

Star Lites

By Bill Ellis



FRIONA'S EXCEL plant was given a real "hatchet job" by the Amarillo News-Globe in their edition of July 23.

The Sunday News-Globe blared in two-inch high type: "Excel--Is it Safe?"

The article begins with several quotes from Lubbock attorney Sam Fadduol, who has made his living lately by pouncing on Excel's injury cases and filing lawsuits on behalf of the injured parties.

The Lubbock attorney has filed some 200 such lawsuits against Excel plants in Friona and Plainview, and tries to maintain that the plants have a "history of unsafe working conditions."

So desperate is Fadduol to get our local packing plant into court that he ran advertisements in Amarillo and Plainview newspapers to find workers or ex-workers from Excel who felt they needed to file a lawsuit. (He tried to run the advertisements in our papers, but they fell off the corner of our desk into the trash and were never seen again).

Fadduol did not file his lawsuits in the Panhandle area where folks are aware that EXCEL offers jobs to many who might otherwise be on welfare. Instead, he takes his lawsuits to Hidalgo County, in south Texas, where the real circumstances are unknown to judges and those citizens who would serve on juries.

Truth of the matter is, Friona's Excel plant has a program of safety that has been recognized within the beef-packing industry.

More than one Excel employee or former employee told us that safety was always the top priority, and that safety never was sacrificed in favor of production.

Every facet of the plant holds regular safety meetings. The plant's maintenance crew meets on a weekly basis, getting together every Sunday, especially to discuss safety measures.

The trouble with last Sunday's article was that it started out posing the question of safety. When you went over to the issue's "jump page," the writers finally got around to comparing Friona Excel with other plants, and naturally the plant compared favorably.

Friona's Chamber manager, Teresa Buske, was quoted giving positive information about Excel, but this again was on the inside page.

Excel is one of the largest employers in the entire area, and they take the business of safety very seriously. As I told the editors and publishers of the News-Globe in a personal letter this week, the plant is a perfect citizen in our communities, and deserves a much better "slant" on this news article than it received.

You have to realize that young journalists come out of college with a burning zeal to correct the world's problems. If they decide on attacking a particular problem and already have their mind made up to do it--sometimes they have to "create" a problem so their idea will fly.

We know this is true, because Ye Editor gave a representative of the Globe-News the name of J.P. Sims, a former longtime employee of Excel. He gave the reporter a number of positive quotes. Grabbing the Sunday paper to see where his quotes were used, Sims discovered that they weren't used at all.

This wasn't the slant they had planned to take on the story.

You have to also remember that this is the newspaper that ran millionaire industrialist T. Boone Pickens out of town. He did a lot of good for WTAMU, Amarillo and the whole Panhandle area. Perhaps he is better appreciated in Dallas.

"Tell you what; why don't we just close up all the packing plants, feed lots, Pantex, the Helium Plant, Reese AFB, etc. and then pretty soon there won't be any people left in this area to read the newspapers or file lawsuits. Last one out, turn off the lights!"

FRIONA IGNORED AGAIN

Local Courthouse Annex Desperately Needed Here

BY RON CARR

In spite of a well researched proposal and presentation, the Friona Courthouse Annex location was once again turned down.

Further discussion was postponed until after the Commissioners finish their fiscal budget meetings. In the words of one commissioner, "We are bad in the hole this year and need to build some capital."

On Monday, July 24, at the Commissioners meeting in Farwell, Bill McCoy, ex-president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and Teresa Buske, Executive Director, appeared before the commissioners again in an attempt to establish the annex in Friona.

McCoy made the presentation which was supported by research figures on county automobile registration revenue, plus an estimated budget for establishing and operating the location.

All four county commissioners were present, along with County Judge Bonnie Clayton, County Treasurer Anne Norton, County Tax-Assessor Doris Herington, and County Clerk Bonnie Warren.

The Parmer County Annex proposal stated that service to the majority of Parmer County residents continues to be an issue in regard to motor vehicle registration and title transfer.

Friona now has limited availability (one day a week at the credit union), for those needing new tags, handicap designated tags, or title transfers.

Other services that could be offered through the annex include hunting licenses, early voting location, office space for DPS, Sheriff, and commissioners, availability of the extension agents on a regular basis, and other

services deemed necessary by the court.

McCoy stated that 71% of Parmer County's registration and title transfer fees come from Friona, with Friona Motors being the only car dealership in Parmer County.

In fiscal 1994, Friona Motors alone provided 51% of the entire vehicle tax total collected by the County Tax Office.

McCoy stated that as many as 80 to 100 cars per year are being registered out-of-county by Friona Motors, particularly in Amarillo or Lubbock where financing is arranged. An annex in Friona would allow Friona Motors to register all vehicles in the county.

It was noted that when a vehicle is registered out-of-county, the county also loses property tax revenue on the vehicle.

The Chamber's proposal

included first year estimated expenses of \$34,807.64, with offset savings of \$30,932.11, leaving an estimated expense to the county of \$3,875.53 to establish the annex.

During the session, Commissioner White stated that moving and installing the computer would cost almost \$10,000 more than estimated in the proposal, making the start-up cost \$13-14,000.

Discussion followed on whether the state would allow the county to move an existing computer from Farwell to Friona, or whether a new unit would have to be purchased.

Tax-Assessor Herington said the state told her she could not move an existing computer.

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AVID GARDENERS--Hollis Rucker was seen in his garden recently giving his wife, Odessa, some hoeing instructions. Actually, the two were just "cutting up" for the Star photographer. Hollis and Odessa have a neat garden at their home on Pierce Street.

SAFETY ROLE LAUDED

Leaders Rally In Defense Of Excel

BY BILL ELLIS
Editor-Publisher

Friona civic leaders felt that the Excel Corporation was unfairly targeted in last Sunday's Amarillo News-Globe's page one article.

"EXCEL--Is it Safe?" screamed the two-inch high headline. Friona's tornado on June 2 didn't rate a headline that large, with its millions of dollars in damage.

The bad part about the article, as far as Friona residents were concerned, was that it led off with

quotes from controversial attorney Sam Fadduol. These quotes were treated as gospel, when the attorney is mainly out to win a judgement and line his pockets.

Fadduol's statements are made to boost his client's chances in court, much as those by Johnny Cochran, F. Lee Bailey, etc.

Longtime Friona resident J. P. Sims worked for Excel 12 years in the maintenance department, before retiring a few years ago.

"Safety was always the number one priority," Sims stated. "If you had an auger go down, we'd lock the disconnect out. If a supervisor got caught without this being done, they'd get written up," Sims said.

The former Excel employee said he worked in the fabricating department for two years prior to going to maintenance, and that department had a two-year stretch without a single accident.

"They (Excel) were fantastic, as far as I was concerned. Safety was never sacrificed in favor of production. All the time I worked, if you were hurt, the company would pay your salary while you were out," he said.

Those attorneys play on people's greedy nature, and in the process make a bundle for themselves.

Dave Stafford, Excel spokesman, praised Mark Neill, head of the company's safety department for an

outstanding job. "He is one of the best safety employees the company has," Stafford said.

The Excel official said "We've had a couple of bad accidents this year, and that brings the spotlight down on you. Our goal is to identify what happened, and learn what to do to prevent it from happening again in the future."

