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Programs share Christ's grace and love

by Teresa Mesman

Chrysalis, Tres Dias.
 Via de Cristo, Cursillo, Koinonia.
 Emmaus, Kairos.

Though this might sound like a foreign language lesson, these words describe opportunities for life changing experiences that many area residents take to heart and participate in to the fullest extent.

The Walk to Emmaus is a short 72-hour course in Christianity that takes a New Testament look at discipleship as a way of life. It gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35 where Luke tells the story of the first Easter afternoon when the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The two disciples were overwhelmed with sadness and hopelessness and they couldn't see God's redemptive purpose in things that had happened.

The risen Christ then "came near and went with them" opening the disciples' eyes to his presence and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. As they walked to Emmaus, Jesus explained to them the meaning of all the scriptures concerning himself. When they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them," and their eyes were opened. They recognized him as Jesus, the risen Lord, and they remembered how

their hearts had burned within them as they talked with him on the road. As they told stories about their encounters with the risen Lord, Jesus visited them again in their hearts with a fresh awareness of his living presence*.

The Walk to Emmaus offers Christians today, an opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace and to form friendships that foster faith, support and spiritual maturity.

Lee and Gloria Hutchins, of Farwell, are just two of the many area Christians that embrace the Walk to Emmaus experience. They have been active in the program since Gloria participated in a women's Walk in Sept. 1996 and Lee participated in a men's Walk in March 1997.

Since these times, both have become active leaders in the Walk to Emmaus community that serves this area.

"Lillie Christian, Roberta Howard and I attended the Walk to Emmaus together," said Gloria. "We've since sponsored, supported and prayed for many others to attend since we first attended."

A primary focus of the Walk to Emmaus is to strengthen the local churches and to build leadership within the churches. Denomination is not an issue within the Walk to Emmaus program.

"We're all there as Christians for a time of renewal and bonding with other Christians," Gloria

stated.

The Walk to Emmaus has blossomed under the ownership and guidance of the United Methodist Church both nationally and internationally. The rights to the Emmaus program were purchased from the Holy Roman Catholic Church in the early 1980's which called the program a "Cursillo de Cristianidad" or "short course in Christianity."

The Roman Catholic Church still continues its Cursillo retreats and continues to reach out to its members with other discipleship training programs.

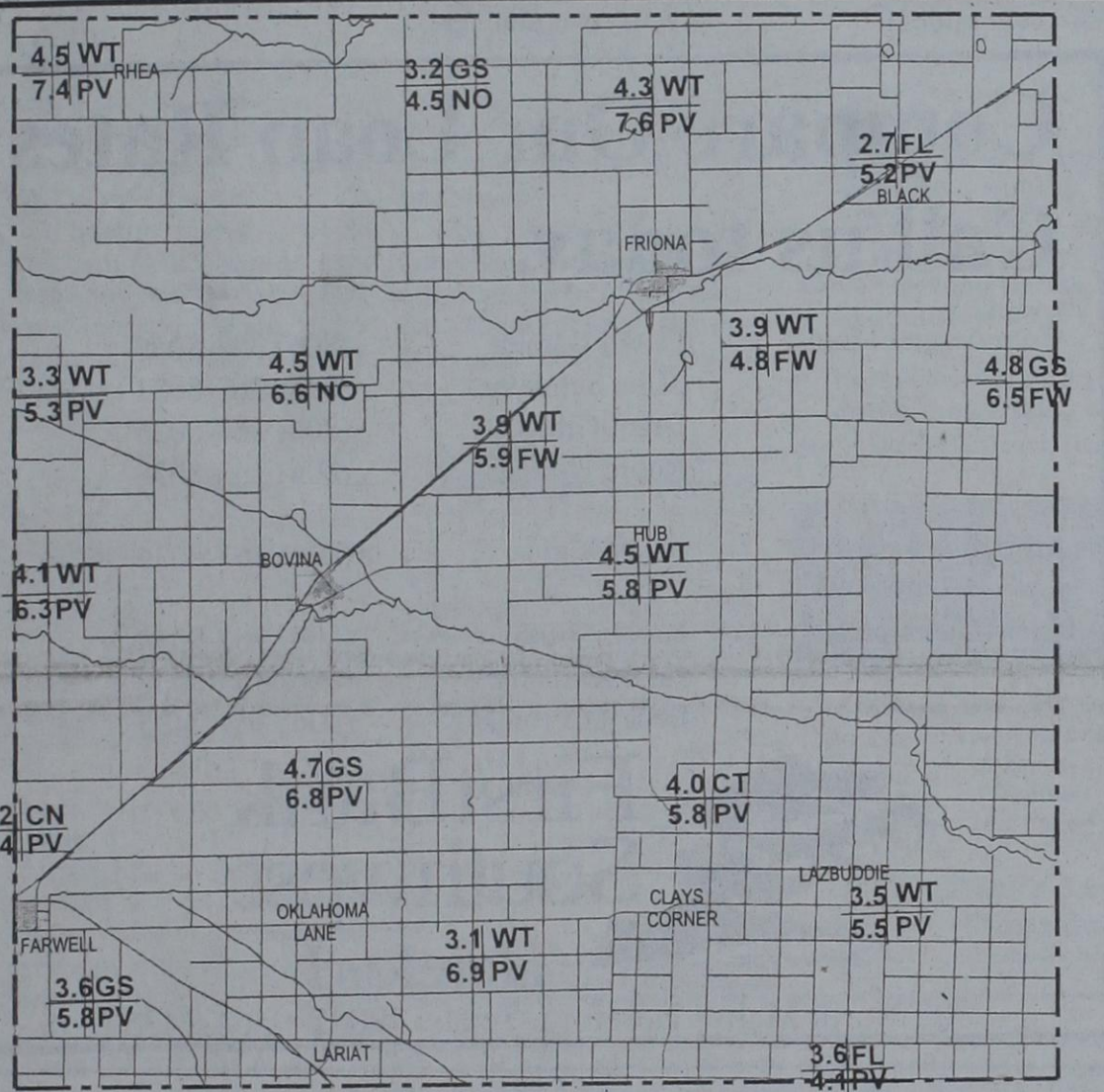
The Episcopalian and Lutheran churches started the Tres Dias (three days) retreats in the late 1960's throughout the 1970's as well.

The Walk to Emmaus continues to be the largest growing spiritual renewal program in the world today. Currently there are 71 weekend retreats in 26 states. Five countries are also involved with the 30 women's walks and 41 men's walks planned.

Lee and Gloria are also very involved in the international Walk to Emmaus programs. They were both helping out with the program two years ago in Amherst and Slaton when a group of Christians from Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark attended the Walk to Emmaus.

They were so moved by the need for support and hands on help overseas for the Walk to Emmaus that they traveled to Sweden last July and

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'The Diviners' win district competition

Farwell High School's One Act Play, "The Diviners", won the district competition on Saturday at Sudan.

Farwell now advances to the area contest in Lubbock on April 6.

Named as Best Actor was Gage Gregory.

Named to the All-Star Cast were Jarod Scott, Jason Johnson and Devin Goettsch.

Michael Culver and Grant Gregory were honorable mention All-Star Cast.

On March 21, Farwell and Kress were the two winners at the Zone contest here.

Gage Gregory was named Best Actor. Micah Christian was named Best Actress.

Culver and Goettsch were named to the All-Star Cast, and Grant Gregory was named honorable mention All-Star Cast.

Annual soil moisture survey results told

The annual soil moisture survey conducted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service previously recommended that a specific amount of ground water be applied to bring the upper five feet of soil to field capacity prior to planting.

This year, the two agencies have created a new format. Instead of providing specific info about the amount of water to be applied to the soil to achieve field capacity, producers are asked to review the pre-plant soil moisture survey results and then check soil moisture conditions in individual fields to determine whether pre-plant irrigation is needed prior to the 2002 growing season.

Soil moisture readings at both the three-foot and five-foot levels are included in the pre-plant soil moisture survey for the first time this year. Typically, irrigators using center pivot systems find that it is economical to only manage moisture in the upper 2 to 3 feet of the soil profile. However, soil moisture conditions at the 5-foot level of the soil profile are important for dryland producers. This info is also important if producers wish to reserve moisture in irrigated fields for later use in the season.

The accompanying map provides info about the amount of moisture received from irrigation or precipitation that can be held in the soil at the time the survey was completed in late January. Soil moisture monitoring sites are represented on the map by the "cross hairs." The number in the upper left side of the cross hair represents the soil moisture in inches found in the upper 3 feet of the soil. The number in the lower left side of the cross hair represents the soil moisture in inches found

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Farwell Chamber banquet scheduled for April 13th

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday gave the go-ahead to purchase a sound system for use at the community center and at Border Town Days.

But donations are still needed. If anyone would like to contribute to this community improvement, please send a check to: Farwell Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1005, Farwell TX 79325.

