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By Bill Ellis



WE HAVE BEEN aware of this fact for quite some time, and probably you have as well. But a news release received in our offices this week made us realize just how big a difference we're talking about.

Parmer County has a lot more cattle within its boundaries than it has people.

A heck of a lot more. In the last census year (1990), Parmer County had a total of 9,830 souls. This did not quite qualify the county for "metropolitan" status.

On the other hand, Parmer County was "home" to 533,345 cattle. If this total had been our "human population," the county would have ranked in the top six or eight counties in the state.

Only Harris County (Houston), Dallas County, Tarrant County (Fort Worth) and Bexar County (San Antonio) had more than a million people each following the last census.

And after these, only El Paso and Travis counties had more people than Parmer County had "cattle people" of the latest count.

On the city level, Friona counted 3,789 souls in the last census. This at least qualified Friona for the "urban" ranking (cities with at least 2,500 population).

However, when you add up the cattle population in feedlots surrounding Friona, you get the figure of 170,000. Had these been human "souls," this would have allowed the city to have made a run at being in the top ten cities of our state.

Bovina, which counted 1,499 people in the 1990 census, tallied 80,000 cattle at its last census.

Farwell had a census total of around 1,375, and a cattle census of 25,000. Lazbuddie had a "people population" of around 250, and a cattle count of 16,000.

(The cattle numbers actually turn out to be the one-time capacity for the feed yards, while the county's total was the total number of cattle fed during the calendar year. So, if you added up the "city" totals, it won't match the earlier county total.)

However, Ye Editor has always enjoyed living in a place where our animal population can outdo that of the people.

Carol and I tried the other extreme when we were newly married, and we soon returned to our roots. In fact, Ye Editor thought while in college he wanted to be a big-city newsman. Eighteen months of this allowed him to get this yearning out of his system.

This is no doubt what our Ron Carr was referring to in his first "Out Here" column, as his reasons for leaving Tulsa for the slower pace of Friona and Bovina.

THANKS TO ALL of you who purchased copies of our Tornado special edition. We mailed them as far away as Alaska. Plus, a couple from Alberta, Canada, stopped in the office to buy a couple of our specials.

The folks from Canada were in the area for the wheat harvest.

We have custom harvesters here who go up to the north for the harvest. Is this fruit-basket turnover, or what?

THE OTHER DAY Ye Ed opened a new bottle of Excedrin (standard equipment at our office), and lo and behold, there was no ball of cotton at the top.

We knew cotton prices were high, but have they reached the point that the aspirin people have quit using this little dab?? Or did inspector 12 just miss it?

If all the dabs of cotton that we have pulled out of medicine bottles over the years were piled into one place, they would probably fill up the entire Friona Star office.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: If you find yourself yearning for the good old days, just turn off the air conditioning.



Friona's July 4th Activities Given

Friona's July 4th program is shaping up for next Tuesday, with a program similar to last year.

The Friona Noon Lions will once again be sponsoring their hamburger and fries cookout, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the City Park.

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce will be selling ice tea and other drinks. Water also will be available. The Friona Boy Scouts will have a lemonade booth along with their ever-popular water weenies.

The Chamber of Commerce will have an ice cream booth. The Explorer Scouts will be selling "sausages and hot dogs." Modern Study Club will have baked goods.

The Girl Scouts will be selling snow cones and balloons. Friona EMS also have a booth, as will the D.A.R.E. program, headed by Roy Don Smith.

Patriotic entertainment will be held on the Depot landing, beginning at 8 p.m.

The fireworks display will be held beginning following the entertainment.

Everyone in the area is urged to attend the festivities, and support these local organizations.



RECEIVES AWARD....Raymond Delgado, who is retiring after 19 years with the Friona Independent School District, received his silver plate recently. Delgado has been a popular member of the school's janitorial staff and always has a smile. He says he wishes to thank the faculty, administration, and his fellow janitors for their friendship, and special thanks to Gayle Murdock, Dianne Morgan and Virginia Cleveland.

WHO AM I?

I have been all around the world. I've served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, the Mid-East. My travels go on and are endless.

I've led your sons when they conquered, I've covered their bodies in defeat.

I have been to your National ceremonies, to parades, post offices, banks, every event you Americans take place in.

Therefore, I assume you have displayed me to honor these things you care so deeply about.

Now, it's your turn to protect me..

Would you have burned me during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, the Mid-East or anywhere else that I led your troops?

When you buried your sons and placed me on their graves, would you have thought of burning me then?

When you had your ceremonies and parades, would you have burned me there?

I have cared so deeply for you all as a nation. Even your Presidents stand and take pride when I enter a room. I have always withstood any weather you have put me through and never once dishonored you. Now, it's your turn.

Defend me, honor me, respect me as I have you. I AM YOUR FLAG!

E. M. Bailey Transferred To Dallas

E. M. Bailey, the most seriously injured victim of Friona's June 2 tornado, will be transferred to the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute on Monday, July 3.

According to Mr. Bailey's daughter, Denise Hill of Amarillo, he has healed from his medical injuries, but remains in what Denise describes as "a coma".

Doctors at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo say they have done all they can do for Mr. Bailey's recovery at this point.

Mr. Bailey will be transferred by air ambulance on Monday. His wife will move to Dallas where she has a daughter and granddaughter to assist her while Mr. Bailey is in rehabilitation.

The Friona Star will keep you informed on Mr. Bailey's progress and will publish a mailing address when it is available.

UMC Sells Church Pews

The First United Methodist Church is selling many of its church pews due to a refurbishing of the sanctuary.

The pews are solid oak and have been in use at UMC since 1948. According to pastor Lee Roark, the fourteen foot pews are being offered for \$150.00 each. They can be dis-assembled into two 7 foot lengths, if two families want to go together and buy one pew.

The pews do not have built in cushions. The cushions are removable. What to do with a fourteen foot pew?

Maybe we should take one home and teach our kids how to sit still in church. For more information, contact the church at 247-3045.

Area Gets Nice Rain

The Friona area received a nice rain during the past week. On Saturday morning June 24 a slow-falling rain measured 1.32 inches, and the next morning another .18 inch was added. On Monday evening, another shower left .41 inch, for a total of 1.91 for the week. All of the rainclouds came out of the north.



ARS LATER...The Taylor family is selling books for the 38th year at the 4 Way Pump stand on W. 11th. Pictured is Amy Taylor, granddaughter of J. P. Sims, 4 Way Pump owner. Amy is operating the stand this year and earning money for college.

New Bank Setup Is Announced

Robert Neelley, President of Friona State Bank, has announced that Friona State Bank has become affiliated with Plains Capital Corporation, the parent company of Plains National Bank of West Texas in Lubbock.

The two organizations entered into a definitive agreement on June 21 that outlined the terms of the transaction. The transaction will be effective as of the date of approval by the Federal Reserve System and other regulators, with final approval expected in ninety to one hundred twenty days.

Under the terms of the agreement, Friona State Bank will continue to operate under its existing charter as an independent bank in Friona, with operations remaining separate from those of Plains National Bank.

Neelley states that the association will be beneficial to the bank and to the community as economies of scale will give the local bank more financial strength to support its customers.

"Plains National Bank is a strong, fast growing institution that has become a dominant bank in the

Lubbock market as a result of its excellent leadership and aggressive investment in the Lubbock community," Neelley said.

The association with Plains National, with assets of over five hundred sixty million dollars, will also enable the Friona bank to offer new modern banking services not available in the past.

