

23-YEAR STREAK ENDS

Team's Win Reminds Fans Of 1975 Bobcat-FHS Duel

by BILL ELLIS

When the Friona High School Chieftains defeated Dimmitt 64-54 here Tuesday, it was the first basketball win for the Chiefs over Dimmitt in 23 seasons, which included 46 straight wins by the Bobcats.

It was the first win for Friona over their longtime foes in a generation—literally. When the Chieftains beat Dimmitt last in 1975, in a heart-stopping 57-55 game at Chieftain Fieldhouse, two

Elections Open Mon. For Friona

Local elections scheduled for May 2 will see voting for Friona mayor, two city council seats, and two school board seats.

Applications to put your name on the ballot for any of these elected positions will be available beginning Monday, February 16. The last day to declare as a candidate will be Wednesday, March 18.

Applications for mayor or city council may be picked up at Friona City Hall. School board applications are available at the school administration building.

The terms of Mayor Clarence Monroe and councilmen Jim Atwell and John Taylor expire this year, leaving the mayor and two councilmen openings on the ballot.

Terms of school board members Kathryn Gurley and Danny Black expire, creating two board openings up for election.

Election date is Saturday, May 2, 1998.

"MORE BOOKS have resulted from somebody's need to write them, than from anybody's need to read them." *Ashleigh Brilliant, 1985*

Probably the same thing can be said about people who write newspaper columns. This one is going to be another collection of jottings from the little black notebook on my bedside table. Remember, I'm usually half asleep when these thoughts pop into my head, so we'll title this one "RUMINATIONS OF AN ADDLED MIND."

*If super-model Elle MacPherson married actor A. Martinez, they could monogram "L.A." on their towels.

*Why is it that TV weathermen always stand in the middle of the map of the country and point out what is going on on the east and west coastal regions? How dare they cover up Texas!

*Moses was a typical male. He wandered around in the desert for 40 years because he wouldn't ask for directions.

*There are 3,000 sweepstakes that you can enter at any given time with prizes from \$5,000 on up. The *Readers' Digest* runs about 100 of these contests simultaneously, keeping entrants thoroughly confused all the time. Your chances of winning are about one in 206 million. Maybe if you entered all 3,000 sweepstakes it would increase your chances of winning, but then you wouldn't have any time left over for things like going to work and earning a living.

*I read this somewhere: "Humans need to eat as much as their own body weight every 50 days." Whew! I didn't know they piled it that high. I saw a bumper sticker that said "I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian." On the other hand, why should we eat a lot of boring low-fat stuff just so we'll live a long time and be miserable?

*Do you have some fancy clothes in the back of your closet that you never wear because they're too nice? How about the good dishes up on the top shelf that are too nice for your family to use? When you die, your kids will go to the closet and pick out those nice duds and dress you up in them so everyone will say "Doesn't she look nice?" Then they'll take a trip with the money you saved up for a rainy day and sell your nice dishes that were too good for them to eat out of.

*Speaking of passing on... we've always heard that most folks die in threes. But lately we've been noticing that the rich and famous people seem to die in pairs. Recently, there was Princess Di and Mother Theresa. Before that, there was Jimmy Stewart and Robert Mitchum. And a few years back it was Jim Henson and Sammy Davis Jr.

*I got to thinking about a bunch of stuff that sounds like girl's names, such as: Holly Wood, Dot Comm, May Sweeps, Olive Branch, Sandy Beach. Okay, humor me just a bit, here. I've had to get creative with the spelling on some of these... Tella Graham, June Bugg, Barbie Queue, April Showers, Merry Weather, Rose Bush, Cherry Piaz (pronounced Pies). Here's one I especially like: Aurora Borah Ellis.

This one is a true story, honest! A family by the name of Lear, had a daughter named Crystal Shanda.

*Here are some suggested ways NOT to get your exercise: Jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down your mate, knifing your friends in the back, dodging responsibility and pushing your luck.

*Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift... that's why we call it the "present."

fathers of 1997-98 team members were playing for Friona.

Dee King and Clay Bandy were members of the 1974-75 team, which played Dimmitt in three down-to-the wire games. They were both guards, and played in the shadow of the team's two big players, Dale Cleveland and Gene Strickland, but played vital roles in bringing the ball down, and contributed vital scoring along the way.

King's sons Aaron and Nathan were starters Tuesday. Aaron is a senior and Nathan a sophomore. Their mother, the former Cindy Gammon, also was a starter for the '75 Squaws. Dee and Cindy were named "Basketball King and Queen" toward the finish of that season.

Nathan had perhaps his best game of the season Thursday, hitting five three-pointers, and captured scoring honors with 19 points. Aaron played his usual good game as the playmaker, scoring 18 points.

Bandy's son Joseph, another sophomore, has been a clutch bench player this season. He had provided the go-ahead basket in Friona's win at Muleshoe earlier. Tuesday he came into the game and stole the ball from Dimmitt and drove half-court for a layup that widened Friona's lead to four points at the 2:47 mark. He also added a free throw in the last-minute heroics by the Chiefs at the foul line.

For starters, King and Bandy also were on the 1973-74 Chieftain team which went all the way to the state finals before bowing out to the Bowie Jackrabbits. It was

the closest to a state title for boys in FHS' sports history.

That '74 team had beaten the Bobcats at Dimmitt, becoming the first district team to ever beat a Kenneth Cleveland-coached team on their home court. Cleveland, one of the most successful high school coaches in the state during his tenure, died

Emergency Course Set In Feb.

An emergency care attendant course will be offered by the Lazbuddie Emergency Medical Service at the Lazbuddie School starting February 17 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will meet two nights a week for approximately nine weeks.

The course is open to anyone eighteen years of age and older.

"The course is excellent training for all young parents or anyone interested in basic training for medical

emergencies," a spokesperson said.

Upon satisfactory completion of the class the students will receive Emergency Care Attendant Certification from the Texas Department of Health.

The fee for the course is \$150 and Mr. Joe Haseloff will be the instructor.

For more information or enrollment, contact Glenn Lust at 806-965-2828 or Connie Barnes at 806-965-2118.



HEART SPEAKERS.....A nice crowd gathered last Tuesday to hear representatives from the American Heart Association speak about pacemakers. From left, Barbara Friesen, B.S.A.-R.N., Dr. Glenn Friesen, regional AHA director Debbie Wright, and Floyd Reeve, president of the local chapter. (ron carr photo)

Chicken Dinner Time At Veteran's Hall Feb. 22

The Veterans and their ladies are pouring up fresh cooking oil and getting ready for another batch of tasty fried chicken.

Sunday, February 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Veterans will serve up hefty portions of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, and drink for only \$6 adult and \$3 children under 12.

Takeouts will be available and walk-ins are welcome. See you at Veterans Hall at 6th and Euclid in Friona on Sunday, February 22.

WT Services Explains Easement Sign-Up

WT Services officials this week declared their weekend sign-up party a success.

However, according to WT Services spokesman Jerry Walker, some residents are confused about the easement form they signed and signing up for actual service.

If you have signed an easement form allowing WT Services to bury their cable on your property, this does not constitute an order for telephone or cable service to

actually be installed, Walker said.

WT Services must have your permission to run their fiber optic cable off of the alley and onto your property. The easement form gives them that permission but does not obligate a resident to accept WT Services' telephone or cable service.

To sign up for specific phone or cable TV service, you need to sign additional forms.

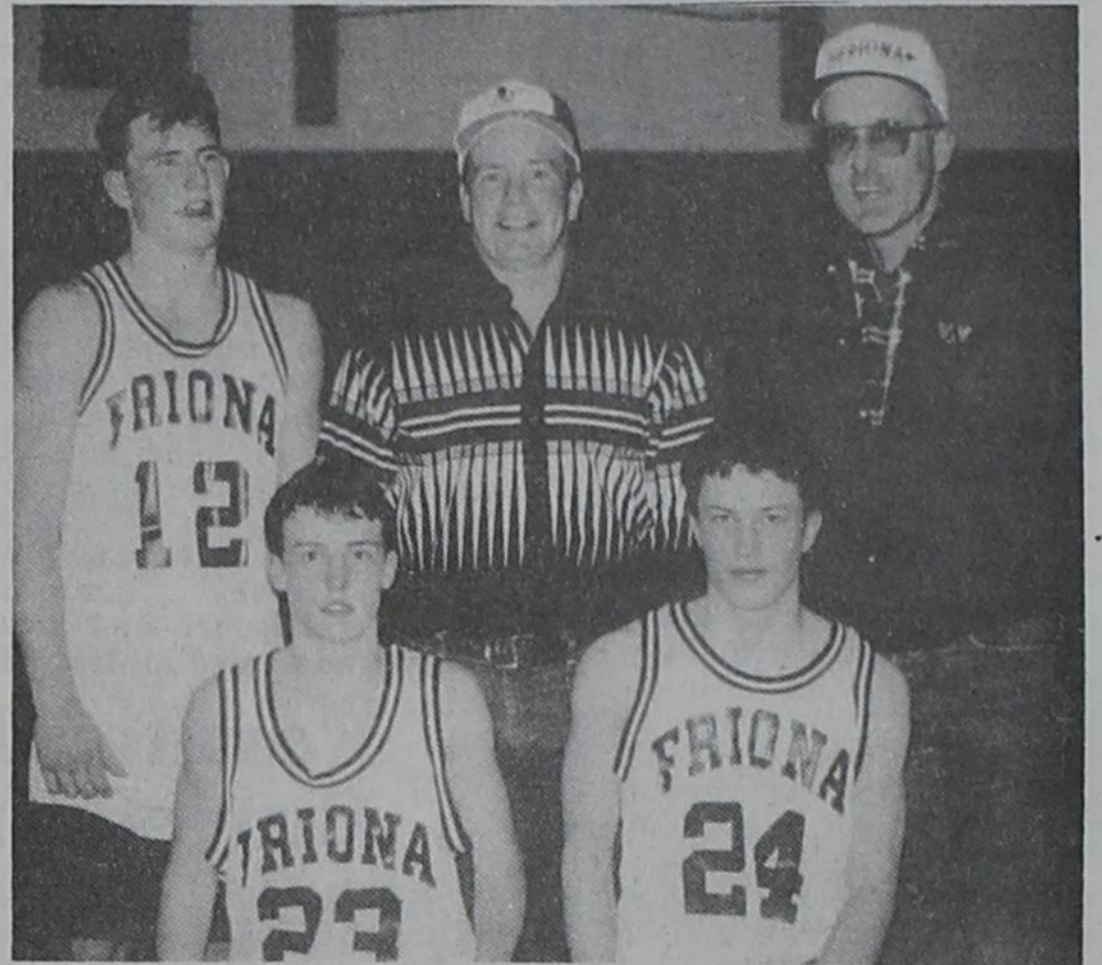
Calvary Has Interim Pastor

Bro. Cecil Golden is the new interim pastor/preacher at Calvary Baptist Church.

He comes to Friona from Plainview where he has been teaching Spanish at Wayland Baptist University for the past twenty-six years. During that long period of time, Bro. Golden has served as interim pastor to several churches in the Texas Panhandle. He has served three times at the First Baptist Church of Friona, once at Dimmitt and Farwell.

Married to Claire Golden, they have four children who are grown and nine grandchildren.

Golden and his wife served as Southern Baptist missionaries to Honduras for eight years before coming to Texas in 1971.



BROKE THE DRY SPELL.....The last time Friona beat Dimmitt in basketball, Dee King, center, and Clay Bandy were players. Twenty-three years later, sons Aaron (12) and Nathan King (23), and Joseph Bandy (24) break the cycle. See the story for more. (ron carr photo)

Ratcliff Resigns As Fisd Superintendent

Hal Ratcliff, Friona I.S.D. administrator for the past 18 years, and superintendent of the past ten, tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees this past Monday.

"After careful consideration, I have reached the decision to retire at the end of this school year. I respectfully request a release from my contract effective June 30, 1998," Ratcliff said in a letter to the board.

"This has been a very difficult decision, but I have faith it will work out for the best. I hope to be able to spend more time with my family and pursue other interests. I am very proud of our school district, and the opportunity I had to serve as high school principal and superintendent," Ratcliff's letter continued.

Ratcliff, a native of Dimmitt, came to Friona to accept the position as high school principal in the fall of 1980, and became superintendent eight years later upon the retirement of Tom Jarboe.

"It was a hard decision. I didn't realize how hard it would be until I told the board and the members of my staff," Ratcliff said. "When you have done something your entire (professional) life, that makes the decision even harder," Ratcliff told us.

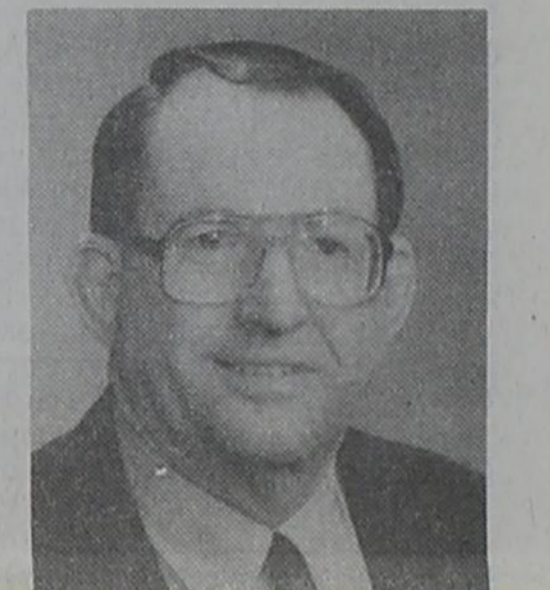
His wife Charlotte teaches sixth grade math at Friona Junior High.

They are parents of two daughters. Sheri Beth Gervais and her husband Norman live in Houston. They are parents of the Ratcliffs' three grandchildren, Sarah, 7; Amy Beth, 5, and Garrett, 3.

