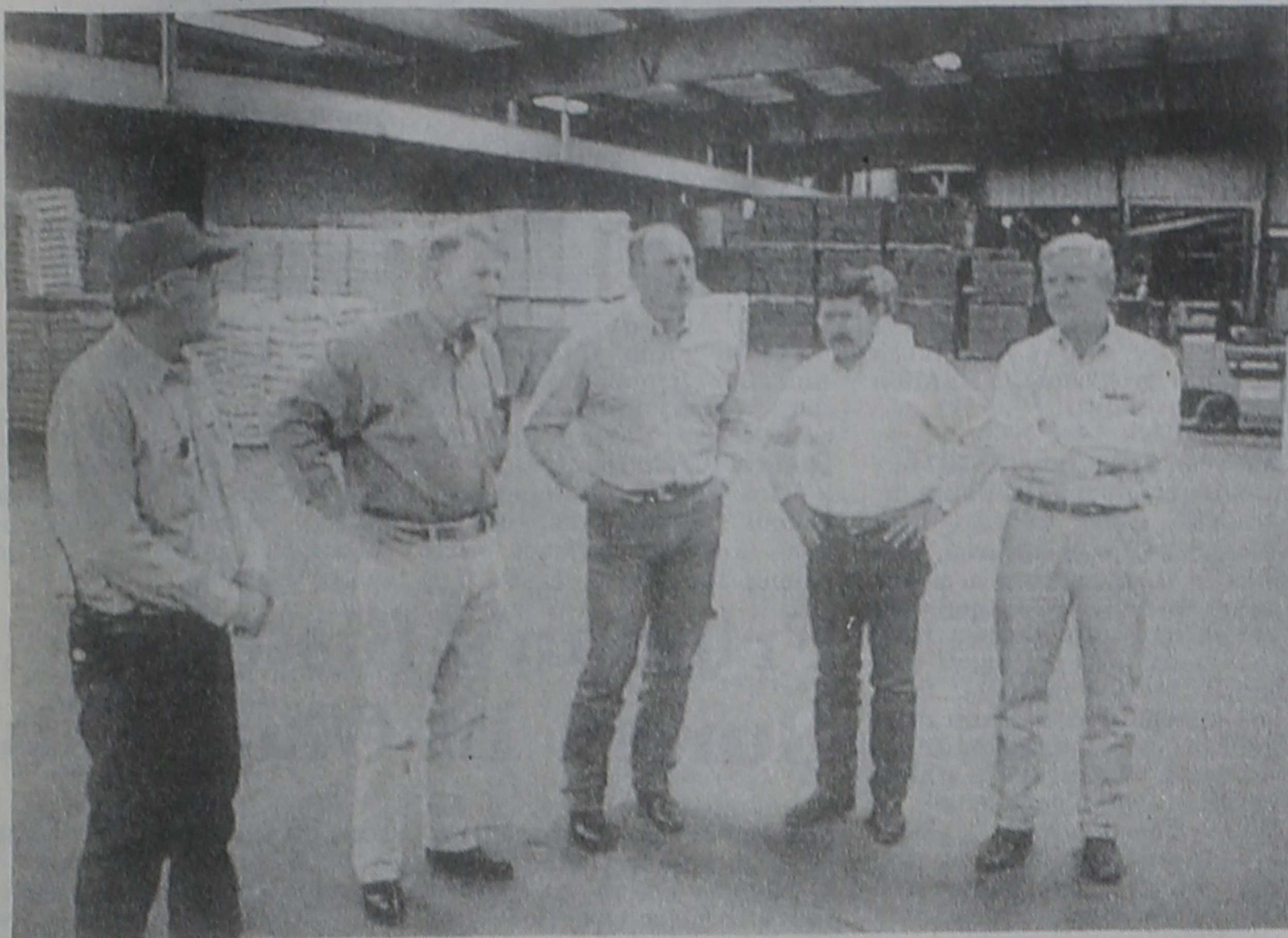




Looking Toward
The Future
THE FRIONA STAR
Is Now Y2K Compliant



A PRO TOURS HI-PRO....On Wednesday, June 16, Pro Baseball Hall-of-Fame member Nolan Ryan toured Hi-Pro in Friona. Ryan does promotional advertising for the company. Pictured in the Feed Mill warehouse are, l-r, Raymond Spencer, Bill Stovell, Ryan, Jack Hamil, and James Herring, CEO of Friona Industries.

Friona Museum Receives Grant

The Pioneer Heritage Museum announces that it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Layma Taylor Lister fund, a component of the Amarillo Area Foundation. The grant is to be used for professional services and the restoration and establishment of the Friona Pioneer Museum.

A spokesman for the museum said that the factor most influential in obtaining the grant was the overwhelming community support and donations already received by the museum. "The museum is still a long way from its goal but this grant is a step in the right direction. We would

encourage anyone who is interested in the restoration and establishment of the museum to contact a museum member or attend a museum board meeting," said Bruce Fleming.

"The Amarillo Area Foundation has been a huge supporter of community projects in Friona and this is another example of the excellent work they do in making life better for citizens of the entire Texas Panhandle. We wish to express our gratitude for this grant and the other grants which have been bestowed on worthwhile projects in Friona," Fleming concluded.

THE PRESIDENT, as well as many members of congress seem so sure that rigid gun control will cut down on murders, especially by young people.

We hope that they noticed that in the case of the young man in Indiana/Illinois who went on the killing spree managed to go around the regular gun dealers and get the weapons he used for all of the killings.

Their pompous pronouncements such as "I have just introduced in Congress," or "I have just signed into law"...the legislation that will correct the problem is just election year eye hype, and anyone with an ounce of horse sense should realize that.

"Guns don't kill--People kill!" was a bumper sticker a few years ago, and it still carries a lot of truth.

WE USED TO SUBSCRIBE to *Texas Monthly* magazine when it first came out and exhibited high quality writing on subjects we were very much interested in. When it got to the point that the advertising outweighed the editorial content by about 10-1, we let our subscription drop, since you had to really search for the articles.

Eldon Reeb passed along to us a recent edition of the magazine which contained a feature called "The Best of Small-Town Texas." It's an interesting bit, about some of the lesser-known attractions across our state. The articles are still dwarfed by the large ads (maybe I'm just jealous), but they're always interesting.

The article broke down the places to see, according to categories. One of only four hotels covered was the Hotel Turkey, which has received a lot of publicity in the last few years, thanks to the good job Susie and Gary Johnson have done in restoring the hotel. Susie gets up at 6:30 a.m. to prepare sweet potato pancakes, her specialty. That might be worth a trip to Turkey.

In the cafe section, I was not surprised to see a Fredericksburg establishment written up. This German community is Carol's all-time favorite place to visit. When son Stan moved to San Antonio with his bank, and opted for a better position with Frost Bank when Norwest made yet another move, it gave his Mom another good excuse to visit South-central Texas.

Hill Top Cafe is the one mentioned in the magazine, and I may not have tried it. Reason being it indicates that reservations are required if you want to eat on a weekend evening.

It's also not surprising that the number one "draw" for the city of Canyon is its girls basketball team (we didn't realize that the Lady Eagles are an attraction!), and that the main mention of Sealy was its football team, which won the class 3A title four years in a row, and its fans needed counseling last fall when the team lost its first post-season game.

Other categories covered by the article include shops, cemeteries, music clubs, and "townsfolk." "A small town without a character or two is like a water tower without graffiti," the article said. How true. We were caused to remember all of the "characters" we have known in Friona and Bovina. Wouldn't dare to mention any. We'd probably insult two dozen other families. But they were right in their statement. Characters make the towns what they are--not the businesses or establishments.

Summer Drama Workshop Performances Set July 16

The Summer Drama Workshop productions have been cast and rehearsals are underway. The production date has been set for Friday, July 16, starting at 6 p.m.

The three shows, which will run back to back, will provide a full evening of performance. Directors for the

shows are Allison Johnston and Brenda Beebe.

K-5 students will be performing "Unhappily Ever After", a show that is a twist on some of the more familiar fairy tales.

Cast members are Jason Berend, Kyle Lookingbill, J. Gurley, Laci Austin, Staci Fairweather, Alex Ferguson, Bryan Baxter, Kathleen Wyly, Aaron Hand, Brittany Berend.

Also, Megan Carr, James Sutton, Hollis Gurley, Alex Gurley, Deirdre Johnston, Erin Anthony, Morgan Anthony, Blair Smiley, Michelle Martin.

Also, Jordan Rains, Jordan Monroe, Ashley Ingram, Erin Austin, Ryan

will be performing scenes from "Into the Woods", which is based on a number of fairy tales. Members of the cast are: Mandy Geries, Katherine Johnston, Nathan Son, Felicia LaFuenta, Clint Burney, Kayla Wyly, Jacy Grimsley, Betsy Clark, Holley Hand, Jamie Slagle, Candace Ingram, Dwight Merrell, Jonathan Espinosa, Keaton Behrendson, Jenny Grimsley, Aaron Hendrickson, Michael Johnston, and Travis Stewart.

Members of the production staff are: Justin Grimsley, Blaire Jones, Trent Cook, Blane Winebrinner, Veronica Velazquez, Cassie London, DaLinda Black, Crystal Morton, and Barry Procter.

Police Warn Of Burglaries

Friona police have investigated seven residential burglaries during the last 30 days. In each instance the residents were out of town.

Police believe that the burglars knew the residents were out of town and warn residents who are planning to be away this summer to be aware and take some precautions when leaving for vacation.

First of all, police say that people often make it known to many friends and family that they are going to be gone. Word of people leaving for extended periods of time can spread and is an invitation for burglars.

They advise to tell fewer people and to make sure you have friends, neighbors and relatives watch your house often.

Also have them bring in newspapers, leave a light on, and generally make your home look as though someone was there.

In all of the recent burglaries, the burglars entered through the backyards of the homes, broke doors or windows to enter, and stole mainly small electronics like VCRs, CD players, televisions, etc.

Local police encourage you to be aware and take a few precautions if you are traveling this summer.

Foundation Gives EMS A Grant

The Don Kay Clay Cash Foundation, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, has donated \$2,500 to Friona's EMS toward the purchase of an automatic blood pressure cuff.

The blood pressure unit will be carried in the ambulance and will digitally monitor blood pressure, pulse, respiration, and temperature of emergency patients, especially those with cardiac problems.

According to EMS director and paramedic Dana Hendrix, the EMS crews now use regular type of monitoring equipment, taking the pulse, heart rate and blood pressure readings through a stethoscope. She said it is often noisy and EMS personnel have a problem hearing in the back of the ambulance.

The matrix automatic blood pressure cuff, which costs about \$2,800, will be a major addition and improvement for Friona's EMS, Hendrix said.

In a letter to EMS Director Hendrix, Kay Cash said, "May the Emergency Medical Service continue to save lives. Don and Clay join me in saying 'Thank you for your past response to my parents!'"

Kay Cash is the daughter of T.I. and Melba Burlson of Friona. In addition to this grant, the Don Kay Clay Cash Foundation has supported the Friona Public Library expansion for the last two years.

Mosquito Assistance Is Asked

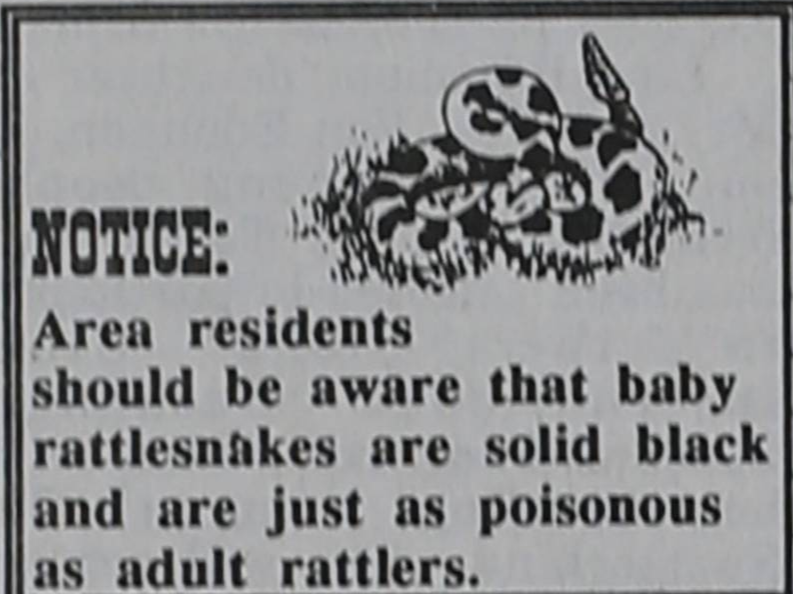
If you have noticed an increase in the local mosquito population this year, the city has some suggestions that might help.

