches.



Engagement announced

Gina Gayle Calk of Granbury and Christopher Paul Crocker of Stephenville announce their engagement and impending marriage on May 18, at the Church of Christ in Haskell.

The bride-elect, the daughter of Max and Jeannette Calk of Haskell, is a 1988 graduate of Paint Creek High School and received a Bachelor's degree in Human

Sciences from Tarleton State University. She is employed at First National Bank in Granbury.

The prospective groom, the son of Paul and Sharon Crocker of Cleburne, is a 1989 graduate of Cleburne High School and will graduate from Tarleton State University in August, with a Bachelor's degree in Management. He is employed with Norton's Company in Stephenville.

Happenings

By Lois Redwine

Bonnie Jircik and Helen Owens were guests Saturday night of Mrs. Jircik's daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Carol Hicks at the Dinner Mystery Theater in Stamford. The event was held at the First Baptist Church and sponsored by the Women's Forum.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taylor of Abilene were in Haskell Sunday for a short visit with Dr. Taylor's sister, Iola Henshaw.

Spending the weekend with the B. O. Robersons were Homer and Dee Turner of Dallas and Roy and Jeanne Blackwell of Ft. Worth.

Last Friday, Linda Shot took her mother, Bernice Hilliard, to Colorado City. They were met there by Ron Hilliard of Odessa. He took his mother, Mrs. Hilliard, home with him for the weekend. Ron, wife, Edith, Mrs. Hilliard and friend, Polly Harrison attended the Permian Basin Square & Round Dance Festival held in the Ector County Coliseum. Square dance callers were Marshal Flippo and Art Tangen. Round dance callers were Art and Sylvia Moore. The Hilliards and Mrs. Harrison attended the Arts & Crafts Show also held in the Coliseum. Bernice returned home Sunday afternoon. Ron will fly to Germany on Saturday, March 2 with a division of the National Guard. They will be there a week and will relieve U. S. soldiers stationed there so they may go to Bosnia.

I would like to recommend that you elect friend and neighbor, Franciene Johnson as representative for District 3 in the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature on Tuesday, May 28. She's the one.

Last weekend, Ford and Donna Cole and Dr. Wayne and Yvivi Cadenhead were at the Glorietta Conference Center in Glorietta, N.M. attending a meeting "Experiencing God For Couples", led by Dr. Henry Blackaby. Attending from many states, were approximately 500 people of different faiths.

Visiting Sunday with Beulah Toliver were her daughter and son-in-law, Buster and Robbie Gholsen from Abilene.

Nephew, Curtis Head of Lubbock, came by for a visit last Friday. He is a furniture salesman and was in Haskell calling on

Boggs & Johnson.

Lorene Adams has returned home from Abilene after undergoing successful eye surgery. While in Abilene, she stayed with children, Howard Adams and family, Louise Hooks and family and Ina Mae Altum and family.

Evelyn Mayfield of Dallas visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mayfield in Weinert.

Visiting last week with Dimpel Nehring were her uncle and aunt, Louis and Adeline Spitzer of Old Glory.

David and Linda Smith of Ft. Worth, former Haskell residents, visited Sunday with George and Faye Gray.

A Black History program was held Sunday evening at the Hopewell Baptist Church. Rev. Patrice Young of COGIC, Knox City was the speaker. His theme was "God's Miraculous Power", Exodus 14:13-14. Other guests included Greater Independent Baptist members; from Mt. Olive, Rev. Harper; COGIC, Knox City, Elder Ward; West Beulah, Munday, Rev. Robinson; Union Chapel, Rochester, Rev. Andrew; New Covenant, Stamford, Rev. Clark; Weeping Mary, Anson, Rev. Smith and Macedonia, Aspermont, Rev. Roy Walker.

The Community Brotherhood met Tuesday night at the Greater Independent Baptist Church.

Frank Jordan was in Dallas Monday for medical tests.

Visiting with Rev. L. C. Johnson were his son and daughter-in-law, Otis T. and Rosa Johnson from Arlington. They all attended services Sunday at the Greater Independent Baptist Church.

No Happenings next week.

Lisle's to be honored with reception

James and Jo Ruth Lisle will be honored with a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at the Philadelphian Club in Rule.

Hosting the event will be their children, Jennye and Tim Daniel of Lubbock, Jimmy and Rhonda Lisle of Haskell, Mike and Thelia Lisle of Stamford and David and Kay Lisle of Rochester. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The family requests no gifts.

James was born July 22, 1926, in Rule. Jo Ruth Lowrey was born February 7, 1928, in Rule. They were married March 1, 1946, in Haskell. They have lived in Rule all their lives, where James is a farmer and Jo Ruth is a homemaker. They have ten grandchildren.



JAMES AND JO RUTH LISLE

Anniversary celebration

The children of Nathan H. and Marjrie Lea (Jackson) Harrell would like to invite friends and relatives to an open house to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 906 Sycamore St. in Burkburnett.

They were married on March 16, 1946, in Stamford. Nathan was born in Haskell and was a Navy Seabee veteran of World War II. He worked in Civil Service for 32 years as an electrical superintendent. He retired in 1983. Marjrie Lea, from Stamford, is a past president of The African Violet Society of Wichita Falls and a homemaker.

Hosts for the reception are the couple's children and their spouses: Drucilla and Sonny Barnes of Burkburnett; Larry Harrell of Burkburnett; and Van and Olga Harrell of Wichita Falls. The couple have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

Liles celebrate 60 years

Bill and Connie Belle Liles of Haskell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Cliff House, with their children, Howard and Estalynn Liles and Wayne and Laquita Liles, all of Haskell. Also in attendance were Blake and Deanna Liles of Haskell and Connie Lu and Leah Petross of Abilene.

Bill and Connie Belle were married Feb. 12, 1936 in Haskell. Bill was born in Montague Co. Connie Belle was born in Haskell. They have lived in Weinert and Haskell all of their married lives.

He is a retired farmer. She is a homemaker. Both are members of the First Baptist Church. They have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Exa Penman, Knox City
Mable Witt, Haskell

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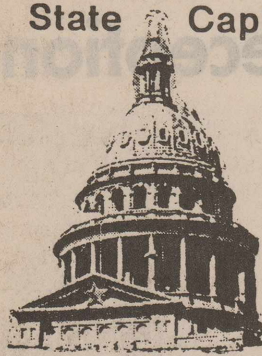
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AUSTIN — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead acted illegally in December 1994 when she shored up the state-run Texpool investment fund, according to a Texas attorney general's opinion made public last week.

Texpool lost an estimated \$2 billion when investors withdrew their deposits, concerned after news reports regarding similar investments in high-risk "derivatives" that caused the bankruptcy of Orange County, Calif.

Whitehead responded by using Treasury money to buy back some of the securities at book value, to prevent losses for Texpool members. The bailout cost Texas taxpayers about \$55 million, she said.

The non-enforceable opinion — requested by the director of the State Pension Review Board — was written by Assistant Attorney General Susan L. Garrison.

"The state treasurer's use of funds in the state Treasury in December 1994 to purchase Texpool funds at a price above the market value was not authorized by law," Garrison wrote.

Whitehead told the *Houston Chronicle* she acted only after she had been assured at a Dec. 9, 1994 meeting with three of Attorney General Dan Morales' staffers that her action would be "proper, legal, necessary and the best solution to prevent devastating losses for taxpayers at the local level."

Morales called Whitehead's characterization of the meeting "untrue." He did not comment on possible consequences of the alleged violation of the state constitution.

About 1,400 local school districts, cities and other government entities invest cash for short periods in Texpool.

Complicating matters beyond the difference between "book value" and "market value" is the fact that Whitehead's office will be abolished Sept. 1, in accordance with a constitutional amendment passed in November.

VitaPro Probe, Lawsuit

The state has filed a lawsuit seeking to invalidate the \$34 million contract between the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and VitaPro Foods Inc. of Montreal, Canada, the supplier of a soybean-based meat substitute used to feed Texas prison inmates.