In addition to stressing safety, Excel has augmented a program of ergonomics. This is the science of trying to fit jobs to the people instead of people to the jobs. "We try not to place a 6-8 person in a place more geared to someone who's 5-8," as an example," Stafford said.

Stafford complimented Excel's unions for their work toward safety. "They have people on the lines every morning to check employees for their safety equipment, and to see if all of their equipment is in good shape. We also schedule plant tours, where we go completely through the plant and observe areas that may become a problem."

Temp Hits 105 Degrees On Thursday

The mercury hit 105 degrees on Thursday, after topping out at 104 degrees the previous day. This marked the first time in 1995 for the temperature to top the 100-degree mark in Friona.

This was the highest reading since the temp reached 104 on June 28, 1994. The 100-degree mark was reached six times in '94, once in '93, twice in '92 and none in '91.

Temps: Friday, July 21: 93-63; Saturday, July 22: 95-65; Sunday, July 23: 96-59; Monday, July 24: 93-69; Tuesday, July 25: 98-65; Wednesday, July 26: 104-67; Thursday, July 27: 105-71.

representatives that recently toured Friona to evaluate tornado damage for disaster relief, arrived at the airport.

The group was seeking grant money from the FAA through TX DOT to assist with runway and lights repair at the airport, due to the recent devastating tornado damage.

They were informed that there are no funds available through the FAA for private airports. Any grant money in this case would need to come from FEMA, which has yet to act in Friona's disaster relief.

However, FAA and TX DOT representatives agreed to visit the airport and meet with the Jennings family to further assess the situation.

Attending the hearing from Friona were; Elvie, Virginia, and Rick Jennings, Russell Nowlin, Gary Brown, Bill Neely, City Manager Paula Wilson, Bill McCoy, Police Chief John Taylor, Councilman Robert Jones, Mayor Clarence Monroe, Commissioner John Mars, and Teresa Buske, Executive Director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.



COURTHOUSE ANNEX HEARING...Pictured l. to r. in Farwell at the recent Friona Chamber of Commerce presentation for a Friona Annex are; Teresa Buske, Bill McCoy, and Commissioner John Mars. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Buskes Attend D.C. Hearings

The Friona Star's contact in Congressman Larry Combest's office called us on Tuesday to report that the B. K. Buske family of Friona had stopped by.

The Buskes also attended the U. S. Senate's hearing on the "Whitewater Investigation," which has been underway in the senate chamber this week.

Maybe they will report more to us next week!

Airport Repair Aid Is Denied

A delegation from Friona appeared at a Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT) hearing in Hereford on Wednesday, July 27, to apply for a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) grant for repairs to Benger Air Park in Friona.

Benger Air Park is the only private airport in Parmer County that is used for public air transportation. The airport is used by such companies as Excel, by air ambulances and FEMA



NEW FRIONA CHAMBER EMPLOYEE...Cindy Carr is the new member of the staff of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. She is a new resident of Friona and is assistant to Teresa Buske, Chamber Executive Director.



CITY HALL CHANGES...Left, Minnie Aguirre assumes the job of Margie Garcia, right, who has moved to Clovis and leaves City Hall as of August 1, after three years. (Photo by Ron Carr)

M. Garcia Leaves City Hall

Margie Garcia, the friendly telephone voice of Friona's City Hall, will be leaving her position as of August 1.

Garcia has worked at City Hall for the past three years. Prior to that, she spent ten years with Friona Public Schools. Garcia has lived in Friona twenty years.

She and her family recently relocated to Clovis, and Garcia has accepted a position in the corporate headquarters of Allsup's in Clovis.

"It's hard to leave Friona," she said. "This is a good place to raise kids. The schools here are great. I have many friends here and want to thank them all for their support and friendship."

Her many duties at City Hall often included translating for judges, insurance companies, real estate agents, and city departments.

"A lot of people depended on me and I appreciated it," she said.

Minnie Aguirre, also a veteran of ten years with Friona Public Schools, will be replacing Garcia.



LOCAL TOURNAMENTA good turnout of golfers participated in the Preach Edelman Memorial Partnership Tournament on July 14-15. The tourney was held in ideal weather.



Letters To The Editor

(Editor's note: The following is a copy of a letter written this week by Friona Chamber of Commerce official Bill McCoy, in response to the news story on page 1 of last Sunday's Amarillo Globe-News.)

To the Editor,
Amarillo Sunday Globe-News:
Re: Excel, Is It Safe?

Sunday, July 23, 1995
Have things really gotten so bad at the Amarillo News that they must now relegate themselves to the lowest form of journalism and resort to "sensational tabloid" methods? I am, of course, referring to the literal lambasting of Excel Corporation in your publication's Sunday edition.

While the story may be newsworthy and of local interest, the manner of presentation is contrary to all generally accepted conventional journalism styles and demeans the integrity of your readers. The whole story is wrought with innuendo, half-truths and conjecture. The few facts presented are done so as to arouse suspicion and supposition or as a token attempt of support to one of the region's best corporate citizens.

Excel Corporation is a cohesive strength to the matrix supporting the local communities. Not only does it provide jobs, revenue and tax bases but their people serve as civic leaders on school boards, city councils, chamber boards and various other organizations.

The corporation gives generously annually to provide: scholarships, grants for community development, scholastic and athletic equipment, and many other locally needed funds.

Having done business with Excel over the last eleven years, I have always found them to be fair, honest and professional in all transactions. While not all of the negotiations have ended the way I desired, they were always mutually agreed upon before closing.

The deals were performed in exactly the method prescribed even at times to their detriment but never mine. I have also been fortunate to tour their facility many times and have observed first hand their commitment to the people, their safety and well-being.

Excel Corporation deserves an apology from your near libelous portrayal. If that is not forthcoming, then please cancel my subscription to your publication because I do not choose to support scandalous, shoddy journalism.

Sincerely, Bill McCoy
HCR 2, Friona, Texas

(Editor's note: Following is a copy of a letter sent this week to the Amarillo Globe-News)

David Stephens
Regional Editor
Amarillo Globe-News

7-26-95

Dear David:

Friona civic leaders feel that the Excel Corporation was unfairly targeted in your page 1 article of Sunday, July 23, 1995-- "Excel: Is It Safe?"

For a number of years, Excel has stressed safety, and in 1989 the corporation voluntarily entered into an agreement with its unions to formalize a safety program it had started at least three years earlier.

As a local news media, we have been called on numerous occasions to take photos of Excel employees who had been presented special awards by the corporation, for safety achievements.

At one time in particular, these photos were so numerous as to take up an entire page in our newspaper.

Present and past employees at Excel have told us that they believed that the Friona beef packing plant has done everything in its power to make the facility accident-free.

But as you well know, accidents are bound to happen. Excel has been in operation in Friona for 27 years. To be an industry in which portions of its operation are fairly high-risk in nature, we feel that the number of accidents they have recorded pales in comparison to the number of man hours worked by the hundreds, even thousands of workers over the past 27 years.

Your writer chose to lead off the article by quoting Lubbock attorney Sam Fadduol. If they had an organization for attorneys who chase ambulances, Fadduol would be a charter member, if not the president.