There will be no changes in the bank's officers or bank personnel as a result of the affiliation. Robert Neelley, Gary Brown, Jerry Hinkle and Larry Knowles will remain on the bank's board of directors and Neelley will remain as the bank's president and chief executive officer.

Neelley emphasized that "Friona State Bank will remain the same Friona State Bank, the same people and the same community service bank that its customers have come to expect from our independent bank. The only changes anticipated are more and improved customer services, he said.

Neelley added, "We are excited about the new possibilities the affiliation will make possible, and look forward to providing excellent service to Friona and the trade area."

1995 Heading For Record Tornadoes

If you thought that we were having a lot more tornadoes than usual this year, then the following announcement will come as no surprise.

According to Doug Crowley of the National Weather Service in Amarillo, 55 to 60 tornadoes have been confirmed thus far in 1995. The all-time record was 62 tornadoes in the region in 1971.

The yearly average? Twenty tornadoes. More than that were spotted in the Panhandle area in a couple of weekends recently, which included the Friona, Dimmitt and Pampa storms.

Actually, the figures include Eastern New Mexico as well as the Texas Panhandle.

During one seven-day period, June 2-8, the weather service counted 35 twisters, which caused multi-million dollar destruction in Friona and Pampa.

"A lot of weather perimeters came together in the right situation," said Crowley. "Colliding air masses of different descriptions, warm moist air from the coast, cool air from the Northwest."

Another explanation given for this year's high tornado total gives credit to better technology and volunteers out tracking more funnel clouds, he said.

The largest funnel reported in 1995 has been a mile-wide beast that struck the eastern Panhandle

near Allison with winds from 207-260 M.P.H.

Fewer than five per cent of all tornadoes nationwide ever reach this intensity, and this was the level of Friona's tornado.

So far, only one death has been reported—that one in the tornado that hit near Canyon on May 6. However, E.M. Bailey of Friona has remained hospitalized in critical

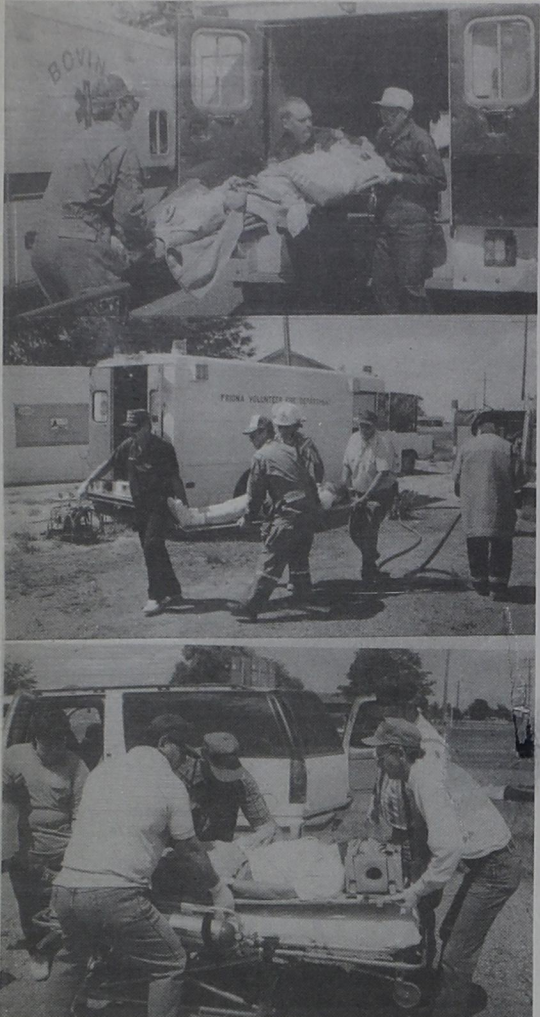
condition since Friona's June 2 storm.

Friona's damage was estimated at \$23.7 million, and has been second only to the damage in San Angelo, which is estimated at \$78.9 million to homes and \$34.8 million to businesses.

Following is a list of the five major storms, according to the Associated Press:

By The Associated Press

- Damage reports from West Texas cities pummeled by spring storms:**
- Friona**
Date: June 2 tornado
Affected: 14 homes destroyed or uninhabitable; 25 businesses destroyed or heavily damaged. A man injured at his trailer home remains hospitalized in critical condition.
Damage estimate: \$23.7 million
- Pampa**
Date: June 8 tornado
Affected: 43 homes destroyed, 155 homes damaged; 23 businesses destroyed, 26 damaged. Seven people were hospitalized.
Damage estimate: \$19 million
- San Angelo**
Date: May 28 hail and probable tornadoes
Affected: 675 homes destroyed or damaged beyond habitability, another 9,166 homes damaged; 21 businesses destroyed, 676 businesses damaged. A 7-year-old boy caught in storm drain came out of a coma; minor cuts and bruises to others.
Damage estimate: \$78.9 million to homes, \$34.8 million to businesses
- Vernon**
Date: May 26 small tornado; June 4 flash flood; June 9 flash flood
Affected: about 100 homes damaged. No serious injuries.
Damage estimate: more than \$500,000, plus about \$1 million to Wilbarger County roads and bridges
- Canyon**
Date: May 6
Affected: One man killed and two women injured. High Plains Baptist Assembly seriously damaged.
Damage estimate: Not available



"RESCUE" WORKERS....Friona and Bovina EMS crews and firemen worked last Sunday at a "mock" accident at the Hub intersection of Highways 214 and 86. Eight people were supposedly involved, and the "victims" were transported by ambulance to Parmer County Community Hospital.

Friona Flashbacks

....from the files of The Friona Star

60 YEARS AGO—JULY 5, 1935

The contracts of two rural telephone lines out of Friona to the Rhea and Lakeview communities was let last week to R.B. Fairly of Lubbock. The two lines are already under construction and about 12 new subscribers will be connected as soon as the lines are completed and there will be a few other patrons connected soon after they are completed. The Hub community has been offered the same contract, provided they can get the required number of subscribers.

55 YEARS AGO—JULY 5, 1940

The Parmer County Old Settlers Association held its first picnic and program at the high school building at Bovina on Friday of last week. A goodly number of people were present for the program and a basket dinner. Following the program in the afternoon, a business session of the Association was held for the purpose of electing new officers and designating the time and place of the next meeting.

50 YEARS AGO—JULY 6, 1945

Beginning July 1, the Friona Post Office is advanced from a third class to a second class post office, according to information received from the Post Office Department by Postmaster Sloan Osborn. The promotion allows Friona to have regular clerks if needed, along with an increase in salaries.

45 YEARS AGO—JUNE 30, 1950

The demolition of the vault at the old Friona State Bank location, Fifth and Main this week, brought back memories to many pioneers of one of the most colorful banking histories ever recorded in any era, or any locality. The bank has moved into its new location at Sixth and Main. Having survived through the threat of fire, depressions and bank robberies, the vault this week even defied contractors as they began its destruction last Saturday.

40 YEARS AGO—JUNE 30, 1955

O.B. Moyer suffered severe bruises on his right leg early Monday morning when his tractor over-balanced and the front of the implement rose from the ground, pinning him beneath the steering wheel. He was digging a ditch on his farm six miles north and six miles west of Friona. L.D. Chiles, a farmer in a neighboring field, was servicing a combine when he heard the cries for help. Chiles' son, Jerry, took a truck, backed it up to the tractor, and Chiles pulled the injured man free.