It was announced that donations for the sound system have arrived from Judy Lekovich, owner/operator of Borderline Cuts in Texico; Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Gast; and ESA Sorority.

Most of the discussion centered around plans for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. It will be held at 7 p.m. on April 13 at the Farwell Community Center.

The speaker will be Col. Charles Dodd III, vice commander of the 27th Fighter Wing at Cannon Air Force Base. The 27th Fighter Wing operates F-16 aircraft. Complete biographical information will be published in next week's Tribune.

The Farwell School lunchroom ladies will prepare the meal. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available from Chamber members including the State Line Tribune, Hughes True Value, Sherley-Anderson-Pitman grain elevator, The Beauty Box, and Byrd Realty.

At this year's banquet, the Chamber will also honor past and present members of the Farwell Hospital District. With the help of Charles Aycock and Marge Watkins, here's the list:

Greg Actkinson, Robbi Actkinson, Caroline Anderson, Robert W. Anderson, Charles Aycock, Jim Berry, Annette Black, Steve Breckenridge, Troy Christian, Martha Curtis, Ralph Franse, Beth Harrington, Joe Haseloff, Gwen Hughes, Lee Hutchins, Doyle Johnson, Jack Allen Kirkland, Frances Kube, Jimmie Mace, Prentice Mills, Jerry Monk, Tom Nichols, Mike Norris, W.T. Perry, Mike Ratke, Claude Rose Jr., Peggy Sudderth, Rick Sullivan, Robert White, Bert Williams, Don Williams, LaMoin Williams and Maxine Williams.

Secretaries were Georgia Tharp, Jeanne Norris, Judy Dollar, Sheryl Day and Marge Watkins.

If anyone is left off this list, please contact Chamber President Ronald Byrd with those names.

With the help of Charles Aycock, the Tribune gathered some background information on the district:

In 1972, a group of interested Farwell citizens began meeting for the purpose of taking care of those persons interested in hospitalization care because of the lack of area adequate facilities. They determined that the first step was to prepare a feasibility study to decide whether a hospital and/or nursing home should be built here.

Charles Minnot Jr. & Associates, of Oklahoma City, were hired to do the study.

After many meetings, the local citizens decided that it would not be economically feasible to build a hospital here, but that a nursing home could serve not only Far-

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Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Teresa sees Tarzan!

From Teresa Mesman:
 I feel that I must eat a little crow for a column that I wrote several years ago about ski-wear fashions.

I've just returned from a Spring Break ski trip and, I must admit, my family and I have become members of the ski-fashion club.

It wasn't that we meant to get caught up into the fashion statements... it just sort of happened.

Several years ago, my ski wear included a pair of ski bibs that were fastened with safety pins, a long john shirt and my Texas Tech winter jacket. I tended to look like a very large, puffy bruise making my way down the slopes.

Today, my husband and I are completely outfitted in...okay, here we go...the current ski fashions.

I do still look like a bruise skiing because my outfit is purple and black. But I'm a stylish bruise!

My husband and our sons have, however, gone into the deep end of ski fashion I'm afraid.

It wasn't enough for them to have nice warm ski hats that protected them from the elements. Their ski hats make them look like people to be protected from.

Let me draw you a

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Obituaries

Birtus Autrey

Birtus Maxine Autrey, 80, of Clovis, died March 19 at home. Cremation has taken place.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1921, in Big Spring, Texas. She was a Texaco resident for 40 years before moving to Clovis 9 years ago.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Allen.

Surviving are 10 children - Raymond Autrey, of El Paso; Lillian Banghart, David Vaughn, Lena Vaughn, David Vaughn Jr., Tammy Vaughn, Mamie Malloy and Karen Evans, all of Clovis; Laland Autrey and Ralph Autrey Jr., both of Texico, and 6 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dillon Vaughn, Kyuss Vaughn, Justin Smith, Melinda Smith, Thorn Autrey and Deryck Autrey.

Jesus Garcia

Graveside services for infant Jesus Garcia, of Farwell, were held March 22 at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell with the Rev. Sotero Sena officiating.

He died March 19 at University Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born on March 18 in Clovis to Francisco Javier and Reyes Patricia Garcia.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, Carlos Garcia, of Farwell; grandparents Sylvia Rosas, of Farwell; Urbano Silva, of Hemfield, Texas; Gabriella Tamayo, of Mexico, and Carlos Garcia, of Mexico; great-grandparents Josefina Camargo, of McFarland, Calif., and Maria Espinoza, of Mexico.

Wessie Edwards

Services for Wessie L. Edwards, 79, of Clovis, will be held at 2 p.m. mt on March 28 at West 21st Street Church of Christ with Cecil Bunch, assisted by Skip Clark, officiating. Burial will be in Law Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis.

She died March 23 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She was born Sept. 3, 1922, in Texico to Ebb and Genevieve

Randol.

She married Hugh Edwards on Dec. 23, 1939, in Clovis. She opened the first Merle Norman Studio in Clovis in the early 1950s.

She and her husband started Clovis Real Estate Co. in 1955 and Edwards Realty in 1959. They built the KOA and Four Seasons Trailers Sales, also. They moved to Farwell and lived here until 1983, when they returned to Clovis.

She was a member of the West 21st Street Church of Christ, Eastern Star and former president of the Clovis Business and Professional Women's Association. She and her husband were members of the Good Sam RV Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 2002; her parents, and two sisters, Elva Davis and Madeline Spurlin.

Surviving are a son, Dennis, of Portales; and 4 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Skip Bryan, Carl Davis, Jeff Farina, Tom Wheeler, Vern Nutter and Alan Williams.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Baker, Tom Bonds, Ralph Boone, John Eagling, Lloyd Franklin, Lance Johnson, David Kern, Eddie Pullman, Grayson Roberts, and the elders and deacons of West 21st Street Church of Christ.

Memorials may be made to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales or the West 21st Street Church of Christ Memorial Fund.

Vasquez 9th at state meet

Farwell High's Sergio Vasquez finished 9th at the state powerlifting meet in the 114-lb. class.

He set a personal best with a total list of 790 lbs.

That included squat, 280 lbs.; bench, 170 lbs., and deadlift, 340 lbs.

Texico Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy:

On March 23, Anthony Joplin, 49, of Farwell, was charged with DWI.

Banter

mental picture if I can: my children, ages 10 and 4. Sweet faces, nice smiles, rosy cheeks, coordinated outfits and punk rock spikes of various colors sticking out all over their hats.

Oh, and yes, their sunshades make them look even more appealing. They have lenses that make them look almost robotic.

Then, there is my mild mannered husband. Not one to ever draw attention to himself around town, he becomes a different man at higher elevations.

He loves to ski fast while screaming out the "Tarzan" yell. He takes jumps, skis through the trees and, once even managed to ski down a very steep slope *backwards* ... on purpose!

This all stems from his first experience skiing with friends that took him up a run and told him, "there was only one way down!"

He now manages to find many ways and styles down a mountain. But it wasn't enough to just ski after an early-season ski trip. He had to take the last leap off into the ski fashion abyss.

My husband skis with a very large set of horns on his head. His hat is brown and his horns are furry white and stick out about a foot on either side

of his head.

I'm a proud mother and wife.

They love the attention their hats give them and I learned to look on the bright side of the whole bizarre ski hat issue:

I can spot my family from a long distance and, if I can't see them, I just have to listen for the "Tarzan" yell down the mountain.

And, I guess that if we're going to be serious about the sport of skiing, we have to have the right equipment and that meant

Farm Bill worked on

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest reports that the House and Senate conferees are getting closer to finalizing a farm bill.

The contentious items include, farm program payment limits, differing target prices in the two bills, and language in the Senate bill regarding packer ownership and country of origin labeling.

Also, the Senate bill allocates billions more dollars to nutrition and conservation efforts.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the Senate bill is \$6.1 billion over budget.

charging in with all the fashion gusto we could muster...even if it meant literally "taking the bull by the horns!"

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Chamber

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well folks but area residents, too.

A meeting for persons interested in backing a nursing home was called in March 1974. About 75 citizens attended. They decided to create the Farwell Development Co. (FDC) for the purpose of moving forward on the project.

During the next year, FDC members met with various governmental agencies to go over all the aspects of building a nursing home. Architectural plans were drawn for a 120-bed unit here, but it was modified downward later.

Then state legislation was needed. State Sen. Max Sherman introduced the legislation, which was passed by the Senate and House, and signed into legislation by Gov. Dolph Briscoe on April 28, 1975. Aycock was the temporary board president.

On June 24, voters in the Farwell School District approved the issuance of bonds to pay for a nursing home by a huge margin in favor. Actually, there were two propositions on the ballot and the votes were 325-55 and 315-59 to allow issuing \$750,000 worth of bonds.