He is a good example of the reason the state bar association has passed rules that its members must follow in their advertisement procedures.

By the way, your article stated that Fadduol ran advertisements in Friona and Plainview newspapers, seeking Excel employees who had been injured, so as to file lawsuits against the packers. I personally threw the Lubbock attorney's advertisement into the waste basket. It's a free country, and we're free to decide what advertisements we will or will not print.

We have been a Globe-News reader/correspondent for 40 years or so, and most of that time we've agreed with your news and/or editorials. But we feel that someone was asleep at the switch when this story ran.

Excel is a responsible citizen in our community. They deserved a considerably better slant than the one you took on July 23.

Sincerely
Bill Ellis
Friona, Tx. 79035

60 YRS AGO--AUG 9, 1935

The temperature here during the greater part of last week was unusually high for this altitude and one thermometer registered 110 in the shade one afternoon after hanging in the hot sun all the forenoon and still hanging against the sun-heated brick wall. However, the nights have been cool enough for sleeping, and the mornings have been nice and cool.

55 YRS AGO--AUG 16 1940

It now seems quite obvious that the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas will have a candidate for Congress, in the person of our esteemed Mayor F.W. Reeve. The mayor has consented to run for that office at the solicitation of many Republicans of the district. Republican County Chairman George McLean has circulated a letter around the district calling attention to this fact.

45 YRS AGO--AUG 10 1950

Lone Star Farmer awards were presented recently to three Friona boys for outstanding FFA achievement. They were Jimmie Gore, Tommy Jones, and Keith Brock. To qualify, each boy must have completed all the vocational agricultural courses offered in their school for at least three years; must be able to lead a 40-minute group discussion and must have earned at least \$250 on his supervised home projects, and the money must be in the bank or invested in livestock or equipment.

40 YRS AGO--AUG 4, 1955

A greater Parmer County Fair, with considerable addition of entertainment, was assured this week by the Fair Board and by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Dates are September 8, 9, and 10. A beard growing contest has been announced. An old fiddler's contest is also promised. A bigger-than-ever barbecue is slated. Dick Habbinga will again be parade marshal.

35 YRS AGO--AUG 11 1960

Two Hereford youths died almost instantly Saturday morning when their car ramed a tree two and one-half miles east of Bovina on Highway 60. The dead were identified as Bobby Gene Province and Harley Earl Davis, both 20. Investigating officers said the driver apparently went to sleep at the wheel, since there were no skid marks before the crash, which occurred about 4 a.m.

30 YRS AGO--AUG 12 1965

Tragedy almost struck twice at the construction site of the new

St. Teresa's Jamaica '95 Set Aug. 13

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona is hosting their annual Jamaica '95 on Sunday, August 13 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

"There will be lots of games for the children, food booths, Cokes auction of new and used items, and the grand prize of the day is a new 1995 S-10 Chevy V6 pickup," according to Paul Gonzales, chairperson.

There will also be live music and the festivities will be broadcast live on K.M.U.L. Radio Station of Muleshoe.

Sponsors for this event are several businesses of the Friona community.

"We wish to thank all the sponsors for making St. Teresa's Jamaica '95 possible," Gonzalez added.

For tickets on the Chevy pickup, see any one of the church members.

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Friona Flashbacks

....from the files of The Friona Star

Friona High School this week, as an Abilene man fell some 20 feet between two walls in what will be the new auditorium. Kenneth D. Latta, 24, is hospitalized with a broken shoulder bone and a concussion. A month ago, an Amarillo youth, David Austin, was electrocuted while working at the high school stadium site.

25 YRS AGO--AUG 10 1970

The Friona Star was presented the "Community Service" award by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the West Texas Press Assn. last weekend in El Paso. The WT Chamber's award covers its 134-county membership area, which also overlaps the press association's boundary, including 200 newspapers.

20 YRS AGO--AUG 3, 1975

Reeve Chevrolet-Olds has been in the process of moving during the past few days, and plans to be open in the company's new location on West Highway 60 on Monday morning, according to company officials. The county's Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealership is relocating in the former Parmer County Implement Company location.

The paving on the approach to the overpass across Frio Draw and the Santa Fe Railroad tracks was finished last week.

15 YRS AGO--AUG 24, 1980

Funeral services for Carl P. Fairchild, 70, were held Wednesday, August 20 at the First Baptist Church. Born February 19, 1910 in Wakita, Oklahoma, Fairchild moved to the Friona area in 1934. He married Billie Cogdill on December 23, 1937 in Clovis. He had owned and operated the pool hall in Friona since 1946 and was a

Baptist.

Funeral services for Ethel Bengler, 76, were held Friday, August 22, at the First United Methodist Church. Born May 16, 1904 in Beaver County, Oklahoma. She had lived in the Friona area 40 years, moving here from Beaver. She was a retired school teacher, having taught in Oklahoma 17 years and in Friona for 20 years.

10 YRS AGO--AUG 11 1985

Abraham Hildebrand, 66, was killed instantly in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 214 and Fifth Street Thursday about 11:30 a.m.

A group is currently forming with its main goal preservation of the old Santa Fe Depot, with the idea of relocating the facility.

5 YRS AGO--AUG 11 1990

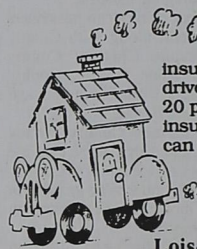
Former Bovina resident Diane Lumbrera, 32, was indicted by a Parmer County Grand Jury on three counts of capital murder on Tuesday, according to District Attorney, Johnny Actkinson.

Members of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department are selling chances on a \$2000 U.S. Savings Bond (matured) as first place in a drawing by the firemen during Maize Days.

Hospital Report

Parmer County Community Hospital--Ernest Anthony. Amarillo, High Plains Baptist--Wendel Gresham

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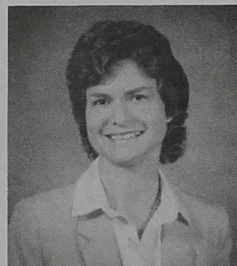
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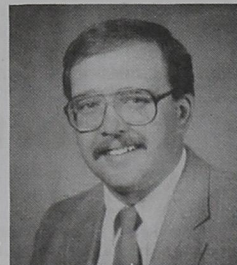
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Animals Must Be Certified

The Texas Animal Health Commission announces that all livestock entering Texas for the XIT Rodeo or on premises will be required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, valid for thirty days.

Equine require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and also must have a current Coggins Test for Equine Infectious Anemia, valid for 12 months.

Commission staff will also be inspecting for symptoms of Veicular Stomatitis in all livestock.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Virgil Taylor (Texas Animal Health Commission), 1203 Chaparral, Dalhart, Texas, 79022, or call (806) 249-5867.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Much of Texas burning up

Drought conditions are forcing Texas ranchers to thin down herds of cattle, sheep and goats, while farmers are seeing a decrease in harvests of vegetables, cotton, hay, wheat and grains. In spite of recent rainfall in some areas, many Texas counties have received less than average precipitation since the Spring of 1993.

Counties with below average rainfall since Spring 1993

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Parkinsons Support Group Is Organized

A Parkinsons Support Group for those suffering with the disease has been organized in Clovis, N.M.

