



Star Lites

By Bill Ellis



IT'S JUST AS WELL that Carol didn't mention a couple of things in her conversations with Martha Washington last week.

How about the animal rights activists, who parade with their placards, demanding that animals not be used for such things as research (to possibly cure a dread disease that they themselves might later have), or the unthinkable practice of killing animals for food.

If these activists had their way, about a third of our population would be out of work, and the other two-thirds would be saddled with such main courses as spinach souffle and eggplant au gratin.

If that didn't startle Martha, we have another one that's possibly even more unbelievable.

Another off-the-wall group, calling itself the Speech-Hearing Foundation of America has protested the cartoon character Porky Pig.

"They created Porky Pig just to make fun of stutterers," remarked one spokesman (who noticeably did NOT stutter).

It's a good thing that "Stuttering Sam" has come and gone. He would have been boycotted by this latest group.

And what about M-M-Mel Tillis? Etc., etc., etc.

As Tom Brokaw said the other evening during his newscast: "It's getting to the point that you can't tell a joke without surveying your crowd and looking over your shoulder, to make sure you aren't offending anyone."

THE MOVIE "TWISTER" has been out for over a month, and so far our efforts to see it have not borne fruit. As a survivor of "The Big One" in Friona June 2, 1995, we've wanted to see how Hollywood portrayed this natural phenomenon.

So, we found some solace by reading the July issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine. Three articles are highlighted on the magazine cover, and all should prove very interesting to folks in our area.

The articles are entitled "Texas' Killer Tornadoes," "The Real Storm Chasers," and "The Deadly Drought."

The two tornado articles are fascinating for those of us who were ultra-close to the 1995 storm. The "Killer Tornadoes" article is illustrated with photos of some of the worst twisters in our state's history.

And with such monsters as the storm that struck Waco in 1953, killing 114 people; the tornado of April, 1979 which killed 42 people and caused \$400 million in damage in Vernon and Wichita Falls and a 1957 tornado that caused millions in damage to the Dallas area, Friona's 1995 storm didn't even rate a mention.

However, in the article about the storm chasers, the author, Joe Nick Patoski tells about following the developing tornado that once again threatened the Bovina-Friona area this spring with at least one funnel touching down west of Friona on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

At least two vans full of storm chasers gathered at Amarillo's National Weather Service to study the conditions. They all agreed that the potential was right for a possible tornado that evening.

Patoski and his crew drove to Clovis that evening, believing (correctly, as it turned out) that the potential of a tornado existed once again along Highway 60. They described how one funnel formed near Bovina, then the one near Friona. They saw Friona people there scurrying to find storm cellars.

When the funnel near Friona broke up, one of the weather 'nuts' yelled "Damn! It broke up." That's not exactly the same reaction that we recall from the crowd that congregated at the Ellis basement.

If you spot a *Texas Monthly* on the newsstand, it's well worth the \$3 price tag.



EXCEL Milling Tower A Beef Industry First

Maybe you have noticed the high rise tower that has seemingly sprung up at Excel.

According to Bob Cloutier, project manager, the \$2.7 million tower will house Excel's new bone milling operation that was destroyed in a fire last August.

The tower will process low protein and high protein meal from cattle by-products, primarily bone grinding.

It is the first vertical tower milling operation in the beef industry, according to Cloutier.

When completed, the mill tower will be 147 feet high, with 116 feet of concrete and the rest in equipment on top. It will be a one-man operation.

The building contract calls for the tower to be completed by

February 1, but Cloutier says that at the current pace, it should be completed in November.

A series of conveyors will take the by-products to the top of the tower where the lone operator will begin the grinding process.

The second floor from the top will house the grinding mill. The third floor down will be a screening floor, with storage tanks below that.

On the bottom floor, a blending process will mix the meal in a 50/50 proportion of low and high protein. Most of the finished product will then be used in dog food.

Cloutier says that at capacity, the mill tower will produce 4 million pounds annually.

THE FRIONA SKYLINE....Downtown Friona is visible looking north over the Friona Wheat Growers elevators. The aerial view was shot last week by Ron Carr on a fly around with Jim Zehner. See this week's Out Here column.



EXCEL HIGH RISE....The new milling tower at Excel Friona will top out at 147 feet. It is expected to be ready for grinding operations sometime in November and replaces the previous bone-grinding operation which was severely damaged by fire in August, 1995.

TxDOT Bugs Parmer Co. For Thistle Eradication

(From the May issue of *Vision*, a publication of the Lubbock District Texas Department of Transportation)

There will always be another bug.

But this time the bug is on our side. TxDOT employees in Parmer County are fighting the invasion of a plant called musk thistle, and they are doing it by introducing its natural enemy--the Rhinocyllus conicus, commonly known as a weevil.

Yikes! A boll weevil. Nope. Just a common, ordinary weevil that happens to like the musk thistle.

This little bug lays its larvae on the heads of the thistle which destroys the new seeds and prevents the plant from reproducing in the spring. The insect also feeds on the plant.

The musk thistle can be controlled with herbicides, but it is costly and has a greater impact on the environment. The bugs are the natural enemy of the thistle. They are inexpensive, and they pose no threat to non-target organisms.

TxDOT employees are working with the city of Friona to control the noxious weed which takes over rangelands, pastures, croplands, and right-of-ways.

TxDOT acquired the bugs from the Agricultural Research Service (USDA) in Temple. The insects were released at the Friona sewer plant.

It takes several years for the bugs to get established," explained

Statewide Registration Is Available In Texas

Sponsored by the Parmer County Crime Stoppers, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) under the direction of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority has developed a statewide vehicle registration program known as Texas HEAT (Help End Auto Theft).

Under the Texas HEAT program, law enforcement officers are authorized to stop vehicles which are registered in the program when observed on public streets anywhere in Texas between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

According to the registration signed voluntarily by the vehicle owner, to determine whether the vehicle is being operated by the owner or with the owner's permission.

Vehicle owners participating in this program may also voluntarily extend the authority to a peace officer to stop a registered vehicle that crosses or is about to cross an international border directly from the state of Texas.

The goal of HEAT is to help reduce auto theft in the state of Texas.

The vehicle owner must present the following criteria to register his/her vehicle:

1. Certificate of title (copy acceptable).
2. A type of photo identification (driver license, identification, etc.)
3. Proof of insurance and/or vehicle registration receipt.

Parmer County Crime Stoppers will be at the following

locations on the dates and times listed to register your vehicles in the Texas HEAT program. There is no charge for registration.

Donations to Parmer County Crime Stoppers will be accepted.

BOVINA-July 13, 1996-10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lowe's Pay-N-Save, Hwy 86.

LAZBUDDIE-July 20-8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Treider Hardware & Electric, Hwy 145 & 1172.

RHEA-August 3, 1996-8 a.m. to 12 p.m.-Rhea Community Center.

FRIONA-August 10, 1996-10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friona State Bank.