The next day, a permanent board of directors and officers were sworn into office. It included Aycock, vice president; Don Williams, president; Carrie Anderson, secretary; Bob Anderson, Maxine Williams, Prentice Mills, W.T. Perry, Pudge Rose and Jim Berry.

They contracted with Jane Barclay, daughter of H.Y. Overstreet, for the purchase of the block immediately east of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church for \$25,560. And a lease agreement was signed with Health Care Management Inc. of Austin. Today, the Farwell Convalescent Center is managed by Good Samaritan Society, with about 250 nursing homes around the U.S.

Soil moisture

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in the upper 5 feet of the soil. The letters in the upper right side of the cross hair indicate the crop grown at that site last year. The letter in the lower right side of the cross hair represents the type of irrigation system (if any) used at that site.

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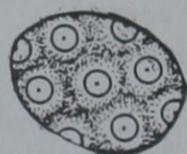
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Salida Edwards captures 100, 200 dashes at Lockney Meet

The Farwell Lady Blue varsity girls took 3rd place at the Lockney Track Meet. Placing were:
 3200 run - Kyra Christian, 2nd, 13.55; Kary Mathus, 7th, 16.14.
 4x400 meter relay - Farwell, 3rd, Chelsea Meyer, Carrie Stevenson, Jaimie Diaz, Nikki Gober, 54.1.
 100 hurdles - Hailey Grimes, 4th, 18.8.
 100 dash - Stevenson, 5th, 14.4.
 300 hurdles - Grimes, 3rd, 52.72.
 1600 run - Shannon Street, 2nd, 6.32.
 4x400 relay - Farwell, 1st, 4.32, Khallie Foster, Diaz, Gober, Christian.
 Long jump - Gober, 3rd, 29.11.
 800 relay - Farwell, 3rd, 1.56, Meyer, Stevenson, Diaz, Gober.

The Farwell JV Girls took 2nd in their division at Lockney's meet. Placing were:

The Latest

The Clovis News Journal carried a feature article on Lisa Schilling and the publication of her book "Forever Avenley" last Sunday.

An in-depth feature article of our own will be appearing in the Tribune in just a few weeks.

Lisa has been keeping in close contact with us about the status of her book since she was first accepted for publication.

However, as does happen in the world of printing and publishing, a few problems occurred with the first printing of "Forever Avenley" and it is in the process of being reprinted.

Lisa asked for her story to be delayed by newspapers until the book is exactly the way she wants it to be.

"Seeing my book through this process has been the hardest work I've ever done in my life," Lisa reports. "I want to make sure it is perfect before I talk too much about it!"

Carla Kaltwasser's sister Vicky lives outside Ruidoso, N.M., where the fires where burning last weekend.

As of Sunday, their home was not in immediate danger, but it came very close to them. The fire burned up to their back driveway and backyard.

No homes in the area owned by Texico/Farwell folks were burned, although a home co-owned by 7 residents here just missed the fire when the winds changed.

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residents recently completed a paramedic course in Friona:

Dustin Jesko, Julie Mason and Chad Nickels, all of Lazbuddie, and Donna Mitchell and Stan Miller, from Bovina.

They have already taken and passed their state exams.

Also, three Farwell residents, Brian White, Kevin Thompson and Darrell Schmidt, will test later this spring after they complete their clinical exams.

Weather permitting, the Easter sunrise service will be held at the gazebo in Farwell City Park at 7:30 a.m.

If there is bad weather, the service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

The annual Easter service combines the congregations of the Baptist Church and Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Aaron Abarca and Tonia King.

800 run - Beatrice Garcia, 3rd, 2:58; Amanda Martin, 5th, 3:59.
 100 hurdles - Kristen Garcia, 6th, 21.74; Robyn Teltchik, 7th, 21.9; Elisa Smith, 5th, 21.8.
 100 dash - Salida Edwards, 1st, 13.7; Delani Jones, 5th, 14.49; Jennifer DeLeon, 6th, 14.0.
 400 dash - Julie Castillo, 5th; Cindy Quezada, 6th.
 300 hurdles - Teltchik, 3rd, 1.05; Smith, 4th, 1.07; Kristen Garcia, 5th, 1.08.
 200 dash - Edwards, 1st, 28.5.
 1600 run - Selena Delgado, 3rd, 6.56; Miriam Delgado, 4th, 7.05; Amber Armstrong, 5th, 7.34.
 400 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 4:54, Edwards, Britton Barrett, Beatrice Garcia, Sandra Saenz.
 Discus - Barrett, 6th, 56 1/2.
 High jump - Barrett, 3rd, 4.6; DeLeon, 4th, 4.6.
 Long jump - Edwards, 2nd, 13'1 1/2; DeLeon, 12'7.
 Triple jump - Edwards, 3rd, 26.4.
 800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 2.05, DeLeon, Brenda Cano, Barrett, Saenz.

Here are the Farwell Junior High boys results:

7th grade
 Sprint relay - 7th, Cory Chadwick, Brett Howard, Matt Barnes, Robert Williams.
 400 dash - Derrick Chandler, 6th, 70.29.
 200 dash - Williams, 1st, 27.70.
 400 relay - 3rd, Chandler, Jeff Pierce, Garre Treadway, Williams.
 Triple jump - Chandler, 2nd, 28'11.
8th grade
 400 relay - 2nd, 50.41, Johnny Neudorf, Logan McFarland, Fabian Reyes, Matthew Edwards.
 800 run - Reyes, 1st, 2:30.
 110 hurdles - Darrell Franks, 1st, 17.96.
 100 dash - Neudorf, 4th, 13.93.
 300 hurdles - Franks, 1st, 47.20.
 200 dash - Edwards, 2nd, 26.0; McFarland, 3rd, 27.06.
 400 relay - 1st, 4.04, Franks, McFarland, Reyes, Edwards.
 High jump - Reyes, 5th, 4'10; Franks, 6th, 4'10.
 Long jump - McFarland, 1st, 15'9; Edwards, 3rd, 15'8.
 Triple jump - Edwards, 1st, 33'1; McFarland, 2nd, 33'0.

Here is how Farwell High boy athletes placed at the Lockney Track Meet:

4x100 meter relay - Farwell, 3rd, 46.28, Landon Meeks, Casey Meeks, Cale Stevenson and Brice Hunt.
 100 dash - Hunt, 5th, 11.8.
 400 dash - Casey Meeks, 4th, 39.73.
 4x400 meter relay - Farwell, 5th, Hunt, Casey Meeks, Stevenson and Carlos Garcia.
 Shot put - Hunt, 4th, 41'5 1/2".

Here's the Farwell JV boys placing at Lockney:

4x100 meter relay - Farwell, 5th, 50.06, Jason Johnson, Kason Gabriel, Roper Fulcher, Lonnie McFarland.

1600 run - Michael Culver, 5th, 6:04.15; Chad Bailey, 8th, 6:25.75.
 Triple jump - McFarland, 5th, 36'2 3/4",
 High jump - Johnson, 5th, 5-0.
 Shot put - David Wolven, 4th, 33'6 1/4"; Zac Schilling, 5th, 32'10.
 Long jump - McFarland, 6th, 15'8 1/2".

\$500 REWARD
 Farwell Schools are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the person(s) responsible for the vandalism last week in the football locker room facility.
 Please call the administration office at 481-3371.

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All activities will be located in the Educational Complex.

We encourage the entire community to attend this year's Health Fair activities.



Sittin' in the Corner by Wade Cargile

One hot summer afternoon, I decided to walk over to Wilbur's house to see what he was up to. When I walked into the house, I hollered for him.

"In the kitchen," Wilbur replied.

As I walked into the kitchen, I found Wilbur standing in front of the sink, pouring an awful-looking mixture into it.

"Whatcha doing?" I asked.

"Just cooking a cake," he said.

So I said, "Remember the last time you tried cooking something? Your dad scrubbed the walls for weeks, just before the painters came."

But Wilbur came back with "I can, too, cook! You're just jealous because you can't even boil water!"

It was my turn. "I can, too, boil water." And I continued on, asking him what he had poured into the sink.

"Just the last batch of batter," said Wilbur. "It was too dry Hey, how about helping me?"

I said I would and Wilbur told me just to stand where I was and read the directions for making a chocolate cake with vanilla frosting.

"Where's the recipe?" I asked.

"On the box, of course, you stupid Neanderthal," he rejoined.

So I started my new job: "Okay, let's see. First pour the dry cake ingredients into a mixing bowl, then add 2 cups of water, then add 2 eggs, then add..."

"Hey," said Wilbur. "Slow down. You're reading way too fast. Start again. How many cups of ingredients did you say?"

"No, no, no. Pour the ingredients into the mixing bowl, then add the ingredients."

After going through the directions several more times, Wilbur finally said, "Let's just take this one step at a time. How much water did you say?"

"TWO cups," I came back with.

Wilbur looked in the cabinet for a cup. "How about one of the cups that my dad drinks coffee out of?" he suggested.