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, the contract — now under investigation by state and federal authorities — was approved without competitive bids by James A. "Andy" Collins.

Collins retired Dec. 31 from his \$120,000-a-year post as executive director of the TDCJ, but continued on the payroll through Jan. 31. In January, VitaPro hired Collins as a consultant at the rate of \$1,000 a day, said Yank Barry, the company's chief executive officer.

The state is seeking a refund of \$3 million already spent on the meat substitute, saying the purchase should have been made

through its purchasing agency, the General Services Commission.

Last week, state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, accused Collins of lying to a Senate committee in October when he said under oath that his private business plans would not conflict with his state job. Texas law prohibits officials from conducting business with state agencies for two years after they have left office.

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, ordered an investigation of the VitaPro contract after the arrest last month of Houston businessman Patrick Graham.

Graham, who allegedly masterminded a foiled prison escape plot, was carrying a business card showing he was an independent salesman for VitaPro when he was arrested.

Voters Guides OK at Polls

With early voting under way for the March 12 primary, Texans will at last be free to bring voter's guides, newspaper endorsements and other printed materials into the polls.

Prior law prohibited voters from bringing printed materials into voting booths, but did allow them to bring sample ballots and handwritten notes.

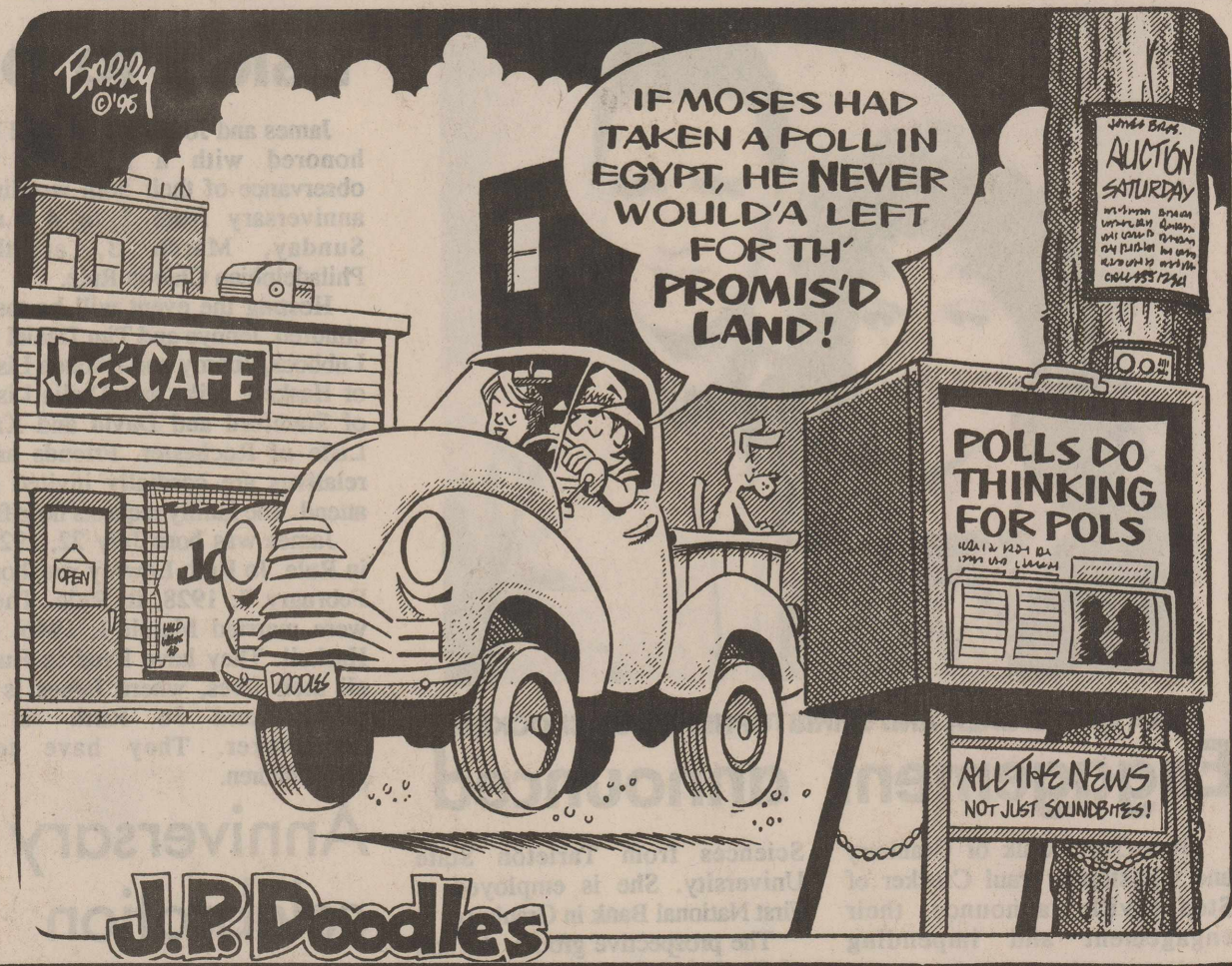
Houston lawyer David Furlow challenged the 93-year-old law and won a federal court decision overturning the law in November. The Texas Secretary of State decided not to appeal the ruling.

"It's not likely to adversely affect in the slightest degree what goes on in elections," Furlow said.

Other Capital Highlights

■ A Central Texas militia group is plotting to kidnap a federal judge, according to an advisory by the U.S. Marshal's Service, the *Houston Chronicle* reported last week. A memorandum dated Feb. 8 warned judges in the Houston-based Southern District federal judicial region, in which serve 18 federal district judges, six bankruptcy judges and 12 magistrate judges. These judges work in courthouses in Houston, Laredo, McAllen, Brownsville, Galveston, Victoria and Corpus Christi.

■ Austin State District Judge Joseph Hart fined John E. Furnace and his Manveltex Inc., of Brazoria County, a record \$915,000 in penalties for operating a water system so polluted that tap water would catch fire. The Texas Attorney General's Office investigated the case at the request of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Furnace drilled a water well in a region with many gas and oil wells without notifying the TNRCC or customers in the 47-home system served by his company.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago
Feb. 26, 1976

Haskell Livestock Auction is preparing for its ninth annual Trail Drive and Wheat Field Consignment Sale. The trail drive was begun out of necessity nine years ago. The roads were so muddy, the cattle couldn't be hauled, so a group of cowboys banded together, rounded up the cattle and drove them to the Auction Barn. As far as we know, Haskell is the only town in Texas that holds an annual cattle trail drive. Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Powell will be Trail Drive Boss and Trail Drive Queen this year.

Joe Wilfong of Haskell exhibited the Reserve Champion Polled Hereford steer in the junior division of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition on Feb. 14, while Reida Mullino exhibited the Reserve Champion Hereford female of the show.

30 Years Ago
Mar. 3, 1966

From the Prattle Column by Al Hinds—Holly Williams, little four-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Temple Williams of Houston, while visiting here recently asked her granddad, Jetty Clare why he married Grandmother Lil. "Why did your daddy marry your mother?" Granddad Clare asked Holly. "Because my mother liked him," Holly replied. "Don't you guess I married your grandmother because I liked her?" Grandfather Clare asked bright-eyed Holly. "I doubt that,

but I will ask Grandmother about it," Holly quipped.

"Think big, think positive, be willing to work and be loyal to your community, if you want Haskell to grow and prosper," Raja Hassen, incoming president, said in his key-note address to more than 300 persons gathered here Friday night in the elementary school cafeteria for the 30th annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. In a straight-forward address, Hassen told how Haskell had slipped backward in economy and in population during the past few years, but pointed out that conditions could be changed if we find local resources that can be developed.