35 YEARS AGO—JUNE 30, 1960

Mary Lynne Stephens, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephens of Friona, was killed Wednesday morning when her bicycle was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Clyde Sherrieb. The Stephens girl was riding east on Fifth Street and as Mrs. Sherrieb approached, the small girl rode across the street in front of the car. Mary Lynne would have been in the second grade in Friona Schools this fall.

Friona Lanes, Friona's 12-lane bowling center, will hold its official grand opening Monday, July 4th, with two championship

bowlers as the highlight of the day's activities. These two bowlers, Norm Nichols and Helen Duval, will give personal instructions during the morning, then will give a match bowling contest during the evening with local bowlers.

30 YEARS AGO—JULY 1, 1965

The Friona City Council passed an ordinance calling for the paving of 15 city blocks in newly-annexed areas, primarily in Welch Acres and Western Addition. Added to the six blocks which had already been approved by the Friona Independent School District for paving adjacent to the new high school complex, the action brings to 21 the number of blocks to be paved this summer, and more may be added.

25 YEARS AGO—JULY 2, 1970

Recognizing the need for a baseball park for the older boys in Friona, the Friona Noon Lions Club adopted a project this summer of building a new park, and the project is making exceptional progress. The Lions have been instrumental in securing a full city block of land at Third and Prospect Streets for the purpose of building a baseball park, and are now proceeding full speed ahead.

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20 YEARS AGO—JUNE 29, 1975

Funeral services were held Friday, June 27 in the Lazbuddie Church of Christ for W.H. Gammon.

Rains, hail and severe thunderstorms during the month of June have affected wheat and corn crops in Parmer County. The moisture total for the month was 1.92 inches. Dryland wheat harvest is about 75-80 per cent complete. Most elevators report a 30 bushel average.

15 YEARS AGO—JULY 6, 1980

Drilling began on the new city water well at the southwestern corner of the city this week. The well is expected to be about 350 feet deep, and is located at what would be the corner of First and

Ashland Streets.

Present and former residents of Parmer County are reminded that July 20 is the deadline for submitting information for family histories for the Parmer County History Book, to be printed in the near future.

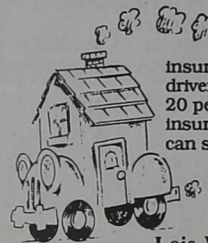
10 YEARS AGO—JULY 7, 1985

The Crime Watch program in Friona is making progress, according to City Patrolman Rex Williams.

Funeral services for Greta Bell Paul, 83, of Amarillo, were held Monday, July 1 in the First United Methodist Church of Canyon.

Effie Jennings, 91, died June 21 in the Muleshoe Nursing Home. Services were held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Chimes in Muleshoe.

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I would like to thank all of the folks who supported me while I was the owner, and wish Andrew the best of luck in the future.

LEE ROMO

THE CREDIT BELONGS

The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; Who at best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timed souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

-Theodore Roosevelt-

Perhaps this creed comes closer to conveying just how the people in our town made us feel. We have never felt so proud to call Friona "HOME." Our very special thanks to everyone who came and helped us clean up. Thanks also goes to those who cooked, telephoned, dropped by and those who kept us in their prayers.

God Bless Our Town and all the Special people who live in it!!

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FRIONA STATE BANK



--55 Years Ago--July 2, 1940--



55TH ANNIVERSARY.... Jonnie Williams and Wessie Hand, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny W. Hand, announce the 55th wedding anniversary of their parents, Johnny and Elthie Hand of Friona. The couple was married July 2, 1940 by a Justice of the Peace in Clovis, New Mexico. He is the son of the late Jess and Vera Hand of Wyonoka, Oklahoma. Elthie is the daughter of the late Eb and Pearl Brannon of Friona. The Hands had three daughters, Jonnie Morene of Fort Worth, Wessie of Friona and Jenny Lee, who passed away in 1950 in infancy. They have three granddaughters: Kelijon of Stephenville, Heidi of Fort Worth and Ashlee of Friona and one grandson, Dustee of Amarillo. In addition, there is one great-grandson, Karson of Stephenville and one great-granddaughter, AlLee of Friona. In 1942, they purchased the "Old Boren Place" and have made it their home since. They are located about eight miles southeast of Friona in the Lakeview community where Johnny is still engaged in farming and she works as a manager/supervisor for Nutri-Systems in Clovis. The couple will fly to Fort Worth and spend their anniversary weekend with Jonnie and her family, returning to Friona on Sunday to complete the celebration with Wessie and her family.

Winners Announced In Library Contests

Contest winners were announced this week in Friona Public Library's Summer Reading Club Contests.

Winners were as follows:

BOOKMARK CONTEST

Ages eight and under--1. Kristi Lanier, eight; 2. Cody Lanier, seven; 3. Jeremy Constancio, seven; 4. Andrea Geries, eight; 4. Hope Richardson, eight; 6. Juan Carlos Silva, eight; honorable mention, Yomaira Arzola, eight.

Ages nine and up--1. Gloria Hernandez, thirteen; 2. Manuel Garcia, nine; 3. Angelic Flores, eleven; 4. Bridget Soltero, nine; 5. David Salinas, ten; 6. Evelyn Shelby, ten; honorable mention, Jennifer Mills, nine.

The two first place winners in the bookmark contest will have their drawings printed into bookmarks this fall. This year's theme is "Once Upon A Planet." Margie Garcia, city secretary, served as judge of this year's contest.

"SAVE THE EARTH" POSTER CONTEST

Ages eight and under--1. Cody Lanier, seven; 2. Kristi Lanier, eight; 3. Hope Richardson, eight; 4. Tyler Jameson, eight; 5. Kandace Frye; 6. Andrea Geries, eight; honorable mention, Stefanie Tirado, five.

Ages nine and up--1. Amanda Geries, ten; 2. Cass Perkins, twelve; 3. Adam Perkins, nine; 4. Joey Dominguez, ten; 5. Lubin Bhakta, twelve; 6. Isaac Arzola, nine; honorable mention, Paula Gonzales, ten.

COLORING CONTEST

Ages five and under--1. Kristen Mercado, five; 2. Stefanie Tirado, five; 3. Julissa Saenz, five; 4. Sawyer Reed, five; 5. Miranda Frye, four; 6. Ryan Geries, five; honorable mention, Breanna Valenzuela, four, and Erica Wyly, five.

Ages six to eight--1. Kristin Butman, eight; 2. Claudia Cruz, eight; 3. Andrew Chio, eight; 4.

David Davila III, seven; 5. Artemio Garcia, eight; 6. Jeremy Constancio, seven; honorable mention, Eduardo Godoy, eight, and Kristi Lanier, eight.

Ages nine and up--1. Cara Evans, eleven; 2. Gloria Hernandez, thirteen; 3. Jonathan Espinoza, thirteen; 4. David Salinas, ten; 5. Jennifer Saiz, ten; 6. Becky Aronce, nine; honorable mention, Alice Allen, eleven.

Plans are to finish the Reading Program with a picnic in the park Wednesday, July 5 with Thomas Reed, manager of the Soil Conservation Service, as a special guest. The program will begin at 11 a.m. in the City Park for all members of the Summer Reading Club. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and a blanket. Drinks and dessert will be provided by Friends of the Library.