City manager Paula Wilson and city workers advise everyone to cut their grass and weeds low and often.

Also, get rid of any standing water on your property and spray your own yard with malathion or similar insecticide. Call the city for advice on a proper spray to use.

City crews are fogging at night for mosquitos and have put out larvacide in standing water like that at Reeve Lake.

If you need advice or help or information call city hall.



NOTICE: Area residents should be aware that baby rattlesnakes are solid black and are just as poisonous as adult rattlers.

Fireworks In Friona

There was quite a lot of grumbling around town last week about Friona being the only small town in the area without fireworks or any sort of celebration on the Fourth of July weekend.

Not so! There was quite a bit of excitement about 9:20 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, when a loud explosion rocked the neighborhood of Summit and Cleveland Street just South of Highway 60. The electricity went off and the police were called.

It seems that a large black bird had flown into a transformer in that area. A large ball of flame lit up the sky and sparks rained down. Southwestern Public Service put things back in order and electricity was back on after 45 minutes.

B. McInroe Is Bitten By Rattlesnake

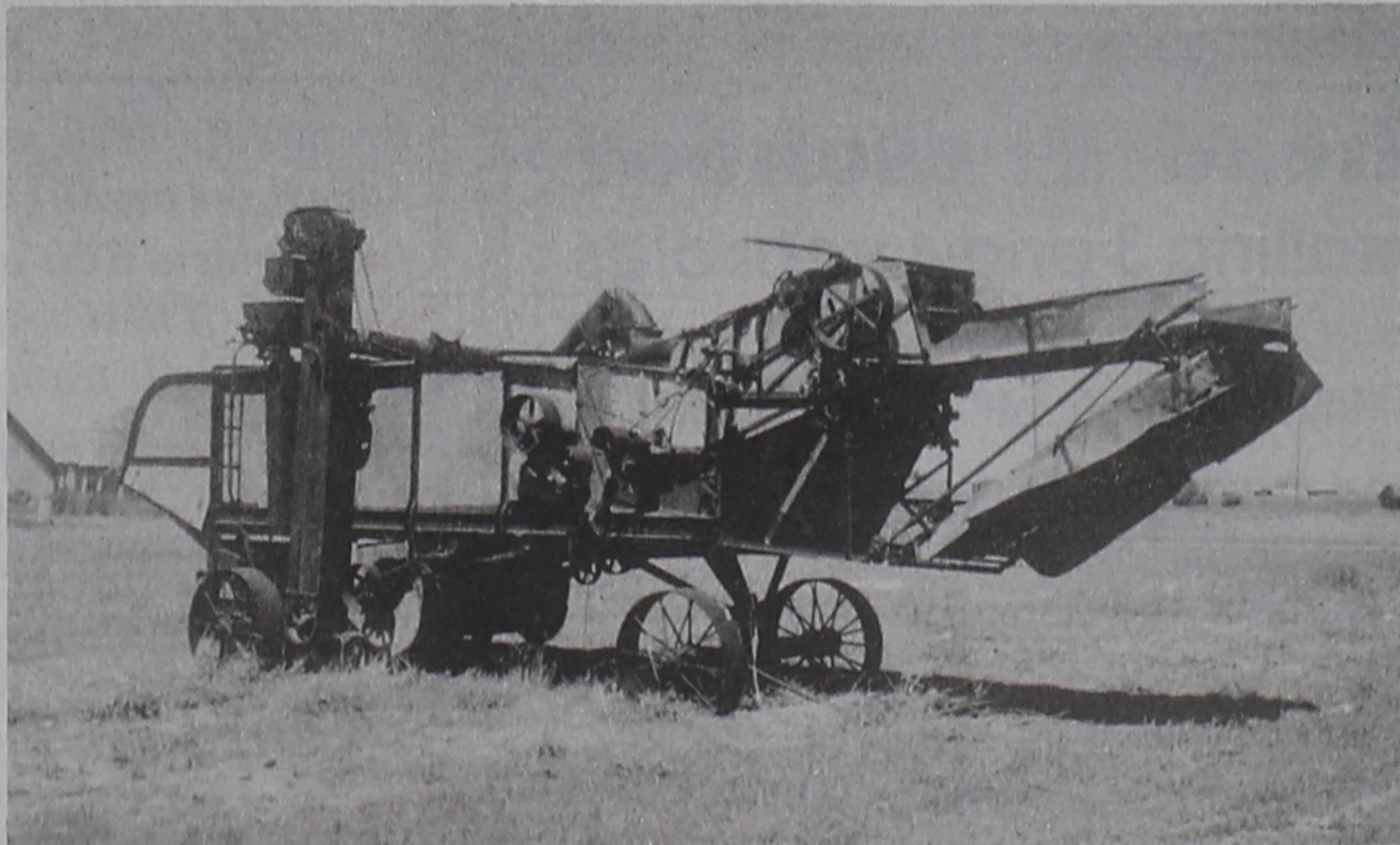
Betty McInroe of Friona suffered a rattlesnake bite in her front yard last Monday. According to husband Carl, the snake was in their front yard and bit Betty as she was walking across the grass instead of the sidewalk.

She was saying good-bye to her mother and sister at the time. They rushed her to the hospital and then on to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

At press time, she was expected to be released from the hospital Thursday afternoon.



MELONFEAST...Friona State Bank held their annual watermelon feast on the bank lawn last Friday. Hosting the customers were, l-r, Minda Aguilay, Enrique Rodriguez, and retired bank employee Dorothy Jackson. ron carr photo



OLD STYLE WHEAT HARVEST....In the 1920s and '30s, before combines, farmers in this area may have harvested their wheat and hay using this old Case thresher. This antique machine, belonging to the Tommy Jones family of Friona, was recently sold to a man in Amarillo. Tommy says it may have been pulled by horses or by a tractor, and a wagon would have been pulled along the side to feed the grain into it.



SOUTHERN SKY BAND, L-R, TOBY CUSHING, KRIS GORDON, TIM GREGG, CORTLANDT INGRAM

Southern Sky To Perform At Clovis Music Festival

The band Southern Sky, which includes Kris Gordon of Friona, will perform at the Clovis Music Festival. They will be the featured opening act for country performer Tracy Byrd. They will perform on Friday, July 16, at 8 p.m. (MDT). Gates open at 6 p.m. For ticket information call 505-762-7717.

Southern Sky has recorded a CD album which is available for purchase at the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Gordon performs lead and harmony vocals and plays drums for the band.

Phyllis Patton Is Buried In Friona

Funeral services for Phyllis Patton, 75, were conducted at First Baptist Church, in Farwell, Friday afternoon, July 9, with Reverend Richard Laverty, Pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Phyllis Patton died Monday, July 5, 1999 at her residence in Farwell. She was born January 6, 1924, at Monticello, Wisconsin. She married Carl Abel Patton Carl Abel Patton February 14, 1942 at Clovis, New Mexico. He died October 6, 1983.

She had lived in Farwell for 19 years, moving from Harrison, Arkansas, and was a homemaker. She attended First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Survivors include two sons, John C. Patton of San Angelo, and Paul Patton of Conway, Arkansas; two brothers, Harold Block of Harrison, Arkansas and Raymond Block of House, New Mexico; three sisters, Hilda Sparks of Ima, New Mexico, Hazel Traugher of Portales, New Mexico and Sally Whitesides of Farwell. Three grandchildren also survive.

AROUND TOWN

Simon Peter at Congregational Church
The Congregational Church in Friona will have a special service on Sunday, July 11. Former Frionan Daniel Nazworth, who is now director of theater at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky, will present a monologue based on the character, Simon Peter. He is the son of Bill and Ann Nazworth, formerly of Friona. The special service will be at 11 a.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Summer drama performances Jul 16
The three productions by the Summer Drama Workshop students will be presented on Friday, July 16, beginning at 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium. See the drama workshop story elsewhere in this paper.

Hereford city-wide sale Jul 17
The Hereford city wide garage sale is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

Catholic Bible school Jul 19-23
St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona has scheduled their Vacation Bible School for Monday July 19 through Friday, July 23. The hours are tentatively set from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Backyard bible school Jul 19-23
The location is 807 Ashland for the Backyard Bible School, Jul 19-23 from 9-11:30 a.m. for ages K-4th grade completed. Register early to enter the coloring contest, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more info call 250-5661.

Maize Days plans underway
The Friona Chamber of Commerce is already planning the annual Maize Days celebration during the week leading up to September 18. If your organization is interested in sponsoring some sort of kids games on Saturday, September 18 at the Park, let the Chamber know at 250-3491.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago--July 5, 1929

Building operations on the Turner theatre building and on the Maurer store building which has been at a standstill for several days were renewed the latter part of last week. The cessation in the work was occasioned by a lack of materials which have been ordered but failed to arrive on time to keep the work going.

Reports revealed from different parts of the Friona territory indicated that the average yield for this year's wheat crop is twenty bushels per acre. On Wednesday, the price locally was 92 cents.

65 Yrs. Ago--July 6, 1934

On Monday morning of this week, the two Star routes leading from Friona to Lazbuddie and Brown's Corner, respectively, changed hands. Everett Harry and J. A. Mincher, the former carriers, released their jobs to Clarence and Lewis Baxter, the two low bidders in the bidding contest held last spring.

Friona High School will add a vocational agriculture class to its course of study for the coming term. A special instructor was named for the branch.

60 Yrs. Ago--July 7, 1939

Twenty-one cases have been listed on the docket of the Parmer County district court, which will open its first session in the local court house on Monday morning, July 10, at nine o'clock, it was learned this week from County Clerk E. V. Rushing.

55 Yrs. Ago--July 7, 1944

Mrs. Ocoee Warden, elementary supervisor of the Friona Schools, has been selected as president of the Graduate Club of the West Texas State College.

45 Yrs. Ago--July 2, 1954

Tragedy struck swiftly and surely on Highway 60 in Parmer County yesterday to snuff out the lives of three members of the best known families in the county. Dead from a car-truck collision halfway between Bovina and Farwell were Mrs. G. D. Anderson, Jr., 32; a little son, John Hillard, age four; and Mrs. A. G. White, 54, all of Bovina.

Progress has been noted on the new, modern elementary school building under construction in Friona.

40 Yrs. Ago--July 2, 1959

A wheat fire at 12:15 p.m. Sunday on the Dalton Caffey farm four miles west and three miles south of Friona destroyed approximately five acres of wheat and a 1958 International 1 1/2 ton truck. Friona's Volunteer Fire Department answered the call and damage was estimated to both wheat and truck in the amount of \$5,000.

As a result of a recent service wide examination, Delmer Earl (Cotton) Renner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Renner, Sr., was promoted to the rating of an aviation electrician, second class petty officer.

35 Yrs. Ago--July 2, 1964

Parmer County

Community Hospital's board of directors met Tuesday night and awarded a contract for construction of a 10-room addition to the hospital. The bid was awarded to Taylor Construction company of Friona, at \$104,000.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 3, 1969

Mary Rando, 1969 graduate of Friona High School, returned this week from South Texas, where she appeared on two county Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar programs in McAllen and San Benito.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 7, 1974

Ginger Murphree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murphree, was injured last Friday in a boating accident near Abilene. Ginger and her father were thrown from the boat and Ginger was struck by the propeller from the motor, severely lacerating her leg. She was taken to an Abilene hospital, where surgery was performed to close the wound. Mrs. Murphree was also in the boat, but was not thrown out. Ginger was back in Friona recuperating this week.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 8, 1979

Richard T. Collard, Friona attorney, announces the association of Doyle D. Curtis with his law firm. Curtis is the new partner in the firm.

Lisa Edelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Von Edelman, is one of three young people from the state of Texas who has been selected to participate in the Lions Club International Exchange Student Program. Lisa will be spending a month in Switzerland. She will return to the states on August 9.

15 Yrs. Ago--July 15, 1984

The condemnation hearing, on the 40x1100-foot property owned by the Buske estate adjoining the city and the new Millard Warehouse complex on the eastern edge

of Friona, was held Thursday morning. Following the hearing, the three-member commission, D. C. Herring, M. C. Osborn and Roger Wilcox, in setting a fair market value on the property, put the value at \$15,700.

A local and regional office for Ag Engineering and Development Company was opened this week. Bob Hurst will be the local dealer.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 8, 1989

Reata Land Company of Amarillo announced this week that it plans to build 78 new homes in Friona in the Lakeview Addition.