60 Years Ago
Feb. 27, 1936

Ralph Duncan this week assumed duties as secretary of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. He announced that some person will be given an award of \$5 for the best slogan adapted to the use of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Haskell High School girls' basketball team defeated Weirert 30 to 18 last Saturday to win the county championship honors. The team is composed of Bonnie Lee Gregory, Ruby Stodgill, Bessie Patterson, Maggie Lee Piland, Phae Ritley, Edna Tidwell and Nannie Patterson.

70 Years Ago
Feb. 25, 1926

A name for the new hotel is to

be selected and a prize of \$10 will be awarded to the person sending in the most suitable name.

Despite a howling blizzard which broke over Haskell, a packed house on hand to hear Col. R.Q. Lee of Cisco, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce open his second campaign of the South Plains section in behalf of his program of diversified and intensive farming.

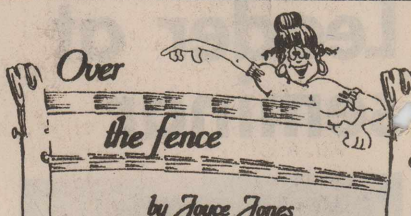
Check No. 178, dated Feb. 22, 1926, has been issued in favor of Hugh Ratliff, Secretary, City Water Dept., for the amount of \$1. The first exchange being at Payne Drug Co. This is Haskell's Dollar Day, or buy-it-at-home check and must pass through 19 hands before he goes to the bank for final payment.

90 Years Ago
Mar. 3, 1906

We noticed the other day three teams of six horses each, each team pulling two wagons and the six wagons loaded with 45 bales of cotton, on the streets of Haskell headed for the railroad.

Mr. H.T. Buie has purchased lots in town and has the lumber on the road to build a home.

Mr. W.E. Underwood was in the other day and authorized the Free Press to make public his announcement as a candidate for public weigher in Precinct No. 1. Mr. Underwood has been a citizen of Haskell County for a number of years and has been a successful and prosperous farmer.



It's funny how that sometimes people's lives seem to be fated to cross each other unexpectedly. I had the occasion to meet and talk at great length with four adventuresome young people from the south this past week. They were on a cross country trip by horseback from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean to fulfill a dream.

I'm sure that they have met a lot of people along the way that were just a little bit envious; I know that I was. As I listened to them tell of their experiences on their journey, however unconventional it is compared to modern day traveling, I found myself wishing that I was a few years younger and could join them on this adventure. I love to travel and have traveled a lot, but I never get tired of seeing new and interesting places and people.

A lot of people wouldn't even consider going on a trip like this, because of all the crime and dangers we hear about each day on the news. But one of the interesting things that these four pointed out is that there is still a lot of good people in this world, and they have faith that they will not encounter any of the bad ones. They said they really had no idea when they set out on this journey that they would meet so many nice and helpful people.

One of the young men, Eustace Conway, had a toothache because a filling had fell out of his mouth when he was flossing his teeth, so he asked me if we had a good dentist in Haskell. I told him that we did and offered to take him to the dentist office. I left him at Dr. Ray's office and went back to work. It wasn't very long before he called me and told me that he already had his tooth filled and that Dr. Ray was going to take him back out to their campsite. He had nothing but praise for Dr. Ray and asked that I convey his thanks and good words for Dr. Ray to the community.

Eustace is studying the ways of the Appalachian people and learning the art of "story telling," which is quite popular in the Appalachians. The stories have been handed down from one generation to another, some of them added on to or transformed in some way. He said that some of the older generation people in the Appalachians cannot read or write but are able to tell and pass on the stories of their ancestors to their children.

The most important thing that these young people had to say is that it is never too late to pursue your dreams. These are four educated young people who are not afraid to have dreams and to pursue them. Too many times in life, people tend to put those dreams on a back burner and that's where they stay for the rest of their lives. Then when they are too old or not able to pursue them, they say, "I wish I had...." They have no tales to pass on to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Just think what tales these four will have to pass on to another generation.

When I went to work on Thursday morning, I had no idea my path would cross the paths of this group from Georgia and North Carolina. Sometimes a chance meeting can change your destiny in life, so who knows how it may change mine. I guess I will just have to wait and see.

It seems that Thursday was just an all-around motivational day for me. Before meeting up with the cross-country horseback riders, I attended a funeral service for that non-motivational character, I Can't, who weasels its way into all of our lives at one time or another (for some people it's all the time).

The Paint Creek School held the service in an effort to motivate students and teachers to put I Can't out of their lives. I Can't suffered an untimely demise at the hands of students and teachers as they filed by his coffin and disposed of their lists filled with I Can't's.

The service was complete with a pastor and speakers presiding over the eulogy, songs, prayer and pallbearers. Rev. Mike Patterson from Wiley Baptist Church introduced the students to the three friends of I Can't — I Can, I Will and I'm Going To, and encouraged the students to get acquainted with them. Now when the students say, I can't do something, in class their teachers will remind them that I Can't was buried last Thursday.

Vote '96! Don't be a no-show

By Tony Garza
Texas Secretary of State

You get your ticket weeks in advance. Your seats are never as close as where you really wanted, but that makes little difference. After all, your ticket not only means you see that action, it guarantees you're part of it. Then you notice some prime seats where no one will sit. Who gets a ticket to a big event and then opts not use it?

In attendance-keeping, they are known as the "no-shows." People who buy tickets and then for some reason don't attend. No-shows can prevent an event from touting itself as an official sellout. For that reason, you'll hear boos, hisses and catcalls when the number of no-shows is announced at some sporting events.

In many respects, Texas elections vary little from this scenario. You get your voter registration card (your ticket) weeks in advance. Most of us are never as close to the political action as we'd like, but on election day that makes little difference. Our vote makes each and every one of us a vital part of the action.

And like any big event, organizers always hope for a 100 percent turnout (a "sellout," if you will) on election day. However over the years, the political arena has been anything but full. Empty seats are easy to find.

So where are the "Boos" for the no-shows on election day? Let's face it. Booming the election day no-shows is no longer fashionable.

Yet, it's certainly chic to complain about "the system," but taking an active role in changing it? That's for the other guy to worry about. The right to vote, once a patriotic duty, has become as important to some people as a weekend chore that never seems to get done. "Yeah, yeah. I'll do it—if I get around to it."

With 1996 being a Presidential election year, that fact alone should be enough to spark voter interest across our state. And considering Texans will also have the final word on one U.S. Senate seat, all 30 Congressional seats, all 150 seats in the Texas House and approximately half the seats in the Texas Senate, you can understand why 1996 is viewed as a significant election year—and why voter participation is as important as ever.

However if a 20-year trend holds, more than a quarter of the registered voters in Texas will opt to sit out this Presidential election year. In hard numbers, that's more than two million people. Since 1976, voter turnout in the November General Election has surpassed the 70 percent mark only once. As Secretary of State, that's a trend of voter apathy that disturbs me.

Upon being appointed by Gov. George W. Bush, my goal has been to continue the strong legacy of my immediate predecessors in the area of voter registration. Secretaries of State including Jack Raines, George Bayoud, John Hannah and Ron Kirk have all worked to assure every Texan eligible to vote gets the

chance to register to vote.

Passage of the National Voter Registration Act has made registration a relatively simple process. More than nine million Texans will be registered to vote this election year, representing approximately 70 percent of the eligible voting population. With registration made easy, the challenge is now on assuring those registered to vote will show up at the polls.

The answer to voter apathy has proven elusive. Feelings of isolation from government, negative campaigns, the overwhelming number of elections have all contributed to the problem. All have added to the perception, "What does it matter?"

If you are concerned about how state and federal government utilize your tax dollars, your vote is crucial. If you consider jobs and the economic future of our children a priority, your vote is significant. In 1996, as in every election, your vote still matters.

Democrat or Republican, Libertarian or Independent: your political affiliation is not the issue. What matters is that you let your voice be heard on election day. The sounds that resonate from the ballot box are ones that cannot be ignored in Washington, in Austin, in county courthouses or in city halls.

Your voter registration card is your ticket. The political arena has plenty of seats. With so much riding on the outcomes in 1996, it's time we start booing the election day no-shows again.

