

# Haskell firemen kept busy fighting grass fires in county

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### Modern Way and 7-Up Hoop Shoot

Modern Way and 7-Up Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday, Mar. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at Modern Way.

The Hoop Shoot will be divided into three different groups:

Second grade and under—prize will be a basketball; third and fourth grades—prize will be a mountain bike; and fifth and sixth grades—prize will be a mountain bike.

### Haskell Lodge

The Haskell Lodge has changed their monthly meeting, from Sunday, Mar. 31, to Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. The Lodge will open at 2 p.m. for those who would like to come early for visitation.

Everyone should bring a cake for a cake walk and children that want to hunt eggs should bring eggs. The meal will be pot luck. Everyone is to bring a pot luck dish and a dessert.

### Boll weevil meeting

Attention cotton growers and landowners, there will be a Boll Weevil Eradication meeting on Monday, Mar. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Homemaker's building at 801 23rd St. in Anson. A corporate-sponsored meal will be served. For further information, call 1-800-687-1212.

### Partners for Children

Partners for Children will conduct a workshop for parents of Jr. High and High School age children on Thursday, Mar. 21, at the Church of Christ annex from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and free babysitting will be offered. Door prizes will also be given.

### Parish Mission

Rev. Juan Ibarzabal, O.P. will be at the Parish Mission at St. George's Catholic Church on Mon., Tues., Wed., Mar. 25, 26 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

### Old Glory Musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Saturday, Mar. 23, at the Community Center in Old Glory. The Best Little Concession Stand in Texas will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music will start at 6 p.m.

Admission is free. The proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information, call 817-989-2925 or 2760.

### Philadelphian Club

The Rule Philadelphian Club will meet Thursday, Mar. 21, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. A display of drawings and an account of each Texas seat of government will be shown.

### Parenting meeting

A parenting meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Reynolds Elementary Library in Stamford. All interested parents are encouraged to attend.

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## Fire consumes 2,000 acres near Rochester

Haskell and the surrounding area finally got some much welcomed moisture Sunday night, and not a minute too soon for county firefighters, who had been kept busy fighting fires the latter part of the week. According to the weatherman at KVRP, .7 of an inch of rain fell, beginning at around 10:30 p.m., along with some heavy wind and what looked like a slushy type of sleet. Clouds overhead had been threatening rain earlier in the day, with only a light sprinkle shortly before sunset. Other reports of rain included from .6 to an inch in the area.

On Thursday afternoon, members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. were called to help fight a grass fire near Rochester, that started south of the feed lot pens and burned all the way to Jud, burning down the old Jud Store building, the Old White House and another vacant building. It continued to burn about three miles down the Salt Fork of the Brazos River toward Stonewall County to the west and to within about a mile or a mile and a half from the town of Rochester to the north.

According to Rochester Fire Chief, Sid Smart, Forestry Service dozers were brought in out of Decatur, with the crew members from Virginia, to help contain the fire in the river bed. Smart said they arrived around midnight that night and worked until 3 a.m. the next morning. According to Smart, approximately 2,000 acres were burned by the blaze. Even though no occupied buildings were burned, there were two mobile homes, one belonging to Gregg Eppley and one to Dalton Hearn, that were threatened by the fire and sustained smoke damage.

Haskell firefighters were also called to help with a fire on some CRP acreage, six miles south of Rule that broke out at about the same time on Thursday afternoon, as the one in Rochester. According to Haskell Fire Chief, E.J. Stewart, firefighters were able to contain it; but it broke out again on Saturday night and the fire department let it burn itself out.

On Friday afternoon, firefighters were called out on two grass fires—one that broke out in a bar ditch on 380 east toward Throckmorton, at the intersection of 380 and FM 618 and one in a bar ditch on Highway 277. Both fires were contained in the bar ditch.

Both Haskell and Rochester firefighters were on the move again on Sunday when a fire broke out in a bar ditch north of Phil Coleman's place. Firefighters had to go back twice to get the blaze contained.

Meanwhile last week, just to the north of Haskell County, Texas Forest Service firefighters fought two blazes, one near Childress and the other near Crowell. On Saturday, firefighters were still battling brush and grass fires, covering more than 50,000 acres, (about 80 square miles) near Childress, after almost a week. Several homes were destroyed in that fire. One fire southeast of Childress, which was being called the Buckle L Ranch fire, had burned 17,000 acres since Tuesday and was 70 percent contained on Saturday; and the Triangle fire on an estimated 32,000 acres northwest of Crowell near U.S. 70, was 50 percent contained.

The flames, up to as high as 20 feet, were fanned by winds up to 30 miles per hour and swept through grassland, pasture and brush, burning at least three residences and 14 other structures in their path. However, no injuries had been reported.

Other fires last week around West Texas included an 8,750 acre fire in Stephens County; a grass fire on the Nail Ranch in Shackelford County that burned from 3,000 to 4,000 acres; a fire near Breckenridge that burned 15,000 acres before it was contained; and a fire 12 miles west of Big Spring that burned 2,000 acres and spread over a seven-mile area from Pleasure Lake to just west of the Howard-Martin County line.

At least 100 firefighters including firefighting crews from as far away as Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina were still on the job Saturday. In the prolonged drought, the state forest service says 3,076 wildfires have been reported this year, consuming almost 270,000 acres of land in Texas.

## CRP contract extensions announced

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced Tuesday, that an "early out" of some Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring Sept. 30, 1996, will be available during a sign-up period to be held from Mar. 20 through April 26, at local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Glickman also said that current CRP participants whose contracts expire on Sept. 30, 1996, would have an opportunity to extend their contracts for only one year. "A one year extension is the most prudent option until a new farm bill is enacted giving USDA new enrollment authority and establishing a longer-term policy for the CRP," Glickman said. After the farm bill is enacted, USDA will announce a policy for extension for

all CRP contract holders. Procedure for the one-year extension has not been received to date. The FSA office will notify participants as soon as they receive them.

"Today's action is consistent with both the obvious growing need for increased grain production this year and with the Clinton Administration's commitment to preserving and protecting those lands which are most fragile," Glickman said on Tuesday.

Contracts with the following types of land will not be eligible for early out: land with an erodibility index greater than 15; land devoted to useful life easements; field windbreaks; grass waterways; shallow water areas; filterstrips; bottom land timber on wetlands; shelterbelts and land within an average of 100 feet of a stream or other permanent water body. "These restrictions ensure that environmentally-sensitive land continues to remain under contract," Glickman said.

Highly erodible land released from the CRP for cropping must have an approved conservation plan. Any land used for haying or pasture must have a haying or grazing plan.

For contract extensions, the

## Booster Club meeting

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will meet on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. in the athletic fieldhouse. All parents of athletes are encouraged to attend. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for upcoming track meets.

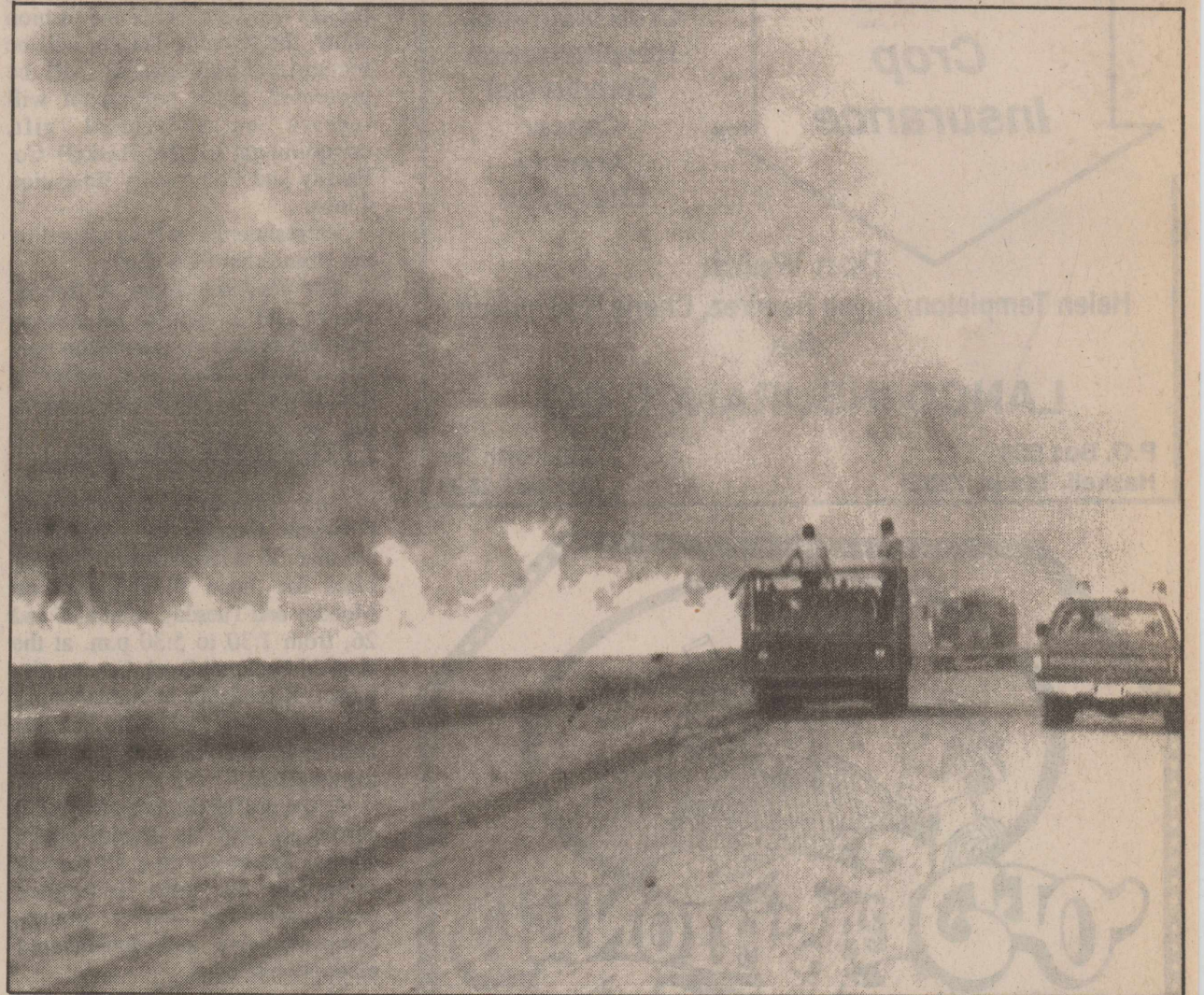
Some decisions concerning the All-Sports Banquet will also be discussed. Your input is greatly needed, so please make plans to attend the meeting.