Now, Wilbur's father drinks coffee out of one of those really BIG cups. Wilbur filled it twice to the brim, and poured it into the mixing bowl.

"Looks a little soupy," he said. "Let's pour another box of cake batter into it."

After pouring another box of ingredients into it, the result was dry and gooey. Wilbur had the answer, though: "Let's add another cup of water..."

Well, after two more boxes of ingredients and three more big cups of water, the bowl was pretty full. "Okay, now let's pour it into the pan," said Wilbur.

"What about the eggs and sugar?" I asked. He said he would add those into the cooking pan and that sounded all right.

After pouring the bowl into the cooking pan, a problem developed: the pan began running over. But Wilbur had the answer: he got another pan so he would bake two cakes. I thought that sounded pretty philosophical for an 8-year-old.

After pouring the rest of the bowl into the second pan, we decided to add the eggs and sugar. Wilbur said the directions mandated adding 1/4 cup of sugar. "How much is a quarter cup?" I asked.

Wilbur took a small cup out of the cupboard and

scooped it into the sugar bag, then poured out half of it. "How's it look?" he asked. "Looks good to me," I replied.

Wilbur then poured it into the first pan, then did the same for the second pan. Now, it was time for the eggs. The directions said two eggs were needed but since we made too much batter, we better add four, I urged.

Wilbur accepted that, and proceeded to put four eggs into each pan. "It still doesn't look right to me; maybe we'd better pour it back into the bowl and stir it some more," he thought out loud.

After I recommended a bigger bowl, Wilbur brought out the biggest bowl I have ever seen! He poured both pans into it and stirred some more. To make the project go faster, Wilbur then got out his mom's "lektric mixer."

We discussed what speed to set it at, after seeing that it had slow, medium, fast and supersonic. We didn't know what "supersonic" was so Wilbur tried it. He put the mixing bowl under the beaters and said, "Here goes 'nuthin'."

I plugged in the mixer and soon realized that Wilbur wasn't quite prepared. He still had hold of the bowl, and it began spinning faster and faster and faster. It was

Texico gets \$25,000 state grant toward a new City Hall; Scioli suggests site for it

The Texico City Council on Tuesday heard that the state legislature has donated \$25,000 toward a new City Hall.

The City Hall project has been discussed for several years, but it appears it's likely to move ahead this year. Councilman Doug Scioli stressed pushing forward on the project, and suggested a new City Hall be built on city-owned land behind the fire department building.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved a \$1,600 purchase of EMS supplies for the fire department. Fire Chief Lewis Cooper also said a surplus heart defibrillator will be donated to another fire department. Cooper said a Texico fire engine will be sent to Roswell for the funeral of the Roswell fire chief, who was shot to death last week.

-- Told city clerk Teresa Harth to get bids for a new copy machine.

-- Heard councilman Oran Jay Autrey recommend that the city add a new employee, that of building inspector. The job would include checking on variances, recommending structures that need to be torn down or renovated, and checking on firms seeking business licenses. He would have to be licensed by the state.

City Attorney Marion Ty Rutter suggested that the city hire an independent contractor on an hourly basis for this job.

It also was suggested that a person be hired on a basis of, for example, 20 hours a month and given a three-month contract.

The city will look into how much money it has available for an employee before moving ahead.

Farwell firemen were called to a grill fire at Barb's Café on March 16. On March 18, they were called to a grass fire behind Lowe's Supermarket.

Fire Calls

getting out of control! But since he didn't let go, he was flung around, and thrown across the kitchen.

About that time, the bowl spun wildly away from the mixer -- and shot across the room after Wilbur. My friend looked up just in time to see the bowl come at him at supersonic speed, landing right on top of his head, upside down.

I began laughing like crazy at the sight of him sitting there with gooey batter running down his front and back. Before he could say anything, his cat came running into the kitchen, with his dog hot on his heels. About the time, the two pets hit the stuff on the floor, they tried to stop. No problem there: The batter on the floor was like glue and the animals stopped dead in their tracks, making the awfulest racket.

About that time, Wilbur's mom walked into the kitchen with the weirdest look of horror that Dracula would admire. She just stood there, speechless.

"Well, it's about time for me to head home," I muttered, avoiding her eyes. I ran out the back door as fast as my legs would take me.

I didn't see Wilbur for about two weeks, being as he was grounded. I did offer to help him scrub the walls and tape the base-borders for the painters, though.

-- Allowed Bruce Brown a mobile home variance at 716 State St. He said he is moving out a single wide trailer, and moving in a double wide trailer on his three lots. Letters were sent to adjacent property owners and none were returned, it was said.

-- Approved an aesthetic review permit for Lewis Cooper who is moving a mobile home into his mobile home park at 519 S. Florence St.

-- Had a lengthy discussion of fixing various city streets. Large potholes on some were noted. City employees were asked to look into the problem, and see if they could find some available caliche.

-- Heard a request from Jonathon Reed, who is building the new apartment complex on South Garwood. Originally, he had agreed to plans calling for a stucco exterior. But when he appeared before the council several weeks ago, he said he had changed the plans to hardy plank siding, due to it costing \$23,000 less than stucco. He wants the council to go along with his decision.

But Autrey said that when the project plans were first discussed, folks living near the project asked that it match their homes -- stucco. Autrey felt it wasn't right to change that plan.

The council voted 2-1 to have stucco used. In favor were Autrey and Scioli. Opposed was Monnie Cunningham. Sharon Askew was absent.

Ortiz joins Blue Angels

Jeremy Ortiz and his wife April are living in Pensacola, Fla.

Jeremy is stationed at the PACE Naval base and is now a member of the Blue Angels. Jeremy and April are Farwell High graduates.



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County jail plans told

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries told of the planning for a new county jail to the Farwell City Council on Tuesday.

Since a new jail (or expanded and renovated jail) will be built adjacent to the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Geries wanted the council to be aware of the plans.

Earlier this month, the county commissioners contracted with a firm to do a feasibility study.

Options include:

- Tearing down the current jail and building a new one in its place.
- Renovating and expanding the current jail. This would be an expensive job and is unlikely to occur.
- Building a new jail adjacent to the old jail, thus utilizing both facilities.

The county owns some land just north of the courthouse and land rights don't seem to be a concern, said Geries.

He estimated the cost of a new facility to be between \$1.5 million and \$2 million. But the county is not looking to hike taxes or to pass a bond issue for this task.

The Tribune reported last fall that the county is in excellent financial shape after the county's annual audit was made by Kirkland, Kirkland & Co. CPA firm of Farwell.

The current jail was built in 1974 and has severe air/conditioning and structural problems. It holds 21 beds. The county usually holds about 13 to 14 prisoners at a time.

The new facility likely will hold between 32 and 48 beds. Also, there will be space for sheriff's office personnel.

Due to federal rules, women inmates must be segregated from male inmates "by sight and sound," explained Geries.

That means even if the current jail has 21 beds, it cannot hold 21 inmates if women are included. This could cause a maximum of 12 inmates, for example, to be held here. This constitutes a current serious problem.

Geries also said plans are for the new jail to match aesthetically the courthouse. The current jail is of a different architectural design.

If all goes well, Geries expects construction to begin within 12 to 16 months.

In other business, the council:

-- Heard Mayor Jimmie Mace report that drilling of the new city water wells on the property purchased east of the city may begin as early as next week.

-- Heard councilman Wayne Gruben ask if council approval is needed for a resident to put an above ground swimming pool in her back yard. It was indicated that city approval is unnecessary.



Sportsmanship honor

Texico's Michele Littlejohn received the New Mexico Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award during the state basketball tourney in Albuquerque. Also pictured are Butch McGowen, sportsmanship committee; Adam Bull, sportsmanship chairman, and Dan Salzwedel, NMAA executive director.

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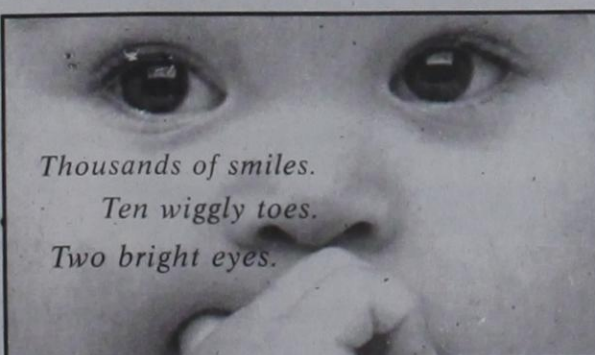
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From Mike Pomper:

I read in the Lubbock paper last week that Texas Tech head coach Bobby Knight is one of five finalists for the Clair Bee Coach of the Year Award to be presented in Atlanta on March 31.

Knight led Tech to a 23-9 record in his first year as Red Raider coach.

Last year, Tech was 9-19. It the best statistical one-year turn-around this year in college hoop play.

