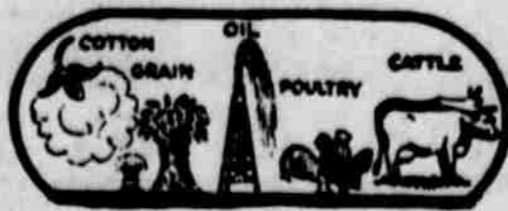


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THE HASKELL



FREE PRESS



"HASKELL—A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT; A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE"

EIGHTY-EIGHT

HASKELL, TEXAS 79521, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1974

NUMBER FORTY-NINE



BETIFUL MULTI-COLORED lights and tinsel decorate the city of Haskell nightly. In addition to the decorations Christmas music is played each day and can be heard throughout the downtown area. Haskell shoppers should enjoy both the music and decorations as they stroll through the friendly Haskell Merchants.

H Awards Program

Haskell County 4-H program was held in the auditorium on November 25, 7:00 p.m. One hundred twenty-six people attended the Covered Dish

Home Management: Cam Klose, Kathy Campbell, Debra Wells and Kiersta Lane. Horse: Glenda Gayle Chapman, James Hopkins, Debbie Morris, Carl Hopkins, Debbie Aycock and Susie Hopkins. Leadership: Kyle Wilfong, Susan Lewis and Bennita Jackson. Public Speaking: Joe Wilfong. Swine: Russ Lewis. Citizenship: Calvin Wilfong and Melissa Roberson. Dress Revue: Carol Dudensing, Sharla Drinnon and Gena Fischer. Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Award: Mark Lewis. Melissa Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Roberson of Haskell was recognized as the Gold Star Girl and Rod Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Townsend of Rochester was recognized as the Gold Star Boy. The program was planned and conducted by the Haskell

County 4-H Council. The program was as follows: Master of Ceremonies-Kyle Wilfong, 4-H Council Chairman; Invocation-Mark Lewis, Rule 4-H Club; Dinner; Welcome-Susan Lewis, 4-H Council Vice-Chairman; Motto and Pledge-Paint Creek 4-H Club; Summary of Accomplishments-4-H Council Officers; Presentation of 4-H Awards-W. R. Hager Jr.; Presentation of Gold Star Awards-Judge B. O. Roberson and Mr. Ray Perry; Presentation of 4-H Adult Leaders Awards-Melissa Roberson and Rod Townsend; Certificates of Recognition-Kyle Wilfong and Susan Lewis; Closing Remarks-Kim Campbell. Following the Presentation of the Gold Star Boy and Girl, Abe Turner, President of the Haskell National Bank presented Melissa Roberson, Gold

Star Girl with a \$25.00 savings account and the Vice President of the Home State Bank in Rochester, Tommy J. Michaels presented Rod Townsend with a \$25.00 savings account. The certificates of Recognition were presented to the following businesses for their support of 4-H Club Work: West Texas Utilities, Haskell National Bank, Haskell County Farm Bureau, Haskell Rotary Club, Home State Bank, Stamford Electric Co-op, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strain, Haskell Livestock Auction, Mr. H. T. Wilkerson, Federal Land Bank, Haskell County Warehouse, Lone Star Gas Company, First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Haskell Co-op Gin, and Haskell Lions Club. The printed certificates were from the Haskell 4-H Council and the printed programs were courtesy of the Haskell County Farm Bureau.

NOV. WEATHER SUMMARY
By Sam Herren

RAINFALL	
2	.03
7	.06
8	.01
9	.08
10	.18
29	.01*
Total for November	.37
Normal for November	1.33
*Snow & Freezing drizzle	
Normal Prec. to date	21.87
Total Prec. to date	20.67
Snowfall	Trace
TEMPERATURE	
Hi	81°
Lo	19°

BAKE SALE
The Haskell High School Spanish I Club will hold a Christmas bake sale December 7, on the square. The sale will begin at 1 p.m.

COTTON CLASSING

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service Office at Munday, Texas, opened on Monday, November 25, 1974, and classed 2,300 samples during the first week of operation. At the same time last year, 43,000 had been classed. Grade 42 accounted for thirty-eight percent of the cotton classed, and grade 52 accounted for twenty-one percent. White grades totaled nineteen percent, with grade 41 at nine percent. Grades 43 and 53 accounted for ten and four percent respectively. The predominant staple

length was 30 with thirty-eight percent, followed by staple 31 with twenty-six percent, and staple 29 with twenty-two percent. Staple 32 and longer accounted for twelve percent of the cotton classed. Mike readings were excellent with ninety-eight percent falling in the 3.5-4.9 range. Just under two percent miked 5.0 or higher. Prices quoted on the Dallas Exchange this week include grade 51 with staple 30 at 30.75 cents per pound, and staple 31 at 32.25 cents; grade 42 with staple 30 at 31.00 cents, and staple 31 at 32.25 cents.

Be In Haskell Saturday

Only seventeen shopping days are left till Christmas, and the Haskell Merchants Christmas Program, which will get underway at 3 p.m. this Saturday on the Courthouse lawn, will give shoppers a chance to stretch their Christmas shopping budget. Stubs from tickets that have been given by Haskell merchants for the past few weeks will be put into a giant hopper, and numbers will be drawn until \$350.00 in cash is given

away to lucky Haskell shoppers. It's Haskell merchants way of saying a big 'Thank You' to the people of this wide trade area, for shopping in their stores. Don't forget to be on hand. Other drawings will be held December 14, 21, and 23. A total of \$1,700.00 in cash will be given away during the four drawings. Each of the programs will start promptly

at 3 p.m. Ol' Santa Claus himself will be in businesses around the square from 2 to 4 p.m. this Saturday taking orders for Christmas and passing out goodies to the youngsters.

Goodfellow Fund

Donations to the Haskell Lions Club Goodfellow have begun to trickle into the Free Press office but are way behind last year's totals. One year ago today the Goodfellow donations totaled almost \$160.00. To date only \$35.50 has been received. Donations from the project are used by the Haskell Lions Club to purchase food and toys for needy families in Haskell so that they might enjoy Christmas in a way that would have not been possible otherwise. All residents who wish to give to the Goodfellow fund are urged to bring their donations to the Free Press office Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pace, Jr. In memory of Stephen Pace \$10.00 Florence Darden 5.00 TOTAL TO DATE \$35.50

Indian Band To Sell 1975 Calendars

The Haskell Indian Band has launched an unusual fund-raising plan-a community birthdate calendar. Kyle Wilfong, President of the band, has been named Chairman of the drive and announced appointment of members who will assist. All profits will be used for Band activities and instruments. The money is raised through the sale of birthday, anniversary, in-memoriam, in-service and meeting date listings; sale of the beautiful three-color lithographed calendars; and sale of advertising space on the calendar. Kyle said he hoped that everybody in the community and area would list their birthdays, anniversaries, etc., and emphasized that surveys show a person will receive about 16 times as many remembrances (cards, gifts, telephone calls, etc.) on their birthday, or anniversary, if it is listed on the calendar than they ordinarily would. He said that many people don't remember their friends and neighbors-even relatives-on these important dates because they do not know the date. The calendar will supply that information. He also pointed out this calendar will probably be more prominently displayed in homes and businesses than all others combined because it is

all 'local'. of, and about, local people. The calendar will contain a large picture of The Indian Band. Also on the calendar will be the meeting dates of civic clubs and other groups. All members of The Indian Band have volunteered to collect the listings, advertising and perform the other tasks to provide the community with these beautiful 'all local' calendars.