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Philadelphian

By Oleta Cornelius
Americanism Day was observed by members of the Rule Philadelphian Club on Thursday, Feb. 15, in the clubhouse. Members answered roll call naming the President of the year they were born. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

A discussion was held on future projects of the club including scholarships, school library assistance and other matters. Members were asked to consider all projects that were named and a selection would be made at a later time.

Tom May, Program Director for the Day, explained the objectives of Americanism Day: to nurture pride in the United States and its heritage; to provide background information about selected patriotic symbols; to perpetuate the knowledge that these symbols and the ideals they represent belong in equal ownership to all our citizens; to be cared for and respected by all; and to encourage contemplation of the past, present and future of our country.

The pledge to the flag was led by Barbara Kile and Federation News was presented by Nell Estes, who reported that the Mesquite Dist. Spring Convention would be held Mar. 16, at the Haskell Civic Center, hosted by the Progressive Study Club of Haskell.

Orheana Greeson spoke to the club members on the Statue of Liberty, giving the history of how France gave it to the U.S., what it symbolizes and a description of the statue itself.

Opal Grice spoke on The Declaration of Independence, which was written by Thomas Jefferson. She described the signing of the document which was on July 4, 1776. She also described the four parts of the document.

Tom May spoke on Uncle Sam, the symbol of the United States, which was so named for Uncle Samuel Wilson its namesake. She gave some of the history of Uncle Sam Wilson and also the history of the red, blue and white costume which symbolizes Uncle Sam.

Opal Grice spoke to the group about the Liberty Bell, giving the history of how the bell was made, cracked and remade, and the hanging of the bell in Philadelphia.

She also gave a talk on the American flag, what it stands for and the making of the flag. She explained what the stars, stripes and backgrounds each symbolize. Mrs. Grice also talked about the writing of the "Star Bangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key and its connection with the flag.

Another topic that Mrs. Grice spoke on was the bald eagle and its symbolism to Americans. She also gave a description of the bald eagle and its habitat.

Tom May spoke to the group on the President's Seal and how it is used in national legal documents, buildings and various other ways.

The program was concluded with all members singing "America the Beautiful." Barbara Kile led members in the Club Collect and the meeting adjourned for refreshments and fellowship.

Refreshments of cherry cheesecake, tea and coffee were served to members from a table decorated with an arrangement of red roses adorned with an angel.

Vintage Valentines also decorated the table. Numbered envelopes holding Valentines were drawn by members and Joyce Hester was the winner of a small assortment of candy. Oleta Cornelius was hostess.

Josset FCE

By Edna Anderson
January meeting

The Josset Club met Jan. 9, in the home of Dorothy Trussell with six members present. Vice-President, Phylecia Bailey called the meeting to order in the absence of President, Margaret Jones. The TAFCE prayer was repeated by all club members.

Roll call was answered by saying, "I'm looking forward to a good year this year." Hazel Thomas read the minutes of the previous meeting and Joyce Davis gave the treasurer's report.

Work sheets were handed out to each member who planned to work in the concession stand at the Livestock Show. All members donated something to be sold in the concession stand. Yearbooks were filled out for 1996.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, crackers, chips, dips, nuts and candy with spiced tea and coffee were served to Phylecia Bailey, Ermal Bevel, Joyce Davis, Flo Holder, Mildred Robertson and Hazel Thomas by the hostess, Dorothy Trussell.

February meeting

The Josset Family, Community and Education Club met Feb. 13, in the home of Mrs. J.L. Toliver with eight members present. The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Jones. Lou Gilly was recognized as a visitor.

For opening exercise, the TAFCE prayer was said by all members. Roll call was answered by each member saying something nice to the lady on her left. Minutes of the January meeting were read by Edna Anderson.

A thank you note was read from Lou Gilly thanking members of the club for their Christmas gift to her.

Dorothy Trussell gave the Council report. It was announced that the Tri-County Rally Day will be Mar. 26, hosted by Knox County.

The program was presented by Lou Gilly, entitled, "Improving Your Teaching Skills." It was very educational and she demonstrated it by trying to pour water into a jar without taking the lid off. She explained this, saying "You need to get the persons attention, hold their

attention, have your lesson planned and add in a little humor." Everyone enjoyed it and as the old saying goes, "You are never too old to learn."

The hostess displayed a beautiful Valentine motif with her refreshments consisting of heart shaped cherry-cheese cakes, cocktail meatballs, sandwich pinwheels, chips, dips and pink party punch and coffee.

Those present were Phylecia Bailey, Margaret Jones, Hazel Thomas, Mildred Robertson, Ermal Bevel, Dorothy Trussell and Edna Anderson.

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Food for thought

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."—1 Peter 5:7

It is a happy way of soothing sorrow when we can feel — "He careth for me." Christian! do not dishonor religion by always wearing a brow of care; come, cast your burden upon your Lord. You are staggering beneath a weight which your Father would not feel. What seems to you a crushing burden, would be to Him but as the small dust of the balance. Nothing is so sweet as to "Lie passive in God's hands, and know no will but his."

Oh child of suffering, be thou patient; God has not passed thee over in his providence. He who is the feeder of sparrows, will also furnish you with what you need.

Sit not down in despair; hope on, hope ever.

Take up the arms of faith against a sea of trouble, and your opposition shall yet end your distresses. There is One who careth for you. His eye is fixed on you, His heart beats with pity for your woe, and His hand omnipotent shall yet bring you the needed help.

The darkest cloud shall scatter itself in showers of mercy. The blackest gloom shall give place to the morning.

He, if thou art one of his family, will bind up thy wounds and heal thy broken heart. Doubt not His grace because of thy tribulation, but believe that He loveth thee as much in seasons of trouble as in times of happiness.

What a serene and quiet life might you lead if you would leave providing to the God of providence! With a little oil in the cruse and a handful of meal in the barrel, Elijah outlived the famine, and you will do the same.

If God cares for you, why need you care too? Can you trust Him for your soul and not for your body? He has never refused to bear your burdens, He has never fainted under their weight. Come then, soul! have done with fretful care, and leave all thy concerns in the hand of a gracious God.

Submitted by Sam Bitner.

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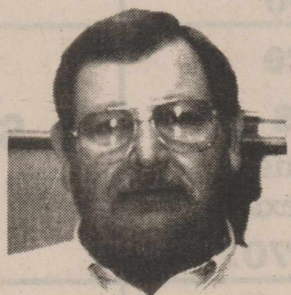
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Paint Creek students bury I Can't



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR I CAN'T—Paint Creek students and teachers buried I Can't in a service held Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Paint Creek Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Patterson of Wylie Baptist Church officiating.

services were held for "I Can't," age unknown, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Paint Creek Methodist Church, with Rev. Mike Patterson of Wylie Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the yard behind the church under the direction of Paint Creek ISD, Students, Faculty and Staff, with assistance from Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

"I Can't" died Thursday morning, when students and teachers at Paint Creek School listed their "I Can'ts" on pieces of paper, then filed by the wooden coffin, placing the lists inside to be sealed and buried. "I Can't" was born from the very beginning.

Rev. Patterson presented a motivating eulogy to students and faculty, introducing the three friends of the late "I Can't"—"I Can," "I Will" and "I'm Going To." Paint Creek Superintendent Larry Shackelford and Principal Debbie Hobgood also participated in the funeral service.

"I Can't" is survived by "I Can," "I Will" and "I'm Going To."

Pallbearers were Jodie Reel, Jason Shackelford, Josh Howard and Casey Thompson.



PALLBEARERS CARRY I CAN'T AWAY—Jodie Reel, Jason Shackelford, Josh Howard and Casey Thompson carry the coffin to its final resting place behind the church.

Students in the News

Gena Barrington of Haskell was named to the President's List for the fall semester at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She is the daughter of Sammy and Beverly Decker of Haskell.

Craig Hanson of Haskell, secondary education major at Hardin-Simmons University, will student teach at Abilene High School during the spring 1996 semester. He will teach biology and chemistry classes.

