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Happy 100th birthday, Parmer County!

By Don Spring

The hot sun beat down on the prairie floor as the huge shaggy beast swung her head to and fro. Her reddened eyes seem to be ever searching for a missing piece to a large puzzle.

She swung her massive trunk into the air and trumpeted loudly as if to cry out "where the heck's the trees"...

The tired, old wooly mammoth plowed on relentlessly toward the town of Dimmitt and finally in total defeat she toppled over, gasped her last breath, and died.

Some said it was just old age, but others blame the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things?

Many bands of plains Indians rode the flat lands of Parmer County in search of the mighty American Bison, or Buffalo. The treeless plains afforded them a wide-screen view of the landscape, which was ideal for locating game and spotting their enemies from afar.

The high plains proved an excellent hunting ground for the number of nomadic Indian tribes who roamed from southern New Mexico to Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. I'd like to talk to the Indian brave in that famous TV ad who seems to be shedding a tear for the loss of the pristine landscape due to white man's trashy ways.

The mighty hunters of the plains buffalo left about a million collections of arrowheads and spearheads across the fertile land. What's that all about, bub?

Some blame the fleetness of the wary buffalo, but some say it was the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things?

Thousands of immigrant settlers flooded into lower Texas during the start of the 19th Century, but the Panhandle remained unsullied by the light skinned intruders, until about 1845 when Texas became a state.

It should be noted that Texas is the only state to join the union by treaty instead of annexation. Some businessmen in Chicago became enamored with the cattle ranching prospects of the great Llano Estacado and petitioned the state hierarchy to purchase land.

A trade was worked out whereby the Chicago Syndicate built and paid for the state capital building in exchange for the lands in the Panhandle that would become the XIT ranch.

The ranch stretched from Oklahoma, and reached into Hockley County to the south, taking in almost all of Parmer County. All but a small area in the northeastern corner of the county was included in the XIT.

In 1876 the state legislature drew boundaries for the Panhandle counties and named our county for Martin Parmer, a signer of the Texas Declaration Of Independence.

Deaf Smith and Parmer counties were governed from Oldham County. Deaf Smith County organized early on and Parmer came under Deaf Smith County's jurisdiction.

The XIT flourished in the latter 19th Century and the Pecos Valley and Northeastern Railroad built a line diagonally across the county. Bovina, the southern headquarters of the ranch, became the largest cattle shipping point in the world.

By the end of the century the Syndicate had lost interest in the ranch. Some say it was because of inadequate revenues from cattle, others blame the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things.

In 1904, the Syndicate Company began an active campaign to sell off the XIT ranch and sold large tracts to land development companies for low prices and these companies resold the land at a profit.

The George Wright Land Co. bought 100,000 acres surrounding the townsite of Friona and enticed wealthy farmers from the Midwest to come here and look at the amazing flat land.

Other land agents did the same in other areas of the county and although the county began to grow in inhabitants, in 1900 the census only counted 34 stolid souls. Many of the buyers purchased land as speculation with no intention of settling on the farms.

The Syndicate Company was unsatisfied with this arrangement and wanted the county inhabited with farmers and ranchers so they formed the office of Land Commissioner and appointed F.W. Wilsey to head the office.

Later, he appointed J.D. Hamlin to oversee the purchases and Hamlin later on was replaced by his nephew, Hamlin Overstreet. Their job was to sell land only to actual settlers.

Mr. Overstreet announced in the early 1950s that the last 39 acres had been sold to Farwell attorney Hurshel Harding (who died last year), ending the great Parmer County land rush.

It wasn't unusual for early cattle rustlers to be dealt with by their victims but that didn't mean they always got the worse end of the fight.

John R. Armstrong was the postmaster and foreman of the southern division of the XIT ranch in the early days. He suspected the Williams brothers of stealing XIT stock.

One afternoon in 1908, he accosted the boys in Bovina and rope-whipped the younger brother before calling for the older brother, John, to get off his horse

and "settle it like a man".

Armstrong was a large muscular man and the smaller Williams declined the offer, but he rode over to the hotel and picked up a 30-30 rifle. When he rode back to the scene, Mr. Armstrong had ridden off toward the cattle pens but upon seeing the other man, he turned his horse around and glared at the elder Williams brother.

John Williams held the rifle loosely over the saddle horn and for some obscure reason he pulled the trigger without aiming. Mr. Armstrong slumped forward in the saddle and slid off to the ground.

Several witnesses rushed to the stricken man's side but he obviously was beyond help and had been dead when he hit the ground.

Some blamed the .30 caliber slug that entered just below his right armpit and exited just below his left armpit, taking everything in between with it. Others say it was the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things?

This is the only recorded "old west" style shooting in Parmer County unless you count the shooting of a disgruntled customer by a Farwell banker over a \$15 discrepancy.

John Williams was tried first in Canyon City, which resulted in a hung jury, and then in Amarillo where he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to six years

in the Texas State Prison.

After the county jurisdiction was separated from Deaf Smith County, the direct order of business was the designation of a site for the county seat.

Deaf Smith County officials had set Parmerton as the seat of the county based on the location -- it was the most centrally located spot on the map. A plat of 74 blocks was set off and the temporary courthouse moved into the county seat.

Since there was no actual town at Parmerton, in-fighting began early on concerning the relocating of the seat of county government. It had been supposed at the outset that probably Bovina would be the county seat but fine folks of Bulltown were lukewarm about the hubbub of such an endeavor.

So a fight ensued between Friona and Farwell as to the re-designation of the seat of jurisdiction for the county. An election was held on Dec. 10, 1907 and when the dust cleared, Farwell was declared the county seat.

Now for the past 100 years the fight has been continuing over the legitimacy of the election and the subsequent moving of the county records.

My grandfather, F.L. Spring, was the first commissioner for the northern section of the county, Rhea and Friona. He was the most honest and wisest individual I have ever had the pleasure of knowing so I believe with-

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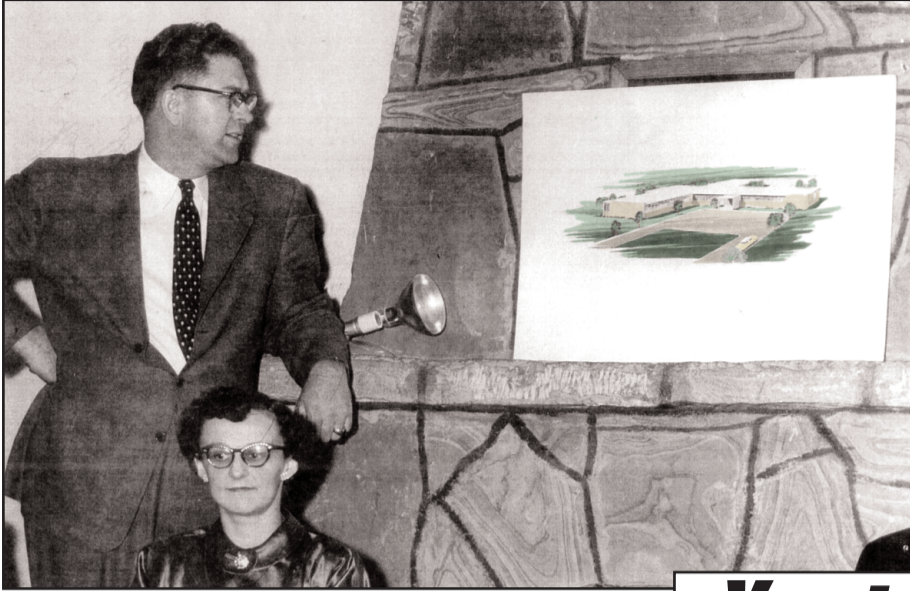
The Parmer County Veterans Memorial in Farwell City Park honors those who gave their lives during wartime for our great nation. They were: Kenneth Bainum, Ira B. Benger, Heriberto "Eddie" Blanco, James Calvin Bradley, Oran Brown, James R. Caldwell Jr., Horace William Coffman, Wesley H. Coker, Martin Vernon Collier, Harold R. Crook, Fred Hamilton Cummins, Owen Drake, James R. Fortenberry, Everett Louis Gee, Vernon "Tubby" Ginnings, Claude Isom Gober, James Benjamin Harrelson, Roy Elton Hughes, Homer C. Johnson, Stephen Dence Justice, Edward "Red" Martin, Rex Edgar McElroy, Ralph B. Miller Jr., Ples Legrande New, William J. Palmer, Arthur T. Parker, Larry J. Price, Loyd Reiser, H. Macyl Roberts, William Jennings Skulley, Nathaniel E. Taylor, Virgil Harry Weis, John Tetum Wilkerson and Fred T. Williams.



Established in Friona in 1947



P_{armer} C_{ounty} C_{ommunity} H_{ospital}



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Spring with the drawing of the hospital today.



Pete Buske and Jimmy Baxter at the 1947 ground breaking.

Yesterday



Ladies auxillary present a check to G.B. "Pete" Buske and H.E. "Barny" Barnett. Members were left to right, Lilah G. Gee, Willard Stewart, Lucille Latta, June Spring, Ethel Ruth Spring, Vera Bainum, and Eufaula Ethridge.

Today



From left, Dr. Jubay, Rhonda Wilkins, Glendora Jordan, Dr. Dickson, Tina Soto, Cathey Hamman FNP, Dr. Alexander, Nimfa Martin.



Artist rendering of our new facility. Construction scheduled to begin this year.

Tomorrow

Just Passing Through
WILL ANDERSON

1st county irrigation well

In my last trip to the Texico-Farwell area, I had to drive between Lubbock and Portales a couple of times. The quickest way to make that trip is via Cacahuete Road that runs between US 70 / 84 on one end (departing close to the Muleshoe Cemetery) and U.S. 70 on the other (adjacent to the ENMU football stadium.)

When I was a kid, I never knew that stretch of road was called Cacahuete (Spanish for "peanut"), and I never realized that there was a historical marker alongside it, just east of where it crosses the Texas / New Mexico border. Cold and lonesome, there alongside that road, is the commemoration for the first irrigation well in our part of the High Plains.

The marker states "Dug by hand in 1909 on farm of Willard Burns, a pit well (large enough for workmen to enter) it measured 6 by 10 feet across by 15 feet deep. A 10-inch centrifugal pump removed 1,000 gallons per minute. Upon its completion, settlers from miles around gathered to hold a water carnival, which became a local custom whenever wells were dug. Hundreds of such wells made agriculture profitable in this low rainfall area. Well and pump were abandoned when turbine pumps came into use, 1920s, no signs of it remain."

It is remarkable there was a time when the water table could be reached with a shovel and a strong back. At that time, east of the border, the XIT ranch was still operating, and west of the border, New Mexico had not yet achieved statehood. A few miles north of this well, the communities of Farwell, Bovina, and Texico were rollicking cow-towns, clusters of wooden buildings,



dug-outs, saloons, and stables.

Looking across the expanse of fields and sand from that little marker today, you could almost picture the horses and wagons bringing families to the water carnival on the day this well was inaugurated. The eternal winds probably still carry the long-past laughter of the children for such a special occasion, joining with the enthusiasm of their parents for the meager relief that wells like this would provide in the droughts that would come.

You can respect their courage and tenacity. Those traits must flourish in the soils of our part of the High Plains. Evidence of some of the earliest habitation of man in North America is found nearby in Blackwater Draw, the tools and bones of Stone Age families who clustered around scattered springs, hunter-gatherers chipping spearheads to vanquish huge creatures that we know today only in museum displays of extinct species.

Cultures changed, moved, and conquered until centuries later, the

Conquistadors, led by Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, set out from Santa Fe in 1540 in search of Quivira, the fabled city of gold. The route they took closely paralleled Running Water Draw because in its channel were occasional springs or, as noted before, water could be reached with only a fairly shallow dig.

There was once a Texas Historical Marker on the way to Lariat, marking the path that Coronado's Conquistadors followed in their journey. It was stolen a number of years ago and sadly, has never been replaced.

The horses that escaped from the Conquistadors adapted easily to the Plains and the ancestors of the Comanche and other indigenous tribes seized on the opportunity. In their existence before horses, a man was little more than easy prey on the Plains. But on horseback, a man could see above the grasses to the horizon. On horseback, he had speed to hunt food, he had evasiveness to escape anything that might eat him, and in only a few generations, the Plains Indians were probably the deadliest light cavalry force in the world, the masters of the High Plains until their last offensive of 1874-1875.

When the Comanche were forced onto the reservation in Fort Sill, Okla., this part of the world opened up to large scale ranching.

Stepping into the 20th Century, the XIT began to be sold off to the families arriving on trains or wagons to establish farms in our rich soil.

The decades since then have seen world wars,



The Friona Sentinel was established in 1907 as Friona's first newspaper.

undeclared conflicts, years of lonely watchposts on foreign shores or seas, and terrorist attacks. Every city on the Plains has tombstones and memorials to sons and daughters who fell in the nation's defense.

The Great Depression and the bleak days of the Dust Bowl touched our fields and towns, though not as severely as in other parts of the country. The huge migration of the 1930's forced thousands of American families to look for better lives further west, bringing many of them through our towns, snagging rides in railroad freight cars or struggling along in overloaded cars, looking for a day's work or a simple meal before pressing on down the road. Our grandparents' homes and churches were opened to them.

Sunrise, sunset, year by year, rains, droughts, sandstorms, tornadoes, good prices or bad prices. Fields produce the grains and beef that feed not only our nation, but a good portion of the world. Some businesses succeed and

others fail, some families come and others go, but friendships are eternal. Churches are tireless in their missions, schools produce athletes and scholars, and Friday football games sweeten autumn nights. In the distance, tractors and irrigation motors growl and trains roll though town every couple of minutes. Sunrise, sunset, year by year, it continues.

The government has sent me all over the world since I first went to sea,

but I have never had any real home except the Plains. Standing there on Cacahuete Road by that small historical marker, you feel the optimism of the people who dug that well. You hear whispers from people who have risen and fallen on those eternal Plains under that endless expanse of sky right up through the years to our own families.

And it doesn't matter if it's flat and dusty and not very spectacular. It's home.

Where did squirrels come from?

by Hugh Moseley

In 1951, the Parmer County Commissioners appropriated sufficient funds to pay for boxes in the trees in front of the courthouse as living quarters for the squirrels, plus some money to feed them.

The commissioners thanked the Lubbock Park Commission for furnishing the squirrels without charge, for beautifying the courthouse grounds and also as a control of English sparrows.

The Lubbock Park Commission had obtained its original stock of Kentucky Gray Squirrels from Memphis, Tenn.

At that time, the Parmer County Extension Agent was Joe W. Jones, of Farwell. He went to Lubbock in the fall of '51 and got five male and five female squirrels, and also one nesting box that was later used as a pattern for building more boxes.

The squirrel population has increased in numbers from that original stock, and is now estimated to be about 30 all told, enjoyed by our people, young and old.

- Texico**
Monday -- chicken fajitas with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, corn, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - pig in a blanket, mixed veggies, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.
Thursday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.
Friday - READ Day.
- Farwell**
Monday -- taco boats, salad, pinto beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, steamed veggies, hot roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - grilled chicken burger, lettuce leaf, dill pickles, chips, sugar cookie, fruit, milk.
Thursday - chalupas, salad, corn, fruit, milk.
Friday - chicken fajitas, salad, spanish rice, fruit, milk.

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FARWELL

By Darla Bracken.
Friona librarian

It started in Texico. New Mexico, then was still just a territory -- it became a state in 1912. As a wide-open and often lawless area, Texico, the boom town, had 5 saloons, 3 stores and one church near the beginning of the 20th Century.

In 1898 when the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railroad was expanding their line from Amarillo through to Elida and eventually on to Albuquerque, rumor had it that the railroad company might locate their terminal or 'round house' for the Belen cutoff at Texico. That was certainly the hope of James D. Hamlin, agent for the Capitol syndicate and F.W. Wilsey, the land commissioner.

The XIT had built a fence along the state line to try to help keep the cattle in and the thieves out. This area was patrolled by 6 Texas Rangers! Eventually, people began to mosey on over to the Texas side, including Mr. Hamlin who established his offices there.

The site was surveyed in

RHEA

Rhea is in northwestern Parmer County. It was named for the brothers Joe E. and John W. Rhea, who developed a ranch on former XIT Ranch land in July 1901.

In 1906, the Rheas sold out and moved to Roswell, N.M. Two years later, however, Herman F. Reinking purchased a section of the Rheas' land and brought in several German Lutheran farmers from his home state of Indiana.

They quickly established a school and a church, around which grew a close-knit community. A post office was opened in 1909 but closed in 1924.

Rhea School was a focal point of many community gatherings until 1949, when the district was partitioned between Friona and Bovina.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church and adjacent parish hall remained the community nucleus, especially on Sundays and holidays. The Sherley grain elevator, a grocery and feed store, a veterinary clinic, an engine service, and an auction service were also available to area farmers and ranchers.

In 1980, Rhea reported a population of 98.

1905 and the 586 acres set aside for a town site was named for John V. and Charles B. Farwell, brothers from Chicago and major partners in the Capitol Syndicate which built the Texas State Capitol building in exchange for just over 3 million acres of land in the Panhandle of Texas. Thus a 'twin' boom town also developed on the Texas side.

It was said by surveyor W.D. Howren of Amarillo that 'it was necessary to burn off grass which was about 4 feet high so that the town site could be surveyed' in 1905 and that there were antelope and blue quail present. The surveyors were camped at a place called 'Little Joe', a mill site just east of Farwell.

Alas, the railroad boom never materialized for Farwell and Texico because the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas railroad, now the Sante Fe Railway Company, had done some bird dogging of their own and had purchased land near Riley's Switch west of the area and had mapped their own town site of Clovis, where the terminal was then located and still is there today.

The twin cities, however, did continue to spring 'up from the sod' and soon Farwell had a 3-story hotel -- the Farwell Inn, and several businesses including a lumber yard, a bank and a post office. The Hamlin Bricks were a series of buildings housing the land offices plus other area businesses.

The R.H. Kemp Lumber Yard was one of the oldest businesses established in Farwell in 1904, according to the Farwell Times which was established in 1907. The post office was first established in Farwell Dec. 26, 1906. Postal service was interrupted in November 1907 when the bank failed and then was reestablished Jan. 3, 1908.

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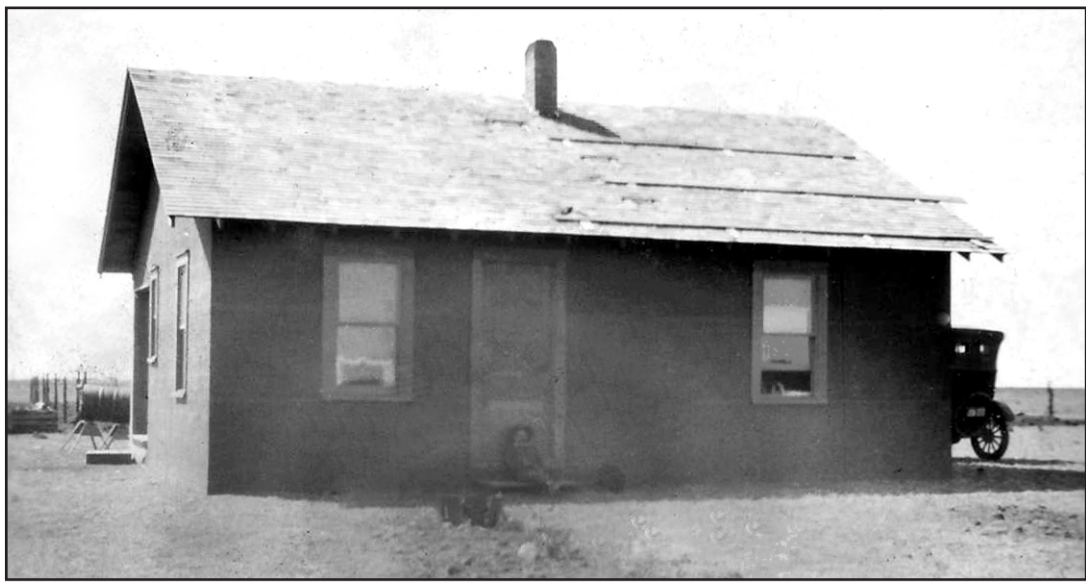
Feed and Transfer Barn, the Farwell Ice Plant, Farwell Drug Store and the Farwell First National Bank were just some of the businesses in early Farwell. We are fortunate that there was also a photography studio in Texico -- Lloyd's. Our valuable pictorial records are the work of these early photographers.

Richard C. "Coke" Hopping was elected sheriff in 1910 and in his autobiography "A Sheriff-Ranger in Chuckwagon Days" c. 1952, he mentions that his biggest problem was cattle rustling. Seems it was just too close to the border and too handy to slip over into New Mexico away from the authorities in Texas. He chased them first on horseback and later by automobile.

He and his partner Roberson had operated a grocery store, Hopping-Roberson Mercantile Company before he became sheriff. He served Parmer County in this capacity for 8 years. After leaving Parmer County in 1918, he was later elected judge in Lamb County and served 8 years there.

James D. Hamlin, The Flamboyant Judge c. 1972, was elected Parmer County Judge in 1912, an office he held until 1924. Hamlin continued to be an influential citizen until his death in 1950; he is buried in Olivet Cemetery south of Farwell.

After the vote to move the county seat to Farwell in 1907, Hamlin made haste to see that a courthouse was established. The Courthouse was first housed in the Hamlin Block on 3rd Street near where the courthouse is today. After a disastrous fire in 1913, the county voted in 1916 to build a courthouse for a budgeted cost of not more than \$50,000. W.M. Rice Construction of Amarillo was awarded the contract. Our courthouse was built at a cost of \$43,243.65 and



An 8 year old Harold Carpenter sits on the steps of the house that Wade Carpenter and Ernest Hromas built in Oklahoma Lane. The house took 2 weeks to build and the Carpenters lived there. Next to the house is the Model T Ford that the family used to when going into town.

was completed in 1917. Judge Hamlin served as the first county judge in the new courthouse; the first commissioners were F.W. Reeve, Frank L. Reed, F.L. Spring and F.W. McElroy. B.N. Grahams was the county clerk; Coke Hopping was the county sheriff and J.C. Temple was the justice of the peace.

Farwell's first school was held in the old rock Congregational Church building beginning in 1907. Following that year in 1908 several portable buildings were constructed on the public school property and school was held there until 1910 when more permanent structures were built. Besides the Congregational Church, the Christian Church was also organized in 1907. Farwell had the only independent school district in the county in 1908.

The State Line Tribune supplanted the Texico-Farwell Times when B. H. Fears began publishing a newspaper in 1910.

Though a challenge by

Friona in 1927 failed to have the county seat relocated to Friona, then experiencing its own 'boom' and population growth, Parmer County continued to grow and prosper until the Dust Bowl Days as described in "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan c. 2005. With irrigation and improved management of our second most precious resource -- soil, our county has continued to produce cattle and crops in generous proportions. Our dedicat-

ed farmers and ranchers have helped to manage our land and water well.

In 2000 the population of Farwell was 1,364 (Texico's population 1,065). Border Town Days is celebrated jointly with Texico each year in July. Farwell incorporated in 1950. They shared a fire department with Texico until 1956 when the Farwell volunteer fire department was established. The Parmer County Detention Center was completed in 2005.

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Alan Price and Betty Smart were named Farwell High's top honor students.

"Prof" Martin was named Texico-Farwell Lions Club president.

Farwell City Council discussed building a fire station.

Nickels Gin in Farwell was damaged by high winds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hart hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for kids.

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The Many Faces of the Farwell Convalescent Center



Terry Everett, activities director



Debbie Parmer, LVN, MDS/Medicare coordinator



Sally Rivera, housekeeping and laundry supervisor



Polly Stevenson, dietary manager



Steve Schmidt, Administrator.



Janye Bethel, office manager

This article is reprinted from the Aug. 6, 1976, issue of the State Line Tribune:

A dream which began over a year ago is at last nearing its completion. Construction of the Farwell Convalescent Center is finished and the formal open house has been set for Sunday, Aug. 8. The 15-member ESA Sorority will be on hand to conduct visitors on a tour through the facilities and to serve punch, coffee and cookies.

Dora Nittler of Friona has been employed as the administrator. Key staff members thus far include Margaret Purcell of Clovis, food service supervisor; Joyce Myers of Clovis, LVN director of nurses; and Jane Osgood, of Farwell, night supervisor of nurses.

The Center will be ready to admit patients on Aug. 9, and is licensed for 100 residents. It features private and semi-private rooms. There will be no more than two patients per room and only two will share a bathroom, Mrs. Nittler said.

Rooms feature painted walls or wall paper. She said the choice is good because not all the residents like the same colors or designs. The rooms will also have a chest of drawers, a closet and an outlet for cable TV. A color TV will be in the sitting room but Mrs. Nittler encourages residents to bring their own TV if they wish.

She added that a director will be employed to provide recreation and activities for the residents.

The facility also offers physical therapy and 24-hour nurse's service. Therapeutic diets will be provided and an RN dietician consultant will spend eight hours a month supervising the kitchen. Residents will also eat their meals together in a large dining area.

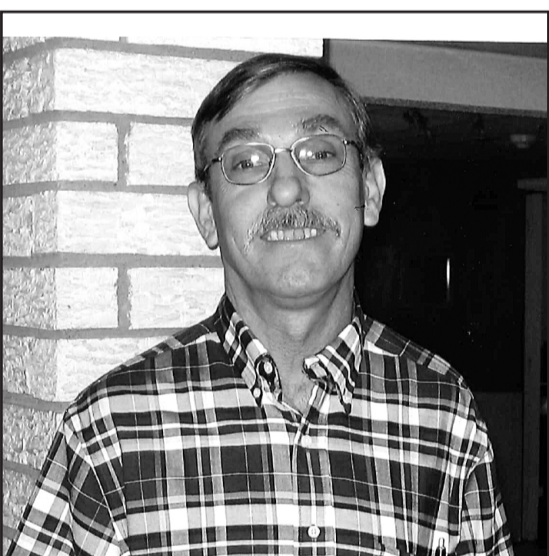
Another asset is the emergency electrical system. If a blackout should occur, the emergency generator takes over within seconds, she explained.

The administrator is very proud of the Century whirlpool accommodations at the Center. It features a hydraulic lift which facilitates lifting patients into and out of the water. Mrs. Nittler said it is not a state requirement but it was purchased anyway because it is beneficial to the patients.

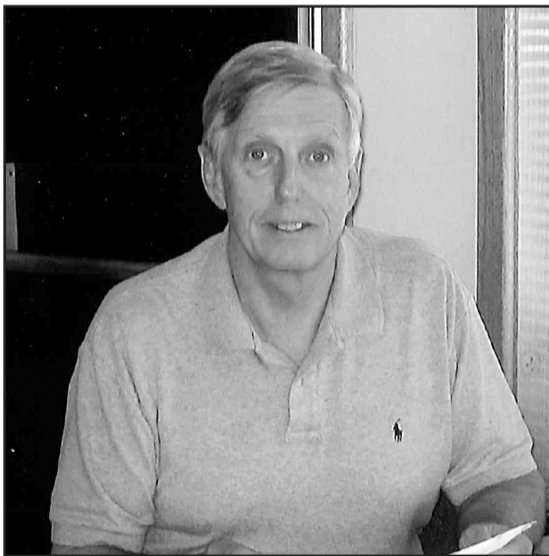
Ministers will take turns conducting Sunday services, she said. She added that the home will be a "community project" in that all area residents will be encouraged to contribute ideas and suggestions. "We will comply with their suggestions to the best of our ability," she said.

The first inkling that Farwell might have a convalescent center was evident in March of 1974 when the Farwell Development Company was organized. Its purpose was to attract industry and development to Farwell. The first item to be considered was the center. After a year of thinking and planning, the Farwell Hospital District was formed and voters approved \$750,000 in bonds for the construction of the convalescent home.

Members of the Farwell Hospital District include Don Williams, president; Caroline Anderson, secretary, and Maxine Williams, R.W. Anderson, Charles Aycock, Jim Berry, Prentice Mills, Rev. W.T. Perry and Claude H. Rose Jr.



Gary Johnson, maintenance director



Joe Holland, physical therapy therapist



Mandy Whitaker, DON



Martha Quezada, CNA; Sandra Crisp, CNA, and Patricia Martinez, special care unit coordinator



Patricia Kanmore, medical records.



Adjacent to the Convalescent Center is Heritage Square. independent apartments for senior citizens.