PLAY
The Thespian Troupe 2922 will present "Reynard the Fox" by Arthur Fauquez in the H. H. S. Auditorium December 16, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. The play is a comedy in four acts whose theme wittily comments upon the good and the bad in everyone, and the hypocrisy of those who would be the judge of others. Its characterizations of the animals are as subtle and as complex as are real people. Tickets can be bought from any speech student in Haskell High School.

Mailbox Up For Santa Claus Letters

Old Santa's mailbox is up in the Haskell Free Press, and all children are invited to mail their letters to Santa so that they may appear in the issue of Christmas week. Letters will be mailed to the north pole in time for Christmas, and all letters that are delivered to the Free Press will be published in the Christmas Greeting edition.

TASTING DINNER
Rule Young Homemakers will hold a Christmas Tasting Dinner December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rule Homemaking Department. All local ladies are invited to attend and bring a dish of their favorite food.



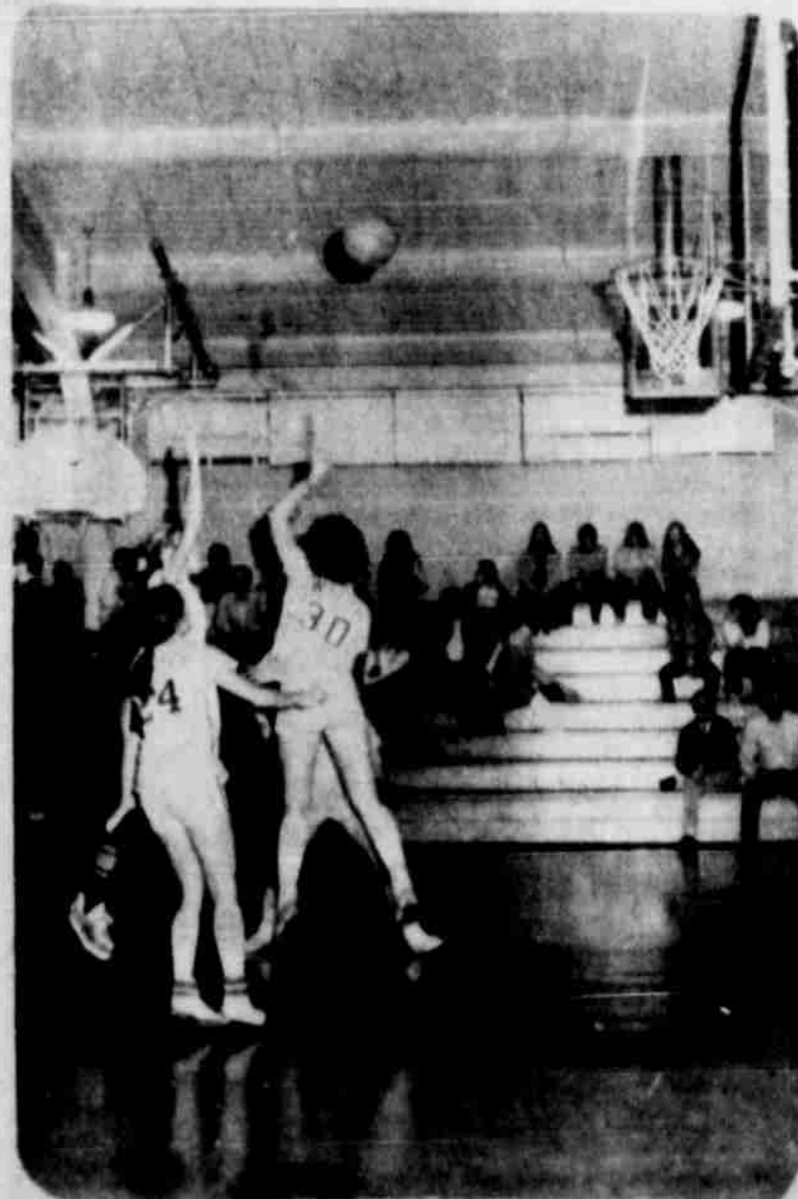
JORDAN puts the ball up for two points against Wylie. Jordan scored 6 points in the contest. Wylie defeated Wylie 67-46. (Staff Photo By Don Comedy)

Weinert Man Killed In Crash

Ruben Rimenez, 22, of Weinert was pronounced dead at the scene following a one-car accident one mile south of Weinert on U. S. Highway 277 November 28. According to Texas Highway Patrolman Larry Gilbreath who investigated the accident, Jimenez was traveling north on 277 when his 1966 Ford left the road on the right-hand side and struck a bridge abutment. The accident occurred at approximately 5:30 a.m.

Jimenez was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace H. M. Biedsoe. Funeral services for Ruben Jimenez, 22, of Weinert were held November 30, 1974, at Calvary Baptist Mission Church with Rev. Larry Ortega, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Born April 13, 1953, in Stockdale, he had lived in Weinert since 1958. He

attended Weinert Schools, graduating in 1972. He was employed as a mechanic by Jackson Oil Field Construction Co. He was a member of Mission Baptist Church. Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jimenez of Haskell; four brothers, Gilbert Jr., Nick, Frank, all of Haskell, and Mark Arthur of Weinert; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Frances Jimenez of Stockdale; maternal grandfather, John Trevino of Abilene.



EAREN CROFT, leading scorer for the Haskell Maidens, Tuesday night attempts a field goal. She scored a total of 24 points in the Maidens defeat by Wylie. (Staff Photo By Don Comedy)

Leisure Lodge News

Grand Central Station was the way Leisure Lodge looked over the holidays with people coming and going. The Residents who did not go out on Thursday enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings along with pumpkin pie.

Mrs. Dewie Wester spent Thursday with her parents in Olney. Her daughter, Mrs. Jo Fry and son, Billy K. met her there. They also celebrated her father's birthday, Mr. H. F. Weatherbee.

Mrs. Wilma Whistler, of Eldorado, Arkansas, and Mrs. Eva Hensley of Long Beach, Calif., visited with Mrs. Etta Crosson, Mrs. Trudie Bush, and Mrs. Carrie Edwards, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones of Houston visited with their mothers; Mrs. Maude Jones and Mrs. Bessie Hutchens over the holidays.