ANN RAINEY recently graduated from West Texas A&M University, Canyon. She received a degree in elementary education with a life earth science concentration. Her parents are Ed and Pricilla Lacey of Hereford and she is the daughter-in-law of Bud and Sandra Rainey of Friona. Ann and her husband, Rusty, reside in the Black community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA!!!

Week of July 2-8

Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

July 2--Steven Mann, Nathan Sircic, Leslie Drake, Rhonda Wilkins, Cristie Blackburn, Ruede Rule, Janet Edwards, Katherine Brand, Matthew Stanberry, Preach Cranfill, Leslie Thurman.

July 3--Jan Reeve, Tom Jarboe, Kristi Mills, Booney Gonzales.

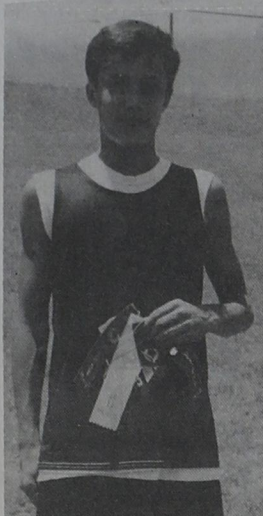
July 4--Lonnie Pederson, Anne Spring, Myrna Baize Hill, Jacquessa Ryan.

July 5--Joy Osborn, Kay Sanders, Joe Osborn, Cynthia Gonzales, Jo Igo.

July 6--Max Jones, Krita Potts, Terry Copley, Doris Lange, Lance Gatlin, Patches Fleming, Bill Stephens.

July 7--Michael Grable, Kemal Tongate, Noel White, Jaclyn Peace, Teresa O'Brian, Erin Knox, David Gowens, Fermin Reyes, Rachel Pipes.

July 8--Teresa Buske, Nathan Terry, Teri Schueler, Carrie Cox, Paula Wilson, J.D. Spencer, Jr.



JOSEPH BANDY competed in the AAU Regional Qualifiers Track & Field Meet in Amarillo, Saturday, June 24. He won first in the 400 meters with a time of 59.57; first in the 200 meters with a time of 25.9; first in the long jump with a leap of 16'8"; and third in the triple jump at 32'6". Joseph was competing in the 13-14 year old division and has qualified to compete in all four events at the Regional Meet in San Antonio, July 7-8. The Nationals will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in August.

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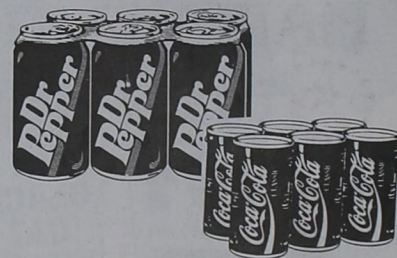
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Food Stamps Will Be Obsolete By August 1

"Food stamps will go out of business in Friona, Bovina and Farwell on August 1," State Comptroller John Sharp announced this week. "Parmer County is included in the largest expansion of the Lone Star card in Texas, and with this roll-out, the Texas attack on bureaucratic bloat and welfare fraud moves into high gear."

"In just four weeks, food stamps will virtually disappear from another 90 Texas counties, in the San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, Amarillo, Victoria and Beaumont-Port Arthur areas, along with portions of East Texas," Sharp said. "And retailers who prepare early should be ready to accept the card without a hitch."

The Lone Star card is the cornerstone of Sharp's wide-ranging welfare reform plan, which was approved by the Texas Legislature and recently signed into law by Governor George W. Bush. The card was first proposed in 1991 by Sharp, who created a task force to oversee its development.

The August 1 implementation will affect 300,000 families and 4,000 retail grocery locations in 90 counties.

"This security card will hold accountable both the bureaucrats and the people who depend on temporary public assistance," Sharp said. "It will save tax dollars, reduce fraud and boost grocery sales."

"That's why I urge all retailers that accept food stamps who haven't yet signed up for the Lone Star card to do so immediately so they don't lose business or leave their customers hanging."

Sharp said that retailers who accept the Lone Star card reported an immediate increase in food sales after the program was first implemented in February in the Houston area.

"Between February and March, food sales rose by \$4.5 million, because benefits can be spent on food and food alone, not on crack cocaine or other illegal activities in the food stamp black market," Sharp said.

"Since June 1, when the program expanded throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and along the Gulf Coast, the Lone Star card has been working so smoothly that retailers have rung up food stamps sales totaling nearly \$65 million," Sharp said.

"But these benefits will bypass retailers who don't soon take steps to accept the card," Sharp said. "Because of the vast geographical logistics of this expansion--which includes the San Antonio, El Paso, Golden Triangle and Panhandle regions--it's critical that retailers make arrangements now to install the necessary equipment."

Slightly more than 50 per cent of the 4,000 retailers in this 90 county area have already signed agreements to provide food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Payments with the Lone Star card.

"We need the remainder of the retailers in these areas to contact Transactive Corporation, the Austin-based operator of the Lone Star card and make arrangements to come on-line by August 1. They can contact the company toll-free at 1-800-418-8000," Sharp said.

Food stamps benefits issued in the 90-county expansion area represent nearly \$50 million worth of food sales per month, and the FDC grants represent some \$15 million worth of cash payments.

The Lone Star card is the largest electronic benefits transfer program in the country and is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services. The system's expansion into San Antonio, El Paso, Beaumont, Victoria, Lufkin and Panhandle regions will reach some 300,000 households in about one-third of the counties in Texas. It is scheduled to expand statewide by early 1996.

"This card will trim the national costs of the old food stamp system by \$45.4 million for printing, \$4.5 for shipping and storing, and \$23.1 million for the final processing and destruction of the paper coupons at the Federal Reserve," Sharp said.


Sharp said the Lone Star card is already proving successful in reducing food stamp fraud throughout the state.

"Just six weeks into the new system, \$1 million was taken off the black market in Houston in one of the largest food stamps busts in that city's history," Sharp said. "These were taxpayer-funded benefits that previously had disappeared into the black hole of the black market."

"By the end of this year, we will have abolished paper food stamp coupons in Texas," Sharp said. "We are returning the program to its original purpose--feeding hungry children, not feeding a bureaucracy and a black market of fraud."

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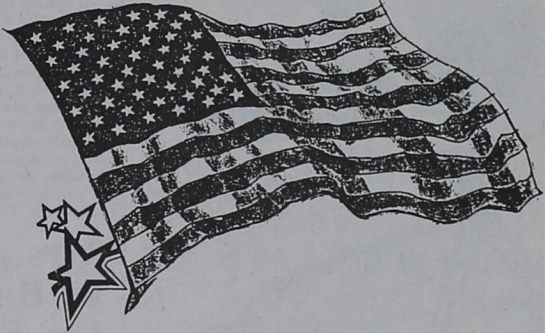
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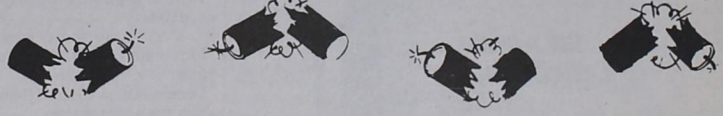
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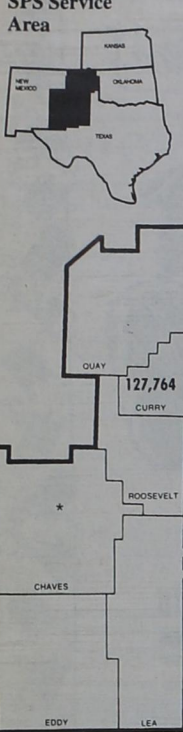
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Parmer County Retains Its Rank In Fed Cattle Numbers

Parmer County continues to be one of the top three cattle-producing counties in the state, according to the annual survey by Southwestern Public Service Company.