The Ratcliffs' younger daughter, Ronda and her husband Norman live in Canyon. She is assistant varsity coach of the Canyon High School girls' basketball team and head track coach. She is currently expecting her first child.

"I am very grateful for the support I received from my boards. Friona has been very fortunate over the years to have committed and

dedicated individuals serve as school board trustees," Ratcliff concluded.



HAL RATCLIFF Ratcliff Is Lauded By Board Pres.

Donny Carthel, president of the Friona ISD board of trustees, reacted to the resignation of Superintendent Hal Ratcliff this week as follows:

"On behalf of the board, we feel we are losing an excellent man who has done numerous things for the students and faculty of the school district. He has made improvement to the school facilities and worked to make a better learning situation for everyone involved.

"Ratcliff's knowledge of state laws, budgeting, his experience and expertise in evaluating and hiring personnel has been outstanding. Because of those skills, we feel we have the best group of administrators and faculty in the state. He has been mainly responsible in putting together such a great team."

"We're happy for him to be able to do some things he will enjoy. He has earned his retirement, and we wish him the very best. Speaking for the board, our goal now is to hire the best person available who meets the qualifications for this position," Carthel told the Friona Star.



WELCOME BACK CLASSIC.....Classic Cable recently reopened their Friona office at 7th and Euclid. Classic manager Joe Lafuente, center, attends to the ribbon cutting chores as members of the Chamber of Commerce gather around. (ron carr photo)



**IRENE JOHNSON
Mrs. Johnson
Is Buried In
Cameron, TX**

Services for Irene Johnson, 86 of Bovina were held Monday at the Assembly of God in Friona with Rev. Bill Boyd, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Oak Hills Cemetery in Cameron, Texas under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson died February 6, 1998 at Parmer County Community Hospital. She was born June 10, 1911 in Porters Perry, Texas.

She married Amiel Johnson, Sr. October 9, 1931 in Buokholtz, Texas. He died February 1, 1978.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Assembly of God in Friona. She had lived in Bovina for twenty years moving from Cameron, Texas. She was a housewife.

Survivors include three sons, Amiel Johnson, Jr. of Chico, Texas; Alton Johnson of Amarillo and Phillip Johnson of Bovina; five daughters, Naomi Pond of Orangevale, California, Joetta Milla of North Platte, Nebraska, Bertie Newton of Cedar Hill, Texas, Leatha Garrett of Valley Mills, Texas and Frances Smith of Wilcox, Arizona.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mary Goodwin of Fort Worth, Nola Finch of Taylor, Texas and Jessie Cavett and Eula Lou Kullenberg, both of Kerrville, Texas; twenty-seven grandchildren; fifty-six great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

**Rites Held Thursday
For Mary W. Fields**

Graveside services for Mary W. Fields, 76, were held Thursday at the Friona Cemetery with Leon Talley, minister of Friona Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fields died February 8, 1998 in her home. She was born April 22, 1921 in Bramer, Missouri to Annie Florence Welker and Thomas Franklin Elam.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Arch, New Mexico. She had lived in Friona for twenty-five years moving from Portales, New Mexico. She was a waitress and cook for many years.

Survivors include a brother, Bobby Elam of Lawson, Missouri and two sisters, Helen Findley of



MARY W. FIELDS

Rayville, Missouri and Velma Ruth Leake of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Fields was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

**Former Pastor Is
Buried In Abilene**

Services for the Rev. Wallace H. Kirby, 76, of Abilene were held at 2 p.m. Friday in St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Revs. Archie Echols and Clifford Stewart officiating.

Burial followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Abilene.

Rev. Kirby died Tuesday, February 3, 1998 in an Abilene hospital.

He was born in Westminster. He graduated from Colorado City High School, McMurry University and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Rev. Kirby married Doris

Rosamond Sample in 1946. She preceded him in death.

He married Evelyn L. Vineyard in 1969 in Hereford.

Rev. Kirby was a minister in the United Methodist Church in the Northwest Texas Conference. He served in Friona from 1960 to 1962.

He also served in Lubbock, Seagraves, Stanton, Quanah, Littlefield, Snyder and Perryton. He served as chaplain for Kings Manor in Hereford until retiring in 1987. He worked for Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home since 1987.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Carolyn Hefner of Sweetwater, Pat Preston and Jan Hoover, both of Abilene; a brother, J. Edmund of Abilene; a sister, Beola Rector of Marble Falls; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the television ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 525 Beach Street, Abilene 79601, or to the Abilene Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 209 South Danville, Abilene 79605.

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Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

55 Yrs Ago-Feb. 12, 1943

Approximately 300 people attended a memorial service in the Methodist Church here in honor of Private Arthur Thomas Parker, U.S. Marines, who was reported killed in action somewhere in the Pacific area February 4, according to a telegram to his father, Willis Parker of Friona. So far as is known, he was the first Parmer County serviceman to give his life in defense of his country during World War II.

50 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1948

The Lions athletic club tied for first place honors in the Dimmitt Invitational Tournament in which eight teams were entered. Those who played for the Friona team were Ben Allen, Joe Brummett, John Renner, Junior Renner, James White, Rex Dennison, DeWayne Cleveland, Leslie Ford and Douglas Gosner.

45 Yrs Ago-Feb. 12, 1953

With some funds still not turned in and tabulated, the total money to date reported raised in the Parmer County March of Dimes drive has totaled \$2,316.06.

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1958

Floyd Crume, work unit conservationist with the Friona office of the Soil Conservation Service, has announced his resignation to enter private business, effective February 23. The soil conservationist will become a sales engineer for Tellyer Pipe Company of Friona.

Six men were nominated to fill three upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors of Friona Chamber of Commerce. Names of the six nominees, Billy Nichols, Robert Ginsburg, Kenneth Williams, Gaylord Maurer, Joe Ferrell and Hollis Horton, were placed on ballots which were mailed out earlier this week.

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 14, 1963

Some three inches of snow fell Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week, bringing some relief to the dry conditions locally. The Friona area had received officially only .02 inch of moisture since last December 1, prior to the snow of this week, which added .2 inch of moisture. Some of the snow drifted considerably however.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1968

Dr. Loyd Shackelford, who originated and spearheaded the drive which resulted in Missouri Beef Packers' decision to locate in Friona, was honored Monday as Friona's "Man of the Year". Mrs. T.J. Presley and Mrs. Emma Elmore were presented dual awards as "Women of the Year".

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1973

Two excellent girls basketball teams will square off at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Lubbock Coliseum in the Region I tournament. Friona (23-6), and Spearman (30-3) will be the opponents. The two teams met in the finals of Friona's invitational tournament last December 2, with Spearman making off with a one-point win, 36-35.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 12, 1978

Reverend Murle Rogers is the new pastor of Friona's Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers moved to Friona this week from Ropesville, where he had pastored for the past six years.

Koty Kothmann is shown after he signed a letter of intent Wednesday, to attend University of Texas on a football scholarship.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1983

Five people were elected to the board of directors or credit committee of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union Thursday. They are Geneva

Williams, C.H. Veazey and Frankie Allen, board members; and Leonard Coffey and Carl White were re-elected to the credit committee.

The City of Friona has been informed that it will receive the \$470,000 federal grant for which it had applied a number of years ago. The grant was sought back in the mid-1970's, after the Texas Department of Health decreed that the city's sewer system needed to be expanded and updated in order to handle the city's waste.

10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1988

New two-year contracts were extended to four administrators and to Friona High School athletic director Tommy Moss at the regular meeting of the Friona school board Monday night.

The board voted to offer new two-year contracts to administrative assistant James Warren, principals Tom Johnson, Jerry Shelton and Tony Igo, in addition to Moss.

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1993

Parmer County Community Hospital has received its microfiche reader-printer, which was funded by the 1992 Project Christmas Card drive.

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to San Antonio via Dripping Springs,
Wimberly and Canyon Lake. We'll have
lunch at the Castle Avalon, then on to
the Alamo City.



On Saturday, we'll travel via LBJ Ranch to
Fredricksburg, where we'll tour the Admiral Nimitz
Museum and then have browsing and shopping time.
We'll leave on Sunday for Friona, enjoying the scenery
all along the way.

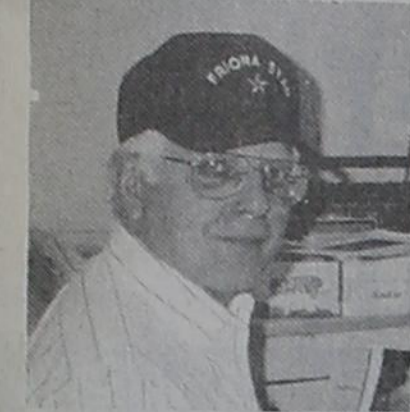


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Out Here

By RON CARR

As he often does, my brother Rick asked me, "What are you going to write about this week?"

I said, "Billy Jeff and Hill Rod."

He said, "Again?" My brother Rick is not exactly an international political expert, even though he runs one of the most powerful political opinion polls in Parmer County--the coffee bar at Parmer County Implement Co. (coffee bar @ PCIDotcom)

The bubbas who patronize the free coffee and sometimes cinnamon rolls at the PCI coffee bar have a continual poll in progress.

They will poll any topic and often poll topics that folks wish they didn't know about.

The PCI coffee bar bubbas can spot a bad referee from 100 yards and so far their polls have found that all referees are pretty bad.

They can take a quick poll to determine how successful a farmer will be or whether any marriage is likely to last, including theirs.

As a whole, the PCI pollsters are much smarter than anyone who works for the city, everyone on the school board, and all local law enforcement officers.

Any elected official, or any who try to get elected, are subject to a coffee bar bubba poll.

"Why that old boy ain't got enough sense to be a city councilman. What's he runnin' for?"

"Well, I don't know, look who all is on the council now."

"Yeah, I guess you're right. But I ain't votin' for

P. Carmichael Is Buried In Hereford

Services for Pete Carmichael, 90, of Hereford were held Thursday in Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with the Revs. Terry Cosby of First Baptist Church and Tom Fuller of First United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed at West Park Cemetery.

Carmichael died Tuesday, February 10, 1998 in Hereford Care Center.

He was born September 17, 1907, in Oklahoma. He married Wilma Harris on July 14, 1934, in Hereford. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Bill of San Antonio and Kenneth of Aurora, Missouri; a daughter, Shari Carmichael James of San Antonio; a sister, Robbie Griffin of Toledo Bend; a brother, D.L. of Friona; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

any of 'em." Any kind of weather can bring on a poll too. The computer in the PCI coffee bar tracks the weather.

It is not unusual to find several bubbas around the conference table debating whether it's pink or green that means snow.

When we get several inches of snow, the bubbas launch an immediate poll on the efficiency of the "highway department." Their poll during the 14-incher we had recently showed that the TX-DOT snow plows seemed to work better the nearer they are to the maintenance barn in Bovina.

One such poll taken during the snow storm showed that 86% of the people polled by the coffee bar bubbas felt that Highway 60 east of Friona still had a lot of snow on it. The boys are awesome.

They immediately set up a coffee bar pool, at \$1.00 a guess, on how long it would take TX-Dot to clear the snow in the east part of the county.

Last time I checked, the snow melted and nobody won so they left the money in the kitty and are now guessing the date the new Friona swimming pool construction will be completed.

Of course, the Main Street construction project has been pulled into oblivion. The current poll results show that

93% of the people believe that they are already finished with Main Street.

One person polled said that she thought the orange traffic boards in the middle of Main Street were "cute".

A very interesting poll is now underway at the PCI coffee bar about the Friona Chieftains chances of making the 3A basketball playoffs.

At the moment, the poll is showing that if we have to play the Dimmitt Bobcats in a playoff game, we can beat them if there are no referees on the court.

The national TV pollsters who show that Billy Jeff Clinton's popularity is at an all-time high evidently lost the number at PCI's coffee bar.

When it comes to the first family, the bubbas can be brutal. Most of the questions being asked one morning last week can not be repeated in this family paper.

Suffice to say it was being conducted as a not-to-confidential, "undercover" poll.

My personal polls show that about 100% of the PCI coffee bar bubbas will wait until Friday or Saturday to even begin thinking about flowers or candy for Valentine's Day but that the bubbettes are used to that by now.

I don't pay much attention to national polls. I had rather trust the bubbas. When they say they are not lying, I know it is the truth.

FRIONA EMS REPORT

Friona EMS ambulance was dispatched to a total of 23 calls for the month of January.

Here are the calls made for the last few days of January, as reported by city paramedic Dana Hendrix.

1-29-98 5:10 p.m. Dispatched to Hub Grain for an industrial injury. Patient was transported to PCCH for further care. Crew was Rogelio Ortiz, Dana Hendrix, Bryan Harris and Shain Clark.

1-29-98 8:30 p.m. Transported injury patient from PCCH to Northwest Texas Hospital for further care. Crew was Rogelio Ortiz, Shain Clark, Dana Hendrix.

1-30-98 8:15 a.m. Dispatched to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo to return patient to PCCH. Crew was Rogelio Ortiz, Bryan Harris, and Dana Hendrix.

1-31-98 12 a.m. Dispatched to PCCH for transfer of medical emergency to Northwest Texas Hospital. Crew was Bryan Harris, Donice Jones, Sheila Clark, and Mac Fields.

1-31-98 5:43 p.m. Dispatched to PCCH for transfer of fractured hip to Lubbock Methodist. Crew was Rick Clayton and Dana Hendrix.

The EMS has available

the "Vials of Life" to be picked up at the city office or contact Dana Hendrix for more information at 247-2761.

VIALS OF LIFE AVAILABLE FROM EMS

Friona EMS director Dana Hendrix has announced a new program available to senior citizens called the "Vials of Life."

Hendrix explained that the vial of life looks like a prescription bottle. Rolled up inside the bottle is a roll of paper that can be filled out with medical history and medication information.