All persons in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico interested in Parkinsons are encouraged to attend.

The first meeting will be held Wed., Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. Jane Armitage from the Great Plains Health Center has opened a room for the group to meet at 2905 North Prince #G in Clovis.

Janet Schwartz, speech pathologist, will report on nutrition for Parkinsons patients.

At this meeting, the group will decide on the best time, date and place for the group to meet, so your participation is needed.

If you can't attend the August meeting, but want to be a part of this group, give Judy Ribble a collect call at (505) 796-2647 and she will add your name to the list. A reminder will be sent out Aug. 1.

SALE OF FARM REAL ESTATE

656.2 Acres More or Less
Parmer County, Texas

The Consolidated Farm Services Administration (CFSA) will sell at a Trustee's Foreclosure sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at the main front door located on the lower level of the South side of the Parmer County Courthouse located at 401 Third Street in the City of Farwell, Texas in Parmer County, Texas on Tuesday, August 1, 1995. The CFSA minimum bid is \$126,702.00. For specific information contact Richard A. Hayter, Loan Resolution Specialist, 4412 74th Street, Suite E-100, Lubbock, Texas, phone number (806) 792-0070 or Thomas S. Taylor, County Supervisor, 109 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas, phone number (806) 481-3349.

Out Here

By RON CARR

Which of the following items are out of place here in Parmer County?

- a) Flies
- b) Mud
- c) Briefcases

The answer will be clear by the end of the column. Prizes will not be awarded.

Here is a brief conversation between my wife and I the other day:

"Did you say something, Honey?"

"No, I was just killing another fly."

"Do you talk to flies when you kill them?"

"Sure. Doesn't everybody?"

Well, she had me again because I do talk to flies. After I thought about it, I realized that actually I say some pretty mean things to flies while I am stalking them for the kill.

Then, if I am lucky enough to kill one, I even talk to it afterwards. "Gotcha you little.....!"

Some of the things we say to flies can't be printed in a family newspaper. Come on, admit it. I know you talk to flies.

The flies out here, are either

stupid, or very aggressive.

City flies are sissies compared to the flies out here. City flies hide behind the curtains, or land on top of the refrigerator where you can't see them. And they don't buzz much.

Back in the city, it has taken as long as a whole day, just to track down a single city fly. And, of course, I walked around the house calling the fly, like you would call a pet.

"Where are you? Come on out where I can see you. Just light right here on the cabinet you little.....!"

These Friona flies don't hide. They buzz around like stunt pilots and land mostly on a nice flat surface, often two or three at a time. Sometimes they will land right on your face. Must be a fly's version of having fun.

"Hey, let's all land on this guy's face for a second before we head back out to the cattle pens".

Another thing I don't understand about these Parmer County flies. How can they get inside your car or truck when you are driving 55 mph on an FM road? Ever been driving along and all of a sudden there is a fly buzzing around

your windshield?

I think if you ever attended a Parmer County Fly Convention, they would have names like Spike, Buck, Roy Gene, or Big Bubba.

And finally, if you want to kill a fly, get a flyswatter. Wet towels and newspapers don't work as well.

Enough about flies. When I moved out here, my brother, Rick, said it never rains and nothing much ever happens.

We have only lived here two months and there has been a major tornado, Excel blew up, and there has been several inches of rain already.

And rain means MUD. Out here there is dirt and dust, which, when mixed with water, turns to MUD.

MUD is good. When we have MUD, it means that we have had rain. And rain is good for all the farmers and ranchers. Not good for the farmers that need to get into the fields to harvest, but even GOD can't make everybody happy.

My wife Cindy has accepted the dust/MUD. The Pine-Sol Queen of the Panhandle, she recently confided to me that now when someone comes over to visit and the furniture and shelves are dusty, she doesn't worry because they don't seem to notice.

My friend, A J (Easy) Ryder, the best convenience store clerk in America, said he figured that when it rained, his customers drove down muddy roads on purpose so they could drop mud on the store parking lot.

When you are driving on a Farm to Market road after a rain, be careful. Seems the side roads are dirt, which means you can come up on a slick area of mud real quick.

My kids got their shoes muddy and my wife and I didn't even care. In fact, they look cute in muddy shoes and big grins. We pitched them under the car port until they dry. The shoes, not the kids. No big deal. MUD is good.

My big city briefcases? Sold them in a garage sale. I don't know who bought them but I am sure they will use them for storing old family pictures, or packing to go back to Old Mexico for a visit.

When I arrived in Parmer County, without a job or a place to live, I brought my big-city briefcase. I had carried a briefcase, in Dallas and all over the world, for the last 30 years, so I figured to need it out here. WRONG!

I went on interviews with it and people glanced at it kind of funny-like. After I went to work for the paper I thought I would really need it now. Working for a newspaper, you have to have a briefcase. Right? WRONG!

For several days, I kept waiting for Bill Ellis, YE ED here at the paper, to show up with a briefcase. He never did. Somehow the paper was printed anyway.

Oh well, life is simpler out here. We put our kids in the First Baptist Church Bible School this week even though we are Methodists. Thanks to all the wonderful adults that are working hard to make the Bible School a meaningful experience for all our kids.

In the weeks ahead, look for an in-depth introduction to my friend, A J (Easy) Ryder, the best convenience store clerk in America.

Plus some other stories that I have uncovered out here. Who says this is not an interesting place? I've got a lot of stuff to write about and I hope you will keep reading. SEE YA!

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Riding Club Hosts Playnight

The Friona Riding Club held the third Saturday night Playnight activities this past weekend. Twenty-four youngsters participated in the events.

"Everyone is encouraged to come to the Riding Club Arena west of town each Saturday night and watch the youngsters involved in the Playnight activities. We guarantee you will have a good time," a spokesperson commented.

Results are as follows:

BARRELS

Five and under: 1. Keiffer Ruthardt, 1:07.58; 2. Danielle Bentley, 1:21.17; 3. Jonathan Edwards, 2:17.83.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonnah Black, 20.80; 2. Mathew Edwards, 24.26; 3. Luke London, 25.95; 4. Richard Roberts, 29.43; 5. Bobby Bentley, 35.30; 6. Salida Edwards, 40.24; 7. Tiffany Shepherdson, 44.40; 8. Patricia Andrade, 1:47.89; 9. Tyler Hitchcock, no time.

Ages 10-14: 1. Jessica King, 17.49; 2. Shasta Copley, 19.19; 3. Storm Roberts, 20.89; 4. Savannah Black, 20.97; 5. Jodie Coker, 21.81; 6. Ryan Dyer, 22.71; 7. Chad Bentley, 26.23; 8. Trevor Fields, 25.97; 9. Braydon Lewis, 26.73; 10. Candace Richardson, 1:50.39.

Ages 15-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 18.59; 2. Mac Fields, 21.97.

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Five and under: 1. Keiffer Ruthardt, 39.94; 2. Jonathan Edwards, 1:09.99; 3. Danielle Bentley, 1:11.03.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonnah Black, 11.66; 2. Luke London, 12.55; 3. Richard Roberts, 16.42; 4. Mathew Edwards, 16.67; 5. Tyler Hitchcock, 17.12; 6. Salida Edwards, 25.91; 7. Tiffany Shepherdson, 33.46; 8. Bobby Bentley, 53.50; 9. Patricia Andrade, 3:37.33.