Parents, please remember that all proceeds that the booster club makes help provide things that our athletes need and help pay for the All-Sports Banquet.

## Stenholm town hall meeting

Congressman Charles Stenholm will hold a town hall meeting in Haskell on Tuesday, March 26, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room at 601 So. 1st St.

The purpose of the town hall meeting will be to offer a Washington update and to address concerns and questions raised by the residents of the 17th District. Stenholm will open the meeting



FIRE NEAR ROCHESTER—Haskell County firefighters with the help of Stonewall County firemen, were kept busy Thursday afternoon fighting a grass fire that burned to within a mile or a mile and a half of the community of Rochester. Forestry service dozers and a crew worked until 3 a.m. Friday morning before completely containing the blaze that consumed around 2,000 acres.

## Haskell ISD recognized for safety program

Bob Pheil, Superintendent of the Haskell Independent School District was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin. The Association consists of 121 participating school districts located throughout northern and central Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed partially self-funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark and Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., both located in Tyler. Hibbs-Hallmark and Co. currently provides workers' compensation programs to over 26

percent of all schools in Texas.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 1994-95 school year, for all participating districts, was over 2.5 million dollars when compared to the costs of fully insured programs. The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceed \$28 million dollars.

The Haskell Independent School District was a Diamond Star award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$35,831. "Our self insurance program was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest

potential for premium savings to the districts," said Billy Hibbs, President of Hibbs-Hallmark and Co. "We have a team of safety professionals who help the districts to implement a strict set of safety policies and procedures."

Claims Administrative Services, Inc. President, Barry Jones, stated "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key reasons for the Association's success. Their participating in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on the job injuries and save taxpayer dollars. The taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Haskell Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continued Jones.

## High appointed to State Board

Local pharmacist, Roberta High, who was appointed to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy by Gov. George Bush in February, was administered the oath of office by District Judge, Charles Chapman on Monday morning in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.


Roberta and her husband, Doyle, are both pharmacists and own The Drug Store in Haskell. She will

serve on the State Board until Aug. 31, 2001.

She is a consultant pharmacist for both Knox City Hospital in Knox City and the Shackelford County Hospital in Albany. She is also a member of the West Texas Pharm. Assn., the West Texas and American Pharm. Associations and the National Assn. of Retail Druggists.




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## 4-H Fashion Show, Mar. 23

The public is invited to attend the annual Haskell Co. 4-H Fashion Show to be held this Sunday afternoon, Mar. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Fourteen creative 4-H'ers will model the garments they have either constructed or purchased using skills they have learned through their involvement in a 4-H clothing project this year. After the fashion show, the clothing leaders will be recognized and awards will be presented. Each participant will receive an individual gift, compliments of the Haskell Co. Family and Community Education Clubs.

Refreshments will be served by the Homespun FCE Club.

The Fashion Show is free of charge and is open to all citizens without regard to socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Driving class

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center is sponsoring another 55 Alive/Mature Driving class for those 50 and over on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Attendance at both sessions are required. Total costs for this class is \$8 and there are no driving requirements.

At the end of the two sessions, a certificate will be issued, which entitles the bearer to a 10 percent reduction in auto insurance premiums for three years—comprehensive and non-insured motorists excluded.

This course, offered by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) as part of their non-profit service, is designed to assist older drivers to continue to drive safely for many more years, despite a number of age-related changes.

For further information and enrollment forms, please call the Experienced Citizens Center at 864-3875 or Owen Aikin at 743-3204, or come by the ECC personally.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Shirley Helms, Rule  
Lillian Powell, Rule  
Laura Whitaker, Haskell  
William Carlisle, O'Brien  
Juanita Bevel, Haskell  
Earl Clower, Benjamin  
Wanda Barnett, Knox City

### Dismissals

Nannie Miller, Leo Monse,  
Louise Chambers, Verna Matthews,  
Nora Offill, Olen Bartley, Evelyn Marr.

## Obituaries

### Juanita M. Cunningham

Services were held for longtime Haskell resident, Juanita M. Cunningham, 76, on Saturday, March 16, at the First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Jim Turner and Minister Kenneth Blair officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Cunningham died Thursday, March 14, at an Abilene hospital. She was born Feb. 11, 1920, in Rusk County. She married Chester Cunningham on June 9, 1936 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by Melvin "Pete" Jacobs, Verdia Jacobs and Leroy Jacobs.

She is survived by her husband, Chester Cunningham of Haskell; three daughters, Oleta Charlene DelValle of Rule, Juanita Maxine Judd and

Billie Azile Larned, both of Haskell; one son, Donald Lynn Cunningham of Haskell; nine grandchildren, Carl Edwin DelValle II, William Bruce DelValle, Bryan Keith DelValle, Leisha DelValle Walker, Timmy Allen Judd, Vickie Lynn Judd Bullard, Cathey Darlene Judd Isbell, Amy Lynette Cunningham and Donald Mathew Cunningham; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ben McGee, Larry Short, James Bevel, Bobby Tidwell, Bill Blankenship, David Davis and Eugene Gibbs.

Honorary pallbearers were Lynn Pace Jr., Bud Pace, Melvin Hill, Johnny (A.H.) Becker, Dr. Wayne Cadenhead and Dr. Frank Cadenhead.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Box 527, Haskell, TX 79521.

### Doug Laughlin

RULE—Services were held for longtime Rule resident, Doug Laughlin, 78, on Wednesday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church in Rule, with Rev. Stewart Farrell officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home Directors.

Laughlin died Monday, March 11, at her residence in Rule. She was born Oct. 24, 1917 in Commerce. She married Clyde Laughlin on Oct. 14, 1957 in Rule. She was a graduate of Munday High School in 1935. She worked for the U.S. Post Office for 25 years before retiring in 1972. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rule and a member of the T.E.L. Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde on Jan. 24, 1990; two daughters, Karyn Beth Baugh and Bobbie Lavelle Baugh; one sister, Jean Jetton; and one brother, Keith Hamilton.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Don Laughlin of Irving; one daughter, Charlotte Groves of Grand Prairie; two sisters, Barbara Kayser and Sybil Fry, both of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Santos Baiza, Wallace Allison, Eugene Rhoads, Craig Cotton, Bobby Robinson and Sammy Simpson.

Memorials may be made to M.A.D.D., Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

### Ethel Gertrude Leeper

GORMAN—Services were held for Ethel Gertrude Leeper, 83, of Gorman on Sunday, March 10, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Rev. Charles D. King officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Leeper died Thursday, March 7, in a De Leon hospital. She was born in Haskell County and was a homemaker. She was a member of Grace Temple Assembly of God Church in Fort Worth and was the

widow of Fred H. Statum, whom she married in 1930 in Birmingham, Ala.

She is survived by five daughters, Ruby J. Gebhardt of Granbury, Norma Tedford of Gorman, Dottie Pool of Austin, Katina Froehle of Benbrook and Yvonne King of Michigan; two sisters, Effie Mae Jones of Hobbs, N.M. and Lois Cate of Moran; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was the aunt of Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell and Herschel Alexander of Weinert.

### Nellie Beatrice Lucky

GORMAN—Services were held for Nellie Beatrice Lucky, 71, of Gorman on Saturday, March 9, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Rev. Jerry McNeil and Rev. Terry Colwell officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Lucky died Thursday, March 7, at her home. She was born in Haskell County and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and First United Methodist Church. She was the widow of Johnnie Lee Turner, whom she married in 190 in Sipe Springs; and Frank Lucky, whom she married in 1975 in Carlsbad, N.M.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmie Lee Turner

and Dale Turner, both of Gorman; five daughters, JoNell Torrez, Darlene Maldonado and Gloria Glasson, all of Gorman, Dorothy Jackson of Cisco and Effie Taylor of Breckenridge; five step-sons, Larry Lucky of Columbia Falls, Mont., David Lucky, Jody Lucky and Mark Lucky, all of Ranger, and Timmie Lucky of Lubbock; two step-daughters, Susie Flores of Cameron and Cathy Butler of Ranger; two sisters, Effie Mae Jones of Hobbs, N.M. and Lois Cate of Moran; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

She was the aunt of Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell and Herschel Alexander of Weinert.

### Maidee Watson Curry

Maidee Watson Curry of Dallas died Saturday, Mar. 16, in an Irving rest home. She was reared in Haskell and was a graduate of Haskell High School. She taught school in Haskell and Knox Co. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mike Watson, who was Tax Assessor and Collector in Haskell Co. in the 30s and 40s, and the daughter-in-law of the late Rev. and Mrs.

J.F. Curry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Curry; and one daughter, Patsy Couley.

She is survived by one son, Gen of Fort Worth; and six grandchildren. She was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Robert Darnell of Haskell.

## Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Next week, our little town will be busy as we host the 26th edition of the Sagerton Hee Haw. Much work and planning has gone into all aspects of feeding and entertaining over 1,000 people, and many long hours of hard work will be spent to make these three nights in Sagerton something to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stegemoeller of Rowley, Ma. have been here visiting with his mother, Henrietta, at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell.

Members of Faith Circle met at Faith Lutheran Church last Tuesday with Helen Lehmann, Mary Neinast, Isabel Mrazek, Barbara Nauert, Alice Bredthauer, Marie Zell, Odene Dudensing and Dorothy Toney present. Refreshments were provided by Mary Neinast, and Dorothy Toney led the topic. On

Friday morning, 19 men gathered at Faith Lutheran for their regular monthly breakfast and devotion led by Pastor Zell.

Peggy Adler of The Woodlands spent a few days visiting her parents, Joe and Dorothy Clark. Coming with her were her in-laws, Al and Carol Adler and Carol's mother, Mrs. Leonard Hausrath, all of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Evelyn Ulmer hosted the meeting of the Hobby Club on Thursday. She demonstrated how to make covered baskets. The group made plans for their trip to Abilene in April. The quilt committee brought parts of the quilt that they have started on for the bazaar. Members present were Yvonne Swofford, Peggy Tabor, Joyce LeFevre, Dorothy Clark, Leona Letz, Marie Zell, Mary Neinast,

Geneva Carlton, Margie Hertel, Jo Brown, Margaret Wendeborn, Wilma Teichelman, Dorothy Toney and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook of Big Spring visited last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. M.Y. Benton, who had been hospitalized for a few days, but is home now and doing better.

Sunday visitors in the home of G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre were his daughter, Elizabeth and Boyd Young of Abilene.

Congratulations go to Britta Manske for taking home the prize money for the grand champion pig at the Houston Livestock Show. She is the great-granddaughter of Mozelle Manske.