Chamber Withdraws Sale Backing

Due to lack of participation, the Friona Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn support of its community garage sale, set for July 13.

People and/or organizations who had sales scheduled may, of course, continue with their plans to have them. Friona Heritage Society had scheduled a sale at the Depot, but has cancelled it due to the Chamber's announcement.

The Chamber had intended to print maps of the city with locations of the sales.

"We thought that this would help bring people into Friona, but we were disappointed with the number having sales," said Teresa Buske, Chamber spokesman.



THE SAGA SHINES....The high school drama workshop presentation of *The Saga of Katy and the Gambler's Lady* was staged with lots of action, rapid dialogue, and super performances.

Stories Wanted About The Great Depression

Did you or someone in your family live through the "Dirty 30s?"

The Texas Panhandle Library System has put out a request to older residents of the Panhandle/South Plains for stories dealing with the "Dust Bowl Days" and the Great Depression of the 1920s-30s.

Do you have family photos and landscape photos of the 1930s?

"If the answer is yes, then we'd like to hear from you," says Darla Bracken, Friona's City Librarian.

The library system is gathering stories and photos for a proposed special on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) about the Dust Bowl days.

"We're seeking personal stories of what it was like to live and work during that period--whether as a farmer, a housewife, a businessman, a government or service worker, or simply as a child growing up," said a spokesman for the TPLS.

The library needs to know about residents interested in participating at their earliest convenience, so please call Mrs. Bracken at 247-3200.

The Friona Star and Bovina Blade are also interested in publishing articles and photos from this time period, says publisher Bill Ellis.

Blood Drive Set

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center's summer blood drive will be held Wednesday, July 10, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Friona State Bank's Community Room.

Each donor will receive a free T-shirt, hot dogs and ice cream.

Sponsors for this year's Blood Drive include Friona State Bank, D. L.'s Thriftway, Bi-Wize Health Mart, Kendrick Oil Co., Friona Motors, and Sonic.

Blood donors may give every 56 days. Please contact the Blood Center if you are unsure of your eligibility to donate. The number is 806-358-4563.

4th Of July Is Hot One

The Fourth of July in Friona was a hot one, although the high temperature--93--turned out to be about seven degrees below the area's forecast.

The month of June ended with ten small showers adding up to 1.76 inches of rain. The biggest amount was 60 June 14-15.

Perhaps the best benefit of the showers was that it cooled the local area down, after the temperature hit the 100-degree mark on four days.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, June 28	85-64
Saturday, June 29	89-62
Sunday, June 30	86-61
Monday, July 1	90-65
Tuesday, July 2	95-65
Wednesday, July 3	92-62
Thursday, July 4	93-70

FHS '81 Class Sets Reunion

The Friona High School class of 1981 will hold its 15th anniversary reunion on Saturday, July 20 at the Lubbock Plaza Holiday Inn.

The meeting will feature an informal reception for members of the graduating class and their families, from 1-3:30 p.m. A banquet will be held at 6:30.

For further information, call Mark Blankenship at (806) 767-0023.



WE BELIEVE....The junior high drama workshop presentation of *I Believe in Make Believe* featured lively song and dance routines and lots of make believe.

Geo. Heck's Rites Held On Monday

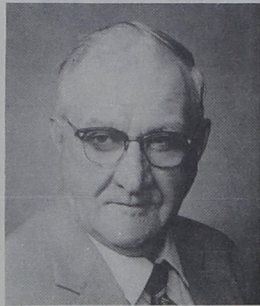
Funeral services for George Heck, 71, a longtime resident of the Nazareth community, were held Monday, July 1 at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel of Tulia, with Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Post officiating.

Graveside services were conducted at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia.

Heck passed away Friday, June 28 in Amarillo after a short illness. He was born February 28, 1925, in Nazareth. He married Vera Jordan on December 4, 1948, in Clovis, N.M. He attended school in Nazareth, and later served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Japan and the Philippines.

Heck worked on a ranch near Hereford for two years after the war, and then moved back to Nazareth in 1949, where he farmed and worked as a mechanic. He was a member of the American Legion and served in leadership with the 4-H Club. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife Vera, four daughters, Deborah Sharp of Tulia, Reta Martin of Friona, Sandra Senter and Shelly Schalchlin of Lubbock; four sons, George Heck and Randy Heck, both of Amarillo, Lewis Heck of Dimmitt



GEORGE HECK

and Douglas Heck of Wolfforth. Seven sisters also survive: Teresa Schlabs of Friona, Doris Burgess and Justina McCurry, both of Amarillo, Calista Huber of Canyon, Martina Milward of Lytle, Texas. Imelda Cook of Pontiac, Michigan and Josephine Feeling of Tulia. One brother, Charles Heck of Dalhart, survives, along with 13 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Steve Sharp, Mike Martin, Ken Senter, Scott Schalchlin, Morgan Heck and Robert Lowrey III. The family suggests memorials be made to their favorite charity.

Letters To The Editor

Friona Star
Friona, Texas

Dear Bill:
Many thanks for keeping me on your list. It is always a "day brighter" when I find the Star in my mail box.

Thank you for your gracious letter and, as always, your kind regard for Mom and Dad (Rose and Oscar Lange).

Thinking of Friona in this "heat wave." Hope you are receiving rain. We are "zilch" in this department.

Doris Lange
Houston, Texas

Dear Bill and Carol,
I enjoy receiving the Friona Star. You are to be commended for publishing a paper whose main focus is on the positive rather than on the negative.
Your editorials are great! Thanks for your contribution to the community and town of Friona.

Thelma Coffey

To my dear citizenry
c/o Bill Ellis, Editor
Friona Star
Friona, Texas 79035

My Dear Mr. Ellis,
I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to all my citizens for not only remembering my 90th birthday but also for all the extra special clean-up efforts put forth this year. I really do appreciate your community pride.

Back in 1906 when I was a young town, my founding fathers were so proud of me and even offered newcomers a money-back guarantee if they weren't happy here...just thinking of that makes me blush with pride! It is still my hope and prayer that all my citizens feel safe, happy and at home here.

Thanks again for the birthday wishes, the clean-up efforts and the women's division efforts to make me a more pleasant place to live. I feel so wonderful when all my



READY TO ROAR....Rev. Herman Krauel, right, is the new president of the Friona (Evening) Lions. R. J. Renner, Jr., the outgoing "Boss Lion," gives Krauel a handshake.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

60 YRS AGO-JUL 17 1936

Two political speakers were billed for Friona Saturday afternoon, representing the rival candidates for the State Senate, Clint Small and Curtis Douglass. The speaker for Mr. Small was Binford Arney of Amarillo and the speaker for Mr. Douglass was Judge Newton P. Willis of Pampa. A heavy rain shower hampered the affair, ruining the loud speaker set-up of Judge Willis, who spoke from the bed of a truck. Mr. Arney departed for Bovina and Farwell without finishing his talk, being interrupted by the rain.