Ages 10-14: 1. Jessica King,

9.13; 2. Shasta Copley, 10.61; 3. Savannah Black, 10.68; 4. Jodie Coker, 11.64; 5. Chad Bentley, 13.72; 6. Trevor Fields, 15.31; 7. Ryan Dyer, 16.81; 8. Storm Roberts, 22.36; 9. Braydon Lewis, 24.01; 10. Candace Richardson, 1:09.96.

Ages 15-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 15.03.

POLES

Five and under: 1. Keiffer Ruthardt, 1:13.90; 2. Danielle Bentley, 1:34.07; 3. Jonathan Edwards, 2:16.14.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonnah Black, 27.03; 2. Luke London, 41.32; 3. Bobby Bentley, 41.68; 4. Tiffany Shepherdson, 53.55; 5. Salida Edwards, 1:00.21; 6. Patricia Andrade, 2:09.45; 7. Richard Roberts, no time; 8. Mathew Edwards, no time; 9. Tyler Hitchcock, no time.

Ages 10-14: 1. Shasta Copley, 23.30; 2. Jessica King, 24.21; 3.

Savannah Black, 24.28; 4. Jodie Coker, 27.73; 5. Braydon Lewis, 29.59; 6. Chad Bentley, 32.96; 7. Storm Roberts, 33.12; 8. Trevor Fields, 40.12; 9. Ryan Dyer, 40.43; 10. Candace Richardson, 2:06.68.

Ages 15-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 23.72.

STAKES

Five and under: 1. Danielle Bentley, 28.93; 2. Jonathan Edwards, 41.64; 3. Keiffer Ruthardt, 53.34.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonnah Black, 11.91; 2. Luke London, 14.88; 3. Tyler Hitchcock; 4. Bobby Bentley, 16.25; 5. Richard Roberts, 17.55; 6. Salida Edwards, 21.93; 7. Tiffany Shepherdson, 22.07; 8. Mathew Edwards, 30.27; 9. Patricia Andrade, 49.32.

Ages 10-14: 1. Savannah Black, 10.30; 2. Shasta Copley, 10.39; 3. Jessica King, 10.99; 4.

Jodie Coker, 11.15; 5. Ryan Dyer, 11.74; 6. Chad Bentley, 12.81; 7. Storm Roberts, 13.25; 8. Braydon Lewis, 15.59; 9. Trevor Fields, 25.87; 10. Candace Richardson, 47.23.

Ages 15-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 9.80.

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Five and under: 1. Danielle Bentley, 57.98; 2. Keiffer Ruthardt, 2:05.47.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonnah Black, 33.03; 2. Bobby Bentley, 35.43; 3. Luke London, 41.12; 4. Tyler Hitchcock, 1:17.83.

Ages 10-14: 1. Jessica King, 14.10; 2. Jodie Coker, 19.46; 3. Chad Bentley, 20.78; 4. Savannah Black, 22.19; 5. Braydon Lewis, 22.59; 6. Ryan Dyer, 24.07; 7. Shasta Copley, 27.35; 8. Trevor Fields, 29.17.

Ages 15-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 13.22.



JANET RECTOR

Janet Rector Attended Lions Summer Camp

Janet Rector, 16-year-old daughter of Larry and Sharon Rector of Friona, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Sponsored by the Friona Noon Lions Club, this camper participated in summer camp activities including horseback riding, swimming, field sports and a challenge course program.

Established in 1949, the Texas Lions Camp has given more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp. Children between the ages

of 7-16 attended at no cost to their parents.

The camping program is specially adapted in order to accommodate each child's individual needs. A well-trained staff supervises each camp activity with a ratio of one counselor to two campers.

The Texas Lions Camp is a non-profit organization funded by Lions and private donations. For more information, contact your local Lions Club or the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, Texas, 78029-0247, phone (210) 896-8500.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

Week of July 30-August 5 Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

July 30--Fern Sanders, Dr. Bill Osborn, Brandon Dickson, LaTawn White, Chris Ingram, Rex Williams, Gilbert Paiz, Johnny Rodriguez, Zack Pipes, Darian Drummond.

July 31--Minda Gonzales, Georgia Tullis, Dustee Gee, Ashlee Gee, Ruben Lopez, Jr., Monica Santellana, Kristopher Rios, Dr. William Osborn.

August 1--Hanna Beth Stephens, Lloyd Chesher, Larry Rector, Eula Bradshaw, Barrett Dickson.

August 2--Billy Sifford, Dusty Ryedel Rosario, Pepper Weatherly, Vuthill Loafman, Florian Jarecki, Jessie Sisk, Brenda Jackson.

August 3--Ray Gonzales, Connie Johnson, Valerie Brockman, Peggy Stowers, Marie Roden, Retta Schueler, Norbert

Schueler, Wendy Gresham. August 4--Ashley Smiley, Shannon Grissom.

August 5--Lila Gay Gee, Michelle Stevens, Amber Drager, Ruby Stone, Earlene Jordan, Kirk Frye, Lori Woods, Cindy Adams, Lindsey S. Bowyer.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.

D.A.R.E. Report

BY ROY DON SMITH

The pool party is set for August 5 from 6-8:00 p.m. This activity will combine all age groups. All kids under the age of 8 must have a parent present during the pool party. This is a pool policy and is for the safety of your child.

The last activity night before school starts will be August 19 at the Community Center. K-5th from 5-7:30 and 6, 7, and 8 from 7:30-10 p.m.

After school begins we will move the nights back to Saturday. A big thanks to Mrs. Wilson for the use of the city's facilities.

The D.A.R.E. hotline is now in operation. The number is 265-3257. All upcoming events and information is detailed.

The Modern Study Club has set up a presentation for September 19. I look forward to seeing all the ladies that evening.

A parents night is being planned for August. Check the upcoming reports for further details. I hope to have a parents night monthly if possible.

It's only about two weeks until school starts. I hope everyone is as excited as I am. Lets all make this the best year yet for the kids and the program.

Some very exciting plans are being made for this year. Next big activity will be Maize Days.

We will have the best D.A.R.E. float ever and I again will have the D.A.R.E. booths set up in the park.

Here are some very startling statistics that I recently learned:

The number one cause of death in teenage white males is DRUNK DRIVING, number two is homicide.

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The youth of today are dying at a faster rate than at any time in our history except during the Revolutionary War. Think about it!!!!.....Officer Smith

Gonzalez Baby Born

David and Debra Gonzalez of Friona are the parents of a baby girl born Monday, July 17 at 12:07 p.m. in Clovis High Plains Hospital.

She was named Desiree Michelle. The new arrival weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured twenty-one and one-fourth inches long.

Desiree is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Victor and Socorro Gonzalez of Friona and Michael Heins of Emporia, Kansas, and Debbie Wade of Hereford.

Guadalupe Nieto of Friona, Romona Gonzalez of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Everett and Barbara Heins of Emporia, Kansas and Ila Voss of Pekin, Illinois are the great-grandparents.

Dona Luiza Gonzalez of El Paso is her great-grandmother.

David Reed Receives BA Degree

More than 1,828 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1995 spring commencement exercises on May 13.