The survey noted that for the sixth consecutive year, the number of fed cattle increased. In 1993, there had been 6,269,425 cattle fed in the region, and that increased to 6,459,987 head in 1994, an increase of three per cent.

Parmer County fed 533,345 cattle in 1994. This trailed only Deaf Smith, which fed 862,887 cattle, and Castro, which fed 651,645 cattle during the year.

However, the county narrowly fell to fourth place in the region covered by S.P.S., as Texas County, Oklahoma reported fed cattle of 553,340 head during the survey year.

Parmer County's 1994 total was down slightly from the all-time high of 581,355 head of cattle fed during 1993.

The "Golden Triangle" of Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties accounted for 31.7 per cent of the total cattle fed in the SPS survey. This amounted to a whopping 2,047,877 cattle.

The survey included figures from 124 feedlots in the SPS area, most of them having capacities over 6,000 head. This included 89 lots in Texas, five in New Mexico and 13 in Oklahoma.

Parmer County had feed lots

with a capacity of 314,800 head, including starter lots over 6,000 head capacity.

The lots in Parmer County, and their one-time capacity, include: Bovina Feeders 45,000; Caprock Industries 35,000; Cattle Town, Inc. 43,000; Farwell Feeders, Inc. 25,000; Friona Feed Yard 25,000; PACO Feedyard 37,000; West Plains Feed Yard 65,000; Lazbuddie Feeders 16,000.

The survey also revealed that there are 13 packing plants in the region (down one from last year)

Riding Club Sets Sat. Playnights

The Friona Riding Club Summer Playnights will begin Saturday, July 8 at 7 p.m. The activities will run six consecutive weeks, weather permitting.

There will be competition in four age divisions: five and under; ages six to nine; ages ten to fourteen; and ages fifteen through eighteen.

The five events offered include barrel racing, flag race, pole bending, stake race and rings.

"The club hopes to see all the participants from last year plus anyone else who wishes to participate to come out this year," a club spokesperson commented.

with an annual capacity of 5,225,000 head.

Three of those plants have a capacity of more than one million cattle per year, including Friona's Excel Corp. plant.

Those with the top capacities are Excel Corp., Friona, 1 million; Iowa Beef Processors, Amarillo, 1.7 million head and Monfort, Inc., of Dumas, 1.2 million.

Dave Krupnick, manager of agricultural and wholesale marketing for SPS, said the overall

increase "shows that the cattle industry continues to be a strong, important industry in this area."

The survey, Krupnick said, is used across the country by agriculture and food-processing related industries.

"It lets others know how vital agriculture and food-processing are to this area."

Copies of the fed cattle report and survey are available from SPS Ag Marketing at (806) 378-2180, or a few are available at the Friona Star.

Former Resident Buried Downstate

A memorial service for Herb Evans, 74, was held Thursday, June 15, 1995 at the First United Methodist Church in New Braunfels with Rev. Fred Martin officiating.

Evans was born June 29, 1921 in East Orange New Jersey. He passed away June 12, 1995 at his home in New Braunfels.

He graduated from Texas A & M in 1945 after serving two years in the service during World War II. He married Judy Kegley in 1945. They were married 25 years and had four children. He was employed by the USDA for 30 years, in Soil Conservation Service.

In April 1974, he married Vela Hall. He retired in 1977 in Friona, Texas, then moved to his farm in

Marion, Texas. He moved to New Braunfels in 1994.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge in Florence, the Lion's Club, and was a volunteer at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Vela Evans; four children, Elna Morton of Erie, PA., James Evans of Yelapa, Mexico, Nancy Matz of Plano, TX. and Dr. Carl Evans of Fredericksburg, TX.; two stepdaughters, Beth Ostlund of Rosamond, CA. and Virginia Williams of Roscoe, Texas., 12 grandchildren; a brother, Pete Evans of Ayon, Conn, and a sister, Clare Hoffman of Portsmouth, Va.

Fireworks Safety Tips Are Given

To help Texans celebrate the Fourth of July holiday safely, the Texas Commission of Fire Protection offers the following safety tips:

1. Purchase fireworks only from a licensed vendor. Fireworks vendors must have a valid permit from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.
2. Know the laws in your community. Many Texas cities and communities regulate the possession and use of fireworks. Contact the local fire department or law enforcement authorities regarding fireworks rules in your community.
3. Read and follow all safety directions. Fireworks sold in Texas must be clearly labeled with safety instructions.
4. Use fireworks outdoors only, in an open area away from houses and flammable materials. Be sure that fireworks--especially aerial fireworks--will not come into contact with or land on objects such as power lines or automobiles.
5. Keep a bucket of water handy while setting off fireworks. Use the water to pour on malfunctioning fireworks, to immerse minor burns, and to dispose of used sparklers.
6. Never give fireworks to children. Designate a responsible, sober adult to ignite the fireworks. Keep everyone--especially young children--a safe distance from where the fireworks are ignited.
7. Never touch a firework after it has been lit. If the firework

malfunctions, do not try to re-light it or pick it up. Douse all used fireworks with water.

8. Don't make fireworks at home, and don't take fireworks apart or mix anything with the contents. Don't set off fireworks in metal, glass or other types of containers.

9. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

10. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1996 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 13, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- * The total amount of the proposed budget is \$180,500.00.
- The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget is \$11,000.00.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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Dr. Paul Spring Reflects On His Career As Small-Town Physician

By VIRGINIA HOLDER

Over his 42-year career, the thousands of patients who affectionately called Spring "Dr. Paul," have benefited from his dedicated service to their town and surrounding communities.



DR. PAUL SPRING

Dr. Paul Spring '41 is among a dwindling number of physicians who have chosen to spend their careers administering to folks in very small towns. Retired as of June 1990, Spring led a 42-year medical career in which he faithfully served the citizens of Friona and surrounding areas.

At an early age, Spring, who was born in Bovina, moved 12 miles away to Friona with his family. It was while working at Roden's Drug Store in Friona during his high school days and while being around the doctor's office in the rear of the drug store that he became interested in medicine.

When it came time for the young Spring to go to college, he chose Texas Tech. "Tech was the only school I ever wanted to go to," he said. "I never considered going elsewhere."

Spring said his two brothers, Frank and Lee, and his older sister, Mary, had earned degrees from Tech so that was another reason why he wanted to enroll.

Spring entered Texas Tech in 1934, but he did not graduate until 1941, when he obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He laughed as he explained that it took him seven years to complete his degree, not because he was a poor student academically, but that he was poor on the financial end of things.

"I kept running out of money," he said, adding that he occasionally sat out a semester to work and earn money for school.

He recalled how there was not an abundance of jobs to be had, but that some students were able to secure campus jobs, while others were able to get jobs off campus, mostly at the grocery or drug stores in town.

As a student, Spring did not participate in many extracurricular activities simply because "I was busy trying to make A's to be able to get into medical school." He did serve as president of the American Chemical Society for a year and was also involved with the pre-med organization.

"Tech had a pre-med group that was active at that time," he said. He was a member of that and recalled some of his instructors.