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Farwell Convalescent Center

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BOVINA

From Darla Bracken, Friona librarian:

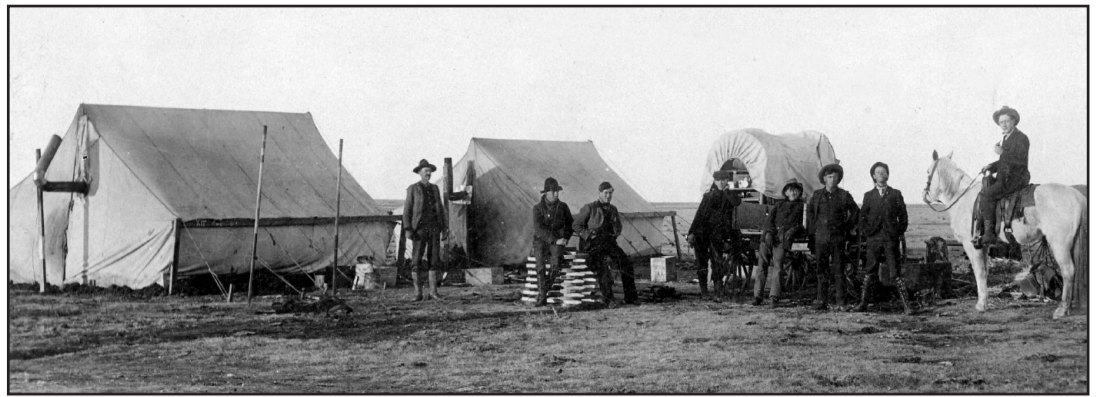
In 1882, when the XIT Ranch was first organized, they established the Hay Hook Line Camp in Parmer County and later built the headquarters for Division 8 there -- the bull pen and shipping point for the XIT

Ranch cattle.

At first the cattle were driven in herds to points north for slaughter. Both cowboys and cattle had free range in the unfenced area when the Pecos and Northern Texas Railroad came through in 1898 in the process of establish-

ing a track line from Amarillo to Roswell.

After the railroad was built, cottonseed was shipped in to supplement the range feed and inevitably some cottonseed was spilled near the tracks. The bulls in 'Bull Town' nibbled on the feed



Surveyors in Parmer County in 1906.



A train wreck between Farwell and Lariat occurred in the winter of 1918. The train tried to push the snow out of the way, but the boiler got too hot and in the freezing temperatures blew up. There was one fatality. (Photos courtesy of Herman Gerles)

Remember 'wash sticks'?

By Hugh Moseley

My mother, Eva Collier Moseley, called it the "wash stick." For six days, it lay at rest across the 16p nails where the wash tubs hung in the wash house.

The wash house on our farm was under the overhead redwood tank that supplies water pressure for the house.

A stick of this sort has many uses, but this stick was never used for anything other than punching clothes on washday, which at our place fell on Monday, the day after church day.

Back in my barefoot days, I once got into serious trouble for something I did with this stick. I was assigned the task to punch the clothes, and my moth-

er caught me in the act of taking a great swing at a jumbo grasshopper.

I didn't hit the grasshopper, and the end of the wash stick didn't touch the ground. This was good luck for me -- for I didn't break mother's wash stick.

This old wash stick has somehow survived the losses and cullings of family personal properties.

I came by this wash stick this way:

I was visiting my sister, Edith Johnson, and her family at their farm home many years ago, when she was doing the family laundry. Lo and behold, there was mother's old wash stick. When I remarked about this coincidence, she asked if I might like to have it for a keepsake. I

said I would be delighted.

My wife, Wilma Louise, used this wash stick several years before she died in 1997. I still use this same old stick in my laundry room, and with a little lover and tender care, it might last another 80 years.

I keep it to remind me what a chore it was back in the pioneer days to help with washing clothes.

On wash day, the first thing was to build a fire under a cast-iron wash pot filled with water. My dad, David Moseley, did this because as a youth, I didn't have the skill to do so.

Mother then took her butcher knife and cut a bar of lye soap into small pieces, and let them drop

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and became quite unafraid of the trains which traveled through the area.

When the post office was established on January 31, 1899 'Bull Town' became a more dignified Bovina.

Later the railroad merged with Sante Fe Railroad and they built stockyard holding pens for the huge droves of cattle waiting to be shipped. As many as 10,000 head at a time were shipped from tiny Bovina -- an amount which would rival some of our modern day feedyards shipping to the area packing plants via semi-tractor/trailer rigs. Many cattle were from other ranches in the area besides the XIT cattle. Cattle today still outnumber people in Parmer County just as they did in the days of the XIT Ranch.

When the division of the 50,000 acre area around Bovina was made, John R. Armstrong was sent as foreman and manager for the land disposal. People who came to live in the area began moving there in 1905. Bovina had two churches and a school.

The first school in Parmer County was in Bovina above one of the mercantile stores -- a one-room, one teacher affair in 1899. The first school built in Bovina was an adobe structure in 1905.

Because there were many Mexican workers who came to help build the railroad, there were also many Mexican children in the area and they had their own school established in 1902. Mrs. Abbott was

their teacher.

St. Ann's Catholic Church was organized in 1907; the first baptism was Simon Morales in December 1911.

Early Bovina also had a general store, a livery stable, a barbershop and a section house that could accommodate up to 35 boarders who were served 3 meals a day. They mostly furnished their own beds, however. As soon as the excursion trains began coming to the area, Bovina residents would 'dress up' in their finest and go to meet and visit with the people coming in on the trains to hear their news from other places.

Bovina Independent School District was created in 1927 from Parmer County School District # 5. At one time, Parmer County had 16 school districts. In 1927 a bond issue to build a new school passed in a close and heated election: 67 men for and 60 against.

The school was built in 1928. The land for it was sold to Bovina ISD by the Capitol Freehold Land and Trust Company with the stipulation that it must be for a school or there was 'no deal'. School 'trucks' or buses were also added in 1928. In later years other Parmer County districts consolidated with Bovina ISD.

In the '30s and '40s when gasoline, rubber and money were rationed or in short supply, natives came up with an innovative way to furnish basketball shoes for their students. They, the school district,

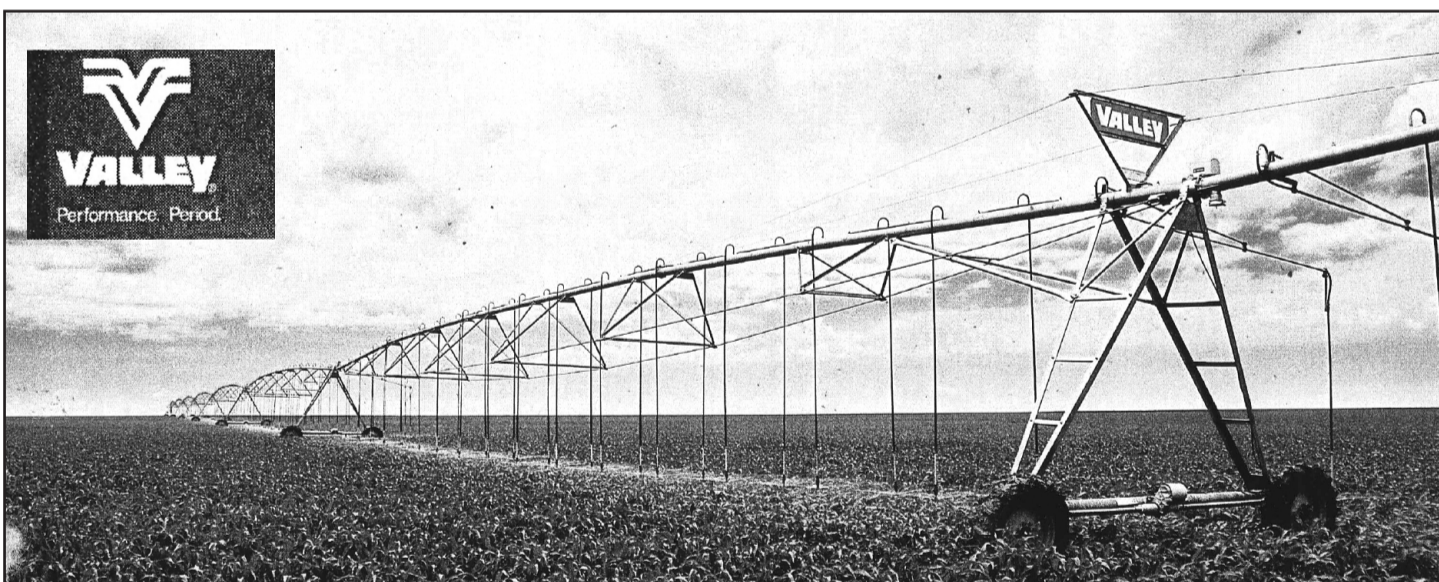
bought the shoes and then rented them to the students to wear elsewhere and managed to make it work.

In 1945, the basketball team was really good but they had no money for gasoline to travel to a play-off game at Dimmitt. They pooled resources and took the team only to realize that in their haste, they had forgotten the uniforms. Maude Trimble drove back to Bovina, picked up the uniforms and made it back in time for the game. We do love our sports in this county.

They also used the gym as a roller skating rink and to show cliffhanger serials and movies to provide recreation for their residents. And they didn't even mind the extra work it took to keep the gym floor in shape for basketball games.

Bovina received one of the prestigious Community Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund [TIF] grants in 2000 and operated their own community computer lab in the old Rhea school building which had been moved to Bovina. Talk about a 'then and now'. Residents had several points in their town for high speed Internet access.

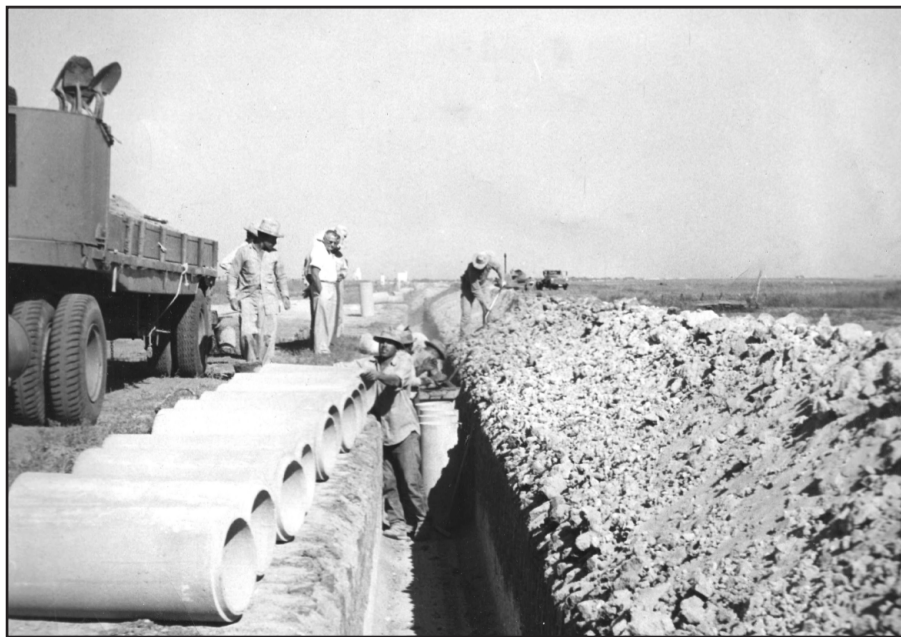
The grant also furnished laptop computers for every student in Bovina High School. Bovina folks have seized the opportunities when they knocked and are currently working to bring a new technology to Bovina and Parmer County -- wind turbines.



Ralph Franse began working in the irrigation business in 1946 in Portales. His family moved to Farwell in 1954 and bought the Grifford-Hill & Co. irrigation business 1979. He renamed it Franse Irrigation.

The company took on the Valley line in 1987.

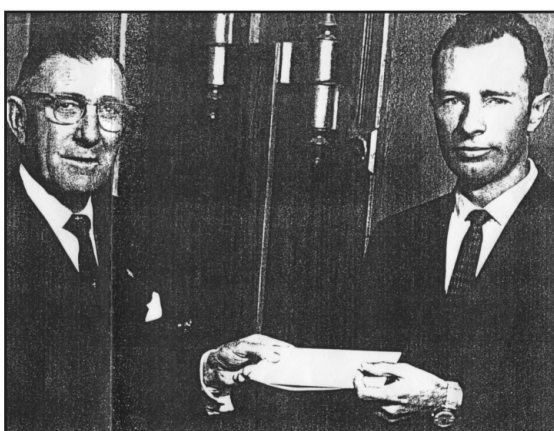
He is assisted by Lucille Franse, Steve and Patty Franse, Jimmy and Wanda Franse, John Franse, Henry Garcia and Paul Salguero.



Miles of pipe were laid in the 1950's and 1960's.



Ralph worked for the Watts Machine and Pump Co. from '54-'58.



On Jan. 2, 1963 H.Y. Overstreet hands Hurshel Harding the deed to the last 39 acres of the XIT ranch.

These acres are the land that Franse Irrigation's office is on north of the railroad tracks in Farwell.

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Parmer County

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out contradiction everything he said about the election.

Others, I'm sure believe the opposite but the truth is it doesn't mean a tinker's damn. The courthouse and the county seat are at Farwell and I'm tired of all the bickering about a done deal.

I say to all the old codgers in the county, "get over it people. It's time to be Parmer Countians and just let it die. Let it go peeps."

The Farwell brothers were prominent Chicago lawyers and very involved with the Capital Syndicate. Early on, they had set aside a section of land located across the New Mexico border from the already established town of Texico.

The main reason for the interest in that site was the prospect of the railroad locating a railway hub in Texico. Such a designation would insure astounding growth for Texico and due to its location, Farwell. Needless to say, land values would skyrocket.

They enlisted as their emissary, J.D. Hamlin, to develop the town and acquire as much land around Farwell and Texico as possible.

Although the designation of Farwell as county seat would help their cause, the mainstay of their plan was for the railway hub.

To that end, the brothers kept in constant touch with the railroad hierarchy. Then in 1907, the Santa Fe Railroad acquired more land at Riley's Switch, nine miles west of Texico and set up their hub and shops there. Clovis, New Mexico, became the mecca of eastern New Mexico.

Land values in Texico-Farwell plummeted. Many say it was an act of greed by the Santa Fe Railroad, others blame the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things?

The automobile arrived in Parmer County about the same time as the great flu epidemic and the "war to end all wars". The great flu epidemic of 1918 was reasonably mild in the sparsely inhabited plains region, but Parmer County contributed several young warriors to go overseas and fight Kaiser Bill's Prussian army.

Even in an area with only one tree indigenous to the area, there was a concerted effort to gather walnuts for the war effort. Walnuts were burned under controlled conditions and the resulting activated charcoal used in gas masks, which were badly needed in the First World War.

Kaiser Bill was fond of using poisonous gases in the field and killed about as many of his own troops as those of the enemy. So the county denizens proudly traveled over the countryside picking up walnuts. As a result of the war, hundreds of walnut trees were planted, but of course the need for activated charcoal ended long before they became nut bearing.

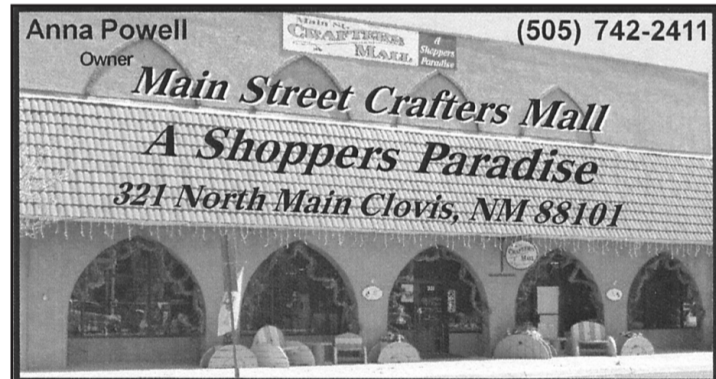
The automobile, of course, lasted longer than either the war or the influenza. New roads were built and streets graded and in some cases gravel was strewn about to prevent the newfangled horseless carriages from bogging down in the mud.

The first highway to cross Parmer County followed the railroad diagonally from Summerfield to Farwell and was located on the south side of the railroad track. Most of the businesses located around the new road in order to catch the maddening pace of the traffic. Thus much of the business districts of the towns were located south of the railroad.

Highway 33, as it was designated, was an "improved road," meaning parts were graded dirt and parts were gravel. The road ran from Amarillo to Clovis and eventually reached to Albuquerque. The road crossed over the railroad at Dawn and then ran north of the tracks to Amarillo.

Many of the ruts, culverts and bridges are still visible around Bovina and east of Friona. The old highway west of Bovina served as a lover's lane when I was in school,

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so the old road is remembered very fondly by some.

The first traffic fatality occurred in Bovina in 1926 when Tom Hastings was broadsided by another car at the highway intersection. Some blamed the demon internal combustion engine. Others say it was the hole in the ozone layer. Who among us can know these things?

To say the great Depression of 1929 left Parmer County relatively unscathed is a myth. The rancher as well as the small farmer felt the loss of a market for their product.

Cattle prices became non-existent and the market for such commodities as cream from the small local dairy cattle farms were no longer solvent.

The only market for such things as eggs, milk, cream and meat produce were local and that market was limited.

However, there were no "soup kitchens" in the county. The standard of living in Parmer County remained higher than for our city cousins, but then Mama Nature decided all should suffer so the great Dust Bowl descended upon the lower Midwest.

It wasn't all Mama Nature's doing. The farmer had been taught that it was necessary to plow as deep and as often as possible to eliminate all weeds. Weeds took away moisture from the crop so it was desirable to "get 'em all". The result was a loose topsoil that became airborne at the slightest wind storm.

However, windstorms in the early '30s were not slight and so the entire area from Arizona to Arkansas and from Texas to Nebraska began to migrate at a fast pace. Dust filled the air to the degree that it was necessary to wear moistened bandannas draped over one's nose.

Cradles had to be covered with moistened cloths to protect infants and the requirements for good house-keeping included a strong broom and a grain scoop. The midday sun could be covered over in an instant so that it appeared to be night in schoolrooms and church services as well as the home.

Garden plants were cut off at the ground and fruit crops and berries were blown off the limbs.

Vegetation necessary for livestock became very scarce and herds had to be eradicated or face starvation.

It wasn't unusual for a family to have only beans to eat three times a day. Credit limits were broken at all but a few of the merchants in the area and finally many local folk joined those from Arkansas and Oklahoma in the persistent trek west to California.

It has to be said that several positive things came from the Great Depression and the Great Dust Bowl. Improved farming techniques, irrigation, sound investment plans and several million of the greatest stories of survival that the world has ever heard.

Every "ol timer" that lived the Dust Bowl has a treasure trove of exciting stories to tell, same for the depression.

Have you ever noticed that the stories we enjoy telling the most are those that involve our greatest suffering? I

think it's sort of a rite of survival. Shoot, I'm the same way, as are all my friends. May be a law ... I don't know.

Parmer County also received benefit from the depression as the Works Progress Administration in 1935 announced it was taking in workers for the new highway running from east to west and passing through Parmer County. It would be designated U.S. Highway 60 and would be built on the north side of the ATSF railroad tracks.

A host of local workers landed a good paying job building the road and a few of the "ferriners" working on the road crew met local girls, settled in to work for her daddy and finally bought land of their own.

The new all-asphalt road was finished in 1936 and the great race to all points east and west began. Vacation became a possibility and the world became a lot smaller in just a few years. Highway 66 -- "the nation's main street" -- linked east to west as never before and literally everywhere became accessible.

War is a blasphemy! No matter the provocation or necessity, war is a means of robbing a family of its young men and now women and leaving all of us grieving for our innocence. Parmer County has sent many of our young folk to war and we have lost not a few.

I remember very vaguely the start of World War II, but I remember vividly the return of the young guys that left a young kid and returned so much older. Some changed beyond recognition.

I remember the very few war stories because the ones who lived them preferred to try to forget than try to remember. That was true then and it is true now. I consider any person that has fought to keep our country free to be a hero of the highest order. Thanks cannot say it strongly enough, we have to say it with our hearts in our hands. All you veterans, thanks from the heart.

The truly exciting thing about the celebration of Parmer County History is how current our history is ... just 100 years. That's a baby.

My grandpappy held a pivotal place in Parmer County history. He helped get the county set up on its own jurisdiction as did Gladys' great-grandfather, Mr. Schlenker. They, like so many others, came here from the Midwest and rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

They never thought of themselves as pioneers, but that is what they were. They only wanted to make a living and provide a life for their families. Sort of sounds like us, huh!

I can hardly wait for the Bicentennial celebration of our heritage in 2107. I wonder what time will hold in store for our little piece of the world. I bet it will be rich in heritage as it is today and full of opportunity for all ... but, then again, it may be a sweltering, sandy desert.

If so, some will say it was because of the mismanagement of our water supplies. Others will blame the hole in the ozone layer ... who among us can know these things?

I'll see you at the Farwell City Park on May 5. Shalom!

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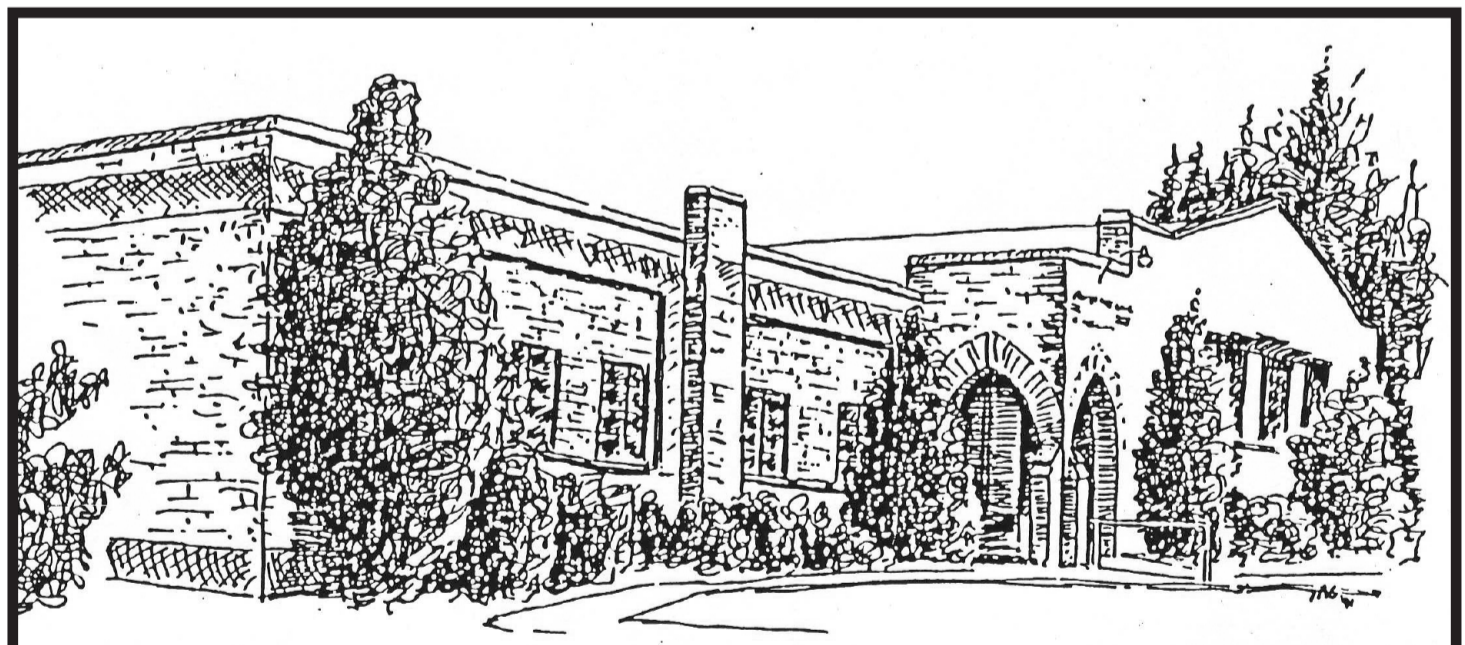
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Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church

Oklahoma Lane UMC was organized on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1926, with Rev. Ira Walker serving as pastor. Services were held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, alternating with a Baptist preacher and sometimes a Pentecostal preacher on other Sundays.

The church had 11 charter members -- Mr. and Mrs. Luther Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Foster, Tom Foster, Carrie Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bates, Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and Mrs. Fred Kepley. Interest was good in this new church and it grew steadily.

In 1930, one acre of land was purchased from Jim and Lou Perkins for \$10. On that land, a 1 1/2-story white church building was constructed. Sunday School was held in the basement, and on Sunday morning the building would fill to near bursting with activity. The first fulltime pastor was Rev. Newton Starnes, in 1946. Church membership was about 100 at this time.

In 1952, the church bought its present building, the Oklahoma Lane School, after the school consolidated with Farwell. The school gym and auditorium were remodeled and converted into a beautiful sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall and kitchen. The first service was held in the new church on Nov. 30, 1952, with Bro. Vernon Willard preaching. Gene Snodgrass was song leader. Mrs. B.J. Foster was pianist.

The church building has undergone many changes and improvements to make the church a pleasant place to come worship and fellowship. As in the beginning, community support and volunteers continue to make this all possible.

With Rev. Clark Williams' arrival in 1985, the parsonage was sold and once against Oklahoma Lane UMC was a joint charge, sharing a pastor with Bovina UMC. Services were changed to 9 a.m. In June 1999, the charge was changed from Bovina to Lazbuddie UMC. That joint charge remains today with Rev. Kenneth Peterson pastoring both churches.

Oklahoma Lane UMC is still alive today, serving the Oklahoma Lane community with a membership that represents one Christian faith and a variety of denominations. Together, we are a body working to bring honor and glory to God, to share the love of Jesus Christ, lead the unsaved to faith in the Lord, and reaching out to serve the community, and the world.

With World War I winding down...

Editor's note: Here is another article on the continuing series focused on the Texico-Farwell News issue from early in the century. The following information was published Nov. 1, 1918.

With World War 1 winding down (it would end on the 11th), Page 1 was full of war news. Headlines included:

- Hot showers save lives of mustard gas victims.
- Large draft call to come soon.
- Soldier's life is hard in prison camp.
- Nut shells and fruit stones (for manufacturing gas mask charcoal) are

badly needed.

-- American gas more deadly than that made in Germany.

-- Germans carry explosives in Red Cross ambulances.

-- Aviator describes 28,900 foot ascent.

The only local stories pointed out that Texico-Farwell folks turned back their clocks the previous Saturday, and that the area got its first snow.

Page 2 featured a mixture of local (from Fairfield and Locust Grove) and war news.

Locust Grove tidbits included:

-- Perry Owens killed a beef Tuesday and divided

it among the neighbors.

--Mr. Miller expects to ship a car of cattle in about six weeks.

-- Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Ebb Randol visited Mrs. W.A. Bell.

-- Most of the farmers in this part have all their heads cut and are getting ready to sell them or stack them up.

Fairfield Facts included:
-- The flu rage has somewhat calmed, and everyone seems anxious to "go" again.

-- Messrs. Bates, Martin, Ford, Houston, Thatcher and Vaughan got their broomcorn thrashed this week.

-- Lewis Boone and Henry Ward are heading maize for Mr. Blair this week.

-- There has been some talk that school may start again soon.

And war news included:
-- Toy makers want German goods barred during the war.

-- Eighteen new ships, totaling 98,900 total dead-weight tons, were added to the U.S. fleet the last week of October.

Page 3 was the usual full-page ad for the Cannon Ball Motor Co., which has been detailed in past Tribune articles. The same ad has been running for many weeks.

Page 4 was mostly local tidbits of folks ill with influenza, with a smidgen of yet more war news. Items included:

-- Mrs. B.F. Hutchins, who owns the Cannon Ball Hotel, has influenza.

-- Nelson Bettis is a flu victim; A. Chauchon is nursing him in the absence of his wife, who is



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in Oklahoma.

-- Lawrence Overstreet, who has been very ill at Canyon, where he is attending school, is improving rapidly.

-- Farwell Schools were suspended for at least two more weeks.

-- James Henry Britt, 36, died of pneumonia at his Farwell family residence.

Funeral services were conducted by Revs. J.F. Nix, of the Baptist, and L.L.

Thurston, of the Methodist churches. He and his wife, Alice (Hiner) Britt, had five children.

Several ads for small businesses were located on this page:

-- The Cozy Café offered regular dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and short orders from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

-- If it's anything electrical, we have it and can supply the demands, said

Southwest Utilities Co.

E.T. Maddux Hardware Co. offered Cole's Original Hot Blast -- burns cheapest coal clean and bright, and uses any fuel.