55 YRS AGO-JUL 18 1941

The Friona Consumer Company, Inc., now has its entire stock of merchandise moved from its old location south of the railroad to its new location on Main Street, in the block north of the park. The new building recently erected here has been made commodious enough to admit plenty of room for the conduct of business, with filling station, wholesale supply and all. Elroy Wilson is manager of the cooperative.

50 YRS AGO-JUL 12 1946

The sad news, which filled the hearts of our people with sorrow and regret reached here last week telling of the tragic death of one of our most highly esteemed young men, Beldon Lawson, who came to his death at the hand of another at Alec, Oklahoma, where he was visiting, had lived in Friona only since the early part of this year when he moved with his family to a farm three miles southwest of Friona.

45 YRS AGO-JUL 12 1951

Friona's new First Baptist Church building, of mission style architecture, was proudly displayed to the congregation last Sunday, and will hold its formal dedication this Sunday morning. Erected at a cost of \$100,000, the building features a slant-floored auditorium with a seating capacity of 540, ten classrooms, two choir rooms, a study and nursery. The construction period has required 14 months.

40 YRS AGO-JUL 12 1956

Friona's head football coach for next year will be Colie Huffman, 33, announces Supt. Dillie Kelley. Huffman has been at Springlake the past three years, and is well known in Plains football circles. In his seven years of coaching, Huffman's teams have won three district championships and tied for another.

35 YRS AGO-JUL 13 1961

General rains, accompanied by isolated hail and some strong winds, soaked all of Parmer County during a four-day period from Friday through Monday. Amounts of moisture varied from about two inches in the extreme southern part of the county to 7.5 inches in the northern part. Only a few reports were less than three inches. Friona's official tally came to 3.55

WWII Vets Set Reunion

World War II veterans who served in the 37th Combat Engineers in Camp Bowie, Texas, or the 591st Engineer Boat Regiment in Europe are being sought for a reunion July 10-13 in Irving's Holiday Inn Holiday D/FW Airport South.

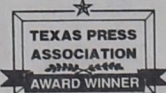
To make reservations, veterans are asked to call (214) 986-8806 or (800) 360-2242. Please be sure to mention the 591st EBR.

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30 YRS AGO-JUL 14 1966

Joe VanZandt, Parmer County Agricultural Agent for the past two years, will become Moore County Agent on August 11, he disclosed this week.

Marc Houser, formerly of Amarillo, has joined his brothers, C. O. and J. V. Houser, as a third partner in Houser's Grocery.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 15 1971

The Friona City Council voted to increase the city's tax base by 10 cents per \$100 evaluation at its regular meeting on Monday. City manager Jake Outland recommended the tax increase, the first one for the city in 11 years, after work on the 1971-72 city budget showed that the city would be in the red without additional revenue.

20 YRS AGO-JUL 11 1976

An estimated 5,000 spectators viewed the fireworks display in Friona Sunday night, the climax to the city's Bicentennial celebration. The crowd was one of the largest ever assembled for an event in the city.

Merv Noah, administrator, announced this week that staff training classes will begin at Prairie Acres on Monday, July 12. Noah said that the Friona nursing facility still needs LVNs, nurse's aides, a food service supervisor, cooks and cook's helpers. Prairie Acres is shooting for an August 1 opening, providing that all the finishing touches can be made by that date.

15 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1981

Grand opening activities are underway this week at Friona Ford Sales, Inc. The company began showing its newly expanded facilities on Wednesday of this week.

The drive to raise \$70,000 which is being spearheaded by the Friends of the Library, in order to secure a new Library building for Friona, is still in progress, and the main portion of the drive was scheduled to be held during the

coming week.

The Friona High School twirlers recently returned from the WTSU Twirling Camp, where they won three trophies---best old routine, best majorette, and most outstanding majorette line, plus a plaque for best-dressed line and won the "spirit jug" for the fourth straight year. Twirlers are Sherri O'Brian, Gwendolyn Maurer, Sharon Frye, Belinda Eddins, Erika Pope, Shelly White and Karla Fleming.

10 YRS AGO-JUL 26 1986

The old Santa Fe depot, which is to be moved to the City Park, has been put up on skids, in preparation for the move.

Funeral services for C.N. (Big Nick) Treinen, 60, were conducted Monday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Clovis, N.M.

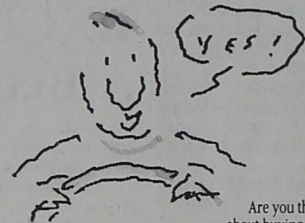
He moved to the Bovina area in the early 1950s and was farmer, implement dealer and owner and operator of Big Nick's Machinery.

5 YRS AGO-JUL 27 1991

Santa Fe Railway trains were back on schedule early Wednesday morning, July 17, approximately two and one-half days after 15 cars, loaded with 30-35 semi-tractor trailers, derailed just east of Bovina around 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Until the tracks could be cleared of debris, all trains were being rerouted through Lubbock.

It has been estimated that there were 126,000 United Parcel Service packages aboard the train and 56,000 have been salvaged. Also there have been approximately 100 rattlesnakes found in the cleanup area so onlookers should stay away from the area for their own safety.

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HONOREES---Jewell Robason is Resident of the Month at Prairie Acres and Christine McDonald is Employee of the Month. Christine is a native of Kansas who now lives at Hub. Her husband Mark works at Excel and daughter Jennifer will be a senior at FHS this Fall. Resident, "Mama Jewell," as she is known by most folks, is 89 years old and first came to Friona in 1928. She and her sister Lillian Jones are roommates at Prairie Acres. She and her husband, Dudley Robason, raised five children here.



Out Here

By RON CARR

There is an old adage that says, be careful what you ask for, you might get it.

"Hey, are you ready to go for a ride?"

"Sure, when?"

"Right now. Come on over. I borrowed a plane."

Last week I mentioned to Jim Zehner that I wanted to go up and try some aerial photography. I am not a real good photographer and I don't especially like small airplanes, so I don't know why I said that.

Sunday morning my phone rang and within a couple of hours we were in the air.

Jim Zehner sometimes rides a bicycle around Bovina where he lives.

He also drives a motorcycle, and has a van, but most of all he flies airplanes.

Maybe you have seen or heard that yellow crop dusting plane that flies for Bengel Aero Spraying from the Friona Airport. Zehner flies it.

It is a one-seater, so tight that even he has trouble getting into the cockpit. And he is not a real big fellow.

But on this Sunday, he "borrowed" a two-seater Piper Cub from Blake Rundell in Bovina to fly me and some kids around Parmer County.

I wanted to take some pictures of that new tower they are building at Excel, and some pictures of Hi Pro, and anything else that looked interesting from the air.

It was a great Sunday morning for flying. Not too hot, clear weather, and sunshine.

We took off from Rhodes Crop Care's strip in Bovina, flew over Sherley Grain and followed the railroad tracks toward Friona.

I was in the back seat straddling a control stick. When I asked what the stick was for, Zehner said it was a dual control airplane.