"Dr. Goodwin (Robert C.), my chemistry professor, was one of my favorites. He went on to become president of Tech. I also had Dr. Joe Dennis, Dr. William Slagle, Dr. Milton Landwer and Ms. Ruth Horn, who was my English teacher."

After graduating in 1941 with his bachelor's degree in chemistry, Spring entered Baylor Medical

had first begun.

When Spring arrived, he found that the doctor was not really ill. In fact, as soon as Spring was settled, Cook moved away, leaving him as the only physician in town for about two years.

Spring got his chance to work with a lot of children, as well as adults. He has delivered more than 5,000 babies in his career. Over the years, other doctors came to Friona to help out, including Spring's younger brother, Lee, who worked with his brother from 1954 to 1985, when the elder retired.

Spring said he felt really good about staying in his hometown and practicing medicine all those years. He believes he was involved in medicine at a good time, calling it the "Golden Age" of the medical profession.

He explained that many developments in medicine were occurring, including the introduction of new drugs like penicillin and sulfa.

"The most remarkable thing early in my practice was the advent of the polio vaccine," Spring said, adding that the country was in the midst of the great polio epidemic.

"I had 300 cases of polio during my residency in Lima, Ohio, virtually all children," he said. When he arrived in Friona, he had 15 cases right away. He said as soon as the polio vaccine was implemented, cases of polio dropped dramatically.

Spring said so much was happening in medicine during the "Golden Age," he kept busy just trying to keep up with all the changes. He attended all the conferences he could to learn about the medical changes and developments. Over his 42-year career, thousands of patients that affectionately called Spring "Dr. Paul" benefited from his knowledge and dedicated service.

Since his official retirement from medicine on June 20, 1990, Spring has kept busy by enlarging his garden, going fishing and

traveling with his wife, June. He celebrated his 79th birthday on June 15.

June had arrived from New York to be a nurse at the hospital in Friona just a month before Spring answered the call to practice. Married in 1952, they have a daughter, Susie; and a son, Johnny, who with his wife, Christy, have a five-year-old son, Travis, and two-year-old son, Christian.

Dr. Paul said the Tech family tradition has been carried on by his daughter, who graduated in 1976 with a degree in speech pathology.

He marvels at Tech's growth over the years.

"When I graduated 54 years ago, there were 3,000 students at Texas Tech. When Susie graduated, there were 3,000 students just in her graduating class.



SPRING HONORED....Spring was congratulated by Tech President Robert W. Lawless during the doctor's 50th class reunion in 1991. (Photo by Darrel Thomas)

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Combest Decries Reese AFB Closing

With the final decision of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRACC) to accept the Air Force recommendation to close Reese Air Force Base, U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) issued this statement:

"The tens of thousands of South Plains folks who have supported our commitment to keeping Reese truly recognize Reese's value to our military preparedness--although the Air Force failed to fight for its premier base. I am deeply disappointed with the bullheaded position of the Pentagon, and I remain convinced that they will need the pilots that Reese will not be there to train. I believe the future will bear that out in reduced quality of pilot training. The Pentagon's best guess could well turn out to be the worst one they could have made," Combest said.

"We confronted the Pentagon's flawed analysis head-on. Even though we gained grudging

acknowledgement that they were wrong to list Reese at the bottom, the Pentagon has stubbornly stood by their computer decisions. As much as the independent base-closing commissioners expressed concern for the Air Force's doubts about meeting training needs after the next five years, commissioners were not prepared to overturn the Pentagon's recommendation without the Air Force first asking the commissioners to keep Reese.

"It is doubtful, although not impossible, that either the president or Congress would now derail the entire base-closing process. For the people of the South Plains and for the civilian personnel of Reese, I have refocused efforts on a transition that will be difficult for everyone, but one they will not have to go alone. I will work hand in glove with local officials and businesses to help where possible and to see the possibilities for continued development of our area after we have said our goodbyes to Reese," the congressman concluded.

It's A Girl For Watsons

Doug and Milli Watson of Frederick, Oklahoma are the parents of a baby girl born Sunday, June 18 at 4:13 p.m. in Southwestern Medical Center, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Named Sage Emily, she weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces and measured twenty inches. This was the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Jim and Jane Dixon of Friona and Mrs. Doris Hall of Frederick, Oklahoma. Mrs. Ella Collier of Friona is her great-grandmother.

Blood Drive Scheduled

A blood drive has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 12 in Friona at Friona State Bank Community Room, from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

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OUT HERE

By RON CARR



It is a little after midnight at the convenience store. Most of the town is asleep. It's quiet now, except for a few trucks, some shift workers, and the state troopers.

Out on the parking lot, an old white pickup pulls in ahead of the flashing lights of the patrol car. The clerk watched as the trooper shined his light in the back of the truck, and into the eyes of the four occupants.

He saw it was a father, mother, and two small children. The man had a pony tail longer than the woman's. He stood outside, nodding to the trooper's questions, signed a citation, then slumped back against the truck as the trooper went back to the highway.

The man came inside to use the phone. He needed to call his brother, who lived four hours away, to come get him. Seems he was caught speeding, driving with an expired license, and now even his truck wouldn't start.

At a quarter to one, a nicely dressed lady came in. She asked the clerk if he knew her son that lived here in Friona. He didn't.

She used the phone to try and track him down, but no luck. She was supposed to meet him on the convenience store parking lot at 1:15 a.m. She had driven all the way from Albuquerque.

She told the clerk she would wait in the car until he showed up. After all, it was her son, and she knew he would be there. She had driven all the way with a broken window too. Someone smashed her car window and stole her radio and cellular phone just before she left.

But it was for her son so she came anyway. He would be there. She knew he would. The clerk watched as she sat in her car, waiting. Nearby, the two small kids in the stranded truck played on the parking lot. The man with the ponytail leaned against the truck, staring out into the darkness, in the direction his brother would come. There was not much else to do.

The clerk recognized the customer that came in. Didn't know his name but had seen him in the store before. He was a big man, clean-cut and friendly.

As the clerk rang his purchase, the man looked at him and asked if he believed in Jesus. There is only one answer to that question when you are working alone on the night shift at the convenience store.

The man asked the clerk if he remembered what it was like to be twenty years old and strong and

healthy. He explained at length that when Jesus returns, we will all be as strong and healthy as we were when we were twenty. The clerk edged closer to the alarm button, just in case.

The mother waited until almost 2 a.m. She came back inside to say thank you and to ask that if her son showed up, please tell him that his mother had gone on to Amarillo to his aunt's house. She said that he would be driving a red pickup, and she knew he would come.

The ponytail man was getting impatient. It was almost dawn and his brother was not there. He had his pickup running again by now, but with no drivers license he couldn't leave. He left anyway, while it was still dark.

The clerk had mopped the store and made the coffee for the morning shift. It was almost daylight. The son in the red pickup never showed. He figured the family in the white truck was either safe at their destination, or in jail for speeding without a license again.

He realized it was Sunday morning and the Jesus guy was probably getting ready for church. Or was he?

People's personal lives can often appear to us, then disappear, all in an eight hour period.

The clerk headed home to hug his family, call his mother, then go to church, after another routine night shift at the convenience store.