-- K.K. Runnels offered plenty of good coal -- "better buy now."

-- Triplett Bros. dry goods and groceries asked folks to save sugar for the U.S. troops, noting it gives them quick energy.

Wash stick

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into the wash water, which by this time was beginning to boil. Later, mother would buy white bar soap at F.L. Spring's Grocery Store and cut it up with the same butcher knife.

When the water got to the boiling point, the dirty clothes were put in the wash pot and the dirt and grime were boiled out. The wash stick then was employed to keep the clothes punched down below the surface of the hot, soapy water.

This stick was also used to lift the clothes out of the pot and into the rinse water where they were then wrung out and the white things were put into a tub of bluing (they still make bluing. I saw a few bottles on the store shelf not long ago.)

I must have been at least 12 years old before I learned that "Blue Monday" did not refer to the bluing in the rinse water.

Finally, the washed clothes were ready to be hung on the clothesline to dry in the sunshine and wind. Before doing so, my mother would say "Hugh boy, do you want to sing a song with me?" and she would start to sing and I would join in.

The wash water was not wasted. It was poured out on one of the tree rows. These trees were Chinese elms like the ones at the Parmer County Courthouse.

One more word about my mother, who lived her life by the Holy Bible but planted her garden by the old Farmer's Almanac, of which my father obliged when planting his field crops. She admonished me and my brother to remember that the "Bible" was this:

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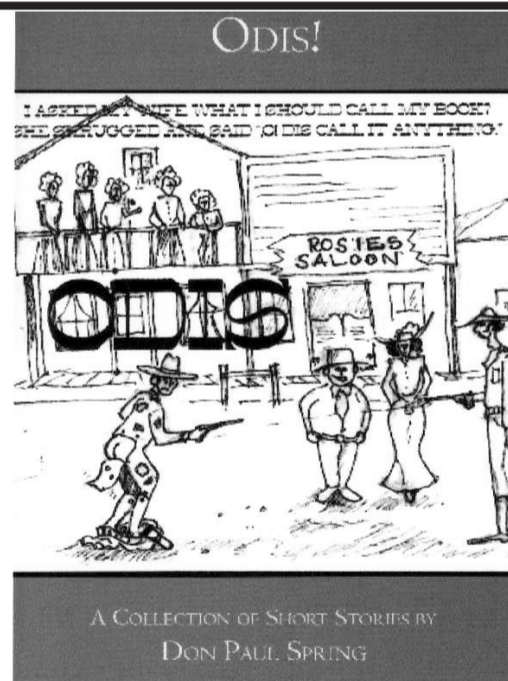
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with Gabe Anderson as vice-president. Thus began 80 years of service to Texico-Farwell and the surrounding area.

During the 1930s, times were very difficult, but there are still farmers in the area who remember being told by Gabe, when they confessed they could not pay their note, to "go plant your crop. We'll work this out."

First and foremost in his mind was always what is best for Farwell/Texico and what can we do to improve our communities. He was instrumental in forming the first water company that was later given to Farwell. He traveled the state searching for a doctor, organized a group to build the clinic which was later given to the Farwell Hospital District, and financed the first steps in building the Convalescent Center.

To the end of his life, he still had plans and dreams for Farwell. Throughout all of this, he was lovingly supported by his wife of 70 years, Belva Thomas Anderson.

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ASSETS	
Cash & Exchange	\$91,959.78
Loans & Discounts	350.00
Deposit in Guaranty Fund	600.00
Total Assets	<u>\$92,909.78</u>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$20,000.00
Undivided Profits	19.00
Deposits	<u>72,890.78</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$92,909.78</u>



The Farwell Inn



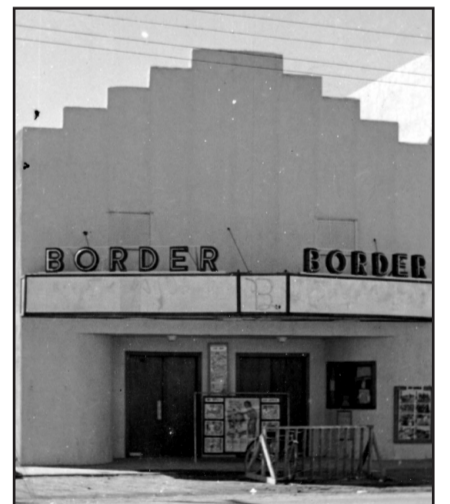
The first county courthouse was placed at Parmerton, then became a hotel in Bovina.



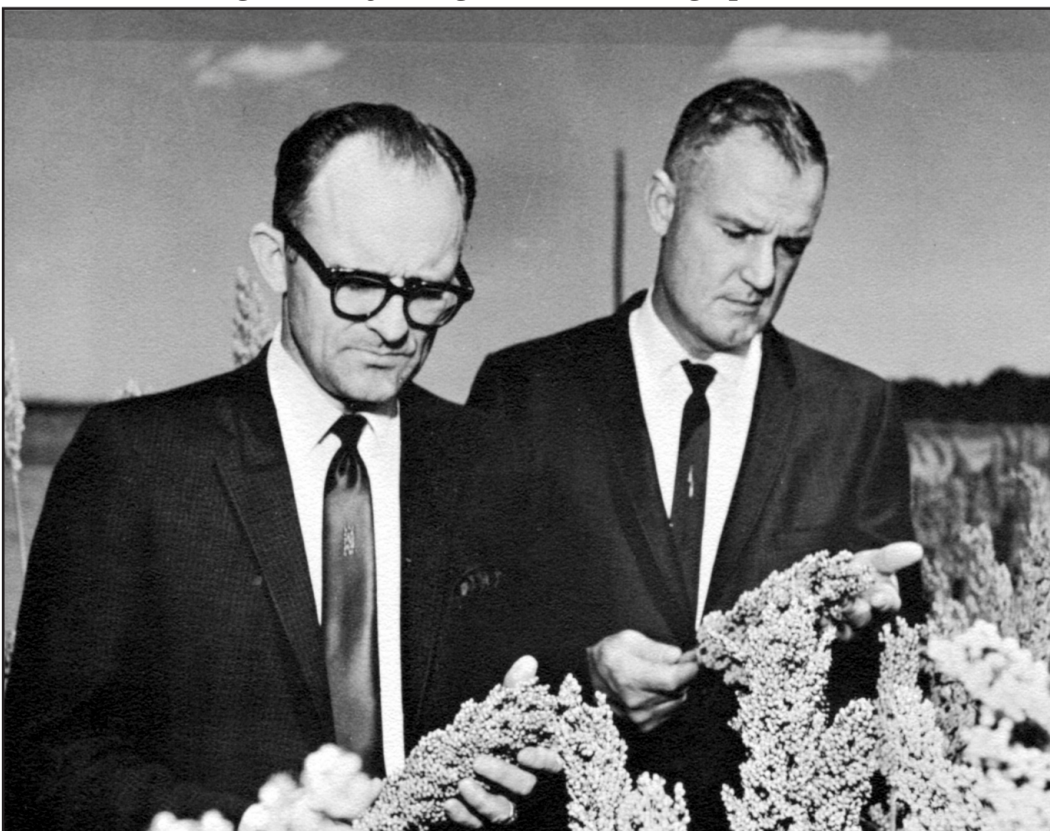
Farwell's original ice factory and cold storage plant.



A photo of Farwell's Hamlin Block on 3rd St.



The Border Theater in Farwell.



Bob Anderson, left, and Joe Jones, both vice presidents, examine a field of grain sorghum near Farwell.



G.P. (Gabe) Anderson, president, and Marilyn Edwards, assistant cashier, in the safe deposit area.



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Friona School, about 1950



Friona's first school



The west side of Main Street



Friona Depot about 1910



An early view of Friona

FRIONA

By Darla Bracken, Friona librarian:

"For five days I went wherever they [the playas] led me, until we reached some plains as bare of landmarks as if we were surrounded by the sea. There are many excellent pastures with fine grass." ... Francisco de Vazquez Coronado, Oct. 20, 1541.

When Coronado crossed the Llano Estacado on his journey north to Quivira 1536-1542, perhaps it was he who named the little arroyo "Frio" on the grassy plains. The water being cold may have surprised him. For all the explorers, animals, Indians, and settlers who may have ventured through this unsettled area, water would always have been a welcome sight. And all would have been awed if they had known that the gigantic "underground river", the Ogallala aquifer, lay beneath their feet.

Water was certainly a factor when the XIT Ranch was established in 1882. Windmills first brought the pure water up from beneath the prairie grasslands to water the thousands of XIT cattle.

In 1906, George Wright of Kansas City, Mo., registered the surveyed sight of 368.2 acres as the Original Town site of Friona at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse in Hereford.

He built an attractive bungalow style office for his headquarters and it was the first thing a prospective land buyer saw when they arrived in Friona. It became quite a showplace and still has an irresistible charm even today.

Soon, folks from Midwestern states came to see the new land.

In 1906 residents organized the Congregational Church, which became the community's gathering place as well as the first church. The beautiful Victorian frame structure was a welcoming landmark in early Friona until it was hit by lightning and burned in 1921.

On March 16, 1907, the Post Office was established with Sarah D. Olson as the first postmistress. The Friona Sentinel was established in 1907 as Friona's first newspaper.

By 1908, the Friona State Bank was chartered and remains as one of Friona's oldest businesses. Their attractive brick building at 5th and Main was also an icon for many years.

Also, in 1908 the first school building, a small wooden frame structure, was built and Miss Roxie Witherspoon conducted the first classes.

By 1916, Friona's first elevator was constructed by another longtime business, now known as Friona Wheat Growers. The first structure was not as immense as our elevators today, but it would have had as great an impact as far as getting the harvested grain secured was concerned.

The Friona Hotel, a mercantile store, a livery and blacksmith shop would have just about rounded out the little town.

Following another 'boom' in the mid 1920s, Friona had a cotton gin by 1927 and was incorporated in 1928 with Uncle John White serving as the first mayor.

White also has the honor of establishing the Friona Star in 1925, now Friona's news standard for 80-plus years, as he had prior newspaper experience from his home in Illinois.

J. A. Blackwell and Jessie Osborn served as the first commissioners. Also, appointed by the new City Commission were City Attorney A.D. Smith; a Fire Marshal; a City Marshal, Charlie Jones; Water Commissioner, B. Short; Street Commissioner, Fred White; City Judge, F.W. Reeve and City Clerk, J.J. Horton.

Parmer County Community Hospital was chartered Oct. 4, 1945 and is currently in the process of constructing a new hospital. City of Friona Ambulance Service with EMT began in 1976 with Rex Williams as the first driver. The Friona Public Library, with over 34,000 volumes, is open to all Texas residents, and was organized in June of 1963.

The Library is a member of the Texas Panhandle Library System and participates in the Harrington Library Consortium.

Diligent efforts led by Friona State Bank Board Chairman A.L. Black to bring commerce to the plains resulted in Missouri Beef Packers in 1963, now Cargill Meat Solutions. A few years later Friona Industries, capitalizing on the area industries -- grain production, cattle feeding, veterinary supplies, trucking, grain elevator storage, custom construction welding and feed mill production -- was formed.

Hi-Pro Feeds, Inc. of Friona, Texas now affiliated with Unifeed, remains one of the region's largest



Early Friona home

in state of the art feed mill production. This quest for economic development continues today with the area dairy industry and the J. D. Heiskell & Company.

Friona Community Center provides space for the Parmer County Livestock shows each year and the Arts & Crafts Bazaar in November. Friona Maize Days has been celebrated in September each year since 1957.

Historical markers within the city include the Friona marker replaced during the Centennial in 2006 (after the 1995 tornado carried it to parts unknown); the first church, now the Parmer County Historical Museum, the Women's Federated Clubhouse at 9th and Pierce and, most recently Friona Schools, the first in the state to integrate, dedicated in February 2007.

"Frio de Vaca", a 2006

Centennial City Art brate the legacy of the Project, now helps cele- longhorn in our area.



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Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978, that the Board of Education of Texico School District #13, County of Curry, State of New Mexico, will hold a Budget Hearing in the Superintendent's Office at the Texico Educational Complex, 520 North Griffin Street, Texico, NM on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Texico School
R. L. Richards
Superintendent



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The fall of 2000 brought a big cotton crop to Parmer County and the surrounding areas. Local farmers found that they had to bring their crop as far as Morton, Amherst and even further in the search of gins that could get their cotton to market.

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Lunch: Following Business Meeting

Logan High School
301 N 2nd Street
Logan, New Mexico

Saturday, April 28, 2007

To take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
2. The election of Trustees from:
District 2 (Melrose)
District 7 (San Jon-Logan)
3. Vote on By-Law change
4. All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof

- Door prizes for adults and children
- Grand Prize Drawing (\$1,000 IN FREE ELECTRICITY!)
- Two special drawings (\$50 Energy Certificates) for "First-Time" attendance
- Lunch, (provided by Farmers' Electric), will be served following the meeting by the Logan Longhorn Athletic Department.



PARMER COUNTY

Parmer County was named for Martin Parmer, an early settler and Texas Revolution veteran. Parmer County occupies 859 square miles of level plains surfaced by sandy, clay, and loam soils. These soils support some native grasses, but now the land is largely cultivated and produces abundant corn, sugar beets, and potatoes, as well as sorghums, cotton, wheat, hay, and soybeans. The elevation ranges from 3,800 to 4,202 feet above sea level, and the county is bisected from northwest to southeast by Running Water Draw, an intermittent but flood-prone creek. Lesser dry arroyos, such as Catfish Draw and Frio Draw, also serve to break the level plains in some areas. Rainfall averages 17.50 inches per year. The average annual minimum temperature is 21° F in January, and the average maximum is 92° F in July. The growing season averages 183 days per year.

In 1876, Parmer County was established by the Texas legislature from lands formerly assigned to the Bexar District. No settlement occurred in the county until 1882. In January of that year the Capitol Syndicate agreed to build a new state capitol in return for 3 million acres of land in West Texas. Parmer County lay entirely within the lands granted to the Chicago syndicate for its huge XIT Ranch.

For the rest of the century, Parmer County remained unorganized and unpopulated, except for the XIT cowboys. The 1890 population of 7 grew only to 34 by 1900, and ranch-

ing dominated the region. According to the U.S. agricultural census for 1900, the XIT (the only ranch in the area at the time) extended across 150,000 acres of Parmer County land. The census reported 13,675 cattle in the county that year; only 350 acres were considered to be "improved," and no crops were reported.

While the area was solely devoted to cattle in 1900, developments that would reshape the area had already begun to occur. In 1898, the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company began construction of a 95-mile branch line from Amarillo to the Texas-New Mexico border. On this line, which was eventually to run from Amarillo to the Santa Fe main line in Belen, N.M., grew several communities in Parmer County.

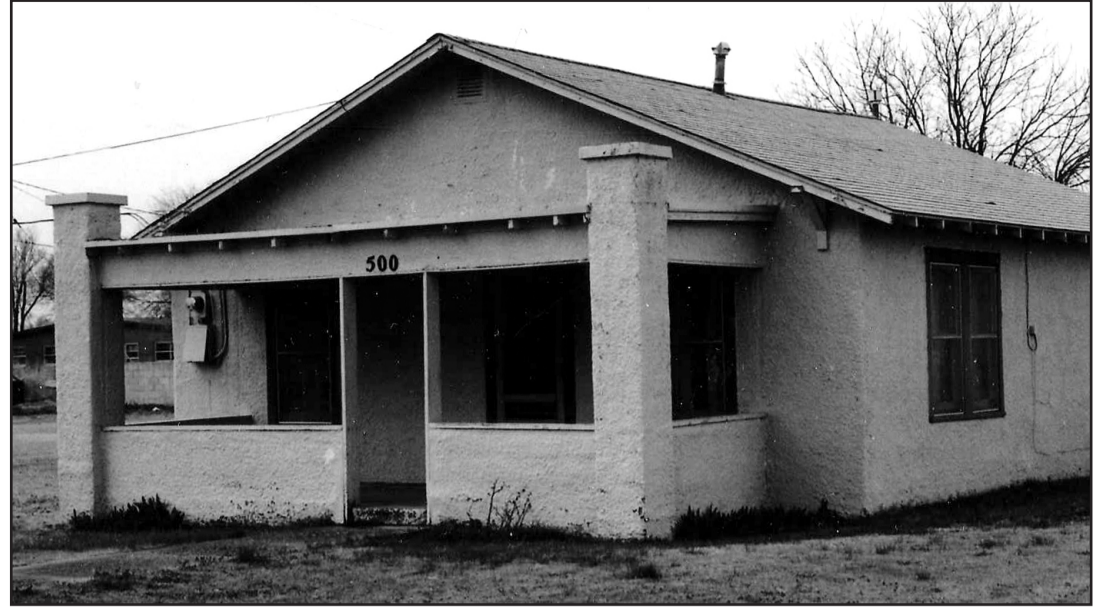
Parmerton appeared in 1898 as a Capitol Syndicate townsite, while Black, Friona, and Bovina appeared the same year as switches and townsites on the line. Farwell, established in 1904 and surveyed in 1905, was founded by the syndicate as a central point from which the company could administer the sales of XIT lands. The appearance of Farwell led to the quick demise of Parmerton.

In 1904, the Capitol Syndicate launched a campaign to sell the holdings of the XIT Ranch to land speculators, smaller ranchers, and farmers. Between 1904 and 1910, farmers slowly but steadily arrived to establish new operations, and by 1910 there were 161 farms and ranches in the county.

About 7,000 acres was planted in corn, the county's most important crop, that year; another 2,000 acres was planted in wheat, and 4,900 acres was devoted to sorghum.

By 1920, there were 212 farms and ranches in the county; about 15,000 acres was planted in sorghum that year, along with 1,300 acres of corn and 5,370 acres of wheat. Meanwhile, reflecting this early growth, the population of the county rose to 1,555 by 1910 and to 1,699 by 1920.

During these early years of agricultural development, the citizens decided to organize the county and establish a local government. Accordingly, a petition for organization passed through the county in May 1907. On May 7 an election to choose county officials and a county seat



This "Syndicate House" relocated to 500 Boyce St. in Bovina. These 4-room houses were built on 160-acre farms belonging to the Capital Syndicate Land Co. before the farms were sold to prospective land buyers. Some such houses had piped-in water from windmills. The contractor for these houses was Jake Laan. (Photo courtesy of Suzy Langford)

was held. Parmerton became the county seat, but in another election held in December 1907, the county's voters chose Farwell to become county seat in 1908.

By 1930, the county had

818 farms and ranches, and 100,000 acres was planted in sorghum, 11,000 acres in corn, 2,500 acres in wheat, and 4,500 acres in cotton. Poultry raising was also becoming a significant part of the county

economy; more than 62,000 chickens were reported in the county in 1930, and local farmers sold 255,000 dozens of eggs that year.

Though cattle ranching

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Old Findley Hotel



Bringing the Good News to our community through Word and Sacrament

St. John's was founded in 1921 with six families as charter members. Services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graf, located about five miles northwest of Lariat. Services were held in German until Dec. 14, 1941, at which time the congregation voted to use English.

The present church building, located on the western edge of Lariat, was dedicated in 1953 and a parish hall was added two years later. By 1971, the church debt had been paid off, an organ and loud speaker installed, and \$2,000 put on deposit toward building a new parsonage. The parsonage was built and dedicated in 1975.

The membership has grown from the original six families to a local membership of about 175 people.

St. John Lutheran Church Lariat, Texas

"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
1 Corinthians 1:18



Along with "The Lutheran Hour" and "The Good Shepherd Moment", the Life in Christ Academy Preschool is a ministry to the community.



Oklahoma Lane's Harold Carpenter with wife Avis. Harold was one of the original WTRT board members, serving from 1950 to 1959.

For over 50 years, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative has been serving the telecommunications needs of "country folk" in Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties.

Major telephone companies weren't interested in extending service to sparsely populated locales like Oklahoma Lane, Tharp, Hub, or Rhea. Parmer County residents were among the forward-thinking people who set about creating WTRT, a telephone cooperative owned by its members.

WTRT's very first director was Oklahoma Lane's own Harold Carpenter, who coined the eloquent quip that characterized the Cooperative's purpose.

"Let's extend phone lines so far back in the country that we reach the people who have to keep their own tomcats," Carpenter urged.

WTRT and its Parmer County members have come a long way since those early days of eight-party lines back in the 1950s.

Today, directors Charles Myers, Jr. of the Hub exchange, Ben Osborn of the Parmer exchange,

Jimmie Cockerham of the Tharp exchange and Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange continue to keep alive that spirit of bringing the best in telecommunications services to the rural residents of Parmer County.

Other WTRT directors from Parmer County have included the late James Ensor, Oklahoma Lane, Keith G. Brock, Hub, James W. Dixon, Parmer, and the late Billy Mayfield, Oklahoma Lane.

The progress hasn't stopped with rural telephones. WT Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of WTRT became a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in Friona and Bovina in 1998 and 2000, respectively, and provides local telephone and cable television service in both communities.

We're proud to be a part of Parmer County's Centennial celebration, to have served our friends and neighbors for over half a century, and we look forward to a bright future in Parmer County — tomcats and all.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Our Parmer County elected officials and their staffs congratulate our county on its 100th anniversary



In the back row are, from left, Parmer County Commissioners Kirk Frye, Pct. 1; James Clayton, Pct. 2; Elvis Powell, Pct. 4; in the front row are Michael Haseloff, Pct. 3; and Parmer County Judge Bonnie Heald.

287th District Court includes Judge Gordon Green; Bruce Gipson, Director of Community Supervision; Teresa Ancira and Raymond Rios, adult probation officers; and Elida Olmos and Jessica Montes, assistants.



County Clerk's Office, from left, -- Gerri Bowers, chief deputy clerk; Colleen Stover, County Clerk; Stacey Lamb, deputy clerk.



County Extension Service, from left -- Cody Hill, extension agent; Amy Venable, secretary; Suzanne Reese, extension agent -- family and consumer science. Not pictured are Monti Vandiver, extension agent - Integrated Pest Management; and Brenda Wauson, IPM secretary.



Tax Assessor-Collector's Office -- Bobbie Pierson, County Tax Assessor, right; Teresa Cary, chief deputy, left; Awyna Sanchez, deputy.



County Judge's Office -- Michelle Agee, assistant.



Justices of the Peace, from left, -- Vi Hutto, Pct. 2; Valton Howard, Pct. 1; and Pam Haseloff, Pct. 3.



County Treasurer's Office, from left, -- Altha Herington, County Treasurer; Rose Longley, assistant treasurer; Taryn Burnett, assistant.



County Attorney's Office -- Kathryn Gurley, County Attorney, right; Alryna McElreath, secretary.



District Clerk's Office, from left, -- Sandra Warren, District Clerk; Adrian Ancira, Deputy District Clerk; Matthew Ancira, assistant.



An early photo of the Parmer County Courthouse and jail.



Treider homestead in Lazbuddie

Parmer County

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were declining in its relative importance to the local economy, there were almost 15,375 cattle reported in Parmer County that year. Reflecting these trends the population of Parmer County more than doubled during the 1920s; by 1930 it was 5,869. The growth slowed but continued during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Cropland harvested in the county grew from 225,000 acres in 1930 to 281,000 acres in 1940; by that year, there were 915 farms in the county. Over 109,000 acres in the county was planted in wheat by 1940, and 15,000 acres was planted in cotton.

The population of the county also grew slightly during the Depression, rising to 5,890 by 1940. Though Parmer County declined somewhat during the 1940s, the area regained its economic impetus in the 1950s, when rapid growth was encouraged by a dramatic increase in irrigated farming, as irrigation wells were drilled into the huge Ogallala aquifer.

The county's population grew from 5,787 in 1950 to 9,583 by 1960. The development of a large cattle feedlot industry in the county in the 1960s also contributed. There were 10,509 people living in Parmer County in 1970 and 11,038 by 1980. The population declined during the 1980s, however, and in 1990 the area's population was 9,863. The census counted 10,016 people living in the county in 2000.

As the farm economy of the county expanded, a transportation network emerged to handle the

crops and to link the county to the outside world. In 1913 the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway built a branch line from Farwell to Lubbock to complement its earlier line to Amarillo. While the automobile was becoming a vital part of America's everyday life, a road network was built in the county.

By the early 1920s a crude graded road, State Road 33 (now U.S. Highway 60), linked Farwell to Amarillo via Bovina, Friona, Hereford, and Canyon, while an even cruder track (later U.S. Highway 84) tied Farwell to Lubbock via Muleshoe and Littlefield. During the 1930s both of these routes were paved, and the primitive system grew to include dirt-surfaced farm and ranch roads. After World War II a building and paving boom resulted in the road network of the 1980s.

The voters of Parmer County supported the Democratic candidates in virtually every presidential election between 1908 and 1956; the only exceptions occurred in 1928, when they supported Herbert Hoover over Al Smith, and in 1952, when they supported Dwight D. Eisenhower over Adlai Stevenson. In elections from 1960 through 2004, however, Parmer County's voters almost always backed Republican candidates. The only exceptions occurred in 1964, when Lyndon B. Johnson took the county, and in 1976, when the county's voters supported Jimmy Carter.

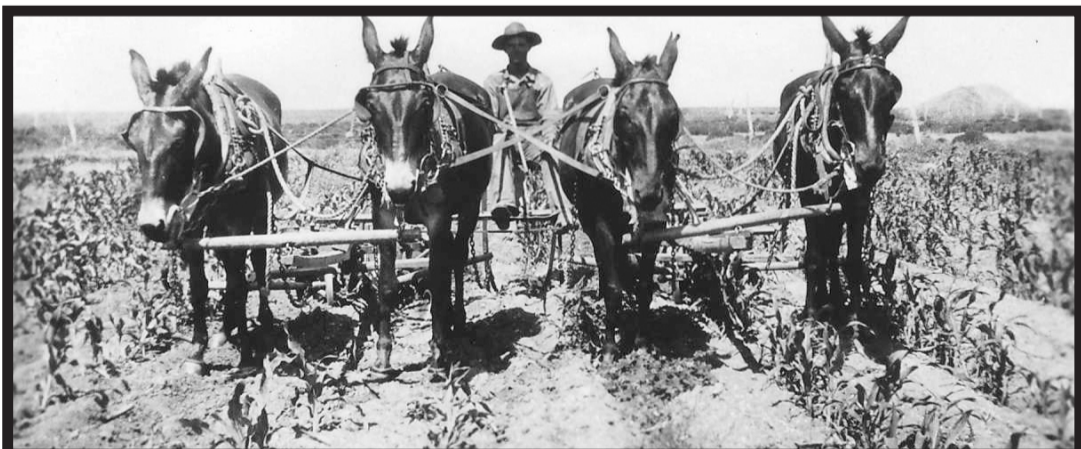
By the 1980s Parmer County was recognized as

one of the leading agricultural counties in Texas. Its yearly agricultural income averaged \$215 million, a sum derived from a mix of cattle ranching, feedlot operations, and wheat, corn, cotton, and grain sorghum production. In 1983 the county had 309,000 acres planted in crops, of which 260,000 was irrigated. No production of oil or gas was reported.

In 2002 the county had 660 farms and ranches covering 576,461 acres, 79 percent of which were devoted to crops and 15 percent to pasture. In that year farmers and ranchers in the area earned \$603,910,000, placing Parmer County among the leading Texas counties in farm income; livestock sales accounted for \$531,867,000 of the total. Beef cattle were the county's most important product, but crops such as wheat, corn, cotton, grain sorghum, alfalfa, apples, and potatoes were also raised there.

Most of the people who lived in Parmer County resided in the towns and communities of the county; the remainder of the population resided on farms or ranches or in close proximity to the many feedlot operations found in the county. By 2000 nearly one-half of the county's residents were of Mexican descent.

Communities included Farwell (2000 population, 1,364), the county's seat of government and an agribusiness and trade center; Friona (3,854); Bovina (1,874); Lazbuddie (248) Lariat (100); Oklahoma Lane (25); Black (100); and Rhea (98).



Dick Gerie and his family moved to Parmer County in 1916. He married Perlle in 1929 and had children Herman, Bob, Dick, and Dickie. This photo was taken as he worked the land in 1923.

Blackwell Funeral Home began in 1955 as Claborn Funeral Home, owned by J.L. Marcum and J.C. Claborn. It was later owned just by Claborn until 1972, when it was purchased by Percy Parsons, Frank Ellis, Wayne Cole, and John Blackwell. Parsons ran the funeral home until 1980, when Blackwell moved to Friona from Muleshoe to manage it. Blackwell and Ellis eventually bought out Parsons' interest and it became the Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

In the early 1990's, Blackwell bought out Ellis' share and in the mid 1990s, it became the Blackwell Funeral Home, with John Blackwell as the sole owner and manager.