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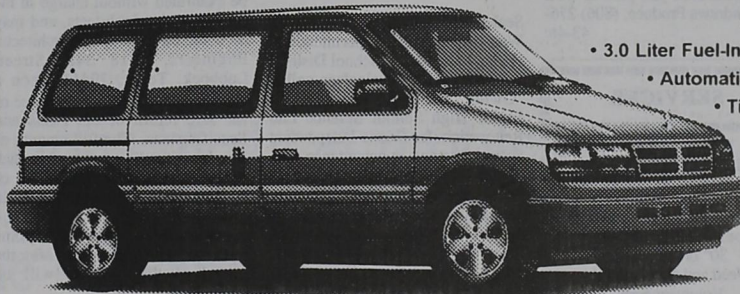
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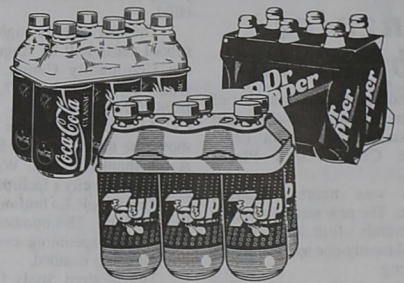
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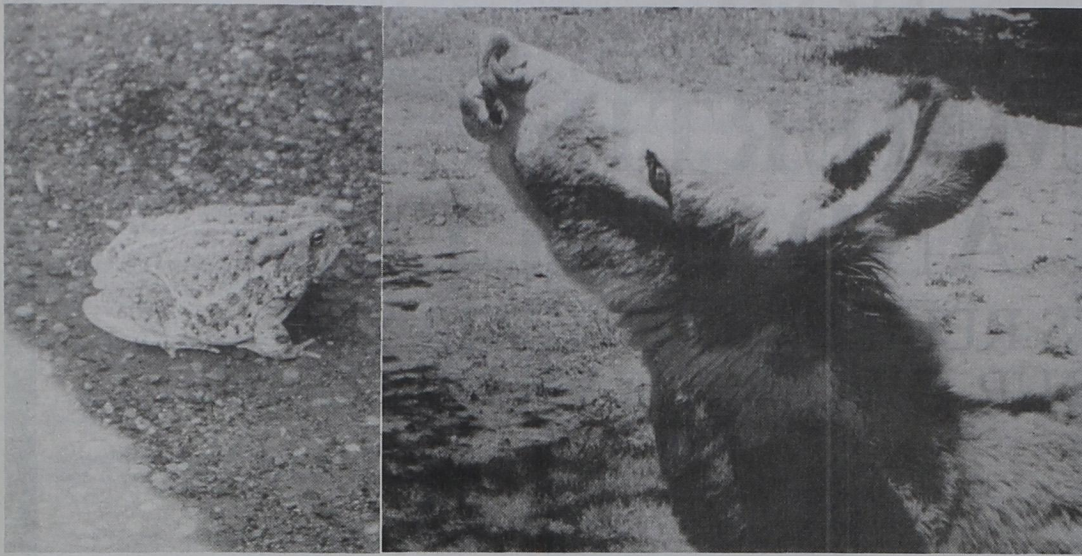
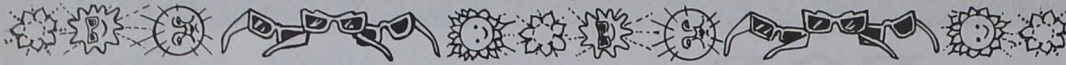
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EVERYONE'S HOT....The weather has been too hot even for toads and donkeys. Carol Ellis said the toad (frog?) was an educated amphibian, since it was outside the Friona Public Library. The donkey (burro?) was captured by Lisa McLellan at the H.H. Hortons' corral.

Cheerleader Camp Slated

A cheerleader camp for junior high-aged kids will be held the week of August 7-9, between the hours of 1-4 p.m. Information sheets will need to be picked up at the high school office.

Excel Record

(Continued From Pg. 1) developments in equipment have eliminated many unsafe jobs through the years at Excel.

Friona's Excel plant employs about 1700 people, with an annual payroll of \$30 million. Excel attracts commuter workers from Clovis, N.M., Hereford, Amarillo, Muleshoe and Bovina, to name a few.

In addition to the payroll, Excel spends an additional \$60 to \$80 million a year to procure the one million head of cattle processed annually at the local plant.

Klein estimated Excel's total impact, including wages, utilities, purchases, allied businesses and community contributions, to be about \$1 billion each for Friona and Plainview.

Courthouse Annex Denied

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Commissioner Mars asked if this had been confirmed by the state in writing and was told it had not been.

McCoy and Buske were told that funding must come from the General Fund, which for the next four months will operate at a deficit, until new revenue is collected.

Treasurer Norton stated that the General Fund has a present balance of \$392,000, with more than \$100,000 in monthly expenditures, projecting a fund deficit for the next four months.

Judge Clayton verified that the Farm to Market (FM) Fund, for road and bridge maintenance, has almost \$1,000,000 in cash and investments, but by law cannot be used for any other purposes.

One commissioner grumbled that when sprinklers and cattle were taken off the tax rolls, "it hurt the county bad".

McCoy continued to emphasize the importance and feasibility of the annex to a majority of Parmer County residents, and that it could be accomplished at virtually no expense, in comparison to the number of residents it would serve.

Since the Friona Chamber had made a similar presentation last year, which was tabled, it was necessary to un-table the motion for discussion and vote. Commissioner Mars moved to un-table the motion and Commissioner White seconded.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Mars agreed, reinforcing McCoy's position that the \$14-15,000 cost was not significant when related to the number of residents served. He made a motion to authorize the annex location in Friona.

Judge Clayton asked twice if there was a second to the motion. There was none and the motion died for lack of a second.

The commissioners agreed to discuss the annex again as soon as they finish their fiscal 1996 budget meeting so they can, in the words of one commissioner, "see if there is any money to fund the thing".

McCoy thanked the commissioners for the time and opportunity to make the proposal and assured them of any cooperation necessary in the future to locate the annex in Friona.

Bill McCoy, Friona Chamber of Commerce board member, said "Excel Corporation is a cohesive strength to the matrix supporting the local communities. Not only does it provide jobs, revenue and tax bases, but their people serve as civic leaders on school boards, city councils, chamber boards and various other organizations."

"The corporation gives generously annually to provide scholarships, grants for community development, scholastic and athletic equipment, and many other locally needed funds," he continued.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

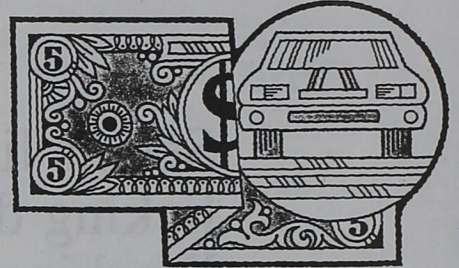
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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

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Thanks to all of you who have responded to last week's request for news tips--as well as the words of encouragement you provided. Please keep in mind that your calls are necessary for the appearance of *Town Talk* in the *Friona Star* each week.

Don't forget the bottom line which is "no calls, no *Town Talk*."

