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## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadlines for the July 22 edition of The Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., July 15 at 5 p.m.

### Poster on sale

The Haskell Indian Booster Club is selling ads for the 1999-2000 football/basketball poster. "Merchants, please be aware that only booster club members will contact you and process your order," said member Bob Earles. By making this announcement, it is hoped that no merchant will be taken advantage of by unauthorized advertising agencies.

### Benefit luncheon

A special community benefit luncheon for the Buena Vista Home for Boys in Stamford will be held Sun., July 18 at the Buena Vista Home, 123 N. Wetherbee, in Stamford from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food will be served inside or takeouts will be available. Meals will include homemade enchiladas, tacos, Mexican rice, beans, desserts, tea and coffee. Donation are welcome. Proceeds will help purchase needed materials and supplies for the boys. Mr. and Mrs. Rich Palma and friends from O'Brien will be in charge of the luncheon.

### Booster Club

The Haskell Indian Booster Club will meet Thurs., July 15 at 8 p.m. in the athletic fieldhouse. Parents of athletes in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend. Activities for the 1999-2000 school year will be planned.

### Quilt raffle

A quilt raffle to benefit the Haskell Co. Library is underway. A quilt called 'Sticks and Stones,' pieced by Wanda Ham and quilted by the Haskell ECC will be displayed at area banks and at the library prior to the July 30 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Call Joan Strickland 864-2747 for more information.

### ECC garage/bake sale

The Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, will hold a garage sale and bake sale Sat., July 31. Donated items (no clothing) for the sale would be appreciated.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 22 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

### Jungle journey

First United Methodist Church is hosting Jungle Journey Vacation Bible School July 19-23 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children from pre-school to sixth grade are welcome. For more information call the church office 864-3202.

### New pastors

The New Covenant Foursquare Church in Haskell welcomes new pastors, Kevin and Sharon Fletcher from Illinois. They will begin their ministry here July 18.

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**THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL**—164 students from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Arkansas are participating in the Haskell Church of Christ Singing School this week. Instructors are attending from Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia and Texas. Participating in classes, the students are writing

original compositions, songs, and learning harmony. Boys are taught song leading. Students are housed here by members of the local church. At the closing program scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, students will present their original songs. The closing ceremonies will also feature the entire chorus. Photo by Kis Photo

## 4-H'ers present program to Commissioner's Court

At the regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court held Mon., July 12, Sheppard Surveying, a 911 maintenance service company, presented their services to the court. The company offers the upkeep of current addresses and 911 records and charges a monthly fee based on volume. The court took no action.

Lou Gilly and Haskell County 4-H'ers Mindy Howard, J. J. Comedy and Tabitha Coker presented a

program explaining some of the things the local 4-H'ers do. The program in Haskell is very active in many aspects including food, fashion, design, animal husbandry and livestock shows. Local agents are Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson. It was announced that the project at the Anchor will begin in the near future.

The Headstream Mental Health Center is moving to the Clubhouse building at 1201 N. 1st. The building at 1301 N. 1st will be rented to

the Haskell Memorial Hospital. Bill Jones, County Attorney, reported the collection of back fines is going well. His office will continue issuing letters and warrants.

The Experienced Citizens Center has taken delivery of a new van. The state of the art vehicle lists at \$45,000, but cost the County \$8,385.

The van is equipped with a wheelchair lift and is handicapped accessible.

County jail dispatchers will be attending 40 hours of training as soon as can be scheduled by the County. This training will be given over a period of several months.

The Court discussed the availability

of a grant for Courthouse reconstruction. Judge Davis Davis and the Commissioners will appoint a committee from the Courthouse and the public to work on a master plan for renovations.

Estimates will be taken on the cost of building a boat shed for the Game Warden.

## Sales tax receipts continue decline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$178.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties. July sales tax rebates are up 2.2 percent compared to July 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 6.5 percent ahead of the first seven months of 1998.

"Many businesses are ringing up increased sales as the Texas economy continues to grow," Comptroller Rylander said.

July sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller's office in June.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered included \$164.1 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 7.1 percent higher than for the same period in 1998.

Texas counties received July sales tax rebates of \$14.4 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are up 0.4 percent compared to 1998.