Mrs. Willie Starr of Odessa and her daughter Betty, visited her aunt, Mrs. Bessie Hutchens and a friend, Carrie Edwards on Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Edwards attended the Homecoming at the Assembly of God, recently. Lunch and fellowship and visiting was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Ulrich ate lunch at the home of her daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Moore on Thursday. Her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Moore and son of Arlington visited with her also.

Mrs. Leola Hicks went to Rochester to be with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hicks and grandson, Randy Hines of Stephenville, and sister, Mrs. Joe Averett of Knox City, on Thursday.

Pat Weaver went to his daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John

H. Smith Jr., Thursday. His grandchildren, Jack of Stephenville, and Jane, Daryl, and Dan also visited with him.

Mrs. Carrie Edwards ate lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane, and supper with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pickering on Thursday.

Visiting Pat Weaver on Sat. were Albert Lyman of Breckenridge and Willie Shannon of Throckmorton.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flint during the holidays were; Mr. and Mrs. Bill M. Gamble, Britt, Reed and Teal of Tulsa, Okla., Robert Earl Speer of Boulder, Colorado, and a brother, Mr. Archie Jean of Abilene.

We want to thank the ladies of First Baptist Church, Rochester, for their lovely gifts they gave for the Bingo party last week. Helping to sponsor were Adelaide Hicks, John Hicks, and Mrs. Ermine Mullino.

We thank the T.E.L. Class of First Baptist, Rule, for bringing a devotion on Wednesday and presenting the Home with a beautiful Pointsettia. We will enjoy it all through out the days ahead.

The Sunday Services were brought by the Church of Christ of Rule, by John Greeson, and Four Square, Weinert, by Roy Herricks. The ladies of the First Baptist gave the devotion on Tuesday. Thanks, we always enjoy the services.

Visiting Mrs. Easter Mullis, recently were her brother, Austin Evans and wife, Adell of Abilene, a daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Kevill and husband of Arlington, a nephew, Wilson Mullis and his grandson of Fort Worth, friends, Mrs. Ella Mosley and Neva Eppley of Rochester.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Von

Cobb and Mrs. Norma Baker over the holidays were, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lattimer and Ann of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Robert Aday and son, John L. and Janie of Waxahie, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cobb of Stamford.

Mrs. Norma Baker went out to eat with Mrs. E. J. Stewart on Thursday. Mr. Stewart was in the hospital.

Mrs. Francis Tibbets ate lunch with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Tibbets on Thursday. Mrs. Tibbets brought a plate of food to her roommate, Mrs. Fannie Gambill.

Mrs. Norman Howell and Mrs. Jeff Fletcher from Temple visited with their mother, Mrs. Mary Collins over the holidays. Other visitors were, a daughter and family from Breckenridge, a grandson and family from Throckmorton, a great grand daughter and family from Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strickland and baby, a great great-grandson.

Mrs. Della Cox went to Dallas with her son, Jay Cox of Odessa, to visit her daughters, Mrs. Alice Byrd and Mrs. Helen Coleman.

Mrs. Myrtle Trussel and Emmie spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Trussel in Rule on Thursday.

LUNCH MENUS December 9-13

MONDAY

Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles & onions
Pork and beans
French fries, catsup
Cake with orange frosting
Milk

TUESDAY

Pizza
Buttered corn
Cabbage Slaw
Chilled fruit cup
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Tamales
Red beans
Seasoned spinach
Carrot sticks
Cornbread, butter
Peach halves
Milk

THURSDAY

Porcupine meatballs
Seasoned Green Beans
Pineapple cheese salad
Hot rolls, butter
Banana pudding
Milk

FRIDAY

Meat Loaf
Mashed potatoes
Blackeyed peas
Combination salad
Hot rolls, butter
Chocolate pudding
Milk

GED Test Set Dec. 12 In Rule

General Educational Development Tests will be given in Rule High School Auditorium Thursday, December 12th, at 8:00 a.m.

Five tests will be given in English, Literature, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics. If a person passes these five tests, the Texas Education Agency will issue a High School Equivalency Diploma. This diploma meets the educational requirement for employment as well as partial requirement for College entrance or job training schools.

A fee of \$15 is charged for all five tests and it takes about two hours for each test. A person must be eighteen (or at least 17 years old) and has been out of school one full calendar year. If a person is seventeen when the tests are taken the diploma will not be issued until the person is eighteen.

For additional information call the superintendent office at Rule.

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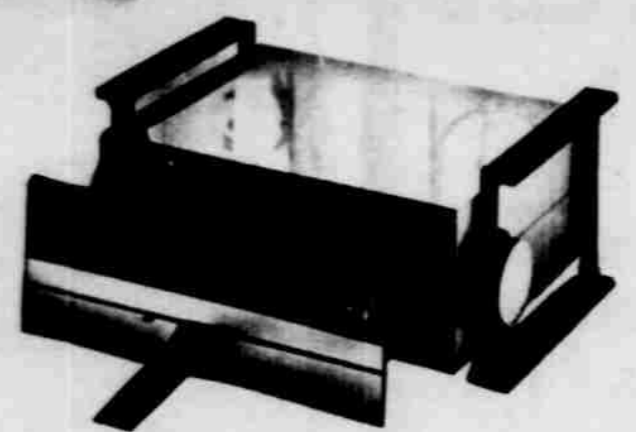
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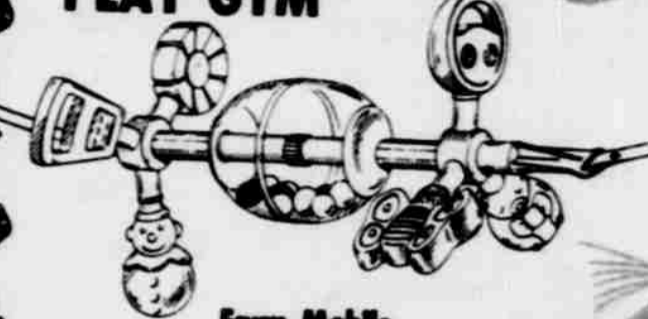
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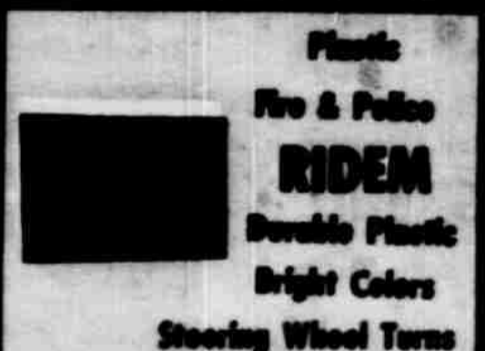
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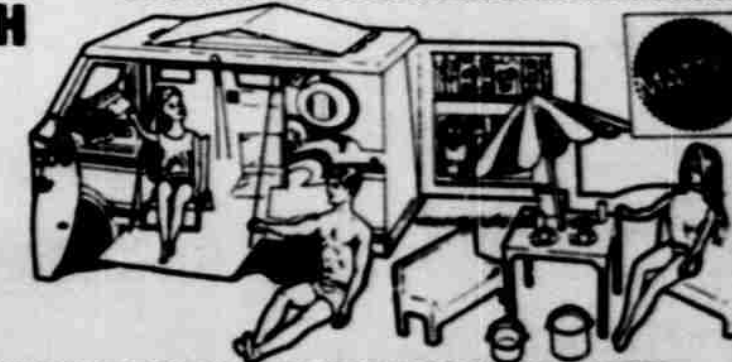
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BOUNCING BALL