The Friona Independent School District has entered into a sales contract with Friona Industries, L. P., for

the purchase of Friona Industries' corporate offices located in Friona.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 9, 1994

Bart and Teri Blackburn are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday, June 30 in Arlington Memorial Hospital.

The new arrival was named Melissa Clair. Grandparents are Keith Blackburn and Shirley and Gary Harris, all of Friona.

The annual watermelon feed on the grounds at the Bank was quite a hit on one of the hottest days of the Summer, with temperatures nearing the 100 degree mark. Marcia Herring and Dorothy Jackson served cold ripe melon to everyone.

Frionan's Sister Is Buried In Okla. City

A memorial service for Phyllis JoAnn Stringfellow, 61, was held at 10 a.m. July 1, 1999 in Oklahoma City at the Bill Eisenhower Northeast Chapel.

The Bill Eisenhower Funeral Home was in charge of the service and cremation.

Rev. Bob Willis, an Oklahoma Hospice chaplain, was in charge of the service.

Mrs. Stringfellow was born to Rose and Richard Pound on August 17, 1937 at Woodward, Oklahoma. She moved to Oklahoma City as

a small child and was a resident there until her death.

She was a member of Fourth Street Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and was employed as a receptionist at a security office.

Her husband, Darrell, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Aiello of Moore, Oklahoma; two sons, Scott Stringfellow and Ronnie Stringfellow, both of Oklahoma City; one sister, Deloris Bailey of Friona; and three grandchildren.

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Y2K and FSB

We are still being asked if Friona State Bank is Year 2000 Ready. We give a resounding "YES".

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Formed a Committee of Key Management from essential areas within the bank to study the Year 2000 Impact of Friona State Bank.

The Committee adopted a 5-Step approach to solve the challenge:

- 1) Promote Awareness - Started in Oct. 1997
- 2) Assess our Systems - Started in Oct. 1997
- 3) Renovate known problems - Started in Feb. 1998
- 4) Test Renovations - Started in March 1998
- 5) Implement Renovations - Started in May 1998

From July 1998 to present, Friona State Bank began conducting its own Independent Test of its Mainframe Systems. These tests include simulation of daily transactions over various days and periods in the Year 2000, including critical rollover dates that will occur and may be interpreted by software as an invalid date.

We hope this information will help you in understanding our organization's response to the Y2K issue and the importance that you should place on your bank's efforts to prepare for the Year 2000.

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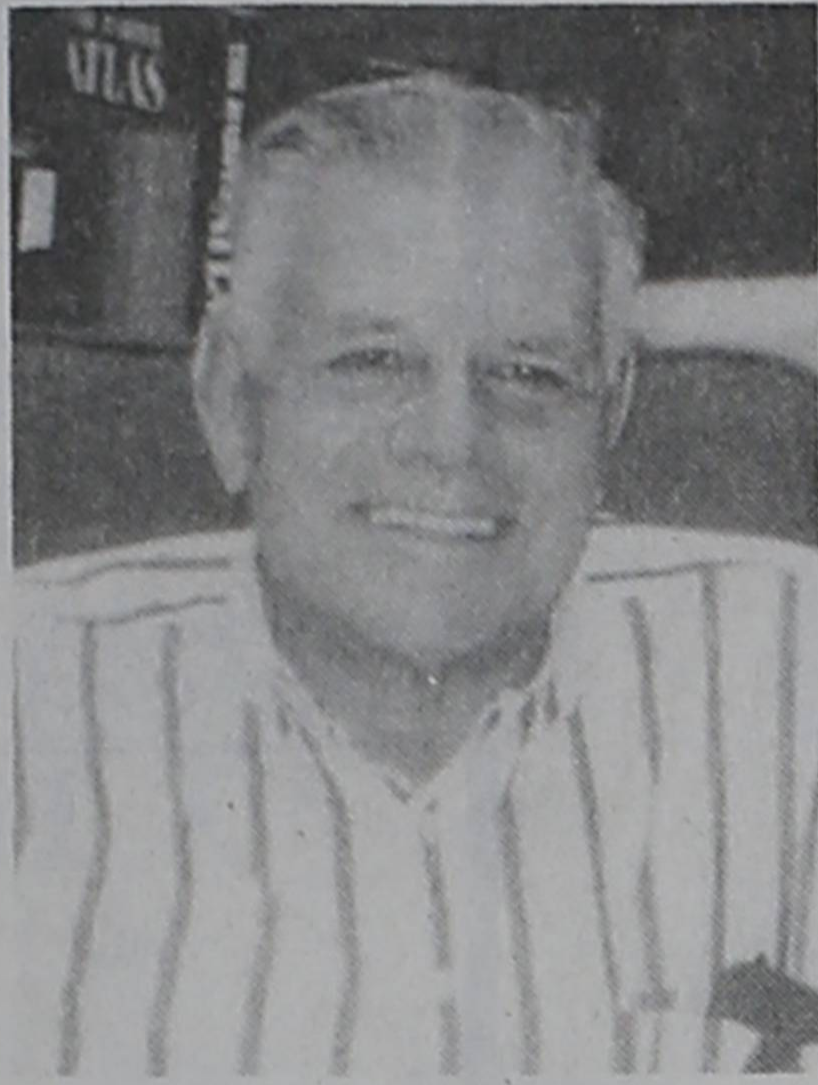
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DON MCNERLIN

He grew up during the Dust Bowl days of the '30s and likes to say he was raised in jail. He rodeo'ed, worked the oil fields in Texas, New Mexico, Peru, Africa, and Singapore.

He got married, had three children, got divorced. Over time he drank some whiskey, chased some women, considered suicide, and gave away hundreds of Bibles.

Today at age 65, he rides a motorcycle, flies an airplane, and preaches the gospel. But definitely not in that order.

Don McNerlin still shakes hands with the strength of a rodeo rider and oilfield worker. But as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Bovina, his heart, smile and kind words are those of a preacher.

His coffee drinking buddies say he often preaches at the cafe too and has a way of steering any conversation toward the gospel.

Don McNerlin was born in 1934 in Spur, Texas during the hard scrabble life of West Texas. In 1936, during the now famous Dust Bowl years, his parents packed up and headed to California.

The old car broke down in Monahans. He remembers that his daddy, Blackie, spent the family's last quarter to "buy me a hamburger. It sure made momma mad."

They stayed in Monahans where his daddy became a police officer and then sheriff. They lived on the top floor of the courthouse next to the jail.

He likes to say he was raised in jail. His momma cooked for the inmates. The food money paid by the county was enough to cook for the prisoners and feed the family too.

He remembers helping his dad with the local drunks who came and went like the jail was a revolving door. Many made sure to get thrown in the tank around Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to sample his momma's cooking.

Don says that one of his jobs when he was about 12-years-old was to help daddy round up the drunks. One old drunk they called

became interested in people who claimed to have had a personal spiritual experience.

At this point religion did not seem to help. In Peru he considered suicide. After days of contemplation and depression he said he decided against taking his own life, got rid of all his guns, and started reading the Bible.

The idea of spiritual encounters still haunted him.

"I left Peru and worked in a lead mine in San Francisco for 6 months", he recalled. "Then I moved to Odessa to be closer to my family and became a life insurance salesman. But I found out I couldn't sell", he said with a laugh.

During his stay in Odessa he attended some services in various small churches in the area. In one heightened moment he promised the Lord that he would give up sinful ways, booze, and women. His eyes twinkled "And I did for one solid week."

It was an incident with a waitress from the Miniskirt Junction Cafe and a bottle of Jack Daniel that led to his spiritual encounter. You can ask him about the details.

The next day he was supposed to go to have lunch with family. The bottle of Jack Daniel was gone. So was the Miniskirt waitress. But not the guilt.

He says he could not even bear to look in the mirror. Remorse and guilt flooded over him for what he had done to himself and others. It was then, he says, that his spiritual encounter became real.

"A light began to glow in the room", he says, "and as sure as I am sitting here I heard the Lord's voice say 'Don, I have always loved you.'"

He was 40 years old and was convinced that in spite of all the sins of his past, God still loved him because of it.

He says he spent the next few years reading the Bible and arguing with God, not convinced that his way was the best. In 1977 he was in Chad, Africa, as the warehouseman for an oil company. He stayed 3 1/2 years and gave away 200-300 bibles a month to

the local citizens.

From 1980 to 1984 he lived in Singapore. He bought a 29-foot yacht to live on and worked on oil rigs in Borneo, Sumatra and Java. Still, he gave away bibles and organized bible studies.

In 1983 he says he came back to Nocona, Texas with a \$250,000 net worth and 200 acres of property, planning on parlaying that into a million and never have to work again. "By 1985", he says, "I was flat broke."

Still knocking around the Odessa area, in 1986 he was listening to a Pentecostal preacher when he finally got the call to preach.

At the age of 54, Don McNerlin turned his life over to the care of God and vowed to preach God's word as long as he was able.

In June, 1988, with a license from the Methodist church, he accepted a ministry at Logan and Nara Vista, New Mexico. "They hadn't had a preacher in 8 months, so I was surely better than nothing."

After three years of study from Southern Methodist University and three years from Duke University (one month in the summers), in 1995 he was ordained as a deacon in the Methodist church, which is equivalent to a masters degree in theology.

His preaching career has taken him to Tatum, NM, for 3 years, Santa Rosa, NM for 3 years, and now Bovina for one year.

"All I do is preach from the Bible and try to get people hungry for the Lord", he declares. "I know I have had colorful life, but I can't be a witness without witnessing something in life. I have done that, and I will be preaching as long as I can hold a Bible and as long as the Lord will have me."

He is content to preach in small churches. He speaks Spanish. He is still single.

Life is okay today for Don McNerlin. His buddies say he even preaches some while having coffee at the local cafe.

To Don McNerlin life finally became a permanent spiritual encounter.

Eula Mae Gross Submits Life Story For Publication

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for submitting in this issue. This month we feature Eula Mae Gross.



EULA MAE GROSS

By EULA MAE GROSS

Eula Mae arrived the eleventh day of August 1906 in Mineral Wells, Texas as the fourth child of Benjamin and Icie Lee Lotspeich. Her father was a farmer in Palo Pinto County and her mother was a homemaker. Other children were added to the family until there were five daughters and four sons.

Eula attended school at Grafard and worked with her family on the farm, tending the farm animals and working in the fields.

God gifted several members of the family with musical ability. Eula was given a lovely singing voice which she used to sing in the church choir, at special events and in later years, to sing on a local radio station.

Eula moved with her family to Floyd County in 1924. She graduated from Land High School in May 1925. She married Fred Gross, August 26, 1925 at Petersburg, Texas. They began their life together on a farm in Hale County. Eula raised a large vegetable garden and fruit orchard and canned food for her family.

She was a wonderful cook and expert seamstress, making most of the clothes for her children. Sue and Olive were born while they lived in Hale County and also, a set of twins, Dan and Dave. Dave died with pneumonia at six months of age. Allen was the last child born in Hale County.

In the fall of 1935 the family moved to the Land Hill Community in Floyd County where they continued to farm. Three other sons were born to the family: Jerry, Thacker and Lonnie Pat. All attended Land Hill

School and later Floydada High School.