It still remains the only funeral home in Parmer County and primarily serves the Friona and Bovina areas, plus Farwell, Oklahoma Lane, and Lazbuddie.

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LAZBUDDIE

Lazbuddie, at the junction of Farm Roads 145 and 1172, had its beginning in 1902, when Thomas Kelly purchased the Capitol Syndicate's Red Tower Camp, comprising 55,136 acres.

From it he developed the Star Ranch, on which directions and locations were given according to the names of 30 windmills scattered over the vast acreage. After a few years Kelly placed some of this land on the market for homesteaders, and in 1907 a school was established on the property.

The community was named for D. Luther (Laz) Green and Andrew (Buddie) Sherley, who in 1924 purchased a tract from the Star Ranch and opened a store, the Lazbuddie Commissary, at which a post office was established in 1926. Until the Rural Electrification Administration came in, the town's only telephone was also located there.

Soon a country town sprang up around the establishment, and in 1927 the Star Ranch school had a red brick building. By 1930 a second store and three churches had been

established. Tent shows and medicine wagons often came by during the Great Depression era. In 1947 the town listed a population of 75.

In the 1980s, Lazbuddie remained an active agricultural center with seven agribusinesses (including two gins and an elevator), four churches, and new school facilities. The post

office is still housed in the original Lazbuddie store building.

The Lazbuddie dam and reservoir, built in 1979-80 on Running Water Draw six miles northeast of town, provides recreation and irrigation for area farmers and ranchers. In 1980 and 1990 Lazbuddie reported a population of 248.

OKLAHOMA LANE

Oklahoma Lane is six miles east of Farwell. The site was part of the XIT Ranch before the community began in January 1916, when Ed McGuire, John Scribner, T. Hooser, and the brothers Jim and Joe Johnson each purchased choice acreage from the Capitol Syndicate and brought in their families from their native Oklahoma.

Others soon followed, and in 1917 two rural schools, Sunnyside and Knox, were established in the vicinity.

The first annual community Christmas tree celebration was held at Knox School in December 1917. In 1921 the two schools were consolidated as the Oklahoma Lane district, and a new brick building was built. During the 1920s, two churches were established and the school facilities expanded. A school supply and candy store was opened across the street from the complex, which included a combination auditorium-gymnasium.

In 1949, however, the school district was partitioned among the Lazbuddie, Farwell, and Bovina schools. The gym was used as a recreation center for several years.

In 1986, the two churches and a community center made up the nucleus of Oklahoma Lane, which in 1980 and 1990 reported a population of 64. At that time farming and ranching were the major activities of the area.

The community was also noted as the boyhood home of former National Football League place-kicker Mac Percival.



Friona Women's Clubhouse

In the early 1900s, Stephen Jesko, with the help of the Capital Land Syndicate, obtained land and an old schoolhouse to be remodeled into a church. In 1913, St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina was dedicated.

In 1920, the Friars of the Atonement arrived and church remodeling begun. St. Anthony's in Hereford help provided subsequent pastors and assistant pastors.

On March 15, 1960, St. Ann's Parish was canonically erected with St. Teresa's in Friona as a mission. Fr. Declan Gilligan was the first resident priest and pastor.

In October, a small house was purchased in Lubbock, moved to Bovina, and became the new rectory. It was dedicated in 1961.

In 1962, another large building was bought and remodeled by parishioners to become the parish hall. In 1963, Fr. Claver Giblin became the pastor and under his administration, the parish hall became a religious education building and another building of larger dimension became the new parish hall, dedicated in 1966.

With a new parish council composed of members from both parish and mission, Fr. Claver began a fund to erect a new parish church, which was dedicated in 1972. The final mass in the old church was celebrated Nov. 7, 1971.

The ground breaking for the new church was held during the pastorate of Fr. Norman Boyd with about 320 people attending.

In 1976, a new CCD building was built in Lubbock and moved to St. Ann's, consisting of 10 classrooms and an office.

Zeferino Villarreal was ordained as a permanent deacon in October 1977 and led communion services during the week. Pastors included Fr. Dermot O'Brien, Fr. Brendan Sherry, Fr. Ejohn McGovern, Fr. Emmanuel Afunugo, Fr. Bernard McGorry and Fr. Timothy Dran during the 1970s, '80s and early '90s.

Fr. Edward Kieran arrived in 1994 and served 6 years until retirement. Deacon Zeferino died on Oct. 15, 1999.

In 2000, Fr. Juan Carlos Barragan became parochial administrator. He was followed by Fr. David Contreras, who served until February 2007. Currently, the church doesn't have a permanent pastor.

Today, St. Ann's serves about 250 registered families and active groups include Guadalupanas, St. Ann's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and Parish Council.

St. Ann's Catholic Church Bovina



1st place state winner: Chapter Showcase: Monique Pena, Jazmine Ortiz and, not present, Kaci Simmons.



1st place state winner: Focus on Children Project: Lida Vidal, Jennifer Shirley, Miranda Trevizo.

Texico FCCLA chapter dominates state contest

Texico High School's FCCLA chapter won 1st place in the state contest and is sending three state 1st place teams to the National FCCLA Contest July 8-12 in Anaheim, Calif.



3rd place state winner: National Programs in Action: Dinorah Corona, Emily Gibbs, Claudia Rodriguez.

TJH tracksters capture their invitational track meets

The Texico Junior High Wolverines won their invitational track meet last week with 152 points. Ft. Sumner was 2nd with 96 and Melrose 3rd with 55. Placing were:
 Triple jump - Trent Barclay, 1st, 30'3.5; Rustin Harris, 2nd, 27'11.5; Kolten Miller, 3rd, 24'2.5.
 Long jump - Juan Rivas, 2nd, 15'10.
 High jump - Tre Orozco, 1st, 5'2; Lucas Walthers, 2nd, 5'2.
 Discus - Dathan McWhorter, 2nd, 87'3; Connor Doolittle, 4th, 83'11; Mitchell Harrison, 6th, 76'2.
 Shot put - McWhorter, 1st, 39'7.5.
 100 hurdles - Rivas, 1st, 17.50; Tyler Strickland, 2nd, 19.50.
 100 dash - Orozco, 1st, 12.18; Jose Posada, 2nd,

12.40.
 400 dash - Walthers, 3rd, 61.31; Kris Moore, 6th, 62.68.
 1600 run - Miller, 3rd, 6:22.34; Harrison, 4th, 6:43.30.
 400 relay - Texico, 1st, 49.93.
 600 run - Jesus Rivera, 6th, 2:03.24.
 800 relay - Texico, 1st, 1:47.56.
 800 run - Barclay, 1st, 2:28.02; Garrett Foote, 5th, 2:50.87; Harris, 6th, 2:54.72.
 300 hurdles - Strickland, 1st, 48.50; Moore, 2nd, 51.75.
 1600 medley - Texico, 4th, 5:19.87.
 200 dash - Rivas, 1st, 25.53.
 1600 relay - Texico, 1st, 4:12.21.

 The Junior High Texico Lady Wolverines also won

their invitational track meet, with 150 points. Ft. Sumner was 2nd with 108 and Tatum 3rd with 66.
 Placing were:
 Triple jump - Erin Scanlan, 1st, 27'5.5; Jaylyn Cooper, 2nd, 27'1; Thomas, 4th, 23'3.75.
 Long jump -- Scanlan, 2nd, 13'1.5; Long, 3rd, 12'10; Cooper, 4th, 12'9.5.
 High jump - Morgan Pinnell, 1st, 4'4.
 Discus - Loera, 1st, 76'8; Rodriguez, 3rd, 72'3.
 Shot put - Rivas, 5th, 23'7.5.
 100 hurdles - Crist, 2nd, 18.51.
 100 dash - Jaylyn Cooper, 1st, 13.94; Corona, 4th, 14.38; Long, 5th, 14.43.
 400 dash - Fallon Scanlan, 1st, 69.24; Heaton, 2nd, 69.52;

E. Scanlan, 4th, 70.12.
 400 relay - Texico, 1st, 58.18, Corona, Jordyn Cooper, Erin Scanlan, Pinnell.
 600 run - Jaylyn Cooper, 1st, 1:57.78; Jordyn Cooper, 2nd, 1:59.49; Long, 4th, 2:02.52.
 800 relay - Texico, 1st, 2:01.59, Corona, Crist, Erin Scanlan, Mayfield.
 800 run - Lane, 5th, 3:04.90.
 300 hurdles - Crist, 1st, 54.32.
 1600 medley - Texico, 1st, 5:04.99, Heaton, Fallon Scanlan, Pinnell, Jordyn Cooper.
 200 dash - Mayfield, 3rd, 30.84; Heaton, 5th, 31.40; Reynoso, 6th, 31.84.
 1600 relay - Texico, 1st, 4:38.09, Mayfield, Pinnell, Jaylyn Cooper, Fallon Scanlan.



1st place state winner: Chapter Service Project: Kristen Beltran, Amanda Graham, Jerrica Reid.

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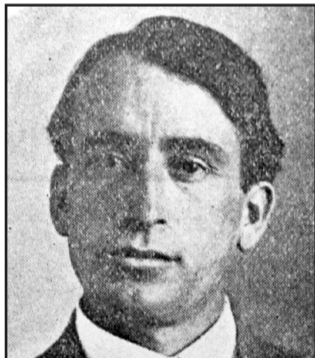
Congratulations to Parmer County on its 100th Anniversary
 Gerald and Anne Norton
 Charla Norton West & Family
 Tim Norton & Family

Happy Anniversary, Parmer County

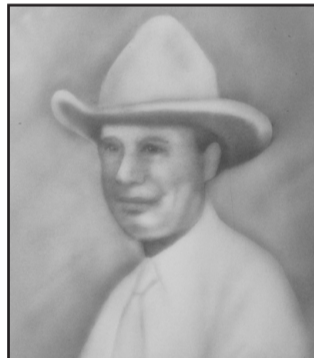
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E.T. Stevens
1907-1909



R.C. "Coke" Hopping
1910-1918



John Aldridge
1919-1922



James Martin
1923-1930



W.W. "Bill" Hall
1931-1934



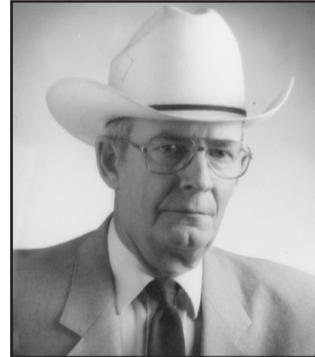
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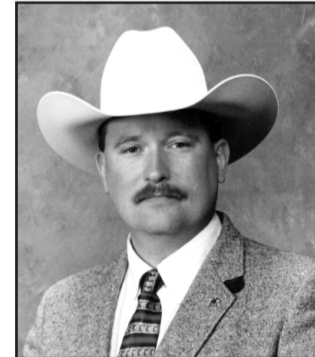
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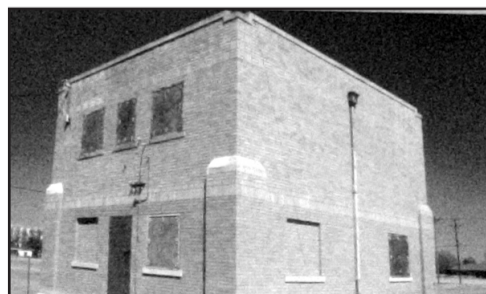
Walt Yerger
1998-2000



Randy Geris
2000-Present



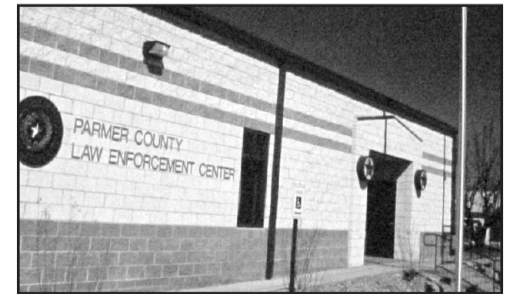
The first jail in Parmer County was built behind the County Courthouse and was originally a 1-story building.



A second floor was added to the jail in the late 1920's. It wasn't air conditioned, but it served the county until 1974.



The jail was moved to a new facility on the north side of the County Courthouse in 1974. This building was in use until 2004.



A state-of-the-art jail facility, completed in 2004, is called the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center.



Special thanks to all of those who work for the Parmer County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff Randy Geris

FRIONA

Friona was originally known as Frio when it was established in 1898 by the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company as a shipping station on the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railway.

Although the name was undoubtedly derived from that of Frio Draw, which runs just south of town, legend relates that local inhabitants named the place for its winter weather (frio is Spanish for "cold").

In 1906 George Wright, a Kansas City real estate agent hired by the Capitol Syndicate to subdivide and sell some of the XIT Ranch, surveyed the town-site. The name was altered to Friona when the post office was established in March 1907, with Sarah D. Olson as postmistress.

Wright built his company headquarters at Friona, sent out circulars and hired excursion trains to bring in prospective buyers. By 1908, Friona had its first school, a community church, a bank, two grocery stores, a pharmacy, a photograph gallery, and the two-story Friona Hotel, owned by G. P. Owens.

Blizzards in 1910-11 and 1918-19, along with droughts, interrupted growth. Nevertheless, Friona had a population of 200 by 1915. The town's first grain elevator was constructed in 1916, and S. A. Harris began a weekly newspaper, the Friona Sentinel; it became the Friona Star in 1925.

In the early 1920s, the Capitol Syndicate started a new land-sale program, which, with the advent of new farming methods, attracted another wave of newcomers.

The first cotton gin was

erected in 1927.

On March 21, 1928, the town voted to incorporate, with J. W. "Uncle John" White as mayor presiding over a city council and manager. About the same time, Friona constructed a water plant and organized a fire department.

The population increased from 731 in 1930 to 1,196 in 1950 and 2,048 in 1960. In 1967 the Friona Public Library was organized.

In 1988, Friona had 14 churches, modern schools, two city parks, a recreation center, a nursing home, an airport, and the county's only hospital.

Local businesses were principally related to wheat, cotton, vegetable and sugar beet processing, and cattle. A beef-packing plant had the capacity to slaughter 10,000 cattle a week, and several fertilizer plants and feed processors served area farmers and ranchers.

The Friona Wheat Growers Association operated an elevator with a capacity of over 3 million bushels.

The population was 3,111 in 1970 and 3,809 by 1980, when Friona was the largest town in Parmer County. In 1990, the population declined to 3,688.

Tidbits

-- In 1937, the Farwell Steers football team went to Ruidoso for a 2-week preseason training camp.

-- In 1930, Dr. V. Scott Johnson opened his practice in Farwell. He practiced here until the 1970s.

-- "Black Sunday," with huge waves of dust occurred on Palm Sunday, April 14, 1935, in Parmer County.

Border Banter

--Mike Pomper

A perspective

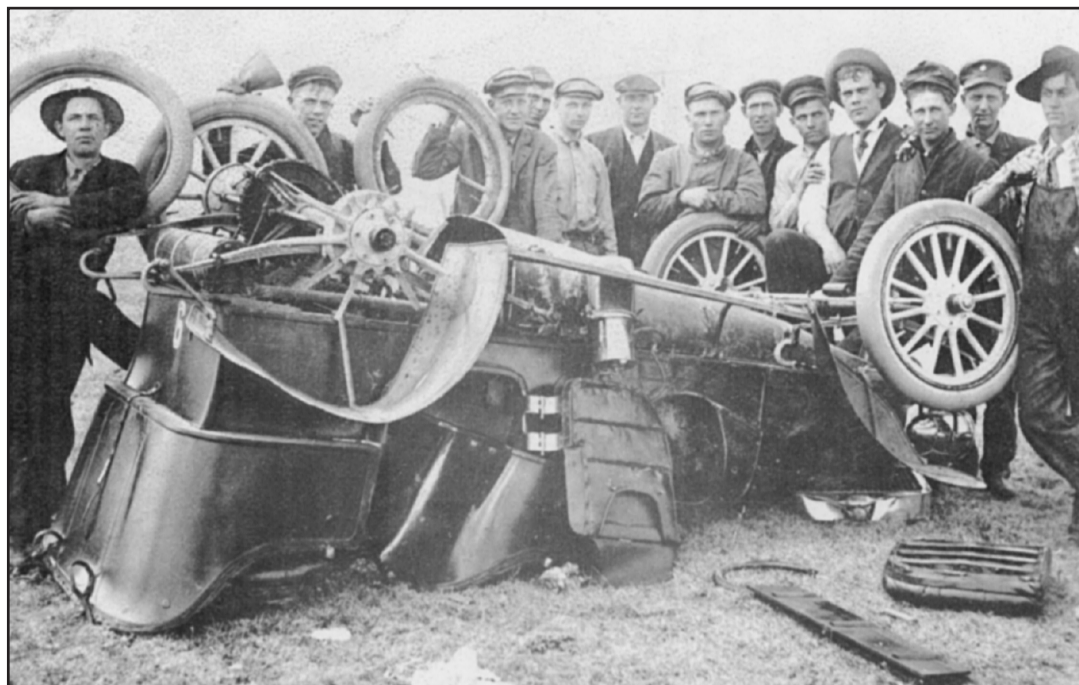
I have lived in Parmer County now for going on 23 years, far longer than any place I have resided before.

I am a bit unusual in that I have lived in every type of environment: big city (Chicago), small city (Michigan City, Ind.), college town (Champaign-Urbana, Ill.) abroad (West Germany), exurban (Westchester County, N.Y.), suburban (Prince William County, Va.) and, now rural.

I don't mean to sound like a Chamber of Commerce puff piece, but it is my honest belief that living in a rural environment is best for a person and his family.

Why? Because of the great support institutions - the church, the school, the neighbors. I believe they are far more effective in a rural situation because of the closeness involved.

And in order to raise a family in today's difficult



First car wreck in Parmer County

environment, you need all the support you can get.

I always like to tell what I call the "school story" to illustrate this.

The year before we arrived here, we lived in Virginia. My daughter, Patty Sue, attended Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge, considered one of the top 10 academic high schools in the nation.

I was wondering how difficult it would be for her, coming to small Farwell School. What a change!

And here is what I found:

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But at small Farwell, if you wanted to participate, they made room. You could be on the team, in the band, on the council,

etc.

Now you tell me which school situation is better for a student?

Parmer County is simply a good place to live. Oh, yes, I know we have our school rivalries, and those are a good thing. But when a real problem happens, we are all neighbors, seek-

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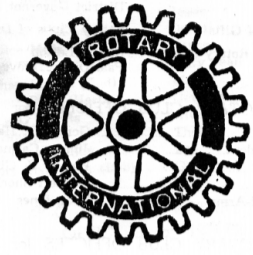


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Charter Night Texico-Farwell Rotary Club

Inter-city Meeting with Clovis Rotary Club
Thursday, June 22, 1961
Hotel Clovis -- 7:15 p.m.

The Clovis Rotary Club initiated the interest for organizing a Rotary Club at Texico-Farwell in August 1960, and as a result, Rotarian Bob Brooks was appointed the District Governor's representative for the organization of the Rotary Club.

President Jimmy Carmack of the Clovis Rotary Club appointed a committee of Clovis Rotarians composed of Bob Brooks, chairman; Paul Jones, Emmett Shockley and Army Armstrong to make the initial survey. The Extension Survey was completed as of November 21, 1960, with a recommendation to Rotary International for the organization of the Club. Thus, Rotary International gave approval; and from November 1960 to May 1961, professional men and business men of Texico-Farwell were contacted for the organization of a Provisional Rotary Club. The provisional meeting was held May 31, 1961.

Rotary International approved the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club on June 12, 1961.

Cooperating in the organization of the Texico-Farwell Rotary Club were the Portales and Melrose Rotary Clubs.

PROGRAM

Presiding Officer.....	Jimmy Carmack, President Clovis Rotary Club
Invocation.....	Dr. Floyd Golden Past District Governor
Music.....	Eddie Frear, Song Leader Harold Phillips, Pianist
Introduction of Guests.....	Jimmy Carmack
Introduction of Speaker.....	Bill Duckworth Past District Governor
Address.....	Rotarian D. D. Monroe Clayton, New Mexico
Presentation of Charter.....	Travis Stovall District Governor of 552
Congratulations.....	Bruce Pember District Governor of 573
Presentation of Gifts.....	Rotary Clubs of District 552
Installation of Rotary Officers.....	Ray J. Lofton Past District Governor

CLOVIS ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS for 1961-62

President.....	Gerald D. Hastain
Vice President.....	Jimmy Carmack
Secretary.....	Hervey J. Gilliland
Treasurer.....	Emmett Shockley
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Paul Jones

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Secretary.....	Chick Taylor, Jr.
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Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Paul Jones

CHARTER MEMBERS

TEXICO - FARWELL ROTARY CLUB

Rotarian	Rotary-Ann	Address
John H. Aldridge	Lillian	Farwell
Sam Aldridge	Doll	Farwell
R. W. Anderson (Bob)	Carrie	Farwell
Jerry Bradshaw (Brad)		Farwell
Billy R. Boling (Bill)	Francis	Farwell
F. O. Burk (Fern)	Ruth	Farwell
Ernest P. Cain	Maybelle	Farwell
Edward Combs (Ed)	Idalou	Texico
Bobby Crume (Bob)	Ginger	Farwell
Joe A. Crume	Capitola	Farwell
Buck Doran	Ruby	Texico
Karl Gast (Smokey)	Dorothy	Farwell
Dudley Hughes	Mike	Farwell
Joe W. Jones	Irene	Farwell
Ira Levins (Scotty)	Jessie	Farwell
Johnny H. McDonald	Ophell	Farwell
Prentice Mills	Lavon	Farwell
James Patrick (Pat)	Mary Jean	Farwell
Norman Peyton (Bud)	Mary	Farwell
Herbert Potts (Herb)	Gertrude	Farwell
Harry L. Sheets	Alta	Farwell
Rip Snodgrass	Thelma	Texico
John H. Spearman	Bea	Farwell
Robert Tomlinson (Bob)	Geneva	Farwell

TEXICO - FARWELL ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS for 1961-62

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Vice President.....	Scott Levins
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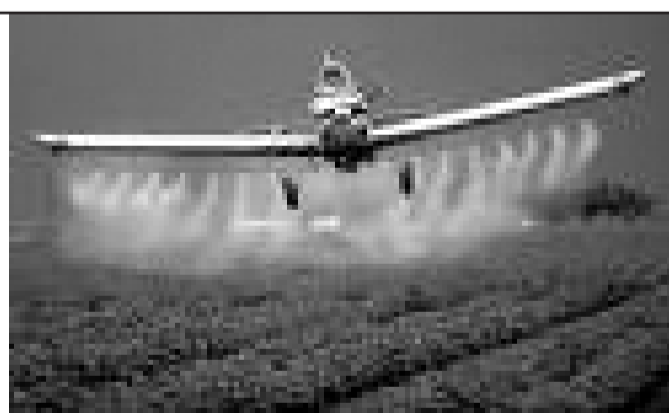
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School Daze

By Darla Bracken, Friona librarian:

Crackerbox, Big Square, Buckeye...

If these names mean anything to you, then you are either a great local historian or you and Parmer County go way back (and perhaps for some it is both). These are just some of the names of the small community country schools in Parmer County.

Names were chosen by property owners, location, type of structure, etc. At one time there were 17 common school districts in the county all under one county superintendent. Overcoming distance has been a problem for the Panhandle since the beginning and education was no exception.

These early schools were quite simply, but adequately constructed with usually a small wooden frame structure in the neighborhood of 20 x 24 to 28 feet. Generally they had one entrance, a few windows and sometimes a bell if the community were wealthy enough; but main-

ly hand bells were used to call the school to order.

The act of ringing that bell was quite a privilege as Sam Mears remembers. Heated by coal stoves in the winter and cooled by the windows in the spring, these beloved schools were immensely important to the communities they served where they doubled as social centers. Education was second only to building one's own shelter and providing religious worship for the community. Some were even built on skids so that they could be moved to where the children were.

At the onset, the county's school districts were 6 miles square so that hopefully, no child would have to walk more than 3 miles to attend school. Thus, the 'portable' school was an excellent solution when different families needed the school.

Teachers for these early schools were not in plentiful supply and many times were chosen from the oldest student's finishing school or were imported

from the communities in Iowa, Indiana, and Ohio that the new settlers had left to come to Texas. Many of their names are recognizable to us even today: Roxie Witherpoon, Malinda Reeve, Lucy and Esther Goodwine, Edith Maurer, Lara Edward, Floy Bridges, Mary Lou Roberson and Annie Lee Riley.

As in the other one-room school houses of their day, all ages and all grade levels were taught in the same small space by the same teacher; and you know -- they seem to have made it just fine. As the social centers of the small communities, many different events were held at the school houses including fundraisers for the school. Box socials, pie suppers, a 'literary society' to express



Farwell flooded in the 1930's, but the Phillips 66 service station in Farwell kept pumping gas.

the talent in the community, sing-songs, singing schools and a community Christmas tree party are just some of the events remembered.

Materials were scarce and therefore, precious and greatly appreciated. Fundraisers helped purchase school supplies for the children. One such event was an auction of various homemade items. One item was a friendship quilt made by the students and auctioned. It brought

\$5 and was purchased by their teacher, Wana Vestal in the 1930s.

Later, these communities sponsored special events for their citizens such as a skating rink for 10 cents and silent movies for 25 cents. Elaborate Christmas events were very popular and in the Oklahoma Lane Community a certain peach tree was decorated in lieu of an evergreen tree -- trees were mightily scarce then, also. Later, they con-

tinued the great tradition with evergreens from the Breaks.

Most early schools were not able to have secondary or high school education and when the time came for that, it was either add it or consolidate with a larger school. As you can imagine, these country schools fought tooth and nail to save their schools.

Black Public Schools opened in 1907 and had a soccer team, the Black

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160 acres north of Texico, irrigation well, 1 sprinkler

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Farwell clinic built in 1955

The Farwell Clinic building was constructed in 1955 under the direction of a group of local citizens.

Those who volunteered to contribute the necessary funds for construction were: Security State Bank, Claude Rose Sr., G.D. Anderson, G.D. Anderson Jr., Carl Davis, John Aldridge, Sam Aldridge, Fred Gerles, N.L. Tharp, Johnny Williams, Guy Nichols, Leroy Faville and Clarence Worley.

The clinic was built as a physician's office with the capacity to accommodate hospital patients. A complete newborn nursery, surgery, kitchen, lab and patient rooms were provided.

The first physician to practice here was Dr. M.F. Green. He was followed by Dr. T.D.J. Glenn and Dr. Jerry Gregory.

In 1971, the Farwell Development Corp. was formed, with a chief goal

to improve the clinic facilities. In 1975, an election was held to form the Farwell Hospital District which could issue revenue bonds.

Also, the new hospital district would spearhead construction of the Farwell Convalescent Center, providing residential care for the disabled and elderly members of the community.

The Farwell Clinic was given by its founders to the Farwell Hospital District in 1975 and with a substantial anonymous financial donation was completely remodeled and modernized to house a dental clinic as well as the medical clinic.

The renovated medical clinic accommodated several physicians, including Drs. Robert Silva, Bill Lewis and William Green. A psychologist, Dr. Kermit Little, also practiced there.

In August 1990, a



The main Bovina School building burns to the ground in September 1953

destructive fire occurred in the medical clinic. The internal structure of the clinic was rebuilt and opened in 1991 with Dr. Frank Kretsinger.

Dr. Nancy Chasteen began her practice in Farwell in 1993, followed by Dr. Kyle Sheets in 2000

with the affiliation of the Muleshoe Area Medical Center. He was assisted by Dan Otero, a physician's assistant, then by Marc Osborn, a certified family nurse practitioner (CFNP). Today, Dr. Sheets is assisted by Melinda Burney, CFNP.

The first dentist at the clinic was Dr. Lee Clayton, from 1976 to 1978. Dr. J.R. Ivins arrived in 1979 and is still practicing here. He is assisted by Jandi Lawrence, a registered dental hygienist.

Dr. Ivins arrived here under the sponsorship of the National Health Service Corps, which matched practitioners with under-served areas and provided the necessary equipment to establish a

dental clinic. In 1987, Dr. Ivins transitioned from the NHSC and set up a private dental practice here.

In 1987, a new reception area and business office was added to the dental clinic.

J.W. Crim: County's weather profit

J.W. Crim was well-known as Parmer County's weather profit.