Jacky and Peggy Tabor's home was abuzz this weekend with children and grandchildren visiting. They included their son, William and Denise Tabor and their daughters, Amberly and Miranda from Austin; their daughter, Karen and Michael Pokrivnak and children, Karen and Aaron of Winslow, Ark.; Bill and Jim Tabor of Sweetwater; Bobby and Regina O'Neal of O'Brien; and John L. Brooks of Sagerton.

Bill and Margie Hertel visited last week with their daughter, Vicky and Jack Ralph, Eric and Jessica of New Braunfels. They attended a surprise birthday part at University City for Vicky hosted by Vicky's mother-in-law.

Family members visiting in the F.A. Ulmer home during the weekend included Keith and Jana Whitaker of Meeker, Colorado, Winston and Mary Ulmer of Seguin and Brad, Dora, Tyler and Madison Ulmer of Webster.

Ladies of the community have been quilting in the home of Mrs. Reece Clark, working on a beautiful friendship quilt.

Brittany Weaver of Abilene spent her spring break visiting with her grandparents, Joe and Yvonne Swofford. She is the daughter of Jo Ann Weaver.

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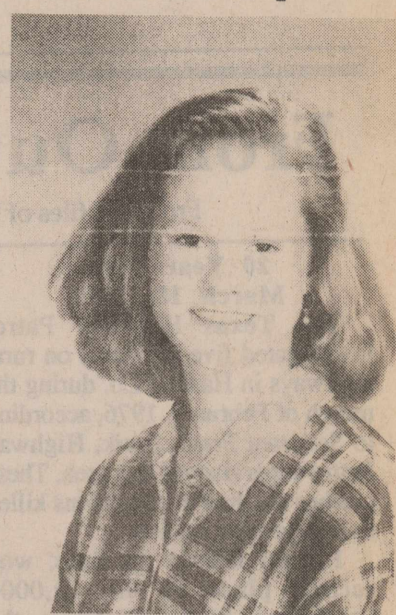
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## SoRelle named Lions Club queen

The Lubbock Lions Club recently selected Sarah SoRelle, 17, to represent the organization as queen for 1996-97. Sarah, a junior at Trinity Christian High School, is the daughter of Frank and Beverly SoRelle of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Helen Owens of Haskell. She will represent the Lubbock Lions Club at the District Convention Queen Contest this spring in Lubbock and will attend all of the Lubbock Lions functions for the year of her reign.

The new Lions Club queen is interested in athletics and music and plans to attend Texas A&M University after graduation from high school. She is a member of the Trinity Christian High School Science Club as well as the Literary Club, is vice-president of the student council and is a member of the Leadership Team at Trinity Church.

She is an honor roll student, captain of the Trinity varsity basketball team, plays varsity volleyball, received the most valuable player award for track in 1995, and has just been named First Team All-District player for 1996 in basketball. While at Trinity Christian High School, she has



SARAH SORELLE

been a State Finalist in volleyball and track, and named Second Team All-District volleyball team member. She is also enrolled in the school's honors program for English, math and science.

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MRS. GRANT ALLEN BANNEN, nee STACY ELLEN COSTON

## Coston, Bannen united in candlelight ceremony

Stacy Ellen Coston and Grant Allen Bannen, both of Fort Worth, were united in marriage in an evening candlelight ceremony at Travis Ave. Baptist Church on Saturday, March 9. Rev. Tom Patton officiated the double ring ceremony, assisted by Honorable Albert Lee White Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coston of Fort Worth. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Coston and Mrs. Pauline Norman of Haskell.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant R. Bannen of Lawrence, Kan. He is the grandson of Mrs. Harold Allen of Lawrence and Mrs. Geneva Bannen of Traverse City, Mich.

Ceremonial music was provided by Steven Lewis, organist and Melissa Taylor, soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose an elegant gown of white silk satin and Alencon lace by Amsale. The fitted bodice was fashioned with an off the shoulder scoop neckline, long sleeves and a drop waist. The full skirt fell in soft gathers to the floor and gracefully into a sweep train. The sleeves and hemline were adorned with a heavy border of Alencon lace. Silk rosebuds scattered throughout the hem lace and the cuffs completed the gown. She chose a matching bandeau of silk rosebuds to complete her ensemble. Silk illusion framed her face and fell in two tiers beyond the length of her train.

The bride's honor attendants were her sisters, Laura Coston of Waco was maid of honor and Julie Swenson of Cambridge, Minn. was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were

Marcie Thomas of Lufkin, Katy Shoultz of Dallas and Meredith Whitten of Austin.

The bride's attendants were attired in full length coral crepe dresses with empire waistlines accented with a satin band and bow.

Mike Bannen, brother of the groom, was best man. The groomsmen were Johnny Edmonds of Westminster, Colo., Jason Smith of New Orleans, La., Jeff Smith of Dallas and Chuck Swenson of Cambridge, Minn. Ushers were Jay Gardner of Decatur, Ga. and Matt Scarborough of Highland Park, Kan.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Fort Worth Club with classical music selections provided by Larry Willcoxon on the piano. The wedding cakes were designed by Gisela of A Taste of Europe, and the flower arrangements were provided by Pat Ables of Lillian-Simons.

On the eve of the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Grant R. Bannen hosted a rehearsal dinner at Risky's Sirlon Inn in the stockyards, for the wedding party and out-of-town guests.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Baylor University and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is employed by Neiman Marcus, Fort Worth, as Merchandising Manager of the Cosmetic Department.

The groom, a 1992 graduate of Baylor University, earned his J.D. from Texas Tech Law School in 1995. He is currently employed by the Federal District Courts in the Northern District of Texas.

After a honeymoon trip to Saint Lucia, the couple will reside in Fort Worth.

## Couple wed on a floating gazebo

Lisa Francis and Chad Lundy of Tulsa, Okla. were married Feb. 17, in a floating gazebo on Lake Lucerne near Eureka Springs, Ark. with minister, Sarah Williams, officiating.

The bride's parents are Gary and Norma Francis of Atlanta, Ga. and Dave and Diane Rhodes of Tulsa Okla.

The groom's parents are Coe and Suzy McElmurry of Odessa and the late Lt. Col. James Lundy. He is the grandson of Lois Redwine and the late Charley Redwine.

Jennifer Williams, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. The bride and matron of honor were

dressed in denim and lace. The bridal bouquet was made by the bride's step-mother, Norma Francis. Mrs. Francis also made the matron of honor's corsage and the groom's and best man's boutonnières.

Gary Francis, father of the bride, was best man. The groom and best man were attired in denim.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the couple's honeymoon cottage on the lake.

The couple are at home in Tulsa. The groom is employed by Superior Supply Co. and is an independent insurance agent. The bride is a registered nurse and is employed by Springer Clinic.



RAY PRESTON KECK II and TAMARA LYNN DECKER

## Engagement announced

Lonnie and Patricia Decker of Stanton, would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamara Lynn to Ray Preston Keck II of Stamford.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Roy and Margie Medford and James E. (Cleve) and Ann Decker, all of Haskell and the late Beulah Mae Decker.

The prospective groom is the son of Ray and Darlene Keck of

Mansfield.

The couple is planning a June 29, wedding in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Stanton High School and is presently employed at Bill's True Value in Stanton.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Mansfield High School and is employed with the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice in Abilene.

## Happenings

By Lois Redwine

Doris Muth and son, Ritchie Karnes of Kermit visited last week with their mother and grandmother, Alice Wootan.

Visiting last week with Bro. and Mrs. Jim Turner were their son and granddaughter, David and Lacey Turner from Eastland and their son and grandchildren, Stacy, Danielle and Canon Turner from Midland.

Last week, Linda Short, Mary Jane and Ross, Rochester and Bernice Hilliard spent the day in Lubbock.

Spending the weekend with Jerene Couch were her daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Jerre Moore of Oklahoma City, her granddaughter, Shannon Moore, Shannon's friend, Scott DeWolf and roommate, Stephanie Roberts. Shannon, Scott and Stephanie are seniors at Texas A&M.

Elect Franceine Johnson representative for District 3, in the Texas Silver-haired Legislature on Tuesday, May 28. She's the one.

On Monday, J.L. and Martha Toliver were in Seymour to meet daughter, Patricia Seidel and grandson, Kane Cannedy of Wichita Falls. Kane returned to Haskell with them for a spring break visit.

Pat Shaw of Roscoe and her mother, Bernice Hilliard attended the 57th Annual Meeting of the Stamford Electric Cooperative held in Stamford on Saturday night. Randall Palmore and his western band of Albany were the featured performers.

Visiting with Ruby Smith and the David Middletons were Robert Bruce and Jan Reynolds from Houston. He is the son of former

Haskellites, Virgil and Brucille Reynolds.

On Sunday, Willie and Ida Farrell of Weinert, visited Mrs. Farrell's sister, Beatrice Curd in the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City. They also visited Mrs. Farrell's nephew, Price Curd Jr.

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

Weinert. Also visiting the Mayfields were daughter and granddaughters, Alexia Rimmer, Adrienne, Elyse and Meredith of De Soto.

Lucille Pickering of Lubbock spent several days visiting with Eloise and Dudley Perrin, Bailey and Nancy Toliver, Harvey and Margaret Simmons, J.L. and Martha Toliver and many friends. Lucille and J.L. drove many country roads looking at old homes and sharing memories. They also visited Lake Stamford. A number of family get togethers were held and she played 84 in the First Baptist Church's FAC with the Fun Bunch. She is welcome back anytime.

Visiting with Neat Bevel while she is in Haskell Memorial Hospital were her children and grandchildren, Darlene Cummings, Abilene; Jackie and Joy Harvey, Odessa; their daughter, Debra Harvey, Houston; Berl, Dana, Colton and Cason, Natalie, Tx.; Brad and Joy Bevel, Perrin; and the James Bevels, Haskell. Jackie and Joy also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey.

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# OPINION

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago  
March 18, 1976

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated five accidents on rural highways in Haskell Co. during the month of February, 1976, according to Sergeant Frank Jircik, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area. These crashes resulted in no persons killed and no persons injured.

Ronald Kinney of Rule, won second place in the 12,000# Southwest Stock Class at the annual Southwest Championship Tractor Pull at Fort Worth last week. Ronald pulled with his JD 4430 tractor. Johnny Wheatley of Haskell won fourth place in the 12,000# Class. He pulled with his JD 4430 tractor.

30 Years Ago  
March 24, 1966

An alert Haskell Fire Dept. held a stubborn fire to a storage and linen closet and three units of the eleven unit Haskell Courts early Monday morning. "Satch" Lusk, supervisor of the fire department, said the alarm was answered at 1:20 a.m. and it was 3 a.m. when firemen left the scene.