The bottle is then placed in the refrigerator and a "vial of life" sticker is put on the front door.

If it is necessary for the EMS to respond to your residence, the sticker alerts them that you have provided medical information about yourself and they can find the vial in your refrigerator.

Hendrix said this is especially vital if the patient is unconscious or unable to communicate with EMS personnel.

Ms. Hendrix is available to explain the program to groups of seniors and the vials may be picked up at the city office.

For more information call Dana Hendrix at 247-2761.



WESTERN BUNCH....Western Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, Inc. has opened in Friona at the former Friona Motors location at Highway 60 and Grand. On the team are, back, l-r, Leon Sandoval, John Baxter, and Lewis Paschel. Front, general manager Jerry Collier, office manager Melissa Condit, service manager Mitch Terry, and Ernest Mills. (ron carr photo)



AG DAY DEMO...Friona students attending the Ag Day activities were treated to a special presentation by Individual Dairy Farmers of the Southwest. They learned a lot about dairy cows and milk as the traveling trailer gave a real live demonstration. (ron carr photo)

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At Long Last--Chiefs End "Dimmitt Streak"



CORNERED....Chieftains Justin Daniel (33) and Quint Ellis (32) manage to corner Dimmitt's Casey Smith (12) for one of the few times he was cornered last Tuesday. Smith was the Bobcats' leading scorer with 19 points, but the Chieftains ruled 64-54.



SCORING THREAT....Aaron King is shown driving for the basket as Dimmitt's Stuart Sutton (11) and Jerry Thomas (22) are caught flat-footed. King is a scoring leader on the team, and had 18 in the big Friona win over their district rivals, 64-54.

Second Generation...

(Continued from P. 1) The team's coach was Larry Dyess, who took over from Ray DeBord.



KIDS BB TRYOUTS.....Last Saturday, about two hundred young boys and girls showed up for basketball league tryouts. Steven Hunt demonstrates his dribbling ability through the cone course.

With the clock winding down, Dee King calmly sank a pair of free throws to clinch the win at 57-55.

Other members of the 1975 team not previously mentioned include Dave Clark, senior post-forward, Davy Carthel, junior forward, Mark Neill, sophomore center, and Kent Miller, junior guard.

by BILL ELLIS

The Friona Chieftains did something no boys team had accomplished for a generation here Tuesday, when they scored a 64-54 basketball win over rival Dimmitt.

It was the first Friona win over the DHS boys since 1975-23 long years and 46 games-surely one of the longest streaks in area sports.

The victory was a team effort. The Chieftains had to rally after falling five points behind in the fourth quarter, when Dimmitt threatened to foil Friona's determined bid.

But the team didn't "crack." Last-quarter heroics were paced by underclassmen on the team, especially sophomore outside shooter Nathan King, who captured game scoring honors with 19 points.

King's brother Aaron was close behind with 18 points. Their father Dee was a "play-maker" guard on the last Friona team to post a win over the Bobcats (see separate story).

It was (Nathan) King's timely three-point basket midway through the final period after Dimmitt had taken their longest lead at 51-46 that sparked the Chieftain offense back into gear and started the winning rally.

A minute later, junior Justin "Bird" Daniel took one of King's few misses back to the basket to tie the score at 51-all, and Aaron King's layup the next trip downcourt put the Chieftains ahead to stay, 53-51.

But there were a number of heroics before and after this scenario!

A packed fieldhouse on both sides of the gym watched the Chieftains take a quick 8-0 lead in the game, which was vital to Friona's flickering playoff hopes going in.

Nathan King served notice on the Bobcats by neatly sinking his first three-pointer just 16 seconds into the game for a quick 3-0 Friona lead. Aaron King made a nice layup the next trip down, and a minute later brother Nathan duplicated his three-point act, as the ready Chieftains jumped ahead 8-0 with just 2:14 gone in the game.

Dimmitt broke the scoring ice, but Quint Ellis answered with a layup, was fouled, and converted the free throw, as Friona hiked its lead to 12-2 with 3:40 left in the opening quarter.

The 'Cats got a three-pointer, but Ellis and Daniel got scores in successive possessions, to push Friona's lead to 16-5. Aaron King's jump shot gave Friona an 18-8 first quarter lead, as the Bobcats messed up on a "last shot" plan.

Dimmitt's slumbering offense began to awaken, as the Bobcats scored on several trips upcourt.

Angel Vega's shot from the side kept Friona in a 20-10 lead, and Daniel's follow-up made it a 22-12 game with 5:50 left in the half.

But Friona's offense slacked up, as the team committed a few turnovers, and the next thing you knew Dimmitt had run up a 10-2 scoring edge in just less than three minutes of clock time, to pull within a basket at 24-22.

Aaron King and Ellis answered with layups. Ellis was again fouled and sank the free throw for a 29-22 Chieftain edge with 2:05 showing.

"Bird" Daniel was two for two at the foul line, and sank a layup shot, all in the last minute of the half, as Friona built their lead back to 33-26. But Casey Smith (12) made a layup that should have been a charging foul at the buzzer, for a 33-28 score.

The bad news was that Ellis picked up his third foul just 27 seconds before the halftime buzzer.

Dimmitt got a pair of baskets back to back early in the third quarter, to trim the Chieftain lead to three points, 35-32.

That meant it was time for Nathan King to answer with a three-pointer from his favorite spot, upping Friona's lead to 38-32 with two minutes gone in the third.



ANOTHER REBOUND....The Chiefs had a good rebound night against the Dimmitt Bobcats. Senior post Quint Ellis comes down with another ball. Justin Daniel and Nathan King (23) observe the action.

***** Charlie Sanders brought Dimmitt close at 38-34, but Vega made one of his "Acro Specialty" shots, to make it a 40-34 game with five minutes remaining in the quarter.

The Chieftains had their only "shaky streak" at this point, making some turnovers and getting some fouls. Paced by Smith's hot hand, the Bobcats ran off a 10-1 margin in the late stages of the quarter, taking their first lead on Smith's three-pointer with a minute remaining, 47-44.

However, Nathan King responded with his fourth three-pointer for a 44-all tie, but Smith nailed another bomb as Dimmitt took a 47-44 lead at the buzzer.

The fourth quarter was not for the faint of heart!

Dimmitt scored to take a 49-44 lead, it's longest, before Aaron King did a 360-degree "spin and shoot" that ripped the net, 46-49. Smith's layup gave Dimmitt its five-point lead back briefly.

Nathan King, playing with the poise of a senior, connected for his fifth long-range bomb, for a 51-49 deficit, and Daniel's tip-in the next trip downcourt tied the game at 51-all, and the Friona crowd, which had grown silent, responded.

Just seconds later Aaron King was successful with a driving layup although being blocked by his defender, for a 53-51 Friona lead with only 3:04 showing on the clock, and the crowd got louder. The Chiefs were not to be behind again, but no one knew it at that juncture.

Joseph Bandy, another sophomore, came into the game to contribute a big play. As Dimmitt worked the ball out near midcourt, Bandy stole the ball and drove half-court for a nice (and timely) layup, that gave Friona a little breathing room at 55-51 with 2:47 to play.

A few seconds later, Ellis, going for the steal, was called for body contact, and picked up his fifth foul. The 6-4 senior, who played one of his best defensive games of the season, had to sit out the last 2:34 of the game.

Landon Martin, Ellis' replacement, was fouled with



WHERE'S THE NET....Sophomore point guard Nathan King (23) tries to outrun Dimmitt's Stuart Sutton (11). King drilled 5 of 7 three point shots to lead the Chieftains scoring with 19 points.

***** one of their top offensive games of the season. The win was the 20th of the team's outstanding season.

With Aaron and Nathan King, Angel Vega and Quint Ellis all hitting three-pointers, the Chiefs raced to a 33-11 first quarter lead and never looked back.

The team had led 47-30 at the half and 65-43 after three, before putting the game on ice with a 24-point fourth quarter.

Daniel had one of his better scoring games with 20, Aaron King had 18 and Vega came up with 11.

CHIEFTAINS 64, Dimmitt 54

Table with 4 columns: Player, FG, FTs, TP. Lists statistics for Aaron King, Angel Vega, Nathan King, Joseph Bandy, Quint Ellis, Justin Daniel, and Landon Martin.

CHIEFS 89, RR 61

A. King 3-2*-6-18; Jeff Rando 2-2-6; Barry Procter 1-2-4; Vega 4-1-1*-0-11; N. King 1-1*-0-5; Bandy 1-3-5; Ellis 3-1-7; Daniel 6-1-5-20; Colby Patterson 3-1-7; Martin 0-3-3. *3-point baskets.

Cooper Lavishes Praise On Chieftains' Dimmitt Stats

Coach Kevin Cooper had a lot of praise for his Chieftain basketballers after their 64-54 win Tuesday. "They played four good quarters of basketball," Cooper said.

"I could tell the way they started (with the 8-0 run) they wanted to win. Also, we committed 13 turnovers, compared to the 24 we had at Dimmitt. The kids kept their composure the whole game," Cooper added.

The Chiefs outrebounded the 'Cats, 36-25. Justin Daniel had 10 and Quint Ellis 9 rebounds.

Soph Nathan King made five of seven three-point shots (71 per cent), and was four of six at the line. Aaron King was 41% from the floor, seven of 17. Nathan was 55% overall.

"Nathan shot really well. He made several 'big time' shots," Cooper said.

District 1-3A Basketball Standings

Table showing basketball standings for Boys and Girls teams, including Tulia, Dimmitt, Friona, Muleshoe, Sanford-Fritch, Dalhart, Perryton, and River Road.

Last Week: CHIEFS 89, River Road 61; CHIEFS 64, Dimmitt 54.

Next Week: February 13: Perryton - There February 17: Muleshoe - Here (Boys Only)

LEAD SLIPS AWAY

Squaws Drop Tough Game To DHS, 50-44

The Friona Squaws' luck for the second half of district play remained bad, when the team dropped a 50-44 game to visiting Dimmitt, after holding an eight-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The team committed numerous turnovers against the Dimmitt press in the

fourth quarter, when the Bobbies went on a 12-0 rampage to regain the lead and the momentum, and snatch the victory away from Friona.

"We had handled their press well earlier. They pressed us in the third quarter, and we outscored them 17-6. They didn't do

anything much different. We just had some breakdowns," said Coach Richard North.

Amanda Pope had a basket, and Sandra Gonzalez hit a pair of free throws to begin the game as Friona took a 4-0 lead. But Amber Matthews of Dimmitt went on an eight-point spree to pace her team to a 15-9 first quarter lead.

Crystal Dow warmed up for the Squaws, and sank three field goals plus a free throw, and Whitney Ellis made a pair of field goals as Friona pulled to within 24-21 at the half.

Sandra Gonzalez hit a three-pointer, and Amanda Pope converted a three-point play and another basket as Friona regained the lead at 30-29.

Neither team could score for a short period, before Sarah Hendley hit a three-pointer for Friona to make the Squaws' lead 35-29, and Miss Gonzales zapped another three-pointer a second before the buzzer to give Friona its longest lead at 38-30.

But the team's "wheels" seemed to come off in the fourth quarter. Dimmitt scored 12 unanswered points, to go from eight points behind, to four ahead, 42-38, with 4:20 left in the game.

Friona didn't score their first points of the quarter until Miss Pope's jump shot with 3:49 remaining cut Dimmitt's lead to 42-40. But Dimmitt's Shawna Kenworth, who already had one "trex," got another one with 2:08 remaining, to hike Dimmitt's lead to 47-40.

Miss Gonzalez made a jump shot with 1:15 remaining for a 47-42 deficit, and Miss Pope's layup made it a 47-44 game with 28 seconds remaining. Dimmitt missed eight of 11 free throw efforts in the fourth, but Miss Kenworthy nailed a pair with 25 seconds left to ice the game.

Miss Pope led the scoring with 12, and Miss Gonzalez had ten. Usual high scoring Tammy Spencer went scoreless in the game.

Last Friday the Squaws scored a 42-39 overtime win at River Road, in a game that was close from start to finish.

Christina Santellana had three three-pointers for the Squaws, including one in the overtime. Tammy Spencer and April Pope hit free throws for Friona in the O.T. to assist the win.

Miss Santellana was high scorer with her nine points, and Whitney Ellis had eight.

SQUAWS 42, RR 39
April Pope 1*-1-4; Sandra Gonzalez 2-1*-0-7; Amanda Pope 2-0-4; Sarah Hendley 1-0-2; Christina Santellana 3*-0-9; Tammy Spencer 1-1*-1-6; Whitney Ellis 1-6-8; Crystal Dow 0-0-0; Sheri Fiel 1-0-2.

SQUAWS 44, DHS 50
Ap. Pope 1-1*-0-5; Gonzalez 1-2*-2-10; Am. Pope 5-2-12; Hendley 1*-0-3; Ellis 2-3-7; Ellis 2-3-7; Dow 3-1-7.
*3-point baskets.

JV Chiefs Split Two Contests

The Chieftain junior varsity downed the River Road JV, 45-34 last Friday in North Amarillo. It was their second win of the district season over the Wildcat JVs.

Then on Tuesday, the visiting Dimmitt JV outscored the Friona five, 60-34, beating the Friona JV for the second time.

Joseph Bustos scored 15 points to pace the B-Chiefs' win at River Road, and Jeremy Smith added 11.

Tyson Neill had a great game against the Dimmitt JV, scoring 19 points. Unfortunately, this was 53% of his team's total points.

CHIEF JV 45, RR 34
Joseph Bustos 6-3-15; Tyson Neill 2-1*-0-7; Jeremy Smith 5-1-11; Garcia 1-0-2; Mata 4-0-8; Cason White 0-2-2.

CHIEF JV 34, DHS 60
Fitzgerald 1*-0-3; Bustos 0-5-5; White 1*-0-3; Neill 4-2*-5-19; Burleson 0-0-0; Mata 1-0-2.
*3-point baskets.