Crim, who died in 1980, lived in Lazbuddie. Once a year, he took an all-inclu-

sive look at the weather and made a sweeping statement about how it would turn out.

He once explained, "The

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Banter

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ing to help.

And that is a very good thing.

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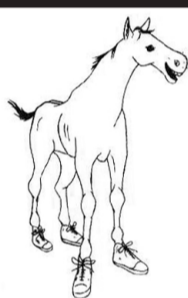
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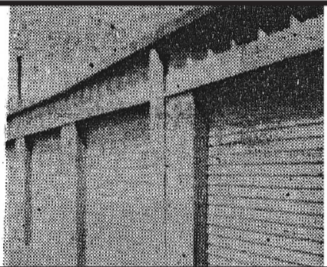
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Martin appointed; Farwell leases land for baseball field

The Farwell School Board held a special meeting on Monday to accept the resignation of board member Randy Mitchell and appoint Willie Martin to fill his unfinished term.

Martin, Molly Stancell and incumbent Kendall Devault had signed up for the two posts on the May 12 election. Martin's name will be on the ballot but there's no need to vote for him. Also, Mrs. Stancell and Mr. Devault are automatically elected.

Mitchell resigned because he be going to work at his brother's booming company at Andrews, Texas.

Mrs. Mitchell, who is the Farwell High secretary, hopes to stay in her post here until her son graduates from Farwell.

In other business, the board:

-- Approved Mike Ratke's request to use the school area south of the bus barn to build a Little League baseball field.

Local folks had planned to use the old Texico-Farwell field near the state line, but Ratke said the owner (the railroad) planned to sell the site to Jim Burroughs, who has been leasing it.

So the school will lease its property for \$10 a year to Farwell Little League officials.

Last year, 92 Farwell youths signed up for the program. This year's registrations are still ongoing.

Board member Sam Billingsley asked if the area could be used for high school baseball. Supt. Larry Gregory said the site had been measured and there was not enough room for a high school field.

-- Set the next meeting for noon on May 15.



Howard wins

Ashlee Howard, from Friona, received a belt buckle she won at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association in Las Vegas, N.M., in mid-April. She was the average winner in both Barrel Racing and Girls' Ribbon Roping in the 13-15 age group.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The National MS Society is kicking off our annual MS Walk, which will be at Clovis Community College on April 28. I am planning to be part of that event and I am asking folks to join me in the fight against MS by making a contribution to support my effort.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastated effects of MS. They simultaneously fund research for a cure while also helping people who currently live with MS lead more fulfilling lives.

I believe in the work they do, and I invite you to see for yourself all the good they have done for the MS community. More than 400,000 Americans live with MS and over 800 of these people live in the Texas Panhandle. Your support can and will make changes in their lives.

Please help by making a donation, large or small, to fight MS. Or why not join me on the day of the event? Become a participant and side by side, as teammates, we can work together to raise funds to make a difference.

To send a donation: make all checks payable to National MS Society, and send to me at PO Box 782, Farwell TX 79325.

Jamy Bethel
Farwell

Deadline nears for relay for life

From Jyl Grimsley:

Deadline for sponsorship for the Relay for Life is May 2.

Luminaries are being sold for \$5 each. Starting next week, they can be purchased at Kendrick Oil, Friona Chamber office, Friona Public Library,

Ingram's or any team member.

Registration fee of \$10 and t-shirt size will be due by May 10.

We would still like the names of any cancer survivors: we will order shirts and they will be invited to our Cancer Survivor Celebration Dinner in June. Any questions, call 250-5700 or 250-3545.



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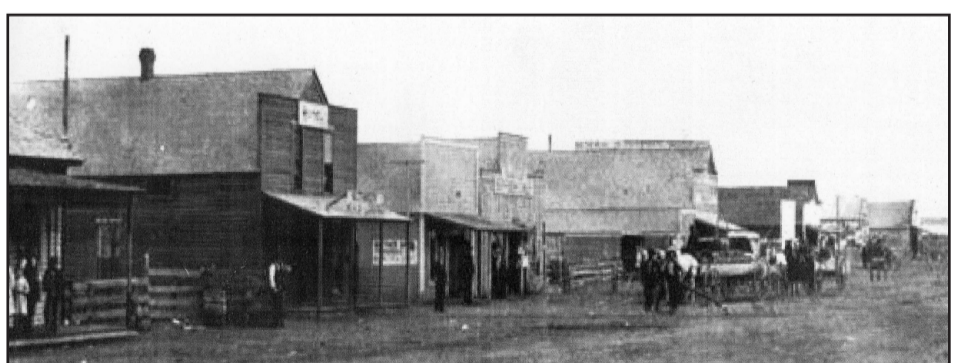
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Bovina District XIT headquarters in 1910

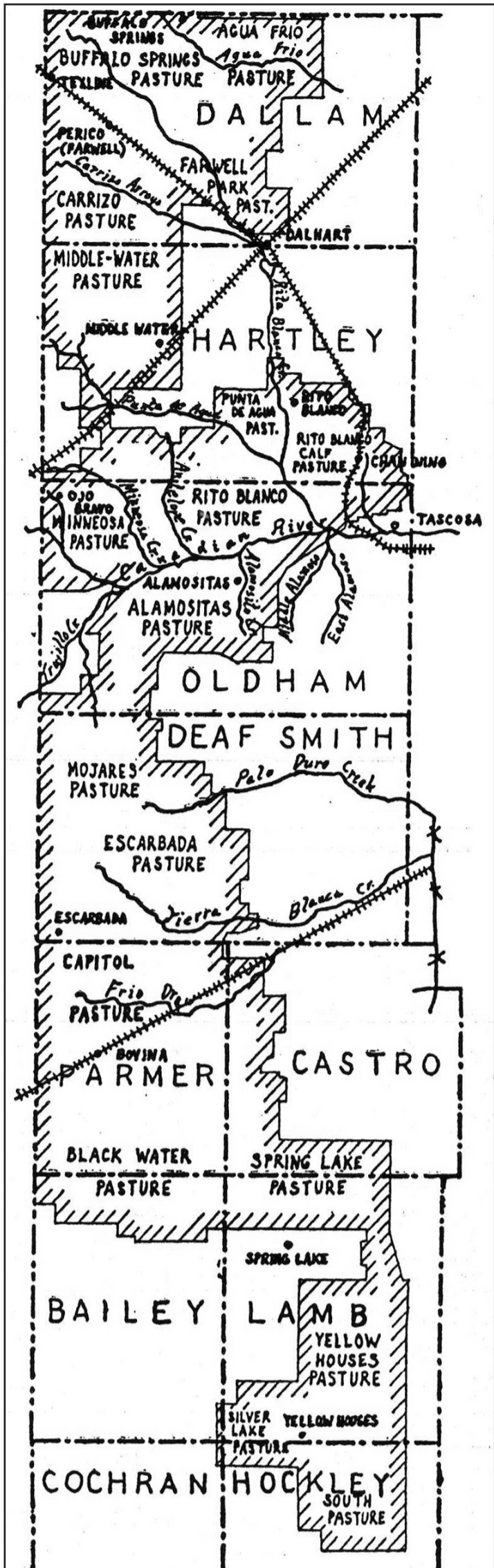


THE TOWN OF BOVINA SPRANG up in 1898 when the XIT Ranch established a railroad cattle shipping point.
(Photo provided by Southwest Collection, Parmer County Collection)



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The XIT Ranch

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Parmer County was part of the famed XIT land grant.

"XIT" stood for "10 in Texas," referring to the original ranch's land in 10 Texas counties.

Here's some background info on that.

The state capital in Austin, Texas, burned down in 1881, so planning began to build a new one. Previously, the state legislators had set aside 3 million acres of land to finance a new capitol.

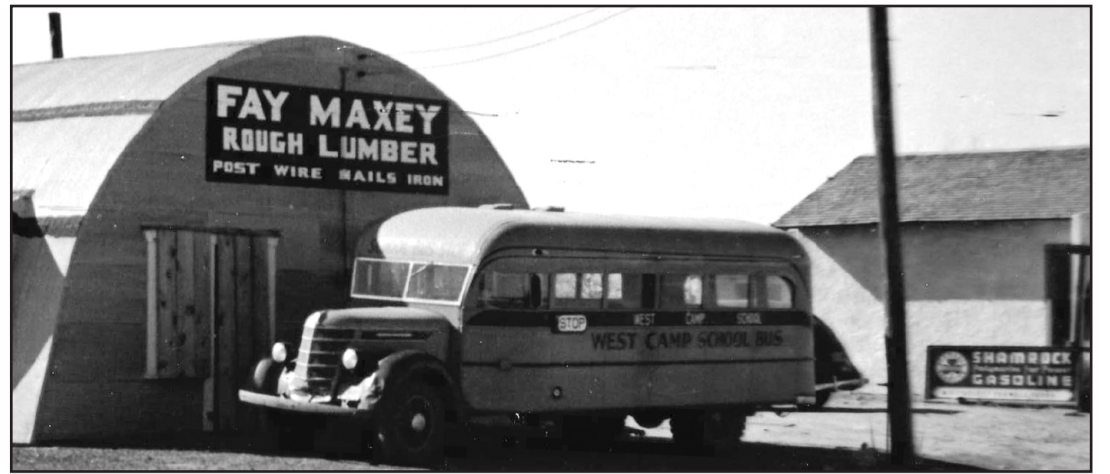
In 1882, Charles and James Farwell, of Chicago, accepted the contract terms to build the capitol in exchange for those acres. A syndicate then organized the XIT Ranch to manage, and later sell.

By 1884, the Syndicate garnered about \$5 million from British investors and began making purchases to start operations. The XIT averaged 150,000 head of cattle by 1887, and by the turn of the century had 325 windmills, 100 dams and 1,500 miles of fencing.

Increased fence cutting, cattle rustling, droughts, blizzards, prairie fires and declining markets caused the XIT to operate without profit for most of its life span.

British investors raised concerns with the operation by the end of the 1890s and the Capitol Syndicate began selling off the land.

The last of XIT cattle was sold in 1912, and the last of the XIT land was sold in 1963. The deed for the final 39 acres was passed to Hurshel Harding from Hamlin Y. Overstreet in 1963. Those acres were for industrial property in Farwell, lying between the two main lines of the Santa Fe Railroad.



The Fay Maxey Rough Lumber Co. in Farwell, with a West Camp school bus parked out front.

County schools

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Bears, which played against the Summerfield Coyotes, winning 9-2 in 1927.

Friona School was established in 1908, Rhea in 1908; Lazbuddie in 1925 from part of Black, and Bovina about 1905.

By 1949 all of Black, Lakeview, Messenger and part of Rhea had consolidated into Friona Independent School District.

Consolidation did not solve all the problems. Although Friona Schools led the state with the first school buses, transportation during a time of gas rationing would have been difficult.

Integration became more of an issue. Bovina had a Mexican School established in 1902 which operated until 1928. Farwell, the only independent school district in the county for many years, bused Negro students to Clovis in the 1950s.

As the small schools consolidated, the old school buildings continued to serve their spiritedly independent communities for many years, example -- Black Community School was just torn down last year.

Many were relocated to serve the consolidated schools and still exist today, i.e. Lakeview to

Friona and Rhea, which Community Network building now serves as the Bovina ing.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from Jan. 1, 2007, to March 31, 2007, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	94,635.39
Amount received since last report	17,445.63
Amount paid out since last report	753.25
03/31/07 Balance	111,327.77
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	899,279.05
Amount received since last report	1,564,145.11
Amount paid out since last report	617,537.86
03/31/07 Balance	1,845,886.30
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	457,818.67
Amount received since last report	673,478.42
Amount paid out since last report	405,391.15
03/31/07 Balance	725,905.94
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	162,956.01
Amount received since last report	228,054.50
Amount paid out since last report	280,000.00
03/31/07 Balance	111,010.51
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	125,264.60
Amount received since last report	1,596.95
Amount paid out since last report	0.00
03/31/07 Balance	126,861.55
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	39,340.30
Amount received since last report	16,337.01
Amount paid out since last report	0.00
03/31/07 Balance	55,677.31
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	186,780.50
Amount received since last report	82,079.09
Amount paid out since last report	117,278.10
03/31/07 Balance	151,581.49
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	2,192.74
Amount received since last report	273.55
Amount paid out since last report	186.08
03/31/07 Balance	2,280.21
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	12,564.13
Amount received since last report	8,310.65
Amount paid out since last report	5,851.37
03/31/07 Balance	15,023.41
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	4,887.54
Amount received since last report	4,580.90
Amount paid out since last report	6,579.25
03/31/07 Balance	2,889.19
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	49,942.68
Amount received since last report	1,978.51
Amount paid out since last report	5,434.30
03/31/07 Balance	46,486.89
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	32,672.53
Amount received since last report	416.53
Amount paid out since last report	0.00
03/31/07 Balance	33,089.06
Interest & Sinking Fund	
Balance last report, filed Dec. 31, 2006	161,620.60
Amount received since last report	195,683.87
Amount paid out since last report	185,325.00
03/31/07 Balance	171,979.47
Recapitulation	
Jury Fund	111,327.77
General Fund	1,845,886.30
Farm to Market Fund	725,905.94
Right of Way Fund	111,010.51
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	126,861.55
Permanent Improvement Fund	55,677.31
Revenue Fund	151,581.49
Juvenile Probation Fund	2,280.21
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	15,023.41
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	2,889.19
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	46,486.89
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	33,089.06
Interest & Sinking Fund	171,979.47
TOTAL	3,399,999.10

List of Bonds and other Securities on Hand
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General Fund	0
Farm to Market	0
Investments	
General Fund	1,028,783.04
Farm to Market Fund	645,403.51
Jury Fund	830.67
Permanent Improvement Fund	1,139.51
Right Of Way Fund	102.97
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	720.24
TOTAL	1,676,979.94

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd day of April, 2007.

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Teresa: 'My heart is in Parmer County'

By Teresa Mesman
As I was preparing to write this column, I celebrated another birthday. The big day rolled around and I was awakened by telephoned birthday greetings from across the miles.

Throughout the day, I was hugged and given repeated birthday greetings from people that I encountered from my church, civic and volunteer organizations, sports teams and other activities that I'm involved in and around the area.

I was reflecting with my family on the night of my birthday about how wonderful it is to live in an area where people still care enough about one another to extend heartfelt birthday wishes to one another. The caring and friendliness that was shown to me made my birthday feel like it was truly a landmark event.

The true landmark event that deserves words of congratulations is now upon us: the 100th Anniversary of Parmer County.

WOW!
As a history buff, this sort of milestone is exciting and noteworthy. We'll all be able to say that we were part of a historical event as we celebrate and honor this achievement. To me, personally, it also holds special meaning to me.

I moved to the county in May of 1987. I was newly engaged, eager for the future and ready to establish a home. Moving to Parmer County was somewhat of a joke to many of my friends because I had given up a high-voltage

career in advertising to move to the "sticks." I had forgone a Master's Degree from the Harvard Business School and a job in Dallas that promised to move me onto Madison Avenue in due time.

But even before I "gave it all up," I knew that the big city life was just not my calling. I was comfortable coming to a small town. And so I agreed to "settle down."

However, as fate would have it, my life, at the age of 23 became anything but settled. I married in early October of 1987 and became a widow two weeks and three days later.

Life as I knew it was now cast to the wind, crumpled, hurting and grieving.

Friends and some family urged me to move back to Dallas, Houston, to go on to Harvard, just get out of Farwell.

"What's there for you?" some asked.

I had many long talks with myself about what was here for me. I was surrounded with love and immediate friendships. I was cared for, watched after and morally supported here. I was spiritually fed, nurtured and given all the time it was going to take to start my life over.

In short, I soon realized that my heart now belonged here. For a kid that had moved over 13 times growing up, I had finally found a hometown.

I don't mean to exclude the other towns in the county, either. I was (and still am) constantly amazed at how caring people are from Bovina, Lazbuddie, Friona, Rhea, Lariat, Oklahoma Lane,

Tharp and all the other little "suburbs" in between!

Yes, I knew that I had finally found a place that would be called my hometown. It gives me great pleasure to tell my friends that I've lived in Farwell for almost 20 years. Okay, I really tell my friends that I live in the "Greater Lariat Metroplex." This is great title that Rev. Dick Greenhauer gave to Lariat several years ago and it has now become something of a legend!

My life in Parmer County settled back down eventually and I am extremely happy. I married Berry Mesman in November 1989 and we are the proud parents of two amazing boys, Taylor and Tanner.

My life story is one of many fun, action-packed and adventurous details. But the underlying foundation to the newest chapters of my life lies in the fact that I live in the most amazing area. Parmer County may not have the typical tourist attractions that some areas have, but we have a past that is chock-full of history, action, adventure, mystery and legend.

How proud I am to go to the Texas State Capitol building and know how it got paid for and built. How proud I am to call many real cowboys (and cowgirls) friends and to learn



Lee H. Sudderth in harvest when combines were pulled by a tractor. He and N..L. Tharp together drilled the first irrigation wells in Parmer County, which drastically changed the landscape for the area, reports Don Sudderth, of Bovina. Lee raised thousands of sheep in the early years. In later years, he built several homes and businesses in Bovina. Pictured are Lee Sudderth, far left; Orville Walls, top left; Leon Sudderth and Arlin Hartzog. This photo was taken in 1928.

that their ancestors rode the fences of the XIT.

In essence, the entire attraction to Parmer County is the people that live and work here. People that are top-quality, friendly, intelligent, hard-working and proud.

The people of Parmer County know what it takes to ride out a dust storm with 70-mph winds; to be patient when it's snowing outside, because the next day will be sunny and clear, the wind will dry out the fields and the tractors can get back in; that we can get out of town in three directions - Lubbock, Amarillo or to the Mountains (those way

past Clovis!)

I had to laugh at how God really had His hand in getting me to Parmer County. I had so many things in my younger life that pointed me this direction. For example - one of my good friends and classmates from Arlington is named Beth Farwell; Graham Prewett, a man that is as much a father to me as my own was born and raised in Friona and Black; the man that was the Olympic language coordinator for the 1980 swim team was Bill Parmer; the project that I drew out for my journalism editorial assignment was the "Bovina Blade," and I

always dreamed of marrying a handsome Dutch boy when I was a little girl!

Dreams do come true, even in the flat, windy expanse of Parmer County. But we also possess the most glorious sunrises and sunsets; we possess a proud past and a diverse and rapidly changing future and the most wonderful people in the world.

"What's here for you?" they asked.

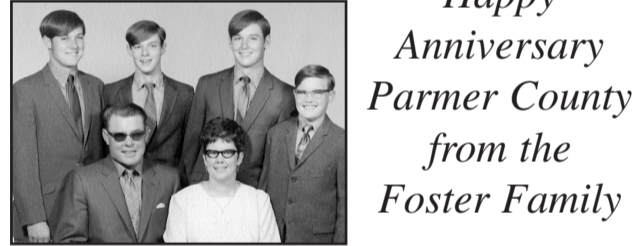
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Started in 1904, The Kemp Lumber Co. was Farwell's first business. This is the site of Tire Country on 1st Street today.

FARWELL

Farwell was located at the point where the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railway entered New Mexico, on land originally part of the XIT Ranch. R. H. Kemp established a lumber company nearby in 1904.

The site, named for brothers Charles and John Farwell, who headed the Capitol Syndicate, was surveyed in 1905. Farwell was made HQ for the company's resident representative, James D. Hamlin, and its land commissioner, F. W. Wilsey.

Almost immediately,

several substantial buildings were constructed: a large brick warehouse for R. C. Hopping and the Robertson brothers, who operated a grocery store in Texico; a group of brick stores and offices known as the "Hamlin Brick"; and later the Farwell Inn, a three-story brick hotel.

A Congregational church built in 1907 doubled as a public school until separate facilities were built in 1910. A post office was established in 1906.

Farwell supplanted Parmerton as county seat when Parmer County was

organized in 1907; Hamlin was elected county judge.

In 1908 the First National Bank of Farwell was chartered, and the Santa Fe Railroad established a freight depot, warehouse, and coal yard on the Texas side.

B. F. Fears started publication of the State Line Tribune by 1912, when Farwell's population had grown to more than 800 and the town had begun to rival Texico and Clovis as a railroad shipping center. The citizens had voted



B.F. Fears residence at 510 3rd St. in Farwell. He started the State Line Tribune.

to incorporate in 1907, but Farwell was dis-incorporated and the bank closed in 1910 when city funds became badly depleted. The bank was re-chartered in 1912 as the Texas State Bank of Farwell.

Farwell grew while real estate developers continued to parcel off XIT lands and attract more settlers. A permanent courthouse was erected in 1917.

By the mid-1920s, the town had modern utilities, and further improvements were made on the water-

works by 1930.

In 1950, with a population of 1,250, the town voted once again to incorporate and established a mayor-commission government.

A medical clinic was built in 1955, and a year later a volunteer fire department was organized. The last 39 acres of XIT Ranch land in Farwell was sold in 1963.

The industries that serve modern agriculture in Farwell include an irrigation pipe plant, several feedlot operations, and grain elevators with a total storage capacity of more than six million bushels.

The population increased from just over 1,000 in 1960, to 1,185 in 1970 to 1,354 by 1985 and 1,373 by 1990. In 2000 the population was 1,364.

FSC organized in 1929

The Farwell Study Club was a service organization organized in 1929 and ran until 1961.

Past presidents included Mrs. Mortimer Jones, Lora Martin, Evelyn Macon, Arrie B. Graham, Bessie Henneman, Alice Williams, Doshia Hill, Mrs. Gordon Lyons, Mess Bobst, Pearl B. Grady, Bess Booth, Elsie Cain, Lura Rundell, Ruby Rogers, Rosa Roberts, Bonnie Williams, Florence Vineyard, Dr. Mary Leone McNeff, Juanita Garrett, and Genie Murray.

Among the projects they were involved in: city park beautification, city clean-up campaigns, entered floats in parades, and they aided little league.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Notice to Bidders

Pursuant to the Local Government Code Annotated Chapter 116, notice is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds.

Sealed applications must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Heald, County Judge, 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2007, at which time all applications will be considered.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.

Bonnie J. Heald
County Judge

Notice to Creditors

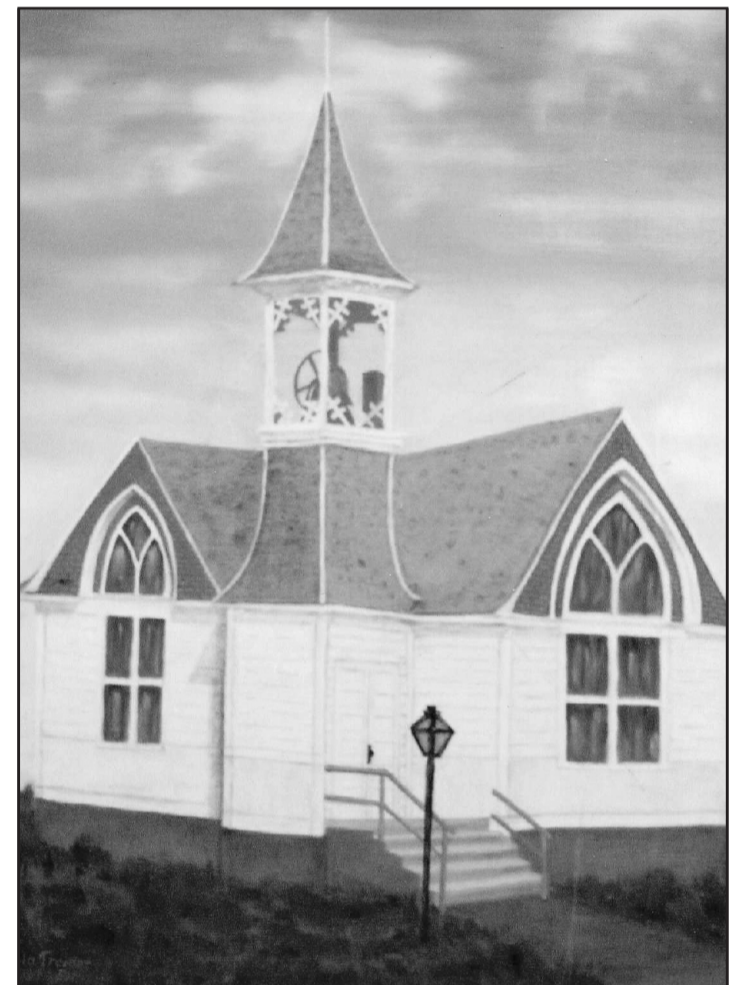
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of D.M. Killough, Deceased, were issued on April 17, 2007, in Cause No. 2710, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Ann Killough.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Several denominations were represented in the little church but one, the Congregational Church Building Society, offered a grant with the stipulation that the church be a Union Congregational Church.

C. 1909 -- First Union Congregational Church building was dedicated.

Aug. 7, 1921 -- At 2 a.m., the church building was struck by lightning and completely destroyed fixtures and all. Insurance on the building was \$1,000 and the grant amounted to \$775. The next day's canvas of the town resulted in subscriptions over the \$1,000 figure.

June 17, 1923 -- The new church was dedicated with a big basket dinner at noon and speaking in the afternoon. Evening services were dismissed by word received that the Reeve Brothers (Mark and Russell) were drowned. All gone to their assistance.

The building is now home to the Parmer County Historical Museum.

Dec. 7, 1969 -- Present Union Congregational Church building at 1601 Euclid was dedicated. The Rev. Paul Mohr was pastor when this building was built.

June 15, 1979 -- The congregation voted to add additional Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. Galen Hromas was the contractor. The Rev. Ship Sirnic was pastor during this building project.

June 11-14, 1983 -- The Union Congregational Church celebrated its 75th anniversary in Friona, Texas.



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CLAY'S CORNER

Clay's Corner is west of Lazbuddie. A gin was operating nearby when in 1953 Herbert and Vera Clay

moved from Lamesa and established a grocery and general merchandise store for rural residents at the junction of Farm roads 145 and 214.

A Farmers' Co-op elevator was erected nearby, probably in the early 1960s, and a fertilizer business was added to the community in 1961. During this time the Clays hosted annual Thanksgiving dinners and Easter egg hunts. The Clay establishment was a local gathering place and a refuge in time of foul or threatening weather. The population was 15 in 2000.

HUB

Hub is at the junction of Highways 86 and 214, 10 miles east of Bovina.

The name reflects the town's image that everything goes outward from it -- as from the hub of a wagon wheel. In 1925, the imposing Syndicate Hotel, meant to accommodate prospective land buyers, was constructed on the Ozark Trail east of Hub. It closed as a business in 1931 but was later purchased by the Friona American League chapter and moved to Hub.

In the 1980s Hub had seven businesses, including two cotton gins and a grain elevator. A community hall was located on Highway 214 just south of the junction.

Tidbits

-- While the U.S. Census Bureau reported the 2000 population of Parmer County at 9,998, the estimated population for 2006 has decreased to 9,714.

-- Paul Crume, who came out of Lariat, was a famous columnist with the Dallas Morning News for many years.

-- Remember the Piggly Wiggly store in Farwell?

-- Parmer County's legendary sheriff was Charlie Lovelace, who served in the post from 1948 until stepping down in 1980.



Dedication of historical marker at Parmerton. Pictured are, from left, Henry Curtis, Henry Tuebal, and Hugh Moseley.

A look at our county

By Darla Bracken
Friona Public Library
Director

Our county is 859 square miles of rolling level plains covered by sandy, clay and loam soils which have proven to very fertile especially when watered by the huge Ogallala Aquifer. A sea of native grass lands grew here when the area was home to the Indian and the buffalo.

We range in elevation from 3,800 to 4,202 feet above sea level on the Caprock Escarpment which gives us both our high winds and our cool summer nights.

Running Water Draw, a flood-prone but mostly dry creek, runs across the county from the northwest to the southeast. Two smaller draws, Frio Draw and Catfish Draw, also run through the county. Our

average rainfall is 17 inches and our temperature ranges from a minimum of 21 degrees in January to a maximum of 92 degrees in July and an average growing season of 183 days a year.

The County was named for an early Texas settler and veteran of the Texas Revolution as well as a signer of the Texas Declaration of

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Farwell Abstract Company, Inc., is managed by Peggy Goettsch and the assistant manager is Mandy Myers.

In Muleshoe, the manager is Mary Wauson and the assistant manager is LaQuita Stovall.

The Aldridge Law Office has been in the general practice of law at 402 Third St. in Farwell for 74 years.

The law practice was founded by John Aldridge and Sam Aldridge in 1933. The law firm now operates under the name of Aldridge, Actkinson & Rutter, L.L.P.