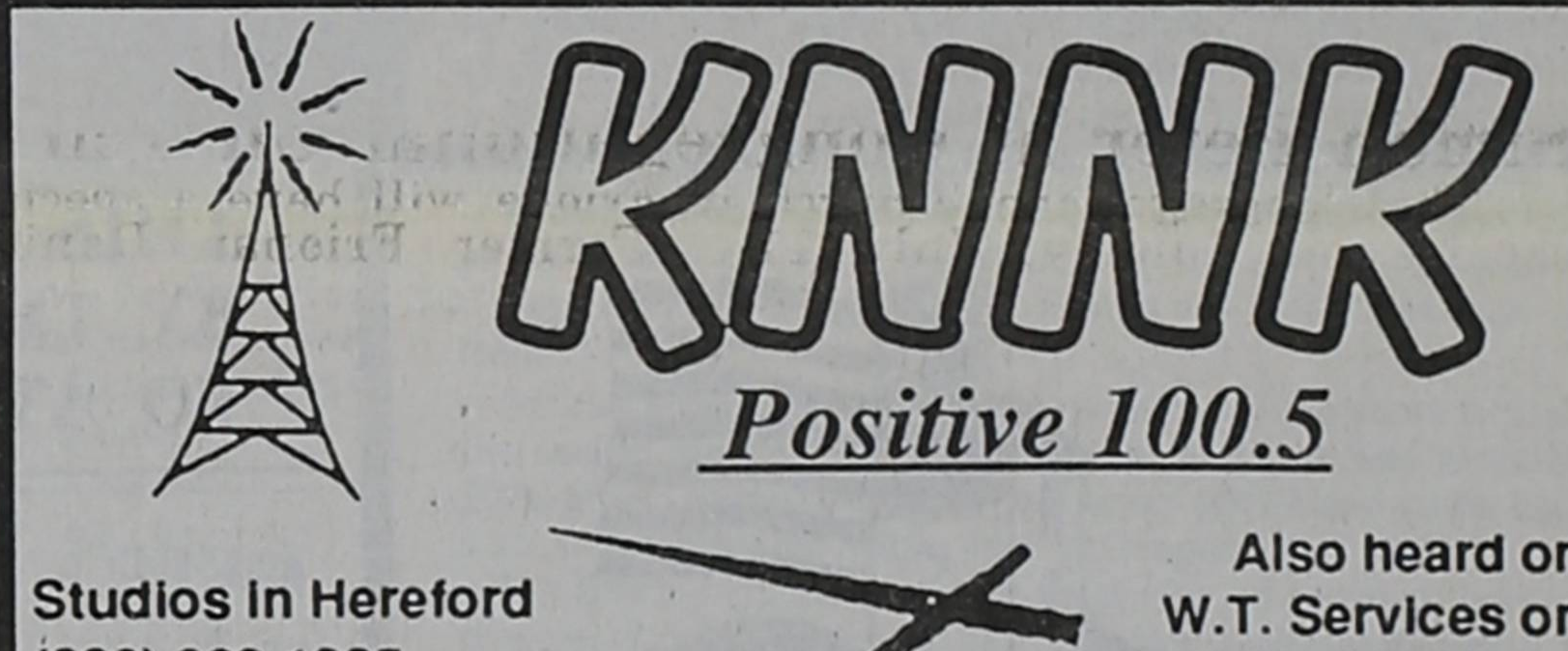
Eula's husband passed away on Christmas Day in 1967 after a lengthy illness. She continued to live on the farm before moving into Floydada in 1983. She enjoyed close neighbors and being more involved in church activities, until Fibromyalgia caused such pain and damage to her body. She was unable to walk, or care for herself. Eula moved to the Care Center in Floydada in May 1996.

On August 13, 1997 she moved to Prairie Acres so she could be closer to her daughter, Mary Sue. Mary Sue's husband passed away on December 22, 1993.

Eula continues to enjoy music and visits from her family and friends. She will celebrate her 93rd birthday on August 11 of this year. She has been a member of the United Methodist Church in Floydada for over fifty years.

Mary Sue Fowler lives in Bovina. Olive and Henry Hinton live at Dougherty. Dan and Barbara live at Hobbs, New Mexico. Allan and Alice live at Petersburg. Jerry and Jo Ann live in Seguin, Washington. Thacker and Joan live in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Lonnie Pat and Peggy live in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Eula Gross has seventeen grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



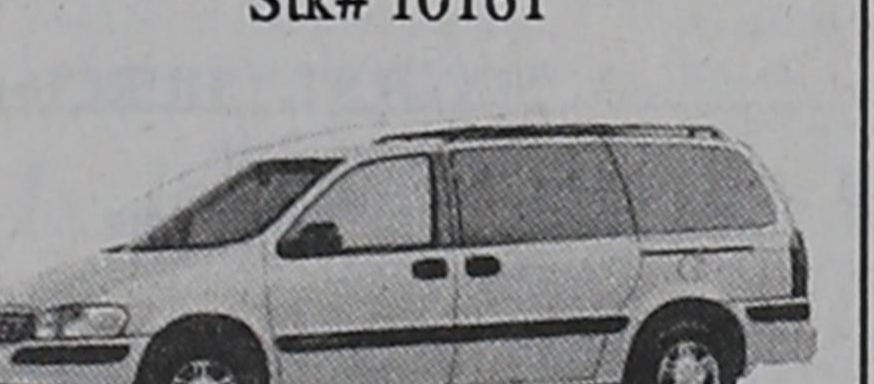
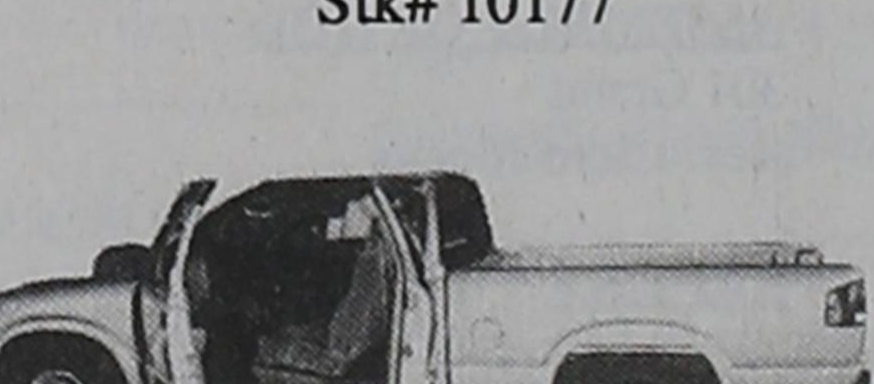



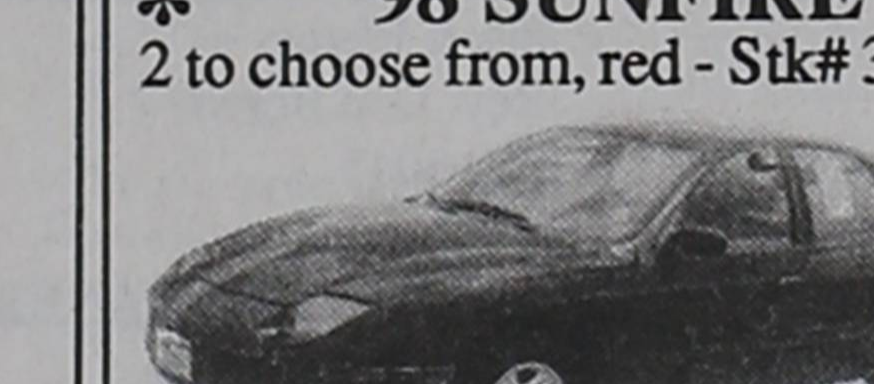
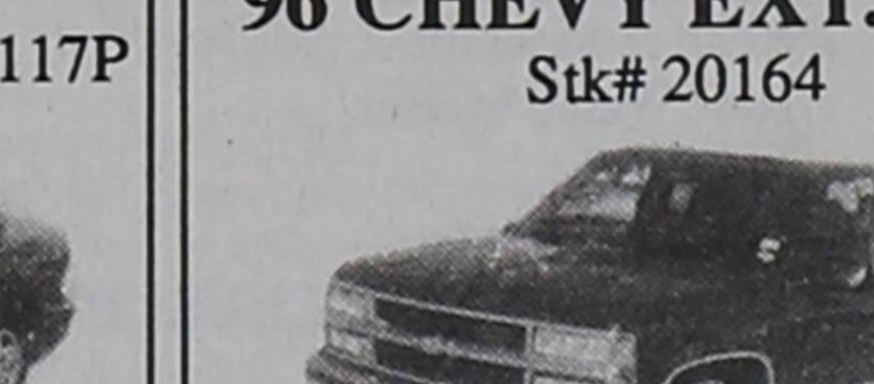
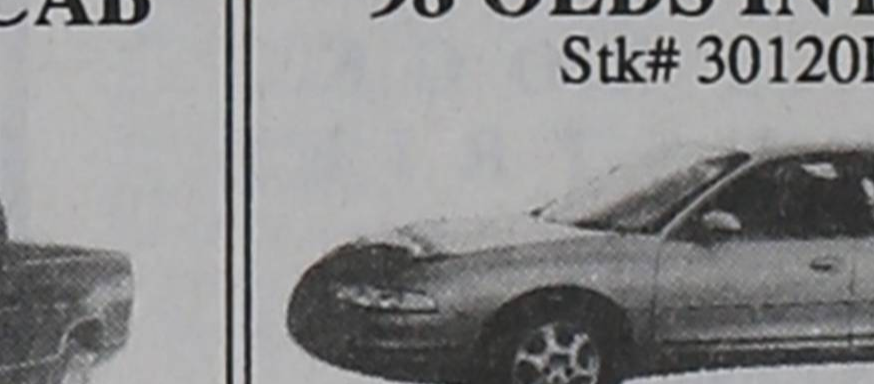