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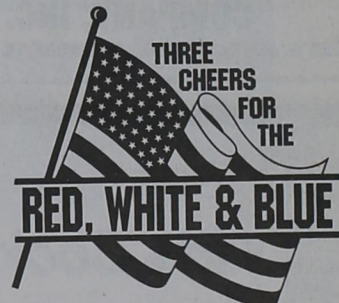
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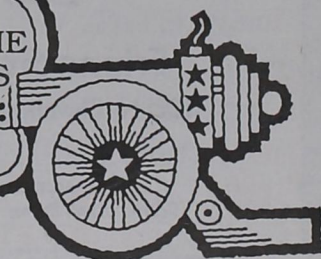
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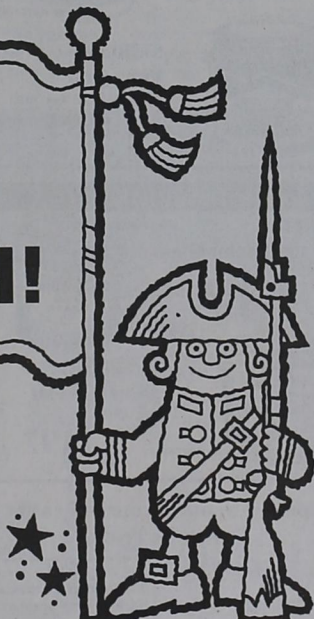
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Baby Boy Is Born To Joe K. Reeves

Joe Kyle and Sarita Reeve became the parents of a baby boy, Sheldon Kyle, on Wednesday, June 21 at 11:28 p.m. in Coronado Hospital in Pampa, Texas.

He weighed eight pounds, one ounce and measured twenty inches in length. Sheldon is the first child for the couple.

His maternal grandparents are Nelda Ellis of Friona and Mike Ellis of Lubbock. His paternal grandparents are Wanda Reeve and Joe Reeve, both of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Jessie Douglas, Dorothy and Gene Ellis, Frances Ready and Allo Reeve, all of Friona.

his wife, Mary, treated the couple with a trip into the mountains of New Mexico. The first stop was the Eagle Nest, New Mexico Horseshoe Camp where they remembered having three rugged log cabins and a family of eagles flew overhead as mist rose from the lake.

Johnny Dail, now mayor of the town, and his wife, Kay, shared memories of other visits over many years. They presented the couple with a bottle of champagne.

They recalled washing the car at the crossing where the Red Magnolia Flying Horse looked over one gas pump (nine cents a gallon) and two one-room tourist cabins.

Odell captured a herd of cattle being moved through town, right down Main Street, with a Brownie box camera.

Changes the couple noticed were the improved roads; removal of ancient cottonwood trees where they had slept on Army cots; fading of the murals which had been painted on government buildings in Taos by the W.P.A. and the increase in number of art galleries in the area.



ODELL and ETOILE HOLLEY

Leon Talley Is Recovering After Surgery

When Leon and Jeffie Talley left home one week ago Monday they had plans to visit friends and relatives enroute to and from Branson, Missouri for a few days of rest and relaxation.

However, as a lot of our readers know, things did not work out as planned.

Their first stop was at Hooker, Oklahoma, where they spent some time visiting friends. Then they drove to Havens, Kansas, where they spent Monday night, Tuesday and Tuesday night visiting in the home of Sonny and Norma Banning and family. Norma is Leon's sister.

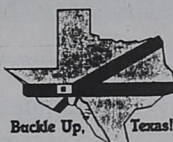
On Wednesday, they drove to Branson, Missouri and arrived in this resort city about 4 p.m. Soon after their arrival Leon had a heart attack and by 7:30 p.m. he had been admitted to the intensive care unit of Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, Missouri.

During his stay there he had several tests before an angioplasty was performed. He was released from the hospital on Saturday and he and Jeffie drove to Norman, Oklahoma, where they spent two nights in the home of Tracey, Suzie, Sydney and Madison Talley before returning home Monday.

Leon is making satisfactory progress at home and expects to be back in his office in a few days and back in the pulpit of Sixth Street Church of Christ in a few weeks.

He said, "Jeffie and I want to express our most sincere appreciation to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and other expressions of love and concern."

He concluded his remarks with a question, "Aren't we glad we live in Friona?"



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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD
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Driving around Friona and seeing all the progress that has been made on cleaning up and rebuilding roofs, fences, buildings, trees and everything else that was damaged during the June 2 tornado causes most of us to reflect on man's inborn sense of responsibility.

Of course, many things are gone that it will take years to rebuild. So many of our oldest and most beautiful trees were completely destroyed. The little roadside park at the eastern edge of town had become an object of great pride for many of our residents and it makes one sad to see the devastation that just about wiped it out of existence.

Bob and Lydia Wyly, who live out northeast of town, have recently purchased a new ready-built home in Lubbock and are making plans to locate it near their former home, which was one of the casualties of the tornado.

A daughter, Debra Wyly Baxter, said, "When daddy was discussing the time for the house to be moved, he asked for time to construct a basement before it was delivered."

One of the most interesting things I've heard that happened on "Tornado Day" had to do with baking yeast bread.

Rhonda Parsons Murphree was in Dimmitt that day and devoted most of the day to baking bread for Castro County's capital city-wide gigantic garage sale, which was scheduled for the following day.

She said, "All day I noticed that the bread was rising faster than I was able to get it baked and wondered about the possible cause."

Of course, she had no idea that her problem was weather related. However, the day of the tornado in Pampa, she had the same experience at her farm home southeast of town.

The Friona and Pampa tornadoes created another unusual set of circumstances.

In late May, Andy Harris, Jr., the husband of Friona's Wendy Gresham, had kidney and pancreas transplant surgery in a Dallas hospital.

Wendell and Patsy were still in Big D when they heard about Friona's misfortune, so started home immediately. The devastation was hard for them to believe and they were greatly relieved when they learned that their home was still standing.

Then, on the day of the Pampa tornado, Andy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harris, Sr., who live in that city, were in Dallas with their son and daughter-in-law when they received news that their home town had been hit.

They left immediately and drove home and, like the Greshams, soon learned that their home had not been in the monster's path.

Later in the hospital's waiting room, someone related the experience of the Pampa residents

and a bystander remarked, "I thought it was Wendy's parents whose home town had a bad storm."

Another person spoke up and said, "Earlier the hometown of Wendy's parents was hit and today the same thing happened to the hometown of Andy's parents."

Of all the strange things I have ever heard about unusual happenings during a tornado, the following, which I heard many years ago, tops them all.

An old man told this story in Beckham County, Oklahoma, when I was in grade school.

He said, "One time when I was a kid in the Indian Territory, we had a tornado which completely destroyed our chicken house during the night."

"The next morning the only chicken we could find on the place was an old Rhode Island Red rooster. He didn't have a scratch on him, but had been completely de-feathered."

I doubted the veracity of this story when I first heard it and still do.

Joann Mills spent the weekend visiting in the home of a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Billie Chitwood, who live at Henrietta, Texas.

She returned home Sunday evening.

John and Debra Baxter took advantage of making a trip to Central Texas to attend a wedding for a mini vacation with all members of their family.

They were accompanied by their three at-home children, Corben, Courtney and Cameron, as well as their two married daughters, Janet LaBrue of Lubbock and Mysti Williams, who lives in Clovis.

Enroute to Princeton, Texas, they attended the wedding of one of Debra's nephews, Philip Henderson of Plainview and Tanya Rounsaville of Princeton.

This group ate at the Old Fort Worth Stockyards and toured the restored grounds; spent one evening watching a Texas Ranger game in the new stadium at Arlington and did some sightseeing all the way from Ennis back to Friona by way of Abilene.