The law firm is composed of partners, Johnny Actkinson, Marion Ty Rutter and Jeff Actkinson.

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Life in Christ Academy pupils learn about 'The Cat in the Hat'



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Chase Lamb, Stacey Haseloff, Jenna Cates and Troy Teague, above, and Nalani Bernal, Emma Smallwood and Bailey Chadwick, below, enjoy "Silly Hat Day". Students went to the Clovis Library, and also played games based on the book and did arts and crafts. St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat sponsors the pre-school.



Brody White works on arts and crafts.



Abi May balances a bowl of goldfish.



Tyler Young, Jaegan Nickels and her father Chad Nickels



Jenna Cates and Gatlin Copley



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The State Line Tribune, the Official Publication of Parmer county, began in 1911 with Benjamin Fears as the full-time publisher. The Tribune survived the famous 1913 "Hamlin Block" fire, but 10 years later another fire succeeded in destroying all the building and with it all the Tribune copies. Fears sold the Tribune to the Autrey brothers in 1922 and the paper was then housed in the Haynes Grocery Building on 2nd Street. The Autreys sold the paper in 1923 to R.B. Boyle, who sold it in 1924 to Stanley Sigler. In 1926, the Tribune was purchased by W.H. Graham Sr., who with his family ran the weekly publication for nearly 40 years. A move to the current location on 3rd Street became necessary when a new linotype machine, the first in Parmer County, was bought, and the floor in the Haynes Building would not support the heavy machine. W.H. Graham Jr. took over the Tribune in 1953 shortly before his dad died. Not too many years later the old flatbed press was laid to rest and for a few years the paper was printed by an offset plant at Friona. Later, the Tribune was published in Hereford, and now in Clovis. John and Joann Getz came to work for the Grahams in 1951. When the Grahams moved to Lovington, N.M., in 1965, the Getzes leased the paper from them, then buying it in 1968. After running the Tribune for 20 years, the Getzes sold it to Mike and Judy Pomper in 1984. In 2006, Pomper sold the paper to his son, Rob, and wife Becky.

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Farwell's Ozark Trail marker in the 1920s. The large, white concrete obelisk was placed at Avenue A and 3rd Street. It was later broken up and dumped.

Parmer County's western border

By Darla Bracken, Friona librarian:

When Texas was being surveyed for statehood in the 1840s, try to imagine the immense task that lay before these early pioneer specialists.

Cadastral surveyors measured land boundaries and corrected for the curvature of the earth. Surveying crews were needed with wagons for their supplies, instruments and 'chuck'.

Early surveying tools included a Gunter's chain, a surveyor's magnetic compass, and a transit. The chain was used for measuring distance; the compass for measuring direction. The transit with a telescope mounted on it for sighting was used to measure the angles or topography of the land.

Although the chain is rarely used today, an acre is based upon this measurement and one acre is equal to 10 square chains or 100,000 square links. One mile equals 80 chains. A league of land in Texas meant 4,428 acres. Another early measurement the vara, or a Spanish yard, in Texas in the 1900s, was 33 1/3 inches.

Although the Panhandle

area of Texas did not present the challenges that some elevations did, it was still a daunting task due to its lack of landmarks. Markers or monuments were placed by these early surveyors on meridians and at 'corners', section corners that is. These markers were sometimes huge piles of rocks or a slab of stone depending upon what materials were available.

In 1858, John Clark accepted the federal appointment of surveying the Texas-New Mexico border boundary line. He went east from El Paso to the 32nd parallel and marked where it intercepted the 103rd meridian. Then he surveyed an area roughly 20 miles north on that line before being forced to stop due to lack of water.

Later, beginning in the far northwest corner of the Panhandle, he surveyed and marked the corner and began surveying the boundary line south for 156 miles until lack of water and Indian unrest forced him to withdraw again, leaving 130 miles of the boundary not surveyed between the lines.

Then the Civil War came. Later surveys in

By Darla Bracken, Friona librarian

In one of the larger sales of XIT Ranch lands by the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Co., Thomas Kelly of Kansas City, Kan., purchased 55,136 acres in 1902.

This land, 65,376 acres, became the Star Ranch in 1902.

Kelly built the Star Ranch Headquarters, an imposing structure, other outbuildings, corrals and windmills. Eventually the

ranch would run thousands of cattle and have 30 windmills. In this area of the Llano Estacado, the windmills became landmarks that helped residents identify different areas and also supplied water.

One such windmill was called Red Tower which also included a camp and a dugout. Residents gathered near these camps for both information and water. Eventually they built a school here in 1907

and the 'traveling school' was born. They would move the school nearest the families with young school age children so that they would not have to walk so far and then move it again when new families with children came. It was moved at least 4 times.

The headquarters became a community gathering place and many dances and picnics were held there. The Star Ranch was in operation until 1908

when Kelly began to sell it off in smaller tracts of land.

In 1924, when D. Luther "Laz" Green of Vernon, Texas and Andrew "Buddie" Sherley purchased land in Parmer County and established a commissary in the area, Wayne Sherley suggested that they call it Lazbuddie. It soon became a general store and by May 4, 1926, Lazbuddie had a Post Office also located in the

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This AAU basketball team composed of Texico and Clovis girls won the Hoop 10 Tournaments in Amarillo the weekends of March 30-31 and April 13-14. Their record was 9-0, 5 wins the first weekend and 4 wins the second. Pictured are, back row, from left, Alec Mendoza, Shaylee Anderson, Jordon Cooper, and Jaylyn Cooper; front row, Peyton Rains, Kendra Gibbons, and Megan Long. (Photo by Denise Anderson)



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Texico wins double header

The Texico Wolverines won a double header on Friday over Clayton, 10-0 and 21-9. Texico is now 3-1 in district.

In the first game, Jesse Walthers pitched a 3-hitter.

Top hitters were Walthers, 2 for 3 with a double and 3-run homer; and Courtland Luscombe, 2 for 3 with a double and RBI.

In the second game, Matt Marez pitched the win.

Top hitters were Seth Bailey, 2 hits including a 2-run double and a 3-run homer; Casey Crist, 2 hits including a homer and 2 RBIs; Walthers, 2 hits and 3 RBIs; Brett Anderson, 3 hits including 2 doubles and 5 RBIs, and Marez, 2 hits including a double.

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For more than 40 years, Gaines Hardware served the Bovina area. J. Sam Gaines saw the need for a hardware store in the growing community and opened it in early 1925. He had operated a wagon yard, feed and grocery store in Tulia until hard times forced a move to Bovina in 1924. A fire gutted Bovina in 1921, so when he came to the community it only had a grocery store, blacksmith shop and two filling stations. Gaines died in 1933, but his wife, son and daughter carried on the business.

Hugh Moseley reminisces

by Hugh Moseley
Some reminiscences about Parmer County folks:

-- Bro. Arthur Brewer (1889-1975). His daughter, Anna Mae, said her dad preached his last sermon when he was 85 years old.

-- Thomas Atkins (1908-1982), was in the New Mexico National Guard and survived the Bataan Death March in World War II. He served as a deputy sheriff under Charlie Lovelace.

-- John Aldridge (1905-1968), was county judge from 1929-1934; at the time, the youngest county judge in Texas.

-- District Court Judge E.A. Bills, after a citizen was found guilty, would

always say, "Sheriff, take charge of the prisoner."

-- Price Brookfield played Friona varsity basketball from 1935-1938, and later was an All-American at West Texas State College and at Iowa State University. He was coached by Milton "Buff" Morris, who established Friona's first football team. Price played pro basketball at Rochester, Ind., and was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

-- Dalton Coffey became Friona School Supt. in 1947. The first time I met him, he asked me to assemble the Friona High School Band and march in a parade.

-- A.W. Henschel, Friona

bank president died in 1926 in a vehicle accident in Summerfield.

-- Judge James D. Hamlin (1871-1950), was county judge from 1912 to 1924. A book was written about him, "The Flamboyant Judge", in 1972. He worked closely with his nephew, Hamlin Y. Overstreet, on sales for the Capital Syndicate.

-- William "Uncle Bill" Townsend, the county's first judge, from 1907-1908. He also was Parmerton postmaster from 1907-1909.

-- Sloan Osborn was Friona postmaster from 1933-1953.

-- E.V. Rushing (1896-1970), was county and dis-

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Our County

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Independence, Martin Parmer. He was also nicknamed the 'ring-tailed panther' because of his exploits in Missouri.

Apaches were probably the original inhabitants until the arrival of the Kiowas and the Comanches in 1700. These Indians of the Plains lived here until the Red

River War in 1874 when they were defeated and removed to Indian Territory.

Parmer County was carved out of the Bexar District in 1876, but no settlement occurred until 1882.

Cattle have always hugely outnumbered people in our county from

13,675 in 1900 to the 100,000 plus in feedyard operations as well as our 10 dairy operations in the county today.

The Pecos and Northern Texas Railroad built a branch line in 1898 that would eventually run 85 miles from Amarillo to the Texas-New Mexico border. Switches, or shipping points, quickly sprang up along the route that year including: Parmerton, as a Capitol Syndicate townsite and model farm and later the first county seat, as well as Black, Frio and Bovina. Farwell, was established in 1904 and surveyed in 1905 as a headquarters for sales of the XIT Ranchlands.

In 2000, 10,016 people were living in Parmer County; Farwell had 1,364; Friona 3,854; Bovina 1,874; Lazbuddie 248; Lariat 100; Oklahoma Lane 25; Black 100 and Rhea 98.

Crim

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is an old Indian legend to the effect that a fire burning at sunrise on March 22 will give signals through its smoke indicating whether the year would be a good one for crops or not."

Crim said that if the smoke from the fire at this time carried west or southwest, there would be a bumper crop. If the wind was from the west, south or southwest, it indicated a very poor crop was com-

ing.

So for years, Crim and his three sons would get up early each March 22, and light their fire about 15 before sunrise.

How was the legend handed down? Crim could track it to the late J.J. Wilborn of Post, Texas, in 1906.

After Crim died in 1980, the tradition was carried on by his youngest son, Weldon, elected by his family.

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Standing from left, Vick Christian; Clark Andrews; Anthony Acker; Jerry Roberts, secretary; Steve Louder, president and general manager; sitting, Gilbert "Nick" Yosten, vice chairman; Donald Wright, chairman; Floyd Reeve.

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This advertisement appeared in the March 10, 1949, issue of the State Line Tribune:

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Allison Weaver, 11, daughter of Shannon Weaver and Becky Stroble, is a 5th grader. Her birthday is Nov. 2. Favorites: food, chicken & dumplings; subject, math; color, blue; friend, Haley Beasley; most admired, my parents.



Jayden Marquez, 5, daughter of Teresa Hood and Jose Marquez, is a kindergartener. Her birthday is Aug. 2. Favorites: food, fries; subject, coloring time; color, red; friend, Evelyn; most admired, Evelyn.

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An aerial view of Farwell's city park and the County Courthouse from the city water tower around 1945. The State Line Tribune building is at left. Notice all the trees in Farwell City Park and the open blocks along 3rd Street. The courthouse is at far right.

RUNNING

WATER DRAW

Running Water Draw, a headstream of the Blanco River, rises in Curry County, N.M., and enters Texas in western Parmer County.

This stream flows southeast 55 miles, across southern Parmer, southwestern Castro, northeastern Lamb, and northern Hale counties.

Running Water Draw flows through loose sand that surfaces flat to gently sloping hills covered by scrub brush and grasses.

In Parmer County the stream was in the heart of the XIT Ranch's Spring Lake and, later, Bovina divisions.

A large dammed reservoir is on Running Water Draw northeast of Lazbuddie, in Parmer County.



The Gulf gas station on Avenue A in Farwell is the current home to ENMR-Plateau's office. In the 1940's it stood next to the Gus and Mabel Cafe.

Reminisces

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trict clerk from 1933 to 1940.

-- Frank Spring had the No. 1 birth certificate in Parmer County.

-- From Parmer County Clerk Colleen Stover: the first registered birth in Parmer County: Frank Augustus Spring, Oct. 9, 1907; the first marriage: S.T. Holder and Georgia Chambless on June 26, 1907; and the first registered brand: Booker Diamond, on Aug. 20, 1907.

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PARMERTON

Parmerton, on Highway 60 in central Parmer County, was originally known as Parmer Switch when the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railway built through in 1898.

The town, like the county, was named for Martin Parmer, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The townsite, surveyed and platted by J. S. McCleary, comprised 200 acres of land formerly owned by the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company (the XIT Ranch). The company had previously established a model farm on the site and in 1906 used dry-land farming methods to produce a successful wheat crop.

A one-story frame courthouse was built atop Parmerton Hill, the halfway mark between Friona and Bovina, with a residence for the county judge nearby. Across the road was a "cook shack" that served meals to inhabitants and passersby. A post office was established in 1907 but was closed in 1908.

Parmerton was voted county seat on May 7, 1907, and almost immediately a movement to displace it began. Another election was held on Dec. 10, 1907, and Farwell was chosen overwhelmingly. Five months later county records were moved to the "Hamlin Brick," a new building in Farwell.

Parmerton was never further developed as a town and rapidly declined. Today only a historical marker and the Parmerton railroad switch mark the site.

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BLACK

Black Community, on Highway 60 in northeastern Parmer County, was established in 1898 as a station on the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railway.

It was named for E. B. Black, who in 1901 purchased farmland north of the railroad from his brother-in-law, J. E. English.

In 1908 the Wright Land Co. began selling XIT Ranch lands, and buyers came in on the company's special excursion trains.

In 1910 a school was opened in Black, and a post office was established in 1912, with J. Baker as postmaster. The post office was discontinued twice, in 1914 and 1920, then reestablished in 1926.

For a time sweet potatoes were grown commercially around Black. In 1921, Ray Conway opened a grocery store, a portion of which was used for church services and community gatherings. After the Black school district was consolidated with Friona schools in 1950, the former school building was remodeled into a communi-

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Dec. 1974	\$ 1,114,868.89	\$ 1,101,862.38	\$ 1,393,256.65
Dec. 1979	\$ 2,237,588.94	\$ 2,259,360.96	\$ 2,557,615.13
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Dec. 1999	\$ 6,879,983.28	\$ 3,625,734.00	\$ 8,161,651.02
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Texico National Honor Society

The 2007 National Honor Society induction was held at Texico High School on April 18. Pictured with Advisor Dennis Roch are current members Mikayla Cherry, Buddy Jorde, Melissa Freitas, Leslie Vannatta, Brooke Bailey, Faith Martin, Daniel Schueler, Aaron Lockmiller and Bryn Mayfield, and new inductees Justin Garrison, Joshua Brown, Joshua Murray, Stephanie Vega, Brett Anderson, Kirsten Beltran, Jordan Broome, Braeden Hadley, Jaryse Harris, Holly Harrison, Laura Maldonado, Levi Richards and Glenn Wike.

BOVINA

Bovina is between two forks of Running Water Draw. Originally the community was the Hay Hook Line Camp of the XIT Ranch, and the ranch headquarters was one of the county's earliest buildings. When the Pecos and Northern Texas Railway was built through the ranch in 1898, a switch was placed at the site to be used by cowboys to unload cottonseed shipped in as feed. Some of this feed was invariably spilled along the tracks, causing XIT cattle to gather at the unfenced right-of-way. Often they lay down, compelling railroad workers to get off their trains and prod them off the tracks.

As a result the site was labeled Bull Town, a name replaced by the more elegant Bovina when the post office was established on Jan. 31, 1899. Bovina soon experienced a boom and for a time shipped a larger volume of cattle than any other shipping point in the world.

By the time settlers began moving into the area around 1905, two churches had been organized and a school started. Also, Bovina had a general store, a livery

barn, a barber shop, and a boarding house.

As land sales increased, a bank, a second hotel, and numerous homes were built. The South and West Land Co. established its headquarters at Bovina, and school facilities were enlarged to meet the needs of a rapidly growing populace. By 1915 the town had about 200 residents.

Although the boom leveled off after World War I, Bovina remained an important agricultural and livestock marketing center. In 1948 it was incorporated, with J. W. Kimbrow as mayor.

At the same time, residents organized a volunteer fire department and voted for bonds to install a modern water system. Previously, water had been obtained from tanks rented from the Santa Fe Railroad.

A weekly newspaper, the Bovina Blade, was established in 1955, and during the 1960s ambulance service was started. A medical clinic was established in 1966 with funds from the Sears Foundation.

By the mid-1980s Bovina had 28 businesses, four churches, and a three-acre city park. Its high school girls' track team won notice as the 1978 Class A state champions.

Bovina's population was 1,029 in 1960, 1,499 in 1980, 1,549 in 1990, and 1,874 in 2000.



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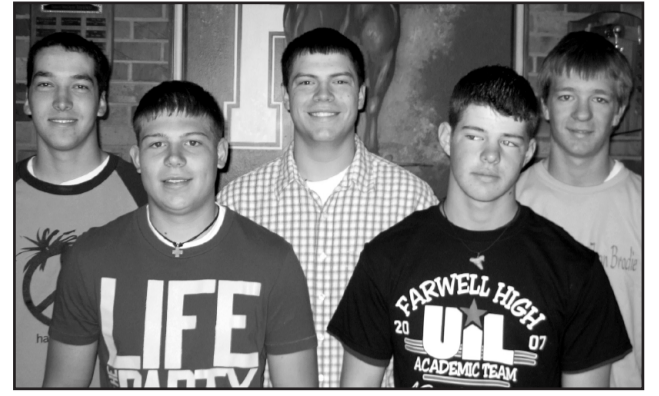
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KARL GAST FAMILY

Karl Herbert Gast, born May 7, 1890, and Hedwig Louise Boltz Gast, born May 27, 1889, in Earlville, Illinois moved to New Mexico with their family, Julie, Buster, Shorty, Smokey and Bertha in 1928. Mr. Gast worked for Ford Motor Company in various New Mexico towns until 1940. The family moved to Farwell and opened Karl's Auto Clinic in the Ed McElroy building on Main Street, and in 1948 moved to the present location. Karl, Buster and Smokey operated the shop until 1950. Karl and Buster sold their part to Smokey Gast and Fred Curtis. Karl and Hedwig then took care of the Gast acreage east of Farwell, where Karl milked cows, raised pigs and chickens. Karl delivered milk and had his daily visits with the residents of Farwell. Later when the Farwell Band started the yearly calendars, Hedwig would call everyone on the given day and wish them Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary. The Gasts were charter members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Clovis, New Mexico. Karl died on June 22, 1955, and Hedwig died August 24, 1978. Julia (Gast) Garcia has two boys and five grandchildren, and lives in Mentone, California; A.O. (Buster) Gast has two daughters and seven grandchildren and lives in Farwell, Texas; L.H. (Shorty) Gast has three boys and three grandchildren and lives in Galveston, Texas; Karl J. (Smokey) Gast has a daughter and a son and two grandchildren and lives in Farwell, Texas; Bertha (Gast) Reynolds has a daughter and a son and four grandchildren and lives in Clovis, New Mexico.



The Farwell Country Club congratulates the Farwell Steers and Lady Blue golf teams, both of which won their District Golf Tournaments in April. Pictured above are the Steers: Derrick Chandler, Cory Chadwick, Dan Patterson, Cameron Kirkland and Ross McClaran; and below, the Lady Blue: Brianna Anglin, Shelby Christian, Dellani Jones, Cambrey Devault and Britton Barrett.



FARWELL COUNTRY CLUB

From Elmer Hargrove:

In 1968, a group of Farwell folks got together to bring a little recreation to Farwell. The result was the Farwell Country Club.

They had heard that the Farmers Home Administration was offering loans for rural counties to put in recreational attractions and thought it might be the time to put in a golf course.

Bill Price, who worked at the local grain exchange, and Bob Anderson, of Security State Bank, put together the application and received a loan for \$150,000.

The easiest place to put in a golf course was just north of the Amarillo highway, so they bought 75 acres from Dr. V. Scott Johnson. At the time, the land cost \$37,500.

Then they hired Lubbock golf pro Warren Cantrel to lay out the course and do the architectural drawings.

Construction began in May of '68 and was completed by Oct. 14, 1968. In that time they put in the pool, a bath house, the club house, pro house, as well as the course itself.

Harry Sheets designed and put in the water system for the course.

Jack Kirkland, of Kirkland and Vinton Pump Co., put in the first manual irrigation well to keep the course.

Penny Anderson sponsored the evergreen trees, and Joe Helton bought the ash trees that are around the tee boxes.

Glenden Sudderth dug out the water reservoir, and Hurshel Harding wrote the by-laws and club regulations.

Much of the furniture of the club house was purchased by the Women's Organization. They held garage sales to raise funds to buy tables and chairs and other items that were needed.

At the beginning of the Country Club, there were no golf carts available. Some members bought their own and kept them at the course. The Cart Club was started when each of the owners donated their carts to the club for a small fee and retained rights to use carts in the future. This was allowed for the first 3 or 4 years, but it was eventually capped off. There are believed to be 11 cart club members still playing the course.

The current golf pro is Charlie Maciel.

Farwell Country Club Pros

- Jean Deeds
- Blackie Blackburn
- R.L. Montgomery
- Martin Reeves
- Mark Vinson
- A.M. Wilson from Bovina
- Mike Martin
- Chris Fontanella
- Charlie Maciel

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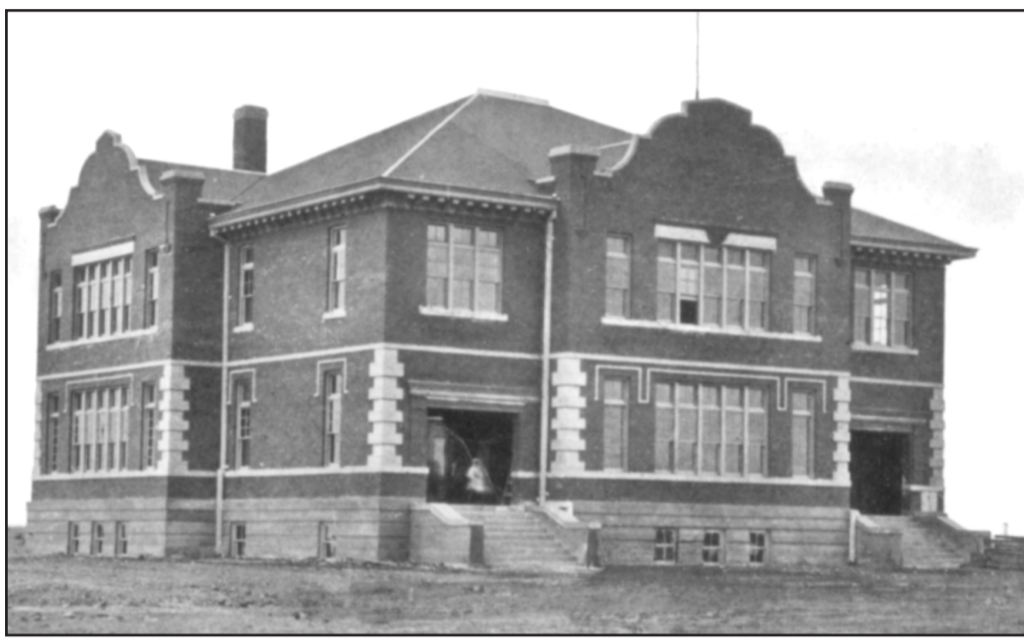


1905 FARWELL TEXAS 1991

This mural was painted by Clovis artist Cherokee and adorned the city of City Hall for a decade before being taken down due to weathering.



Hamlin Brick Block was located at the southwest corner of 3rd Street and Ave. C. Businesses included Hamlin & Co. Real Estate, Nobles Grocery Store, Linthicum's Drug Store, Porter Hardware, attorneys' offices, a dry good store and a barber shop. The entire block burned on May 9, 1913. Arson was suspected but never proven.



The high school building was erected in 1910. The cornerstone was placed in the foyer of the Farwell gym built in the 1990s. Until the building was erected, Farwell School met in the Congregational Church at 1st Street and Avenue C.

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Altha Herington, treasurer



These brick businesses are in the 400 block of 3rd Street. Today, they are the State Line Tribune, left, and the Aldridge law firm.



First National Bank building at 400 3rd St. The building was used later as an office building by Hamlin Y. Overstreet of the Capitol Syndicate Land and Investment Co. until 1967 when it was sold to the Aldridge and Aldridge law firm. It was converted into their law library with the vault used as a safe place for the land abstract books and records.



The Christian Church near 602 2nd St. The Farwell Inn is in the background.



This photo shows the old Texaco plant in Farwell. It was first built in 1909 by the father of Mitzi Walling.

The original Chamber of Commerce directors were:

- John Aldridge**
- Carl Overstreet**
- Walter Hardage**
- Joe Crume**
- O.C. Sikes**
- Claude Rose**
- Frank Seale**
- G.D. Anderson**
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A look back at the most infamous moment in Parmer County history

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Rev. J. F. Nix of the First Baptist Church of Clovis, has requested us to announce that next Sunday night he will use as his Subject: "Hassell—His Life and the Cause of His Crimes." He extends a very special invitation to the people of Texico.

Parmer County's moment of infamy

George Hassell committed Parmer County's most infamous crime and may have been the first known serial killer in the U.S.

The year was 1926. There was some trouble with a big burly man named George Hassell, about 40 years old, who had moved to Farwell from Oklahoma about a year

earlier to farm.

He and his wife had eight children.

Toward the end of 1926, Hassell had held a farm sale and was boarding with the Lindop family after telling all that his family had gone back to Oklahoma.

Suspicious arose over his story after he held a yard sale when a lady saw some baby clothing.

One day, the Lindops told Sheriff J.H. Martin that Hassell seemed in a daze and said he was sick. He was seriously bleeding.

On being questioned about his attempted suicide, Hassell confessed to killing 13 people -- his entire family here and an earlier crime involving a woman and three children in California.

The day before Christmas 1926, a search body uncovered the remains of Hassell's wife and 8 children, ages 2 to 21.

In 1927, he was found guilty of murder and executed in the electric chair in 1928.

LAKEVIEW

Lakeview was near the crossroads of Highway 86 and Farm Road 1172.

It was established in 1928 when the Black school district was divided. The new district extended from Frio Draw on the north to Highway 86 on the south.

The two-room schoolhouse was built facing east toward a playa which was dry except during the rainy season; hence the name. When school buses were introduced to the area in 1942, the district was merged with the Friora district, and the school moved there.

Lakeview had 45 residents in 1985. For years the voting place for Pct. 8 was the farmhouse of the E. B. Whitefield family.

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Meet Texico's Class of 2019



Jaspen Baldwin-Carr is a Texico kindergartener. His birthday is Jan. 18.

Parents are Nichole Pitcock & Jerry Carr. Siblings are Justin, Jaden & Jason. Grandparents are Lawrence & Nelda Sours, and David & Sherry Baldwin.

He likes to play basketball and ride 4 wheelers. His favorite color is orange. His favorite food is pepperoni pizza.

He doesn't like to pick up toys or go to sleep.

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Parmer County Museum to host Living History Day

The Parmer County Museum in Friona will host a Living History Day on May 3 to help celebrate the county's centennial celebration.

Tours for Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell 7th graders will start at 9 a.m., followed by tours for Friona 7th graders at 11:30 a.m.

There will be special presentations at 9 and 11:45 a.m., "Texas Heroes Present Charles Goodnight. Bob Heinonen will tell the true story of Goodnight, who blazed cattle trails from 1865 to 1975 defying odds -- rough territory, outlaws, arid land, Indians and storms.

Goodnight created one of the largest cattle ranches in Texas and was highly respected.

Heinonen was a founder of Texana Living History Association and has performed for more than 360,000 students and tens of thousands of adults all over Texas. He writes the free monthly newsletter "FYI on Texas History."

Other activities and programs for the 7th graders include music, butter churning, and information about the history of brands, military heroes, the XIT Ranch, Martin Parmer (for whom the county was named after) and Parmerton -- the county's first community.

Persons involved in home schooling and would like to participate, may call museum director Wendy Carthel at (cell) 265-5712 or the museum at 250-5212.

'Friends Book Fiesta' coming

The Friends of the Friona Library are finalizing plans for the annual Friends Book Fiesta. on April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Friona High School Auditorium.

Hal Blackburn and Tim McKenzie will present the program. FCCLA students will present their slide show on Parmer County as well.

Blackburn is a graduate of Friona High School. He will speak about his new book "Musings for a New Millennium" which includes 50 essays dealing with human nature. He has also published "Meanings, Volume I," a collection of black and white photographs, and "Photographs As a Ministry."