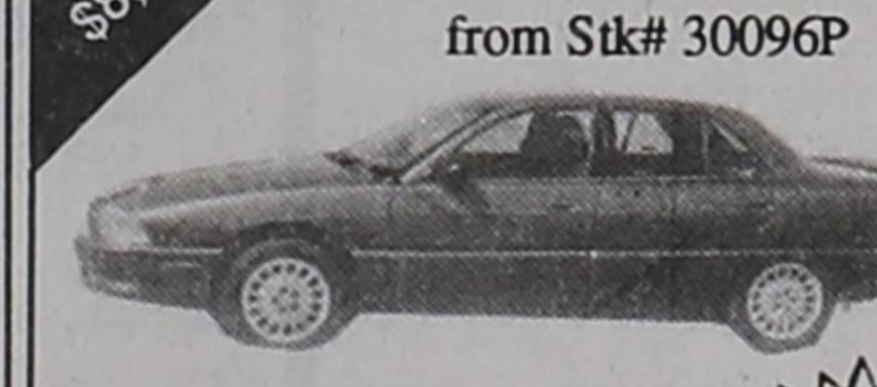


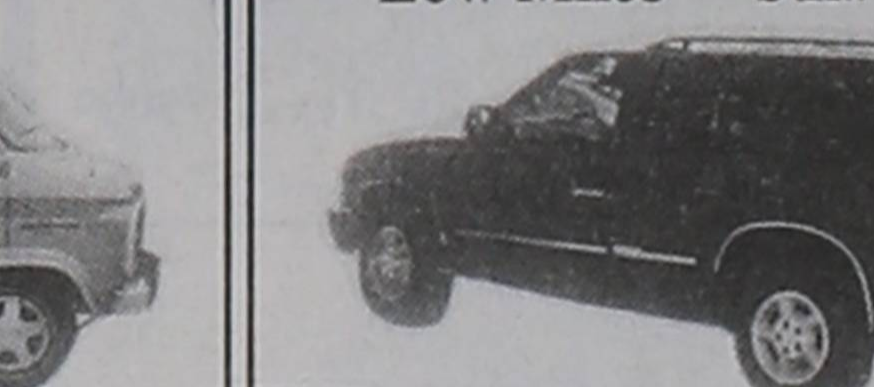


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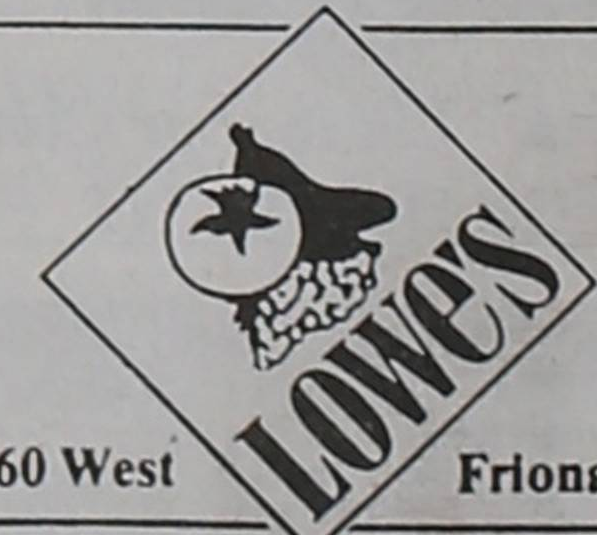
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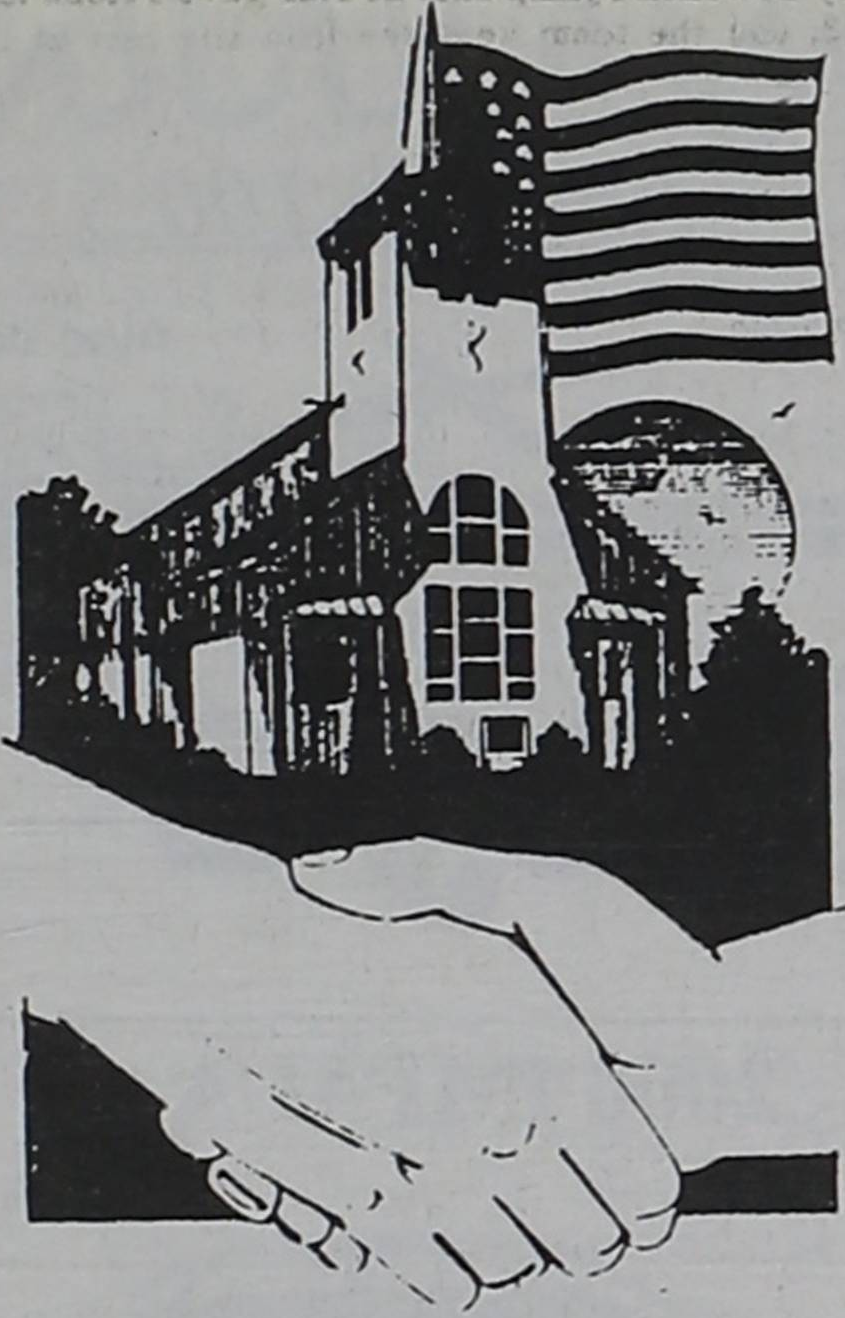
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Super Chiefs Are 2nd In State

BY 76-66 Score

Bowie Bursts Title Dreams

BY BILL ELLIS

AUSTIN—Second place ain't so bad, out of 214 class AA schools in the state.

Friona's Chieftains claimed the state runnerup title in basketball, in their first appearance ever in the state meet, falling to tall and talented Bowie, 76-66 in the finals Saturday in a noontime encounter.

The Jackrabbits turned out to be the bad guys in the "High Noon" epic, bursting Friona's state championship bubble after the Chieftains had controlled the first half of the game, leading at intermission 36-33.

But the Super Chief's championship express ran out of steam in a nightmarish third quarter in which Bowie outscored Friona, 29-8 and took control of the game.

The team was clearly showing the effects of their Friday afternoon battle, in which they faced a run and gun, pressing Bastrop team that left the Chiefs exhausted despite their win. Friona had used just six players in Friday's horse race.

[For details on Friona's thrilling 73-71 win over Bastrop in the state semi-finals, see the story on Page 12.]

For sixteen minutes of play, Saturday, it appeared that the Chiefs just might go all the way in this, their most successful basketball season in history, and first time ever past the regional playoffs.

Friona spotted Bowie a 10-4 lead after three minutes before its offense came alive. Gene Strickland, whose tournament performance was nothing short of fantastic, started things with a long jump shot, and Dale Cleveland made three straight baskets to tie the score at 12-12.

Bobby Lewellen's jump shot at 1:21 gave Friona its first lead at 14-12, and the team kept the lead the rest of the half. Four Strickland points gave Friona an 18-14 first quarter lead.

Strickland kept up his barrage, with two jump shots to start the second quarter, and Friona had a six-point lead at 24-18. Then after Cleveland banked in a layup Strickland came back with two more and Friona had its longest lead at 30-22.

But Bowie came alive. A four-point play on a basket and two free shots cut the lead in half and the Jackrabbits came to within one, 34-33 with 11 seconds left. Dale Parsons got a basket from in close two seconds ahead of the buzzer and Friona had a 36-33 halftime lead.

Bowie scored the first eight points of the third quarter, and suddenly everything bounced their way. Friona went cold and Bowie went hot. The combination spelled disaster for the Chiefs, who found themselves trailing by eighteen points before the quarter was over.

Several baskets by big 6-8 center David Prater sparked Bowie's third-quarter rally.

The lead became 20 points as the final quarter opened, and the Chieftains proved their championship calibre by fighting back to trim the final margin to ten, instead of quitting, and losing by a bigger margin.

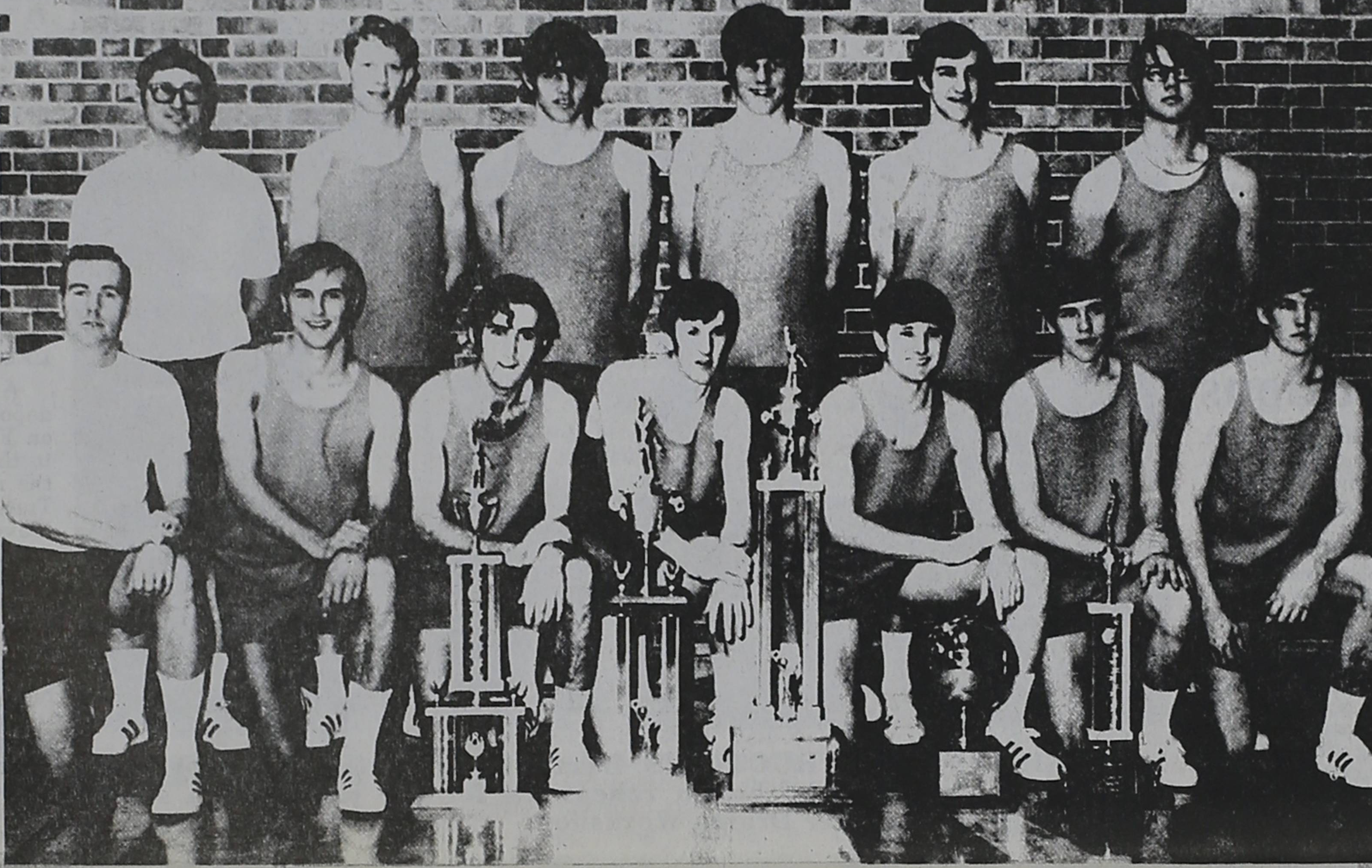
Strickland scored 28 points for the second straight day, and paced all scorers. Gene should have a good shot at the all-state tournament team, which will be announced later this week. He was Friona's big weapon in the playoffs, averaging over 20 points.

With four juniors on the court in the fading moments, one Friona fan might have said it all for the Chieftain supporters as they filed out of Gregory Gym. "We'll be back," was the fan's comment.

And we just might.

BOX SCORES					
FRIONA	FG	FT	RB	TF	TP
Gene Strickland (35)	12-25	4-7	17	3	28
Bobby Lewellen (41)	3-9	0-0	2	5	6
Kent Patterson (13)	0-0	0-0	1	5	0
Dale Parsons (23)	5-20	2-3	10	1	12
Dale Cleveland (25)	8-15	4-5	12	4	20
Clay Bandy (11)	0-3	0-0	2	3	0
Bill Fallwell (21)	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
David Hutson (43)	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Friona Totals	28-74	10-15	45	21	66
Bowie Totals	30-71	16-25	56	17	76

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
CHIEFS	18	36	44	66
Bowie	14	33	62	76



THE CHIEFTAINS...Friona High School's Chieftains, winningest team in the school's history and first FHS boys team to make it to the state tournament, are shown above with the trophies they have won this year. In the back row, left to right are Coach Ray DeBord, Trip Horton, Kent Patterson, Dale Cleveland, Gene Strickland and Gary Land. Kneeling are Coach Larry Dyess, Dale Parsons, Clay

Bandy, Bobby Lewellen, Bill Fallwell, David Hutson and Ted King. Besides the team's accomplishments in district, bi-district, regional and state, the Chieftains won the first annual Amarillo Invitational Tournament against an impressive field--beating state class A qualifier Paducah--and also winning first at the Vega Invitational and runnerup to Lubbock Estacado in their own meet.

TO SAY THAT the Friona High School Chieftains had a good year would be putting it mildly, of course. It's sort of like saying that we had more snow last winter than this one.

The Chieftains, you know by now, did several things that no other Chieftain team had ever done.

- *Highest scoring team in FHS history.
- *Winningest boys team in the school's history.
- *First regional tournament team for boys since 1945.
- *First regional championship for boys in history.
- *First state tournament team.

THEY DID ALL of this with a combination of seniors and underclassmen that makes it look like the team should be hard to handle again next year.

For example, four of the top seven players are juniors.

Starters Dale Cleveland and Gene Strickland, members of the all-regional team, are juniors. They also are two of the team's top three scorers.

Also with a year's eligibility remaining are first-line reserves Clay Bandy and Dave Clark, who saw considerable action this year.

Another junior is David Hutson, who sparked the B-team to a 17-4 season record and was moved up to the varsity for the playoffs.

Graduating seniors include starters Dale Parsons, Kent Patterson and Bobby Lewellen, along with reserves Trip Horton, Gary Land, Bill Fallwell and Ted King.

It's been a great year. But we're hoping it's the start of a dynasty.

WE EARLIER extolled the virtues of District 3-AA by pointing out the tremendous record compiled by Friona, Dimmitt and Morton.

But did you realize that Friona kept a streak of five years in a row that District 3-AA has furnished the state tournament representative from Region I?

Ever since Morton has been in the district, either the Indians or Dimmitt's Bobcats have won district, bi-district and regional, making it all the way to the state tournament.

Friona had a tradition to uphold by winning the district title, and they did their job nicely.