"Oh yeah, what am I supposed to do with it?", I asked. He laughed, "Just don't touch it."

There was a duplicate throttle control just by my left hand and a set of "pedals" by my feet that are used to control the rudders and ailerons and things. I didn't touch any of it.

All I wanted to do was take a fun ride and shoot a few pictures. And Jim Zehner was fun to ride with.

He has been flying so long that he and these small airplanes get along like you and I would drive a car.

This orange Piper plane flew at least forty miles an hour slower than that yellow crop-duster he flies, but it went fast enough for me.

We buzzed around and over Excel, me trying to shoot pictures of the growth and construction there, and Zehner banking for the best angles while I shot pictures out the open window.

Then we banked right, came back around and over the plant and headed over Friona, Hi Pro and on to Bengel Airport to refuel. (I like to refuel often).

Before we landed at Bengel, he said "how's your stomach?" "Fine" says I. "Do you want to do a little crop-dusting", he asked.

For the next few minutes, I was witness to the maneuvers that Jim Zehner uses to help area farmers spray their crops.

He pointed out a pretend spraying area north of the airport. With hands and feet working, we dove toward the ground and flew maybe ten feet high for the length of the field.

We pulled up a few hundred feet, circled and did it again, buzzing just above the tops of the wheat, or corn, or whatever it was.

When we landed at Bengel, we landed on the ground, not on the runway. We came in perpendicular to the main runway, taxied, spun around, and put in 15 gallons of fuel at \$2 per gallon.

The venerable aviation patriarch, Elvie Jennings, wrote our purchase on a small notepad, Zehner paid with exact change, and we were airborne back to Bovina.

But not before some more crop-dusting acrobatic demonstrations. He said that the lower we fly, the faster we could go, so after clearing Friona, we flew low on the north side of Highway 60.

We flew toward a row of

center pivots. We cleared them by about a foot and as soon as we cleared dropped to the ground to "spray". At the end of the field were power lines which we cleared easily and banked hard north.

Another time we flew parallel to a row of center pivots, with the plane tilted left and the belly of the plane running along the row of pivots. That is how he sprays the rows that are underneath the pivots.

Over in Bovina, we buzzed Blake Rundell's house twice, since he owns the plane, did a "touch and go" on Parmer County Spraying's runway, where Zehner flew out of for 15 years, then landed back at the Rhodes Crop Care facility.

By then I had shot two rolls of

film and had a ball watching Jim work as one with the airplane.

At the age of 51, he still skydives. Told me he jumps in places like Arizona and California from heights of 10,000-15,000 feet. On our Sunday flight, we didn't get over 1,000 feet, plenty high enough for me.

Jim was born in Minnesota and was in the paratroopers in the U. S. Army.

He has been flying around Parmer County for more than twenty years for Bengel Aero and Parmer County Spraying. He knows these lands like the back of his hand.

He is a single father that lives in Bovina and sends his son,

Jonathan, and daughter Ashley to Bovina schools. After a few years in London, England, with their mother, they are back in Bovina with daddy now.

Early in the morning, or late in the evening, and when there is no wind, Jim Zehner will be flying that bright yellow "fighter plane" with the loud engine, helping local farmers control the bugs.

One thing I don't worry about is whether Jim will slam into a mountain in Parmer County.

What I do worry about is whether the pictures I took last Sunday were any good.

We'll see. Thanks for the ride, Jim.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Compared to last week's sale, good stocker calves sold steady. Feeder heifers sold steady in a light test. Feeder steers steady to \$1.00 higher. Packer cows and bulls traded \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower.

HEIFER CALVES	STEER CALVES
3 blk 540#-52.00	4 mx 393#-64.50
17 mx 540#-54.00	8 mx 220#-68.00
6 blk 406#-52.50	7 blk 451#-60.25

