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Obituaries

Elsie DeBusk

Funeral services for Elsie DeBusk, 91, of Anson were held Wed., April 23 at First United Methodist Church with Revs. Loren Gardner and Lee Welch officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. DeBusk died Mon., April 21 at her home. Born in Coleman Co., she was the daughter of George and Bertha Koenig. She attended rural Coleman County schools. She married Rector DeBusk at Cross Plains on Dec. 23, 1922. He preceded her in death in 1973. A homemaker, she moved from Brown County to the Plainview Community in Jones Co. in 1926. She

had lived in Anson since 1964. She was a member of First United Methodist Church where she was a longtime president of both the Helpers Sunday School Class and Aunt Dina's Quilting Club. Mrs. DeBusk was named Anson's Women of the Year in 1983.

Survivors include one son, Bill DeBusk of Anson; two daughters, Phylecia Bailey of Haskell and Nettie Lee of Anson; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers were Mark Bailey, Ronnie Bailey, Travis Jones, Dirk Littlefield, David DeBusk, Jathan Littlefield and Andy Parker.

Johnny R. 'Corky' Wilson

Funeral services for Johnny Ray 'Corky' Wilson, 41, of Seattle, Washington were held Wed., April 30 at the First Baptist Church in rule with Rev. J. R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wilson died Sat., April 26 at a Seattle hospital. Born July 31, 1955 in Haskell, he graduated from Rule High School in 1975. He worked as a cook in the restaurant business for over 20 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Joey Dewayne Wilson of Anson; his parents, Lee Roy and Frances Wilson, of Rule; one brother, Roy Don Wilson, and his wife,

Becky, of Haskell; two sisters, Melinda Casey of Abilene and Frances Ann Tinnin and her husband, Roger, of Roscoe; his grandmother, Mattie Wade of Llano; five nephews, four nieces, one great nephew and one great niece.

Pallbearers were Kenny Tanner, Jack Wilson, Vance Saffel, Clifford Byrd, Hank Byrd and Jerry Hester.

Memorials may be made to the Briles Scholarship Fund, c/o Farmers National Bank, P. O. Box 10, Rule, TX 79547 or the First Baptist Church Carpet Fund, 1001 Union Ave., Rule, TX 79547.

Commissioners discuss dispatchers situation

Sheriff Johnny Mills had asked the Commissioners Court to allow three dispatchers/jailers to go on full time. County Treasurer, Willie Faye Tidrow, had researched the budget for the \$8,123.00 needed to finish this fiscal year with the three on full time. She reported that the money is not available in the County budget at the meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner Court on April 22.

The County will ask the City of Haskell to pay partial costs since a large portion of dispatchers are for services in Haskell. Presently these employees dispatch, cook prisoner meals, answer 911, clean, take phone calls, and take care of prisoners for \$5.00 per hour with no benefits.

A group of prisoners will work at the Rodeo grounds for three days beginning Monday, April 28. The County may also use prisoners to clean Pinkerton Cemetery if time allows. Several historical rural cemeteries need trees grubbed, sunken graves filled and brush cleared.

Other work continues at the

deBosque grounds with the welders nearing completion of the bleacher renovations. The state prisoners will attach the seats on the bleachers. County employees from Precincts 1 and 4 have fenced most of the pens and done other work this week. Further renovations will continue with the help of \$3500 worth of materials donated by

Osbornes over the next two years.

Other business discussed included:

•The County will fight the tax suit by GE Capitol Outlays.

•Britt Proctor was hired as part-time dispatcher.

•The County will have to correct census maps on rural roads.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 509 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, April 26, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

The market was fully steady on a light run of cattle.

Cows: fat .36-.40; cutters .36-.43; canners .30-.41.

Bulls: bologna .46-.54, feeder .55-.65; utility .35-.46.

Steers: medium and large frame; No. 1 200-300 lbs., .90-1.10; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs.

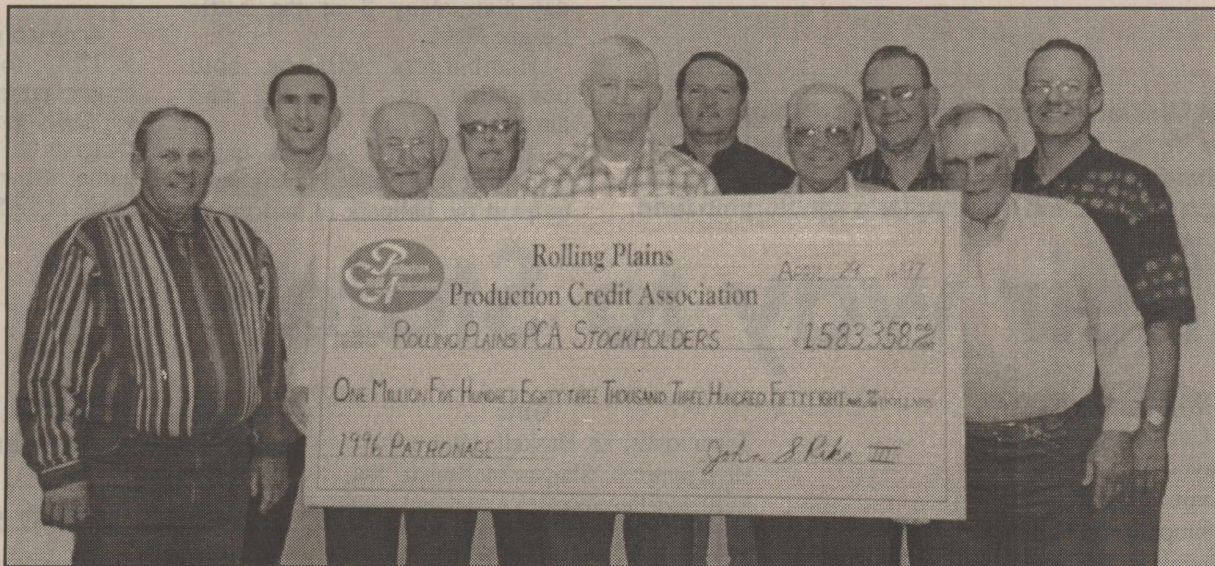
.75-.90; 500-600 lbs., .75-.90; 600-700 lbs., .65-.77; 700-800 lbs., .65-.725; 800-up lbs., .60-.68.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-.95; 300-400 lbs., .75-.90; 400-500 lbs., .67-.80; 500-600 lbs., .64-.77; 600-up lbs., .60-.72.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$500-\$650; aged or small, \$350-\$500.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$600-\$770; small or aged, \$450-\$600.

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FRIDAY EVENING - MAY 2

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★ 7:00 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

★ DIRECTOR ELECTION - SPUR, WHEELER AND PAMPA AREAS
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Haskell Young Homemakers scholarship forms now available

The Haskell Young Homemakers Scholarship forms are now available. You may pick a form up in Amanda Hadaway's classroom at Haskell High School or call 86-2780.

Any student in Haskell County

is eligible for this scholarship if their mother was ever a member of the Haskell Young Homemakers.

Deadline for return is May 8th. If you have any questions call 864-2780 or Michelle Dunnam at 864-3650.

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GRADY AND OPHELIA NEWSOM

Newsoms celebrate 50th anniversary

Grady and Ophelia Newsom will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 11 with a family dinner at the Heritage House in Munday. They were married May 3, 1947 in Haskell.

Hosts will be their children Glenn and Alta Newsom of Hawley, Gary and Kay (Newsom) Faulks of Stamford, and Steve and Betty (Newsom) Michaels of Haskell.

Grady was born on Feb. 29, 1920 in Erath County near Carlton. He attended Foster School and mechanical and instrumental specialist training in the Air Force. He has farmed near Rochester all his life and is now retired. Being a member of the Army Air Force, he is a Veteran of WWII.

Ophelia (Wade) Newsom was born near Rochester on Feb. 5, 1928. She attended Rochester School and worked as a housewife and salesclerk in Rochester and Haskell.

They met in Rochester, at Walton Drug (where Ophelia

worked for over 10 years). They have lived on their farm between Haskell and Rochester all 50 years of their marriage in three different houses (all of which are still on the farm).

Grady and Ophelia are longtime members of the First United Methodist Church in Rochester. He is a member of the Stamford V.F.W.; 8th Air Force Historical Society; and 398th Bomb Group Memorial Assoc. She enjoys being a member of the Haskell Homespun F.C.E. Club and church committees.

Their grandchildren and new great-grandchild help keep them young and active. They have 6 grandchildren, 1 step-grandson and 1 great-granddaughter.

Grandchildren are Cody Newsom of Graham, Brandon Newsom of Ft. Worth, Justin Groom of Hawley, Ronnie and Jill Faulks of Stamford, and Melanie and Kyle Michaels of Haskell. Great-granddaughter, Katelyn Sanders, is from Anson.

Study Club celebrates 100th birthday of TFWC

Celebrating the centennial year of the founding of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, the Haskell Progressive Study Club met April 10 for a Federation 100th birthday party at the Field's Museum.

The museum, former home of Mrs. J.U. (Florence) Fields, State President of the Federation during 1925-27, houses mementos from her years of club work, locally and state-wide.

Wearing a custom-made dress Mrs. Fields purchased in Paris during the 1930s, club president, Kim Meredith gave a short biography of Florence Field's State club activities. Reading from Mrs. Field's inaugural speech, she quoted the advice, "Look to this day, for it is life." Several Life Members related memories and anecdotes of Mrs. Field's club work in the Magazine Club, from which the Progressive Study Club later evolved in 1937.

Members were asked to come dressed in a "period" outfit from the last 100 years. During a style show of the fashions, each told the origin and history of the garments, which represented many different decades.

Wearing dresses from Mrs. Field's extensive wardrobe preserved in the museum, Dorothy Hartsfield, Debbie Earles and Nelda Lane served 26 members and guests a beautiful "tea party" in the museum dining room. As the two-tiered cake was cut the group sang "Happy Birthday TFWC". Each one present was given a long stemmed pink rose from the table arrangement.