Thomas Rusk White of Rule was one of 3,300 Texas A&M University graduates to receive degrees at the December

commencement at the school. White graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Four Haskell County students were named to the Dean's List (3.5 or better GPA) for the 1995 fall semester at McMurry University.

From Haskell: Paul Vernon Brown—a junior Multidisciplinary Studies major; Teresa St. Jane Diaz—a sophomore Multidisciplinary Studies major; and Carla Sue Fomby—a senior Multidisciplinary Studies major.

From Rule: Coby Shane LeFevre—a senior Multidisciplinary Studies major.

Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Friends of Frieda Knippling are invited to her 90th birthday party hosted by her daughters in her home from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 3.

Upcoming events include the community supper on Tuesday, Mar. 4, at 6 p.m. in the community center. Ladies are asked to bring desserts.

The schedule for Faith Lutheran for the week of Mar. 3, includes regular services on Sunday with Communion; Confirmation classes on Wednesday; Word Alive, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; LLM/Altar Guild on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; and Home Communion on Friday at 11 a.m. Greeters for Mar. 3 will be Troy and Marcie Tucker and Acolyte is Kimberly Smith.

Alvin and Alice Bredthauer were in Tulsa, Oklahoma recently for the 50th birthday party for Alvin's son, Harold. A host of friends joined them for the gala event.

Recent visitors in the Reece and Frances Clark home included Kent, Kathy and Kit LeFevre of Tuscola, Pete and Dave Kitley of Rule and Nig and Mary Laughlin of Lake Charles, La.

Congratulations to Jennifer Lehrmann for making the pig sale at the stock show in San Antonio last week.

Sagerton students, Stephanie Stegemoeller and Kacy Baitz will be among the Rule students participating in "A Night of One-Act Plays" on Monday, Mar. 4, at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. The plays will be given in this order, Paint Creek, Haskell, Rochester and Rule. The first play will begin at 5:30 p.m. and

admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for all students.

Several local residents attended the Mystery Dinner Theater at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall sponsored by the Woman's Forum. They were Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Jackie, Peggy and Jim Tabor, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Fred and Billie Kupatt, Johnny and Sue Guinn and J.B. and Dorothy Toney.

Haskell School Menu

March 4-8 is Texas School Lunch Week. Parents of students are invited to join their child for lunch during this week.

Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal, buttered toast and jelly
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Cherry muffins
Thursday: Sausage, biscuits and gravy
Friday: Breakfast pizza

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.
Monday—Opening Ceremony:

Oriental chicken dippers, Italian blend vegetables, Irish potatoes, American Anthem apple and English sugar cookies

Tuesday—Going for the Gold: First Place burger on whole wheat bun, Gold Medal trimmings, Blue Ribbon fries and Winning mixed fruit salad

Wednesday—Summer Games: To Dive for pizza, Track and Field corn, Discus tossed salad and Fencing fruit cobbler

Thursday—Winter Games: Cross Country chicken, Bobsled broccoli and cheese, Ski Slope mashed potatoes and Luge whole wheat rolls

Friday—Closing Ceremony: Flaming Torch fajitas, Festive trimmings, Rancho beans, All-American citrus fruit cups and Ceremony combread.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*Denotes District Games		Music in Our Schools Month	National Nutrition Month		1 Baseball Olney Here 4:30	2 San Angelo FFA State Science Olympiad Contest Austin
Public School Week 3/4-3/8 3	JV Baseball Wylie at Abilene 4:30 Mr. Pheil, Supt. will be at Elem. Cafeteria 6 p.m. to discuss various topics of interest. 4	Baseball Clyde Here 4:30 5	TAAS Exit-Math 6	TAAS Exit-Reading Munday Relays 7-8 G.B 7	San Angelo FFA Tennis 8	9 Munday Relays JVB, VG, VB
Nat'l Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week 3/3-3/9		TAAS Writing 4th Grade 8th Grade & Exit	Spring Photos at Elem. & Secondary	Title I Breakfast Parents & Students Invited 7:30-8:30 a.m. Elem. Gym San Angelo FFA	Breckenridge Tourney Mar. 8-9 Baseball Holiday Here 4:30	
10	11 Spring Break 3/11-3/15	12	13	14 Baseball ACU Tourney Abilene Mar. 14-16 TBA	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	Tennis Sweetwater Tourney 18 JV Baseball Wylie Here 4:30	Baseball Albany There 5:00 19 UIL Dist. 7AA Academic Meet Begins After School	20	21 Aspermont Relays 7-8, GB	No School 22 Baseball Graham There 4:30 UIL Dist. 7AA Academic Meet Continues	23 Aspermont Relays JVB, VG, VB
24	Tennis Anson/Rotan Here 25 JV Baseball-Anson There 4:30 Hamlin Pre-UIL Contest for HS Band	26 Baseball *Anson Here 4:30	27	Tarleton FFA Contest 28 Tennis Stamford Jr. High There Hamlin Track 7-8, GB	Baseball Snyder JV There 5:30 29 Tennis - There Stamford/Anson Kid on the Block Program - Elementary	30 Hamlin Relays JVB, VG, VB
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Should I be concerned about my drinking water?

About 95 percent of this country's rural residents use ground water to supply their drinking water and homestead needs. Wells should

be designed to provide clean water. If improperly constructed or maintained, however, they can allow bacteria, pesticides, fertilizer

or oil products to contaminate ground water. These contaminants can put family and animal health at risk.

The condition of your well and its proximity to contamination sources determine the risk it poses to your ground water. For example,

a cracked well casing may allow bacteria, nitrates, oil or pesticides to enter the well. A fertilizer, pesticide or oil spill near the well could result in the contamination of your family's drinking water supply.

Feedlots, animal yards, septic systems, fertilizer applications and waste storage areas can release large amounts of bacteria, nitrate and other contaminants that could pollute your well. Preventing ground water contamination is very important. Once the ground water supplying your well is contaminated, it is very difficult to restore it to original condition. Most options are costly and could involve treating the water, drilling a new well or obtaining water from another source. A contaminated well can also affect your neighbor's wells, posing a serious health threat to them also.

The Seymour Aquifer office staff is offering a new free service to rural residents. The program is called TEX*A*SYST. The TEX*A*SYST assessment is voluntary and is currently the only major program available to assist private well owners in protecting groundwater. This program involves a series of worksheets used to evaluate your homestead and your well for potential for contamination. The worksheets cover topics such as well head management, pesticide storage, fertilizer storage, petroleum storage, and more.

This program is completely confidential. If you would like more information or would like a TEX*A*SYST evaluation done on your place, feel free to call the Seymour Aquifer Project at 817-864-3334.

It's still not too late for free soil tests

There is still time to left to get your soil tested free in Haskell and Knox Counties. The Seymour Aquifer Project will continue free

soil testing through the month of March. The free soil testing program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and

the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The soil sample should be taken from a uniform area of the field and

represent from 10 to 40 acres. Take 10 to 15 samples from the field and mix in a clean plastic bucket, take out about one pint for a composite sample. Be sure to fill out an information sheet to send in along with the sample. The information sheet asks about the type of crop to be grown and the yield goal of the crop.

Soil sample bags and information sheets can be picked up at: Allison Farm Supply in Rule and Haskell; Farmers Gin or Lone Star Peanut in Rochester; O'Brien Coop Gin; Charlie Myers Grain Co. in Haskell; Terra or Benjamin Fertilizer in Knox City; Rhineland Coop Gin; Parker Implement, Quality Implement, Knox Prairie Coop, Farmers Grain, Hendrix Farm Services or Zeissel Brothers Fertilizers in Munday; or the local CFSA, NRCS, or County Extension Service office.

For more information about the free soil testing program, call the Seymour Aquifer Project office at 817-864-3334.

Submitted by the Seymour Aquifer Project and USDA.