Haskell County had a 4.06 percent decrease for July, 1999 of \$20,771.35 in comparison to \$21,651.35 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$186,104.06 reflect a 6.91 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$199,920.12.

The City of Haskell had a 0.56 percent decrease for July, 1999 of \$20,298.07 in comparison to \$20,413.63 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$173,501.82 reflect a 6.30 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$185,174.61.

O'Brien had a 71.35 percent decrease for July, 1999 of \$6.25 in comparison to \$21.82 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$535.87 reflect a 44.42 percent

decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$964.17.

Rochester had a 43.05 percent decrease for July, 1999 of \$313.67 in comparison to \$550.85 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$3,605.50 reflect a 11.78 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$4,087.22.

Rule had a 80.09 percent decrease for July, 1999 of \$128.69 in comparison to \$646.64 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$7,349.67 reflect a 16.26 percent decrease over 1998 payments to date of \$8,777.56.

Weinert had a 34.00 percent increase for July, 1999 of \$24.67 in comparison to \$18.41 for July, 1998. 1999 payments to date of \$1,111.20 reflect a 21.23 percent increase over 1998 payments to date of \$916.56.

## Daffodils to beautify city park areas

A plan for beautification of the city park, presented to the City Council by a delegation from the Haskell Garden Club, was approved at the regular 7:00 a.m. meeting of the Council, Mon., July 12.

Club spokesperson, Florence Peden outlined the plan to plant daffodil bulbs in the park, beginning around the Labriere house, and extending to various locations in the park and around town, depending on the amount of bulbs donated to the project.

In other business, approval was given for the Zoning Board

recommendation for property at 404 North 13th St, changing it from Retail to Special Retail Purpose for a brushless carwash operated by John Gholson.

Ronnie Adam's bid for the land lease at the city landfill was again accepted.

The bid for land lease at the Airport was rejected. It will be re-opened for bidding.

City Attorney, Shane Hadaway, and City Administrator, Sam Watson were appointed as Authorized Designees of the Code Compliance Officer.

In a state that is known for its bow shooters and fierce competition, it was a real honor for Samuel Bitner of Haskell to win the International Bowhunting Organization's Texas State Championship in 9 to 12-year-old Class. IBO is the largest bow organization there is.

This being his first year in this class, where the competition is a lot tougher and the yardage a lot further, Samuel said he was just hoping to place in the top five. But after the first day of shooting twenty targets, he had a score of 192 points, just eight points off of a perfect score.

Then, being way out in the lead with another twenty targets to shoot, he felt "pretty good about his chances." Although those next twenty targets were a lot tougher to judge the yardage on, he judged it well and shot very good, being able to win with a score of 362.

Samuel's seven-year-old sister, Kristina Bitner, placed in the top of her class in age 8 and under. The children's parents, Sammy and Tina Bitner, said they are very proud of

Kristina's accomplishment in archery in her first year to compete. Both of the young archers are now getting ready for the North

American Bowhunters World Championships to be held in Oklahoma City at the end of this month.



**TOP ARCHER**—Samuel Bitner of Haskell, recently won the International Bowhunting Organization Texas State Championship in the 9 to 12 year-old Class. He is the son of Sammy and Tina Bitner.

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## Students in the News

Three area students have been named to the A Honor Roll and the Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1999 semester which ended in May at Tarleton State University.

Stephanie G. Gray of Haskell was named on both the Honor Roll and The Distinguished list. Nicole L. McCulloch of Haskell and Shelly Gail Hester of Rochester were named to the Distinguished Student list.

There were 311 students listed on the A Honor Roll. These students have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system, and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

## Obituaries

### Bobby J. McLain, Sr.

Funeral services for Bobby J. McLain, Sr., 74, of Grapevine, were held Tues., July 13 at the Rule Church of Christ. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery.

Mr. McLain died Sat., July 10 at a Fort Worth hospital.

Born Oct. 17, 1924 in Haskell, he was a retired marble mason.

### Emma Baitz Raphael

Funeral services for Emma Baitz Raphael, 92, of Stamford were held Fri., July 9 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery directed by Kinney Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raphael died Wed., July 7 in a Stamford nursing home.