Anita Herren was named to be the club's representative at the official State Centennial Convention which will be held April 30-May 2 in Waco, the site of the first Texas Federation of Women's Clubs meeting in 1897.

Guests at the meeting were Doris Burson, Nancy Cobb and Mary Young.



SHAWN BARBOUR - VANESSA MARTIN

Martin, Barbour announce June wedding

Steve and Debbie Barbour of Haskell announce the marriage of their son, William "Shawn" Barbour, to Vanessa LeAnn Martin, daughter of Gary and Ramona Martin of Silverton.

The couple is planning a June 14th wedding at 6:00 in the evening at First Baptist Church in Silverton. Rev. Jess Little of Silverton will perform the ceremony.

Barbour is a graduate of Paint

Creek High School and is employed as a mechanic at Briscoe Implement in Tulia. He is the grandson of Erlene Barbour and Neil and Louise Powell, all of Tulia.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Silverton High School and attends West Texas A&M University. She is employed by the university. She is the granddaughter of Mary Martin of Silverton.

Homespun FCE Club meets

The Homespun F.C.E. Club met on April 10 in the Extension Kitchen, with 7 members attending.

Roll call was answered with your favorite joke. Peggy Burnett gave the treasurer's report and Dolores Medford gave the March Council Report.

The District meeting which was April 16 in Jayton was discussed. Six members attended.

Information day officers were reminded of their duties. The are Jane Smith—Chairman, Kathryn Schonerstedt, Mildred Robertson and Joetta Burnett.

The program was given by the leader, Ophelia Newsom on "Money Doesn't Talk—It Goes Without Saying".

Joetta Burnett was hostess for the meeting. Attending were Joetta

Burnett, Jane Smith, Lena Tidwell, Ophelia Newsom, Frances Fischer, Peggy Burnett, and Delores Medford.

Births

Joseph and Caroline Toliver of Ballinger announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Fay Toliver, born April 19 at Columbia Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. and was 19 3/8 inches long.

Grandparents are Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell and Alvin and Janice Niehues of Norton. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Walter Niehues of Norton and Mrs. Mack Halfmann of Wall. Chelsea becomes her 94th great-grandchild.

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OPINION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Last week the House voted to allow Texans to decide whether they want a tax reform package that would reduce the local burden on property owners.

Before last week, the prevailing hunch in the capital city was that lawmakers would sooner jump off a skyscraper than pass a sweeping tax reform package.

But the hunch crumbled when the House voted 114-35 for and Aug. 9 statewide vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow a statewide business tax and make proceeds from the Texas Lottery go to public education. The House's action moved Texas a giant step closer to making Gov. George W. Bush's dream of property tax relief come true.

The next day, the House began to consider the actual bill (House Bill 4) that says how much property taxes will be cut and the taxes that would have to be raised to make up the difference.

"Every issue is going to be difficult, but I think we are going to hold it all together," Paul Sadler, D-Henderson and the chairman of the select committee that worked 10 weeks crafting the measure.

A list of more than 200 amendments to the tax reform bill are up for consideration. Adding to the dynamics is a petition—signed by more than 50 prominent Dallas and Houston business executives, including former Gov. Bill Clements—urging legislators to support the bill.

The tax package would raise about \$4 billion over the 1998-99 biennium by expanding the business franchise tax to partnerships, ending sales tax exemptions on many goods and services and increasing taxes on alcohol, cigarettes and other items.

In its present form, the tax code rewrite would make it possible for the state to cut residential school property taxes in half and school property taxes for business by about one-third.

Senate OKs Appraisal Measure

On separate 10-0 votes, the state Senate last week approved the Property Tax Relief Bill of Rights and proposal for an accompanying constitutional amendment.

The measure by Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas, would allow deferred tax payments, simplify appraisal appeals and allow elderly Texans whose school taxes have been frozen to keep getting the tax break if they move.

"Texans are losing their homes and being forced to move because of increases in their property tax

rates," Cain was quoted by the *Dallas Morning News*. "We have checks in the law to protect against runaway tax rates, but there are no safeguards when it comes to runaway tax appraisals."

Gov. Bush said Caine's measure is "an important ingredient to make sure that property taxes once down, stay down."

TAAS Scores Are Up 7%

The Texas Education Agency reported last week that 67 percent of 10th graders taking the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (reading, writing and math) passed all three sections of the test given in February, a seven percent increase from the previous year.

Scores for Black, Hispanic and white student improved. African-Americans students scored 10 percent better than last year for a passing rate of 48 percent; Hispanic students gained eight percent for a 52-percent passing rate, while white students' scores increased seven percent for an 81-percent passing rate.

Other Capital Highlights

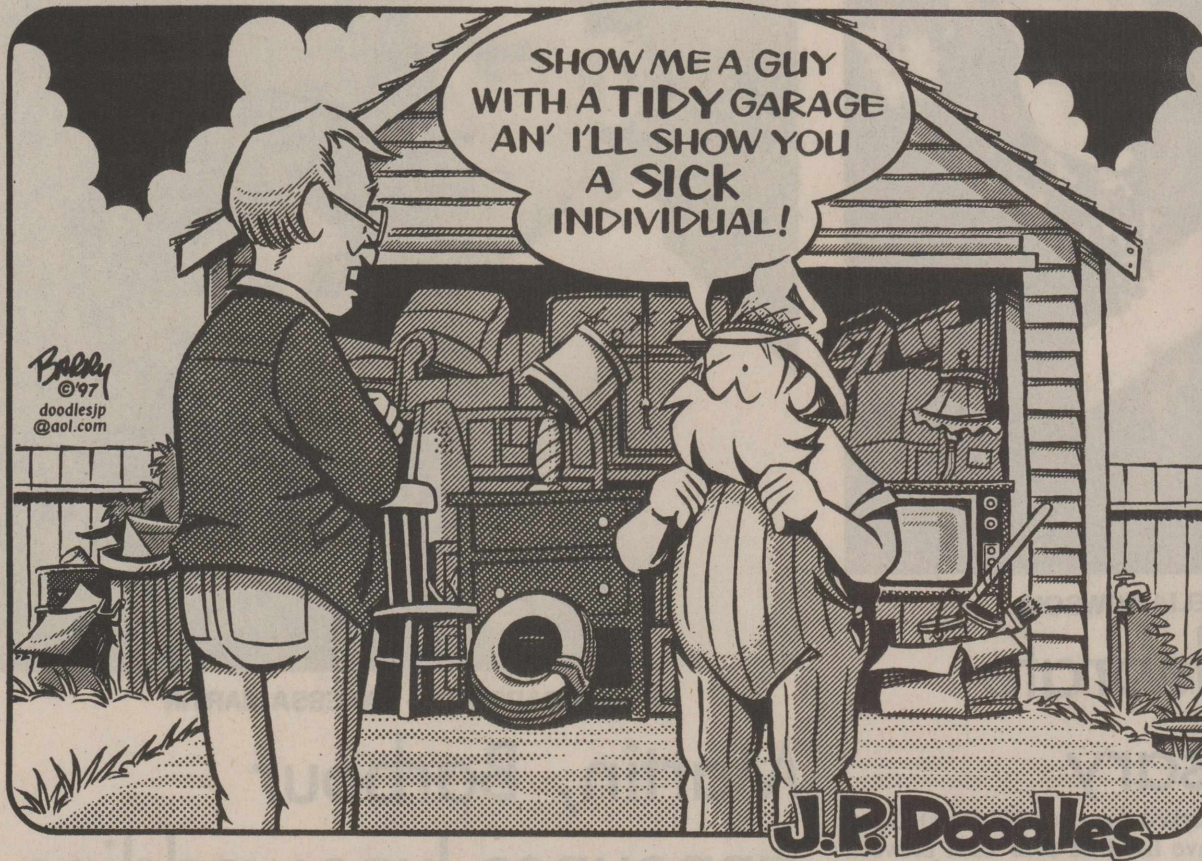
"The state attorney general's office said it will appeal an Austin judge's order for the state to pay more than \$230 million for an emissions testing program canceled by Texas lawmakers.

"University of Texas President Robert Berdahl gave his farewell speech to the faculty last week. He will leave at the end of June to head the University of California at Berkeley.

"Oklahoma trucker Benjamin Herbert Doyle, 53, was executed April 21, for raping and strangling a Fort Worth-area woman more than 11 years ago. Doyle was the fifth condemned killer to be executed in Texas in April.

"The nation's top two cigarette makers, Phillip Morris and RJR Nabisco, are negotiating a settlement with eight states to get protection from lawsuits about smoking-related health problems, but Texas isn't among them. In a letter to legislators, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said any settlement of Texas' \$14 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry would not grant those companies immunity in future wrongdoing.

"The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service reported the number of legal immigrants settling in Texas grew to 83,385 last year—an increase of 67 percent from the previous year. The increase nationwide was 27 percent. For 1996, Texas ranked third in the number of legal immigrants behind No. 1 California and No. 2 New York.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 30, 1987

Patricia Henry of the Haskell FFA Chapter has been elected as the Double Mountain District Sweetheart.

Haskell Junior High cheerleaders for the 1987-88 school year are Stacey Feemster, Marsha Moore, Sunny Lindsey, Emily SoRelle, DeAnne Wallace and Kim Gilly.

20 Years Ago May 5, 1977

Decades of Haskell history are being recorded through preservation of newspapers at Texas Tech University The Southwest Collection, historical research center at Tech. daily microfilms more than 3,000 pages of past issues of many West Texas newspapers.

Mrs. Eldon Anderson was named

Woman of the Year by the Home Demonstration Club.

30 Years Ago May 4, 1967

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is hard at work preparing for the upcoming Rice Springs Rodeo. Held in the rodeo arena near Rice Springs Park, the annual Jaycee-sponsored event will begin on Thursday.