Cattle prices are rebounding

Finally, some good news for the cattle industry. After struggling for years with low prices for beef cattle, producers can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Extension Livestock Economist, Dr. Ernest Davis, says 1995 turned out to be a better year than first thought and the cattle business is rebounding two years earlier than expected. Revised figures show

only one percent growth last year.

The oversupply of cattle coupled with high feed grain prices have kept cattle prices low, continuing a downward trend that began several years ago. The predictions were that it would be 1997 or 1998 before prices would start climbing back up.

Now Davis says cattle producers could see a rise in calf prices as

early as this fall if the corn and wheat crops do well. So instead of three or four years to recover from the price slump, the prediction is now two years.

As for consumers, Davis says the turn-around shouldn't mean a jump in beef prices at the store.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent—Ag.

Preparing for a spring garden

In a few months tomatoes will be ripe, beans will be ready for picking and onions will be ready to be dug up. If the idea of fresh vegetables appeals to you, it's time to start work on a spring garden.

Extension Horticulturist Dr. Frank Dainello says start indoors first by planning where and what you are going to plant. And Dainello says if you call the nurseries now, you'll stand a better

chance of getting what you want later since they'll know the demand is there. Once your planning is done, it's time to get your hands dirty.

Dainello says irrigate well and as soon as the soil dries out, turn the soil. Loosen it and add organic matter if you didn't do that last fall.

It's too early to plant many vegetables. You'll need to let the weather warm up, but you can start

some plants indoors.

Dainello says use compressed peat pellets or buy peat pots. You can mix your own with a third sand, soil and peat. Plant the seeds about an inch deep. Put the pots in the sunlight where they'll stay warm. Keep them moist but not too wet, and in six to eight weeks the plants should be ready to move outside.

Submitted by Max Stapleton, Haskell Co. Ext. Agent—Ag.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock auction was a run of 1,498 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, Feb. 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter. The market was \$1 to \$2 higher on a good run of fresh native calves and yearlings. There was a good demand in young bred cows and pairs.

Cows: fat, .26-.31; cutters, .26-.35; canners, .15-.25.

Bulls: bologna, .40-.47; feeder, .40-.52; utility, .25-.40.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .65-.80; 300-400 lbs., .58-.70; 400-500 lbs., .55-.68; 500-600 lbs., .56-.65; 600-700 lbs., .55-.64; 700-800 lbs., .54-.585; 800-up lbs., .48-.57.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .55-.65; 300-

400 lbs., .48-.57; 400-500 lbs., .45-.55; 500-600 lbs., .46-.55; 600-up lbs., .48-.54.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$400-\$550; aged or small, \$250-\$400.

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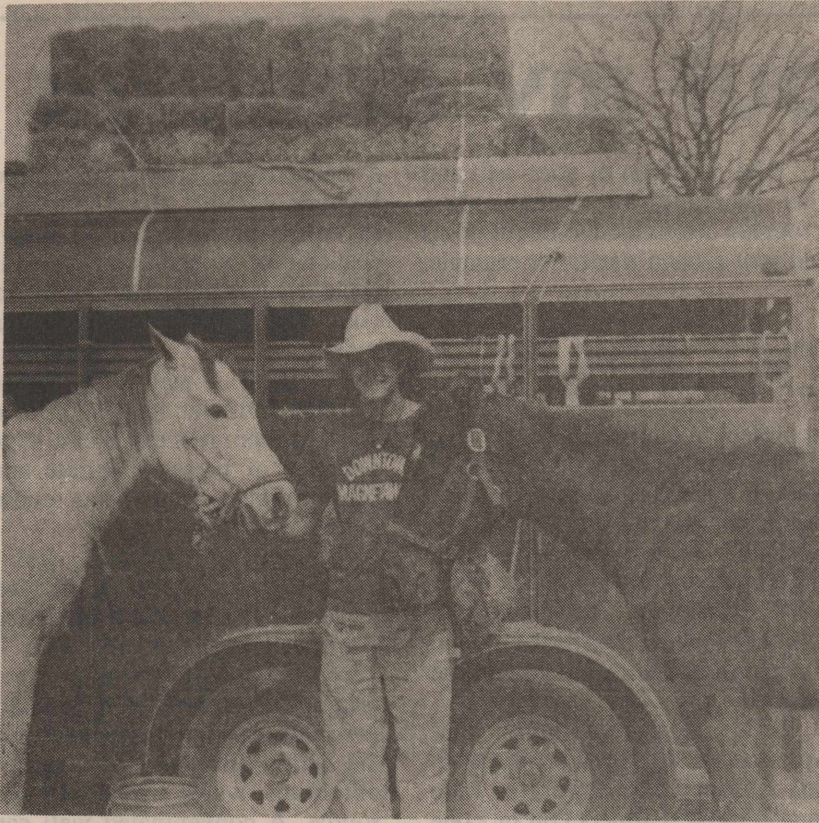
The Long Riders—from Georgia to California on horseback

By Joyce Jones

A group of four young people on horseback, who call themselves "The Long Riders," came through Haskell last Thursday on their "dream" trip from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Throckmorton, where they stayed on Wednesday night, was the halfway mark of this 2,500 mile trip for this adventurous quartet of three young men, one young lady, a dog (a stray they picked up along the way), six horses and two mules.

Why are they doing it? It is a message to people that they can make their dreams realities, according to Eustace Conway, the oldest of the quartet at age 34. Eustace said that people should believe they can do anything and make it happen.

Eustace said, "This trip is a way for the four of us to celebrate life by grabbing the positive and enjoying the beauty of the landscape, nature and the people across the land. We are also learning about horses and mules by first hand experience and by the many people we meet along the way. We wanted to bust out of the rat race and spend quality time together as a team; and adventure to



WALKER YOUNG, the support man

live in the unknown and on the edge and learn about ourselves by doing this."

They started this cross country trip on Christmas day of 1995 on Jekyll Island on the coast of Georgia and their destination will take them to the coast of California, north of San Diego, by Easter of this year, barring any unexpected delays along the way.

They move at a faster than average pace, trotting—not walking, and travel from forty to fifty miles a day. They crossed Alabama in seven days and made it to the Mississippi from the coast in 28 days.

Eustace said that the group learns every day and that the animals are becoming very well trained. They make and design their equipment from parts they find along the highway. At night they camp out or stay in barns along the roadside.

Traffic is of great concern to the group, and for that reason they are traveling the more remote highways and roads of the country. They have been careful to avoid big cities and interstate highways.

Traveling through the smaller communities has been a plus for the group. They said they have found people to be very friendly and helpful along the way. The riders got caught in the recent bad snow and ice storm, that hit the southern part of the nation, in northern Louisiana. But a good Samaritan took them into his home and let them stay for a couple of days until the worst of it was over and they



SUSAN KLIMKOWSKI, JUDSON CONWAY and EUSTACE CONWAY, the Long Riders

could get back on the road.

The hot weather in Texas this week was also unexpected and not very pleasant for the riders who prefer it a little cooler. To offset some of the hotter part of the day, the riders start out about 4 a.m. each morning and ride until noon or a little after, then stop for lunch and a rest. Around 4 p.m. they continue on their journey and ride until sunset and then find a place for their horses, and make camp for the night, either under the stars or in barns along the roadside.

The four are not sponsored by any group, but they will accept financial help or equipment donations. Their main expenses are feed and gas. Eustace said that anyone can make a trip like this—they don't have to be rich to do it. "We do not have the best horses or best equipment. We are not horse experts and did not grow up owning horses. Anybody can make a dream like this happen if they really want to," Eustace said.

Eustace, who is 34, has lived in a tepee in the forest for the past 17 years, camping without electricity or running water, growing and hunting food. He makes some of his clothing and tools. He graduated, with honors, from Appalachian State University with Anthropology and English degrees. He is the Founder and Director of the Outdoor Education Center on Turtle Island Preserve near Triplett, North Carolina.