The Haskell County Sheriff's Posse, headed by president, Gene Hunter, "rode away" with first place, Saturday in Abilene's frontier parade. A large delegation of Haskell riders made the "trek" to Abilene to participate in the event and brought home the \$50 top prize money.

60 Years Ago  
March 19, 1936

Haskell's largest Sunday School class, 130, were in attendance in the Businessmen's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church. Rev. R.R. Whatley, pastor, is teacher. Alfred Pierson is Sunday School superintendent. The group captains

are John A. Couch, R.C. Couch, Charles M. Conner and Jim Fouts

From the War Whoop: A one pound box of candy is the proper size for a girl who has no brothers. If she has brothers, add two pounds for each brother. (If this is true, we pity Bob Wheatley).

Jack Mickle, an experienced drug man of Ralls, has accepted a position with the Oates Drug Store. He assumed his duties here the first of the week.

70 Years Ago  
March 11, 1926

The agricultural products of Haskell County continue to win, according to County Agent Trice who has recently returned from the Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, with 15 ribbons won with entries there.

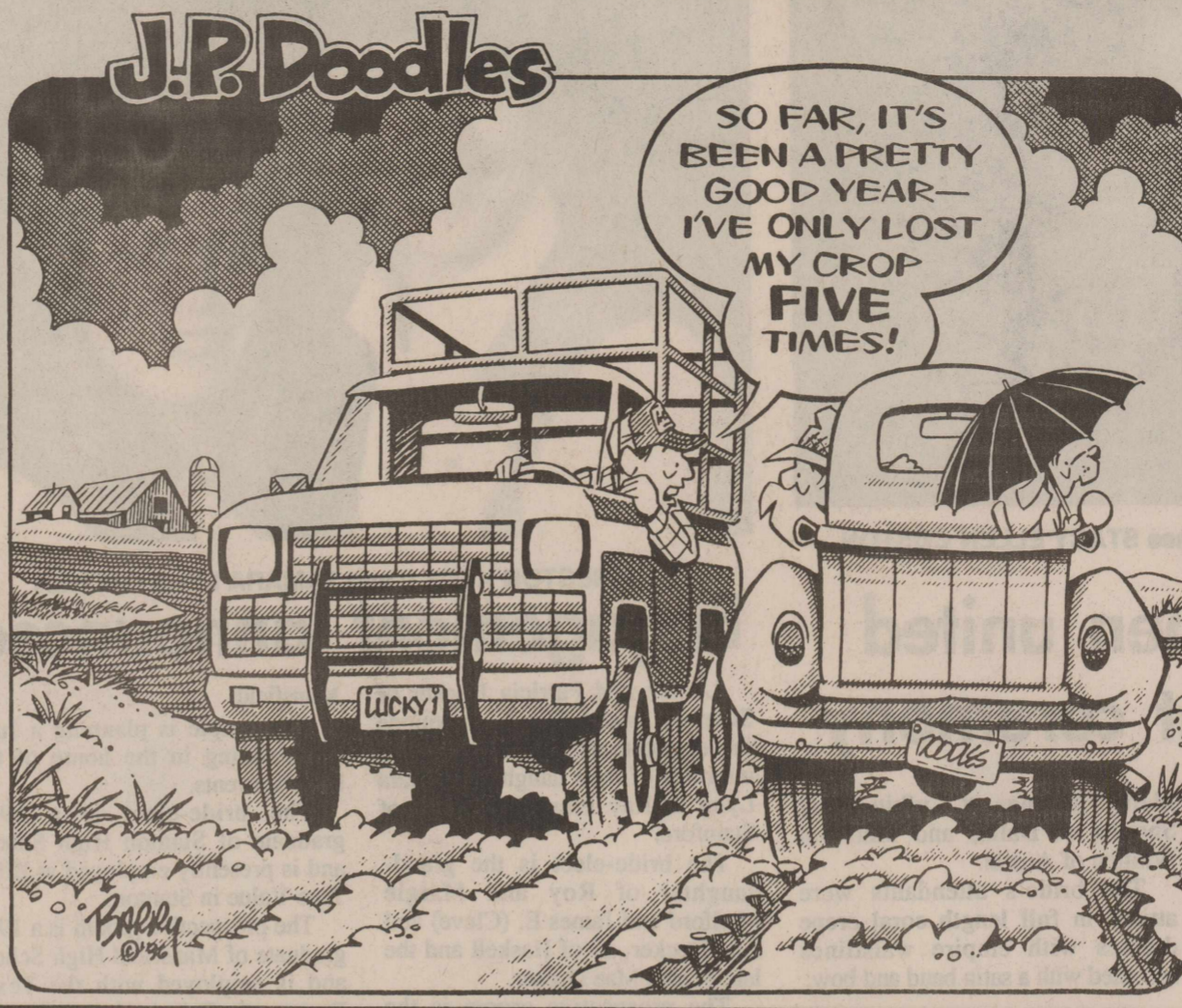
New prices announced on Ford cars as follows: Touring, \$310; Tudor Sedan, \$520; Coupe, \$500; Runabout, \$290; Fordor Sedan, \$565. R.R. English, who is in charge of the Ford Agency in this city, is in Detroit, Mich.

90 Years Ago  
March 24, 1906

County Surveyor H.M. Rike was out at the grading camp on the Washita Valley the other day and reports the force making good progress this way from the Sherman place.

Mr. J.H. McLeod of the Carney community was in the city Tuesday and said he had just finished picking his 1905 cotton crop.

Mr. J.F. Gilliland of the Carney neighborhood was in town Tuesday. He said the cold weather of the past week had greatly interfered with cotton picking. Cotton picking when farmers ought to be planting a new crop seems about as much out of place as the protracted cold weather at this time of the year.



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

To who it may concern:  
I am writing this letter in reference to an article that was recently published in one of our newspapers. The article was about a City Council meeting and Officer Roman Morgan. This article caused great concern to many people I know.

First of all, I would like to say that Officer Morgan is a good addition to this city's police force. In all the time I have known Officer Morgan, he has never made any slurs against any race, and for these people to insinuate that he is being racist in any way is absurd. I was the dispatcher that answered the loud music call on Feb. 16, at 6:05 p.m. It was legitimate call. Officer Morgan did not deliberately stop to harass these people, he was simply answering a call given to him by me.

Second of all, concerning the statement about the wrong address, I was again the dispatcher on duty. I received a call from an elderly lady that said she needed an officer for a young girl at her door. When I asked for her address, she stated she had just recently moved there and did not know the exact address. Although she did give an address, it turned out not to be hers but someone else's. So, in actuality, Officer Morgan had gone to the correct address—the address given to me by the elderly lady. The only problem with this job is that we cannot see the addresses on the houses when we get the calls in, so we go solely on the information given to us by the people of the community.

Last of all, I have a real problem with people criticizing officers and dispatchers of the Police Department and Sheriff's Office for the mistakes that we make. We make these mistakes only because we are human. But how often do you hear of anyone getting commended for the good things we do every day?

This is a great job that consists of many smaller jobs—to name a few: fights, fires, heart attacks, ambulance runs, 911 calls, and yes, the never ending dog calls. So maybe everyone should stop criticizing and start commending the people that help this community, any time, day or night.  
Respectfully,  
April Baldwin, Haskell

Editor's note: The article that the writer is referring to was in the March 7, addition of the *Free Press*. It was not an article for or against either party, Officer Morgan or the complainants. It was just stating what happened at the meeting. Thank goodness that we live in a country where we have freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Because if we did not have these freedoms: the complainants could not have gone before the council with their complaints; Police Chief Bassett could not have spoken out in defense of Officer Morgan; the paper could not have reported what happened; and we could not publish letters to the editor in defense of the police department and the dispatchers.

I am the first to say that all law enforcement personnel have a thankless job and are criticized more

often than they are praised. And I am certainly aware that mistakes can be made in any situation, for to err is human.

We here at the *Free Press* would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our local law enforcement personnel, fire department personnel, emergency personnel and dispatchers for doing a great job. If more people would abide by the Indian prayer, "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins," then it would be a much better world to live in.

To the Editor:

To begin with I would like to make it clear that I do not believe the majority of the American people will disagree with the contents of this article; some of which have been taken from articles or letters that have appeared in magazines, such as D.A.V., Purple Heart, V.F.W. and others.

I am a blue-blooded American, U.S.A. retired Master Sgt. and I wish to defend Michael New, who was court martialled and given a bad conduct discharge on Jan. 24, 1996.

I am of the opinion that I too would have refused to have followed orders such as the ones which allowed GI's to be sent to Macedonia and other places. According to an article in a V.F.W. magazine, 95 percent of the letters received agree with Michael New's reason for refusing to wear a U.N. flag, patch or headgear while serving under U.N. command in Macedonia.

In response, a non-binding regulation, called "The American Hero Resolution Act," was introduced in Congress by three representatives.

The V.F.W. news release urged Congress to examine the Constitutionality of the directive which allows the President to commit our forces in support of the U.N. operations. It is regrettable that the court martial of a soldier, such as Michael New, acting on his conscience is the reason that we call upon Congress to determine if there is a misuse of constitutional authority. The issue needs to be addressed so as not to undermine good orders and discipline within our armed forces.

The Presidential Decision Directive (called D.D. 25), Clinton's secret policy guiding U.S. troop participation in U.N. peace keeping operations has yet to be made available to Congress. Adopted in May, 1994, the administration has refused to present a copy of the House National Security Subcommittee on personnel.

Thinking back, at the time, and probably since I left the service in June of 1958, I am certain during my early career that I would have opted or elected to do as Michael New has done. And I believe every American should become aware of this incident. No, I'm not condoning the actions of previous presidents either.

Most of my service was as a ground pounder, some of which consisted of five campaigns in Korea, beginning as an Ammunition Bearer, a machine gun platoon of a weapons company in the 1st Cavalry Section Leader,

Platoon Sgt. in H. Company of the 279th Infantry Regiment 45th Division, and one campaign in E.T.O. in the 106th Infantry Division. I am a Purple Heart recipient with Center and Bronze Stars for valor.

Michael New might have been an asset in the service of our country where there is no limit except up. And this discharge, etc. should not have happened to him or others.

At various times before World War II and between World War II and Korea, I trained recruits as an Infantry Drill Instructor. I have witnessed lots of brilliant enlistees evolve into exceptionally successful individuals and I predict this young fellow, Michael New will go far.

The ones in Washington should be cleaning up incidents like this concerning Michael New and Congressmen should be discussing items of this magnitude. American should be concerned instead of slandering each other.

The undersigned is a life member of Purple Heart, D.A.V. and the V.F.W.

Hopefully folks in this area will show support for condemning as well as getting the Directive changed so that no other American soldier will ever again be required to serve under other than the American leaders.