40 Years Ago May 2, 1957

Faces and people familiar here 30 to 40 years ago will be seen in Haskell again this weekend, when former residents of the Pinkerton and Whitman communities gather for the annual homecoming reunion.

50 Years Ago May 1, 1947

More terraces were built in

Haskell County in 1946 than in any other county in the United States.

Work was started this week on construction of the \$50,000 memorial building for the Rogers-Cox Post of the American Legion in this city. The building, 58x100 feet, will be a one-story brick structure. Site is north of the South Ward School on land given the local Post by the City.

90 Years Ago May 1907

Capt. W. W. Fields and S. L. Robertson and others of our citizens who are ex-Confederate veterans are considering the feasibility of starting a movement looking to the holding of a Confederate reunion here the coming summer.

Legal Matters

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Web Page Update

In today's fast-paced and ever-changing Texas, timely and accurate information has become the most valuable commodity of all. One of the fastest ways of making information available is the World Wide Web of the Internet. Studies have shown that an ever-increasing number of Americans have access to the Web, either from home or through their work. As the number increases, the Web will become even more important.

The Office of the Attorney General's Web site has been in operation for more than a year. We publish a wide range of public information materials. Many of these publications are already available on our Web site, and we are adding more every day. We hope that this information is helpful.

How our Web site works

When you reach us at our Web site, you will first see our home page, which works like a table of contents. You can select a variety of topic headings to get related articles organized into interlinked "pages." For example, users are able to select "News" to get our latest press releases, "Opinions" to access our Attorney General opinions, and "Consumer Protection" to obtain information on how to file a consumer complaint.

The hyperlinks (usually words or pictures set in different colors and underlined) are one of the many advantages of using any Web site. When you read something that interests you, you can simply click on a highlighted word to get even more information.

Recent additions

In the year our Web site has been in operation, we have continued to add to and improve it. Since we launched the site in 1996, we have added the following features:

- Employment opportunities, with a listing of current job openings with a listing of current job openings with the Office of the Attorney General throughout the state.

- Legal matters, a comprehensive posting of these news columns.

- Colonias and U.S./Mexico border databases, with useful

these fast-developing areas.

- Child Support Evader Update, with names, faces, and last known addresses of child support evaders.

- A comprehensive posting of all legal opinions issued during the Morales administration (1991 to present).

- Contacting the OAG, a list of useful telephone numbers and postal and e-mail addresses for our agency.

- A number of publications, also available in print, including CVC News (from the Crime Victims Compensation Division), the Criminal Law Update, Elder Alert, and an array of informational reports.

- Links to many other relevant sites.

Within many of these topics you will find descriptions, definitions, and supporting documents, including application forms.

In addition, we continue to upgrade the quality of our offerings, to take full advantage of the capabilities of the Internet. You can now send e-mail directly to many OAG divisions, including Citizens Assistance, the Crime Victims' Compensation Division, and the Elder Law & Public Health

Division.

As always, we continue to be a source of news releases and updates on consumer issues. Our consumer brochures are available on the Internet, and a Key-word search utility enables you to pull up news items and other material relevant to the issues that concern you.

What lies ahead

Our Web site is an evolving project. We will continue to add useful information to the site. The Texas Constitution and laws and regulations that interest many Texans, such as the Open Records Act and the Open Meetings Act, are currently available and can be downloaded to your personal computer.

In the near future, we will be adding Spanish-language publications and other useful articles.

Remember, we are here to help. The next time you sit at your computer, pay our Web site a visit at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>. While we have done everything possible to make our home page user friendly and helpful, we always like to hear any suggestions that will make it better. We look forward to serving you on this new electronic frontier.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Junior Class of Haskell High School would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make the Junior-Senior banquet a stellar success and a night filled with memories that we shall always cherish.

A special thanks to our parents and sponsors for organizing the banquet and prom, and for all the long hours they spent decorating, cooking, cleaning, and seeing it through to completion.

We feel blessed to live in a community that works together to make our endeavors succeed. In that spirit, we thank Mr. Fred Hernandez of West Texas Utilities for his generous loan of the refrigerators, and our city fathers for their foresight in providing us

to hold our banquet.

Sincerely,
Breann Peiser,
Class Reporter
Haskell High Junior Class

Dear, dear Friends,

We, deeply, express our sincere thanks for your caring support and prayers during Frank's recent trial and its tribulations.

During the 50 years, this July 1st, that we've lived in Haskell, often, we have thanked God for His workings in our lives as young "one-year-marrieds" to lead us here. In all these years there has never been a time that we would have changed the city we call "HOME."

As well as the wonderful bounty of your support in the courtroom, we are very grateful for all the calls, notes and other kind

Parents may teach Driver's Ed

Parents or guardians who want to teach their children to drive using a state-approved course may pick up request forms at most DPS driver license offices.

Previously, only schools and instructors certified by the Texas Education Agency could provide official driver training courses. The Texas Legislature amended state traffic laws in 1995, however, allowing parents to train their own children. The DPS developed administrative rules and curriculum materials to implement the new program. Successful completion of the course allows teenagers to obtain licenses at age 16.

Parents must follow procedures and curriculum guidelines set by the DPS.

"The first step is obtaining a driver education packet request form at a local driver license office. For your convenience, please call the nearest office ahead of time to confirm request form availability.

"Parents must fill out the form and include the address of the driver license office where the student will undergo testing, since a driver education certificate must be mailed to that office in the student's name.

"The completed form must then be mailed to DPS headquarters along with a non-refundable \$20 fee for the materials packet. The packet includes instructions, necessary forms, a Texas Drivers Handbook, a model curriculum guide and a resource list for text books and other materials. When other course curricula are approved, information about obtaining them also will be included.

Generally, requestors who pay the \$20 fee should receive their instruction packets by mail within three weeks. However, delays may occur during the program's start-up phase. DPS will provide the packets by mail only and will not sell them over the counter.

The approved curriculum requires at least 32 hours of classroom instruction and 14 hours of in-car instruction. Parents must use state-approved textbooks in addition to materials provided by DPS. The DPS packet includes a list of approved textbooks and sources for obtaining them. Parents should pay close attention to the copyright dates on the textbooks since newer editions haven't been approved for use in Texas. No special classroom or vehicle equipment is required.

At least six hours of classroom work must be completed before students may take the written drivers' test and receive instruction permits, which allow them to drive when accompanied in the front seat by a licensed driver at least 18 years old. After successful completion of all training, students may take the driving portion of the licensing test.

Parents who have been convicted of criminally negligent homicide or driving while intoxicated or who are disabled due to mental illness do not qualify for this program. Children can begin the course at age 14 but must not complete the classroom portion and cannot take the written test until they turn 15.

concern. We have said it before as well as heard others say it: Haskell people are the dearest, kindest, most loyal and most caring in the world. It still holds true.

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Dr. Frank and Billie Cadenhead

Dear editor:

Everyone at New Frontiers Clubhouse in Haskell would like to thank the following merchants for making our monthly Birthday Party a success. Sonic Drive In, Video Mania, Plum Cute, Double A Drive-In, Conner Nursery, Dairy Queen, The Carriage, and Boggs and Johnson.

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Residents are proof that surviving cardiovascular disease is possible

by Mary L. Kaigler

Although the three Wise men of Haskell, Leonard, Wilton, and Curtis and not following a star-led path to the East, they are following a genetically-led path to cardiovascular disease. Between them they have experienced six bypasses and angioplasty, yet in spite of the 'heart rending' physical and mental pain, distress and devastation that fear of heart attack can bring, they are survivors.

Recently, on invitation from the American Heart Association, a gathering of Haskell County victims of every sort of cardiovascular and pulmonary problems, from heart attack to bypass surgery, angioplasty, angina and atrial fibrillation, which can lead to stroke, proved that such survivorship is possible. As individual experiences and anniversary dates of their problems were exchanged, it was with 'heart-felt' thanks to current information, research development and application of new procedures, that this group was judged survivors. It was evident that, while certain risk factors make some people more vulnerable, no one group, men or women, old or young is completely immune to the disabling of the heart which millions of Americans face each year.

Haskell banker, ex-mayor Abe Turner is a 'heart-warming' example of survivorship. He had a triple bypass in 1975, a quadruple bypass in 1988 and another triple bypass in 1989. Careful to exercise daily and eat right, he says he is feeling great, and is able to continue being active in his work, service clubs and community involvement. He and his wife, Ruby, are both active in the Haskell American Heart Association, and together they operate the historical Bevers House bed and breakfast.

John Greeson, Church of Christ minister in Rule for over 30 years, had a bypass operation in 1982 and an angioplasty in 1995. Yet, thanks to the benefit of ongoing research and his ongoing faith in God, he is able to continue with his chosen field of endeavor and service to his church and community.

Survivors come in all ages. Haskell County Librarian, Joan Frazier Strickland was 13 years old when she underwent surgery in 1958 to close a congenital hole in her heart (atrial septal defect). She feels fortunate and grateful, not only to have had noted heart specialist, Haskell native, Dr. Frank Spencer, to perform the surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, but also to have had Dr. Helen Tuassig, leading world authority on the subject, to teach her how to breathe again. Dr. Tuassig's book, *To Heal The Heart of a Child*, is available at Haskell County Library. Not surprising, Joan is proud to recommend it.

Quick to champion continuing research and teaching hospitals, Joan compared her experience of having a year of restricted activity following surgery with today's methods for the same surgery that

have patients up and recovering within days. A case in point is the infant son of Michele and Stony Trussell, Austin Trussell, who had the surgery at a few months old, and is thriving nicely in a near normal way.

These and all the other survivors of cardiovascular and pulmonary problems in Haskell are the beneficiaries of the research and public education programs that are the top priority of the American Heart Association.

Research is the starting point for all medical advances, and if not for AHA-funded research projects, the medical advances might never have been made in the developing the heart-lung machine, the pacemaker,

heart valve replacements, finding the link between dietary fat and high blood pressure, drugs for treating high blood pressure, congestive heart failure and high blood cholesterol, guidelines for diet and exercise, and CPR standards and training.