He loves adventure trips and has traveled quite extensively including: a 1,000 mile canoeing trip on the Mississippi River at the age of 18; a 2,000 mile hiking trip on the Appalachian Trail at age 19; and over a 1,000 mile kayaking trip on the Alaskan Coastline at age 21.

He has also bicycled across Germany and has lived in the most remote village of Guatemala. He kayaked the coast of New Zealand, rock climbed in remote Tasmania, and explored the reefs of Australia.

Eustace gives lectures on natural studies and awareness of the non-sacred economy of the United States in the 90s. He is an articulate communicator with keen interest and awareness of differences in values and world views of modern versus traditional peoples.

Judson Conway, 27, is the younger brother to Eustace, and has done a little traveling around the country himself. He considers himself a "memory maker" as he makes his living as a professional fly-fishing and hunting guide. He works in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, Alaska, Wyoming and the Florida Keys.

He is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. He learned his horsemanship working as a wrangler on a horse packing ranch, the Diamond 4 near Lander, Wyoming, where he has spent five seasons. He is a native of Boone, North Carolina.

Susan Klimkowski, 24, also a native of Boone, has spent the last four years working with horses in North Carolina, New York, Colorado and Wyoming. She has also worked as a wrangler on the Diamond 4 with Judson. Susan has a degree in Recreation Management from the Appalachian State University. She said, "This trip is allowing me the opportunity to spend more time with my horse, meet new and exciting people, see the country and be adventurous."

The youngest of the four, Walker Young, 21, from Atlanta, Georgia, is the front man or

support man, so to speak. He drives the pickup and trailer with feed, water and camping supplies on ahead of the three riders each day and finds a place to stay each night.

Eustace, Judson and Susan did not know Walker before this trip, but were looking for someone to work both ways, how do they met up with Walker in Georgia and hired him on.

Walker, who was at loose ends when he decided to make the trip said, "This trip is helping me to learn a little more about myself and I'm getting to see some of the country." He said that his parents thought that he was crazy for going off on a trip with people that he didn't even know. They asked him how did he know that he could trust them. He said, "I told them that it worked both ways, how do they know they can trust me, after all I will be driving ahead with their pickup and trailer. It is just a matter of trusting each other."

The riders spent the night in Haskell on Thursday night, camping out near the arena where they had their horses corralled. They were able to watch some of our area ropers perform at the arena at a practice roping that night. The group headed out early Friday morning for the next lap of their trip which should have put them somewhere around Jayton or Clairmont on Friday night.

When they reach their destination, the four plan on visiting a few days with Walker's older brother who is in the Marine Corps in California. They will also be taking in some of the sand and surf on the California beaches. They have no definite plans for their return trip, but it isn't going to be on horseback they said. They will sell part of the horses and truck their own personal horses back home to the Carolinas.

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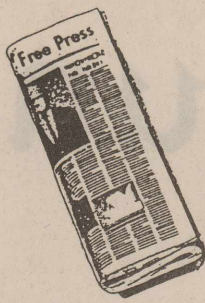
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FOR SALE: John Deere commercial walk-behind mower. Briggs & Stratton 11 h.p. engine. Cuts 36". 864-3320 days or 864-2838 nights. 9c

For Sale

WINTER CLEARANCE: Rack of Ladies Blouses and Jeans 75% off. Heads or Tails Western Wear. 9c

DESK AND CHAIR for sale. \$100.00 firm. See at the Haskell Free Press. 33tfc

Miscellaneous

HOME DECORATORS. Painting, Insulation, Remodeling, water and air filtration systems. Call Bobby O'Neal 817-743-3550. 30tfc

BIBLE STUDY—INTERESTED? If you would like to participate in a weekly verse by verse, in depth study of the Books of the BIBLE, call 864-3548! Leave name, number, and preferred evening for study. Open to all—for study and fellowship only! 8-9p

CUSTOM FRAMING. Country Friends and Frames, 101 N. Swenson, Stamford. 915-773-2661. Complete framing needs. Mattes, glass, ovals. Closed Mondays. 9c

CATFISH TOURNAMENT: March 2 and 3. Contact The Anchor, 864-3263. 9c

Garage Sales

GIGANTIC 4 FAMILY Garage Sale: Sat., March 2, 9 a.m. 706 N. 19th, Haskell. 864-2838. 9c

GARAGE SALE: March 9, 701 N. 17th. 8:30 til 7 Men's, women's and children's clothing; small kitchen appliances, tools, 1994 Polaris 4 wheeler with sprayer and shade, waterbed, prom dresses. 9c

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 to 5. 304 S. Ave. C. 9c

GARAGE SALE: Sat., March 2, 9 to 4. 909 N. 6th. Lawn mowers, edgers, clothes, misc. household items, boat wheels, tires, much more. 9p

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE: 608 Cardiff, Rule. Friday & Sat. and etc. 9 a.m. til ? 9p

Wanted

CASH PAID for old lever action Winchester rifles, Colt pistols and most other guns and western memorabilia. A. C. Richardson at store Hwy. 277 N. 12tfc

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Lost & Found

LOST: American Eskimo female dog. Solid white, wearing black collar with tags. Answers to Sugar Bear. Call 864-2208 or after 5 p.m. 864-3217. 9c

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POL CALENDAR

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Help Wanted

The ASPERMONT SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Center, Inc. is seeking applications for the position of Dispatcher/Scheduler in our Double Mountain Coach Rural Public Transportation System, Aspermont Office.

Applicants should have good communication skills using the telephone, 2-way radio, and person-to-person; clerical skills required are filing, 10-key, fax, some typing and some computer; must have good work habits as dependability is a must. The ASBDC, Inc. maintains a Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy as per Federal DOT Regulations, and the selected applicant will be required to submit to and pass a drug test as a condition of employment; additionally, must also provide results of any drug tests within the past two (2) years, as well as any refusals to be tested. All applicants will be given equal consideration regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief. All employment is "at-will". Applications will be accepted until March 8, 1996, at 4:30 p.m. Please note: Resumes are accepted for additional information, but must be accompanied by complete application. For more information, please call Don Mullis at 817-989-3538. 9c

HOUSEPARENTS: Mature couple needed to care for teenage boys in a residential child care facility. Room, board and salary provided to the right family. Must possess a driver's license and a high school diploma. Interested couples call BVS Inc. 915-773-2123.

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FOR RENT: 2 bedroom house with air conditioning. Ceiling fans. Fenced in backyard. 864-2761. 9p

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FOR RENT: Available March 1, 2 bedroom apartment, washer/dryers, covered parking. CH/A. Call 864-3762 or 864-3708. 9c

Real Estate

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Real Estate

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Went to express our gratitude and appreciation to everyone who brought food and flowers. Words cannot express how it has touched our hearts to know the love and concern everyone has shown to our family. A special thanks to Dr. Wayne and staff at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Sylvia McGhee and family Gloria Slayton and family Sylvia Gibbs and family

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CHILDRESS COUNTY 16TH ANNUAL AUCTION SALE

Thursday, March 7, 1996 — Sale Time: 9:37 a.m.

LOCATED: From Intersection Of U.S. Hwy. 287 & U.S. Hwy. 83, Go South On U.S. Hwy. 83, 1 Mile To Sale Site (Same Being Childress Coop Gin Co.).