McKenzie will present his book "Baxter Barret Brown's Bass Fiddle," a children's book with appeal for adults as well. McKenzie brings a guitar, a harmonica, a fiddle, a bass, and a mandolin for his program. He lives in Shallowater, Texas.

This year the Friends have collected 10 baskets to raffle. They are on display at the library. A basket valued at \$750 featuring several Parmer County books as well as items unique to Parmer County will be auctioned at the end of the event.

Texico 800 relay team sets EPAC record

The Texico Wolverines finished 2nd at the EPAC Track Meet with 118 points, behind Ft. Sumner's 125.5. Placing were (asterisks indicate state qualifier)

Texico's 1st place 800 relay team* of Ryan Morgan, Justin Garrison, Edgardo Meza and Mario Posada set an EPAC record in 1:32.74.

3200 run -- Jonathan Sullivan, 1st, 11:24.68.

400 relay - Texico, 2nd, 48.06.

110 hurdles - B. Morgan, 3rd, 16.79; A. Morgan, 16.86.

100 dash - Meza, 2nd, 11.34.

1600 run - Sullivan, 1st, 5:07.70.

400 dash - Posada*, 1st, 51.74.

300 hurdles - B. Morgan, 1st, 43.62; A. Morgan, 3rd, 43.97.

800 run - Jordan Broome, 1st, 2:14.03.

Medley relay - Texico, 4th, 4:11.11.

200 dash - Garrison, 1st, 23.42.

1600 relay - Texico* 1st, 3:34.67, Meza, Posada, R. Morgan, Garrison.

Discus - Ingram, 3rd, 109'2 1/2; Morgan, 4th, 99'11.

Long jump - Garrison* 1st,

Sheriff's Report

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

On April 17, Austin Monk, 18, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of burglary of a habitation, pending before the grand jury.

On April 19, Donald Cox, 43, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of failure to ID, pending in county court.

On April 17, Ronda Foreman, 49, of Texico, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of theft by check. She paid fine, court costs and restitution.

On April 21, Ramon Madrid, 25, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police

20'11 1/2.

Triple jump - Posada, 5th, 35'4; Morgan, 6th, 34'5.

The Texico Lady Wolverines were 3rd at EPAC with 77 points, behind Fort Sumner and Floyd. Placing were (asterisks indicate state qualifier):

400 relay - Texico* 1st, 53.11.

800 relay - Texico* 1st, 1:52.82.

400 dash - Jennifer Shirley, 5th, 1:08.75.

300 hurdles - Mayfield, 5th, 54.08; Katlin Luscombe, 6th, 54.97.

200 dash - Shirley, 6th, 30.61.

1600 relay - Texico* 1st, 4:24.85.

Shot put - Brooke Bailey* 1st, 35'5 1/2; Leslie Vannatta, 3rd, 31'3 1/4.

Discus - Bailey, 1st, 97'9 1/2; Vannatta, 5th, 89'1.

Long jump - Richards, 2nd, 15'2 3/4; Mayfield, 15' 1/2.

Javelin - Luscombe, 2nd, 99'11; Mayfield, 5th, 89'5 1/2.

High jump - Luscombe* 12nd, 4'11.

Relay team members were Bryn Mayfield, Victoria Richards, Faith Martin and Lisa Vidal.

on a charge of failure to ID, pending in county court.

On April 20, Clint Deaton, 36, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with an invalid license enhanced, pending in county court.

County okays joint elections

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday approved holding joint elections on May 12 with the cities of Bovina and Farwell, and the Farwell and Friona school districts.

There is a constitutional amendment on the ballot.

Historical Tidbits

-- One of Farwell's earliest colorful characters was a barber, Bob Kyker.

-- The most famous Farwell area native of all may have been Charlie "Sugartime" Phillips, who achieved great fame with his country music.

-- In 1921, the little schools of Sunnyside and Knox consolidated and formed the Oklahoma District (the school's name later became Oklahoma Lane).

-- Texico, Parmer County's neighbor to the west, had its first house built in 1902 by William Franklin. He was the railroad agent. The school was built in 1902 in a one-room building; five years later it moved to a two-story building.

The Methodist Baptist, Christian and Congregationalist churches were built about 1906. The first hotel was built in 1903.

-- The Women's Club House in Friona was designed and built by O.F. Lange, of Rockwell Bros. Lumber Co. in Friona.

-- The Lariat Post Office closed on June 17, 1977, when Lois Smith retired. She had served there since 1947. Mail was sent thereafter to Farwell.

-- Farwell initiated a 1 percent city sales tax in 1975 by a vote of 102-9.

-- Six men served on the Parmer County School Board of Trustees: Matt Jesko, 25 years; Bill Sherley, 20 years; Fred Barker, 16 years; Floyd Reeve, 15 years; James Shaffer, 15 years; and Wendol Christian, 11 years.

-- The Parmer County Museum is located at 6th and Cleveland in Friona. The phone number is (806) 250-5212.

Courthouse trees planted in 1934

by Hugh Moseley

The Chinese elm trees at the Parmer County Courthouse plaza (which consisted originally of four blocks) were planted in the spring of 1934. County Judge John Aldridge and J.C. Temple were authorized to plan as many seedlings as they desired.

Seven seedlings were set out in rows on both sides of the sidewalk leading from the front porch of the courthouse west to 3rd Street; a row of seven seedlings on the north and south edges of the lawn; two seedlings between the tree rows that adjoin 3rd Street, and two seedlings between the tree rows in front of the courthouse.

There were also six trees set out to the north, south and east sides of the court house.

In addition, 36 seedlings were set out in rows on the block south of the court house, now known as Farwell City Park. The number of trees were reduced to 12 when the City of Farwell made a pact with the county commissioners to make a city park out of "Block No. 2" of the plaza.

There have been more trees added through the years by clubs and individuals. The trees include oak, cedar, pine, spruce and pecan.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Parmer, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Parmer, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12 20 07, for voting in a special election to Constitutional Amendment

(Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo 20 07 para votar en La Elección Especial para Reforma Constitucional

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City Council Room 619 Main Street Friona, Texas
Farwell Community Center
Bovina EMS Building

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007

(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el April 30 (fecha)

and ending on May 8, 2007 (y terminando el May 8 (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Colleen Stover
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 356
(Address) (Dirección)

Farwell, Texas 79325
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

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Entered: **Jerome Schneeberger • Shawn Franklin • Jim Locke • Ryan Watkins**

• **Joe's Boot Shop & Nocona Amateur Cowboy Match:**

Entered: **Jerry "Slo" Fulgham, Clovis • Tony Lacina, Amarillo**

• **Mike Thompson, Hobbs • Greg Dutton, Las Lunas**

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• **Double Muggin: \$1,000 Added Money!**

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Open Foot Race
60 & Over Foot Race
1st Section Dbl Muggin
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2nd Round of Open
Final Round Girls Match
2nd Section Dbl Muggin
Amateur Cowboy Match
3rd Round of Open
3rd Round of Dbl Muggin
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HOMELAND COMMUNITY

By Hugh Moseley

The Homeland Community was near the geographical center of Parmer County.

One day, when Judge James D. Hamlin was visiting some of the folks there, he remarked, "If Parmer County were shaped like a wagon wheel, this community would be the hub."

Thereafter, the community was known as "Hub," at the intersection of Highway 86 (also known as the Ozark Trail) and Highway 214 -- eight miles south of Friona.

Hub never had a post office. But for a short time, a school was housed in the Homeland Baptist Church building.

The Homeland Baptist Church was also known as



Friona's first depot -- a boxcar

Homeland Missionary Baptist Church. It was organized Aug. 7, 1927, with 11 charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Sr., Jessie Jones (deacon), Mrs. Carrie Jones, Will W. Jones, Mrs. Mable Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton and their son, Harry Jr., and Frances Hamilton. Rev. R.F. Jones was pastor and moderator.

Some church highlights were:

On March 20, 1930, a collection of \$19.72 was taken to light the church building. Grady Hall was paid \$5 for the work.

On April 5, 1930, five deacons were elected: Fred Bell, Green Collier, Will Jones, Jessie Jones and O.A. Neuman.

On Aug. 25, 1930, Cayson Jones, song leader, was paid \$9.48 for a two-week revival.

On Sept. 6, 1930, H.C. Wyatt was elected church clerk and treasurer.

On Sept. 14, 1930, Bro. A.O. Brewer was elected moderator pro tem. Sunday School class teachers approved were A.O. Newman, Mrs. Mabel Jones, N.W. Wyatt, Mrs. A.O. Brewer, Mrs. G.A. Collier and Lucille Allen.

Other footnotes from the church's history:

On March 30, 1930, a collection of \$6.50 was taken to purchase a wreath for the funeral of Uncle Jesse

Mann, born in 1960 and buried at Bovina Cemetery. His wife, Ann, was born in 1861 and died in 1935, and also was buried in Bovina. They were the parents of Parker Mann, 1894-1987.

The church was vacated or disbanded in 1932. Church members transferred to churches in Bovina and Friona. The roads and vehicles were much improved, making travel more feasible.

In 1947, F.M. "Billy" Wilkerson purchased a farm three miles west of the Hub intersection and moved the church building to his farm the following year.



Lazbuddie United Methodist Church was organized in the fall of 1928

Mrs. O. N. Jennings and Mrs. Finis Jennings were two of the charter members.

From 1928 until 1937, the Methodists met in the Lazbuddie school, with three other denominations. Each church had their preacher once a month.

In 1937, the first Methodist Church building was built. The present building was built in 1955.

We are a church where Jesus Christ is shared and all are welcome!

Meet Farwell's Class of 2019



Brianna Reyes is a Farwell kindergarten. Her birthday is March 2.

Parents are Rafael & Esther Reyes. She has 4 brothers, Fermin, Fabian, Adrian & Daniel. Grandmother is Judy Pena.

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Her favorite color is red. She likes to eat spaghetti, candy and hamburgers.

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Mack and Bonnie Heald



Five Area Telephone Cooperative began with D.B. Lancaster as manager and the Board of Directors consisted of Walter Damron, Circleback -- President; C.E. Roark, Muleshoe -- Vice-President; J.H. Angeley, Earth -- Secretary-Treasurer; R.C. Gaede, Muleshoe; Chester Setliff, Enoch; Glenn Williams, Goodland, and Hughes Smith, Morton. Cecil Tate was retained as Five Area's attorney.

Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc., chartered on April 13, 1950, serves 1,178 customers in six counties through six exchanges -- Bula (933), Lariat (925), Lazbuddie (965), Lehman (525), Maple (927) and Needmore (946). Services are provided with modern digital switching equipment and fiber optic toll cable facilities.

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Week 2007 - June 4-9, 2007

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Centennial Events:

JUNE 8
Pioneer Woman's Breakfast and Bonnet Contest

JUNE 9
Pioneer Days Parade followed by
Community Wide Cook Out
Green Acres Lake, 11am-1pm

JULY 26
CCC Historical Photo Exhibition

2007 PIONEER DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 4
5 p.m. Coronation/Pioneer Days Rodeo Queen Pageant at Clovis Curry Mounted Patrol Arena preceding 32nd Annual Little Buckaroo
6 p.m. Little Buckaroo Rodeo (see schedule right)

Tuesday, June 5
5 p.m. Cowboy Church, followed by LBR Foot Events

Wednesday, June 6
Noon Rodeo Barbecue Kick-Off at Bender Dodge (open to the public).
 Miss Rodeo New Mexico, Miss Rodeo America, Miss Rodeo Arizona, Miss Rodeo Tennessee, and Miss Rodeo Washington.
6 p.m. Meet and Greet MRA 2007 and visiting Royalty.
7 p.m. Speech & Fashion Show/Buffer at Clovis Civic Center Open to the public. Reservation & ticket required.

Thursday, June 7
8:30 a.m. MRNM Horsemanship Competition, open to the public
2-4 p.m. Miss Rodeo New Mexico Horsemanship and Rodeo Interviews (private)
5:15 p.m. Mayor's Proclamation - City Commission Meeting North Annex of the Library
5:30 p.m. - One Night Only Rodeo Encounter - Mix and mingle with Rodeo talent. Pictures, autographs, demonstrations, goat roping stick horse racing. Curry County Fairgrounds, ticket for Pioneer Days Rodeo required.
8 p.m. 37th Annual PRCA Rodeo, Mounted Patrol Arena Military Night

OTHER
 Thursday-Saturday, June 7, 8 & 9, PRCA RODEO CONTESTANT HOSPITALITY, Curry County Fairgrounds sponsored by Central Baptist Church of Clovis. Contact 762-4727. Barbecue 5:30 pm, Friday, June 8 at Livestock Sale Pavilion for rodeo contestants and invites only.

Friday, June 8
7 a.m. 7th Annual Pioneer Women of the West Breakfast with Bonnet Contest. Clovis Civic Center, Schepps Blvd Sponsored by ENMR Plateau
 All local Pioneer Women are welcome to attend
9:30 a.m. Rodeo Queens & Bullfighter/Clowns Annual Tour of area nursing homes PRMC followed by lunch
2-4:30 p.m. Miss Rodeo New Mexico personality interviews
8 p.m. 37th Annual PRCA Rodeo - Mounted Patrol Arena
10:30 p.m. Rodeo Dance - Under the grandstand \$3 per person or \$5 per couple

Saturday, June 9
7:30 a.m. Miss Rodeo NM Critique by Judges for Contestants
10 a.m. 37th Annual Pioneer Parade - Main Street Theme: 'Honoring Our Past' Followed by free hotdogs 11am-1pm at Green Acres Park
1 p.m. Miss Rodeo New Mexico Coronation & Awards Luncheon, Clovis Civic Center
7:30 p.m. Miss Rodeo New Mexico Pageant announcement of Royalty 2007-2008. Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena
8 p.m. 37th Annual PRCA Rodeo - Mounted Patrol Arena 'Tough Enough to Wear Pink' night for breast cancer awareness
10:30 p.m. Rodeo Dance - Under the grandstand \$3 per person or \$5 per couple

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Monday, June 4, 6 p.m.
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 Rodeo Clown/Bullfighter Finals
 Calf Riding (13 & under - 3 groups)
 Dummy Roping (13 & under - 3 groups)
 Mutton Bustin' (Ages 7 and under)

Tuesday, June 5,
5 p.m. Cowboy Church, 6 p.m. Foot Events
 Contestants pay a \$1 entry fee per event.
 All events will be held at Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena.

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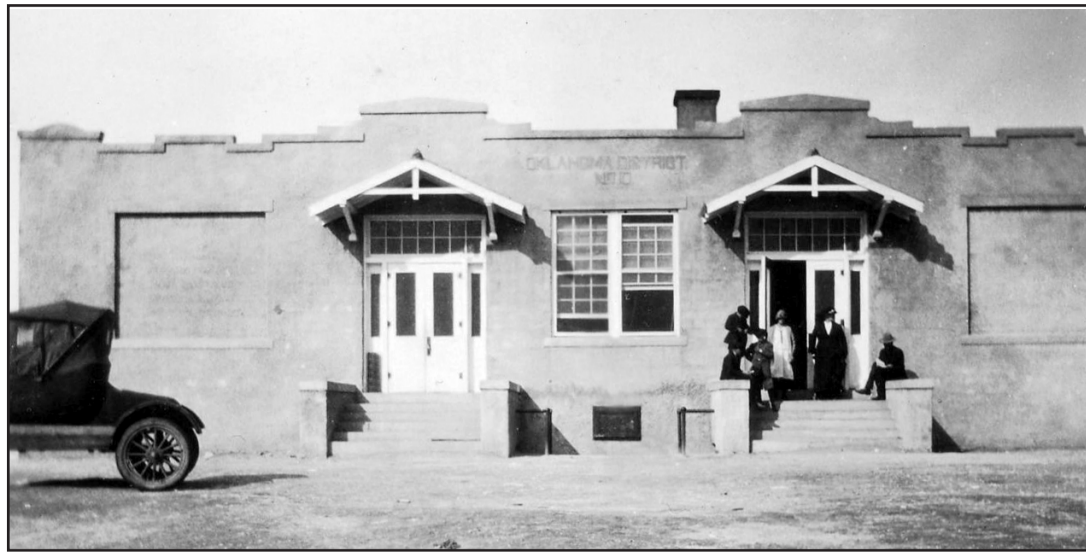
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A look back at former Parmer County schools



Lakeview School -- in the mid 1930s



Oklahoma School about 1924 -- before "Lane" was added on.

Court room remodeled

by Hugh Moseley

In 1986, the District Court Room on the 2nd floor of the county courthouse was remodeled.

County Judge Archie Tarter had the theater type seats removed, and replaced with church pews from the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church, which had been sold.

The original furniture from the courtroom was sent to the Texas State Prison in Huntsville, to be refurbished by inmates. Several months later, the furniture was returned to Farwell and all were amazed at how new it looked.

Eight windows in the courtroom were enclosed and wallpaper hung over them. The contractor said that a thunder storm would crack plaster, and wallpaper was thus better to use.

The courtroom was dedicated on Dec. 30, 1986.

Later, District Court Judge Jack Young had the song book racks removed from the back of the pews, saying, "We will not be using books for singing."

Also, the jury box was moved from the northeast corner of the room to the southeast corner, allowing the jury to file out into the jury deliberation room.

The original settlers

By Friona Librarian Darla Bracken

Millions of years ago, during the Ice Age, our area was not inhabited by man. Man, the hunter, came along later, following the animals across the Bering Strait when it was in a frozen state.

Ever migrating southward in search of a warmer climate and a more plentiful food supply, both man and beast eventually came to the area we now know as the Panhandle of Texas. Many arrowheads have been found in Parmer County.

Tribes of Indians followed ancient man. The

Apaches came first around 1640 and later were pushed out by the Kiowa and the Comanche in 1700.

Indians often camped on the northeastern edges of any playa lakes they could find to catch the water-cooled breezes.

The Comanche were the 'lords of the plains' because of their use of a 'gift' from the Spanish, the horse. They became much more mobile and deadly hunters on horseback.

A full list of Farwell postmasters

Farwell Postmaster Lynn Mahaney provided this list of Farwell postmasters:

- Minnie Burton, 1906-23.
- Gustav Wulfman, 1923-33.
- Norma Lokey, 1933-58.
- John Zahn, 1958-61.
- Jesse Landrum, 1961.
- Albert Smith, 1961-63.
- James Smart, 1963-74.
- Carrie Hamrock, 1974-75.
- Joe Billups, 1975.
- Otis McMillen, 1975-88.
- Jack Glover, 1988.
- Lynne Mahaney, 1989-present.



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An open letter to all:

The track and football field here in Texico is named "The Field of Hopes and Dreams." There used to be another field here -- an empty one -- at the corner of Hwy. 108 and 70. It was my "Field of Hopes and Dreams."

One year ago, on Aug. 13, 1999, I opened a little barber shop, built on that field. Because of the love and support that all of you have given me, my hopes and dreams are being fulfilled.

I wish to thank all for their patronage. It has been a pleasure to meet and serve you all. It has been a great year and you made it happen. A special thanks to Ted Lopez, for without his kindness, I couldn't even have started. And special thanks to the Texico City Council and the City Hall staff for all their help and support.

May the Lord bless you as He and you have blessed me.

Judy Lekovich
Borderline Cuts

Black From page 16

ty center. A mercantile store was also a focal point until it closed in 1981 after owner Les Deaton retired.

Nevertheless, the Black community has remained active through various social clubs, youth organizations, and its annual Thanksgiving dinner. Grain elevators dominate the town, which in 1980 reported four businesses and in 1990 a population of 100.

The population remained the same in 2000, when the town reported 12 businesses.



Standing left to right: Bill Quinn, Justin Jeter, Jerry Hinkle, Gary Brown, Larry Knowles, Carlos Silva and Leticia Salas. Middle Row left to right: Marca Herring, Carolyn Dement, Shirley Ferguson, Sylvia Rios, Nora Rose, Christine Gomez, and Andrea Mares. Bottom row left to right: Casey Sharrock, Ginger Quinn, Cathy Spencer, Elaine Cain, Susan Teague, Cynthia Escobedo and Cherlyn Pruitt.

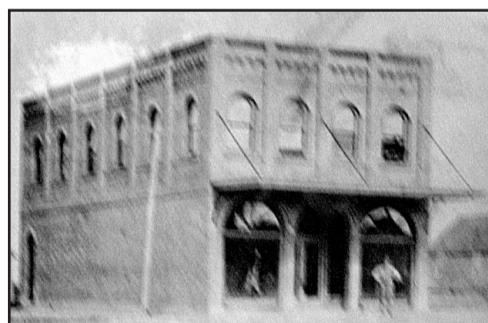
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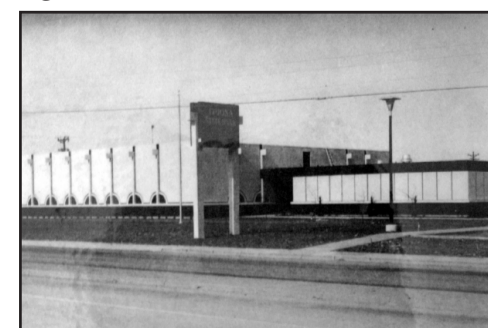
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Lazbuddie teams compete at Bovina Little Dribblers



Laz Longhorns Grades 3-4: Destry Ivy, Haldon Ivy, Albert Moran, Houston Cox, Jaun Samarron, David Guenter, Peter Guenter.

Texico Junior High honor rolls listed

Here are the Texico Junior High honor rolls for the 5th six weeks:
 All A's
 6th grade - Shaylee Anderson, Sabra Barnett, Rallin Harris, Chandler Loper, McKenzie Mayfield, Uriel Munoz.
 7th grade - Claudia Campos, Jaylyn Cooper, Jordyn Cooper, Taylor Lane, Allison Myers, Ethan Peterson, Wayne Skabelund.
 8th grade - Connor Doolittle, Garrett Fote, Erin Scanlan, Fallon Scanlan.
 A-B
 6th grade - Morgan Cary, Lorenzo Colmenero, Megan Duffy, Yahaira Estrada, Margarita Garcia,

D.J. Griego, Shay Harrison, Miranda Loera, Alan Valles, Cody Wider, Katelyn Wike.
 7th grade - Powers Hagler, Pal Herndon, Megan Long, Vanessa Maldonado, Lucero Marquez, Tre Orozco, Aspyr Reames, Elena Rivas, Karina Salazar, Klynn Thomas.
 8th grade - Jay Aranda, Diana Corona, Delanie Crist, Rustin Harris, Tyler Kelley, Jorge Maldonado, Nora Maldonado, Morgan Mayfield, Kolten Miller, Morgan Pinnell, Jose Posada, Randall Reaser, Destanee Sena, T.J. Serna, Josh Trujillo, Oscar Walls.

4-H plans shower

Parmer County 4-H will honor baby Bonnie R'Lee Reese, daughter of Ryan and Suzanne Reese, with a baby diaper and gift card shower on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the county courthouse's 2nd floor conference room. All are invited. Bonnie was born Feb. 5. Mrs. Reeze is the county FCS agent.

Happy Birthday, Parmer County!

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Back row: Mark, Barry, front row: Bert, Eric, LaMoin, Tracy & LeeAnn

John S. Williams and his wife, Wilma Beulah Stone moved to the West Camp Community on Jan. 30, 1930. They purchased one section of land for \$35 per acre. They planted maize, hegari and sudan as crops. Money was tight and times were trying. They had their own hogs, cows, and chickens to supply their nourishment.

Their three children, Flora Lee, Bert and Jo Ann attended grade school at West Camp. After completion of the 8th grade, they transferred to Farwell High School and finished their education. Johnny and Beulah moved into Farwell in 1953.

Johnny served as mayor of Farwell from 1953 to 1957. He also managed Shirley-Anderson-Pitman in Farwell for 33 years.

Bert followed in his father's footsteps and began with 357 rented acres in 1947 and drilled a water well, which flowed 1200 gallons a minute. With the water, average cotton and grain sorghum yields doubled and tripled. Bert bought his first tractor and planter for \$1,800.

Bert married LaMoin Jones in 1948. Going into the 1950's, land without irrigation ranged from cheap to affordable. Post-war demand had kept crops and livestock prices relatively high while labor was cheap. Over one long period, Bert was adding acreage at the rate of one purchase or a rare lease every one to three years and installing irrigation.

He was among the first area farmers to install underground pipe from the wells to the fields and gaited pipe for flowing water down the furrows. In the early 1970's, he installed his first center pivot sprinkler system. By today's standards, it was inefficient. But by slashing irrigations labor cost -- the crew no longer had to move pipe, the center pivots accelerated his ability to expand.

Bert and LaMoin have five children. Mark, Barry, LeeAnn, Tracy and Eric. All graduated from Farwell High School. Bert and LaMoin were able to start their three sons, plus their daughter Tracy, and son-in-law Kendall Devault, in their own separate farming operations. Each of the children expanded their own farming operations.

On June 28, 1999, two of Bert and LaMoin's sons, Barry and Eric, were killed in a plane crash. Today, Mark, his son Ryan, and Kendall have followed in Bert's footsteps, continuing to farm the land.

One of the most devastating crop years happened in the early 1980's. A June hailstorm caused great monetary damage when 80 mile-an-hour winds turned hail into scythes, slicing corn, cotton and wheat crops off nearly 5,000 acres and damaging additional crops. It looked as if a bomb had gone off. It was just gone.

The family shifted into high gear to replant grain sorghum, corn and soybeans by early July. They were able to harvest mediocre yields off nearly every corn and cotton acre affected. Only the wheat acreage was left with no contribution that year.

Bert and LaMoin were also prosperous in expanding their family. They have 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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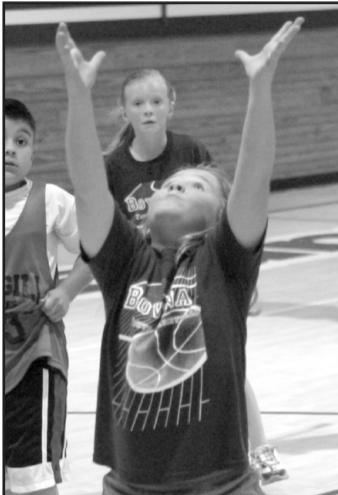


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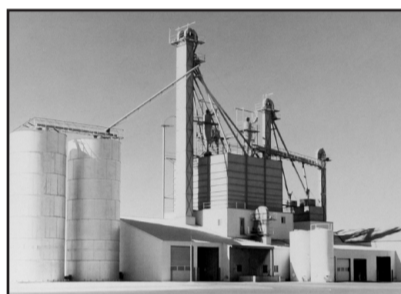


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J.B. and Sallie McFarland in 1925.



Sunny Ratliff, Tracy Bowden and Kathryn Gurley, great-granddaughters of pioneers in 1999.

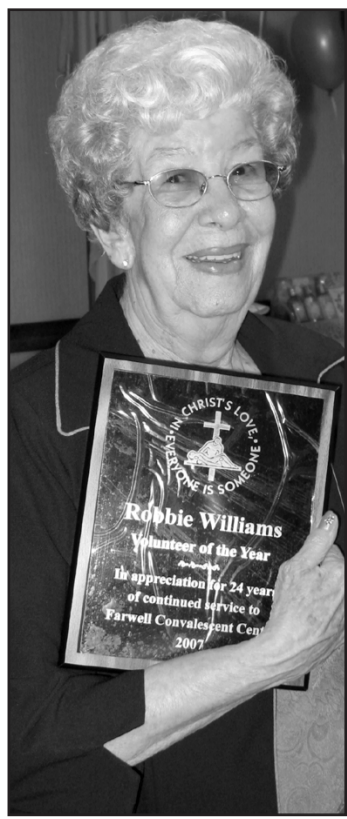


J.G. "Red" and Irene McFarland in 1930.

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Volunteers honored

The annual Farwell Convalescent Center volunteer appreciation dinner was held Friday in Clovis. Honored were longtime volunteers Harold and Avis Carpenter, above, and Robbie Williams, at left. Also, the center's new chaplain, Paula White, was introduced.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were recorded by the Parmer County clerk's office last week:
 Steve Meeks - Raul Olivas, L19-21 B34 Farwell.
 Max Jones - Salvador Garcia, tr12 West Loop Drive, Friona.
 Patricia Hughes et al -- James Simpson et al, SW/4 S18 Blk H Kelly.

Obituary

Kimberly Stickley-Cloward
 Kimberly Kay Stickley-Cloward died April 18. Services were April 19 in Clovis.
 She was born July 30, 1965 in Newport Beach, Cxalif.
 Surviving are her husband, Bruce Cloward; a

daughter, Samantha; her mother, Candice Miller-Spell, of Texico; her father, Lionel Attaway, of Clovis; a sister, Tammy Burger, of Clovis, and a brother, Raymond Attaway, of San Francisco.