SURROUNDED BY PURPLE....Friona Squaw Christina Santellana tries to find any little opening in the Dimmitt defense. The Squaws took a tough loss and were eliminated from playoff contention. (ron carr photo)



ACTION UNDERNEATH....Squaw post Whitney Ellis (30) logged a lot of miles under the basket Tuesday night as she battled for space with Dimmitt post Amber Matthews. At left is sophomore Squaw Crystal Dow. (ron carr photo)

JV Squaws Rally; Top DHS, 36-34

The Friona Squaws' junior varsity staged a fourth-quarter rally here Tuesday to score a come-from-behind win over Dimmitt, and continue their excellent season, which now stands at 11-1 in district and 20-3 for the season.

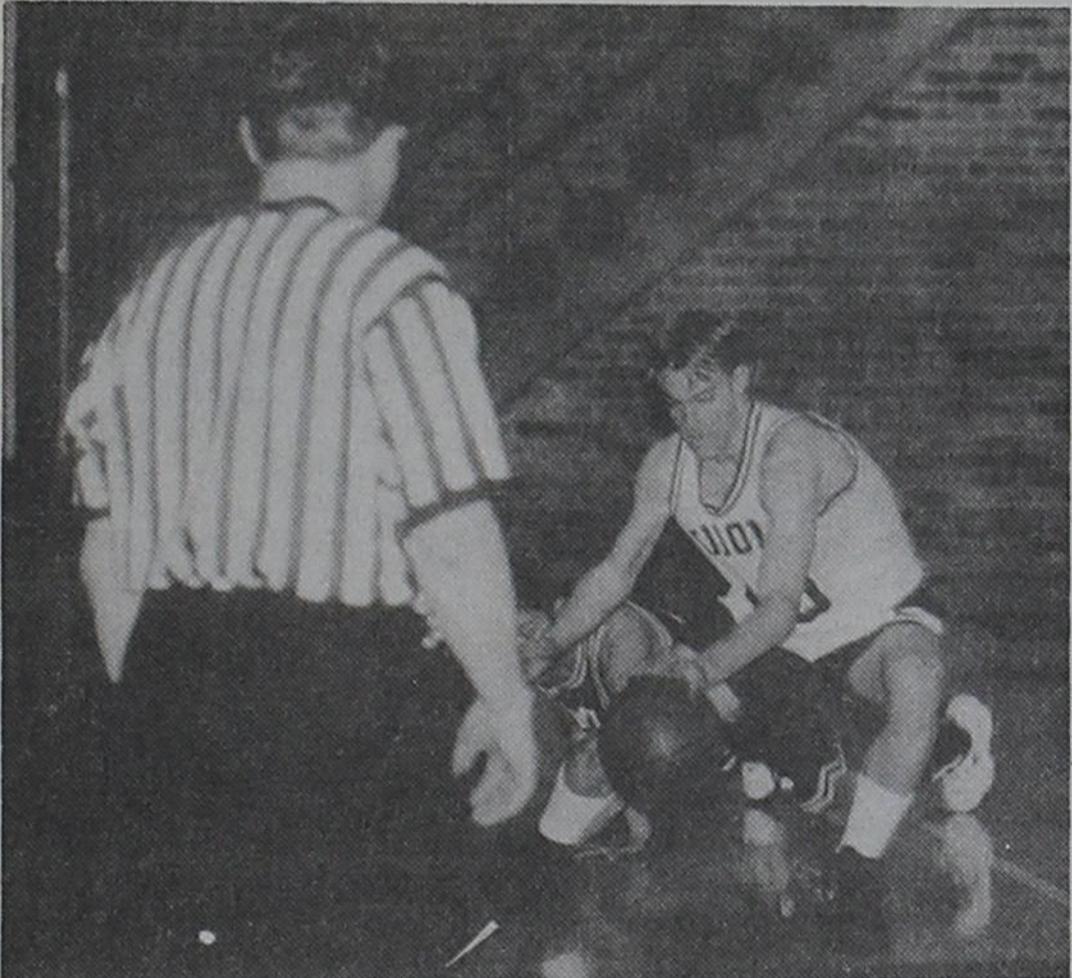
VLynda Wilcox scored eight of Friona's nine first-quarter points to pace a 9-7 first-quarter lead. Dimmitt led 21-17 at halftime and 28-22 after three quarters. But the team unleashed M'Kell Jarecki on the Bobbies in the final quarter. She scored ten points to pace the comeback. She had high-point honors with 12 and Miss Wilcox scored 11.

Last Friday the team scored a 46-37 win at River

Road. The three "50s" girls scored 38 of the team's points: Kayla Smiley (number 53) scored 14; Jamille Hand (number 51) scored 13, and VLynda Wilcox (number 55) scored 11.

SQUAWS JV 46, River Road 37
Diamond Aguirre 1-2-4; VLaura Wilcox 0-1-1; Lesli Fiel 1*-0-3; Jamille Hand 3-7-13; Kayla Smiley 6-2-14; VLynda Wilcox 5-1-11.

SQUAWS JV 36, Dimmitt JV 34
Aguirre 1-0-2; Fiel 2-0-4; Jarecki 4-1*-1-12; Hand 2-0-4; Smiley 0-3-3; VLynda Wilcox 5-1-11.



GOT IT!....Sophomore Chieftain Landon Martin corrals a loose ball in the exciting win over Dimmitt. (ron carr photo)

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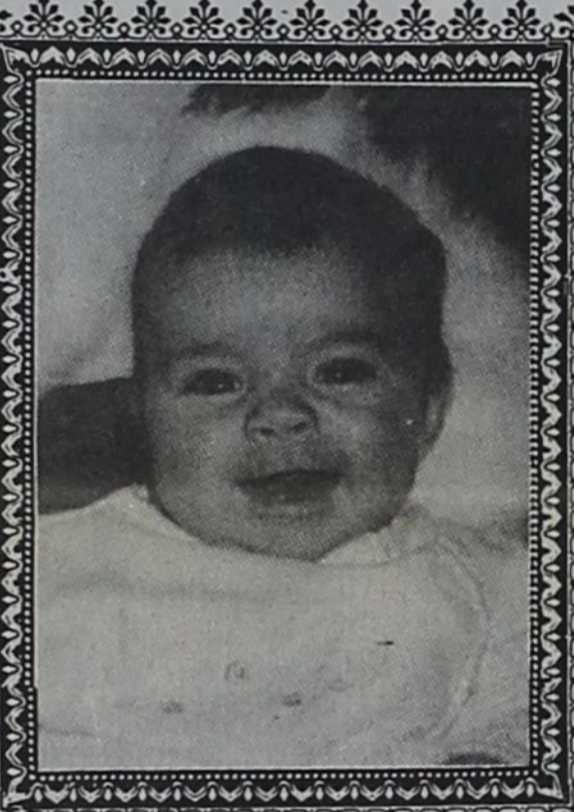
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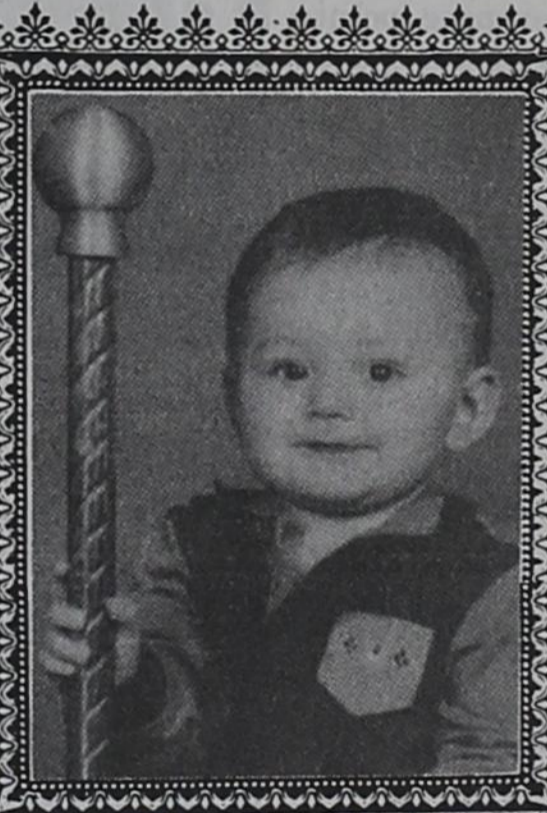
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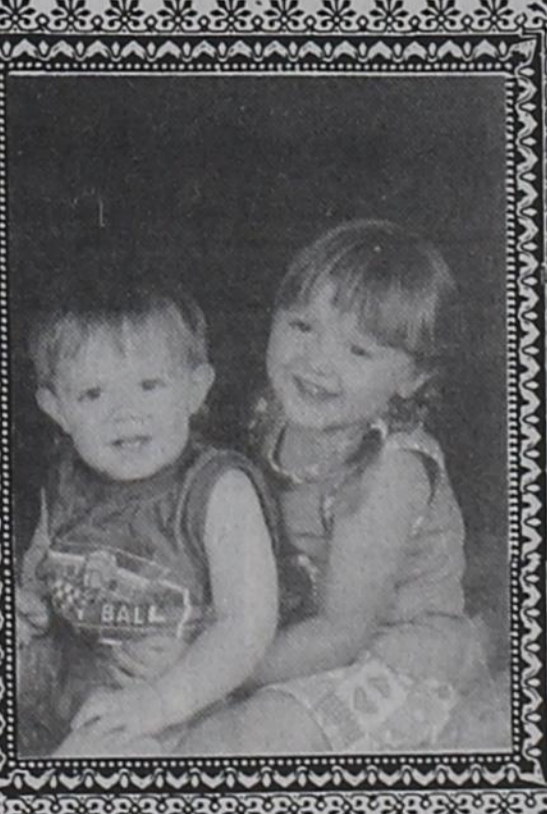
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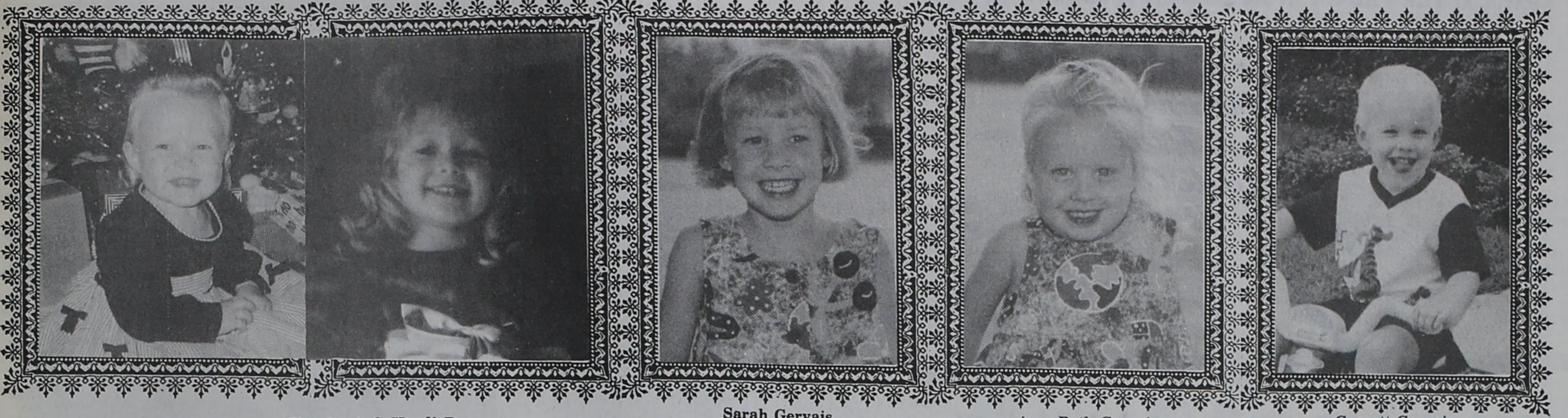
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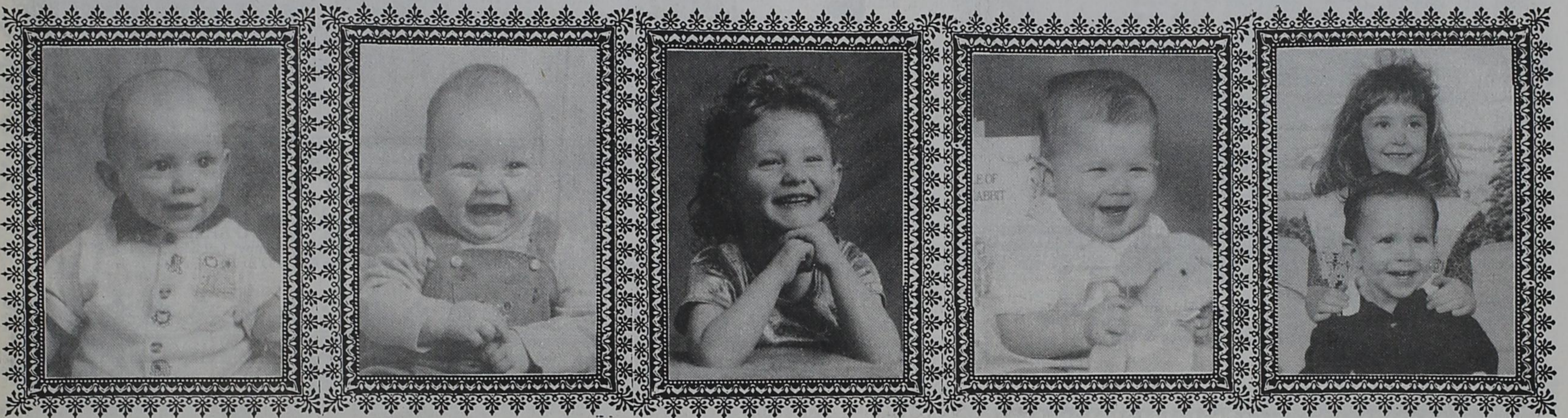
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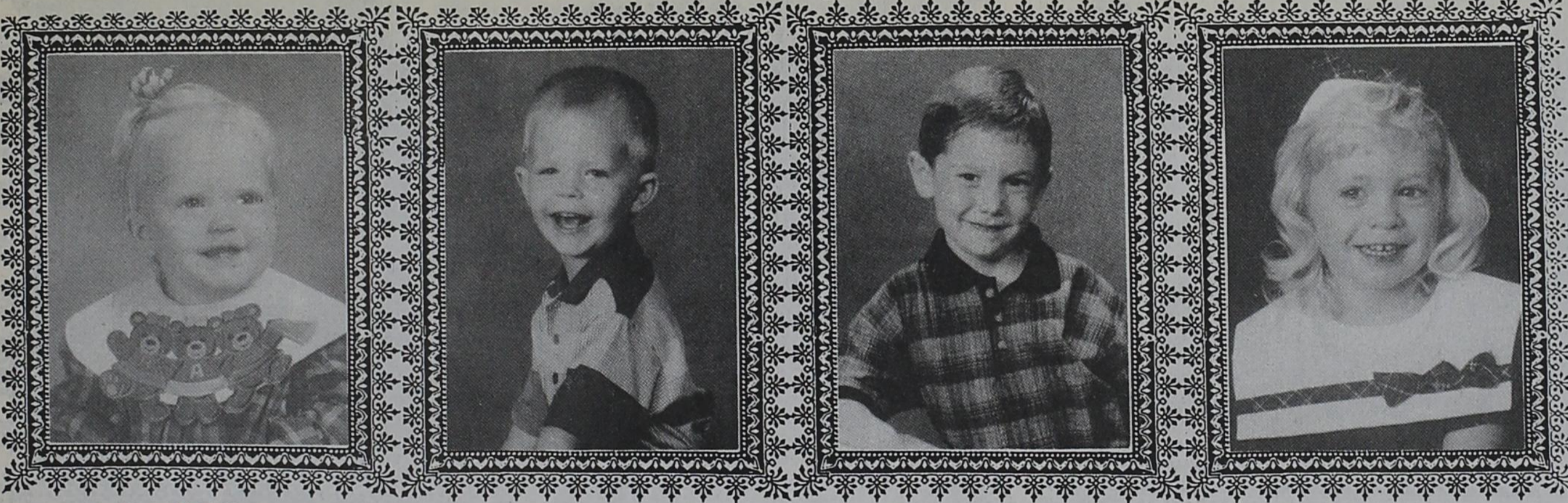
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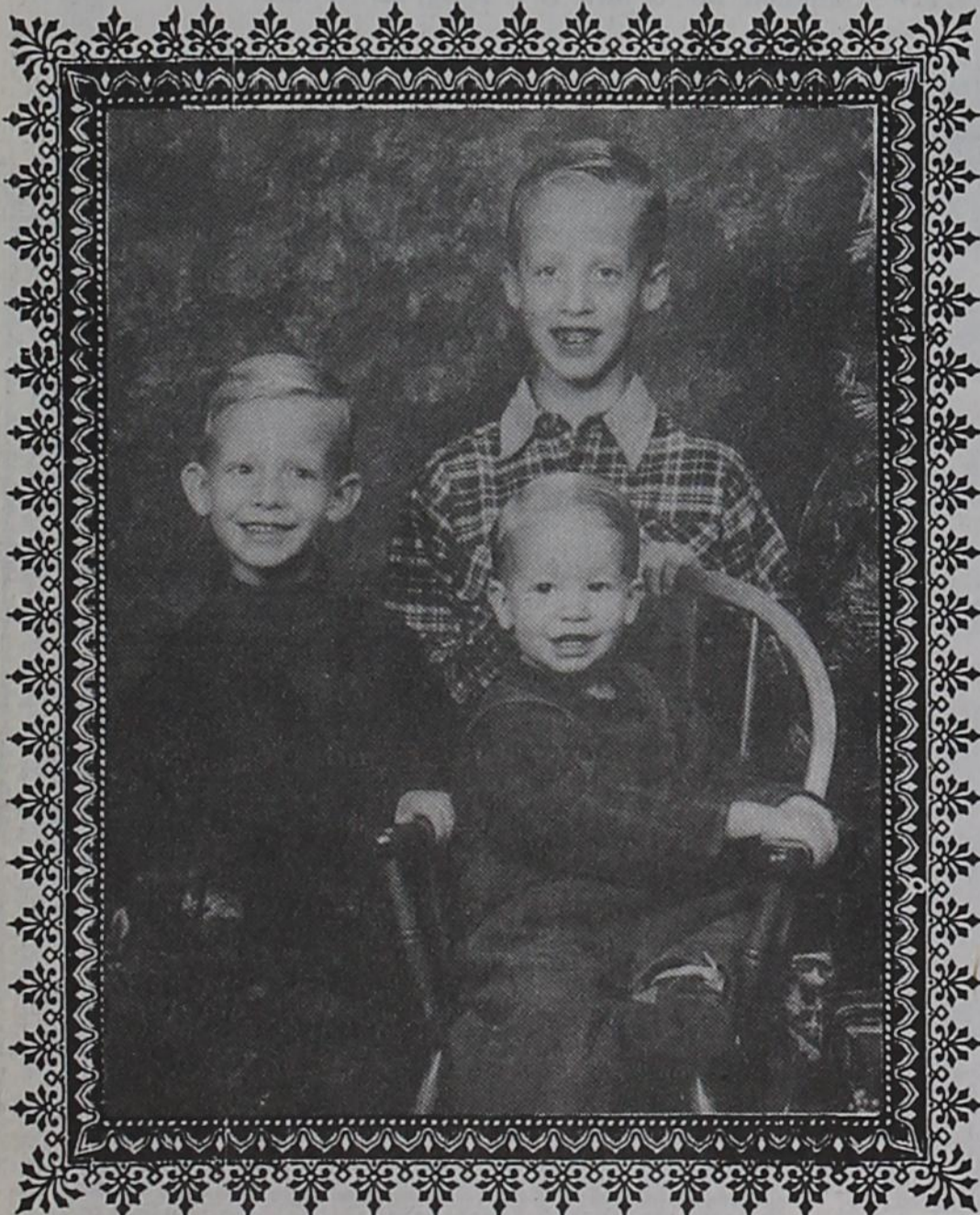