Born Nov. 26, 1906 at LaGrange, she was the oldest of ten children of Willie Fritz and Annie Schaefer Tredemeyer. She attended schools near LaGrange. In 1921 she moved with her family to West Texas settling southeast of Old Glory. She married Fritz Baitz Dec. 21, 1926. He preceded her in death Aug. 11, 1938. She worked at the Old Glory School for six years as cafeteria supervisor until 1952. She married Herman Raphael and moved to Stamford in 1952. He preceded her in death Jan. 25, 1970. She was named Lutheran Woman of the Year by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Texas District Nov. 3, 1971. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, VBS, sang in the choir and held all the offices of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Werner, Leon, Willie Fritz, Jr. (Buster) and August; two sisters, Alma (Snooks) Hertel and Lydia Lovvorn; a

Survivors include his wife, Dela McLain of Grapevine; two sons, Bobby J. McLain, Jr. of Grapevine and Pat McLain of Irving; one brother, Orion McLain of Wiley; one granddaughter, Allissa McCullough of St. Joseph, Missouri; three stepchildren, Darlene McKinley of Grapevine, Buddy Tibbets of Haskell and Travis Tibbets of Elliston, Virginia; and 14 step-grandchildren.

grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include five children: Dorothy Clark, Mae Stegemoeller and Melvin Baitz of Sagerton, Ruby Olson of San Angelo and Leslie Baitz of Leander; two step-children, Herman Raphael, Jr. of Lubbock and Lillie Mae Reed of Roby; two sisters, Helga Anderson of Lueders and Esther Kinman of Stamford; one brother, Weldon Tredemeyer of San Saba; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 12 step-great grandchildren, 4 step-great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Grandsons served as pallbearers: Ray Clark, Clyde Stegemoeller, Gerald Olson, Fred Baitz, Nolan Raphael and Garland Raphael.

Honorary pallbearers were Deon and Maxine Williams, John Fred and Nelwyn Phillips, Oscar and Nora Schkade, Dean Roesler, Jeri Smith, Susanne Kamrath, Janice Wolsch, Louise Griggs and Dell Reed.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Rt. 2, Box 7, Sagerton, Texas 79548; Johnny Baitz Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, Sagerton; or Coleman Bivins Memorial Scholarship Fund for Rule High School, c/o Farmers National Bank, Rule, Texas 79547.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Rickey, Debbie, Todd and Kayla Scheffel from Lubbock visited in the home of her parents, Lewis and Joyce Thomas the past weekend. They also enjoyed points of interest in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They visited her sister and family, Suzanne, Mike, Cody and Tanner Wollard of Grapevine before returning to Haskell and Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Watson spent Sat. afternoon in Wichita Falls visiting with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Watson. They had the evening meal together.

Visiting several days with Hope Josselet were daughter and son-in-law, Clinton and Brenda Baccus of Mansfield and their son and family, Lieutenant Colonel Garry Baccus and wife Kim and children Kara and Austin. Garry and family were enroute to Beale AFB, Calif. where he will be stationed until Sept. 2001. Also visiting was the Baccus' daughter-in-law Gloria Baccus and her daughter Britni.

On Sun. Hope's son, Joe Josselet and wife Pam, from Dimmitt came for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Farmingham and children came for a visit with her mother Nedra McCauley and Nedra accompanied them on to Sulphur, Louisiana for a visit with Marc and Melisa Robison and children. J. Brian and Jimmy McCallum of Oklahoma City came to be with Audrey McCallum in Rice Springs Care Home while Nedra is gone.

Robin and Lee Ann Colbert of Dallas were visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver and Golda Colbert over the weekend.

Thelma Atchison is home and doing better.

Bernice Hilliard spent the night Sat. in Abilene with sister-in-law Elaine Ballard and went to the Wagon Wheel for square dancing where Leon Ivey was caller and Maxine Ivey did the line dance. On Sun. her son, Kenneth Hilliard of near Waco, spent the night with her.

Nieces of George Gray, Vivian Hudson and Carrie Wardrop of Lubbock and Carl and Christene Palaho of Morton visited with them on Wed. Georgia Turnbow of Weinert visited Sun. morning and Sun. evening. Son Lynn Gray of Grapeland came and spent the night.

Long time friends of Bro. Paris and Fannie Mae Barton, Don and Pauline Wilson of Jayton visited with them on Thurs. evening. Then all went to the Drug Store Cafe in Rule for supper.