Rhea School -- 1923 to 1947

'The people behind the results'

By Helen Carroll:
 National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is April 22-28.

In a hospital setting, there are many people who work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly at Parmer County Community Hospital; one such department is the laboratory. When you think of hospitals, the laboratory may not be the first thing that comes to mind, but the services they provide is an integral part of diagnosing and treating patients.

While caring for the patients here is very important, it is also important you know that our services are open to the public. For example: if

you know if your doctor writes an order for you to have a blood test, you may visit the laboratory of your choice to have the test performed? This is especially good to know in rural areas, where you may not be willing or able to make another trip to Amarillo or Lubbock; why should you when facilities exist right here at home?

There are other things to consider when choosing where to have your lab work done. At PCCH,

there is often little or no wait time, so you can be in and out quickly, ready to go about your day in a matter of minutes.

Something else to consider is the level of skill and experience a lab tech possesses. At PCCH, all of our lab techs have earned a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology.

Our lab techs: "The people behind the results."

FHS participates in UIL meet

The Farwell High School science team participated in the UIL spring meet at Sudan last week.

The team consists of Brian Meeks, Dalton Cockerham, Logan Car-

penter, Ross McClaran, Jaime Saenz and Trace Stevenson.

Of 63 entrants from 11 schools, Farwell had students place 7th, 14th and 20th.

The Farm Bureau wasn't in Friona in 1907 ... but we got here as quick as would could!

Our local founder: Raymond Euler arrived in Friona with his family in 1920. He attended Friona Schools and graduated from FHS in 1933. Raymond was a farmer with the pioneer spirit. In 1949, he helped to organize the Parmer County Farm Bureau and served as the Farm Bureau Agent until 1964.

Our current Farm Bureau Bureau Agent / Manager: Mitch Smiley is a 1977 FHS grad. He attended Texas Tech. In 1997, he came to Farm Bureau as an agent and was promoted to manager in 2003. He married his high school sweetheart, Kim Fryre (FHS '79) in May 1981. Their children are: Kayla (FHS '01); Ashley (FHS '04); Blair, a junior at FHS; Clayton 8th grade, and Haden, a 4th grader.

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The Junior Livestock Show premium sale was another outstanding success for our young exhibitors. We sincerely appreciate the buyers and the add-ons that make it such a great country that supports our talented youth for all their hard work.

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LAZBUDDIE SCHOOLS

School actually started for Lazbuddie in 1907 with one teacher and seven students in a small frame building called The Star Ranch School. There were several moves and a few name changes before the Lazbuddie School came to its present location and facility.

Now, 100 years later, Lazbuddie Schools are still going strong, offering a top-notch education to children from Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 on one campus.

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Take a look at these great successes:

-- The Robotics program has advanced to the State/National level of competition for nine consecutive years.

-- The Lazbuddie chapter of the FFA has had two State Vice-Presidents and one State President, and has a number of students currently involved in Stock Shows, Livestock Judging and other competitive ventures.

-- Lazbuddie Athletics increased its programs this year to include a power lifting team. This is in addition to football, basketball, track, tennis and golf.

-- Lazbuddie students have had success at all levels of UIL Academic Competitions and this year is no exception, with several

students having advanced to Regionals.

-- Lazbuddie also offers Business and Computer classes, Industrial Arts and Homemaking.

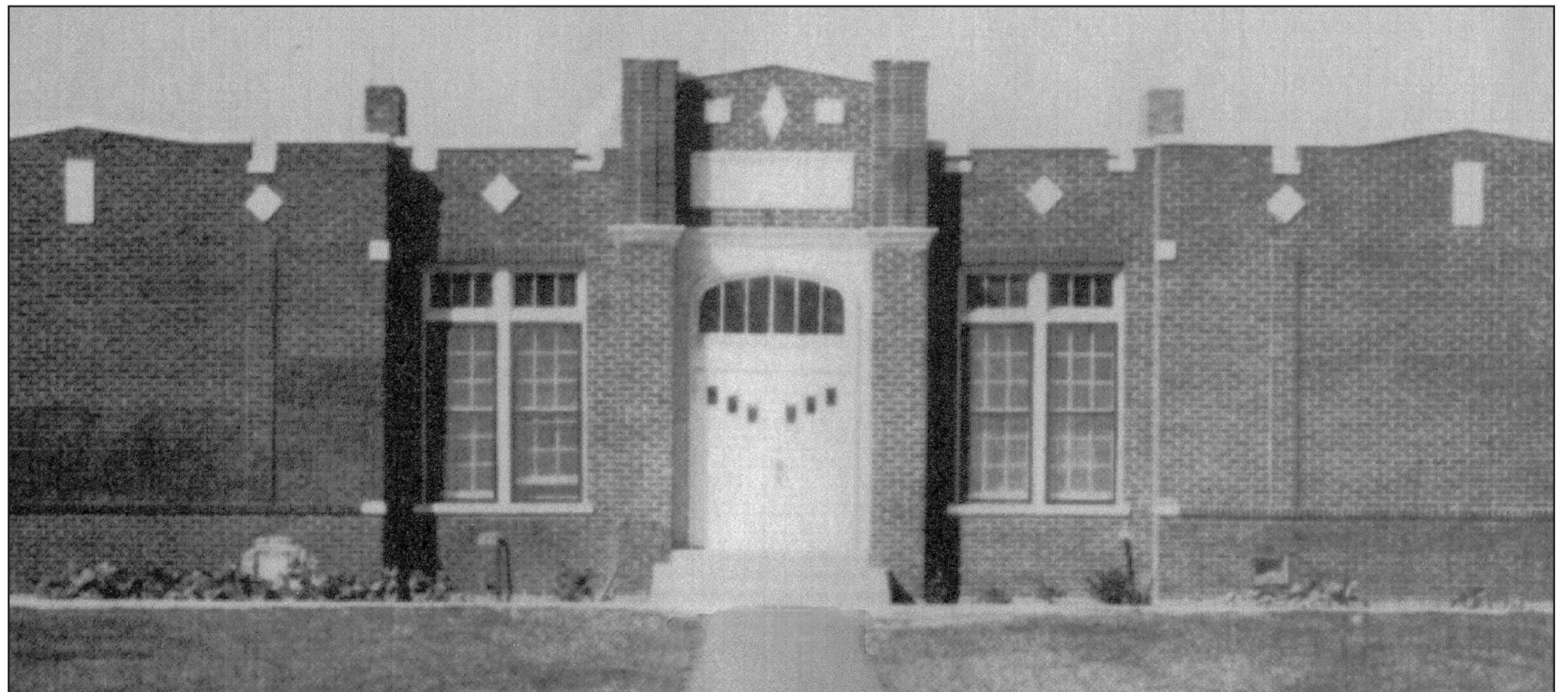
Learning is more than just classroom activities at Lazbuddie ISD. Students learn science and ecology growing plants in a greenhouse. They learn life skills by baking items for entry in area fairs, building woodworking projects from their own design, and receiving CPR training from the science teacher who is a trained EMT volunteer.

They learn the value of caring for others by adopting and sending care packages to our troops in Iraq. They learn problem-solving by building a working robot from a box of parts. Students gain hands-on training with cutting-edge technology by working on laptop computers from the wireless lab, desktop computers in the regular computer lab, and ELMO projectors in the classroom.

And, through a program called "Longhorn Pride" they learn the importance of putting academics, school attendance, and good behavior first in their daily lives.

If you would like your school age children to benefit from the well-rounded education Lazbuddie has to offer, we invite you to call (806) 965-2153 or come by and visit Lazbuddie ISD located at 675 FM 1172.

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year will be held August 20 & 21.



Lazbuddie School "Old Red" -- 1928 to 1947

Proud Past, Proud Present, Proud Future

Centennial celebration set for May 5

The Parmer County Historical Commission met on April 19 to finalize plans for the Parmer County Centennial Celebration set for May 5 on the courthouse lawn in Farwell.

One of the primary goals is the re-dedication of the historical marker located east of Farwell on Highway 84. The marker has been vandalized and hidden from view most of the time and plans were made early on to move the granite monument for the celebration.

Concrete has been poured and it is hoped the monument will be set soon in its new location so the commemorative brick can be placed around the structure to honor the families of Parmer County, past, present and future.

It is planned as a living memorial and to grow as the county grows and prospers.

So far, 73 bricks have been ordered and should be here in time for place-

ment at the site.

Bonnie Warren reported that most of the political dignitaries had declined the invitation to attend the fete.

On a positive note, TV weatherman "Doppler" Dave Oliver was the guest speaker at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet recently and Gladys Spring invited him and his wife, Carol to the bash ... and he graciously accepted.

And Don and Gladys Spring met with Matthew LeBlanc and Laura Rojas, the anchor team of The Early Show on Channel 10. They both expressed an interest in attending.

Activities chairperson Brenda Wilson reported on the events scheduled for the bash. The complete schedule of events will appear in the next week's Tribune issue.

The list will include the Farwell High School Band, Border town Four, Dynamite Barbershop Quartet, Friona High School

Dancers, Cadena Spanish Band, Talking Tombstones, Youth Fiddlers and The Kwahidi Indian Dancers. Plus a lot more.

There will be small carnival rides and exotic animal rides for youngsters.

Guest speakers from each community in the

Basketball tourney to honor Sheets

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is planned for Muleshoe on May 18-19 in memory of Tyler Blake Sheets.

Sheet was 19 years old when he died in a vehicle accident.

The tournament is being organized by Brady Black, a former school mate of Sheets, with the assistance of Bernita Sheets (Tyler's mother) and Cindy Harrison.

Proceeds will go to a non-profit organization, "Physicians Aiding Physicians Abroad (PAPA).

PAPA has a goal to encourage, and enable, health care providers to become actively involved in short-term medical missions. The need for medical assistance in Third World nations is staggering.

The entry fee is \$60 per team if paid in advance; \$65 if paid at registration. Teams will have four players.

Games will start at 4 p.m. on May 18 and 8 a.m. on May 19. Prizes will be given the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. Each team is guaranteed three games. Divisions will be determined by the age of the oldest team member.

Games will be held in the junior high and high school gyms. There also will be 3-point and free throw contests.

A hamburger cookout is planned at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, followed by a motivational speaker.

On May 19, lunch will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a 3-point game shoot-out. After the championship games that evening, main prizes will be raffled off.

For questions or information, call Black at (806) 535-6103. His website is blackbrady@theheartoflife3on3.org.

Others to call are: Sara Sheets, (325) 829-9686 and Harrison, (806) 729-1924.

Also, sponsors are being sought (\$500 on up) and they will be recognized on the Official Tournament T-shirts. All donators will be recognized on the website www.theheartoflife3on3.org.

county will give a brief history of the communities. Sandwiched in between these events will be the re-dedication of the Parmer County Memorial.

As for food: Friona Lions -- hamburgers, fries and funnel cakes; Lookingbill's -- roasted

fajitas and free ice cream courtesy of Southwest Dairy Producers.

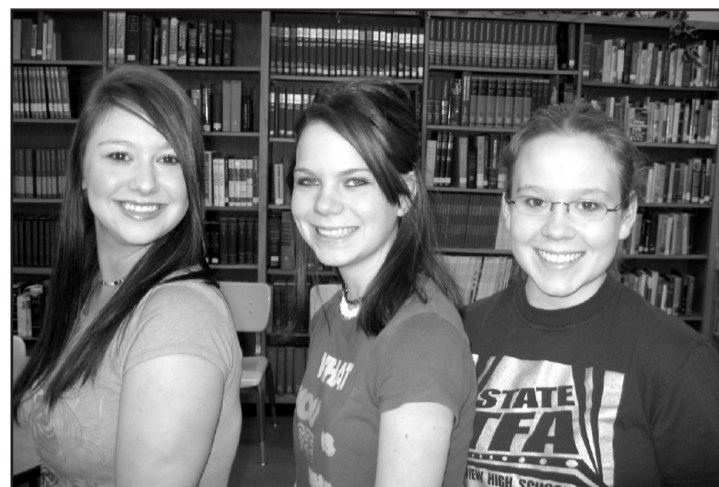
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Advancing to state

Farwell High School will have four students advance in UIL academic competition at the state meet May 2-3. They are: Ashleigh Mesman, LD Debate; Jacque Caporusso, LD Debate; Alicia Porter, informative speaking, and (not pictured) Brooke Lunsford, computer applications.



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History of First Baptist Church of Bovina

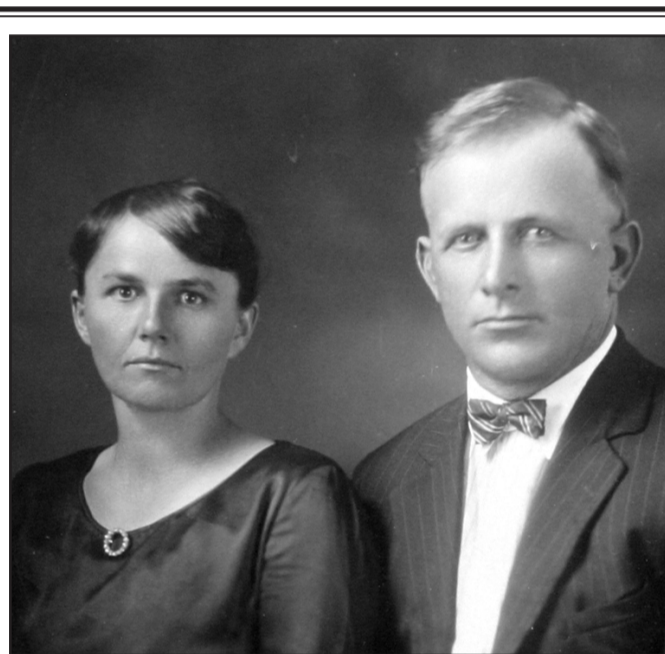
Bovina Baptist Church was organized in 1903. Services were conducted in the community school until 1905, when a house of worship was built valued at \$1,500. In 1906, they had seven members and they were only one of five churches in the Baptist Association having its own building.

By 1942, the congregation had grown to 180. By this time, they had outgrown their small building and in 1944, they moved into a new building. In 1949, they built a new parsonage for \$6,500 then in 1973, a new parsonage was built in the Ridgelea Addition.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church met in that church building until another one was built in 1959. Construction of a new building for the congregation began February 1959 and was completed June 1, 1960. At that time, two lots across the street from the church were donated for parking. The congregation of the First Baptist church worships in that building even today.

In 1959, the First Baptist members purchased land on Avenue A for a Mexican Mission. A small building was provided for the Mexican Mission in February 1961, and a new auditorium was added to the facility in 1964. The mission was given to the Mexican congregation; it meets today as Iglesia Bautista Hispana in Bovina.

Many members of the First Baptist church have participated in various mission trips. They have gone to the interior of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Australia, and many trips to Mexico for the Rio Grande River Ministry. One of the highlights of the church is the annual Bible School for the children of the community.



Grounded in the Past, Looking to the Future

Martha and Ernest John Kalbas moved to this area in January 1931 with their sons, Wilbert Kalbas, Otto Lingnau and Alvin Lingnau.

They settled south of Farwell expecting hard work, yet anticipating an honest harvest and existence from the sandy-loam farmland that they were breaking out. Plowing was done with a horse team and moisture was provided by the Lord from the sky. The family supported the fledgling Lutheran church in Lariat.

Daughter-in-laws were added. Alvin married Ruby Ogerly and moved to Littlefield. Otto married Alma Hintz and settled west of Lariat.

John died in 1944. Wilbert was left at age 17 to put in his first crop, only with help of his mother.

Over the following years, horse teams gave way to tractors, total dependence on rain gave way to ditch irrigation, and picking cotton by hand gave way to mechanized stripping.

Wilbert married Mary Janhsen from Wildorado, Texas, in June 1962. Their farming over the years has yielded a few slim crops but most yielded rich harvests of cotton, grains, and numerous vegetables including tomatoes, onions, cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce, and pumpkins. Their family that began as Donna, Sharon and Allen has now grown to include Mike, Austin, Mitchell and Meredith; Billy and Abi; Edie, Keith and Kinley.

Martha joined John in heaven in 1985.

For the better part of a century, this family has been grounded in the Parmer County area. Farming has changed to include 400 horsepower tractors with no-till and low-till equipment, center-pivot irrigation, and scientific fertilizers and pesticides, high-tech stripping and harvesting. All of the family members are currently involved in some aspect of agriculture.

The family still supports St John Lutheran Church in Lariat and all of the children have attended Farwell schools. The youngest generation help "Meme and Papa" on the farm and have aspirations to continue farming or contribute to future farming practices.



Lazbuddie

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commissary; John H. Hennington was the first postmaster.

By 1930, three churches and another store had been added. The Lazbuddie Ladies Club organized in May 1926 and provided many recreational activities and improvements for the community. Some of their friendship quilts still survive today.

At the Cracker Box School, they held quartet singing along with the preaching. Box suppers and quilting, horseshoes, games, 4th of July sack and relay races plus a community Christmas Tree with gifts for every child rounded out the fun for early citizens of Lazbuddie. During the Depression, tent shows

and medicine wagons came through with their special liniments and salves including Cloverleaf & Miss Poody's. The tents and wagons would set up just across the street from the commissary. For 10 cents you could skate at the skating rink when it came to town or for 25 cents there was a silent picture show. By the '40s and '50s it was dominoes and Texas 42. Hunting area game: rabbits, coyotes, antelope has always been popular also.

The Lazbuddie Longhorns and the Lady Horns still provide much of the local excitement with the 6 man football team and the basketball teams still attracting lots of attention.

Today, Treider Electric and Hardware Store carries on in the tradition of the commissary. The Post Office is still housed in the original commissary store and the Longhorn Café is now on the web.



Hudson Tire Co. in Farwell

The Latest

Kevin Burns, a 2004 Texico High graduate, took over the reins last week as the 2007-2008 Masked Raider at Texas Tech University.

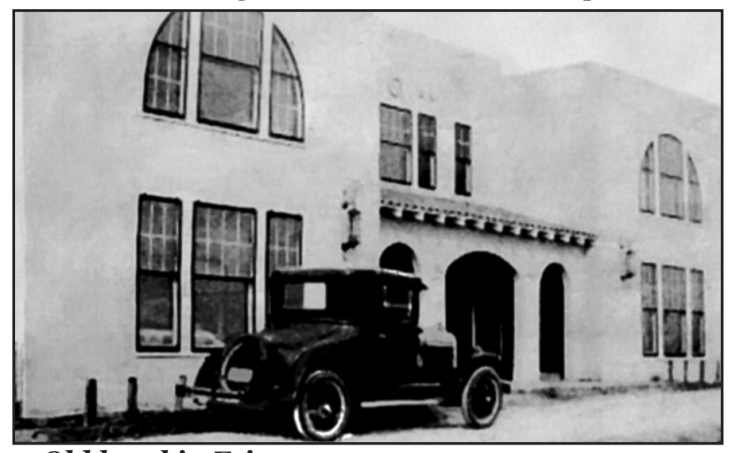
On May 12, in addition to local elections, a Texas constitutional amendment is on the ballot for Parmer County voters.

So you can vote for or against: "Authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any

reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Texico Junior High 7th grader Tre Orozco set a school record at the recent Texico Track Meet in the 100 dash. His time was 11.6 seconds.

Robin Howard won the jelly bean guessing contest at the Farwell



Old hotel in Friona

Convalescent Center volunteer appreciation dinner on Friday. She got to keep the roughly 1,700 jelly beans.

Clovis High School reportedly had a lockdown last week after some boys not believed to be attend-

ing school there were seen with baseball bats.

Lazbuddie FFA's banquet has been moved to 7 p.m. on May 14 in the school cafeteria.

Texico police report all quiet last week.

The Latest

In the history of Parmer County's jails, there has been only one successful escape (through a heating vent) by Praxedia Chavez, on March 18, 1995.

He had been convicted of possession of marijuana, a felony.

County Sheriff Randy Geries said that Chavez was apprehended on Monday by Immigration and Naturalization Services personnel in El Paso when he was attempting re-entry into the U.S.

His fingerprints gave him up.

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Pictured are students picking up trash at the city park -- Tatiane Melendez, Maria Jaramillo and Blanca Solis.



Students Jesse Rodriguez and Ricardo DeLaRosa help with the tree planting at Ridgelea School.



One hundred and ninety-five trees were planted in back of Ridgelea School. Pictured are school board members Brian Cox and Don Teague.



Kay and Jim Bob Swafford haul branches to the street curb.

Cleanup!

LaJuana Renfro headed up the Bovina Chamber of Commerce citywide Clean-Up Day Saturday.

The Chamber appreciated all those who volunteered their time to help.

All volunteers were fed hot dogs and chips at the homemaking house at noon.

The Chamber thanks all who volunteered their time to help with the clean-up; to the Fast Stop and Lowe's Supermarket for furnishing the hot dogs, chips and pop; and to Norma Whitten, her sister, Kay, and Elton and Marie Venable, for preparing the food and serving.

Bovina Banter

Deanna Curtis • 251-1405

First a note from Tribune publisher Rob Pomper:

The Tribune announces a change in Bovina correspondents today.

Toya DeLeon has been our Bovina Banter columnist for the past year. Unfortunately, she has gotten ultra-busy and regrettably had to resign that job. But she promises to continue sending in school news as she can.

We will miss her. But...

Fortunately, we have come up with another Bovina resident who has agreed to take the position -- Deanna Curtis.

Deanna works in the Parmer County Appraisal District office and is actively involved in local youth sports activities. Her husband, David, is a city councilman.

Deanna can be contacted during the day at 251-1405.

Welcome, Deanna, glad to have you on board!

Arlene McCallum is retiring from Agri-Plan at the end of the month.

We would like to welcome a quiet but existing business that slipped through the cracks.

Red Cobra Karate Club is run by Luis M. De La Torre, 1st Degree Black Belt. It's located at 300 Hwy. 86 in Bovina.

Bovina baseball statistics listed

The Bovina Mustangs baseball team lost to Boys Ranch, 13-11, on Friday.

The other game that had been scheduled, against Claude, was postponed due to the weather.

Here's a look at the rest of their schedule: April 27, Nazareth there, 4:30 p.m.; and May 1, Claude there, 4:30 p.m.

After 12 games, the team was 2-9-1 on the season. Here's a look at some of the team's statistics for this span (not counting the Boys Ranch game):

Batting -- top hitters (with more than 10 at bats) were Rodrigo Nunez, .458; Jose Gutierrez, .417; Jaime Chavira, .321; Miguel Nunez, .286; J.J. Reyna, .278; Josh Ramirez, .250; and Robert Knoll, .250.

Category leaders -- runs scored, Chavira, 9; and Knoll and Rodrigo Nunez, 8 each; hits, Rodrigo Nunez, 11, Gutierrez, 10, and Chavira, 9; doubles - Rodrigo Nunez, 3; triples, Chavira and Josh Bermea, 1 each; homers, Knoll and Frankie Guevara, 1 each; slugging percentage, Knoll and Rodrigo Nunez, .583 each.

In the pitching stats, the winners of Bovina's two games were Reyna and Gutierrez.

If you are interested in lessons, call him at (806) 223-5683.

Bovina Little League Basketball had a basketball tournament with 11 teams participating.

The board would like give a big "thank you" to everyone that helped make it a great success. They will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 1; anyone interested in joining the board is encouraged to attend.

Bovina students are excited to get the big TAKS done! Good luck to all of you who had to take it.

The citywide cleanup day was a huge success! Of course, there is always more to do but we got to start somewhere.

Gods' Gals met April 18. It was a blast! All women of the community are invited to attend. We meet every third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

National Honor Society will have its induction ceremony April 26 at the auditorium.

Congratulations to the newly married couple, Ralph Bermea and Lupita Caranza.

They wed last weekend.

Our Bovina scholars

Here are the 5th six weeks honor rolls for Bovina High School:

All A's
Freshmen - Jesus Anaya.

Sophomores - Hannah Miller, Aaron Ramon, Esau Saucedo.

Juniors - Jaime Chavira.
Seniors - Crystal Amparan, Jessica Bachicha, Frank Martinez, Hilda Quintero, Isai Saucedo.

A-B

Freshmen - Kimberly Casas, Bryan Gist, Francisco Guevara, Alicia Lopez, Ivonne Mejia, Jesus Rodriguez, Jeanette Varela, Edwin Velo.

Sophomores - Jeremy Curtis, Yesenia Guevara, Robert Knoll, Denise Larrea, Maria Nunez, Sandra Ortiz, Jesus Rocha, Esmeralda Saucedo.

Juniors - Norma Castillo, Dora Garcia, Maricela Garcia, Sonia Garcia, Jesus Guevara, Jose Gutierrez, Ruby Vela.

Seniors -- Joseph Cruz, Alfonso Espinoza, Sonia Murillo, Rodrigo Nunez, Jessie Reyna, Mario Rodriguez, David Rojas, Omar Salas, Jeremy Vasquez.

Here are the honor rolls for Bovina Middle School:

All A's
6th grade -- Justin Curtis, Heather Miller, Juan Pinela, Carmen Sanchez.

7th grade -- Jake Brozek.

8th grade - Mayra Gomez.

A-B

6th grade - Zachary Castillo, Taylor DeLeon, Marielena Flores, Stefon Knoll, Apolonio Montoya, Abel Rocha, Luis Salazar, Carmen Sanchez,

7th grade - Jennifer Garza, Padyne Hughes, Jorge Jaramillo, Regina Quintero, Gonzalo Reyna, Gael Vela.

8th grade - Fernando Banuelos, Mayra Gomez, Miguel Guerrero, Mariana Guevara, Alexis Martinez, Christopher Rodriguez, Dorian Vela, Irvin Vela.

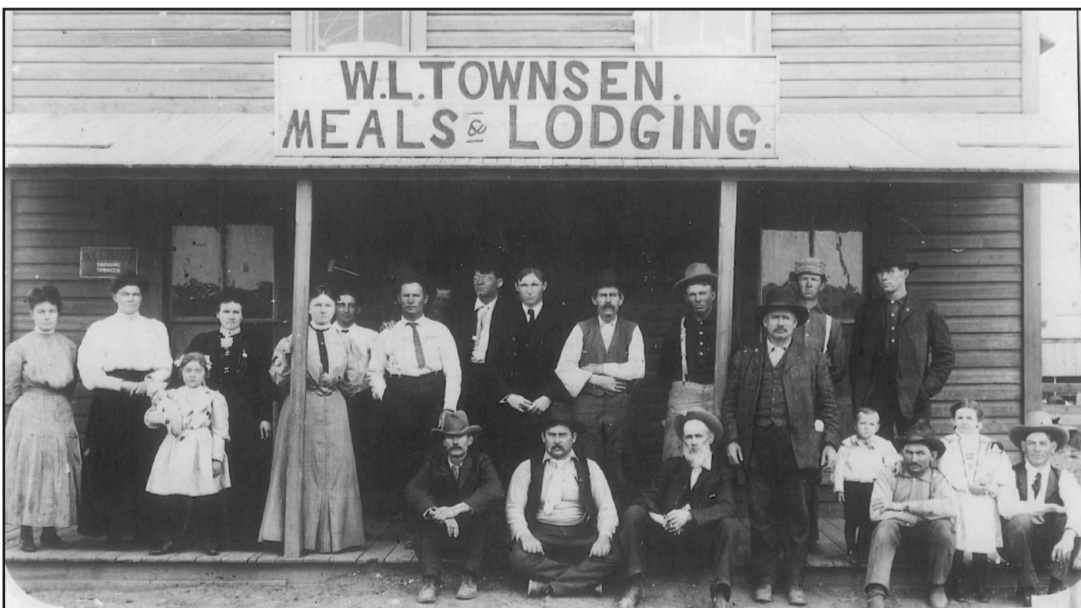


Grades 3-4: Cruz Herrera, David Lara, Jose Ivan Rodriguez, Carlos Prieto, Jesus Garcia

Bovina Little Dribbler teams



Grades 5-6: Brittany Perez, Daniella Valadez, Yajayra Herrera, Gabriela Flores, Mayra Bernal, Vanessa Rodriguez, Roxanne Zalazar, Samantha Villarreal, Rosa Elena Duarte.



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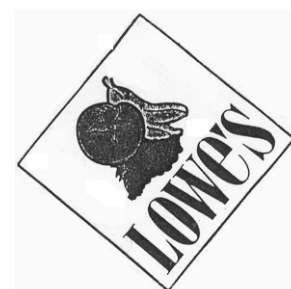
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