U.S.A. M/Sgt. W.C. Busby  
Haskell

To the Editor:

Amen to Ken Lane's thoughts about Haskell in the March 14th edition of *The Haskell Free Press*. Haskell is a wonderful place to live and does have a reputation of being one of the most caring, friendliest and best small towns anywhere.

Let's don't be afraid of change. Things are different everywhere so let's build on change. Get behind our city and county as they lead us to a more progressive growing town.

To paraphrase President Kennedy; ask not what your town can do for you, but what you can do for your town.

Let's get to work.  
Patsy Pate Cobb, Haskell

To the Editor:

I read with great interest the letter to the editor on March 11, from our Mayor, Ken Lane.

The same week, I had a similar situation that left me grateful to be in a city like ours' with caring people. I felt like coming home and getting involved for the rest of my life.

There is much to do in our hometown that needs to be done; and with the help of every single person doing his or her part, we will meet the challenge that lies ahead.

At a time like this, I always think about Ecclesiastes, Ch.-3, in our Bible, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven; a time to be born and time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot." The season is always right, the season is now. I have no doubt that every person, be they adult or child, will make every effort to meet those needs; that we move forward preparing our city and our lives to help make this small town an All-

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### State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush is held in high esteem by Texans, according to new ratings in a Texas Poll telephone survey conducted Feb. 21 to March 1.

Bush's job-approval rating of 70 percent is the highest received by a Texas governor in the last 10 years. The survey was conducted for Harte-Hanks Communications by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas.

"Gov. Bush is flattered that the people of Texas think he is doing a good job," said the governor's press secretary, Karen Hughes.

Hughes said Texans seem to appreciate Bush's ability to work with the Legislature and his willingness to share credit with Democratic leaders, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the state Senate and House Speaker Pete Laney.

Bush's approval rating eclipses that of his recent predecessors: Ann Richards peaked at 60 percent in spring 1994; Bill Clements managed a 36 percent mark after taking office in 1987; and Mark White's highwater mark was 42 percent in the winter of 1986.

**Moses to Stop Granting Waivers**  
No more skipping final exams because of good grades.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said that next year he would no longer approve funding for students who have been exempted from taking finals because they have good grades.

More than 582 Texas public school districts have waivers from the commissioner that let them collect funding for those students on days they are absent during finals. Schools receive about \$25 a day per student.

"The state has been paying for days when students were not present. I don't feel comfortable with that. I don't believe I have the authority to do that, and besides, I have a philosophical problem with students' not taking final exams," Moses told the *Dallas Morning News*.

**Gun Permit Report Issued**

The Department of Public Safety reports 26,588 concealed handgun permit had been issued from Jan. 1 to March 6.

As of March 3, a DPS report said, white males had been issued 19,313 of 23,615 permits issued, and white and Hispanic males and females — grouped together — had been issued 22,662 permits. As of March 3, blacks held 438 permits and 397 of those were issued to males. Of the grand total, women held 3,444 of the permits.

For the first time, the DPS released information on rejected applications for permits to carry. As of March 6, only 16 applications had been rejected.

In February, a Grand Prairie man became the first permit holder to be charged with using his gun illegally in the shooting death of a Dallas man.

By March 6, the DPS reported, 59,291 completed applications had been received.

**Other Capital Highlights**

■ For the first time in history, Texas' Republican Primary on March 12 outdrew the Democratic Primary. Political observers say the presidential nomination battle, plus the unusually large number of contested local races on the Republican Primary ballot, attracted conservative Democrats to the GOP Primary.

■ State Comptroller John Sharp has negotiated an arrangement to allow welfare recipients who use the state's Lone Star Card to do their grocery shopping in other states' border towns. Sharp said agreements had been signed with New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana to permit grocery stores to opt into the Lone Star card program.

■ Gov. Bush has designated James Francis Jr. of Dallas to replace Robert Holt as chairman of the Public Safety Commission.

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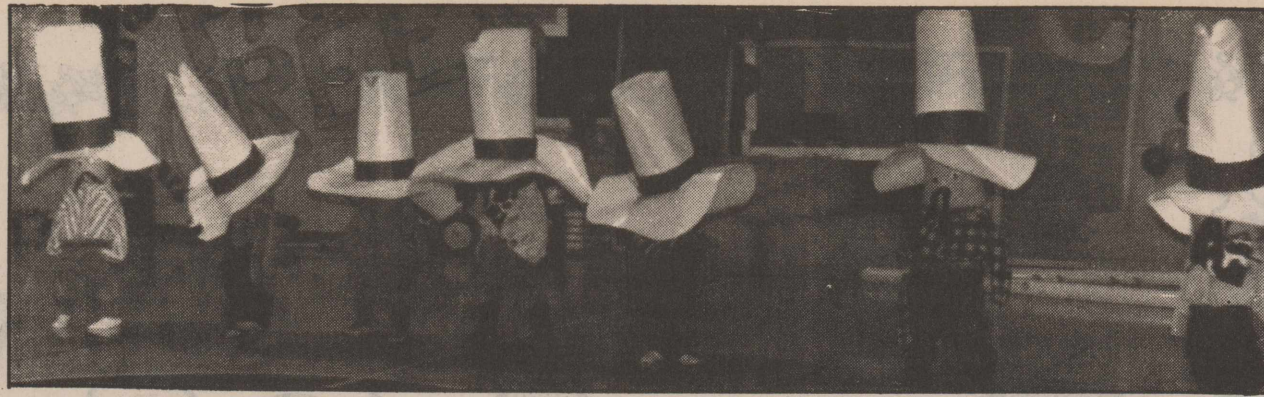
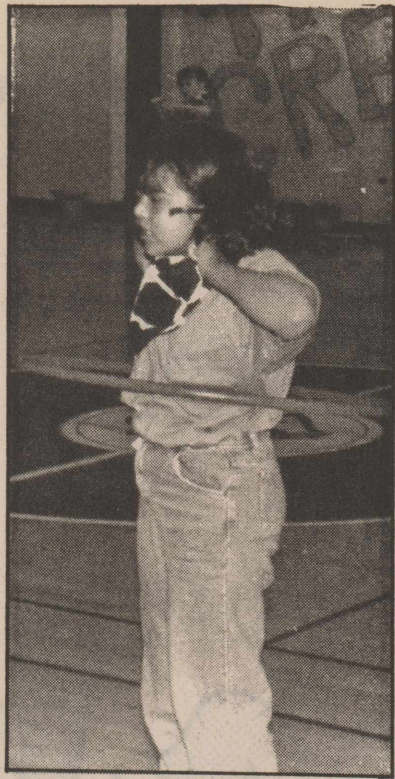
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**PURE COUNTRY**—Paint Creek Elementary students put on their rendition of "Pure Country," Thursday night, March 7, at the Paint Creek gym, for parents and grandparents. Students tumbled, hula hooped, and a variety of other activities, to country music tunes. The program was choreographed by Kristi Gibson, PC Elementary physical education teacher.



### McCord, Huff win 1st at tennis tournament in Sweetwater

In their first tennis match of the season, Matthew McCord and Philip Huff won first place at the Blackwell Tennis Tournament in Sweetwater. They defeated Owens and Walker from Baird, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, to earn the trophy. Previously the team beat Nault Hert from Blackwell 8-0 and Bigbee/Christensen from Trent 8-0.

Kaki Stapleton and Amy Burson advanced to the semifinals where they were defeated by the second

place team from Sweetwater. Shannon Jordan and Shannon Sanford were beat in the second round by the eventual first place team from Sweetwater.

The other team members participating in the tournament were Wendy Cadenhead, who was defeated in the second round, Nisha Patel, Mary Kay Watson, Beau Klose, Paul McGuire, Cy McGuire and Lee Christian.

### FHA members attend conference

Six members of the Haskell Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region 2 Conference in Abilene on March 8-9. The chapter members were among 1,000 delegates attending the two day conference with the theme "Color Your World with FHA/HERO." Melanie Michaels, senior at Haskell High School conducted the House of Delegates for all candidates running for regional offices for 1996-97.

Sixteen young men and women were selected by the 45 voting delegates to represent Region 2 for the next year. These new officers were introduced during the general session on Saturday morning and

installed on Saturday afternoon.

Chapter members had the opportunity to select two workshops of their choice that covered topics such as gang violence, depression, dating in the 90s, self-esteem and family communications on Saturday morning.

Haskell FHA members attending the conference were Syreeta Billington, Shauna Wolsch, Danyelle Erwin, Angela Craig, Emily Walling (voting delegate) and Melanie Michaels. Also attending were Gussie Billington, Betty Michaels and Wanda Thompson, advisor.

### Two students in Jr. Miss contest

Western Horizon Chapter of the American Business Women's Association's West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be March 30 at Abilene Christian University's Cullen Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The Junior Misses competing from Haskell High School are Shelly Palacios and Dacia Phemister. Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrado Palacios.

Dacia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Milburn of Haskell and Rocky Holmes of Ft. Worth.

Scholarships will be awarded at this program and the West Texas Junior Miss winner will advance to State competition in San Antonio this summer. The State winner will then represent Texas in the national competition in Mobile, Ala. in the summer of 1997.

### Partners for Children program

Most research studies in education identify the parent and the home environment as the most important key to a child's educational achievement. In a study conducted by the Center of the American Experiment, Chester Finn found that by the time a youngster reaches his 18th birthday, he has spent approximately nine percent of his hours under the school roof. 91 percent is spent elsewhere.

Obviously, the home environment is a major influence on how a child performs in and outside the school setting. The development of good study habits and attitudes toward learning and work need to be generated in the home. This is a process that occurs over time and may take many years to develop and mature.

Homework provides an important avenue through which parents can be active participants in the learning/work process of their child. Although homework is often a source of frustration and conflict in the home, there are many benefits to be derived from it.

- Learning self discipline
- Developing a sense of responsibility
- Developing organizational skills
- Learning decision-making skills
- Developing independent work habits
- Developing problem-solving skills

• Enabling parents to know what the child is learning at school

Homework need not be a nightly battle in the home. The role of the parent is to provide adequate support, consistency and guidance for a child, particularly during the primary years. When this is done properly, parental involvement should lessen through the years. Even with the older, independent learner, parents need to demonstrate

continued interest, enthusiasm, support and role modeling. Be aware that encouraging lifelong skills is the primary focus of homework.

Healthy attitudes and values that parents instill in the home environment can create lifelong building blocks that will enable children to lead satisfying and productive lives.

"Perhaps the most valuable result of education is the ability to make yourself do the thing that you have to do when it ought to be done."—1895.

### Haskell School Menu

March 25-29  
Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served with all breakfast menus.