The Rule Bobcats were host to the Haskell Indians in basketball play last Tuesday night, Nov. 26 and won two out of three. The A team girls won 54-35 and the B team girls won 55-34 and the A team boys lost by two points 45-47. The boys had just completed football play the previous Friday night and made a very good showing with just two

days of practice. The Bobcats will have hosted Rochester Tuesday night, will play at Goree tonight, Thur., Dec. 5, and are entered in the Stamford Tournament Friday and Saturday. Next Tuesday night, Dec. 10, they will host Paint Creek in Connor Horton Gym.

U.M.W.

Mrs. A. D. May was guest speaker for the United Methodist Women at their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon held on Tuesday, November 26, in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

President of the U.M.W., Mrs. R. O. Henry, welcomed guests and turned the program over to Mrs. J. N. Cornelius, program chairman for the day. Mrs. Cornelius introduced Mrs. May, who told of her sixteen days trip taken to Europe with twenty-two ladies of the W.M.U. from all over Texas. Tour director was Eula Mae Henderson, Texas W.M.U. executive-secretary.

Leaving the latter part of September the group toured and visited missions in Lisbon, Portugal; London and Environs, England; Vienne and Salzburg, Austria; Lucerne, Interlaken, Chateau D'Oex, Switzerland; for sixteen days. Mrs. May showed slides and commented on them. She was amazed at the greenness of the grass and the beautiful flowers even though the weather was quite chilly. All viewing the slides were impressed with the beauty of the countries shown.

Following the program, prayer was led by Mrs. Boyd Baird and the group enjoyed a salad luncheon. Hostesses for the meeting was Mrs. H. H. Hines and Mrs. R. O. Henry.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hisey announce the arrival of their daughter, Angela Lynn, born November 26, at 11:59 a.m. in the Stamford Memorial Hospital in Stamford. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Webb of Rule and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hisey of Rule.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Eva Hisey of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. John Kuentler of Paint Creek, Mrs. John Dunn of Rule and Mr. R. B. Webb of Buckeye, Arizona.

OBITUARY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mike Moore of Roswell, N.M., were held December 2, in Roswell. Mrs. Moore was here visiting her brothers, A. W. Pierce of Old Glory and Jim Pierce of Rule, when she suffered a fatal heart attack, November 26, and died at 4 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial

Hospital in Haskell. Mrs. Moore, at one time, lived in Rule.

Survivors include her husband and two sons, Junior Bristow and Jim Bristow of Artesia, New Mexico; two brothers, A. W. Pierce of Old Glory and Jim Pierce of Rule.

Attending the services Monday was Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pierce and Don Pierce of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Pierce and A. W. Pierce of Old Glory and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Kermit.

Valley Mills which defeated Rule in Bi-District play, was defeated in quarter final play Thanksgiving Day by Saline, 49-6.

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College News

One West Texas State University junior from Haskell and one from Rochester were part of the 112 initiated into Alpha Chi, the National College Honor Scholarship Society.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character and to honor those achieving such distinction.

Its name derives from the initial letters of the Greek words "Aletheia" and "Charakter" which mean truth and character. The basis of this society is accomplishment rather than participation, and it admits students from all academic disciplines.

The WTSU chapter sponsor, Dr. Wendall Cain, professor of speech, is a member of the Alpha Chi National Council.

The initiate from Haskell is Miss Denise Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darold

Roberson. The initiate from Rochester is Miss Rebekah Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Smith.

LUBBOCK, Nov. 22, 1974--Thirty-nine Texas Tech University Students have been selected for the 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Among them is: Eddie Harris, Senior, PreMed Major from Haskell.

Candidates are nominated by a committee of students. "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" is a biographical volume which provides a tribute to the leaders of the current college generation.

Texas Tech University, with an enrollment of approximately 22,000 students, is one of the state's multi-purpose universities. It is composed of the colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration,

Education, Engineering and Home Economics, and the Graduate School and the School of Law.

Men In Service

Nov. 21--Navy Dental Technician Third Class Leo A. Sanchez, whose wife Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Silba of Rochester, Tex., recently participated in a dental field exercise at the Marine Corps Base, Camp

Lejeune, N. C. During the one-week exercise, he conducted routine dental examinations and performed necessary work on personnel engaged in field activities.

Sanchez serves with the 22nd Dental Company at Camp Lejeune. A 1972 graduate of Haskell High School, Haskell, Tex., he joined the Navy in May 1972.

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Elizabeth Cathey and Robert Maxson were united in marriage November 29, at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas with the Rev. Frank Warden, pastor officiating.

Miss Cathey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cathey. The bridegroom's parents are Mrs. Mary Edith Maxson and Mr. Lowell V. Maxson of Dallas.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a traditional length formal white gown with lace bodice, long full lace sleeves, and a high neckline. Lace appliques were scattered over the organza A-line skirt. The waltz train was fastened to the gown just below the shoulder. It extended to Chapel length, and was enhanced by a wide lace panel running the length of it. The hemline and bottom of the train was encircled with a band of lace. Her headpiece was a crown of lace to which was attached layers of elbow length bridal illusion. The bridal bouquet of white gardenias cascaded with stephanotis was held on the bride's white Bible.

Serving the bride as Matron of Honor was Mrs. Kin Lowe. Miss Margaret Rohde was bridesmaid. Kerri Coker of Houston was flower girl and Britt Gordon was ring bearer.

Attendants wore gowns of formal length in the bride's chosen colors of cranberry polyester crepe trimmed with miniature pink rosebuds. Each carried a nosegay of deep cranberry miniature rosebuds encircled with pink carnations. The flower girl wore a formal length gown of baby pink trimmed with heavy white lace and carried a small basket of pink carnations and baby's breath.

Mr. Ken Stuteville of Howe served as best man and Mr. James R. Denny of Dallas was groomsman. Ushers were Mr. C. E. "Red" Orr, Mr. Paul Maxson, and Mr. Tony Reifel. Mr. John Erickson was organist and Mrs. Frank

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGee will observe their 50th anniversary Sunday, December 8, with an open house in their home at 409 Ave. A, Knox City. Friends Welcomed.