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## A Special Community Benefit Luncheon for The Buena Vista Home for Boys Sunday, July 18



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Mr. and Mrs. Rich Palma and friends from O'Brien have graciously volunteered to chair the luncheon.

NOTICE: Buena Vista, A 501 C Non-Profit group home, is subsidized by Dept. of Protective & Regulatory Services, Grants, Private Donations and Fund Raising.

# Stennett, McFadden wed in Tahoka

Stephanie Carol Stennett of Tahoka and Brandon Jay McFadden of Haskell were united in marriage Sat., June 26 in the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. Rev. Jerry Becknal officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Gary and Betty Stennett of Tahoka. Parents of the groom are Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden of Haskell.

The altar was decorated with one candelabra on each side and a candle arch in the middle. The altar also held the unity candle and the kneeling bench where the bride and groom took communion. Adorning the altar were three arrangements of fresh flowers consisting of white gladioluses, white daisies, pale yellow roses and light blue delphinium.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a gown of white bridal satin designed by Bonny. The gown featured a scoop neckline complimented by a short sleeve of Schiffler lace and accented with a set-in tuxedo bow. The bodice was accented with Schiffler lace pearls and sequins. The basque waistline

allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a mid-cathedral train. The keyhole back was accented with dripping pearls, a tuxedo bow at the neckline and a bow at the waistline. The train was of scallops of sheer Schiffler lace. To complete her ensemble, she wore a tiara of pearls and rhinestones finished with soft illusion.

She carried a traditionally shaped bouquet of fresh flowers consisting of pale yellow roses, white daisies, stephanotis and light blue delphinium accents.

Jennifer Harris of Lubbock was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Rowland and Jennifer Boresche, both of Lubbock; Amanda DiGiore of Anchorage, Alaska, cousin of the bride; and Bonnie and Courtney Stennett, both of Tahoka, sisters of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore A-line dresses of cornflower blue crepe with an empire waist accented with a satin ribbon. The dresses featured a scooped back adorned with a satin rosette and a chiffon drape.

Best man was Kurt McCord of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Ryan Olson of Lubbock, Tom Saali, brother-in-law of the groom, of Tyler, Paul Irby of Brownwood, Brady Adams of Austin and Joe Craig of Tahoka.

Ushers were Cole Larned, Casey Larned and Drew Stone, all of Lubbock; and cousins of the bride, Clay Jackson and Ty Blackwell, both of Acuff.

Ashton Irby of Brownwood was flower girl. Her pale yellow dress was the same design as the bridesmaid dresses. Ring bearer was Nathan Saali of Tyler, nephew of the groom.

Robin Walker of Lubbock registered guests.

Pianist was Susan Draper of Plainview and Donna Stone of Tahoka played the organ. Starla Saali, sister of the groom, sang "Parents Prayer." Susan Draper sang "I Will Be Here"; Byron Norwood sang "Knowing You"; and Draper and Norwood performed "From This Moment On."

Following the ceremony, the couple rode in a horse-drawn carriage to the reception, which was held at the Life Enrichment Center and featured a dance.

The bride's cake was three-tier white cake with white buttercream icing. It was separated with white columns and was surrounded with four heart-shaped cakes. The cake was decorated with lattice work and swag icing, featured blue and yellow sugar flowers and was topped with fresh flowers.

The groom's cake was a two layer German chocolate cake with chocolate icing in a basket weave



MRS. BRANDON McFADDEN

design. It was topped with chocolate covered strawberries and ivy.

Serving at the bride's table were Shelly Stone of Lubbock, D'Lynn Stone of Tahoka and Shelah McFadden of Hawley, sister of the groom.

Ashley Allcorn of San Angelo, Tara Olson of Lubbock and Christye Gannaway of Haskell served at the groom's table.

The couple left the reception in a white stretch limousine and they honeymooned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They will reside in

Lubbock.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Texas Ag Experiment Station.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Texas Tech. She is a self-employed gymnastics instructor.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The dinner was prepared by Danny and Donna Stone, Linda Gayle McFadden, aunt of the groom and Faye Wheeler, grandmother of the groom.