A couple of weeks back, I watched the ESPN made-for-TV movie on Knight, followed by an hour-long segment featuring interviews or pro-and anti-Knight folks.

I've written about Knight in this column before, when he coached at Indiana University.

I first saw him play when he was a sub at Ohio State in 1962 on the famed Lucas and Havlicek teams that won national championships.

I next came across him the night I listed to Armed Forces Radio when his Army-coached team was in the NCAA playoffs.

That was a heckuva achievement because in those days you were disqualified from entering West Point if you were over 6". In other words, his team was by far the shortest in the tourney, and they lost in the first round.

But just getting to March Madness was something else. And that's how Knight earned the job at IU.

Having lived in the Hoosier state for a decade, I know how respected and well-liked he is in Indiana. He worked tirelessly to promote education and to help schools, just as he has done at Tech, too.

Yes, I know he is too arrogant at times. And, yes, he has let his temper get him into trouble. And his disdain for the media borders on the paranoid.

But what he has done for his players is just great. He has helped mold them into men. And he has a tremendous record at getting his kids ready for NBA play.

Knight is easily one of the best teaching coaches



Science Bowl participants

Farwell Junior High students recently participated in the science bowl contest at West Texas A&M University. This was the first time it was opened to junior high students. Teams of four students competed in a game show format by answering questions from all areas of science including chemistry, physics, biology, astronomy and geology, plus computers. Brenda Logan coached the 7th grade team of Matt Barnes, Dan Patterson, Hayley Fowler and Hailey McIntosh, above. Eva Dean Stephens coached the 8th grade team of Yvonne Favila, Bailey Warren, Ryan McClaren and Jon Beaubien, below.



in college basketball. I respect his ability and I support him.

Now as for my feelings about the TV movie:

It stunk. It was one dimensional and concentrated on his swearing at his players, as if Knight is the only coach in the world who yells at his players.

The movie rarely showed his work, his teaching. If he was such a (bleep) as the movie made out, then why does his kids give their all for him? Why is he the second most winningest coach in college?

Knight simply is not the monster the movie made him out to be. He's a man who focuses on his craft and hates to condescend to critics who know less about the game than he has in his little finger.

We all know the great success he brought to Tech's program this year. I can't wait until next season when Knight's recruits begin joining the team.

And I guarantee that most Texas kids will do anything to play, and learn from, Knight. So get ready to see "blue chip-

pers' join the Red Raiders in numbers this area has never seen before.

I just can't wait for next season!

The Lubbock newspaper recently put some heat on Parmer County law enforcement officials concerning the Lazbuddie drug bust.

I felt that the criticism was unfair. I believe that District Attorney Johnny Actkinson and Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries are pursuing this case in a correct fashion.

The fact that others

have been implicated in the marijuana processing facility has been noted.

And Parmer County officials are going after these people.

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Christi Corn, Bobby Walls wed

Christi Anne Corn and Bobby Dwight Walls exchanged double ring wedding vows on Jan. 27 at the historical Hotel Garza in Post, Texas, with Bro. Steve Carter, a family friend from Brownfield, officiating.

The hotel holds family memories and became the setting for the ceremony with several nostalgic details. Baskets with traditional bouquets of white gladioli and mums with accents of yellow and navy, ivory Unity candle, navy silk floral garland with yellow roses, as well as wooden crosses and ivory tulle with navy bows, set the background for the ceremony.

Christi was given in marriage by her father, Ed. Christy wore her mother's antique floor length wedding gown of white georgette over satin peau-de-soie. The veil of appliqued tulle, falling from the miniature roses headpiece, covered the chapel train. The gown was originally designed by her mother, Gwen, and made by a great-aunt, Mrs. J.C. Boone.

Christi carried a bouquet of fresh Texas yellow roses, accented with baby's breath and flowing navy satin ribbon. For something old and borrowed, she wore an antique opal ring from her late maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wendol Christian, and a blue topaz ring of the groom's late maternal grandmother, Mrs. Carl Hillhouse. She carried a vintage handkerchief presented to her by her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Corn. She also wore, for something new, the veil headpiece and for something blue, the garter.

Maid of Honor, Charla Corn, sister of the bride, wore a floor length, spaghetti strap, navy satin and crepe gown. She carried a cascade bouquet of miniature white carnations and yellow roses, accented with navy satin ribbon.

Bobby and his Best Man, Brad Walls, brother of the groom, wore black classic full dress tails, with navy accents, highlighted by yellow rose boutonnières.

Clay, brother of the bride, played special piano music and accompanied sister Charla as she sang "Jeus, Daddy and You." During special toasts to the honorees, Charla also sang "Standing Right Here Next To You", accompanied by Clay.

Special house party members, Clint and Kinsely Corn, brother and niece of the bride; Zach and Cody Wells, nephews of the groom; Rick, Dorothy, Ashley and Brittney Sanders, and Kim, Amber and Blythe Carter, greeted other special guests upon their arrival.

Guests were served a buffet lunch of chicken breast with wild rice or brisket and trimmings. Antique white linen cloths from the bride's late paternal great-grandmother, Frau Christian Swoboda, from Czechoslovakia, as well as, a hand cross-stitched tablecloth from her late maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. C.C. Christian, covered the tables. Candlelight centerpieces of crystal, accented with pearls, greenery and yellow and navy bows and crystal cases of a dozen long stemmed yellow roses, adorned the place.

The traditional wedding table was set on a soft yellow antique sheer eyelet over satin tablecloth made by Christi's late grandmother, Mrs. Wendol Christian. The 3-tiered ivory wedding cake, topped by the antique cake topper used at the bride's parents' wedding, and pineapple sherbet punch were served with crystal and gold appointments by Brandi Walls, sister of the groom, Amy Walls, sister-in-law of the groom, and Stacy Corn, sister-in-law of the bride. Yellow rose mints and mixed nuts completed the table trimmed with pearls, navy silk garland and yellow roses.

Parents of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corn, of Farwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walls, of Farmington, N.M., were presented yellow roses to wear.

The bride is a 1995 Farwell High graduate and a 1999 Texas Tech University graduate. The groom is a 1992 Farmington High graduate.

The couple will reside in Midland, Texas. Christi teaches 4th grade at Crockett Elementary School Bobby is self-employed with Resource Production Company.



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walls

Co-op directors re-elected

More than 1,350 folks attended the 64th annual membership meeting of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative on Tuesday in Hereford.

Both incumbent directors up for re-election were picked:

Position 1 - Nick Yosten over Daniel Jesko.

Position 2 - Tony Acker over Floyd Schulte.

The consolidated balance sheet showed that the cooperative received \$2,414,486 in receipts above the cost of operation.

One million dollars in capital credits was handed out.

In the past five years, the co-op has added about 70,000 horsepower of irrigation load along with several dairies, two gins and many other commercial loads to the

system.

The co-op has purchased two larger substation transformers and has built several feeder lines to serve the recent growth without major new investment.

The 2001 system demand was 134 megawatts.

Also last year, the co-op installed 37 miles of underground wire and built 54 miles of overhead distribution lines to serve 504 new services.

Irrigation load added during 2001 included 342 irrigation wells totaling 21,803 horsepower and 42 sprinkler systems totaling 2,261 horsepower. The irrigation load added totaled 24,064 horsepower.

Deaf Smith's transmission, distribution and underground lines now total 4,306 miles serving 13,879 meters.

Farwell Police Report

Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg reports the high school football locker room was broken into last week and a stereo system stolen. There

also was vandalism.

He has also begun a preliminary investigation into a complaint of criminal sexual assault against a juvenile girl.

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Parmer County exempts some travel trailers from new tax

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved exempting certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxes.

Parmer County Judge Bonnie Clayton explained that the state legislature had inadvertently put on a new tax, so counties are having to exempt the trailers from it.

The exemption is for trailers which fall into three designations:

1. They were registered in Texas by Jan. 1.
2. They are less than 400 square feet in area.
3. They are designated primarily as temporary living quarters, and not as permanent residences.

In other business, the commissioners:

-- Approved an interlocal cooperation agreement with Friona for subdivision regulation within Friona's extraterritorial jurisdiction. In Friona's case, that means a half mile outside the city limits. Within this area, Friona will be responsible for subdivision regulations.

This agreement was needed due to state legislation that mandated counties to have such agreements.

The commissioners now must meet with Farwell and Bovina to ascertain those cities' extraterritorial jurisdictions, and to agree on responsibility for subdivisions within those county areas just outside city limits.

-- Discussed the dam on Running Water Draw near Bovina. The dam is supposed to be kept closed so that it can help replenish the aquifer. Earl Behrends, of the Soil and Water Conservation District, will check on it each year.

-- Approved a request by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries to seek matching grant money from the American Heart Association (AHA) to buy heart defibrillators. Grant funds are available for "first responders" such as police.