Hosting the event will be their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garvey and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mayfield, both of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Simpson of Tempe, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Davis of Hurst. Mr. and Mrs. Jim May of Arlington. Judy Simpson of Los Angeles, California. Randy and Ricky Mayfield of Fort Worth. Ruth Simpson of Tempe, Arizona, and Reid Brown, stationed with the U. S. Navy in San Diego, California.

Lena Harrison and J. C. McGee were married December 9, 1924, in the home of her late parents. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison in the Gillespie community. J. C. was engaged in farming and he and Lena moved to a farm west of Knox City near Union Grove. They continued to farm but moved to town in 1956. In 1969 they purchased their present home.

J. C. still continued to farm in addition to his monument business.

J. C. and Lena are active members of The First United Methodist Church where J. C. has served as District Steward and member of the Board of Trustees. He also takes an active role in both Orient Lodge AF&AM #905 where he has served as secretary for all three branches for the past 25 years, and in Eastern Star where he is serving as Worthy Patron, an office he has held many times over the years. J. C. is also a member of the Scottish Rite in Lubbock and the Shriners in Wichita Falls as well as the Knox City Lions Club.

Lena is currently serving as secretary and Past Matron of the Eastern Star. She is also past and present president of the Knox City Study Club and an officer in the Mesquite District of Federated Clubs. She is also a past president of the Knox City Garden Club.

Born in Venus, Texas, in 1904, J. C. moved to Knox City when he was three years old. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGee.

Lena was born in Haskell County near Rule in 1908.

The house party will include Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrison of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stinson of Paducah.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Denson Jr., of Rule, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deborah Kay, to Jody Givens Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Edwards Jr., of Tahoka.

Miss Denson is a graduate of Rule High School and attended Texas Tech at Lubbock. She is presently employed at G. E. Credit Corporation at Lubbock.

Edwards is a graduate of Tahoka High School and received a B.B.S. from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He is self employed in farming at Tahoka.

The couple will exchange marriage vows January 18, at 3 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Rule.

Homemakers Hold Meeting

The Haskell Young Homemakers met in regular monthly meeting on November 12. The program for the month was brought by Becky Baker, Home Economics teacher at Rule on items that can be made for the home and many different occasions.

After the program there was an auction held of things made, bought, or baked by the Young Homemakers.

There were reports on the salad luncheon served to the PTA workshop and also the luncheon served to the Nurses Seminar held November 9, in

Miss Caddell Feated With Gift

A gift tea honoring Lorenia Cadell, bride elect of Joe Denson, was held Saturday afternoon in the Weinert Community Center.

The decorations carried out the honoree's chosen colors of pink and burgundy.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Ted Jetton, Miss Caddell and her mother. Her sister, Mrs. Joan Hurst of Abilene registered guests at a table laid with white and centered with the brides book and a crystal bud vase holding a pink carnation. Karen Kavenger of Dallas assisted with the registration.

Mrs. Bill Hester and Mrs. Danny Isbell served white cake squares decorated with burgundy and pink punch. The table was centered with pink carnations, appointments were crystal and silver.

Brazos West Sets Meet

The Brazos West Art Association will meet December 9, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Haskell National Bank.

Guest speaker at the meet-

Haskell.

There were about 20 present including 2 visitors. The Christmas party will be held December 12 in the home of Bettye McBroom.

ing will be John Rigby Crump, renowned artist and teacher from Anson. He owns the Station Art Gallery in Anson and deals in oils, acrylics, and water color. His presentation to the club will include a demonstration in oils. Crump, who has studied art extensively, recently returned from New York City where he studied. He is interested in starting art lessons in this area. Interested persons are asked to attend the meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Speer and Mrs. W. P. McCollum.

Christmas Party

The Fidelis Class of First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party December 2, in the Adult III

Department. Opal Nanny, dent. extended and May Belle teacher, gave prayer. Ladies sang "Silent Night" and "Ash." Mrs. T. E. ... was introduced speaker. She ... Two From ... review, ... served by the ... consisting of ... Cora ... Frierson. Tables were white cloths and different types of trees. Individual marked for favor bearing ... program. The group ... Lord's Prayer ... closing.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nislar of Lubbock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Niki, to John Ratliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ratliff of Haskell.

The couple will be married on Dec. 28 in Trinity Church, Lubbock.

Warden was soloist. A reception was held at Great Hall, Highland Park United Methodist Church following the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Murray, Okla., the couple will reside at 6450 Merry Meadow #110, Dallas, Texas 75231.

The bride is a graduate of North Texas State University, attended Texas Tech and received a graduate degree from Indiana University.

The groom attended El Centro in Dallas.

The groom is employed by First Texas Pharmaceutical in Dallas, and the bride is employed by Mesquite Independent School District.

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Days of compensating for lost fertility are long. I believe that a fertilized high residue producing crop, such as corn, wheat and others which will return residues to the soil helps to reduce the loss of nutrients. Soils tests which indicate the amounts of nutrients—nitrogen, phosphates and potash—are recommended. Care should be taken to see that both cut and whole are sampled separately, and fertilizer added accordingly.

Strict Land Judging Contests

California Creek and Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation Districts will sponsor their annual land judging contest in 1975. These contests are scheduled tentatively as follows:

Contests are open to all boys and girls in 4-H Clubs and in the two districts. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs and Paint Creek are eligible to enter the SWCD contest which is held annually in the two districts. Chapters and 4-H Clubs at Rochester, O'Brien and Abilene are eligible to enter the Wichita-Brazos SWCD contest which will be held in Munday this coming year. The contests are held on the 4-H Club Leaders who expect to enter any contests should start preparation soon. The exact date and place of each contest will be announced in this column as they have been set.

Land judging is perhaps more relevant today than it was 30 years ago when the first contests were organized. It is a good way for young people to make wiser use of our greatest resource—land. In judging land today, we ask the judge to evaluate the land and decide the best use for it or what treatments are needed. In just a few minutes the judge is able to assess such things as soil texture, soil color, slope, the land's susceptibility to erosion, and soil erosion control. In addition to judging soil texture, international contests, students are expected to judge the suitability for foundations, septic system, lawns and gardens, sidewalks and driveways. Judging is not called for on state and local levels, but it should be familiar with them because we never know when they will be added to our state, regional and local contests.

At the time to start preparation for our March land judging contests. Last year, March, 1974, Haskell FFA Chapter placed in the California Creek SWCD's contest and won the high point land judge.

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Rice Springs News

Old man winter arrived on the scene and boy is it cold outside. We are all nice and warm inside Rice Springs. Thanksgiving is over and many had nice visits with their families. Now everything is beginning to look yes, a lot like Christmas. Our one and only Florence Henderson is working around the clock with all the yule tide gaily. The decorations are beautiful and we invite you to come out during the season to visit and see our home.