Ralph and Waneta Taylor of DeSoto, Texas were here for the recent all school reunion and to visit Ralph's sister, Natalie Williams. They are both graduates of Friona High School and spent most of their growing up years, as well as the first more than 40 years of their married life, here.

A few years ago, these two decided to move closer to their children, Judy Walker, Jeanne Warner and Mike Taylor, who live in the Dallas metropolitan area, and moved to a new home at 717 Ashbrook, DeSoto, Texas.

On August 2, these two will be observing their 55th wedding anniversary and will be honored with a family reception.

If you want to send a card, the zip code for DeSoto is 75115.

The entire staff of the *Friona Star* wishes the Taylors many happy returns of the day.

Keaton and Kristen Behrendsen have been visiting their maternal grandparents in Central Oklahoma for the past couple of weeks.

Their mother, Mrs. Dave Behrendsen, drove to Oklahoma City last weekend and the girls came home with her.

Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Foster of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pipes of Duncan, Oklahoma.

Earlier this month, Minnie Knight spent a week with one of her daughters, First Sgt. Vicki Knight, who lives in Killeen, Texas.

Another daughter, Martha Mars, drove down and brought her home and the following weekend, she had out-of-town company.

Sandy, Alexi and Baron Boyette, who live in Forrest, Louisiana, came for a weekend visit and were joined by Rhonda, Lyndi and Beau Jury of Elkhart, Kansas.

Sandy and Rhonda are the daughters of Jim and Gail Knight Greeson and Minnie's granddaughters.

Darren and Wade Procter of Lubbock were weekend visitors in the home of their parents, Dewayne and Cheryl Procter. Other out-of-town visitors were Tiffany and Morgan Tryon and Cherise Money.

Recent out-of-town visitors in the home of Leola Powell and Marlene Hall included Jack, Margaret, Don and Nita Powell, who came down from Dumas.

Don and Nita are former Friona residents. They were owners and operators of the first Tasty Cream Drive In in Friona when it was located on the south side of Highway 60 between Washington and Pierce Streets many years ago.

Other relatives who were here were Stan and Linda Powell of Rockdale, Texas; Joe, Becky, Tiffany, Dusty, Meagan and Shea Menefee of Fort Towson, Oklahoma; and Brad, Barbara, Brittany and Cody Powell, who live in Channing.

Little Brittany observed her sixth birthday Friday and her mother baked and decorated a cake for her to share with her cousins and other relatives.

Leola reported, "It was fun to have all my children and their spouses and most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren here at the same time."

Kathrine Blackburn returned home Monday of last week after spending several fun filled weeks with relatives in the southeastern part of the United States.

Her first stop was in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was a guest in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Craig and Brenda Howard.

One of the highlights of her stay in the Mardi Gras city was attending the high school graduation of one of her granddaughters, Sara Howard.

Following the graduation, Kathrine flew to Birmingham, Alabama, where she was met by

one of her sisters, Virginia Campbell, who lives in Sylacauga, Alabama.

After spending several days in Virginia's home the two drove to Pontotoc, Mississippi, where they attended a reunion of the Furr family. The Furr's were their mother's family and this was the first reunion Kathrine and Virginia had attended.

Before returning home, Kathrine accompanied Virginia to Fort Myers, Florida for a visit with another sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Steve Mullins, who live on Sanibel Island.

After the couple returned to Sylacauga, Kathrine flew from Birmingham to New Orleans before emplaning for Dallas and finally Amarillo.

Recent out-of-town visitors in the home of Lois Weatherly were Penny and Holden Hudson of Weatherford, Texas; Phillip and Phila May Weatherly of Crested Butte, Colorado; Park, Tracy and Brady Weatherly of Amarillo and James and Landon Weatherly, who live in Canyon.

As of Thursday evening, George, Leslie, Will, Sarah and Robin Rushing are all home following a vacation in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

This group left home together about two weeks ago and drove to Custer, Montana, where they visited in the home of Jack and Maggie Howley and family, former Hereford residents.

From there, they drove to Lewistown, Montana and spent a few days on the Phillips Bar Diamond Ranch with Wes, Clint, Kory and Tye Phillips before proceeding northwest to Glacier National Park.

Leslie reported, "The scenery was beautiful all the way and it seemed that the farther north we drove the more beautiful it was."

Enroute home, they stopped in Couer d'Alene, Idaho for a visit in the home of Bill and Susan Calligan and son, Pat.

Leaving Will there, the rest of the group drove home by way of Yellowstone National Park.

Will and Pat made a side trip to Seattle before Will began his flight back to Amarillo to join the rest of the family.

Katy Osborn hosted a family reception honoring Yvonne McFarland Campbell of Westerville, Ohio, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Campbell, a former Friona resident, had been here several days visiting in the homes of her mother, Elva McFarland, and brother and sister-in-law, John and Bobbie McFarland, who live in Farwell.

Other guests included Elva McFarland of Farwell and the following Frionans: Ilene Osborn, Martha Clement, Geraldine Taylor, Ann Osborn, Hollis and Lunell Horton, Doris Barnett, and John, Hollis, Alex and J.B. Gurley.

Other recent out-of-town visitors in the Osborn home have been Mike and Sarah Margaret Wilson and children, Marcus, Scott and Russell, who live in San Angelo, Texas, and Robert Hines and Elsie McFarland of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Robert Hines and Elsie.

When any of the out-of-town kin of the McFarland clan come to Friona, there's usually a get together at Katy's house since she is home bound. She's the oldest member of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. McFarland and Yvonne is the oldest grandchild.

Claire Blanco returned home Monday evening after a flying trip to the New England States--the land of her nativity. She flew from Amarillo to Hartford, Connecticut, where she was met by a brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Rhoda Charron, who live in Bennington, Vermont.

One of the highlights of Claire's stay was going to Manchester, Vermont and visiting the Tanglewood Estates, which is the home of the Boston Pop Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra and attending a rehearsal for the latter.

A special treat was visiting in the home of cousins, Richard and Margaret Hartman, and seeing the place where she was born in North

Adams, Massachusetts.

The Martins--Lawrence and Pat and Clarence and Nona--are home after a fun filled trip to Portsmouth, Nebraska, where they met Ann Martin and Dean and Betty Wallace and family, who live in Creston, Iowa, for a visit.

They also attended the wedding of one of Ann's grandsons, Scott Clayton and Jennifer Fitch.

Enroute home they stopped for a few days in Branson, Missouri.

Ann, a former Friona resident, and the Wallaces sent their greetings to all their relatives and

friends in Friona.

Out-of-town visitors in the home of Alton and Elizabeth Peak this week are her mother, Mrs. Bill Stewart of Lubbock, and their daughter and granddaughters, Janice, Erin, Eddy and Amanda Johnson, who live in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Leon and Jeffie Talley are home following a trip to Norman, Oklahoma, to take their daughter-in-law and granddaughters, Suzy, Sydney and Madison Talley, home.

While they were there, they also assisted Tracey, Suzy and the girls in a move into a new home.