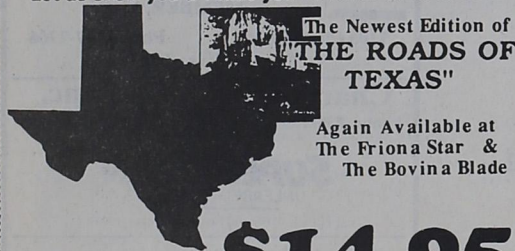
FEEDER HEIFERS	FEEDER STEERS
13 mx 591#-54.25	47 mx 613#-60.75
6 mx 610#-54.50	36 mx 754#-61.75
19 mx 723#-56.00	57 mx 683#-60.75
9 mx 673#-54.00	62 mx 799#-62.25
13 mx 688#-54.75	31 mx 859#-61.50
28 mx 729#-55.50	29 mx 697#-60.25
19 mx 642#-53.00	22 mx 779#-61.00
5 mx 752#-55.00	83 mx 757#-62.00
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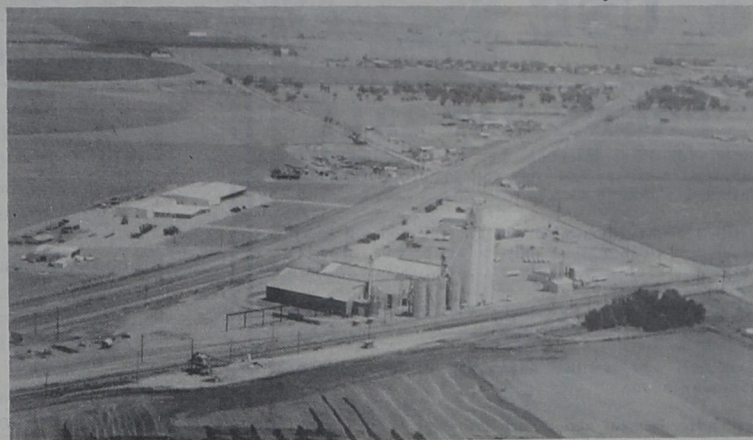
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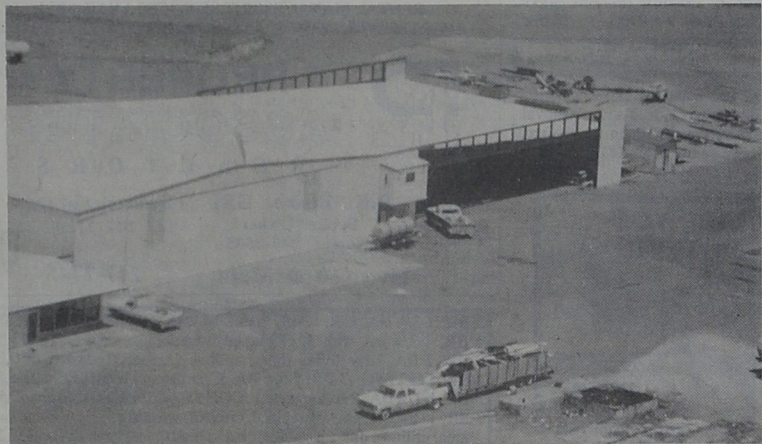
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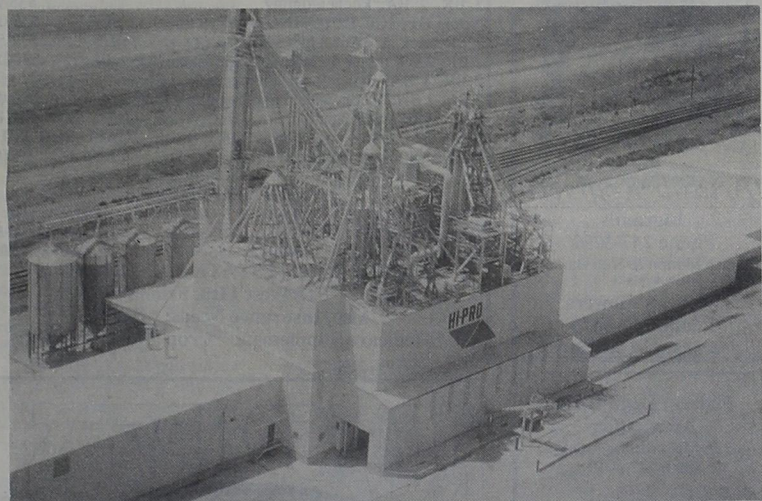
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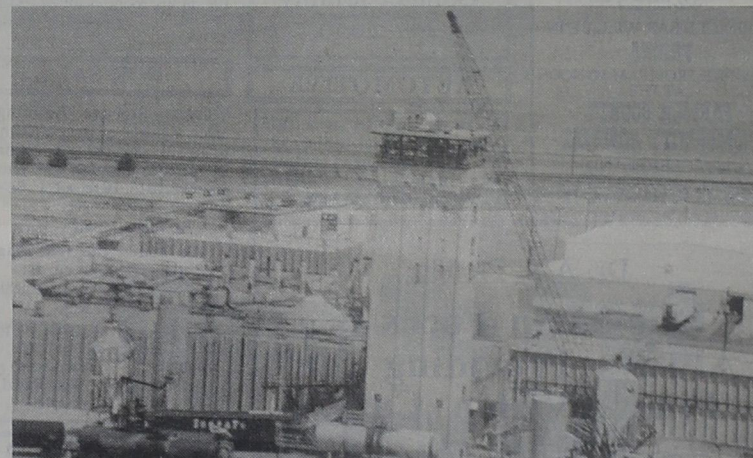
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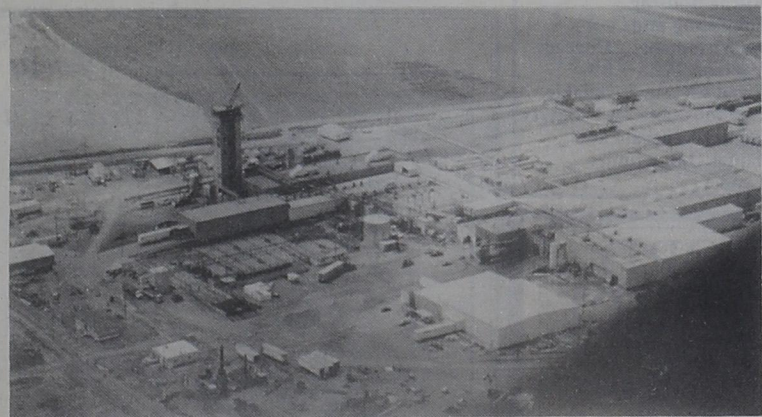
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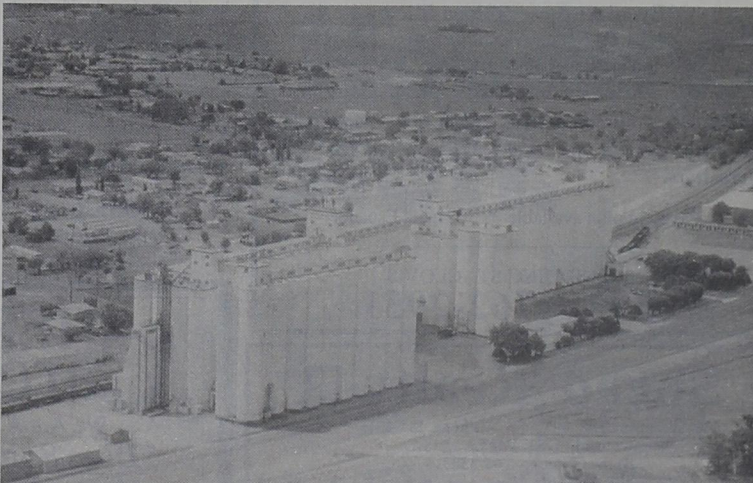
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Writer Describes Role Of Star Route Mailman

"Star Route"

By **EDDIE MORRISON MAYS**
(Editor's note: Longtime Friona resident Eddie Mays calls herself an "amateur" writer. She may have to change that idea, since she has had a couple of stories published, for cash.)

Country Extra magazine used an abbreviated version of the following story, and entitled it "On Star Routes, Mailmen Were Link to Outside World." You can find the article, with a beautiful illustration, on Page 15 of the magazine's July, 1996 issue.)



EDDIE M. MAYS

When I was a teenager I was surprised to know that some people had mail delivered to their home six days a week. We had always lived on a dryland farm in the Texas Panhandle; we lived about thirty miles south of Adrian and forty miles northwest of Hereford.

Our mail was delivered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If Christmas Day fell on either of those days the mailman might adjust his schedule one way or the other.

We subscribed to the Amarillo newspaper. On Tuesday we received Sunday, Monday and Tuesday papers. Wednesday and Thursday papers were delivered on Thursday. On Saturday we had Friday and Saturday news.

Mama put them in a neat stack and made sure that Daddy got to read them in proper sequence. This is probably the reason I still like to read a newspaper one page after another with all the sections in order.

Our mailman lived in Adrian, so on mail day he'd drive that long circle depositing letters, newspapers, packages and catalogs in to the mailboxes along the dusty farm roads. A few times I can remember that a relative rode a bus on Route 66 to Adrian then hitched a ride to our farm with the mail carrier.

A mail carrier is to a farm family sort of like their preacher is to them; he knows most all their business. He knows when they have problems and hurts. He can see the anxious look in a mother's face when she waits by the mailbox for a letter from her son or a younger brother who is away from home fighting in a war.

He knows when he puts a letter from a loan company into the mailbox, on top of all the other mail so it can't be overlooked, that it may cause a lot of pain.

In the springtime our mailman was like a stork, when he came delivering boxes and boxes of new yellow baby chickens. He'd drive up to the back yard gate and honk--he couldn't get those boxes into the mailbox.

On those days sometimes he'd visit a few minutes, talking about

the news in Adrian or telling us about something he'd observed on his route.

If he had time some days he would stop by and eat a quick lunch with us. Daddy would tease him about how far down the road he was able to smell Mama's fried chicken or how he knew what day Mama baked pies.