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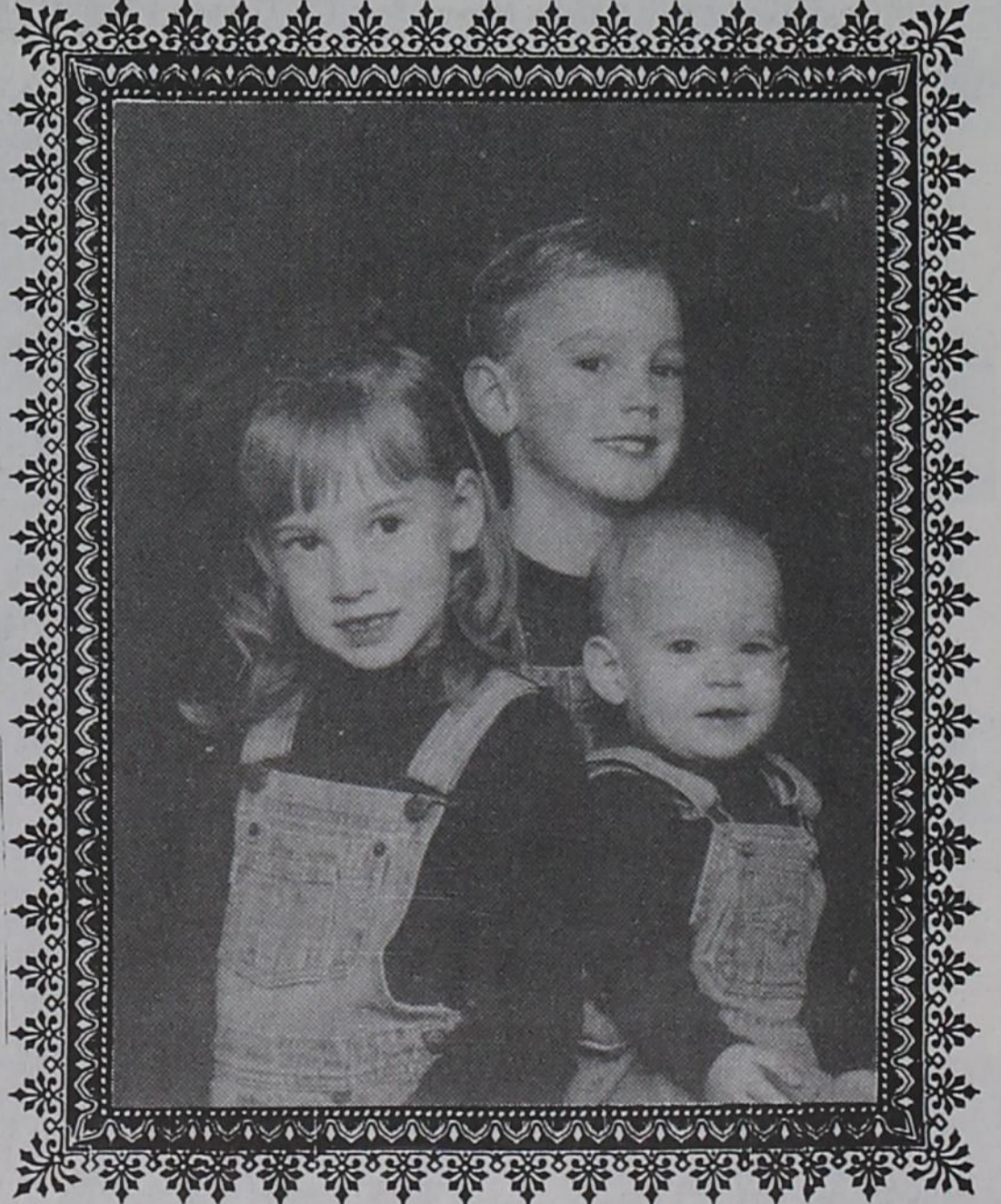
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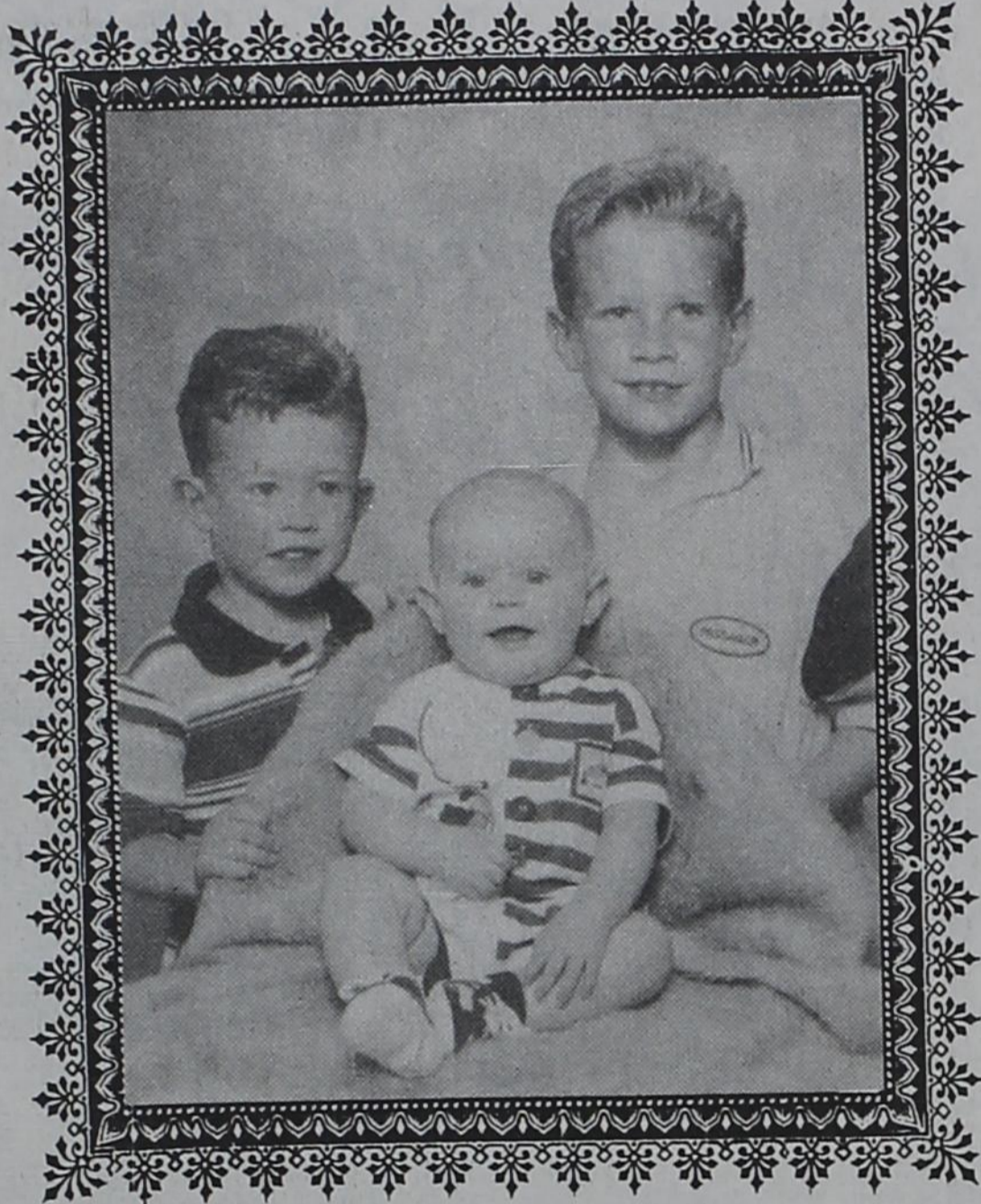