**Monday:** Cereal and buttered toast with jelly

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Waffles and syrup

**Thursday:** Sausage, gravy and biscuits

**Friday:** Cinnamon toast and cereal 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:** Baked potatoes with ham, cheese and broccoli, crackers,

sliced oranges, butter and sour cream

**Tuesday:** Turkey, dressing, gravy, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit salad and cranberry sauce

**Wednesday:** Burrito, salad, Spanish rice, hot sauce, chips and fruit cobbler

**Thursday:** Pizza, corn, cole slaw and apple crisp

**Friday:** Nachos, mashed beans, salad and ice cream.

Menus are subject to change.

### Thank You for Voting for KIM GUESS BASSETT

My family and I are extremely grateful to the Voters who supported me with their vote, influence and words of encouragement on March 12.

I enjoyed meeting and getting to know many Haskell County residents during the Primary Campaign and look forward to talking with many more before the General Election in November.

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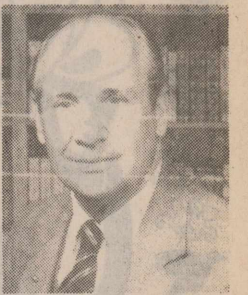
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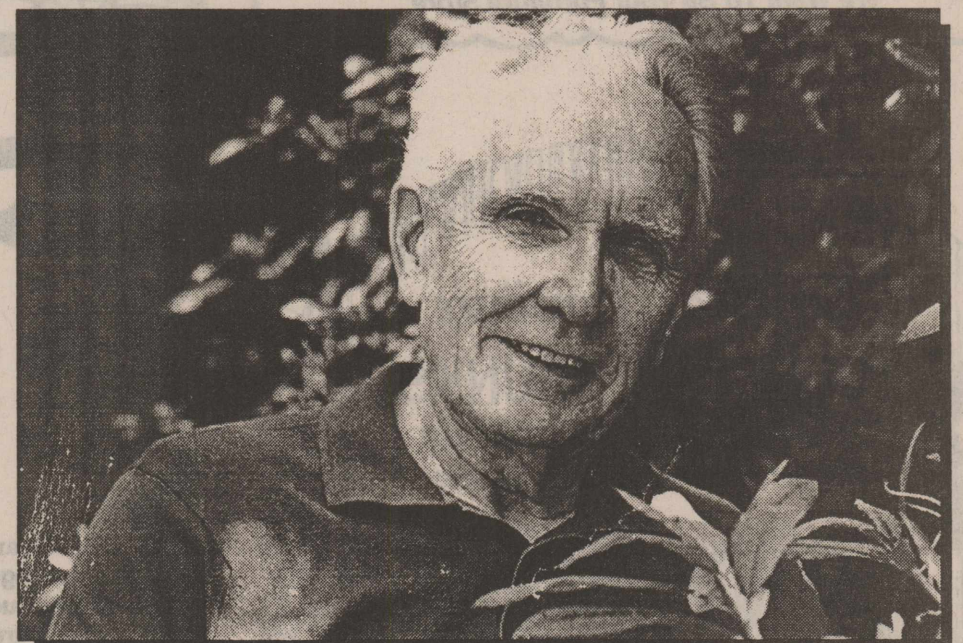
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### Births

Ralph and Evita Hernandez of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Kristine Brianne, born Monday, Feb. 26, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Brianne weighed 8 lbs., 11.2 ozs. and measured 21 inches long.

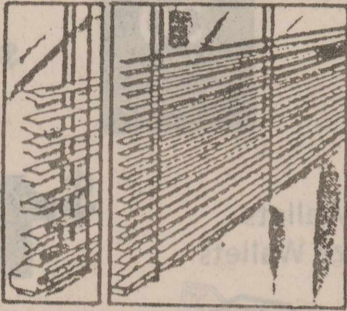
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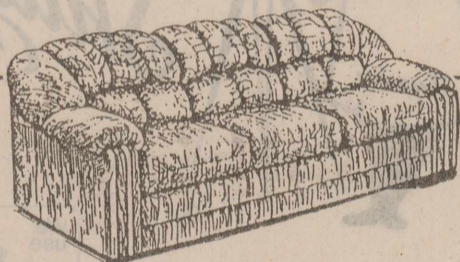
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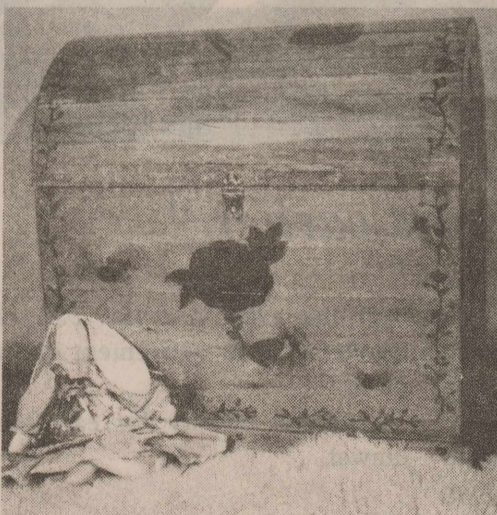
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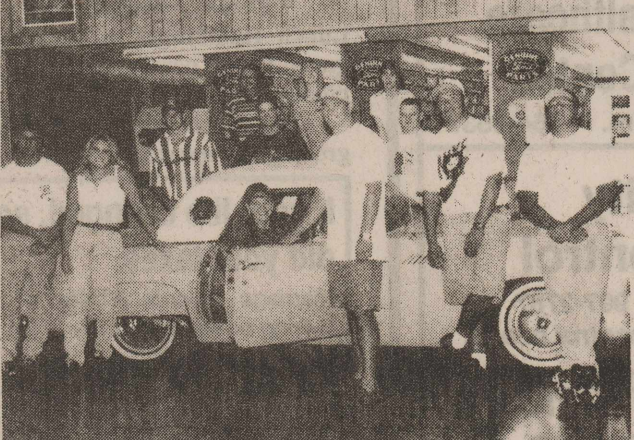
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area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades nine through 12 from Haskell, Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene on Saturday, April 13, 1996. Entries may be brought to the Cooper High School Art Department and must be in place by Friday, April 12, at 3 p.m.

Other regional shows will be

held in Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo and Stephenville.

Artwork must be no larger than 32 inches by 32 inches framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings or collages. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include but is not limited to landscapes.

# Food for thought

"To him be glory both now and forever."—2 Peter 3:18.

Heaven will be full of the ceaseless praises of Jesus. Eternity! thine unnumbered years shall speed their everlasting course, but forever and for ever, "to Him be glory." Is He not a "Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek?" "To Him be glory." Is He not king for ever?—King of kings and Lord of lords, the everlasting Father? "To him be glory for ever." Never shall His praises cease.

That which was bought with blood deserves to last while immortality endures. The glory of the cross must never be eclipsed; the lustre of the grave and of the resurrection must never be dimmed. O Jesus! thou shall be praised for ever. Long as immortal spirits live—long as the Father's throne endures—for ever, for ever, unto thee shall be glory.

Believer, you are anticipating the time when you shall join the saints above in ascribing all glory to

Jesus; but are you glorifying him now? The apostle's words are, "To Him be glory both now and for ever."

Will you not this day make it your prayer: "Lord, help me to glorify thee; I am poor, help me to glorify thee by contentment; I am sick, help me to give thee honor by patience; I have talents, help me to extol thee by spending them for thee; I have time, Lord, help me to redeem it, that I may serve thee; I have a heart to feel, Lord, let that heart feel no love but thine, and glow with no flame but affection for thee; I have a head to think;

"Lord, help me to think of thee and for thee; thou has put me in this world for something, Lord, show me what that is, and help me to work out my life-purpose: I cannot do much, but as the widow put in her two mites, which were all her living, so, Lord, I cast my time and eternity too into thy treasury; I am all thine; take me, and enable me to glorify thee now, in all that I say, in all that I do, and with all that I have."

Submitted by Sam Bitner.

## Memorial service

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, located at 301 N. 3rd St. in Haskell welcomes one and all to their memorial service honoring all of their deceased members on Saturday night, March 30 at 8 p.m. and Sunday March 31 at 3 p.m. at the church. The theme will be the 90th Psalm, verses 1-10.

Occasion speakers include: Rev. Jesse Robison of West Buelah Church of Munday and Elder Leon Ward of Liberty COCIC of Knox City. Music directors will be Rev. Don Burton of Vernon and Rev. James Webb of Abilene. The pastor is Rev. C. Wade. Memorial to the deceased will be by Mae Lou Yeldell.

## Rule Lions Club Broom, mop sale

The Rule Lions Club will be conducting their annual Sale of Blind Made Merchandise on Saturday, March 30, to raise funds for the club's community projects. Buy a broom, mop or other quality product made by our blind citizens and support our Lions in this worthwhile project.

The Caravan truck and all items will be on display at the Lions building at the city park, where you may make your purchase directly, or call Tom Kutch at 997-2520 to have your order delivered.

The club will also be conducting their annual Broom and Mop Sale on the same day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your purchase of these quality Blind Made products will create jobs for the Blind and Multi-handicapped workers in the Lighthouses for the Blind.

## Experienced Citizens Calendar and Menu

**Monday, March 25**  
Lunch-Baked chicken, new potatoes, pea salad, turnip greens and applesauce cake.  
1 p.m.—China painting  
1:30 to 5:30 p.m.—AARP defensive driving class, Owen Aiken.

**Tuesday, March 26**  
1:30 to 5:30 p.m.—AARP defensive driving class, Owen Aiken.

**Wednesday, March 27**  
10:30 a.m.—Exercise  
Lunch—Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, cabbage slaw, garlic toast and cobbler.

**Friday, March 29**  
Lunch—Hamburger steaks, onion gravy, frozen peas, tossed salad and pineapple pudding.  
After lunch—Alzheimer support group guest speaker.

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## GOD'S LOVE WILL ENCHANT US WITH THE BEAUTY OF SPRING

The insects hum and birds will sing,  
Enlivening the skies,  
Which then reveal the fluttering  
Of gorgeous butterflies.  
Now all this beauty here on earth  
God's love will always bring:  
The joy we feel with each rebirth  
Of life that comes in spring.