The commissioners will spend \$5,000 (with a matching \$5,000 from the AHA) for heart defibrillators for county police vehicles.

The commissioners also decided to buy a heart defibrillator for the courthouse. Funds for it will come from the courthouse security fund.

Track schedules announced

The Texico track schedules have been announced:

Varsity - April 5, Wildcat Relays at Lovington, boys and girls; April 11, Buffalo Relays at Melrose, girls; April 12, Wildcat Relays at Clovis, boys and girls; April 13, Ft. Sumner Relays, boys; April 18, EPAC at Ft. Sumner, boys and girls; April 27, District at Loving, boys and girls; May 3 and 4, state at Albuquerque.

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Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles:

- On March 20, Roxane Mendoza, 31, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of providing alcohol to a minor. The case is pending in county court.
- On March 20, Morgan Baize, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of providing alcohol to a minor. The case is pending in county court.
- On March 24, Valerie Reyes, 21, of Odessa, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding, on March 18:

- Phillip Morris Griggs Jr., 20, of Bovina, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$293 court costs; \$135 restitution; \$750 fine; \$250 attorney fees; 120 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.
- Douglas James Walker, 45, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; 120 hours of community service, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.
- Alvino Hernandez, 49, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 3 years; 10 days in Parmer County Jail; \$293 court costs; \$750 fine; 160 hours of community service; loss of driver's license for 18 months, and obtain alcohol counseling at own expense.
- Jesus Manuel Trejo Jr., 18, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (cocaine), was sentenced to 2 to 20 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, deferred for 3 years; \$268 court costs; \$1,000 fine; 240 hours of community service, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.
- James Richard Bonham, 24, of Bovina, charged with criminal non support, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 3 years; \$268 court costs; \$500 fine; \$3,091 restitution, and 120 hours of community service.
- Seth Gabriel Buckley, 19, of Brookside, Okla., charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$268 court costs; \$750 fine; 120 hours of community service, and obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.
- Mario Alvarez, 32, of Dallas, charged with burglary of a building, was sentenced to 8 months in a state jail facility, \$166 court costs, \$500 fine, \$793 restitution, and \$350 attorney fee.
- Guadalupe Cordova, 73, of Friona, charged with indecency with a child, was sentenced to 8 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, \$278 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$350 attorney fees; obtain sex offender counselling, and register as a sex offender upon release.
- Fernando Hernandez Jr., 32, of Farwell, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, \$267 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; loss of driver's license for 18 months, and obtain alcohol counseling at own expense.
- Ivan Tafoya, 18, of Friona, charged with theft,

was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$293 court costs; \$750 fine; \$2,400 restitution, \$350 attorney fees, and 120 hours of community service.

- Timothy Ron Murrel, 43, of Hereford, charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of corrections, probated for 3 years; \$293 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$250 attorney fees, 160 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.
- Pamela Joyce London, 39, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 12 months; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility for 12 months as part of probation; \$268 court costs, \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees, and obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.

Lealia Pearl Walker, 42, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 18 months in a state jail facility, \$278 court costs, \$750 fine, \$350 attorney fees, loss of driver's license for 180 days, and obtain substance counseling at own expense.

ENMR membership to meet on April 20

The annual ENMR Plateau annual membership meeting is set for April 20 at the Ft. Sumner High School gym.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. mt. The business meeting starts at 10 a.m., with lunch held at noon. Each registered member will receive a gift bag plus will be eligible for door prize drawings.

The meeting will include reports, presentation of scholarship winners, voting on by-law proposed amendments, and election of board members.

Four board posts are on the ballot: Position 3, with incumbent Jerry Sours; Position 4, with incumbent Pow Carter; Position 5, with incumbent Mike Teeter, and Position 6, with incumbent Michael Montoya.

Only Lazbuddie School Board will have a contested election

The filing period for Texas local elections ended on March 20 and the only local race involves the Lazbuddie School Board.

Three persons signed up for the Lazbuddie School Board - Dieter Isaacson and incumbents Keith Hicks and Terry Jesko.

There will be no elections in the three Farwell governmental units.

Re-elected to the Farwell Hospital District Board were Bert Williams, Troy Christian, Peggy Sudderth and Robbi - Atkinson.

Re-elected to the Farwell City Council were

councilmen Wayne Gruben, Don Gerles and Ysleta Kittrell.

Re-elected to the Farwell School Board was Mark Schwertner. Joining him will be Darren Haseloff. David Norton did not seek re-election after serving on the board for 12 years.

Texico baseball program under way

The Texico baseball program has begun in earnest. This year, they are playing practice games, and next year will start regular district action.

Texico lost its first three ball games. Against Eunice on March 21, the Wolverines managed just one hit, a single by Justin Loven.

Against Hobbs JV on March 22, Texico scored 3 runs, by Logan Brown, Adrian Loera and Kyle Duncan. Getting RBIs were Jesse Barclay, Brown, and Duncan. Brown had a pair of singles; Duncan, a triple; and Jared Curtis a single. Toby Thornton and Bryce Bailey coaxes walks.

On March 23, Texico started hitting the ball well against Jal. Getting hits were: Barclay, a single; Brown, 2 singles; Ricky Fuentes, a single; Justin Loven, a pair of doubles; Bryan Vannatta, a double, and Braden Vaughan, a single. Loven had 3 RBIs. Also having RBIs were Brown, Fuentes and Vannatta. Joel Maldonado had a walk.


As of March 24, here are some of the individual stats: Total hits - Bailey, 2; Barclay, 2; Brown, 6; Curtis, 2; Duncan, 2; Fuentes, 1; Landon Johnson, 2; Loera, 1; Loven, 7; Vannatta, 1; and Vaughan, 3.

Top hitters, percentage-wise, were Brown, at .600 (6 for 10), and Loven, at .368 (7 for 19), Loven led in RBIs with 8 and Brown had 3. Vaughan, Josh Pena, Barclay and Brown all had scored 3 runs to lead in this category.


Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office last week recorded the following warranty deeds:

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- Security State Bank - Kyle Shelton, Sections 24, 25, 26 and 36 T4N R1E.
- Matthew Schilling - Double W Farms, part E/2 S/7 T15S R2E.
- Preston Cargile - James Wedel, W/2 S17 T15S R2E.
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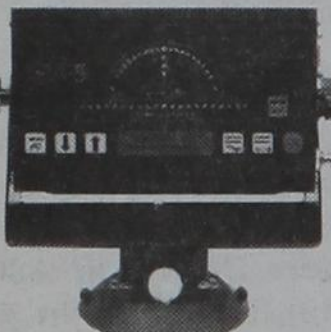
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The Hutchins are now looking forward to going back to Sweden this September for the Walk to Emmaus in Frammnas, Sweden.

"God blessed us as we blessed others," Gloria stated. "People were put in front of us to witness to and in turn, we were witnessed to as well. I'm looking forward to taking part in this wonderful opportunity again!"

Stephan and Karen Schilling, Tim Grissom and Duke and Rhonda Kirkland are also willing participants in another exciting opportunity to share their faith in Christ.

Stephan became involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry about a year ago. He and Karen both went through training to learn about the do's and don'ts of the prison system and then they began taking part in the ministry to the convicts.

While Stephan goes inside and actually sits down with the prisoners with two other Kairos team members, Karen supports the ministry through cooking meals, snacks and being a "prayer warrior" for each inmate and ministry session.

Stephan feels that this ministry is something that he has been called to do and is something that blesses his life to the fullest. He truly sees the difference that Christ brings to the convicts and the rebirth of hope that he witnesses and fosters is incredible.

The Kairos Ministry program is something that he is eager to discuss with others and he is excited about the opportunity to bring more men and women into the ministry.

Stephan and Tim Grissom, formerly of the Farwell-Oklahoma Lane area are the ones that got Duke and Rhonda Kirkland of Farwell involved in the ministry.

"I had heard Stephan and Tim talk about their experiences in the prison over in Lubbock and I was always curious about it," said Duke. "I finally committed to it and now, I can't believe I waited to get involved."

Two weekends ago, Duke and Rhonda Kirkland participated in their first Kairos weekend at the

The Latest

As of Monday, about 60 farmers had signed up so far for the class action suit filed by the Aldridge, Aycock, Actkinson & Rutter law firm against Energas.

The suit alleges overcharging by Energas for

natural gas sales to farmers for irrigation usage between 1998 and 2001.

Area United Methodist churches are joining to raise money for the Positive Reinforcement Pre-school Academy in Clovis.

Members of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church are selling tickets for an enchilada dinner to raise funds.

The dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1501 Sycamore St., Clovis, on April 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. mt.

Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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Lazbuddie's lunch menus for next week:

Monday - holiday.

Tuesday - lasagna, burritos (pk-1), tuna sandwiches.

Wednesday - pork patty (pk-1), pizza, subs.