There have been those who have said that if such a poll was made, the three district leaders mentioned would undoubtedly all be in the top 10 teams in class AA for the state of Texas.

Friona's relatively easy winning of the regional tournament gave strength to that argument, and since Lockney played the Chiefs a close game, they could well deserve a spot in that "top ten" list as well.

IT'S GETTING CLOSE to time for the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet (Monday evening, March 11).

If you haven't bought your ticket, then you should do so at once, to make sure you'll be among the crowd that inaugurates the new community center/showbarn for banquet purposes.

Art Holst, the speaker, comes highly recommended, and we think those attending the banquet will receive a treat. If you've heard Dr. Charles Jarvis, the dentist who spoke at Friona's banquet in 1963, then you should enjoy Art Holst.

Holst was recommended for the banquet by Dr. Jarvis, and those who have heard him say he's in the same league with Jarvis. If that's the case, then that's plenty of recommendation for us, and the new \$6.00 ticket price is well in line.

Promoters of this year's banquet are shooting for a record crowd of 500 people for the banquet, after having crowds of 300 in recent years.

That means that several people who don't ordinarily attend the C-C banquets,

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PLANS APPROVED

County Plans New Law-Jail Facility

Parmer County Commissioners gave approval at their regular meeting last Monday to a new law enforcement center and jail, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$225,000.

The new facility is to be constructed as an addition to the Court House, adjoining the present building on the north side.

According to Judge Archie Tarter, the county's jail facilities had come under attack by both federal and state authorities in recent years, who pronounced the Parmer facilities as unfit.

"We were inspected by both federal and state agencies a couple of years ago. They were ready to condemn our jail, but we told them we would do our best to upgrade the facilities, and they have been lenient," Tarter said.

Tarter indicated that the Court House improvements would be paid out of the county's Revenue Sharing fund.

"We're hoping to pay every penny out of Revenue Sharing," Tarter told the Friona Star this week.

It was reported that the county's revenue sharing balance amounted to \$201,000. Parmer County has been receiving a quarterly check for \$25,906 in revenue sharing funds.

The new addition, as proposed by Warren Pendleton and Associates of Clovis, would be 92 feet long and 66 feet wide. It would contain 21 cells, eight for men, three for women, three for juvenile boys, one for girls, one cell for first offenders, and a padded cell.

At the present time, the county jail has no facilities for women, for juveniles, or a padded facility for a mental case.

Also included in the proposed

addition are a kitchen, a jail apartment, a dressing room, lobby and workshop. Sheriff's

department quarters will be located in the new facility. Tarter indicated that bids on

the new project would probably be asked for within six to eight weeks.

March 4-8 Is Public Schools Week; Local Observance Scheduled

Public Schools Week will be observed in the Friona School system next week Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 8.

Wednesday has been selected as the day suggested for parents to visit the school. Since many mothers do their mid-week shopping on Wednesday, it was thought this would be a convenient day.

The elementary Parent-Teacher Organization and

Friona Masonic Lodge urge parents to visit their schools.

Included in the week's activities is a program sponsored by the P.T.O. on Tuesday night, March 5 at the Junior High School Gymnasium. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

On the program agenda is Janet Hand who will present a group of her students in a gymnastic program. Art teacher, Bobby Weid, will present an art show.

Admission to the program will be fifty cents per person, or \$1.50 per family.

Numerous books were lost in the fire that burned the grade school library last August. The P.T.O. will be selling books to replace those lost throughout the special week.

"The insurance on the library just didn't cover the losses to the books, since prices had gone up so much. We urge everyone to support this drive," said Janet Woodard, P.T.O. president.

Local Politics Are Low Key

City and school races still had just one candidate each as of press deadline this week, with the deadline rapidly approaching--next Wednesday, March 6.

Mayor R.L. Fleming, who announced for re-election, is the only candidate so far on the city's docket, which also has two council seats expiring.

Jerry Hinkle is the only candidate who has been announced for the school board. Two places are expiring on the board.

Team Returns Early Sunday

The Chieftain Basketball team planned to leave Austin around 2 or 3 p.m. on Saturday, following the state finals in class AA.

The team and its coaches, travelling by chartered bus, was due back in Friona in the early hours Sunday morning.

The two chartered buses, carrying 86 local fans to the tournament, were also due back in the wee hours Sunday morning.

Sales Lag For C-C Banquet

Friona residents who plan to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet this evening of Monday, March 11 were encouraged this week to go ahead and purchase their tickets in advance if at all possible.

"We need to know the number of plates to prepare at least 24 hours ahead of the banquet, due to the nature of the menu," states Jerry Hinkle, newly-elected member of the Chamber's board of directors, and ticket sales chairman.

Rib-eye steaks, which will be prepared by Earl Graham of Earl's Parmer House Restaurant will be the featured item on the menu.

As of Thursday, Hinkle said that advance sales only totalled around 150 tickets, toward the goal of 500 for the banquet. However, many people usually

pay their tickets at the door, and these were the folks Hinkle was issuing a plea to buy their tickets in advance.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the chamber's board, or at the Chamber office on Main Street, or at Friona State Bank.

Postage Rates Jump; Letter Costs Dime

As of Saturday morning, it costs more to mail a letter than it ever did before.

Postage on a first class letter increased from eight cents to 10 cents, according to Wright Williams, postmaster.

Charge for an air mail letter increased from 11 to 13 cents.

A post card, which could be mailed for a penny when it was first devised, will now cost eight cents, up two cents from the previous six-cent rate.

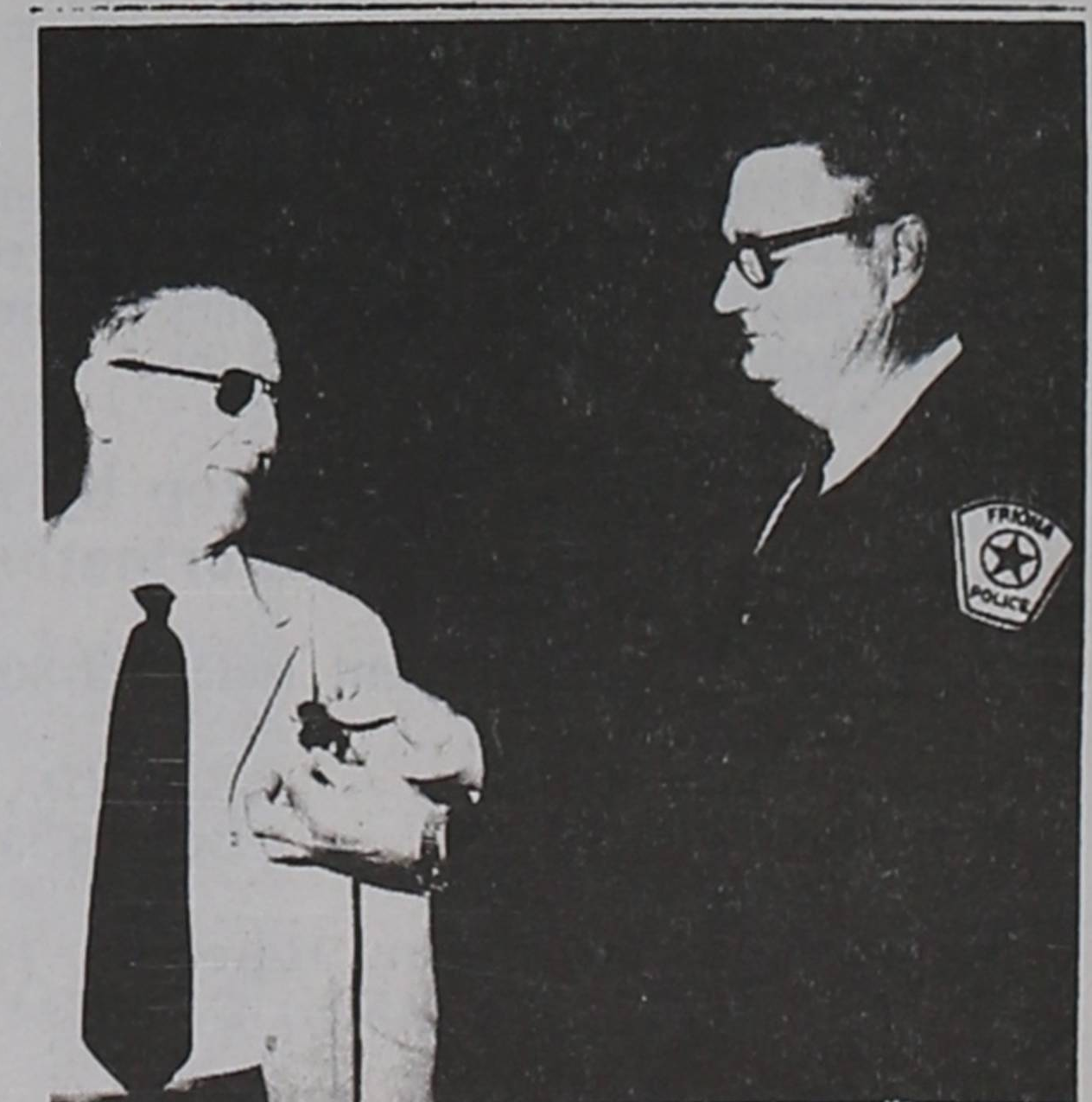
In addition to the rate increase for first class mail,

charges for some second, third and fourth class mail also was raised.

The new ten cent stamps are expected to replace the eight-cent as the most popular for postal patrons to purchase.

The new postal increase comes less than three years since the last one, in May of 1971, when first class went from six to eight cents.

The first class letter rate has thus increased by 67 per cent in the past three years.



FREEMAN HONORED...Garland Freeman, left, who will retire as County Sheriff's Deputy on March 31, was honored by the Friona Police Department with a retirement party last week. He was presented an attractive two-color badge. Friona Police Chief Bill Denney is shown presenting Freeman the badge.

Fleahoppers-Lygus Bugs Found in Area Cotton

Cherinell Riley, Extension Agent for Parmer and Bailey Counties, says they have received reports of fleahopper infestations about 2 weeks ago from area agri-businesses and the pests are still a problem in some fields.

Populations reached threshold this week and last in many IPM program fields.

Cotton fleahoppers are about 1/8 inch long and pale green. Nymphs resemble adults but lack fully developed wings. Both move rapidly when disturbed.

Adults move from weed host when cotton begins to square. In this area the primary host is white weed (nightshade). Both adults and nymphs suck sap from small squares.

"Lygus bugs (aka plant bugs) are being found. There are several different species that attack cotton. Lygus are about 1/4 inch in length and vary from green to brown, although the ones I have seen here are more yellowish than green", Riley said.

Like the fleahopper, lygus feeding results in the shedding of squares, however, lygus can feed on matchhead to pencil eraser sized squares.

If you are checking your cotton for fleahoppers and lygus be sure not to shade the plant as you kneel down to check it. The fleahoppers will jump from the plant before you can properly inspect it. If you find a lygus nymph, count it as two. Nymphs are the juvenile stage of lygus without fully developed wings. If the wings do not extend to the tip of the abdomen, it is probably a nymph.

If you like more information on these or other pests, or would like to receive the Parmer and Bailey Pest Cast Newsletter, call Cherinell Riley, Extension Agent-IPM at 806-481-3300.

Hospital Report

(Following is a list of local residents who had been admitted to hospitals during the past week, as we have been made aware of their situations. If you have a loved one you would like to have listed, please call the Friona Star office, 250-2211, by Wednesday in order to list their names)

SCCI, Amarillo: Dot Boatman.

Baptist/St. Anthony's, Amarillo: Gertrude Renner, Roseann Zamora, Frances Milner, Betty McInroe.

Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona: Claire Blanco (dismissed Wednesday).

Global Investing: Opportunities & Cautions

Why invest beyond America's borders when U.S. stocks have been performing so well? Because although U.S. stock returns this decade have dwarfed average annual returns over the past 70 years, at some point this trend will come to an end. To minimize the impact of a downturn in the U.S. stock market, the ideal portfolio will be invested in stocks of several countries.

Even if the U.S. market maintains its high-flying '90s pace, keep in mind that two-thirds of the world's market capitalization is now outside the United States, and more than three-fourths of the world's goods and services are produced in other countries. The world is becoming a borderless economy, with countries more interdependent than ever before.

The most convenient way to invest globally is through global mutual funds, which spread your money across many countries. For stock buyers, American Depository Receipts (ADRs) for foreign company shares are purchased on U.S. exchanges, but the information available on foreign companies is often not as thorough or up-to-date as with American companies. However, if you own stock in a U.S. multinational company doing substantial business overseas, you'll participate in multiple foreign economies with the convenience and comfort of owning shares in an American company.