## McSmith, Bailey plan Aug. wedding

Dr. and Mrs. William D. McSmith of Haskell announce the engagement of their daughter, Marci, to Bob Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Mason, Missouri.

The couple plans an August wedding.

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## Retirement reception to honor Turners

A retirement reception will be held for Bro. Jim and Sammie Turner Sun., July 25 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Family Activity Center of the First Baptist Church. Friends from all area churches are invited to attend.

A money tree will be presented at that time and those who wish to participate in this love gift may give their gift to any deacon or take it to the Haskell National Bank ad deposit it in the Jim Turner Retirement Fund.

## Historical Society hears family history

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting July 5 at the First National Bank Community Room.

Weldon Norman presented the Norman family history book and talked about the Norman family coming to Haskell and settling near Rule.

During the business meeting

selection of pictures for next year's calendar was discussed.

Present were Weldon Norman, Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Eula Peters, Doris Butler, Dolin Hughes, Maxine Miller, Mattie M. English, Hortense Lees, Kenneth Jarred, Martha Jarred, Ernestine C. Herren, Patsy Pate Cobb, Frances Lane and Iva Lee Gipson.

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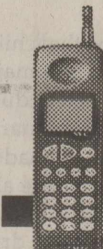
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A TOP DOG—Haskell Police K-9, Hamilton, wears the medal he received after taking third place in narcotics detection competition during the Texas Police Games held in Abilene, June 25th. He is pictured with his Haskell police partner, Joe Ray Torres.

## Hamilton receives third place at Police Games

City of Haskell Police K-9, Hamilton, received a third place medal at the Texas Police Games held June 25 in Abilene.

The eight-year-old Labrador placed third out of the twenty-one other dogs competing in this year's competition.

Representing different law enforcement agencies from all over the state, all of the K-9s were required to locate narcotics hidden in various locations within a three minute time limit.

The first and second place K-9s, both belonging to the Border Patrol Agency, made their finds in the times of 2:45 and 2:49. Hamilton recorded a time of 2:50 minutes.

Hamilton's Haskell Police

Department partner officer, Joe Ray Torres, said that Hamilton has been responsible for several substantial narcotics and money seizures in the area.

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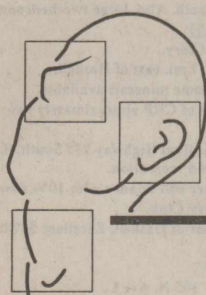
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## In the Service

Lieutenant Colonel Garry Baccus, accompanied by his wife Kim Hale Baccus and children Kara and Austin, has been transferred from the Pentagon to Beale Air Force Base, Calif. where he will be the Wing Safety Officer along with flying duties.

Garry is the son of Clinton and Brenda Baccus of Mansfield and the grandson of Hope Josselet of Haskell.

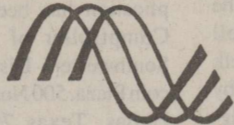
Kim is the daughter of Jean Hale of Austin, formerly of Haskell.

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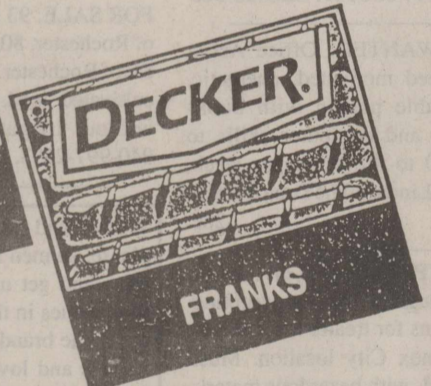
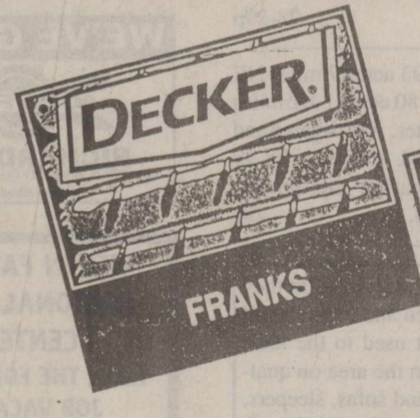
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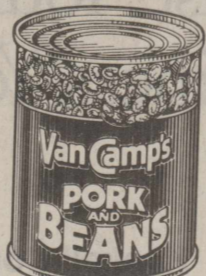


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