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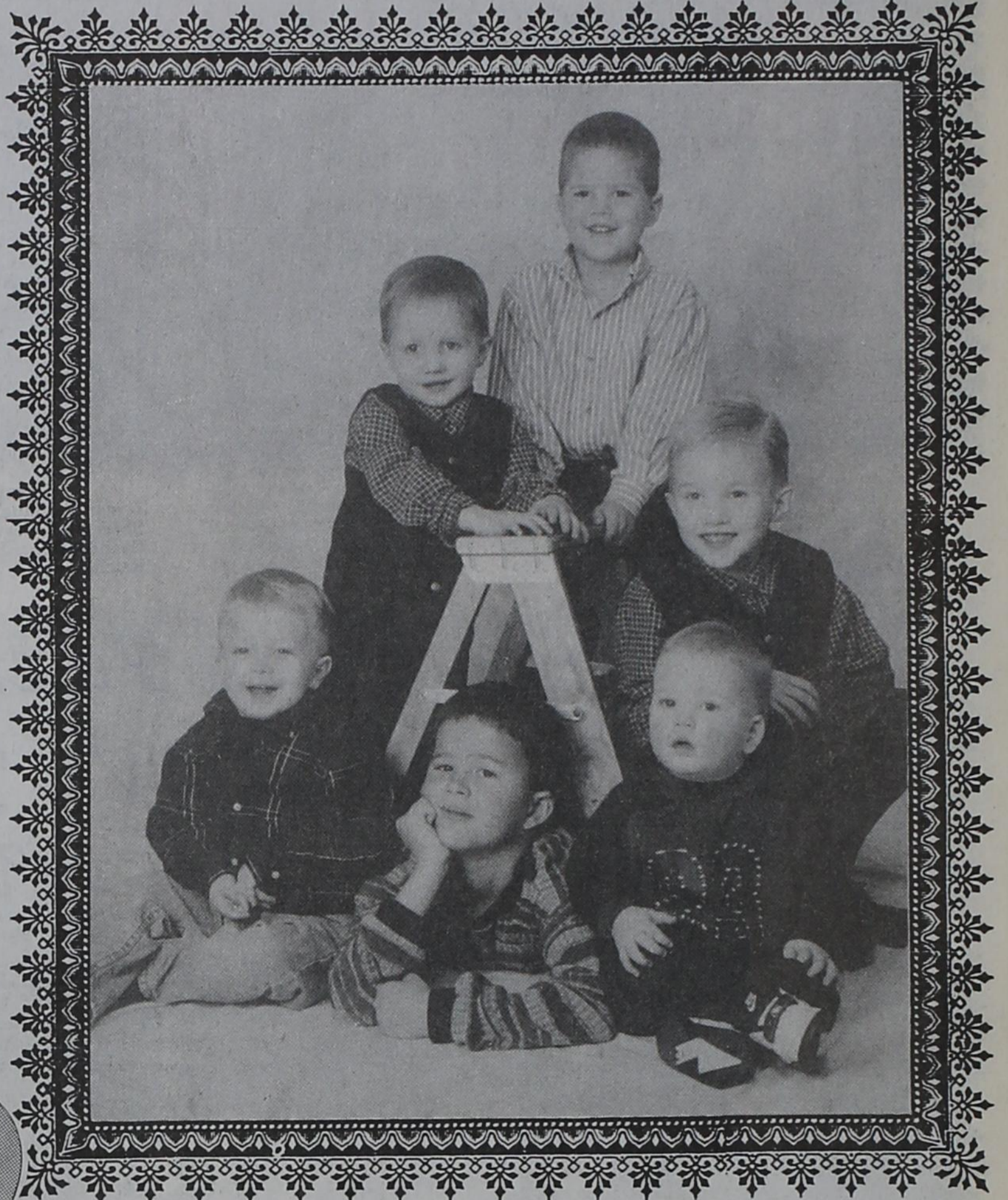
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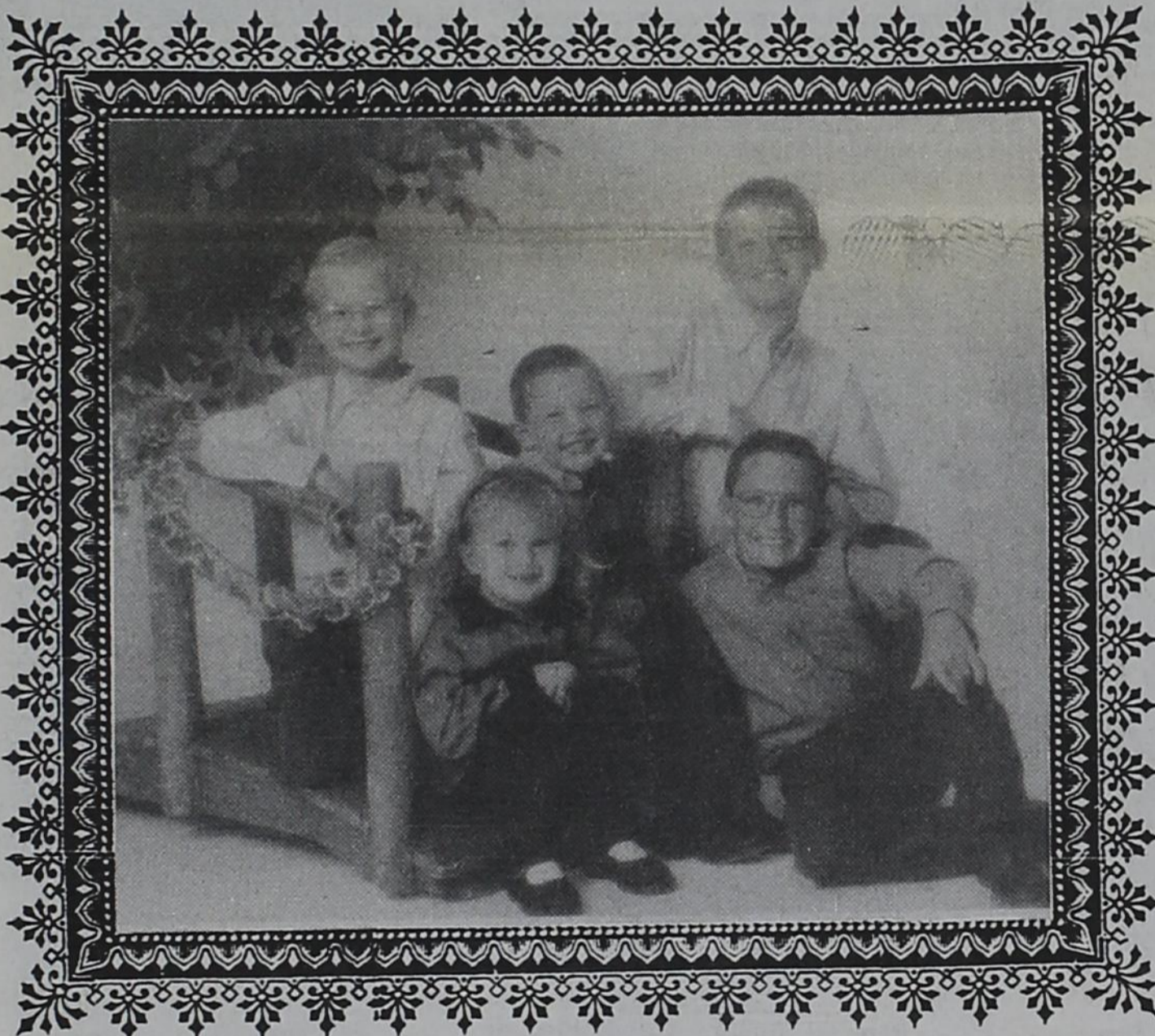
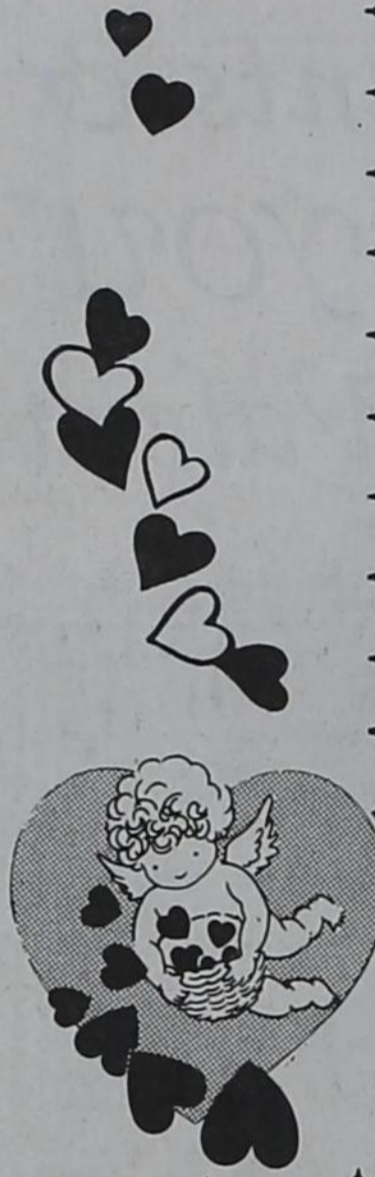
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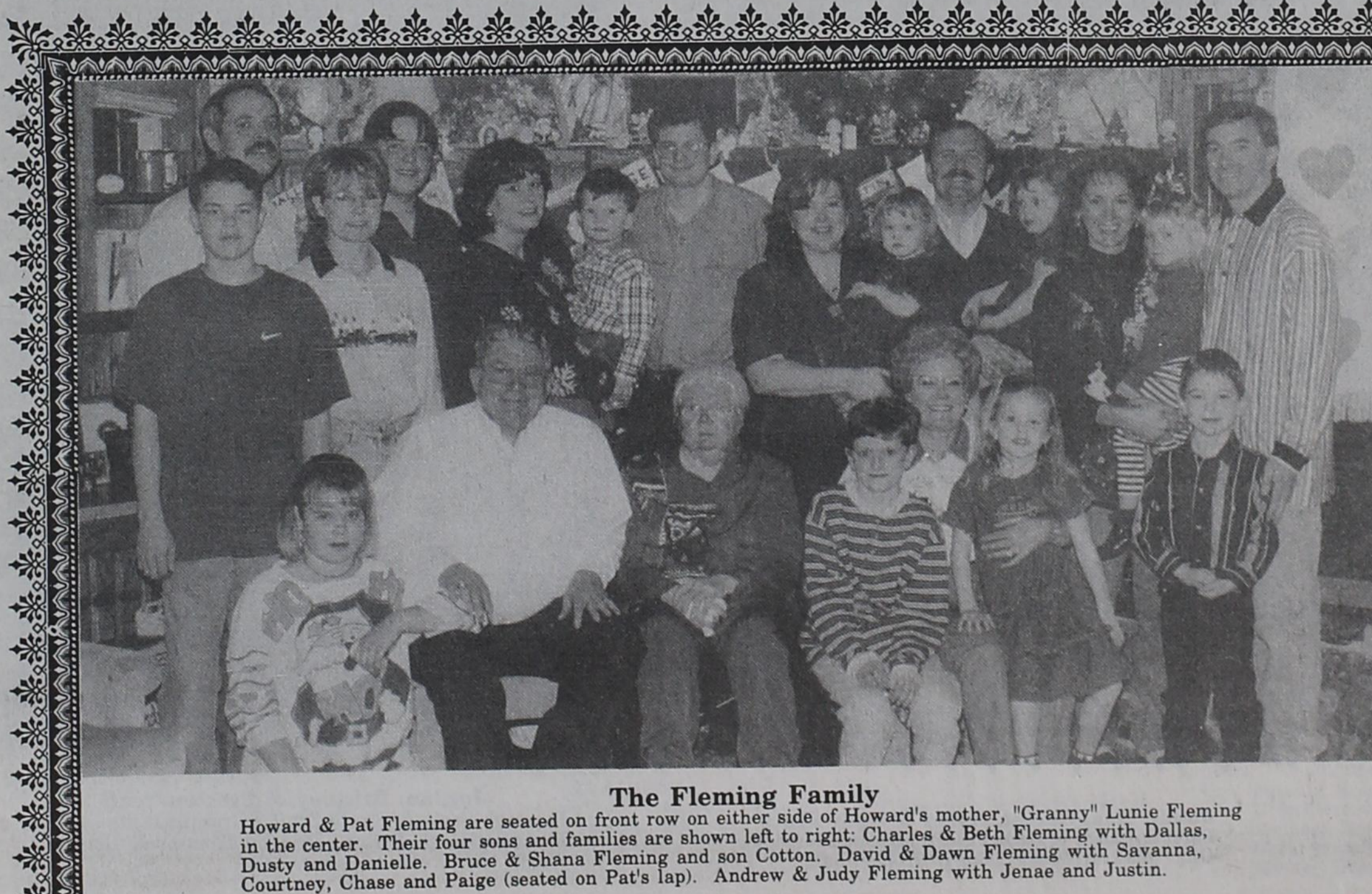
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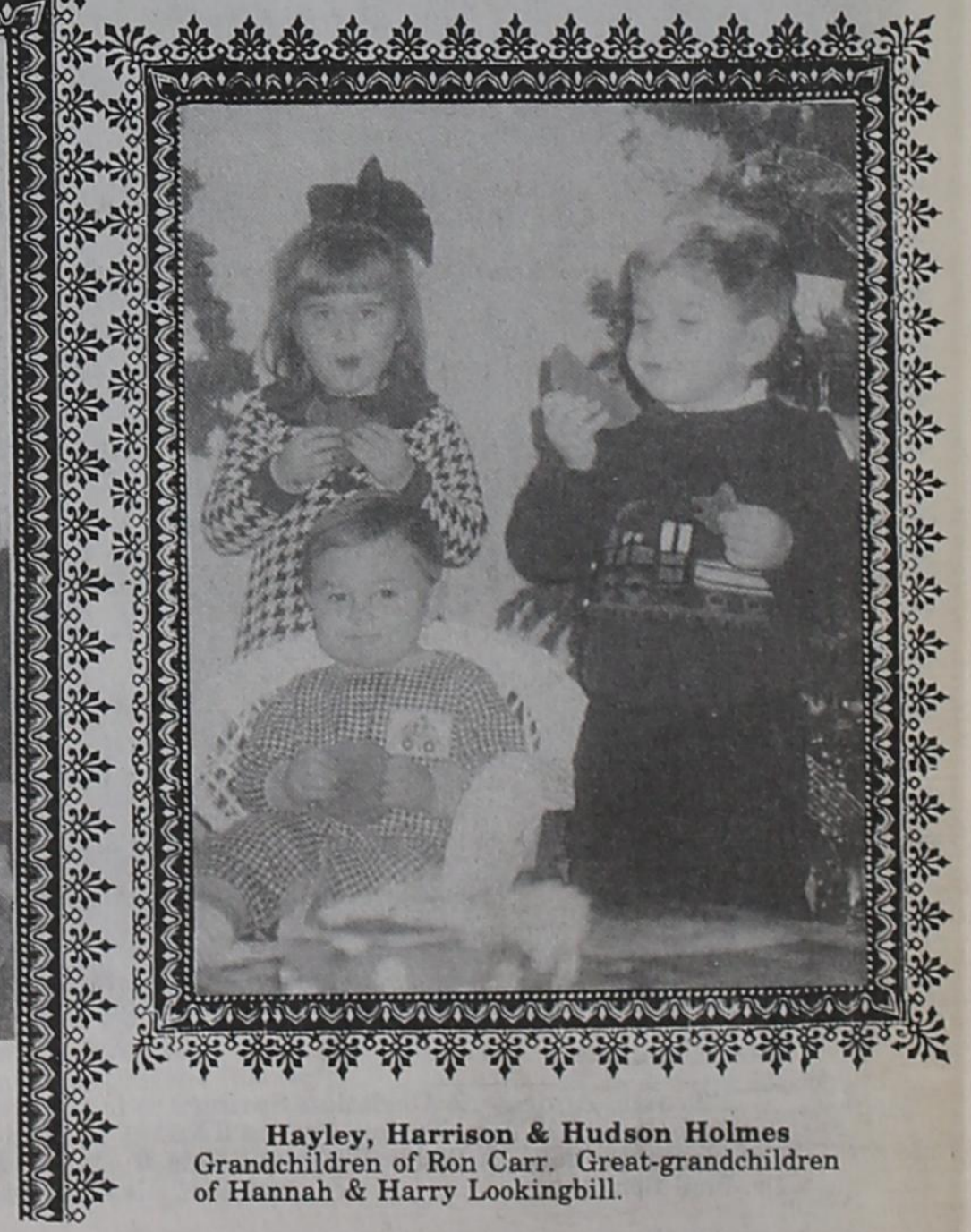
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Howard & Pat Fleming are seated on front row on either side of Howard's mother, "Granny" Lunie Fleming in the center. Their four sons and families are shown left to right: Charles & Beth Fleming with Dallas, Dusty and Danielle. Bruce & Shana Fleming and son Cotton. David & Dawn Fleming with Savanna, Courtney, Chase and Paige (seated on Pat's lap). Andrew & Judy Fleming with Jenae and Justin.