Thursday - baked potatoes, hamburgers (pk-1), broccoli & cheese, ham.

Friday - manager's special.

Did you hear about the Clovis man who was killed last week after robbing a bank in Littlefield, Texas?

Parmer County law enforcement officials are checking into the possibility that he may have been the same man who robbed the bank in Bovina a couple of years back.



Gene Christian

Christian called as pastor

Gene Christian, of Farwell, has been called by Calvary Baptist Church of Clovis as their pastor.

Gene has been serving the church as associate pastor since August and was voted in as pastor on March 24.

The church is located at 720 Davis St.

Gene and his wife Sherry will continue to live in Farwell.

They have three children: Aaron, a junior at Texas Christian University; Cade, a freshman at TCU, and Kyra, a sophomore at Farwell High.

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Montford Unit in Lubbock.

"It was an awesome thing to take part in," said Duke. "To see men that had given up all hope, have their hearts opened to the love of Jesus Christ was amazing."

The Kairos Prison Ministry is an interdenominational Christian ministry whose programs are designed to be presented in state and federal men's and women's correctional institutions in the U.S. with adaptations for other countries and languages. It is conducted, in cooperation with the chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are selected, trained and certified by area governing bodies of Kairos and approved by correctional institutions as citizen volunteers.

The Montford Unit in Lubbock is the site for the Kairos ministry teams in this region.

The ministry has helped tremendously to keep the men from ever returning to prison.

"The program has a 91% rate of non-return for those inmates that take part in Kairos," Karen stated.

The only way that many of the Kairos prisoners return is as part of a Kairos ministry outside team. This becomes a great source of comfort for the prisoners to see that these men survived prison and have found a good life on the outside.

"Four members of the Lubbock Kairos team are former prison inmates," said Karen. "This has great impact on their ministry. In fact, the next Rector of the Lubbock Kairos group is a former prisoner himself."

As we start this time of reflection and celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it brings special emphasis to these programs that have helped to share Christ's grace and love and his unconditional forgiveness.

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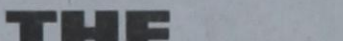
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The Resurrection of Jesus as a Jerusalem Newspaper Might Have Reported It

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JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Grave in the Garden Reported Empty

Man of Galilee Influenced Many

Last Friday Jesus of Nazareth was put to death by crucifixion. Today the population of this capitol city was rocked by the startling news that he is alive! Who is this man who has made such an impact on the whole city and country?

Born in the city of Bethlehem about 33 years ago, Jesus spent most of his childhood and youth in Nazareth. He lived with his parents, Joseph and Mary, attending the regular Jewish schools and assisting his father in the carpenter shop.

It is reported that the popular preacher had an intense interest in people. On one of his trips to Jerusalem ten men afflicted with leprosy came to him for help. He directed them to report to the priests for inspection. It was on their way to the temple that they were healed.

Certainly a person who can heal a disease such as leprosy would be considered a desirable member of society.

While he and his disciples were resting in the plains near Bethsaida, over five thousand people came out to see and hear him. We are told that Jesus fed the whole group with five loaves of

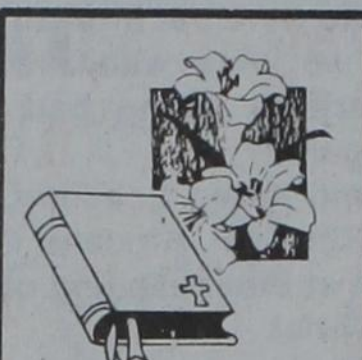
bread and two fish. It is no surprise that they wanted to proclaim him king at this point in his ministry.

When the daughter of Jairus died, we are told, she was restored to life by the words: "Damsel, I say to you, arise." Some of his followers tell us that even though his friend Lazarus had been dead four days, he called him back to life with the words "Lazarus, come forth." It is not surprising that someone who apparently has power over life and death should be heralded as the Son of God.

Although his ministry was marked with concern and compassion for the masses, he nevertheless did take exception to many of the pronouncements and the activities of the leaders of the church. Because of this attitude, the church leaders refused to accept him.

Religious lawyers sought to discredit him in the eyes of the public. When this failed, they plotted his death. Persuading one of Jesus' own followers, Judas Iscariot, to betray him, they succeeded in a conspiracy which ultimately ended in his death.

But did they really succeed? Today it seems that even death could not silence Jesus of Nazareth. While opposition leaders are vigorously seeking to silence the startling reports of his resurrection, there are many others who now are certain that Jesus of Nazareth was not only sent from God, but that he is God Himself.



From The Editor's Desk

We had a different editorial prepared for today's issue. But the news of the events of yesterday changed our plans.

With great interest we had followed the capture, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. After He was buried on Friday, we turned to other things. But early yesterday morning, word came to us that this Jesus had returned to life.

What the events of the past weekend will mean to the world is rather difficult to ascertain on the day after Christ's resurrection. From this vantage point, it appears that we can expect great things. Some of the faithful followers of Christ remember the many prophecies concerning the Messiah's coming. Yesterday's events, according to reliable reports, indicate that the Messiah is none other than the risen Christ.

We are told that over four thousand years ago, the Lord reminded Abraham that the members of the Lord's church would be as numerous as sands upon the seashore. Does this mean that the message of the Messiah would cover the whole earth?

It is reported that on last Thursday night as Christ met privately with His disciples in the upper room, He prayed to God, saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word."

Could it be that the news of Christ's resurrection will be proclaimed throughout the world?

Will the message of Jesus Christ invade the powerful strongholds of Greece and Rome?

Is it possible that the risen Christ will become more important than the god Jupiter, or that Socrates and Plato will fade before this One who said, "I am the Son of God"?

It might be well that we all heed the words of the angel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is arisen! Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Highlights of Jesus' Trial

Early Friday morning Jesus of Nazareth was brought by church-officials in Jerusalem to Governor Pontius Pilate for trial. Five days before, great multitudes of Passover-pilgrims and common people had welcomed Jesus of Nazareth to Jerusalem as the Christ, the King of Israel.

Church authorities expressed fear that such a popular acclaim might easily lead to insurrection and bloodshed. High priest Caiaphas suggested that it would be better for one man to die than for the Jewish people to perish.

The charge brought by the church leaders before Pilate, was that Jesus was stirring up rebellion against the Roman Government by claiming to be Christ, a King. When examined by the Governor, Jesus said: 'My kingdom is not of this world... Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice.'

Pilate ruled that teaching truth is no crime against civil government. King Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time, agreed that Jesus of Nazareth was not guilty of organizing rebellion against civil authorities.

The Governor invoked the custom of pardoning

a prisoner at the Passover-feast. When given a choice the people called for the release of Barabbas and demanded the crucifixion of Jesus. To pacify the Jewish leaders Pilate had Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns, but to no avail. The church-leaders threatened to accuse Pilate of disloyalty to the Roman Emperor, if he failed to sentence Jesus to be crucified. Pilate agreed to do so after symbolically washing his hands to disavow any responsibility of the matter. Thereupon, the accusers expressed willingness to assume the blame by saying: "His blood be on us."

As the procession of the condemned made its way through the crowds on the way to Calvary, Jesus faltered under the weight of his cross. The soldiers drafted the services of a Passover pilgrim, Simon of Cyrene, to carry Jesus' cross. Of this man little is known except that he has two sons, Rufus and Alexander.

Only once did Jesus pause to speak. He then said, "Daughters of Jerusalem! Weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your children." Briefly he spoke to them of the destruction which He said would come to the holy city of Jerusalem. Reaching Calvary four soldiers then crucified Jesus and cast lots for His clothing. At the direction of Pilate the soldiers placed the superscription on his cross: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.

Great Excitement in Emmaus

Late Sunday afternoon a young man, Cleopas, related a strange experience he had earlier in the day.

According to Cleopas, the crucified Messiah is not only alive, but has been seen, talked to and dined with, all during the past twelve hours.

A stranger joined Cleopas and a friend as they traveled to Emmaus. This trio discussed the recent events in Jerusalem. The stranger seemed to be unaware of all the excitement of the last few days.

He asked Cleopas and his friend why they were so sad. Cleopas then explained that their sadness was because Jesus of Nazareth was put to death and even though it was reported that Jesus was alive, no one had seen Him.

When they arrived at Emmaus, they invited this stranger for supper. "It was during the act of blessing the bread that we recognized Him as the risen Christ," Cleopas claimed. "But before we could greet Him and express our joy, He was gone."

Returning to Jerusalem, Cleopas and his friend met with Jesus' disciples and reported what had happened on their trip to Emmaus.

Peter and John related their experience of that morning. They had rushed to the tomb when they heard of the possible resurrection. They found the tomb empty, but identified the grave clothes as those used to wrap Jesus' body for burial.

Suddenly Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Charges Church Trial Fake

Charges were made today that the trial of Jesus of Nazareth before the Church Court last Friday was not legal. In an exclusive interview, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, claimed that the death sentence was not unanimous and that a gross miscarriage of justice was committed.