Ola Isbell's most recent visitors have included: Judy and Jason Berry of Abilene; Randal, Linda and Michael Isbell from Stratford, Missouri; and daughter, Betty and husband, John Bednarz of Denver City. From Houston came Joe Isbell and wife. Also visiting was Bobby Segoe, a Guidance Counselor in the Mesquite schools; and Jim, Sharon, and Cindy Isbell from Keller, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Speer and grandson Dwayne Speer, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Scott and granddaughter Susan Kirham visited Matt Keathley.

Visiting Mrs. Ada Brother was her granddaughter Mrs. Jimmy Sisk of Levelland, Gerald and Breda Brother of Borger. They took Mrs. Brother to Rule for Thanksgiving supper.

Dorothy and J. C. Haliburton of Rochester, granddaughter Carolyn and three grandchildren visited Mrs. Willie Rose.

Charles and Larue Abernathy and George and Nancy of Aspermont visited Mrs. Abernathy.

Jewell Havaron of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vojkufka of Weirter, Frank Vojkufka, Lubbock and Mrs. Annie Mayer of Harold, Texas visited Mrs. Anna Vojkufka.

MaeBelle Turnbow went to Abilene and all the children and relatives had supper with Leroy and Anita Leggett.

Martha Collins went to Edna Fouts and ate Thanksgiving dinner with her and Faye Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis and Kathy of Richardson and Mrs. Grady Brown and Cheryl and Janette of Amarillo visited Martha.

Mattie Gipson had a visit from her grandson, James Franklin of Dallas.

Harold and wife, June Walton from Clyde went to eat dinner with Glenn and family of Paint Creek, taking H. E. Walton with them.

Eva McMillin had a visit from her granddaughter, Glenda, and her daughter, Stacy of Austin. A niece, Valley and Clay Kimbrough of Ralls came by also.

Grandson George Martin and family of Amarillo came to visit Connie Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Baily Franklin of Arlington, son, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Vanderworth of Houston, son, O. D. Vanderworth of Arizona, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rueffer of Weirter, grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Vanderworth and son of Wichita Falls visited Oscar Vanderworth.

Mr. Willie Goad had a visit from his granddaughter and her two children of Tulsa, Okla. and Mrs. Gerald Davis and children of Bay City.

The Klumps visitors were Opal and Baily Franklin of Antlers, Okla., Phyllis Letz of Old Glory, Hazel Letz of Old Glory, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tabb and Robert of Deer Park, Pete and Lavern Ellis of Arlington.

J. L. Toliver and wife came by to see Stella Josselett.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Robertson of Brownwood

came and took Pinkie Robertson on a treat to Stamford to eat fish. They also went out to her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gipson's for dinner.

Cleo Mondy ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Allie Karr. She had a very nice time.

Mrs. Earl Roberts ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Burson Jr. There were a lot of friends and relatives there for Thanksgiving. She visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Roberts and her grandson, Eddie and wife of Duncan, Okla.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Manly Branch were their granddaughter and family from Escondido, Calif. John C. Smith and his wife, Carol and children, Kim, Trey, Kyle Manly and Malinda.

Brief visitors of the Manley Branches were Mrs. Velma Taylor, her son, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ray Taylor and children, Terri and Fritz from Wichita Falls. Also a niece, Mrs. Dessie Cox of Seymour dropped by for a short visit.

Visiting Charity Bradley

were Ima Lee Smith, Mrs. Jake Wheeler, Mrs. Carl Baugh, Johnnie McCain and Mary Place, all of Rule. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sessions of Oklahoma City visited with her and their mother, Mrs. Ethel Rose. Paulene Williams of Rule also visited.

HOSPITAL NOTES
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MEDICAL: Barbara W. Williams, Rule; Hattie M. Michalek, Rochester; Ima L. Medford, Haskell; Howard Brass, Rule; Lelia Nanny, Haskell; Suzanne Pollard, San Angelo; Bessie Strickland, Rochester; Willie Petrich, Haskell; Emma Banner, Haskell; Juana Tuggle, Munday; Manuel Villa, Haskell; Ola Mae Smith, Goree.

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THE SCIENTISTS TELL ME ...

By Robert L. Haney, Science Writer
The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Grade Changes Should Show True Beef Quality

Tenderness is the quality most consumers look for in beef. Yet the present beef grading system does not accurately reflect this quality. It is time for a change in the system, according to many people in the meat industry.

Researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have proved that the present system does not accurately identify quality factors associated with ultimate eating satisfaction of consumers. Consequently the system not only is unsatisfactory but is frequently unfair to producer, feeder, processor, retailer and consumer.

Early research work discredited the belief that fatness was closely associated with tenderness in meat. Later research has proved that marbling (fat distributed in the lean), the primary criterion of the present USDA Beef Quality Grading system, has at best a very low positive correlation with tenderness, and tenderness is the dominant attribute considered by consumers in rating palatability of beef steaks and roasts, according to Dr. Zerle Carpenter, one of the Experiment Station scientists engaged in meat research.

Maturity is another criterion included in the grading system that Carpenter believes is not accurate. Meatpacking groups agree and point out that improved breeding and feeding practices involved in beef production have resulted in the marketing of more young finished cattle. To these the maturity consideration doesn't apply.

Furthermore, present grading standards encourage the feeder to produce an animal that is too fat. In fact, he is penalized if he doesn't produce such an animal, and those last few pounds the animal puts on to make grade are usually the most expensive gains he makes. But the meatpacker doesn't really want overfat animals nor does the retailer. And consumers have shown repeatedly that they don't want fat beef.

The present beef grading system does not encourage the production of the right kind of beef and it is unable to reward production of the kind of beef the consumer actually wants.

What kind is that? It's a well-finished, tender beef that's juicy, nutritious and tasty.

Experiment Station researchers are looking into what constitutes desired quality in beef, better ways to produce quality, and easy ways to identify it. Such information should provide a sound basis for decisions on grading changes.

"For example, discovery

that relaxed muscle fibers are more tender than contracted ones led to a practical application through a new system of suspending sides of beef from the pelvic bone, following slaughter. This produces more tender steaks and roasts from the loin, rib and round and is known worldwide as the Texas A&M Tenderstretch Method," Carpenter says. Degree of tenderness is improved about 40%.

Dr. Thayne Dutton, Dr. Gary Smith, and Professor Robert Hostetler are other Experiment Station scientists who have done much research on different characteristics of muscle tissue. They found that beef will be tenderer if it is not chilled immediately after slaughter. Instead, carcasses kept at about 60°F for 6 to 8 hours after slaughter and then chilled produce tenderer beef. If meat can be identified during processing as potentially tough, then it can be tenderized, according to Carpenter and his associates.

In addition to Tenderstretch and delayed chill, there are mechanical tenderizers as well as those using enzymes (naturally occurring or of plant origin).

"Aging meat is a way to tenderize it with naturally occurring enzymes. Eight to 14 days is the optimal time to age it," Carpenter says.