The American Heart Association incorporated as a professional society in 1924. In 1946 the American Legion presented the AHA a \$50,000.00 grant for development of a community rheumatic fever program. Since 1948 the AHA has grown rapidly in involvement with medical and non-medical volunteers and in influence nationally and internationally.

The volunteer-led network of local AHA organizations, such as the one in Haskell County, is involved in providing research, education, community programs and raising money to continue this work. They are convinced that the toll of illness, disability and death, makes investing in research is the most cost efficient way to help the greatest number of people. Records show that 35% of funds go to research, 22% to public information, 7% to professional information, 15% to fundraising, 13% to the community and only 8% to administrative staff.

During 1995-96 the AHA impacted millions of lives through funding nearly \$7 million in heart

disease and stroke research through 16 health and science centers in Texas universities. With our average life expectancy increasing many of us will live long lives, therefore facing an increasing risk of atrial fibrillation (AF), which leads to the dehumanization of having a stroke. One goal of research is to assure quality life as well as longevity.

Haskell County people are being given an opportunity to give

'whole-hearted' support to being a part of the ongoing work by attending the local American Heart Association's Western theme Steak Dinner and Auction to be held at the Civic Center on Monday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.

This seems to be a good time to 'have a heart', go to the dinner, and perhaps help yourself to actually have a heart when you need one later on, through the research your donation can make possible.



HASKELL COUNTY SURVIVORS—Pictured are those who attended a recent gathering of Haskell County survivors of various cardiovascular or pulmonary problems. Seated from left: Rowena Hester, Edna Anderson, Marie Marr, Grace Bisbee and Joan Strickland. Second row: Hess Hartsfield, Carl Kruger, John Long, Cole Alsabrook, Abe Turner, Ferrell Coston and John Greeson. Back row: Jack McAadoo, Jerry Lowrance, Wilton Weise, Leonard Weise and Frank Slayton.

AHA dinner, auction set May 5

More auction items are being received for the annual American Heart Association dinner and auction to be held May 5 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The auction will follow a steak dinner. The theme of the dinner is Western.

A partial listing of auction includes:

An arrangement, value \$250; case of oil; coyote picture, value \$125; frame, value \$75; cotton seed cooking oil, value \$10; 2 1/2 gal. Roundup, value \$125; picket fence bench, value \$60; dinner for four, value \$30; 8x12 cake, value \$15; drill, value \$35; lamp, value \$80; three sweaters, value \$54; greeting card set, value \$10; and gift certificate.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				PPE Fifth Grade Lunch-Learn 11:30-12:30 Topic: Increasing Self Esteem	2 Pre-Kindergarten Registration 8:30-10:30	3 All Sports Banquet
4	J.H. Tennis Olney 5 State Golf Tournament	6 State Golf Tournament PPE Meeting Elem. Cafeteria 7 p.m.	7	8 Elementary Field Day State Track	9 No School State Track	10 State Track
11	12 Jr. High Band Concert First Baptist Church 7 p.m.	13 FFA Banquet PPE Meeting Elem. Cafeteria 7 p.m.	14	15 PPE Sixth Grade Lunch-Learn 11:30-12:30 Topic: Transition to Jr. High High School Band Concert First Baptist Church 7 p.m.	16	17
18	19	20 PPE Meeting Elem. Cafeteria 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24 UIL State Solo-Ensemble Contest San Marcos
25	26 Early Childhood Screening	27 Early Childhood Screening	28	29	30 End of 6th Six Weeks Last Day of School Graduation Night All-Night Party	31 Teacher Prep Day

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Friday, May 1
Lunch—Hamburgers, pickles, tomatoes, pork and beans, tator tots, fruit cobbler, milk, tea or coffee.

Monday, May 5
China painting—1 p.m.
Lunch—Steak with gravy, potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, peach upside down cake, milk, tea or coffee.

Wednesday, May 7
Exercise—10:30 a.m.

Lunch—Beef and spaghetti, green beans, cabbage slaw, plum cobbler, garlic toast, milk, tea or coffee.

Friday, May 9
Lunch—Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, fruit, milk, tea or coffee.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon
"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:40
But could the stones cry out? Assuredly they could if He who opens the mouth of the dumb should bid them lift up their voice. Certainly if they were to speak, they would have much to testify in praise of him who created them by the word of his power; they could extol the wisdom and power of their Maker who called them into being. Shall not we speak well of him who made us anew, and out of stones raised up children unto Abraham?

The old rocks could tell of chaos and order, and the handiwork of God in successive stages of creation's drama; and cannot we talk of God's decrees, of God's great work in ancient times, in all that he did for his church in the days of old? If the stones were to speak, they could tell of their breaker, how he took them from the quarry, and make them fit for the temple, and cannot we tell of our glorious

Breaker, who broke our hearts with the hammer of his word, that he might build us into his temple? If the stones should cry out they would magnify their builder, who polished them and fashioned them after the similitude of a palace; and shall not we talk of our Architect and Builder, who has put us in our place in the temple of the living God? If the stones could cry out, they might have a long, long story to tell by way of memorial, for many a time hath a great stone been rolled as a memorial before the Lord; and we too can testify of Ebenezers, stones of help, pillars of remembrance.

The broken stones of the law cry out against us, but Christ himself, who has rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, speaks for us. Stones might well cry out, but we will not let them: we will hush their noise with ours; we will break forth into sacred song, and bless the majesty of the Most High, all our days glorifying him who is called by Jacob the Shepherd and Stone of Israel.

This Week's Devotional Message: FAITH TEACHES KINDNESS TO ALL LIVING CREATURES



Many conscientious parents drill their children in the use of "please", "thank you" and the various forms of good conduct toward human beings, and yet are unaware that they may then go outside and mistreat the family pet or chase lizards around a nearby field to catch and harass them. Unchecked, this becomes an apparently acceptable outlet for rebellion and frustration. The proper early training, reinforced

by your own example, should include kindness toward all of God's living creatures. The Church and Sunday school of your choice can do much to instill this benevolent feeling, which will be reflected also in their attitude toward their fellow human beings and will set the pattern for the conduct of their entire lives. They will realize the importance of all life in the wonder of God's creation.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
David Page, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Frank Summers, preacher
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Vergil Smith, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 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., 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., 10:30 a., 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., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
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
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Freddy Perez, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Tues. 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., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
Worth Mayes, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; 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
Church of Christ
Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Ed Buerkle, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church
Rev. Andrew
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 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
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church
Jeff Zell, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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RULE
First Baptist Church
Don Myers, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

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

First United Methodist Church
Daniel Ramey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
1000 Union Ave., 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., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

Haskell School Menu

May 5-9
Breakfast
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Cereal and donuts
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Blueberry muffins
Thursday: Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage
Friday: No School
Lunch
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or salad bar plus milk and tea are offered daily at the

High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School
Monday: Beef nachos, refried beans, Spanish rice, cherry dessert
Tuesday: Steak fingers/gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits
Wednesday: Chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, buttered corn, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Submarine sandwiches, potato chips, vegetable sticks, shape-ups
Friday: No School

Collins family holds reunion

The descendants of Jesse and Sarah Collins met for the fifth annual family reunion Sat., April 19. Registration was at 10 a.m. with visiting over coffee, tea and donuts.

The family of Pud and Susie Brockett was host. Family members are Pete and Imo Brockett, Colleen Nance and Jo Coffman. A bountiful lunch of brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad and dessert was served.

The business meeting was called to order by Pete Brockett. He welcomed everyone and asked for nominations of officers. E. L. Blackstock was elected president, Donna Blackstock, vice-president and Juanell Ray remained in office as secretary-treasurer. Next year's reunion will be held the second weekend in April 1998 in Greenville.

Attending were E. L. and Frances Blackstock, Charles and Donna Blackstock, all of Celeste; James and Lois Miller of Coppell; Jackie and Sue Howell, Robert and Zackary Montgomery, Gail Beavidez and Jeffery, and Ruly Fletcher, all of Temple; Kevin and Kara Nichols, Karlee and Alyvia

and Barbara Sells, all of Iowa Park; and Jerry and Shiril Burchard of Quanah.

Wayne and Mary Jo Collins, of Brownfield; Eddie Don Hargrave and Linda Merritt, all of Breckenridge; Bill and Winnie Pittman and Joe Fletcher, Edwin and Frieda Fly, all of Rochester; Pete and Imo Brockett, Colleen Nance, Jo Coffman, Pud Brockett, Justin Gray, Jimmy Taylor and Kuben Charo, all of Munday; Junior and Juanita Grimes of Weinert; and from Haskell, E. C. and Jenny Collins, Nellie Collins, Alta F. Field, Bobby and Lena Tidwell, Glenn and Gearl Darden and B. J. and Juanell Ray.

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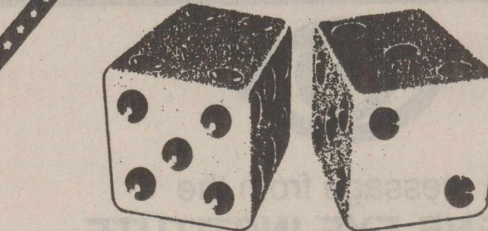
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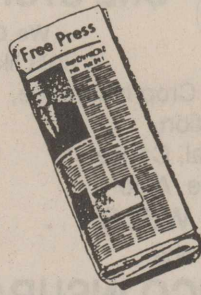
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Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Munday ISD is taking bids on two portable buildings to be sold to the highest bidder. Sealed bids will be opened on May 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Administration Building at 811 West D. The buildings to be sold were manufactured by General Shelters in Munday in December 1991. They are 16 ft. x 40 ft. Complete specifications can be obtained from Jerome Hall, Superintendent, Munday ISD, P. O. Box 300, Munday, TX 76371. Bids should be sent to the same address.