He was our link to the rest of the world. It was wartime and gasoline and tires were rationed and hard to get.

Daddy farmed some land for a doctor who lived in Amarillo. The doctor and his wife had visited us a few times. The lady had talked to me, and asked me if I could read. I told her that I was only five, but that Mama read to me and that I could print my name.

A short time after their visit the mailman brought a package addressed to me. I can still remember the excitement that I felt as I opened that "magic box." She had sent six beautiful books. They were hard-bound and they had bright colorful dust jackets.

There was "Little Red Riding Hood," "Peter Rabbit," "Aesop's Fables," "The Three Little Pigs," "Mother Goose" and "The Little Red Hen and the Grain of Wheat." None of my cousins or friends had very many books either so over the years mine were read, reread and shared many times. Nearly fifty years later, I have only "Aesop's

Fables" from that precious package.

At wheat harvest about that same time Daddy told me one morning to be sure to keep a watch out for the mailman. He said that he thought we might have something special in the mail. Can you imagine how long a summer morning can be to a five-year-old girl waiting for a surprise at noontime?

Sure enough! The mailman drove up to the back gate just as we sat down to eat. He carried in a box about the size of a boot box. When Daddy took away the paper and opened the lid, steam began to float up. It was a quart of creamery vanilla ice cream packed in dry ice. I had never seen anything so strange. How could ice steam and keep ice cream cold? Our mail carrier may have been the original Good Humor Man!

There weren't too many mail days that our mail wasn't delivered, but when the weather was cold and the roads were covered with snow it was late sometimes. One year we had a lot of snow and for several days the only time Daddy went outside was to feed and water the livestock. Mama had put up a little cedar Christmas tree that Daddy had cut over in the cedar "breaks" before the snow started.

Mama told me I'd have to go to sleep before Santa Claus came. It seemed like I'd been asleep a long time when I woke up. There was lots of noise and confusion. The dogs were barking; Daddy was getting out of bed, getting dressed, turning on lights, and going to the door.

I ran to stand beside Daddy. I watched car lights turn into the yard and stop at the gate. I saw our mailman walk to the door through the snow. He was bundled up in a big heavy coat, he had on overshoes, gloves and a cap with ear flaps pulled down tight over his ears.

"This snow has put old Santa behind on his deliveries and he asked me to help him out. Here is a package your Grandma asked Santa to deliver to you. I've still got a lot of mail to deliver. Merry Christmas."

I don't remember the other gifts that I got that year but I remember the hair comb with wide ribbons of red, white and blue with stars that had glitter on them.

John Horton is the Star Route mail carrier in Adrian, Texas now (note: he has since retired). There have been several down through the years. They have worn many hats. The wide brimmed straw of summer, the felt Stetson for fall and the cap with ear flaps for cold snowy days when he gave a fellow "carrier" a helping hand.

TAAS Tests Scheduled

The TAAS Exit tests will be given at 9 a.m. in the Friona High School Library on the following days: July 16, writing; July 17, math; and July 18, reading.

Juniors and seniors who have not passed all three sections are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill graduation requirements.

Letters have been mailed to those who need to take the test along with information about math tutorials. Students should report to the library at 8:45 so that testing can begin promptly at 9 a.m.

T. Buske Attends SMU Fete

Teresa Buske, executive vice president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, recently completed a week-long program of study with the Institute for Organization Management, held June 23-28 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The Southern Methodist program is one of eight Institutes held at different U.S. college campuses each year. Founded in 1921, Institute is made possible through the Center for Leadership Development, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Buske was the recipient of two scholarships given by Panhandle Area Chamber Executives (PACE) and Chamber of Commerce Executives Association of West Texas (CCEAWT).



QUILT DISPLAY--Two quilts by Ann Kelley will be displayed in the lobby at Prairie Acres during July. Here she shows us the "May Basket" quilt pattern which is done in pastel colors of lavender, green and ivory. She has added some interesting artistic touches to the quilt with lace and buttons. Ann says her mother taught her the art of quilting about 50 years ago.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week of July 7-13
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

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

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

July 9--Christeene Mann, Jan Welch Bogard, Timothy Clark, Kyle Mars, Ira Bruce Parr, Brent Bumpas, Mavis Burnam, Jake Zerfas, Martha (Slagle) Rutherford, Macy Barnett.

July 10--Sammy Spring, LaVon Reeve, Melody Drake, M'Kell Jarecki, Shirley Drager, Elizabeth McLellan, Teresa Brailiff, Eva Brand.

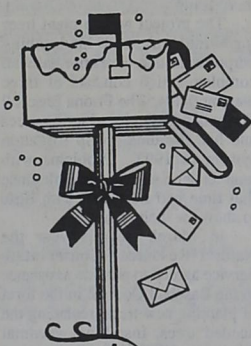
July 11--Lucille Latta, Frankie Perez, Carolyn Osborn, Tiffany Osborn, John Mars, Tiffany Weatherly, Jamie Stokes.

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

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



SUMMER JOBS.....Cleaning the lot next to the Church of Christ last week were Eugene Bandy, Nathan King, and Joseph Bandy. Cutting and raking brush from the lot is just one of the chores for area kids this summer.



PASTOR AND FAMILY.....The DeMuth family recently moved to Friona where they will lead the United Pentecostal Church. Pastor Vince DeMuth, with wife Carol and sons Jason, 8, and John, 9.

Time To Put Away All The Holiday Stuff.



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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

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Move over all you older people. Ruth Brown, who lives at 1502 Jackson, has joined our ranks. Ours in this case means the octogenarians. Does anybody happen to have a guess as to how many there are of us here now?

Ruth and her husband, the late R.V. Brown, moved here from Levelland about twenty-five years ago. He was a farmer and she is a homemaker. Since his death, she and her daughter, Wanda Brown, who operates an insurance agency in Muleshoe, have made their home together.

Last weekend it was necessary for Wanda to go to Phoenix, Arizona to join her daughter and son-in-law, Kari and Tim Deitz, for the first increase in their family.

Before Wanda's departure, she and sister-in-law, Erma Brown, and nieces, Jana Barnett and Sherri Whitten, had made plans for a surprise birthday party for Ruth on Sunday, which was her 80th birthday. Of course, this was all done without any suspicion on the part of the birthday girl.

Sunday morning, Ruth went to Sunday School and church at First United Methodist Church, which is her usual custom, and then to the home of Betty and Delton, where she had been invited for lunch.

Not long after lunch, Ruth and Betty left the Lewellen home for what Ruth thought was going to be an art show in the Community Room of Friona State Bank.

"I've never been more surprised in my life than when I walked through the door and saw that beautiful birthday cake."

Birthday cake, nuts, mints and punch were served by Erma, Jana and Sherri, who were assisted by their daughters, Breanna and Briar Barnett, Megan Whitten and Shara Lookingbill.