Where are the best global investment opportunities today? Asia's recent economic crisis chased many investors away, but this condition won't last forever, and a good global fund manager will know when and where to go back in.

Also, Europe is a powerhouse. Its

Old World countries are developed, the euro is beginning to provide currency stabilization, and many stock markets, such as those in Italy, France and Germany to name a few, have been outperforming the U.S. market.

Emerging markets usually have strong potential but also carry high risk. Government-owned companies are rapidly being privatized, economies are being transformed from agricultural to industrial, middle-class ranks are growing and demanding more goods and services, and massive infrastructure development is taking place. On the flip side, fluctuating currencies, political upheaval and economic turmoil in these countries can all affect stock and bond prices.

The narrow focus of emerging market mutual funds creates more risk than broadly diversified global funds with a blend of U.S., European, Asian and Latin American markets. And when shopping these funds, check the manager's track record. Look for a seasoned manager who's tuned to the currency trends, economies, trade relationships and political status of foreign countries in order to make the best investment decisions with your money.

Remember, foreign investing carries some risks, such as political and currency risk, that don't come with domestic investing. However, the key to minimizing these risks is diversification. With that in mind, just how much of your portfolio should be foreign? For average investors, 12 percent is a good rule of thumb. But before opening your checkbook, review your needs with your investment professional.



MAGIC...These youngsters were wide-eyed at the Friona Library's Magic Show. The summer reading program was for young readers and the magic show was presented at the Redeemer Center. ron carr photo



LISTENING TO INSTRUCTIONS from director Brenda Beebe were these cast members who began rehearsals for the junior high school play during the Summer Drama Workshop. ron carr photo

Athletic Physicals Scheduled

Athletic physicals for the upcoming school year will be given July 19 and 20.

All girl athletes (7th-12th grade) should report to the Parmer County Community Hospital clinic at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19.

All 7th and 8th grade boys should report at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

All 9th to 12th grade boys should report at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

All athletes must have physicals in order to participate in the athletic program. Cost of the physicals is \$25 when paid at the time of the physical.

Lance Gatlins Have Baby Boy

Lance and Belinda Gatlin of California, are the parents of a boy, Landon Paschal, born June 16, 1999.

Landon weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

He has an older sister, Maddie who is 2-years-old.

Grandparents are Ron and Myrna Cain of Portland, Texas and Bill and Bernita Baker of Colleyville, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Othelia Bennett of Friona and Emily Cain of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Wednesday Shower: .35"

An afternoon shower deposited .30 inches of rain on Friona Wednesday. Added to the .05 which sneaked into the rain gauge sometime late Tuesday or early Wednesday leaves July's total at .35 inches.

Farmers and gardeners would welcome some more serious rain, particularly those with corn crops.

Temps for the past week have been fairly mild:

Friday, July 2: 95-66;
Saturday, July 3: 88-66;
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Vacresia White, Greg Salyer Exchanged Vows In Friona



A BUNCH OF APRICOTS...Lloyd Rector brought these two limbs packed with apricots by the Star office last week. He says a limb this size usually has one or two fruits on them. We counted 27 total apricots here, took the picture, then ate them. They were delicious.

Vacresia LeAnn White and Greg Brandon Salyer exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 12 at 4 p.m. Daymun White of Dalhart officiated at the ceremony which was held at First Baptist Church in Friona.

Parents of the bride are Troy and Veca White. Her grandparents are Gene and Mildred Welch and Carmaleet Truitt, all of Friona, and Wanda White of Amarillo and the late Ray White.

The groom is the son of Glen and Sheryl Salyer. His grandparents are Buck and Betty Medlin of Littlefield.

The front of the church was centered with a white wooden arch. The arch was covered in white tulle and ivy lengths borrowed from the bride's grandmother, Mildred Welch. On each side of the arch stood white spiral candelabras accented with white tulle and ivies. Alternating bridal veil ivies and pink bouganvillia plants stood outside the candelabras and down the stairs. A white unity candle accented with white tulle and ivies stood behind the arch. Two ficus trees covered in white lights provided the background of the setting. Tulle bows filled with ivy marked the aisles.

Claudia Hanes and Sherri Taylor of Friona played the piano and organ for the prelude, "Bridal Chorus" and "Wedding March." V'Laura Wilcox, cousin of the bride, sang "The One I Have Been Waiting For." John Crozier III sang "Answered Prayer" and "Butterfly Kisses," which was a "surprise" dedication for the bride from her father.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she wore a sleeveless gown of white Italian satin featuring an open neckline. Appliques of imported Venice lace embellished with pearls adorned the bodice and made a point down to the start of the chapel length train. A row of satin buttons accented the back of the fitted waistline.

Her two tiered elbow

length veil of white tulle edged with pearls was attached by a pearl flowered headpiece. She wore a pearl necklace borrowed from her grandmother, Mildred Welch, and pearl earrings borrowed from her mother. The bride carried pennies in her shoes minted in the years of the birth of the bride and groom.

She carried a cascading bouquet of spring flowers and ivies. The bouquet was centered around three carnation roses.

The groom wore a black tuxedo jacket with blue jeans accented with a white vest and bow tie.

The bride and groom presented parents and grandparents with long stemmed carnation roses.

LeeAnn Conklin of Friona was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Teresa Jack of Lubbock and sisters of the bride, LaTawn White of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Vanette White of Canyon. Courtney Driver of Odessa served as the flower girl.

The bridal attendants wore watermelon tea length dresses featuring scooped necklines and empire waistlines. They wore pearl necklaces and carried bouquets of stargazer lilies tied with white tulle.

Gerrod Salyer of Amarillo served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Britt Conklin of Friona, Jason Medlin of Salado, Texas and Paul DeFor of Lubbock. The ring bearer was Duncan Welch of Friona, cousin of the bride.

Groomsmen wore black tuxedo jackets with blue jeans. The tuxedos were accented with navy vests and bow ties.

Candles were lit by Katy Welch and V'Leshia Wilcox. V'Lynda Wilcox and Kelsey Welch presided at the guest registration table. Dillon Welch and Tolby Wilcox passed out wedding programs and rice.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Salyer

The bride's table held a three tiered white Italian Cream Cake trimmed with lattice work icing with each tier topped with fresh flowers and topped with a Precious Moments bride and groom figurine, a gift from the bride's sisters. The bride's bouquet centered the table setting surrounded by a crystal candle holder on each side.

A chocolate cake decorated with chocolate icing and chocolate covered strawberries was served from the groom's table. The cake was decorated with a Double T sign for Texas Tech, the alma mater of the bride and groom.

Serving at the reception were Adrianna Stowers, Amy Rambo, Lee Harder, Trista Stallings and Carolyn Stowers. The houseparty consisted of Amelia Taylor, Linda Black and Mary Ford.

A casual reception at the country home of Mike and Claudia Hanes followed the church reception. Friends and family members attended the reception and were served meat, cheese and fruit trays.

Following a honeymoon trip to Colorado, the couple will reside at their home in Lubbock.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, in May 1998 with a degree in human development and family studies with an emphasis in early childhood. She is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District as a kindergarten teacher.

The groom is currently finishing his Ph.D. degree in animal science and will graduate in May 2000.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The groom's parents honored the wedding party with a dinner all prepared by the groom's mother. The dinner was held in the First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall. A meal of brisket, beans, potato salad, bread and desserts was served. The Fellowship Hall was decorated in a country theme with wooden wheel barrows filled with plants and tree log bride and groom figures.

The bride was honored with a bridal brunch on the morning of the wedding at the home of George and Aundrea Frye. The brunch was hosted by Andrea Frye and Connie Willard.

The bridal couple was honored with wedding showers held in Lubbock and Friona. The night before the wedding, the bride was honored with a lingerie shower hosted by LeeAnn Conklin, Teresa Jack, Amy Rambo and Darla Procter after the rehearsal dinner.

Lori Jordan Makes List

McMurry University, Abilene, has released the names of students making the Dean's List for the spring 1999 semester. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and take twelve or more credit hours.

Lori Jordan made the Dean's List, majoring in accounting. Her parents are Bobby and Juanelle Jordan of Friona.



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Immunization Clinics Are Set For July

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Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B) and varicella (chickenpox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open.

The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street in Friona, Friday, July 16 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, July 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



LEARNING about electricity...Southwestern Public Service Company was host to 105 4-H students and 12 county agents at a 4-H Electricity Camp June 21-25. This year's camp-in the cool Sacramento Mountains near Cloudcroft, New Mexico--was the 39th sponsored annually by the Amarillo-based electric utility. Pictured are: (seated, L to R) Ginger Sides, agent Cody Hill, Tobin Redwine and Devin Goettsch, all representing Parmer County, and (standing) Dean Pittman of SPS.

Excel-UFCW, Local 540 Present 40 Scholarships

Excel Corporation and the United Food and Commercial Workers, AFL-CIO, Local 540 gave away forty scholarships in a banquet ceremony on June 27. Each candidate received a \$1,000 scholarship payable to the college or university of their choice.

This is the second year scholarships have been awarded through the Multi-Cultural Fund established in agreement between Excel Corporation and the UFCW, Local 540. To qualify, candidates had to be children of Excel employees or employees themselves. They also had to graduate from high school or receive their GED with the intent of attending a college, university or trade school. Scholarships were awarded to candidates in any of the first four years of college.

The Multi-Cultural Fund also provides citizenship classes and help to get employees and their families intervention with the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning family visas, word extensions and other services.

Excel Corporation and the UFCW, Local 540 would like to congratulate the scholarship winners and wishes the best of luck in their future educational goals.

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| Josephine Lucero | Paula Nunez (Fabrication) |
| Jesus Lugo | Jesus Lugo (Slaughter) |
| Javier Lugo | Jesus Lugo (Slaughter) |
| Edward Dominguez | Blanca Ramos (Fabrication) |
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| Jose Garcia | Self (Fabrication) |
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| Maricela Guevara | Refugio Guevara |
| Patricia Trevino | Self (Slaughter) |
| Eliza Espinoza | Self (Slaughter) |
| Maria Mendoza | Maria Mendoza (Slaughter) |
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| Stephanie Villarreal | Louisa Cruz (Fabrication) |
| Herman Marquez | Self (Rendering) |
| Jose Garcia | Self (Slaughter) |
| Oscar Saenz, Jr. | Oscar Saenz, Sr. (Slaughter) |



QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH at Prairie Acres for July is this one displayed by Prairie Acres resident Julia Leake of Bovina. Mrs. Leake and her quilting club made this quilt quite a few years ago she said.