The buildings have a large room (16 ft. x 35 ft.) with two bathrooms and a mechanical room on one end. Each bathroom contains a commode, a sink, and cabinets. The mechanical room contains a small electric hot water heater. Also included are two 220 air conditioner/heater. The cool-

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The buildings are on skids and must be moved. They may be moved after May 24, 1997 and before July 1, 1997. They may be seen at 1111 West Main at Munday Elementary.

The Munday ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 16-18c

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals, addressed to Bob Pheil, Superintendent, Haskell Consolidated Independent School District, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521 are being received for separate trade proposals for renovations to existing restroom facilities, install handicap ramp to entrance and stucco work. Proposals will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until 5:00 p.m., May 14, 1997. Proposals will be received until 1:00 p.m. on May 15, 1997, at the Office of the Haskell CISD Superintendent at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Haskell CISD Board Room at Haskell, Texas. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager.

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Proposals received after 1:00 p.m., May 15, 1997, closing time will be returned unopened. Separate contracts and purchase orders will be awarded for the various disciplines of work required. Time on this project is of the utmost importance. NOTE: All trades must have adequate work force and schedule their work so owner may occupy buildings by August 1, 1997. Each proposal will be considered based on price and time schedule on each portion of work to be completed. The awarding of proposals will not be made at this time.

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The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all proposals. No proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the date proposals are opened. Proposal prices will be accepted according to price of equal work and materials, the ability of the contractor to man the project and complete the project, as time is very important to meeting time schedules of the Owner.

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Bob Pheil, Superintendent
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(Construction Manager)
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LEGAL NOTICE: This invitation for proposals needs to be put in three newspapers; one being local and the other two in the county. This invitation needs to appear in the paper once each week for two weeks in a 14-day period. 17-18c

PUBLIC NOTICE
The annual report of the J. U. Fields and Florene B. Fields Museum is available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after this publication. Fields Museum, 401 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas. David Burson. 17c

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The records of the R. C. Couch Family Trust are open for inspection at 9820 Spirehaven Lane, Dallas, Texas. Phone 214-341-9546. May 1, 1997. 17c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 18c

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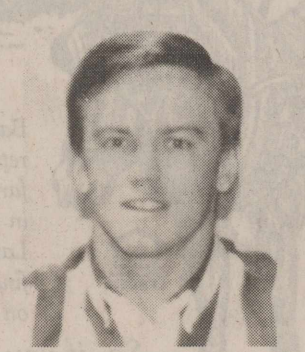
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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

Although many local citizens, as well as former residents and readers of this column do not realize it, we are observing a silver (25th) anniversary in our community. Or rather, we observed it during the month of April. It was in April of 1972 that our mural on the south wall of Roberts Place was first painted. It was under the direction of Pastor and Molly Albu of Faith Lutheran Church that our town began its cleanup, fixup projects and in 1972 a contest was held to write a slogan for the mural to be painted. The Sun News announced that there were twenty entries but we have no record of who submitted the winning slogan. If any of our readers know who submitted the slogan that is painted on the wall, please notify someone so that this can be included in our history. The mural is a rural scene of a mesquite tree, native flowers, mailboxes with the 79548 zip code and a windmill and water trough. The welcome sign reads: Welcome to Sagerton...Home to a few...Hometown to Many. It is on the wall that was once between the Joe Clark Grocery and Robert Monse's place, faces the highway and is a very nice addition to our little town, and a welcome to all visitors.

This past week the following people met and repainted it in readiness for the homecoming to be held on Memorial Day weekend: Jack and Peggy Tabor, Larry LeFevre, Doris Lehrmann, Wilma Teichelman, Johnny Guinn and Meta Kupat.

Wilma Teichelman accompanied her children, Vickie and James Wilhite to an awards ceremony at Cisco Junior College honoring her grandson, Cody Wilhite. Cody is on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.67.

John L. Brooks was honored for her 88th birthday party in the home of her daughter, Judy and Maxey Thompson of Colleyville recently. Other family members joining in the celebration were Bill and Jim Tabor and Wanda Hargraves of Sweetwater; Karen and Michael Poprivniak and Aaron Newman of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Kera Eason of Arlington; Brian and Cynthia Kellogg; Melinda, Michael, Josh and Jacob Taylor; Vanessa, Larry, Hunter and Hawk Griffin of Little Elm; Bill, Denise, Amberly and Miranda Tabor of Austin; Jack and Peggy Tabor of Sagerton and the honoree.

The District Superintendent, Kenneth Meissner, was the guest speaker at the Methodist Church last Sunday.

The regular monthly supper and fellowship was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday night with Ev Ulmer and Peggy Tabor as chairpersons. Members in

attendance were Frances Clark, Hazel Letz, Wilma Teichelman, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Andrea Kitley, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Charles and Dorothy Clark, Herbert and Christine Stremmel, John and Sue Guinn, G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre and the Pastor and little Matthew Ramey.

Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Frances Clark and Ladain Anderson of Houston were at Matador last Sunday for dinner with Earlene and Skeets Jamison. Joining them were Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland.

Everyone is reminded of the community supper and business meeting to be held at the community center at 6:00 p.m. on May 6. Peggy Tabor is food chairman and has announced that the meat to be furnished will be barbecued sausage. Ladies are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to go with it. This will be the last meeting until the end of summer and everyone is urged to be there.

The community was saddened upon learning of the death of a well-loved, longtime teacher in the Sagerton school. Mrs. L.B. (LaVerne) McNeil of Stamford passed away Saturday, April 19. The funeral service was held Monday in Stamford. Because of the late delivery of the paper, many citizens did not know about the services in time to attend. Her many students and friends from the community extend their sympathy to the family.

All citizens are reminded of the school board election to be held on Saturday, May 3.

Virgil and Geneva Vahlenkamp were weekend guests in the home of her mother, Minnie Monse. They came for the funeral of Virgil's uncle Bill Vahlenkamp. Joining them for lunch out was Isabell Mrazek of Aspermont.

Frances Clark treated Herbert and Christine Stremmel to Sunday dinner out in Stamford after church in honor of their fifty seventh wedding anniversary.

Sunday afternoon Frances Clark visited in the home of Lena Boedeker of Stamford.

One of our Sagerton students, Jennifer Lehrmann, will be going to the state track meet in Austin,

after placing second in the 800 at the Regional meet in Levelland Saturday.

The Bredthauer family held their regular dinner in the home of Gene and Adela Teichelman Sunday. Family members included Alvin and Alice Bredthauer of Sagerton and Walter and Aline Bredthauer of Haskell.

Ray Clark of Stamford, son of Joe and Dorothy Clark, attended the Bob Will's Day activities in Turkey on Saturday. He was the

accompanist for Kyle Aaron, young fiddle player from Wichita Falls who had entered the old-time fiddle contest. Kyle is a regular performer of the Texas Gold Country Music Show in Wichita Falls and has attended Mark O'Conner fiddle seminars. Even though Kyle did not win the competition in his category from eleven to twenty two years old, Ray and Nancy reported that they heard some mighty good fiddle playing and Kyle did a superb job.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

The Greater Independent Baptist Church wants to thank all the choirs and special singers who made the choir annual a wonderful success. Especially to Liberty COGIC, Knox City; West Buelah, Munday; Weeping Mary, Anson and West Bethel, Rule.

The Community Brotherhood was at Greater Independent Baptist Church Tuesday night, and Rev. John Lewis Hopewell, speaker, brought the message. Other guests were Rev. Robinson of Knox City, West Buelah of Munday, and West Bethel of Rule.

Joyce Hawkins returned home on Wednesday after spending four days with Jimmy and Steven Cockerell of Early while their parents were gone to Atlanta, GA for a Lone Star Gas Convention. While Joyce was there a granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Jimenez of Richland Springs came over on Sunday and had a good visit.

Visiting with Frieda Piland for the past ten days was her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mapes of Haskell, OK. Also brother Gene Mapes of Lubbock came for a few days and they also visited their mother Floy Mapes in Rice Springs Care Home.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wright this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. David Parham and Heather and Dekota from Iowa Park, Daren and Deniece Wright from Nugent, Edward Wright of Abilene, and Shannon Messenger of Snyder.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Darden over the weekend were Sherrie Chambers and Andy, Lorie and Laurel Hill of Clyde, and Gary, Hollie and Kayla of Abilene.

They helped Peggy celebrate her birthday.

Clayton and Michelle Pannel and children of Throckmorton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Saturday.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Gray were son Lynn of Grapeland, a grandson, Kevin Hix of Kelly Air Force Base, Judy Hix of Abilene, Georgia and Woody Turnbow of Weinert and cousins Bob and Loretta Gray of Haskell and Bob's sister Francis Warren of Houston.

Paula Garcia had her brother Florentino Salas of Olney visiting this weekend.

Visiting Freda Piland and other friends over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mapes of Ventura, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mapes of Eula and Don Mapes of Abilene.

Joyce Hawkins accompanied grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. David Conn to Abilene on Monday evening and stopped by Anson and visited Joyces' sister-in-law, Tiny Vaughn.