Out-of-town guests signing the

register were Neil and Jolene Brown of Levelland; Ruby Reed, Ruth's sister who lives at Lake Ransom Canyon; Gid and Juanita Brown of Hereford; Norma and Earl Whitten of Bovina; and Liza.

The Deitz baby, a girl, made her appearance at 7 p.m. (M.S.T.) Monday in a Scottsdale hospital. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was named Kiana Alyse.

Ruth reported, "I now have seven great grandchildren--four girls and three boys."

Others, besides those who assisted with the birthday party, and the new one, are Beau and Brenner Barnett of Friona and Colby Whitten, who lives in Bovina.

Ruth's final remark was, "I've never had a more wonderful time in my life and appreciate all those who came from out-of-town, as well as local residents who attended."

Another Frionan who has just joined "our" age category, is Madge Crow, who turned 80 on June 6. She was honored with a family birthday weekend party in the lake home of Larry and Clarissa Crow, who recently moved into a new home on the lake at Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

Horseshoe Bay is near Marble Falls. Larry recently retired from the Department of Interior and he and Clarissa moved back to Texas from Golden, Colorado, where they had been several years.

Others attending the party were Jim and Nancy Norwood of Friona; Gerald and Barbara Barnett of Bovina; Gary and Suzanne Crow of Tacoma, Washington; and Bob and Linda Lancaster of Midland.

Grandchildren joining in on the fun of boating and water skiing were Tim Jones of Houston and Lesa Jones of Austin.

Before making the trip down to Horseshoe Bay, Madge was honored

with a birthday dinner by her sisters-in-law, Jewel Robason and Lillian Jones of Friona and Dophene Betzen and Sue Innon of Hereford, at K-Bob's in Hereford.

After the meal, the group, which included Barbara Barnett and Patsy Talley, went to Sue's home for watermelon and cake.

Barbara, who has been a re-transplanted Texan less than six months, reported, "I'd almost forgotten what it was like to have so much fun with family members."

Incidentally, Barbara and her husband, Gerald, who spent most of their growing-up years here, were given an opportunity to take early retirement in January of this year.

Barbara said, "We considered a lot of options before finally deciding to return home so we could be near our mothers, Ruby Barnett and Madge Crow, and other relatives and friends."

Soon after the couple made their decision, they purchased a tract of land with a house and other improvements in the Rhea community and moved in. The house, which was built by Elvin and Wilma Johnston, was later owned by Bob and Sarah Owen.

The Barnetts had been gone from Parmer County about thirty years and had lived in a number of different places. Gerald had served one hitch in the United States Navy and later taught on the Indian Reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

He and Barbara had both been employed by the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was in various schools and she at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Their daughter, Vicky Barnett, is currently employed at Los Alamos National Lab.

They have two sons. Mike and

his wife and children, Julia, Will and Den, live at Wise River, Montana, where he is a forest ranger and Mark and his wife and children, Jake and McKenzie, currently live in Boise, Idaho.

It is good to have the Barnetts back among us.

Othelia Bennett received a most welcome long distance telephone call Tuesday evening. Her oldest daughters, Myrna Cain, called from Rochester, Minnesota, to report that her husband, Ron, who had finished his three month check-up at Mayo Clinic, had received a good report.

"The cancer has not grown any since he had a check-up three months ago," Myrna reported.

She also reported that it will be necessary for Ron to have another check-up in Corpus Christi in three months then go back to the Mayo Clinic in three more months.

The Cains planned to visit friends in Tennessee as they were enroute home and expected to be back in Corpus Christi by the weekend.

Our most sincere apologies go to Kristi Mills and Rick Young of Amarillo and their families. Their wedding, which isn't scheduled until July 13, was reported in last week's edition by mistake.

We've reported a lot of weddings long after they had taken place, but as far as I can remember, this is the first one we ever reported two weeks ahead of time.

We regret the error and hope no one was inconvenienced by it.

An out-of-town visitor in Friona this week is Ross Miller of Taos, New Mexico, who is visiting his local kith and kin.

He's the son of Kent and Amanda Miller and the grandson of Nelda Benge, in whose home he is a guest. His great-grandparents, Roy and Eva Miller and Mildred May, also live here.

Last weekend, Ross and Nelda accompanied Roy and Eva to Shallowater for a visit in the home of Kendall and Dana Burton and daughters, Ellen, Jenna and Haley.

On Saturday, Roy and Eva attended the annual Miller-Teague family reunion in Shallowater.

Eva reported, "A large number of relatives of different degrees including one lady who was 100 years old, were present. Among them were Dalton and Helen Teague, who live at Cheyenne Wells, Colorado."

Helen is the sister of Martha Bates, Lorraine Welch and Doris Boggess and grew up on a farm between Friona and Bovina.

Nellis Ray and her sons, Connie of Bovina and Charles of the Black community, recently attended funeral services for a relative, Janice Pittman of McKinney, Texas.

They also visited in the home of Glen and Evelyn Ray McDowell, who live in Garland.

Jim Zorns, who had spent one week as a surgical patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following heart surgery, was dismissed and returned home Monday evening.

His wife, Christeen, reported, "He will have to be on oxygen for awhile, but is making satisfactory progress."

Rex Blackburn had heart surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Monday. As of Tuesday evening, he is doing well and expects to be in a private room within the next few days.

Kay Neel, a teacher in the Stinnett School system, had surgery on a shoulder on Monday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Her father, Otis Neel, reported Tuesday morning that the surgery was successful and that she was doing as well as could be expected.

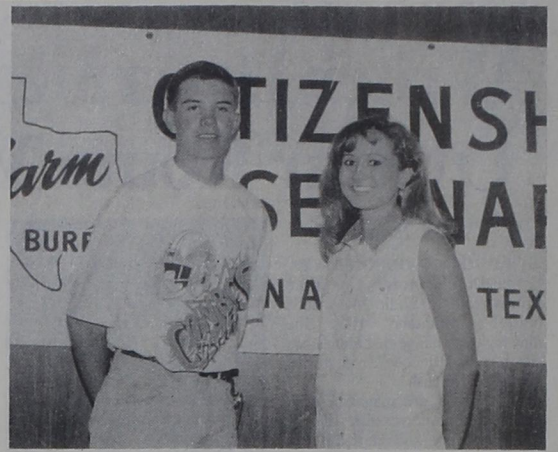
Hospital Report

As of Wednesday, July 3, the following were in area hospitals.

Parmer County Community--Tomasa Diaz, Ausencia Rodriguez, Eddie Graham, Maurine Dunn, Teresa Garcia, Samuel Davis, Isom Ansley.

High Plains Baptist, Amarillo--Gertrude Murphee

St. Anthony's, Amarillo--Lois Duggan.



JASON KERBY AND LORI BEAUCHAMP

Parmer Co. Youths Attend FB Seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 17-21 were Jason Kerby and Lori Beauchamp from Bovina.

Sponsored by the Parmer County Farm Bureau, the Parmer County delegates were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Gene Schueler of Friona, County Farm Bureau president.