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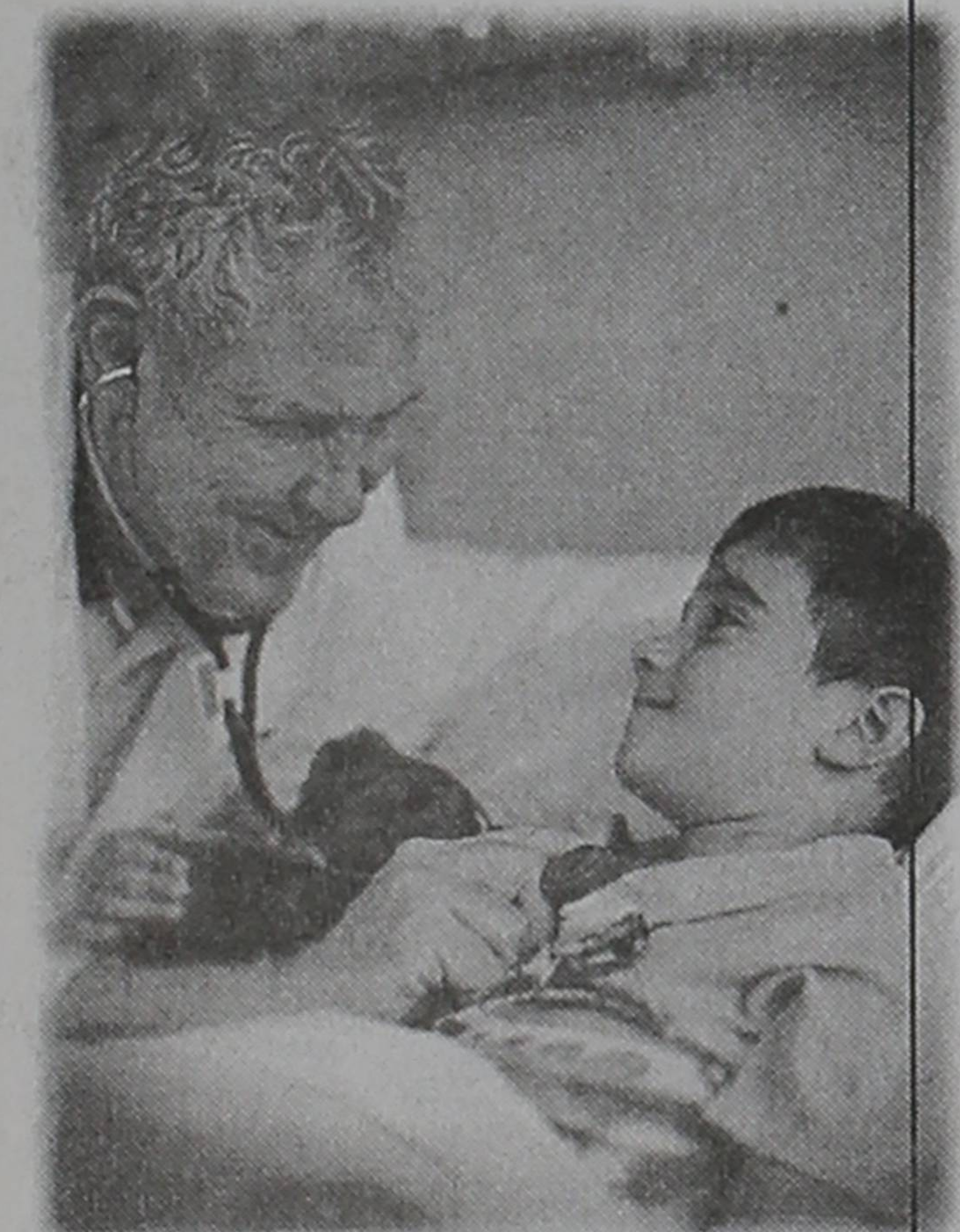
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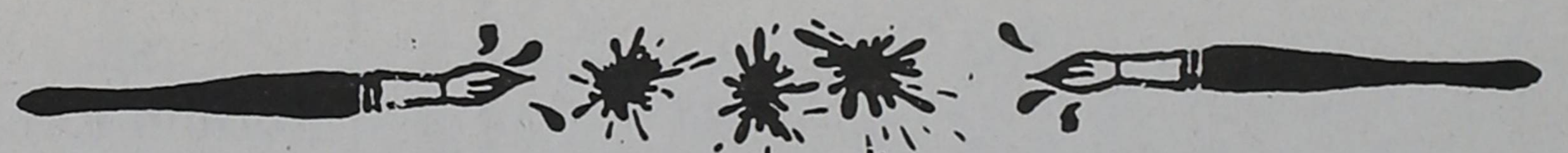
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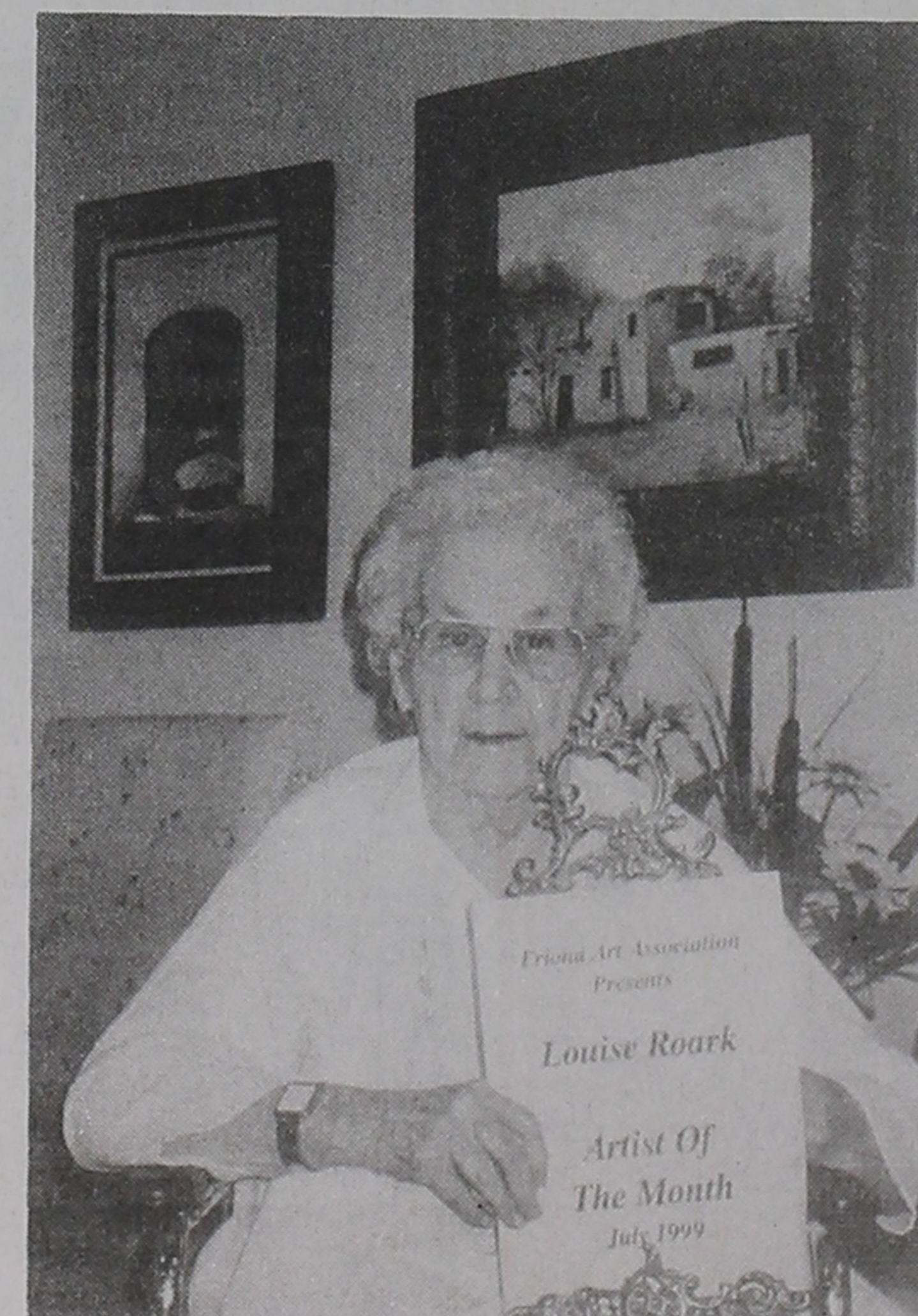
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Louise Roark has been selected to represent Friona Art Association as "Guest Artist" for the month of July. Louise, is from Clovis. She is a new resident at Prairie Acres. She has enjoyed oil painting for many years but has not painted for quite awhile. Her art works will be shown in the lobby at Prairie Acres for the rest of July.



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AMY LOU RIOS and BERNARDO MENDOZA ...Joe and Lupe Rios of Amarillo and Carmen Mendoza of Canyon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Amy Lou and Bernardo. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church in Amarillo. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Canyon High School and is currently employed by Dr. Murrell in Amarillo. Mendoza graduated from Canyon High School in 1997 and is employed by Affiliated Foods, Inc.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

Week of July 11-17

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

July 11--Lucille Latta, Frankie Perez, Carolyn Osborn, Tiffany Osborn, John Mars, Tiffany Weatherly, Jamie Stokes, Shirley Jackson.

July 12--Eddie Allen, Jimmy Maynard, Stephanie Thornton, Brandon Drager, Robert Lynn Alexander.

July 13--Gregory Reed, Laura Hart, Ricky White, Valton Howard, Jonell Claborn, Louis Dunnam, Lynn Copley, Gregory Tirmict, Terry Stanberry, Logan Tongate.

July 14--Charles Sanders, Clint Cox, David White, Darla Bracken, Ruby Collier, Bobby Thompson, Betty Burnett, Rosa Diaz, Georgia Fields, William Herring, Kyla

Igo, Janna Reeve Jones, David Kenney, Sierra Edelman, Claudia Alexander.

July 15--Doris Adams, Christian Drager, Ross Paig, Misty Cole Bugg, Weston Bowden, Wyona Martin, Janet Hand, Alice Alvarez.

July 16--A.L. Black, Ab Hendley, Trina Cole, Penny Mars, Maurice Garza, Kevin Turner, Matt Whiteley.

July 17--Dallas Bass, Lauren Buske, Helen Potts, Ophelia Florez, Julia Fairchild, Mark Neill, Tom Shelton, Brandon Chrisman, Amber Fant, Jacob Rios, Bill Caudill, Don Max Vars, Beatriz DeLeon, Kevin Steen.

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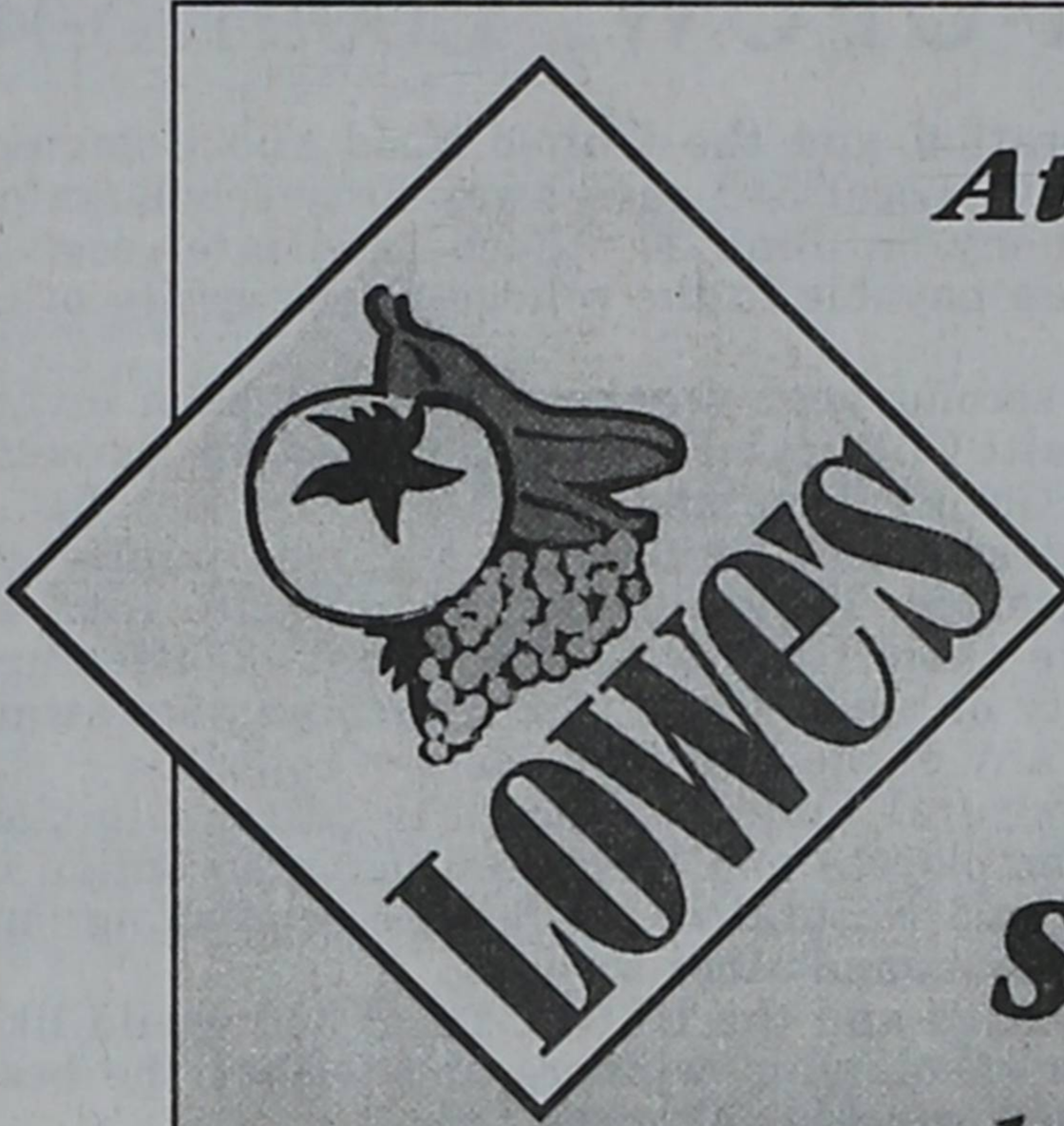
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