Hayley, Harrison & Hudson Holmes
Grandchildren of Ron Carr. Great-grandchildren of Hannah & Harry Lookingbill.

Modern Study Club Has Several Meetings

Modern Study Club met February 3, 1998 at the Women's Clubhouse. President Nellie Shelton called the meeting to order and welcomed the club members and guests.

Program Director Donna Mears introduced guest musician DaLinda Black, a junior at Friona High School. DaLinda played an outstanding, beautiful flute solo, Sonata #4.

Donna Mears introduced the program for the evening, "Graphoanalysis". The

purpose of the program was to educate members about the broad aspects of lifelong learning and to provide them with the tools that enable them to further the education of women.

Special guest educator Becky Riethmayer gave an interesting account of how "graphoanalysis" can give you a definite advantage in understanding yourself and others through handwriting analysis. It is an important aid for school counselors, since graphoanalysis is a branch of applied psychology.

Riethmayer is a member, by invitation of the International Graphoanalysis Society, located in Chicago, Illinois. She is currently a secondary Friona High school English teacher. She has used handwriting analysis in her classrooms both to her benefit and her students.

A social time followed the meeting hosted by Eva Dean Kimbrough and Donna Mears.

The January 6th meeting of Modern Study Club, hosted special guest speaker Mike Hutson, from Prairie Insurance.

Program Director Sandra Turner stated, "The purpose of the program was to provide education on a variety of financial issues that face women today, and to develop confidence and skills needed to become informed financial decision makers."

On January 20th the Modern Study Club hosted special guest speakers, Jo Blackwell and Deb Hendley. Turner stated the purpose of the program was to expand awareness of the most prevalent medical problems affecting women today and by doing so, to enable women to adopt a more knowledgeable approach to optimizing their own physical health and quality of life.

For the January program, guest musicians Amy and Brenda Murphree, Jacy Grimsley, Stephanie and Kimberly Jones and Holly Hand, students of Charles Turner, presented several musical selections on the piano.



D'ANNE JONES and BROCK BAKER....Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, D'Anne, to Brock Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Friona. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, February 28 at 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 308 Third Street, Bovina. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to the ceremony and reception.

Happy Birthday

Week of February 15-21

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

February 15--Lee Allen Kube, Donna Schueler, Jamie Pena, Doug Whatley, Tonya Stovell, Delbert Putman, Ashleigh Hayes, Walter Kessler.

February 16--Melissa Bass, Minnie Albert, Marion Fite, Shawn Butler, Gloria Burkhardt, Amy Kelly Schueler.

February 17--Allo Reeve, Brent Riethmayer, Donald Stone, Frances Saiz Hawkins, Michael Saiz.

February 18--Louis Welch, Ginger Stephens, Dianna Wright, Irma Mendoza, Heather Clark, Andy Hurst.

February 19--Marty Gonzales, Rex Nelson, Minnie Knight, Kathy Stone, Joyce Miller Marshall, Jill Brown, Heath Gammon.

February 20--John Edd Duke, Jr., Larry Potts, Clint Hurst, Cody Bracken, Tina Cole, Gretchen Edelman, Luis Martinez.

February 21--LaFawnda Mays, Sunni Graves, Kyle Barnett, Joe A. Guerra, Lacy Venhaus.

R. Neelleys Have New Grandchild

Robert and Connie Neelley of Friona are grandparents to a new granddaughter, Caroline Amanda. Her parents are Ben and Amanda Neelley of McAllen.

She was born January 27, 1998 at 11:41 a.m. at Rio Grande Regional Hospital in McAllen. She weighed eight pounds, five ounces and

measured twenty inches long. Caroline's older brothers are George, five and Paul, two.

Other grandparents are Clifton and Sally Stacy of Pearsall, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Janice LaMaster of Perryton, Bert and Melba Neelley of Lubbock, Amanda Hunt of Corpus Christi and Pauline Stacy of Pearsall.

Tom Edwards All-American Team Member

Tom Edwards, investment representative with the Hereford office of Edward Jones, has been named to the All-American Team of The American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Edwards was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Hereford area and for excellence in financial counseling in mutual fund investments and variable annuity contracts.

Edwards has been with Edward Jones since July 1996. He has been in the financial services field fourteen years.

Honors he has received included the Putnam Investments Directors Award in 1993; was made a member of the BA Investments Advisory Council in 1994; in 1994 and 1995 he received the Top Producers Award from BA Investment Services and in 1996 he received the Edward Jones Regional Leader Award and the Edward Jones Winners Circle Award.

Before coming to the Edward Jones staff, he served as vice president with BA Investment Services and a vice president with Bank of America Texas.

He graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas in 1990 with an agri-business degree. He lives in Hereford with his wife, Monica, and their children, Stephen and Colby.

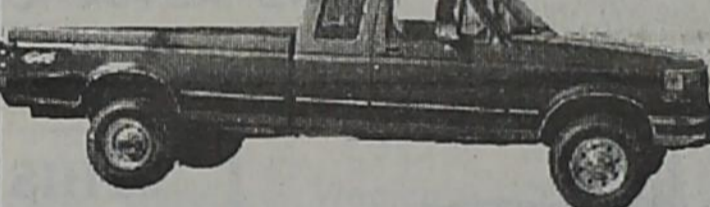
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School Bd. Candidate Workshop Scheduled

Area school board candidates and interested citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service at a school board candidate workshop, Thursday, February 26, 7-9 p.m. at the

Singing Set Sunday At Okla. Lane

Reverend Neely Landrum pastor of Bovina United Methodist Church and Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church has announced that the churches will host an old-fashioned singing.

Sunday night, February 15, all area residents are invited to the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church for the singing, which will start at 7 p.m.

There will be old gospel hymns and special music from individuals and groups from the surrounding community.

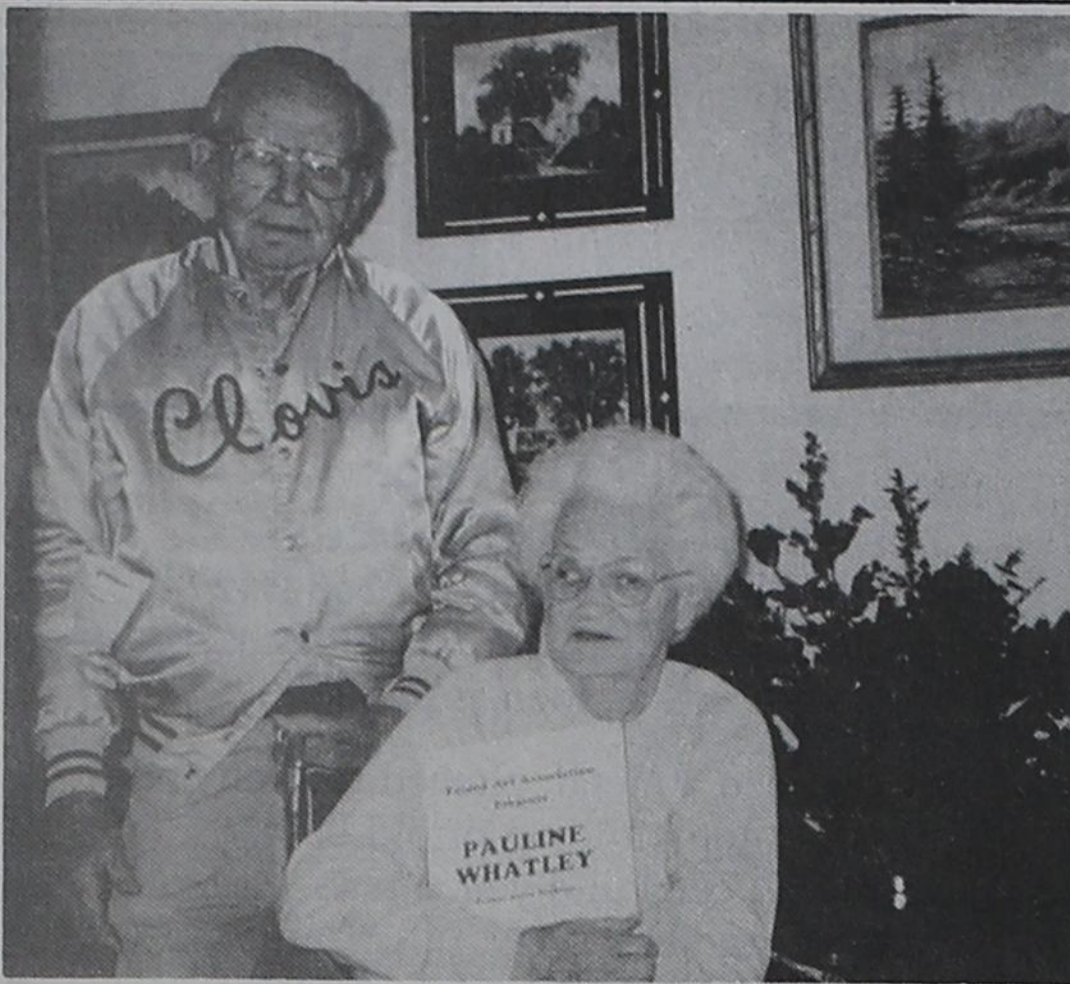
Join the singing celebration Sunday night, February 15, 7 p.m., at Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 South Cleveland, Amarillo).

The workshop will provide school board candidates and other interested citizens with a better understanding of what is involved in being and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members, and current school board members. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6161.



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Deaf Smith Electric To Offer Scholarship

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative announces a new \$10,000 scholarship program. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in May of 1998.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least letters of recommendation from teachers, principal, counselors, etc.

Selection will be based on the following primary criteria: grade point average, community activities, community activities, service work and recommendations.

Secondary criteria will

include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 13, 1998. Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

R. Shirley's Sister Dies In Hereford

Hester Thompson, 84, passed away Thursday, February 12, 1998 at Hereford Care Center.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.m. in Parkside Chapel with Reverend Harlan Resch and Reverend G.A. Van Hoose officiating. Interment will follow in West Park cemetery in Hereford.

Mrs. Thompson was born May 18, 1913 in Conowa, Oklahoma, the daughter of Frank and Zellie Shirley. She married Jasper "Les" Thompson on November 11, 1931 in Portales, New Mexico and was married for sixty-six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson moved to Hereford in 1935. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Hereford.