When winter snows no longer fall  
And cold winds cease to blow,  
There comes the nicest time of all,  
When things begin to grow.  
The grass will sprout its tiny blades  
For carpeting the ground,  
While blossoms in their pastel shades  
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### HASKELL

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Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**  
Frank Summers, preacher  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
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- Church of God**  
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East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Jeff Zell, pastor  
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 Paraley, 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

### First Presbyterian Church

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

### Trinity Baptist Church

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

### Hopewell Baptist Church

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

### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor  
Sunday Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

### New Covenant Foursquare

Freddy Perez, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;  
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.  
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### PAINT CREEK

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

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**First Baptist Church**  
Werth Mayes, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
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### Weinert Methodist Church

Rev. James Patterson  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
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### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.  
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### ROCHESTER

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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

### First Baptist Church

Rev. Truett Kuenstler  
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

Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

### SAGERTON

**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Carol Krumpton, 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.  
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### First Baptist Church

Stewart Farrell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.;  
Wed. 7 p.m.  
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### Primitive Baptist Church

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John Greeson, 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  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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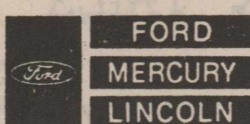
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Funded through the U.S. Dept. of Labor, the program serves primarily the rural areas in 132 Texas counties. Green Thumb gives older, economically-disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work and dedication through work assignments in locally-based organizations.

According to Diane Cowan, program administrator, "During this important week, March 10 through March 16, let us focus upon the important contributions of our senior work force and strengthen our commitment to assure that this important resource continues in the mainstream of our state's economic and social development. Employers should invest in the skills and



**HIRE THE OLDER WORKER WEEK**—Haskell Mayor, Ken Lane signs a proclamation proclaiming Mar. 10-16, as Hire the older Worker Week in Haskell. Pictured with Lane, (seated) Nellie Wilson—Green Thumb worker at ECC; (back row) EEC director—Florence Peden, Lona Mae Phelps—Green Thumb worker at Dept. of Human Ser., Fay Wright—Green Thumb worker at HHA, and Green Thumb area supervisor Wendy Brem.

abilities of senior job seekers not only during Older Worker Week, but year round. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability and dedication is just good business!"

Wendy Brem, area supervisor for Green Thumb Inc. was in Haskell at the Experienced Citizens Center

on Friday, March 15, to honor the Green Thumb Workers from Haskell. Mayor Ken Lane was also there to sign a proclamation proclaiming March 10-16, as Hire the Older Worker Week in Haskell. Green Thumb workers in Haskell

are Lona Mae Phelps, clerical assistant with the Texas Dept. of Human Services; Fay Wright, clerical assistant with the Haskell Housing Authority; and Nellie Wilson, kitchen aide with the Haskell ECC.

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American town that we feel safe in and proud to share it with our fellow Americans.

The reason I'm confident that we can and will do this is: Saturday morning, two grade school girls were roller blading through our neighborhood passing out circulars that said, "Be smart by Recycling now!; or one day we may be living in a Garbage Dump! Now that's scary. You see why I'm confident?"

The younger generation are embarrassed by bottles, cans and paper littering our streets. We as adults should be concerned and applaud these young folks. Is this where it should start? However, the youngsters have stepped forward and who knows, we just may learn to follow them.

Yes, there is a time for everything; that time and season is now.

If by the Grace of God, and our wits, we are able to blunt out some of the unsightly harsher effects of things in our life, of unkindness, unsightly things, whatever it may be; as long as we don't forget that what we do and how we do it, will be a benefit to each of us, our neighbors and our city and our own satisfaction and pride of

togetherness in a goal we all strive for, making Haskell a better place to live, having others see and know how we feel about our hometown.

We will move forward with the determination to share and work together, because this is a wonderful place. Will it be different? Yes, it will be different. It was different back in 1961 when we moved here as a family. It was scary then, we met the challenge then and we can meet it now. We have raised five children in Haskell and they were good years for us all during their growing up; in school, church, baseball, little league, and it is still home to the children.

They are proud to say they are from Haskell; it is a wonderful place to live and we do so with Pride. We got that "down home attitude and pride bursting out of every seam" and we're proud of it. Thanks Ken (Mr. Mayor) for reminding us how thankful we really are.

We'll all meet that challenge and we'll all be better off for it. We need to dig out the old sign "Beautify Haskell," it worked then, it'll serve it's purpose again.

Thanks,  
Eunice F. Koehler, Haskell

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### THINK TAXES—EVEN AFTER YOUR RETURN IS FILED

After you file your 1995 tax return, you may feel like forgetting about taxes and finances for a while. But that's not a good idea. This is the best time of the year for tax and financial planning. You can take some important steps now to reduce your 1996 taxes and improve your financial well-being.

•First, check your withholding for 1996. The best indicator that you need to make a change in your withholding is either a large refund or balance due on your 1995 tax return. A large refund means you've given the IRS an interest-free loan—money that you could have invested yourself. A large balance due can mean you end up paying penalty and interest charges on top of your regular tax liability. To change your withholding, file a new Form W-4 with your employer. Newly retired individuals who will no longer have withholding should review their need to start making quarterly estimates of income tax.

• Maximize the benefit you get from making tax deductible contributions to a retirement plan by making your contribution as early in the year as possible. You then extend the period during which your investment can grow tax deferred.

•The beginning of the year is the best time to establish your long-term tax planning strategies. Some possibilities to consider: a salary-deferral arrangement with your employer, investing in assets that will appreciate rather than produce current income, shifting income among family members to take advantage of lower tax brackets, and structuring your borrowing to maximize interest deductions.

•Now's also the time to get you tax and financial records organized if your current system leaves something to be desired. Organization will help you capture deductions you might otherwise miss.

The longer you delay tax and financial planning for 1996, the less effective any strategy will be for you this year. So don't just file your tax return and forget about taxes until next April 15. Take time to determine a strategy and make some moves that can reduce your 1996 tax bill and make your financial situation better a year from now.

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## Burkett's family restaurant

Sherry and Bob Burkett from Graham have recently opened a new restaurant, Burkett's Family Restaurant, in Haskell. The restaurant is located on Highway 277 South at the site of the old steak house.

Sherry said, "It has always been a dream of mine, to have my own restaurant. I have family here and my mom came back to retire here and we came with her to find a place available for a restaurant. When we found out this place was available, we began to make plans." She said that the plans have been several months in the making but, the effort has all been worth it. After finalizing the purchase of the building, Sherry said that it took a month to get it in shape.

Sherry has been in food service all of her working life and husband,



SHERRY and BOB BURKETT with son, SHANE

Bob, worked in the oil fields and is also a non-denominational minister. They have one son, Shane, who is a freshman at Haskell High School. He was a member of the Graham undefeated freshman basketball team. Shane also helps with the cooking at the restaurant.

The restaurant offers a wide variety of food on the menu, plus an all-you-can eat buffet at noon, at night and on Sunday at lunch. A

fish buffet will be offered on Friday at noon, with both fish and shrimp on the buffet Friday night.

They will specialize in steaks from the menu, plus a wide selection of other foods including grilled or fried chicken breasts, chicken fried steak, hamburgers and trimmings, a variety of sandwiches, soup and salad bar and breakfast any time of the day.

The restaurant offers a 10 percent

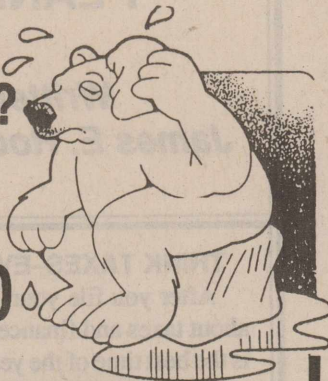
discount for seniors 55 and older, and a 10 percent discount on Sunday, if the customer brings their church bulletin.

The restaurant, with seating for 100 people, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. It is closed on Monday. There is also a private meeting room available for club meetings or private parties.

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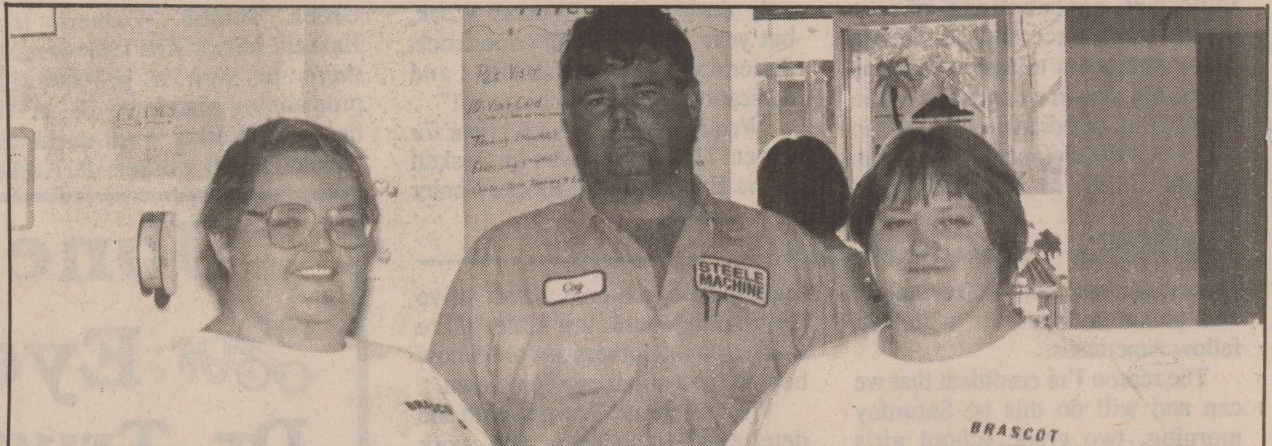
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## Tanning and fitness shop

Two sisters and one brother, Tonya, Terri and Coy Scoggins have opened Brascott's Tanning and Fitness Shop in Haskell on the north side of the square next door to Barbara's.

The tanning and fitness shop has one of the new tanning tunnel beds that allows a person to tan all over without turning. It also offers automatic exposure without any worry of over-exposure and has a chart for all skin types. Another bed will be added at a later date.

The shop also has several exercise machines, to offer their customers, including a Solo Flex machine, an electronic treadmill, a Vita Master exercise bike, a Vita Master bench and a Trim Rider ABFlex (abdominal trainer). They are planning on adding a Body Shop machine and a Fast Track Fitness machine.



TERRI, COY and TONYA SCOGGINS

Customers will also find a wide variety of lotions and special order lotions with a 2-day delivery.

Customers may pay for their tanning or exercise by the visit or the month. The cost is \$4 per visit, or a 10-visit card for \$30 can also

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second person paying half price.

A customer can walk in or reserve time. The regular hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Appointments (only) can be arranged from 6 to 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight each day.

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## Happenings Continued from page 3

Attending the funeral services on Tuesday in Arlington for Filo Mean Hormigos, a native of Spain, were L.C. Johnson Sr., his sons and

families, Frank Jordan Jr., Mae Lou Yeldell, Susie Jackson and Birdie Benford. Mrs. Hormigos was the mother-in-law of O.T. Johnson. Mae Lou and family spent the night in Arlington with her daughter and son-in-law, Ronny and Edith Williams and Ebone.