"We feel the industry should take advantage of one additional way to get this desired quality. We should put to work the trait of heritable tenderness discovered by Experiment Station scientists Dr. O. D. Butler and Dr. T. C. Cartwright. They proved tenderness definitely can be transmitted from beef parent to offspring. If we would offer incentives to the producer and identify tenderness-less tender beef and pay for the characteristic, then we would have increased interest in producing tender beef. We know this can be done, but we'll have to revise the system to take advantage of it.

"In summary," Carpenter said, "we must develop new methods for identifying carcasses according to expected palatability. Because the grading system is important to the livestock industry and the consuming public, TAES scientists have accepted the challenge of developing an improved system and consequently have implemented a series of high priority studies intended to provide a new beef grading system. Some minor changes in the USDA grading system have been proposed recently; TAES research generally supports these changes. However, major modifications are needed but must be based upon sound

research evidence. Then, those who produce and market the kind of beef desired by the consumers will be recognized and rewarded for their efforts."

[Editor's Note—Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77834.

VA News

More than one million dollars in back pay is awaiting nearly 60,000 Army reservists and National Guardsmen who cannot be reached by the Department of the Army, according to C. H. Herren, Veterans Service Officer for Haskell County.

This back pay is the result of an increase in military pay which was to be effective on October 1, 1972. The increase was not paid because of the President's wage and price freeze which went into force on August 15, 1972. A recent court decision ruled that the withheld pay increase be paid to each reservist and guardsman who was a member and entitled to pay during the months of October, November and December, 1972.

U. S. Army officials report that the former reservists and guardsmen earned the money for drills and training attended during the October 1 through

December 31, 1972 period. The records show that only about 1,000 of those eligible have applied for their back pay.

The payments range from \$16 to \$240, depending upon rank and pay grade, and Army officials want to mail the checks for back pay before Christmas. Former reservists and guardsmen who trained during that 1972 period can write to the Army area in which their old unit is located: Commander, First U. S. Army, attn: AFKA-PA-R, Meade, Md. 29755

Commander, Fifth U. S. Army, attn: AFKA-PA-R, Ft. Sam Houston, Tx. 78234
Commander, Sixth U. S. Army, attn: AFKA-PA-R, Presidio of San Francisco, Ca. 94152

If a reservist or guardsman has retired, been discharged, or has died since the 1972 period, claims from the former member or his survivors should be addressed to:

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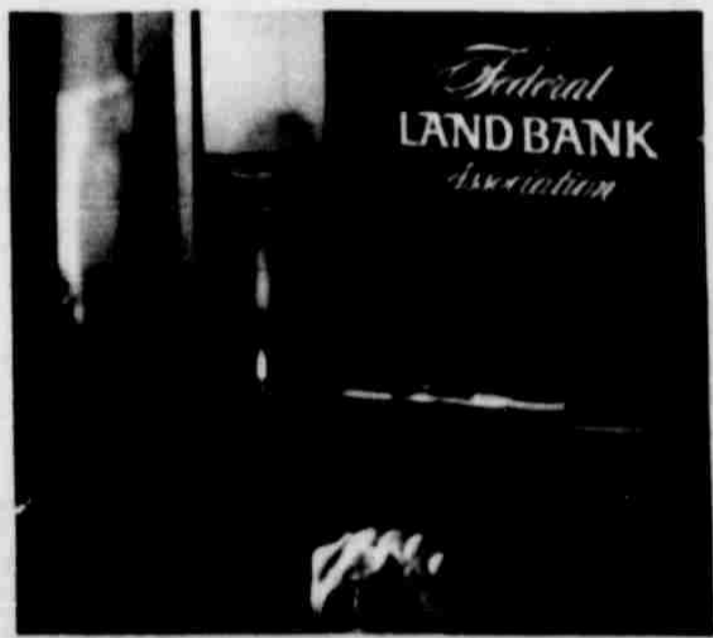
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Mercury Capsule At Pate Museum

Mercury 10 is at the Pate Museum of Transportation. This capsule because of its unflown status is the first U. S. Flight Program. Alan B. Shepard was the first in space in the Mercury flight of May 5, 1961. Shepard flew a flight, followed by earth orbital flight John H. Scott, and then each flew orbital flights. The availability of the astronauts' flight data is being made available to the public. The Mercury capsule is a full-scale mock-up model of "Friendship 7-1", which is the same size as Mercury 10. Inside of the mock-up is a dummy astronaut representing Alan Shepard who flew the Friendship 7-1 flight. By comparing the two capsules it is easy to see how crowded it was in the spacecraft as it orbited around the earth 100 miles high at 5 miles per second, with the astronaut riding backward and looking slightly down and toward where he had been. It is all very interesting to look at

A light has been installed in the capsule so visitors to the Pate Museum can see the interior of the capsule. In front of the pilot is his main instrument panel. On the console to the left, as well as in the center, are the navigational and control instruments. The pilot also had his optical viewer for his periscope (which protruded from the capsule in orbit) in the center.

On the right section of the main panel can be seen the environmental system gauges and controls, a battery of electrical switches, instrument dials and meters, and an elaborate radio communications system. Altogether, the capsule has well over 100 lights, fuses, switches and varying controls and display facilities. Squeezed neatly beneath the panel and control system is the astronaut's couch in "flight position". It is made of crushable honeycomb material bonded to a fiber-glass shell. This is lined with rubber padding. Around the couch is a restraint system: a shoulder and a chest strap, leg straps, crotch strap, lap belt and toe guards.

Set up next to the exhibit of Mercury 10 is a full-scale mock-up model of "Friendship 7-1", which is the same size as Mercury 10. Inside of the mock-up is a dummy astronaut representing Alan Shepard who flew the Friendship 7-1 flight. By comparing the two capsules it is easy to see how crowded it was in the spacecraft as it orbited around the earth 100 miles high at 5 miles per second, with the astronaut riding backward and looking slightly down and toward where he had been. It is all very interesting to look at

in the Museum, but to fly it must have been a very awesome experience.

Besides this exciting and educational Spacecraft exhibit, other inspiring exhibits at the Pate Museum of Transportation include an antique private railcar, a fine collection of antique, classic and special interest automobiles, many aircraft, an Army tank, a Navy minesweeper boat and many other interesting exhibits.

The Pate Museum of Transportation is located on US Highway 377 between Fort Worth and Cresson. It is open free to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except on Monday.

program chairman for the meeting, spoke to club members on the budget of the County of Haskell. Roberson, who is Haskell County Judge, explained how county taxes are levied and what tax dollars are used for. He also explained in detail the General Revenue Sharing Program and told how Haskell County has benefited from it.

Guests at the meeting were introduced as Herman Fox, guest of Royce Adkins, Ferrel Costen, guest of Dr. Cadenhead, and Kirk, guest of his father, Doyle High.