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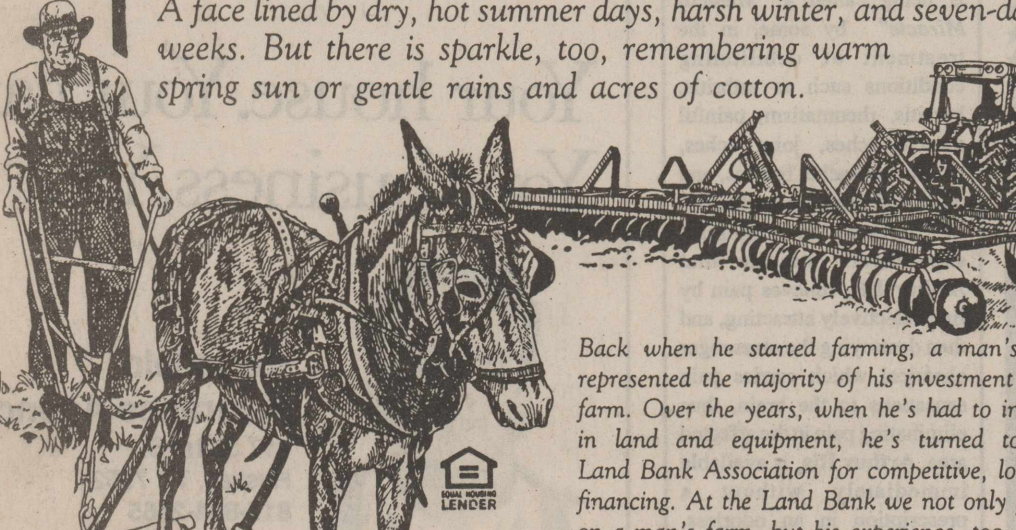
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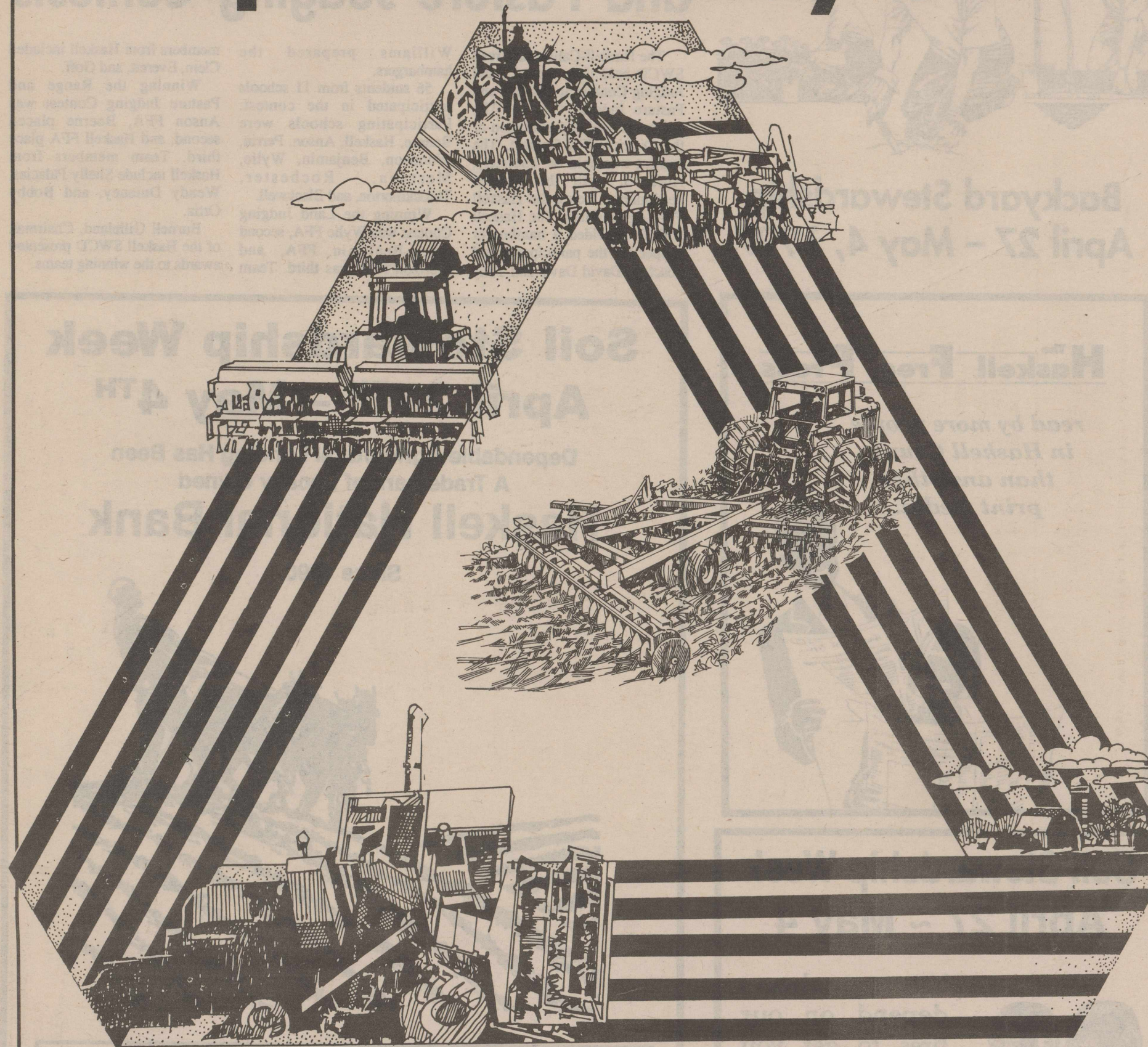


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"Backyard Stewardship," is the theme for Soil Stewardship Week, April 27 – May 4



GRAND CHAMPION POSTER –Tiffany Byrd, a sixth grader at Rochester Elementary School submitted the Grand Champion poster, entitled, "Every Drip Counts." Her poster emphasizes the importance of every individual doing his or her part for water conservation.

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, to take place on April 27-May 4, according to an announcement by Burnell Gilleland, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "Backyard Stewardship." This focus is especially appropriate as our

need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil and water. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve, and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and

consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Haskell SWCD was organized in 1977 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individual could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range and pastureland management.

The National Association of conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water

Stewardship Week in the United States since 1995, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is distributed through local conservation districts to clergy, lay leaders, and educational organizations to the individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Proclamation

The well-being of our people depends on the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of the soil.

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Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable natural resources.

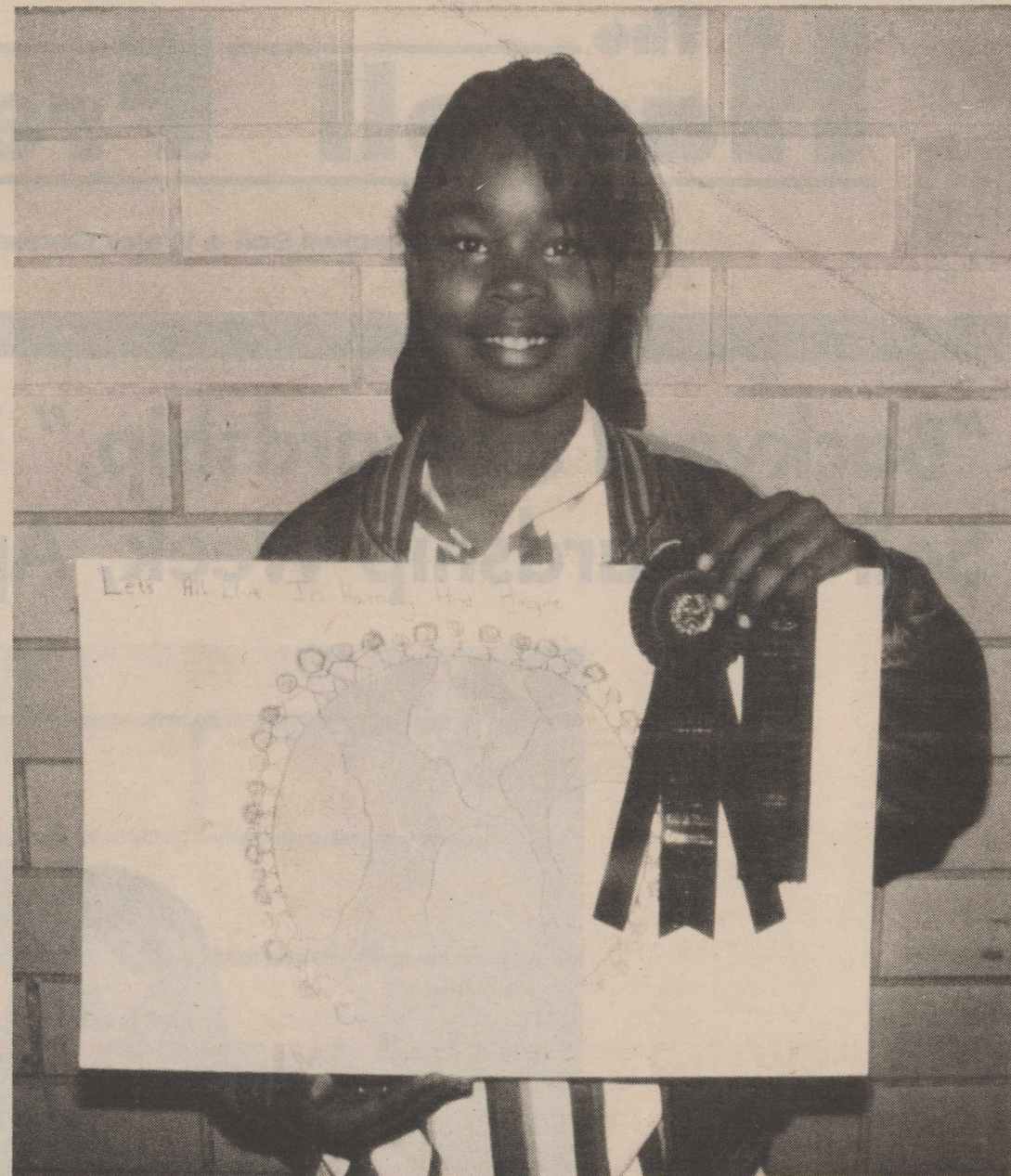
Therefore, I, David C. Davis, County Judge of Haskell County, in full appreciation of the value of our soil and water to the public welfare, and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 27 through May 4, 1997 as

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in Haskell County, Texas

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 18th day of April, 1997


County Judge of Haskell County



TAMARA TAYLOR, Rochester sixth grader
Runner-up poster



Backyard Stewardship April 27 – May 4, 1997

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Haskell-California Creek SWCD hosts Land, Range and Pasture Judging Contests

The Haskell-California Creek SWCD held their annual Land Judging Contest and Range and Pasture Judging Contest. The contest is held in preparation of the District FFA Contest. The contest was held on Thursday, April 3, with the contest headquarters being the Haskell FFA Ag Building. The Haskell SWCD provided a hamburger supper for the participants and coaches. David Davis and Tony