Survivors include her husband, Jasper "Les" Thompson of Hereford; one son, Leslie Thompson, Jr. of Denison; one daughter, Shirley Neighbors of Whitesboro and two daughters-in-law; Shirley Davis of Manteca, California and Glenda Thompson of Littlefield.

Also surviving is one sister, Rhoda Stevens of San Jose, California; one brother, Ralph Shirley of Friona; ten grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jackie Thompson and Bob Davis.

PCG To Elect New Director

Parmer County cotton producers and agribusiness members of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will elect a Business Director to the PCG Board of Directors at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 1998. The meeting will be held at the Spudnut Shop Restaurant in Farwell.

Announcement of the election comes from Mark Williams of Farwell, Parmer County Producer Director to the 25-county cotton organization, and Donald Christian of Farwell, current Business Director.

Each of the counties in PCG's service area has two directors, one a business representative and the other a cotton producer. They are elected on alternate years for two-year terms.

WTAMU Offers Water Management Course

The Dryland Agriculture Institute and the Continuing Education Center at West Texas A&M University will venture into the northern and southern portions of the Texas Panhandle during February to offer two sections of a course on water management.

"Agricultural Water Management" will meet from 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays February 10-24 at the Friona State Bank and February 12-26 at the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station North Plains Research Field in Etter. Both sections will cover the same units of study, focusing on the basic principles of water conservation and water-use efficiency.

"This is the third year we've offered this course, but it's the first time we've presented it off campus," Dr. Bob A. Stewart, director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute at WTAMU and instructor of the course, said.

"I thought getting us off campus might make it more convenient. There were a lot of people who came a long way last year. I thought it would be worth a try to get us out in the community."

Specific subjects will include rainfall probabilities and distribution; assessing risk associated with growing corn under dryland or limited irrigation; understanding the Potential Evapotranspiration Network (PET); crop residue management for water conservation; and crop-livestock systems as an alternative to grain production for more efficient use of rainfall.

"It is critically important to use our water efficiently," Stewart said. "As our water table declines, the irrigation portion of our agriculture is going to continue to decline. We've got to better manage what we've got left and utilize our rainfall. Rainfall is the only source of water for dryland farmers. If you are an irrigation farmer, rainfall

is still your most important source of water."

Stewart is Distinguished Professor of Agriculture at the University and former director of the U.S.D.A. Conservation and Production research Laboratory at Bushland.

WTAMU is aiming the course at farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation resources.

The cost of the course is \$48. For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at 806/651-2037.



K. Amundson Gets 3 Years Probation

Kirstin Amundson, the 18-year-old Pratt, Kansas, girl who was jailed December 11 for cocaine possession, has received three-years probation.

Ms. Amundson came to Parmer County as the girlfriend of Michael Treadway, who is in jail in New Mexico for the murder of Red Prather of Farwell.

She was not implicated in the robbery-murder, but has been in Parmer County jail since the incident on cocaine charges.

Along with her court-appointed attorney, Kathryn Gurley of Friona, Ms. Amundson appeared in Judge Jack Young's 287th District Court last Tuesday where she pled guilty to the possession charge.

According to Sheriff Rex Williams, Ms. Amundson was sentenced to three years in a state jail facility, which was granted as three-years' deferred adjudication, a \$500 fine and court costs. The court agreed to allow her to serve the three-years' adjudication in Montana where her father lives.

Deferred adjudication is the same as probation, except after the adjudication period is served, the charges do not appear on an individual's record.

Ms. Amundson is expected to leave Parmer County for Kansas this weekend with her mother and aunt, and is required to report to Montana authorities by March 1, according to the sheriff.

Crisis Ctr. Volunteer Training Set

The Hereford Women's and Children's Crisis Center will start a volunteer training Tuesday, February 17. The group will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the XIT Communications Building, 809 South 25 Mile Avenue in Hereford.

Different speakers will discuss such areas as domestic violence, sexual assault, listening skills, the role of law enforcement, child abuse, legal choices, suicide and community resources.

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HONOR KIDS...Friona Jr. High students-of-the-month for January are, front, l-r, V'Lesha Wilcox, Amber Widner, Jenny Echevarria, back, l-r, Brock Field, Joey Dominguez, Roy Loya.

Frionans Named To Dean's List

Eight hundred-forty West Texas A&M University students, eight from Friona, earned mention on the Dean's List for the 1997 fall semester.

Students on the Dean's List achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students from Friona are Jimmy Arias, junior English major; Courtney Carthel, sophomore Mathematics major; Davy Hamilton, junior General Business major; Jenny Hamilton, sophomore Reading major; Jennifer M. Hyde, senior Music major; Greg Lewellen, freshman Medical Technology major; Eric Rushing, senior Animal Science; and Michael Rushing, junior Agribusiness major.

Eric Rusing was also mentioned on the President's List in recognition of achieving a semester GPA of 3.85 or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

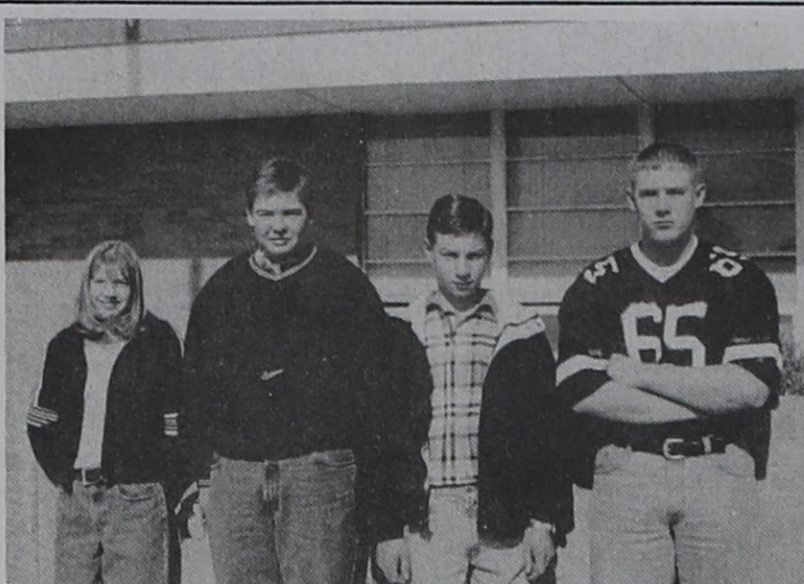
E. Rushing Makes Who's Who List

The 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 39 West Texas A&M University students who were selected as outstanding campus leaders.

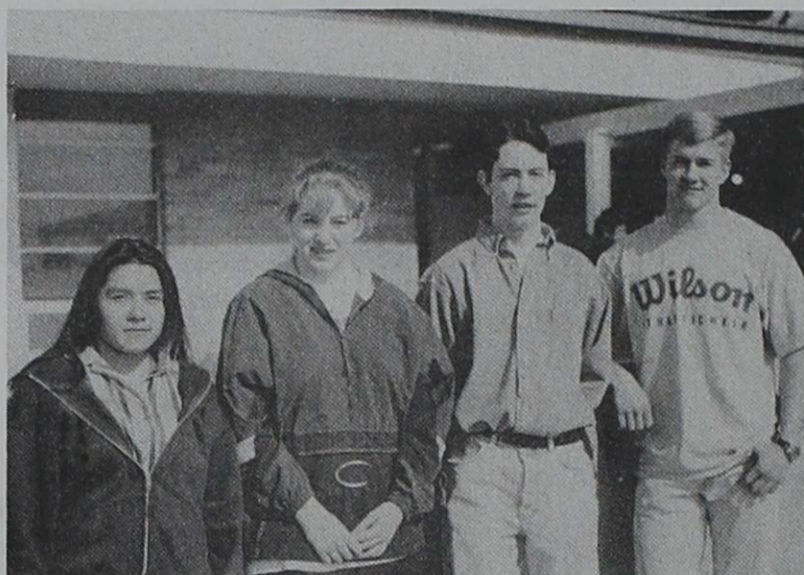
Nominees were required to be full-time students with at least sixty hours of college credit and minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional criteria included a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, service to the University and potential for future achievement.

Eric Rushing, a senior animal science major, of Friona was inducted.



DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT...Selected by teachers as "Students of the Month" at Friona High School for December were: (left to right) freshman, Jena Grimsley; sophomore, Trent Cook; junior, Nathan Terry; and senior, Perry Hanes.



JANUARY HONOR KIDS...Students selected by Friona High School teachers as "Students of the Month" for January were: (left-right) freshman, Christina Ortega; sophomore, Jamille Hand; junior, Clint Burney; and senior, Jeff Hamilton.

Jenny Ahrhart Makes WBU Dean's List

The Dean's List for the fall semester from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, was released this week by Dean Williamson, director of public relations.

Dean's List honorees must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university level.

Jenny Ahrhart, daughter of Joan Ahrhart of Friona, was on the Dean's List.



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By MICHAEL WILKINS
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I would like to thank Kenneth Watters for hiring me for the work program.

M. Jeter Is Graduate Of WTAMU

Friona graduate, Michael Jeter, was among the 367 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December 19 commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 54 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 313 graduates.

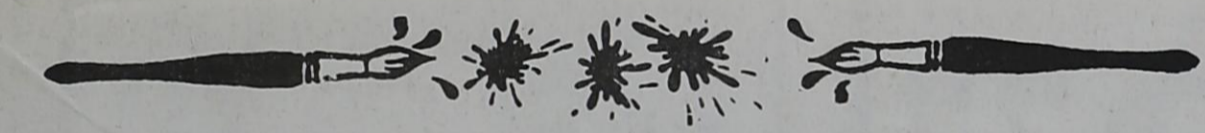
Jeter graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science.

WTAMU's graduating class represented seven states and sixty-one cities and towns in Texas.

D. Magby Makes Tech Pres, List

Dawnda Magby, a 1994 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, was named to the President's Honor List at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

Her parents are Skip and Debbie Magby of Lazbuddie. To make the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average.



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COMFY OLD QUILT...This quilt on display at Prairie Acres was made by sisters Jewel Robason and Lillian Jones' grandmother Parsons in the 1920s. Jewel and Lillian, seated, are Prairie Acres residents. They are being visited by their sisters Sue Inmon and Dophene Betzen of Hereford. (ron carr photo)

Association Honors Michael Rushing

The Panhandle Livestock Association celebrated its annual convention Saturday, February 7 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

A full day of activities provided fellowship between ranching families, while informing its members of current issues pertinent to ranchers of the Texas Panhandle. PLA seeks to preserve the ranching heritage of this area.

The entertainment during the luncheon included a "History of the Texas Panhandle" through story and song using traditional cowboy music based on the 1880s put on by the Prairie Heirs of the Palo Duro Canyon.

An Arts Roundup was on display throughout the day with exhibits by artists.

Edward McIntyre, PLA president, presided during the

business meeting. Michael B. Rushing of Friona was introduced as the recipient of the PLA Scholarship to West Texas A&M University.

Troy Fitzgerald of Mosquero, New Mexico and Jason Baily of Seymour was introduced as the recipients of the PLA Scholarship to the Ranch and Feedlot Operations school at Clarendon College.

Realizing the importance of high education in the livestock industry, PLA raises funds for scholarships. Since 1992, the Panhandle Livestock Association has given \$20,000 to endow scholarships for Clarendon College Ranch and Feedlot Operations School. PLA has also given \$11,700 to a scholarship endowment at WTA&M for students in agriculture.

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TOP PARTS WINNERS.....Robbie Barrett, left, and parts manager Rick Carr, center, are congratulated by Case IH representative Gene Levitt on their 1997 parts department performance. Parmer County Implement was number 8 out of more than 2,000 dealers in the U. S. and Canada.

Local Case IH Dealer Listed In "Top Ten"

Parmer County Implement Company qualified for several awards for their 1997 performance.

According to Gene Levitt, Case's regional representative from Amarillo, Parmer County Implement was number eight out of 2,200 dealers in the U. S. and Canada in their percent of quota in parts sales.

Levitt explained that dealers participated in one of two categories. Large dealers were judged on total sales. Smaller dealers competed based on percent of sales reached toward a quota.

Parmer County Implement owner Bob Hurst said the employees at PCI

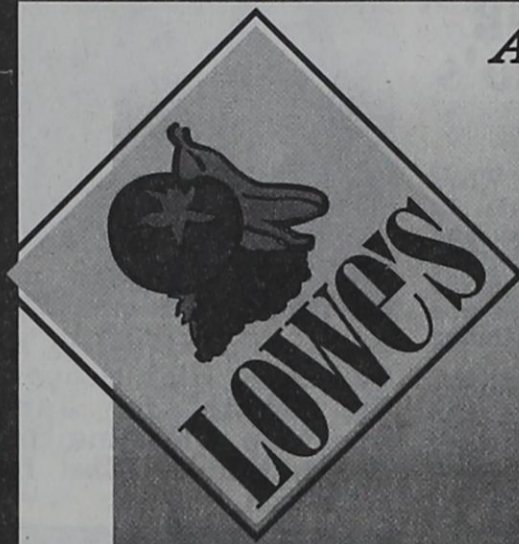
have more than 60 years experience and the dealership has been in Parmer County for 75 years.

Parts manager Rick Carr has 23 years service at Parmer County Implement and assistant parts manager Robbie Barrett has 15 years experience in the implement parts business.

Levitt said the dealership also scored 193 out of a possible 194 points in Case's evaluation of all departments of the company.

In addition to earning a Caribbean cruise and a diamond ring for their 1997 performance, Hurst said that Rick Carr also was inducted into the Case IH Parts Master Club.

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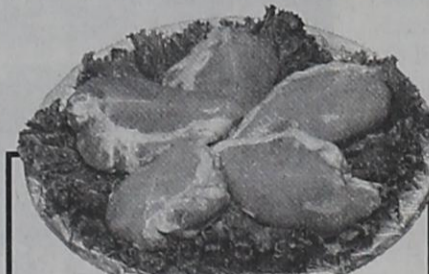
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