Rev. C. Wade was at Hendrick Medical Center with her daughter who was undergoing tests.

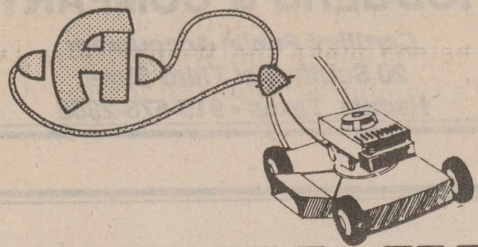
The Greater Independent Baptist Church thanks all who made their youth program a success. A special thanks to Rev. James Griffin, youth minister of St. John Baptist

Church, Abilene, who was the speaker and to their choir. Other guests were Rev. Robinson and family from Abilene.

Youth members of the Greater Independent Baptist Church were in Anson Friday night at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church for their Pastor and wife's anniversary celebration.

Last Friday, adult choir members of the Greater Independent Baptist Church attended the Musical and West Texas Dist. Board meeting at the St. John Baptist Church in Abilene.

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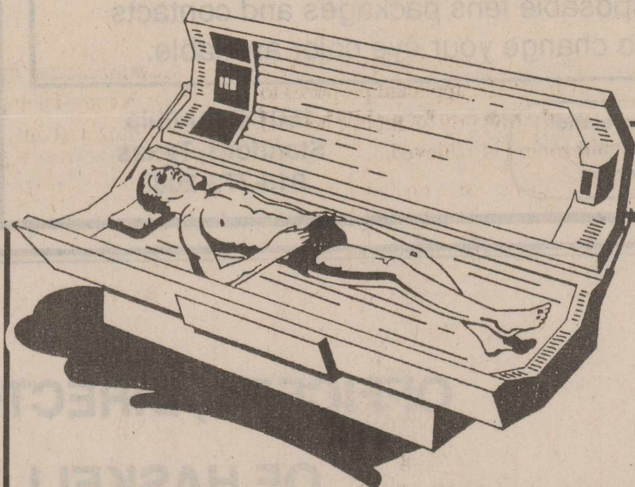
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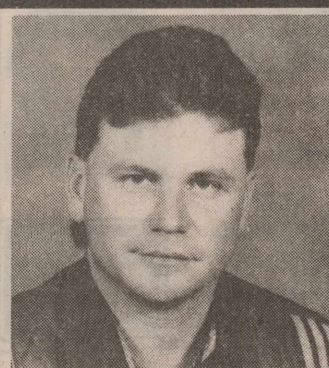
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Haskell County Commissioners' Court  
By: B. O. Roberson 10-12c

NOTICE  
Haskell County Commissioners' Court will accept bids until 10:00 o'clock a.m. March 26, 1996 at the office of County Judge in the Courthouse, Haskell, Texas for the purchase of one, wheel type front end loader for Precinct #2. Specifications may be obtained from Ronnie Chapman or at the office of County Judge. Two bids are requested, one with a 955L Caterpillar loader as trade-in and one straight purchase. To inspect trade-in, please contact Commissioner Ronnie Chapman.

Haskell County Commissioners' Court  
By: B. O. Roberson 11-12c

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

A request has been received from Tim Larned to change the following described property: Lot number 2 Block 69 address 101 North 3rd Other Description Original from residential zoning district to special purpose zoning district. The applicant proposes to use the property for mobile home if rezoning is achieved.

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mission of the City of Haskell, Texas, will hold a public hearing pursuant to this request on April 9, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Room. 12c

NOTICE  
A notice of Change in Bank Control has been filed with the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C. 20219 by Patrick Pace, T. R. Foster, A. D. May, R. C. Langford, L. W. Jones, III, and Rickie Carl Arnold to acquire a controlling interest in The Farmers National Bank of Rule, Rule, Texas.

The notice was filed pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1817(j) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Part 5 of the regulations of the Comptrol-

**POL CALENDAR**  
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Unless otherwise specified the candidates listed paid for the announcement, and have designated themselves as campaign treasurer.

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be released and made available, up the request of any person, consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 ("FOIA") and 12 CFR 5.50 (h)(2).

Any persons desiring to comment on this proposed acquisition should submit their written comments within 20 days of the date of this publication to: Deputy Comptroller, Southwestern District Office, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard, Dallas, Texas 75201-3394 or Deputy Comptroller for Multinational Banking, Washington, D.C. 20219 (for multinational companies and their affiliates). The public file is available for inspection in the district office (or in Multinational Banking) during regular business hours.

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Weinert Fire Department

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# AGRICULTURE

## Conservation easement workshop to be held in Austin, April 11 and 12

**By Max Stapleton**  
**Haskell Co. Ext. Agent—Ag**  
 Landowners who want to make sure their property is protected for generations to come may want to learn more about conservation easements, an increasingly popular tool for protecting wildlife habitat, historic sites and other cultural and natural resources on private land.

Why must landowners take action, when many simply want to make sure their land stays as it is? One answer is estate taxes, which can be as high as 55 percent of the property's fair market value, forcing heirs to sell all or part of their land to pay the taxes. Also, future owners may be tempted by ever-increasing property values to sell it for development or develop it themselves.

"A nagging concern for many conservation-minded Texas landowners today is the uncertain

long-term future of rural land," said Carolyn Scheffer of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Various social and economic forces are gradually grinding many of the family farms and ranches of Texas into ever-smaller fragments."

The upcoming workshop, "Maintaining Private Lands with Conservation Easements," will bring together from across the state landowners, wildlife biologists, attorneys and other experts from groups like the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Texas Wildlife Association, Conservation Fund, Land Trust Alliance, Trust for Public Land and Nature Conservancy of Texas.

The cost of the workshop is \$45 for early registration by March 23 and \$65 for late registration. It will be held April 11 and 12 at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin.

Participation will be limited to the first 300 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register or to receive more information, call Carolyn Scheffer with TPWD in Austin, telephone 512-389-3779.

By most definitions, a conservation easement is a legal agreement that permanently limits use of pieces of land to protect its conservation values. It allows landowners to continue to own and use the land and to sell it or pass it on to their heirs. While many easements are donated in perpetuity, there are cases where easements are granted for a specific period of time, such as 20 years.

When landowners donate conservation easements, they give up some of the rights associated with the land. For example, they might give up the right to build additional residences, while

retaining the right to grow crops. Depending on the terms of the easement, future owners may also be bound by it.

Many conservation easements are donated, but landowners can in some cases make money by selling easements to nonprofit groups like the Nature Conservancy or to government agencies. For example, TPWD has committed to buy at least 1,000 acres in conservation easements near Bastrop to protect habitat for the endangered Houston toad. These easements around Bastrop State Park could last from five years to perpetuity and will be funded through a "toad fee" that golfers will pay as part of the expansion of the park golf course.

Conservation easements are

flexible land protection tools. An easement on property containing rare wildlife habitat by prohibiting any development, for example, while one on a working farm allows continued farming and the building of additional agricultural structures.

An easement can allow appropriate development and even permit some commercial use of the land. It may apply to just a portion of the property, and need not require public access. An easement must protect the land's conservation values, but it can also be fashioned to meet the financial and personal needs of the landowner.

There can be significant tax advantages to conservation easements. By removing the land's

development potential, the easement lowers its market value, which in turn lowers its estate taxes. Placing an easement on a property can also result in property tax savings.

Under the Texas Conservation Easement Act, a landowner can write a legal agreement or easement to protect the productive, recreational, natural, scenic, archaeological, historical, architectural and cultural values of real property.

## PCA honored by Farm Credit Bank

Rolling Plains Production Credit Association (PCA), a local agricultural lending cooperative, was honored by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas recently for outstanding performance in 1995.

The Stamford-based association was presented with a Farm Credit Achievement Award at the Tenth Farm Credit District annual meeting in San Antonio. The award recognizes Rolling Plains PCA for meeting rigid financial performance standards for credit quality, capital, management, earnings and liquidity.

This the eighth consecutive year that the local ag lender has been honored for its financial strength

and high-quality loan portfolio.

At year end, 1995, Rolling Plains PCA had nearly \$90.4 million in loans outstanding to 987 borrowers.

"During a period in which so many of our member-borrowers were affected by poor crop conditions and weak cattle markets, this award is really a tribute to their hard work and dedication," said PCA President John Rike.

Rolling Plains PCA makes short and intermediate term loans to farmers and ranchers in a region stretching from Runnels County in the south to Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties in the north. The association's territory expanded to include 25 counties when the association merged with the former Canadian PCA July 31, 1995.

Following the merger, the association was able to reduce

members' stock purchase requirement from 10 percent to five percent of loan balance because of its strong financial strength.

Garon Tidwell of Munday is chairman of the member-elected board of directors and Dan Henard Jr. of Wellington is vice-chairman. Other board members include Keith Corzine, Stamford; Grover Crum, Darrouzett; Thomas Helton, Wheeler; Lance Morris, Crosbyton; J.D. Parris, Miami; Jack Reese, Abilene; Garner Schoenhals, Canadian; and Dean Turner, Matador.

In addition to the Stamford headquarters, Rolling Plains PCA has field offices in Abilene, Canadian, Childress, Matador, Munday, Pampa, Perryton, Spur and Wheeler. The association is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock auction was a run of 1,006 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, March 16, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Feeder cattle and stocker calves were \$2 to \$3 higher. Packer cows and bulls, just steady.

Cows: fat, .28-.32; cutters, .27-.35; canners, .15-.25.

Bulls: bologna, .38-.45; feeder, .45-.50; utility, .30-.35.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .60-.70; 300-400 lbs., .57-.68; 400-500 lbs., .54-.60; 500-600 lbs., .52-.62; 600-700 lbs., .52-.57; 700-800 lbs., .50-.57; 800-up lbs., .48-.55.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .48-.60; 300-400 lbs., .46-.56; 400-500 lbs., .46-.53; 500-600 lbs., .46-.53; 600-up lbs., .45-.52.


Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$250-\$350.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$350-\$450; aged or small, \$200-\$350.

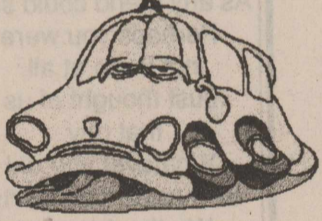
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$400-\$550; small or aged, \$300-\$400.

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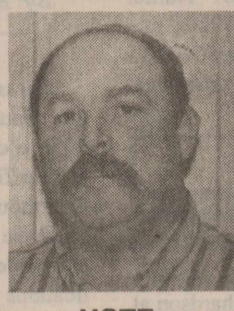
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