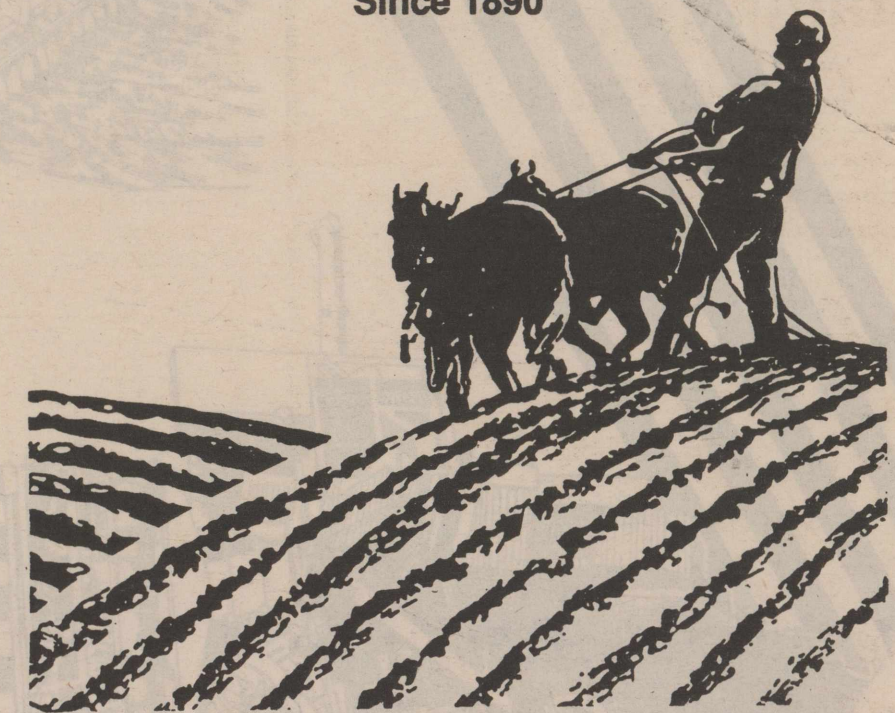
Williams prepared the hamburgers. 56 students from 11 schools participated in the contest. Participating schools were Boerne, Haskell, Anson, Perrin, Woodson, Benjamin, Wylie, Mertzon, Rochester, Throckmorton, and Blackwell. Winning the Land Judging Contest was Wylie FFA, second place—Benjamin FFA, and Mertzon FFA was third. Team

members from Haskell included Clem, Everett, and Goff. Winning the Range and Pasture Judging Contest was Anson FFA, Boerne placed second, and Haskell FFA place third. Team members from Haskell include Shelly Palacias, Wendy Dulaney, and Bobby Ortiz. Burnell Gilleland, Chairman of the Haskell SWCD presented awards to the winning teams.

Soil Stewardship Week April 27TH – May 4TH

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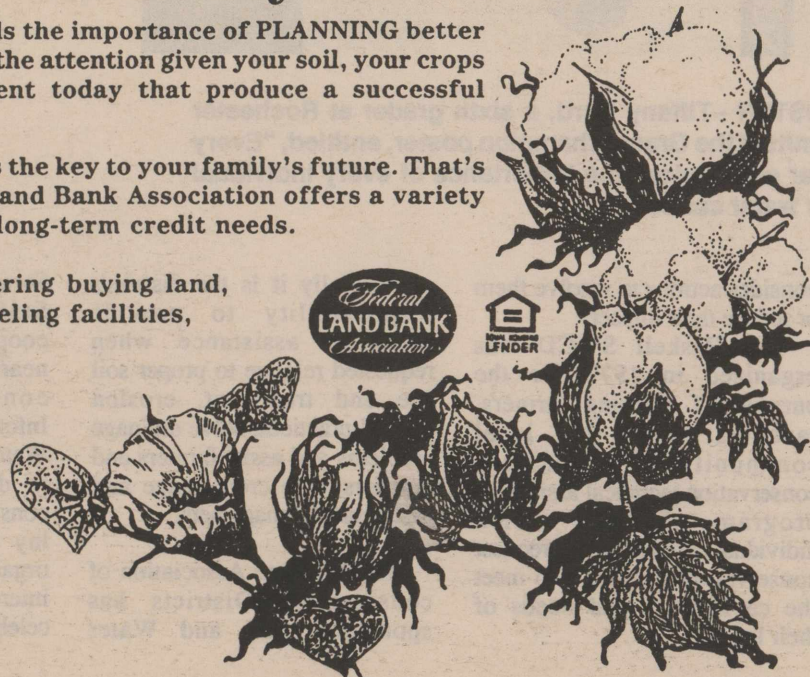
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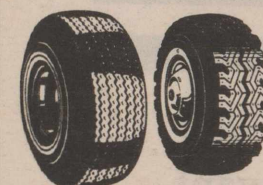
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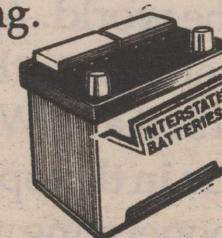
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Harmony, Places and People by Kimberly Skiles

I awoke early this morning, the sun had not yet shown its face. As I slowly entered my kitchen I passed by my Dad's room. His snoring could barely be heard over the relaxing hum of his air purifier. As I approached the kitchen sink I reached out and grabbed a glass. I watched the water flow out of the filter. Sometimes I like to remove the filter just to compare

the purified water with that from the faucet. Often it seems as if you are viewing two different substances.

I noticed an empty coke can sitting on the table. It must have been left from the day before or maybe it washed down someone's midnight snack. I crushed the can so it wouldn't take up as much space and then tossed it into the correct recycling receptacle. We used to have just one trash can, but now we have four. One is labeled

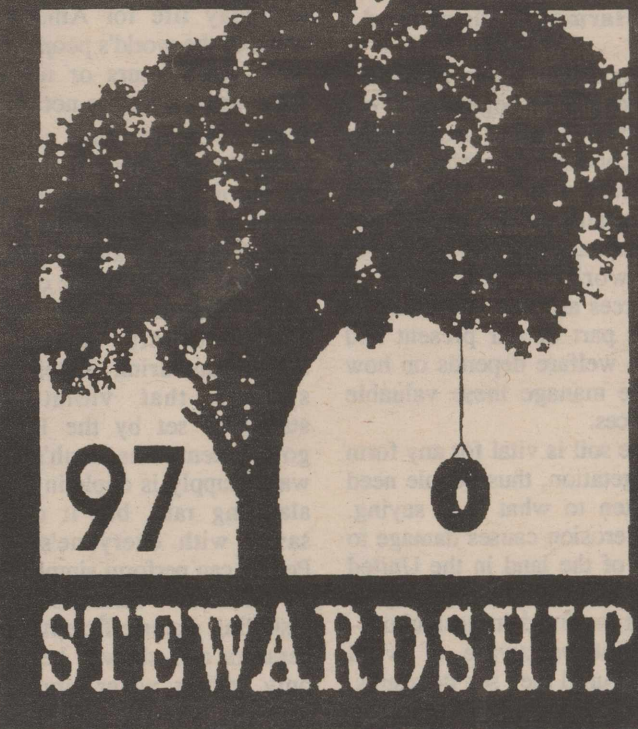
glass, the next is aluminum, another paper and the last is just "others". It seems crazy in a way that all of that is necessary, but apparently, if we don't recycle now we won't have any resources for our tomorrow.

I entered the bathroom and began to get ready for school. As I was putting on my lotion I noticed on the bottle it read "SPF 15, protect your skin". I began picking up other products and reading the warnings and results of that products use. I was congratulated on my hairspray bottle because I had chosen "pump" over "spray" in addition, I was helping to preserve what is left of our ozone layer. We perform too many tasks out of habit and never stop to think about what we are doing to our earth.

As I continued through my day so many things came into focus, things I had never even cared to notice before. Most people won't even drink the water. We have to have people walk along our roads picking up trash because of another persons carelessness. I often wonder if I will be able to take my daughter swimming in the lake or if she will be able to play outside without have to put on a radiation suit.

Our world used to be a place that people enjoyed living in, but now it is something we hide from and destroy. We are putting convenience and luxury over the well-being of our planet and this has got to stop! Everyone has to become aware of this destruction and try to make an effort to reverse it, because if we don't, soon, there may not be a world left to protect.

Backyard



Backyard Stewardship is everyone's job

Tired of hearing that old saying, "It's not my responsibility?" We have the opportunity to do something about it with this year's Soil and Water Stewardship theme, "Backyard Stewardship."

The 1997 theme gives each of us the opportunity, no the challenge, to exercise our responsibility as stewards over

our "Gardens of Eden."

We are being challenged to open our eyes to the opportunities for stewardship in our own backyards. For many that is a finite piece of land, either a farm or ranch, or a suburban home. For increasing numbers of people it may be a neighborhood park where children play or a trail where you walk for relaxation. Your backyard may be the school site where you or your children go to school, or the church site where you attend worship each week. It may be the window box or planter in your apartment window or on your patio. It can be a stretch of highway you and your friends have adopted to care for and keep clean.

Let your mind and eyes be opened to see the neighborhood with new perspective. Let us not use the excuse "It's not my responsibility."



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KRISTEN MARTINEZ, Haskell second grader
Third overall poster

Conservation poster winners

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation district are proud to announce the winners of the 1997 Conservation Poster Contest. Each participating school conducted their own contest and winners from each school participated in the district contest. The top three winners from the district contest will advance to the Texas State Region-5 contest.

Students could choose from two major themes to create their poster: Backyard Stewardship or Harmony-People and Places. "Backyard Stewardship" theme emphasizes that how successful soil and water conservation is accomplished by individuals, farmers and ranchers, working together to provide a healthy environment. The "Harmony-People and Places" theme stresses the interrelationship between people and their environment. Everyone lives, works and plays in different environments yet everyone needs to strive to practice good stewardship toward our natural resources.