Other Wyly family members attending the ceremony were Lydia, Shyla and Amber Wyly of Friona; Nancy Hunter and daughter, Jessica, who live in Canyon, and Robin and Mike Williams and son, Jathan, of Plainview.

The groom is the son of Jay and Gay Wyly Henderson of Plainview and is a student at Texas Tech University. His bride, a spring graduate of Tech, will be enrolling in Tech's law school this fall.

Debra reported, "We had such a nice time and were favorably impressed with the new home of the Texas Rangers."

Carol Zetsche has made two trips to the Fort Worth area recently. First, she went down to Keller for a visit in the home of Bobby and Kenna Zetsche and daughters, Kendy, Tierney and Kara.

The girls accompanied their grandmother back to Lubbock, their former home, for a visit with friends before the group returned to Keller.

Carol's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodd, and mother, Hazelle Blair, live in Irving, so she spent some time with them as well as with several nieces and nephews.

Bill and Mavis Burnam recently attended a reunion of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Hulien, which was held at Burns Flat, Oklahoma.

Mavis grew up in a family of seven boys and two girls and reported, "There's no telling how many of us there are now, but 85 attended the reunion."

The Burnams attended graveside rites for one of Bill's brothers, Carl Burnam, who had been a resident of Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt for an extended period of time and died Saturday morning. The final rites were performed by Lee Roark, pastor of Friona United Methodist Church in the Dimmitt Cemetery at 10:30 Wednesday morning.

Incidentally, Bill, Mavis and I were classmates at Dimmitt High School in the early thirties.

Carl's other survivors include two sisters, Velma Woodburn and Frankie Norwood, both of Roswell, New Mexico and one brother, James Burnam of Dimmitt.

Granddad and Grandmother Tom and Barbara Mason are eagerly looking forward to having two of their grandsons, Randall and Daniel Knox, moving closer to them in late July.

Their dad, John Knox, has accepted a position as minister of the Church of Christ at 2201 West American Boulevard in Muleshoe and will assume his duties the first of August.

He and his wife, Jan, and the boys have been living in Wichita Falls several years.

Barbara said, "It is sure going to be great to have them so close to us."

Ida Jesko, a native Texan who spent most of her life living in what we know now as the Lazbuddie community, but much of the time she and her husband, the late Joe Jesko, lived there was known as the Jesko community, attained the status of nonagerian on Saturday, June 24.

This genteel lady was born June 24, 1905 in Dalhart. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hopper, pioneer Dallam County residents. She was married to Joe Jesko in November of 1952 and

moved into the community in which he grew up.

At the present time, she lives at 150 Center Street in Hereford. A daughter, Betty Bagley, lives with her.

Sunday afternoon, I attended her ninetieth birthday party. Other Frionans attending were Ilene Osborn, Orma Flippin and Edith Johnson.

Congratulations, Ida!

Connor Allen, son of Rodney and Teresa Wilcox Allen of Hereford, observed his fourth birthday on Saturday. He was guest of honor at a family birthday party.

Among the attendees were his paternal grandparents, Frankie and Onieda Allen of Friona.

Eddie and Linda Allen and sons, Benton and Trenton of Amarillo, also attended. After the party, they came to Friona and spent the weekend with Frankie and Onieda before returning home on Monday.

Want to beat that tired feeling? About thirty years ago, a nationwide study was made on the cause and cures for "that tired feeling."

Suggestions offered to relieve the feeling were as follows:
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*Instead of eating three regular meals a day, eat less at a time and more often.

*If you do physical labor, relax during your rest period; if your work is mental, engage in some mildly stimulating activity during your "break"--take a walk for instance.

*When you arrive home, take a cold shower.

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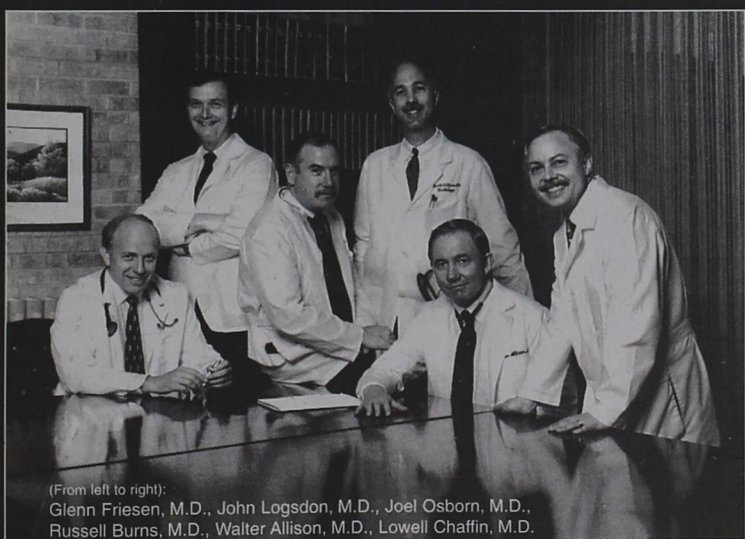


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Frionan's Granddaughter Listed In "Who's Who"

Valree Keila Harbour, 17 years of age, was listed in the recent edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." This was the second time for her to be chosen for this honor.

Her parents are Keith and Janace Harbour of Columbus, Nebraska and grandparents are Gene and Betty Hartis of Friona and Harold and Dell Harbour of Cotton Center, Texas. Her grandfather, Gene Hartis, was a 1954 graduate of Friona High School. Gene Hartis works part-time with the USDA and Betty currently manages Friona Inn.

A 1995 graduate of Lakeview High School, Columbus, Nebraska, she served as a volunteer for the Association of Retarded Citizens; was recognized by the United States Achievement Academy; won the Junior Achievement Award and Presidential Academy Fitness Award; was a member of the Varsity Club, National Honor Society and Student Council; served as a cheerleader and was a member of the golf team.



VALREE' HARBOUR

She was listed on the high honor roll all four of her high school years; and was a member of the yearbook and school newspaper staffs, serving as editor, reporter and photographer.

Valree' plans to attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln this fall and will be employed by Wal-Mart in Columbus, Nebraska.

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However, a recent study by Mutual Fund Forecaster showed the value of investing in larger, more-established funds. The study analyzed mutual fund performance from December 1987 (the beginning of the stock market's rise) through the middle of 1994. In looking at all mutual funds available, the study found that the six largest funds—all with assets of \$10 billion or more—achieved gains of anywhere from 112 per cent to 212 per cent. In the stock fund category, the study showed that the five largest stock funds all

outperformed the average stock fund.

The six giant funds were represented equally by no-load funds (which charge no up-front fee but impose annual expense) and load funds (which charge a one-time commission when purchased but no annual fees). They all follow conservative, value-oriented investment philosophies, using a tremendous amount of research, most of it internally generated. Obviously, if these funds didn't perform well, investors wouldn't be pouring billions of dollars into them.

When trying to hack your way through the jungle of mutual fund information, don't fall prey to the short-term performance claims of some newer, smaller funds. While a strong stock market may entice you to jump into one of these funds, you could be pleasantly surprised if the next ten years don't produce the remarkable results of the past ten years.

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Don't overdo on food and drink.

And, of course, have loads of fun. After all, the Fourth is one of the best birthday celebrations of the year!

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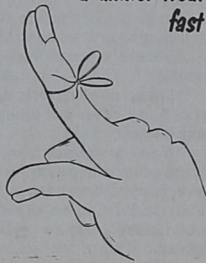
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