Tea Fetes Miss Nanny

Brenda Kay Nanny, bride elect of Jerry C. Cannon, was honored with a tea in the Bill Lane home, November 29, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Howard Perry, Miss Nanny, Mrs. Don Nanny and Mrs. Cannon.

The guests were served from a table with silver appointments. The centerpiece was an antique silver epergne on a mirrored base decorated with pink carnations and raspberry chrysanthemums. Mrs. Bobby Watson and Mrs. Fred Whitney served red applejack ice punch from a silver punch bowl. Sandwiches, nuts and cookies were also served.

Hostesses were Mesdames Howard Perry, Bill Reeves, John Darnell, Alex Swenn, Bobby Watson and Bill Lane.

County Judge Addresses Lions Club

The regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Haskell Lions Club was held Tuesday at the Haskell Steak House with Lion President Doyle High presiding. Prayer was given by John Wayne McDermott. Lion Darold Roberson led the song session accompanied by Jo Overton at the piano.

During a short business session Secretary O. W. Tooley reported that the club had received a net of \$562.83 on the recently held pancake supper. The money will be used for the Goodfellow Fund sponsored annually by the club.

Lion B. O. Roberson,

4-H NEWS MEN IN SERVICE

There will be a County wide 4-H Club Meeting on Friday, Dec. 6th at 4:15 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Courthouse according to County Extension Agents, Barbara Elliott and Max Stapleton.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a state-wide magazine sales campaign.

Nov. 22--Marine Sgt. Santos Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justo G. Rodriguez of 706 S. Eighth St., and husband of the former Miss Janie Gonzales of 304 S. Ave. "F", all of Haskell, Tex., was promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

A 1970 graduate of Haskell High School, he joined the

Marine Corps in December 1971.

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most cottonfields subject to erosion. Most large fields that are likely to blow need strips of sorghum or other wind-resistant crops. More sorghums and other wind-resistant crops should be grown in rotation with wheat and cotton crops. But the crop rotations need to be flexible and adjusted to seasonal variations of moisture. Most farms need more feed crops to relieve grazing pressure on grasslands, growing wheat, and sorghum stubble.

All the people who farm or ranch in the Great Plains must adopt good land use and soil and water conservation practices and plan for recurring droughts if this region is to have a permanent and profitable agriculture. The alternative is bigger and worse "dust bowls" with each succeeding drought. And there will be more droughts, because drought is a normal feature of the climate in this region.

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Drought is an important factor in causing wind erosion and dust storms. But drought alone does not cause severe wind erosion. Soil blowing occurs only when high winds come in contact with loose, unprotected soil. Fields that are well protected with vegetation will not blow severely regardless of how dry it gets, except when nearby blowing fields ruin the protective vegetation.

When wind erosion once starts it tends to spread from field to field and farm to farm. The wind carries loose soil particles across field and farm boundaries. Where a soil particle strikes bare ground it blasts loose other particles which, in turn, are swept across the ground surface and cause still further erosion. The blowing soil particles may cut off tender, growing plants at the ground surface. Or they may cover both growing and dead vegetation with drifts and hummocks of dust or sand. When the growing plants are cut off, the soil is likely to blow with the next high wind. Likewise, a field covered with drifts or hummocks of loose soil will probably blow seriously during the next windstorm. If high winds come frequently for several weeks or months, the soil blowing that started from a few fields may spread over an entire community.

The conservation programs worked out by farmers and ranchers with the aid of the Soil Conservation Service, State agricultural colleges, and other agencies proved effective in controlling wind erosion in the Dust Bowl of the thirties. With a few modifications, the same measures are still advocated.

The long-range conservation programs and emergency measures vary from area to area and district to district, depending on such factors as the capability of the land and the type of farming. Even within one district, they may vary. The basic principles for these programs are the same, however, for all land in the Great Plains that is subject to wind erosion.

Any long-range conservation program must provide for using each acre within its capability and for treating it according to its needs for protection and improvement. To carry out this program on the Plains, considerable change in land use must be made in some areas and better soil management practices adopted.

Practices successfully used to control wind erosion on dryland cultivated soils include stubble mulching and minimum tillage, herbicides, cover crops, stripcropping, crop rotations, wind barriers and shelterbelts, hauled-in mulches, and emergency tillage.

Tillage methods and cropping systems should be changed on many farms to reduce wind-erosion hazards. And better water-conservation practices are needed on many farms.

Stubble mulching and other tillage methods that leave crop residues on or near the ground surface should be used on all cultivated fields. Crop residues on the ground surface help protect the soil from the force of high winds. They also improve soil structure, which allows water to soak into the soil more readily.

Winter cover crops or cotton bur mulches are needed on

Around Town

By LOIS REDWINE

Mrs. Margarite Jordan, San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. John L. McCollum of Hideaway Lake are visiting Mrs. N. I. McCollum and Nettie.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Abeldt spent Thanksgiving in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Abeldt, Jeff, Ford and Monica.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hagdon of Indianapolis, Ind. have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkerson.

Lois Redwine, Mrs. Vern Foreman, Lucy and Monica Nanny spent Wednesday night in Breckenridge with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Head, then spent Thanksgiving in Wayland with the Foreman and Lauderdale families.

Visiting in the John Darnell home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John Darnell, Jr. and Jeff, Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Laird, Denton, Katie Darnell, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Sherrill of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Isbell, Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Don Comedy, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Isbell and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Middlebrook and Bryan have been deer hunting in Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Thels Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watkins, Abilene, spent Saturday with Miss May Belle Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowers had as Thanksgiving visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bowers, Michael and Jon, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowers, Randy and Jami, Mrs. Bob Hardaway and Lori from Denton.

Mrs. John L. Williams, Abilene, spent the weekend with Lula Ketron. Also visiting her were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Liston, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stanford, Lueders.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ammons, Pampa, Mrs. Truman Murphy, Basil and Renee and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Marr.

Shree and Kristan from Denton spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marr.

David Lee, Anita and Jayson Foil spent the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Foil.

Visitors in the Roy Cook home Thanksgiving Day were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cook, Escondido, Ca., Mae Walter, Los Angeles, Ca., Roger, Joyce and Leslie Vassar, Hobbs, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Iredell Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rogers, Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers, Jami and Brian, Breckenridge, Dale Rogers, Ft. Worth and Mrs. Dora Cook, Haskell.

Harold Ivey, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Ivey spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes in Vernon.

Visiting in the Maggie Larned home last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Don Larned and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Myska and babies from Pasadena, the John Larneds, Dee Larneds and J. W. Wallaces of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and children, Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Larned and Ken and David Larned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Freeman visited her mother, Mrs. Louise Fenner and family of Odessa, over the Thanksgiving holidays. His mother, Mrs. Robert Freeman, visited the Fenner's and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark of Loop, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hilliard spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shaw, Dawn, Karen and Laren in Bryan. Also visiting the Shaws were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hilliard.

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