County Students Honored By Tech

More than 2,700 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for the academic honors lists at the end of the 1994 spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more credit hours of coursework. Students finishing 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Students making the lists included the following:

DEAN'S LIST
Audra Clark of Friona, freshman, petroleum engineering, daughter of Alan and Nita Clark; Britt Conklin of Friona, sophomore, animal science, son of Don Ready; LeeAnn Ford of Friona, freshman, pre-physical therapy, daughter of Ken and Mary Ford; Dawnda Magby of Lazbuddie, freshman, finance, daughter of Skip and Debbie Magby.

Also, David Reed of Friona, senior, finance, son of Ralph and Mary Reed; Greg Salyer of Friona, junior, animal science, son of Glen and Sheryl Salyer; Jennifer Smith

V. White Is Inducted In SPC Society

Vacresia White has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Society, an international honor society at South Plains College in Levelland.

In order to be considered a part of this society, a student must achieve a 3.25 grade point average or better for an entire semester.

A 1994 graduate of Friona High School, she is the daughter of Troy and Veca White.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Harvey and Bonnie Blackstone will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, August 5 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Muleshoe Church of Christ, 2201 West American Boulevard, Muleshoe, Texas. The couple was married August 31, 1945 in Hot Springs, New Mexico. The celebration will be hosted by their children: Katie and Lee McDonald of Pampa, Dale and Carolyn Blackstone of Tyler, Ann and Gary Johnson, Robby and Cathy Blackstone and Shanna Blackstone, all of Arlington, Thomas and Terri Blackstone of Odessa; and Nancy and James Peace of Friona. The family invites all friends and relatives to come visit and enjoy the afternoon.

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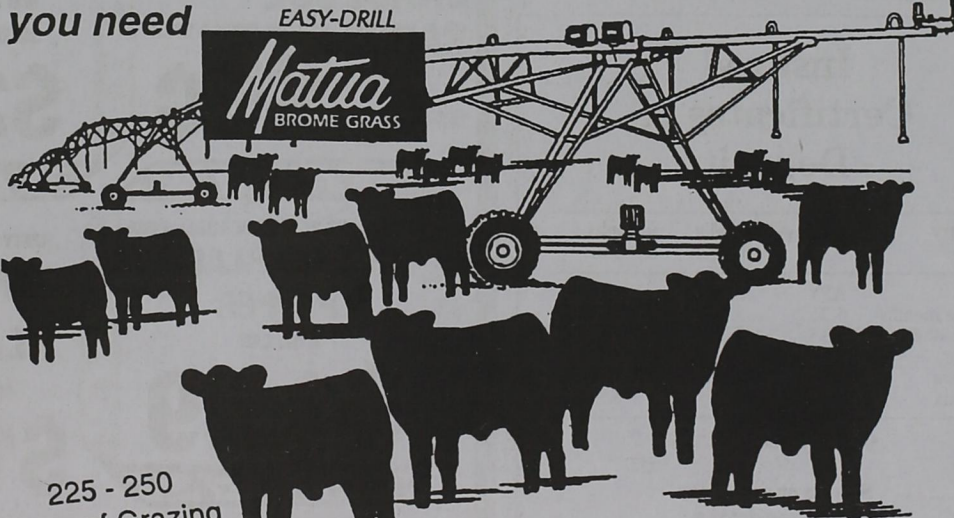


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Beck is attending I.I.T. on Air Force ROTC and university scholarships totaling \$85,000, over four years. He was inducted into the Arnold Air Society, a selective fraternity for Air Force Cadets, and served as freshman dormitory tutor



CHRISTOPHER BECK

in calculus and chemistry.

Beck, a 1994 honors graduate of Jacksboro High School, is the son of Bob and Judy Beck of Dimmitt. He was born in Friona and is the great-grandson of pioneer Friona settlers, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wood.

School Nurse Attends National Conference

Tommie Mercer, a school nurse at Friona Independent School District, attended the 27th annual National Association of School Nurses Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from June 28 to July 1.

At the conference, Mrs. Mercer met with nearly a thousand other school nurses from throughout the country and other experts who deal with school health issues on a daily basis.

The theme of this year's conference was: "School Nurses: Voices for America's Children." The purpose of the conference is to assist the professional school nurse in dealing with the complex social, medical and ethical concerns that they face daily in their work environments.

This year keynote speaker was Dr. Stephen Bavolek, from the Family Nurturing Center in Park City, Utah. His topic was entitled,

"What's the matter with kids these days?" Other featured speakers included Dr. Stephen Rice, a Seattle, Washington, pediatrician specializing in sports medicine; Joan Maxwell, school principal and consultant from California; Linda Juall Carpenito, internationally known speaker and author; Dr. Dorothy Davies Johnson, pediatric consultant for attention disorders; and Dr. Robert Brooks, director of the Department of Psychology at McLean Hospital, Belmont, Massachusetts.

The National Association of School Nurses has more than 8,000 members all of whom are professional nurses, in all fifty states and several foreign countries. NASN promotes excellence in school health by providing services with the goal of strengthening the professional growth of all school nurses and advancing the practice of school nursing.

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Good News: The Bad News Wasn't That Bad

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "We are always getting ready to live but never living."

By the same token, some people are always getting ready to invest but never investing. Their reasons are endless: "When interest rates reach 10 per cent..." "After the stock market hits 4000..." "When the Democrats regain control of Congress..."

A number of years ago, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) bounced between 500 and 1000, a client tried to pick the right time to make a sizable investment. When the Dow dropped below 800, he was convinced the market was ready for a major turn around but "it had a little more to go." Shortly after that, the Dow began a steady climb for one of the longest bull markets in history. But the man kept putting off making the investment, always finding some reason why it wasn't the right time.

Every day of every year, there is some element of economic or political uncertainty. Despite this fact, the Dow has achieved long-term success through all kinds of world-shocking events:

News Event Change in the Dow One Year Later

Soviets launch	
Sputnik 10/4/57	+15.60%
Kennedy assassination	
11/22/63	+24.99%
U.S. begins Gulf War 1/17/91	+30.47%

To further illustrate, here's a hypothetical economic and political forecast for the next 10 years. Would you invest after considering these predictions?

- 12 per cent inflation
- 13 per cent interest rates on the 30-year Treasury bond

3. An assassination attempt on the president.

4. A series of major Wall Street scandals.

5. A stock market crash of 1929 proportions.

6. The disintegration of a major world nuclear power

The fact is, all these events occurred in the 1980s. And during this period, the stock market continued to grow. In fact, according to Ibbotson Associates, the Standard & Poor's Index of 500 stocks achieved average annual returns of more than 32 per cent during 1980, 1985 and 1989.

Despite history, there is always the fear that the future will be different. For the short-term trader, any market could prove a disaster. For long-term investors, however, down markets are not catastrophes. Rather, market declines are often golden opportunities to buy good-quality investments at value prices.

Regardless of market conditions or the latest headlines, a good day to invest is any day you have the money. Over time, the market has traditionally increased due to companies increasing their earnings and dividends. Depending on how you look at it, the market has probably been increasing all your life. At the end of World War II, for example the Dow stood below 200; today, it flirts with 4000. There have been good and bad periods, but over the long term, the market always reflects the basic economic trends of growth and expansion.

Historically, economic and political events have been poor indicators of where the stock market is headed. So don't use today's headlines as an excuse to put off investing. If you want to be a successful investor, you have to start sometime--and today is as good a day as any.

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