District winners are:
Kindergarten: 1st-John English, 2nd-Tyler Byrd, 3rd-Shane Strickland, all from Rochester.

Grade 1: 1st-Charlie Myers, 2nd-Alice Blair, 3rd-Randall Pace, all from Paint Creek.

Grade 2: 1st-Kristen Martinez, Haskell, 2nd-James Haggard, Paint Creek, 3rd-Paden Brown, Rochester.
Grade 3: 1st-Jackie Lopez, Haskell, 2nd-Michael Bailiff,

Faint Creek, 3rd-Heather Hodges, Paint Creek.

Grade 4: 1st-Misti Woodall, Paint Creek, Ryan Martin, Rochester, 2nd-Joey Buerkle, Rochester, Jon Dulaney, Paint Creek, 3rd-Jeremy Bogle, Paint Creek.

Grade 5: 1st-Amy Lynn Huddgens, Paint Creek, 2nd-Jesse Medford, Paint Creek, 3rd-Amy Turner, Rochester, and Casey Duniven, Paint Creek.

Grade 6: 1st-Tiffany Byrd, Rochester, 2nd-Tamera Taylor, Rochester, 3rd-Kristie Caldwell,

Rochester, and Elisa Flores, Paint Creek.

The Grand Champion entry was Tiffany Byrd, sixth grader from Rochester. Her poster was titled "Every Drop Counts". Tamara Taylor, Rochester sixth grader, had the runner-up poster. Kristen Martinez, Haskell second grader won third overall with her poster.

Judges, Ernestine Herren and Kay Henry, stated what a fine job all the students did in presenting their ideas on conserving all natural resources.

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Haskell SWCD offers essay scholarship contest

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation district will offer two \$500 scholarships for two deserving Haskell County Seniors. Applicants had to research and write an essay about the topic "Harmony, Places and People". Essays were due April 10th and are currently being judged. Winners will be announced the week of graduation. Over 20 Haskell County Seniors elected to participate in this contest.

results of the contest.

Co-sponsors of the Conservation Essay Contest are: Federal Land Bank, First National Bank, and Haskell National Bank, all of Haskell; Farmers National Bank of Rule; Home State Bank of Rochester; and Production Credit Association of Stamford. Without the support of these businesses this worthy project would not be possible.

Some of the essays entered are included in this supplement. The essays included have not been judged and do not reflect

The SWCD is proud to share with you ideas about conservation as presented by these students.

"Harmony, Places and People" by Greg Rodriguez

I believe with the help of the people that we can make the world a better place to live by ensuring that the future generation will have the same natural resources. The way you do this is by conserving. One being soil conservation. Soil is essential for the growth of plants, which in turn provide food for animals and human beings. The thin layer of fertile soil that covers much of the earth's land was formed by natural processes over the years, but careless human practices have destroyed the soil in just a few years.

Soil erosion has long been a major conservation problem, but people have greatly increased the rate of soil erosion by removing natural vegetation to clear land for construction projects. Plants protect the soil from the direct force of raindrops and wind. Their roots form an underground network that holds the soil in place. Plants also absorb some rain water so that less runs off the land. Soil erosion can be reduced by planting trees and leaving patches of natural vegetation between their fields and on other unplowed areas. The trees serve as windbreaks, and the plants cover slows the runoff of rain. There are also other methods such as contour plowing, strip cropping, terracing, and minimum tillage.

Another major conservation problem on farmlands is declining soil fertility, which is caused by planting the same crop in a field year after year.

Corn, wheat, and other grain crops drain the soil of an essential chemical called nitrogen if they are grown on the same field for several years. The fertility of the soil can be maintained by practicing crop rotation, in which crops are alternated from year to year. The soil may be enriched by plant remains or manure. Many use chemical fertilizers for this purpose. However, excessive use of some fertilizers may decrease the ability of bacteria to decay humus and produce nutrients naturally. But fertilizers may wash out the soil which may enter lakes, streams, and even well, polluting the water. Excessive use of pesticides causes similar problems.

In conclusion, conservation is the management of the human use of the environment so that it may yield the greatest sustainable benefit to present generation, while maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations. In other words, you must help to improve the environment so that you may live in a more suitable place and that you children and grandchildren can live in peaceful harmony with the environment.

Living In Harmony As God Willed by Dacia Phemister

The environment in which we live is going to affect us as it changes, the direction of those changes is up to us. It is our God given responsibility to take care and live in harmony with the world around us. For it is

written in Genesis 2:15, "And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

In order to "keep it", everyone needs to share a common goal for our environment and to commit to it. The best way to start this positive change is to develop moral values that stress people living in harmony with the environment and spread them throughout society. Adults should set good examples of stewardship that children can learn from. Children should be taught how to respect their surroundings in school and church. By teaching them that nature is precious when they're young, as adults they will take better care of the world. In Proverbs 22:6 it says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We can teach children in many ways how to conserve and protect. For example, teach them to dispose of trash in trash barrels and not on the ground, turn off water when not using it, plant trees and shrubs to house wildlife, put out nuts and seed for squirrels and birds, and there are thousands of other practical applications of conservation. As children are taught and see others in action, preserving natural resources and bettering the environment will become a way of life.

After upgrading the state of the environment, we must be sure to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Once we have reached a state of health surroundings, we need to work to maintain it by intermixing wildlife, such as birds, fish, squirrels, and others, to protect the ecosystem. By doing this we are working towards Genesis 1:28, "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." As long as we are living on this earth, we must strive to keep it a beautiful place for Henry David Thoreau once said, "We can never have enough of nature."

Natural resources such as soil, water, air, oceans, plant, fish, and animals are precious gifts from God. We should live in harmony with them. For Earth is where we spend every day living our lives, and it will be a terrible place if we do not treat it with great care. Galations 6:7 says, "Be not defied; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that he also reap." With this in mind, we should remember to always take care of the gifts that God has given us, and we will always be greatly rewarded.

More contest entries . . .

Harmony, Places and People

by Mary Kay Watson

Today is the beginning of our tomorrow. Choices people make now concerning earth's natural resources will not only affect their quality of life, but also the lives of our descendants. Two of the world's basic natural resources are soil and water. A major part of our present and future welfare depends on how people manage these valuable resources.

The soil is vital for any form of vegetation, thus people need to listen to what it is saying. Wind erosion causes damage to much of the land in the United States each year. Many people—unless involved in agriculture—may not be aware of wind erosion until they see its results. If people recognize the warning signs, then they can take action to reduce wind erosion before it is too late. A very effective way of controlling wind erosion is to slow the wind by forming wind barriers. Trees and shrubs planted in communities are excellent barriers which aid in this prevention. The trees and shrubs also help to beautify the community and provide needed oxygen. A second way to prevent wind erosion is to cover the ground. That can be done with grass and garden plants. This form of conservation likewise enhances the community, and the garden provides fresh fruits and vegetables.

Water quenches the thirst of all of God's creations. It is also used for recreations such as swimming, boating, and fishing. Water is a part of

everyday life for Americans. Most of the world's people must walk three hours or more to fetch water which is not always fresh. Ten thousand children under the age of five die each day in Third World countries as a result of illnesses contracted by use of impure water. Although America has one of the cleanest water supplies in the world, almost twenty percent of Americans drink water from systems that violate the standards set by the Federal government. The earth's fresh water supply is depleting at an alarming rate, but it can be saved with everyone's help. People can perform simple tasks to conserve water such as installing water-efficient faucet aerators and shower heads or only letting water run when needed. The agricultural community needs to become more cautious when using agricultural chemicals because if used improperly, the chemicals can contaminate lakes, streams, wells, and even the ground water.

Many people behave as if they are the last generation to need the earth's natural resources. The world needs to become aware of the dangers of that mode of thinking. Conservation is the key to keeping our land productive, our people healthy, and our nation strong and beautiful. Today people can make a difference which can last a lifetime. If one person jumps in the pool the ripples will soon reach others and they will follow.



Harmony, Places and People

by Matt Blanks

Every day, it seems, we read or hear about problems involving the environment and, invariably, the problem is man. Just yesterday I saw on the news that many of the bison in Yellowstone National Park have migrated out of the park this winter in search of grazing. Area ranchers claim that, because the Park has failed to manage bison numbers, their ranch lands are being invaded with animals which could infect their cattle with brucellosis. The solution, they say, is to manage the herds themselves by shooting the starving bison. In turn, passionate animal rights activists on the scene would prefer to shoot the ranchers. Stated like this are so common that we can easily become convinced that the environment is doomed and no one can or will be able to intervene. My experiences, however, tell me differently.

As a member of a family farm, I have been witness to

many positive actions by men and women who love the land and are determined to take care of not only it, but it's wild inhabitants as well. In fact, I can not recall a single incident in which a farmer or rancher has been deliberately responsible for causing harm to the land that he has chosen as a cherished partner—a partner that he will rely on to feed and clothe his family for a lifetime.

A farmer's land is a real source of pride to be cared for and nurtured. As a result, farmers applaud new seed varieties and coordinated efforts which allow for the reduced use of pesticides. They appreciate opportunities to rest the land through participation in government programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program. They make every effort to protect their land from wind and water erosion by giving careful thought to what they plant and how they till the soil. Ranchers also know the satisfaction of good stewardship. I know of one rancher who, as I write, is spending more to remove choking brush and reseed his pastures with native grasses than he will ever realize in returned income simply because

it is the best thing I know of. I know others who regularly provide supplemental feed for wildlife and strictly control hunting so that wildlife numbers are preserved. Overgrazing, which the news media paints as common, is seldom seen where I live. It is my belief that few people understand the word "harmony" as well as the farmer or rancher who lives, works, and plays every day on the land he loves.

It is for certain that there are many who put themselves ahead of our land, water, air, and wildlife. It is sadly true that this will always be the case. I'm just proud that I have seen, and continue to see, how many can and do live in harmony with the land with which they have been blessed.




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