Incensed over the action of the court and claiming an innocent man had been condemned, the eminent counselor referred to the following five improper actions of the court:

1) It is illegal to begin court action at night; yet the first appearance of Jesus before the court took place at approximately two o'clock in the morning.

2) It is illegal to hold court on Friday, the day before the Sabbath, or on the day preceding a high festival; yet Jesus was tried on Friday, the day preceding the Passover.

3) It is illegal to try a prisoner without benefit of defense; yet no witnesses were called in defense of Jesus. (The counselor claims that he called this point specifically to the attention of his fellow-jurists, but that it was denied.)

4) It is illegal to try a man and to pronounce capital punishment within one day; yet Jesus was apprehended, arraigned, tried and crucified within less than eighteen hours.

5) Finally, it is illegal to pass the death sentence on the testimony of one witness alone; yet Joseph claims that none of the witnesses for the prosecution agreed in their testimony against Jesus, and STILL the court condemned him!

The jurist claimed that he refused to vote for condemnation at the trial. Among other obvious reasons, he stated that he is convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is actually the promised Messiah, the Hope of Israel! For this reason he made the new sepulcher in his spacious garden available for the burial of the Nazarene. He also stated that for the same reason, Nicodemus, a respected teacher of religion, assisted in the final rites for Jesus in the garden late Friday afternoon.

Centurion Testifies

The centurion, who was in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth and responsible for preserving law and order, gave what may be considered the most eloquent testimony of all in regard to the person who was crucified on Calvary's hill.

He had been a silent witness to all that happened. When questioned soon after the events of Friday, he spoke with conviction. He stated that there had been a great miscarriage of justice, since the words and actions of the man crucified were not those of a man guilty of crime.

When asked who he thought the crucified man was, he replied, "To the best of my knowledge, He was, as He Himself said, the Son of God." That this sort of testimony should come from a man trained in the rigors and discipline of the Roman army is indeed surprising. It is proof that the death of Jesus of Nazareth has had an impact on all with whom He came in contact. Could it be that this confession of the centurion will encourage other centurions to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Reluctant To Condemn Jesus

Checking the transcript of the trial held last week in Pilate's court, this reporter notes that the governor was very reluctant to order the execution of Jesus of Nazareth. The flow of events proves that the Governor placed himself in an awkward position before the church leaders. It must be said nonetheless that had Pilate been more a judge and less a politician, only two men would have been crucified last Friday.

It is quite apparent that from the time of the preliminary examination until the final signing of the death warrant, Pilate was convinced that the prisoner was innocent of the charges preferred. He sensed that the charges were merely a cover-up and that it was envy that motivated the insistence upon the death sentence of Jesus.

Throughout the trial one can hear Pilate stalling "I find no fault in him at all."

It is interesting to note that the esteemed governor sought justice. Hearing that the governor of Galilee was in the city, he sent the prisoner, who was a Galilean, to Herod. However, after examining Jesus, Herod gave the verdict "Not Guilty."

It was at this time that the Governor invoked the use of the age-old Passover custom of releasing a criminal from jail. Shrewdly he selected Barabbas, a hated and dangerous killer. The governor thought that society would not want this crazed rebel and murderer back in circulation. To his distress the leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas' freedom and Jesus' death.

Sensing that the crowd would be satisfied with nothing less than blood, the judge compromised justice and ordered the innocent prisoner scourged. Dripping with blood, disheveled and thorn crowned, Jesus was presented to the crowd as Pilate announced: "Behold, I bring him forth unto you that you may know that I find no fault in him. Behold the Man." Again the crowd would not be pacified. The Governor finally reconciled himself to the fact that neither compromise nor reason would satisfy the mob.

It was then that the opposition took command calling out: "If you release this man, you are not the emperor's friend." Was this a veiled threat? Would Pilate's past misdeeds be reported to Caesar? Reluctantly but deliberately, he washed his hands before the mob, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person, see to it yourselves." Reluctantly he signed the death warrant for Jesus of Nazareth. Justice finally had been trampled into the dust. Pilate had sold out to the opposition.

This raises some interesting questions: Will Rome condone such action in its courts? Can Pilate continue as Governor? What, in fact, does the future hold for Pilate? Time alone will tell.

Jesus' Burial Near Calvary

Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Jesus of Nazareth died.

Joseph of Arimathea requested permission from Pilate to bury the body in his new tomb which is close to Calvary. The Roman governor granted the request.

Because of the lateness in the day and the approaching Sabbath, the preparation of the body for burial was not completed.

Eyewitnesses Testify To Resurrection

Early yesterday morning several women set out for Joseph's garden to complete the task of anointing Christ's body. They kept asking each other, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

When they came to the grave they saw that the stone was rolled away. They could hardly believe their eyes, for on the stone was a most unusual person. He was dressed in a pure white garment and his face was as brilliant as lightning.

It is reported that this was an angel and that he told the women, "Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come see the place where you and the others put His body. Now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the

dead, and He will meet you in Galilee." The women left the grave and as they returned to the city they were met by the risen Jesus whom they immediately recognized.

Another follower of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, also came to the grave early yesterday. Mary remained at the grave and was very dejected over the absence of Christ's body. She even accused a man, whom she thought was the local gardener, of stealing the body. To her utter surprise, this man was none other than the risen Christ who identified Himself by calling her by her name.

Last evening, Jesus appeared to ten of his disciples in Jerusalem. These appearances of Jesus verify that He is truly risen from the dead.

Last Words Of Jesus Unusual

The death of Jesus of Nazareth was unlike any other death. Even the words of this dying man were extraordinary.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross and the cross was placed in an upright position, He prayed for pardon and forgiveness for His enemies. A Roman soldier remarked, "Usually we are cursed to die in hell."

A conversation took place between Jesus on the center cross and the thief who was crucified on His right. The thief apparently recognized in Jesus more than criminal traits as he asked to be remembered by Him in His kingdom. The thief received the answer, "Today you shall be with Me in paradise."

Great concern was expressed about the darkness which prevailed for three hours, from noon to three in the afternoon. Out of that darkness Jesus was heard to cry in a tone of anguish and intense suffering, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

It became apparent that Jesus was going through more than physical suffering in His body. There appeared to be a deeper anguish and suffering that went beyond the torment of crucifixion.

A few minutes before His death he shouted, "It is finished!" That appeared to be a shout of victory. Was it a victory just to die? Or was there some other victory or accomplishment He gained through this suffering and death?

At this time analysts are trying to piece together these words of Jesus of Nazareth to determine what meaning they carry. The question being asked is, "Was Jesus giving His life in place of others rather than dying for any crimes He had committed?"

Events in Nature Cause Concern

Phenomena in nature during the past few days have caused the citizens of the area no small concern.

Friday from noon till 3:00 p.m. this city and all the region, possibly the whole world, was shrouded in darkness. Never before in the history of man, as far as can be determined, has the midday sun been completely darkened. This phenomenon was not an eclipse of the sun, since the Passover is held during the period of the full moon, thus making the eclipse impossible.

Two earth tremors of considerable intensity were reported. It seems uncanny if not ominous, that the first quake occurred precisely at the moment Jesus of Nazareth died. The time of the second tremor coincided with the time the Roman guards reported the tomb was opened and found empty.

Such happenings certainly challenge rational and scientific explanation. Can it be that history will pronounce these events "acts of God?"

Judas Iscariot Suicide Victim

Late Friday night a body was found hanging from a rope at the outskirts of Jerusalem. The dead man has been identified as Judas Iscariot, the treasurer of the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Judas had contracted with the church officials to betray Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. Once the deed was done, Judas apparently was plagued with guilt feelings.

It is reported he tried to return the money to the church officials but they were totally unconcerned. This refusal to accept his offer sparked the traitor's suicide.

Secret Follower Interviewed

Nicodemus, a teacher of religion in Jerusalem, has come out openly in support of the cause of Jesus of Nazareth. One of our reporters secured an interview with the aging religious leader who is rumored to have assisted with the interment of the body of Jesus in Joseph's garden.

It was revealed that Nicodemus has had an increasing conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. On occasion the two met secretly.

In answer to our reporter's questions as to why he considered Jesus to be the promised Messiah, Nicodemus read the following words from Isaiah: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Turning from the prophecy, Nicodemus stated, "I can't help believing that these words, as well as many others in the prophecy speak of Jesus Christ. You reporters covered his trial. You were out there on Golgotha when they crucified him. You saw how they manhandled him, how they scoffed and mocked him. What do you think?"

"It may cost me my position; it may even cost me my life, but I can't keep still any longer. I'm ashamed that I haven't spoken out sooner."

"When I recall the events of his life and the words of the scriptures about the Messiah, I cannot but say that this Jesus is the promised Son of God, our Messiah!"

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