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TRACTORS

- 1-1985 John Deere 4250 Diesel Tractor, 2 Wheel Drive, Sound Guard Cab, Radio, Heater, Air Conditioning, Wide Front, Weights, Triple Hydraulics, 18.4x38 Rubber (2,880 Hours)
- 1-1985 John Deere 4450 Diesel Tractor, M.F.W.D., Sound Guard Cab, Air Conditioning, Heater, Radio, Triple Hydraulics, 18.4x38 Rubber (4,700 Hours)
- 1-1977 John Deere 4430 Diesel Tractor, Sound Guard Cab, Air Conditioning, Heater, Radio, Wide Front, Weights, Dual Hydraulics, Power Shift Transmission, 18.4x38 Rubber
- 1-1975 Steiger, Tiger II Diesel Tractor, 4 Wheel Drive, Cummins 903 Motor, Cab, Air Conditioning, 3 Hydraulics, 30.5x32 Rubber (70-75%)
- 1-1975 International 1066 Diesel Tractor, (No Cab), T.A., Dual Hydraulics, Turbo, Front Weights, 18.4x38 Rubber

COTTON EQUIPMENT

- 1-International 91 Cotton Stripper W/Basket, Row Sensors
- 6-Cotton Trailers, 8'x8'x24', All Steel, 5th Wheel
- 4-Cobey 8'x9'x32' Cotton Trailers, Tandem Axle, All Steel, Some Expanded Metal
- 2-Schwartz 8'x9'x32' Cotton Trailers, Tandem Axle, All Steel, Expanded Metal
- 4-Big 12, 8'x8'x20' & 24' Cotton Trailers Wire & Expanded Metal
- 28 Cotton Trailers, Various Sizes, Various Names, All Steel

TRUCK, PICKUP, DUMP BED

- 1-1990 Ford F-250 Pickup, 4 Wheel Drive, Automatic/Overdrive, Long Wide Bed, 23.5x16 Rubber
- 1-1983 Chevrolet Grain Truck, V-8, 350 Motor, 5 Speed-2 Speed, 16' All Steel Bed, Twin Hoist
- 1-Factory Built 5.5 Yard Hyd. Dump Bed W/Cylinder & Pump

EQUIPMENT

- 1-John Deere 7300 Max Emerge 8 Row Vacuum Planter, Hydraulic Folding, Double Boxes, Monitor, B. O. Disc, Double Press Wheels, 2 Years Old
- 1-John Deere 7300, 8 Row, Max Emerge Bed Planter, Hydraulic Folding, Plate Type, Press Wheels, Cast Closing Wheels, Fertilizer Boxes W/Seed Monitors
- 1-John Deere 7100, 8 Row Max Emerge Planter, 8 Row Bar, Rugged 282, G.W., Plate Type
- 1-John Deere 3955, 5 Bottom, 3-pt. Switch Breaking Plow (Terracing Special)
- 4-John Deere 7100 Max Emerge Planter Units
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- 1-John Deere 8300 Grain Drill, 16-10 S.D.O. Chain, 20" Rubber
- 1-John Deere 400, 8 Row Rotary Hoe, 3-pt.
- 1-John Deere Cultivator, 3-pt., Late Style
- 1-Case 6-16 Mouldboard Plow, Trip Shank, Semi-Mount
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- 1-Noble 21' Field Cultivator
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- 12-John Deere 71 Flex Planter Units, Fiberglass Boxes, Press Wheels
- 1-Custom Built 8 Row Tool Carrier, D. 4x4 Belly Mount Flts 4440
- 1-John Deere R.B. 16-10 Grain Drill On Rubber, Levers
- 1-King 8 Terra Mender, Drag Type, C.C.
- 1-Ford 8 Tandem Disc Plow, 3-pt.
- 1-Shop Made 6' Adjustable Blade, 3-pt.
- 1-John Deere 6' Drag Type Tandem Disc Plow

HAY EQUIPMENT

- 1-New Holland 490 Swather, 10', 540 P.T.O. Drive, Field Ready

- 1-John Deere Side Delivery Rake, P.T.O., 3-pt.
- 1-Farm Hand, 5 Wheel, Side Delivery Rake, Drag Type

STOCK TRAILERS & EQUIPMENT, TANKS

- 1-W-W 6'x20' Stock Trailer, Gooseneck, Tandem Axle, Full Metal Cover, C.G., S.T.G., Full Nose Compartment, 7.50x16 Rubber
- 1-Dugan 6'x16' Stock Trailer, Gooseneck, Tandem Axle, Bow Top W/Canvas Cover, D.T.G., C.G.
- 1-Danco 6'x32' Gooseneck Stock Trailer, Triple Axle, Bow Top
- 1-Factory Built 5'x16' Stock Trailer, Tandem Axle, C.G., T.G.
- 1-300 Gallon Fuel Nurse Tank On 4 Wheel Trailer

TRACTOR & TOOL MAKEUP

- 1-John Deere Cat. III, 3-pt. Hitch
- 3-Bigham Brothers Row Dikers
- 4-8 Row Diamond Tool Bars
- 2-Sets Roll-A-Cone Gauge Wheels, Diamond Bar
- 1-Set Hamby Walking Gauge Wheels, Square Bar
- 2-Tye Stabilizer Coulters
- 1-Loi Tool Bar Spacers
- 1-Loi Used Cultivator Sweeps & Bedder Sweeps

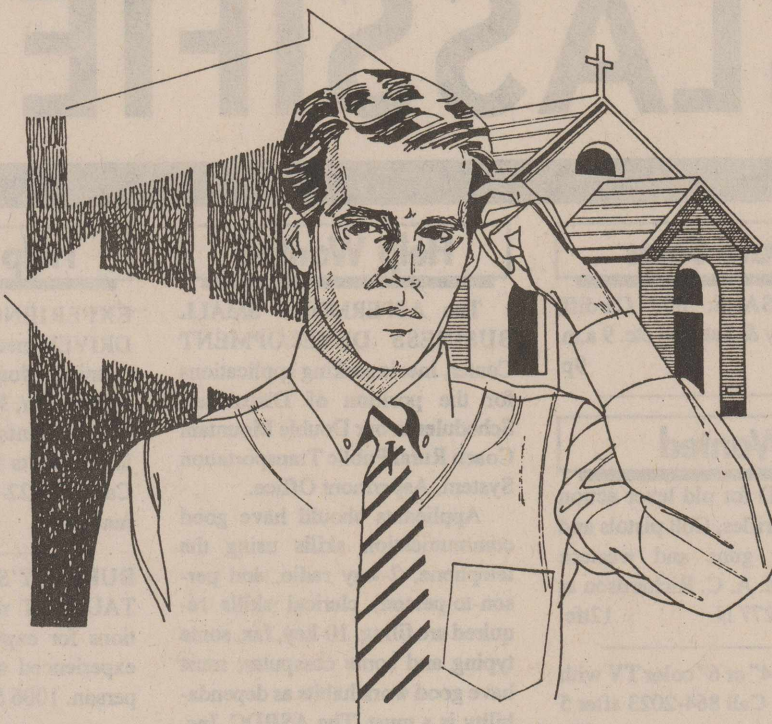
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- 2-Delta Pickup Side Mount Tool Boxes (Over Fender Well), 5' Long
- 1-Broyhill Herbicide Tanks, 2-150 Gal. Tanks, Belly Mount
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— William James

“There is no... judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths.”
— Isaiah 59:8

LIKE THE MONTH OF MARCH, PEOPLE CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE

March is perhaps the most unpredictable month of the year. It can inflict more snow and freezing temperatures on an already winter-weary population, it can warm up for some balmy spring days, or it can turn unseasonably hot. Along with the inevitable wind, this has given rise to the lion/lamb description of its entry and exit. As we all know, there are some people like that. They can never make up their minds about what they want to do or where they want to go. They just drift along, without any roots or goals, and seldom accomplish anything worthwhile. If you have been floundering in this manner, help is at hand at your House of Worship. Just seek the Lord's guidance and let Him point you in the right direction. He put us all here for a reason, and He knows where we belong. All we have to do is trust Him.

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Wed. 7 p.m.
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East Hwy 380, Haskell

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

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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

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Father Michael Melcher
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Church of Christ
Dale Huff, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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First Presbyterian Church
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.
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John Lewis, pastor
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Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sunday Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7 p.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.
300 N. 3rd St., Haskell

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Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Jim Turner, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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Worth Mayes, pastor
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Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. James Patterson
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Rev. Truett Kuentler
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church
James P. Patterson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

Sagerton Methodist Church
Carol Krumpston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

First Baptist Church
Stewart Farrell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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Church of Christ
John Graeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

New Life Baptist Mission
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Matt Herrington, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
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