Charles Benton (TFB Field Representative), Ann Leslie (1995 Miss TFB), and Taylor Bledsoe, the 1995 TFB Speech contest winner,

presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: Dr. John Piscotta of Baylor University, "The Private Enterprise Economy: Foundation of Freedom and Engine of Opportunity," Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America," and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "America."

The video tape "A More Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there was a special presentation by Dale Minnick, a motivational speaker.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University.

SWCD Completes Ballpark Project

BY THOMAS REED

A joint project by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District to establish trees at the Friona Baseball Park was begun this Spring.

The project was to plant trees for windbreak and landscaping purposes around the entire baseball complex which consists of three playing fields. The Friona Baseball Council had begun planting trees and had installed a drip irrigation system in 1993. Problems with maintenance around the park since that time had left them with little to show for their efforts.

In March of this year the Natural Resources Conservation Service agreed to provide assistance to the Baseball Council in the form of planting new trees, replacing the needed trees, installing weedmat fabric on all trees, repairing and installing sections of a drip irrigation system, fertilizing the trees, and overseeing the overall planting and maintenance of the trees. These products and services were offered to the Council at no charge.

The items mentioned were made available by donations from the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District for trees, weedmat, and drip irrigation supplies.

The NRCS furnished the technical assistance, labor, weedmat and Roundup herbicide.

The Texas Forest Service also donated some trees and the Friona Wheat Growers furnished the fertilizer. The total cost of the project improvements made this year is \$1700.

The NRCS has participated in this project in order to demonstrate proper windbreak planting and maintenance. The time and cost of the project is being justified for educational and promotional purposes. All of the products used at the park are available through the Soil and Water Conservation District Office.

The necessary ingredients which will guarantee this project a success are:

DESIGN AND PLANTING--A total of 366 trees have been planted at the park. 260 of these were planted this year. Trees used include: Rocky Mountain Juniper, Spartan Juniper, Common Lilac, and Peking Lilac. Proper spacing of the trees and shrubs is essential for long-term usefulness.

The Friona third grade classes participated in the actual planting of the trees. The classes hiked from

the school down to the park where each student got to plant his/her own tree.

Due to the size of the project and the number of students involved (approximately 100) the holes for the trees were pre-dug so each student got to pick out a spot, put a tree in the ground and cover it up. This was a valuable learning experience which many will always remember.

WEED CONTROL-- The number one cause of tree planting failures is competition from weeds and grasses. 3000 feet of 6' wide weedmat fabric was installed to eliminate this problem.

The fabric prevents weeds and grasses from growing yet allows water penetration. It also serves to collect moisture for the trees if planted in a shallow ditch which many were.

The fabric is fastened to the ground with 6" pins and the edges are covered with a little soil to help hold it in place. Roundup was used to kill weeds and grasses prior to laying, and will be used around the edges of the weedmat in the future.

The trees will grow much faster where the fabric has been installed.

FERTILIZER--All of the trees were given a small dose of fertilizer. The blend was 18-8-8 and included iron and other trace elements.

WIND PROTECTION--PVC pipe cut in 12-18" joints was used around juniper seedlings and will remain for about one year until they are strong enough to stand upright.

FENCE--A one wire fence is being used to keep vehicle and human traffic away from the tree area.

A PERSONAL TOUCH--As with any type of farming, gardening, or tree planting, a day to day care and observation is needed to keep up with things. The NRCS office personnel have for the time being assumed this responsibility in order to assure the success of this project.

Once the project is completed, there will be very little maintenance needed for the trees themselves. Mowing outside the weedmat will be done by the contractors. Watering and spot spraying will be done as needed. The trees that don't survive will be replaced as needed. The drip system and the weedmat will need to be kept up.

The trees will serve to increase the attractiveness of the park, make it more enjoyable for players and spectators and will be a bright spot in the community for years to come.

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Prairie Acres Resident Writes Special Feature About Her Life

By ANNA MAE COLLIER
(Editor's note: Each month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home is featured in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times." This month, Anna Mae Collier, is featured. Her story is featured below.)

I was born in Sedalia, Missouri on September 15, 1901. I was the ninth child of ten children. There were six boys and four girls. We were a full house. Also, my grandmother, "daddy's mom," lived with us. My grandfather was killed in the war!

As time went by, I still remember that about the age of six, my brothers, sisters and I would go out by the Lamine River bank and hang a rope on a tree. We would take turns swinging from one side to the other. It was great fun, even though my brothers and sisters were scolded by my father. He said it was dangerous and I was too little to be doing that.

I started school at the age of six. We walked a mile. I still remember the apple trees. They looked and smelled wonderful. We never touched them, but one day a nice man stopped us and told us we could pick apples from one tree to eat whenever we wanted. Just for us to make sure not to waste them. One thing I was really proud

of, was my penmanship. I was also taught "shaded writing," which was used for name cards.

My daddy was a lumberman and had his own sawmill. I would like to talk about something that really has stayed with me as a child. There was an incident at the mill. We were by the river bank, when the steam whistle went off. My brothers and I ran up to the mill. Even though some of the workers were trying to keep us from going in, we managed to get through.

I could hear my mother lamenting. As we got closer, we saw my brother in the pit, full of blood. He had been caught by the saw. He was put on a wheel and carried home. I recall turning to my grandmother and asking her if she made lots of white cloverine salve, would my brother live? "Grandma used to make and sell lots of cloverine salve." She answered, "No honey, only God can save him." Shortly after, my brother passed away.

A year later, another one of my brothers got his leg caught in a wheat threshing machine. He had to have an artificial leg. Mom said he would have to wait till they could gather up some money for his "peg-leg." My brother knew that would take some time, so he decided to go around and take a



ANNA MAE COLLIER

collection.

He gathered enough money for his "peg-leg." I remember on one occasion when I was told to do something and I didn't obey my mother, so she went after me with a switch. Well the first thing I did was run under my brother's bed. Wouldn't you know I turned my head and jumped out.

Opal Nadine is my second child. She plays piano quite well. Opal married a friend from her childhood. I remember when she was about nine years old and she would tell me that she was going to marry Johnny and sure enough that's what she did. They had three children. Opal and her husband live in South Carolina.

Lotus Mae, my third child, lived in California and had one son from her first marriage. Her husband died young. She then moved with us to New Mexico. There she met a bachelor and married. They had twin boys. Lotus Mae and her husband now live in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

My fourth child, Charles Frederick, was eleven years younger than my other children. He married and had four children from his first marriage. Later he remarried

because his first marriage failed. Charles and his wife live in Canyon, Texas.

All my family members were successfully raised. Charles, my husband, taught mechanics for the Air Corps, and we owned a small airplane. Charles was a good pilot. He enjoyed playing the guitar and I enjoyed writing poetry.

After being happily married 68-1/2 years, my husband died from Alzheimer's Disease. "Charles was a good Christian man."

Anna Mae also wrote a poem about her husband. It reads as follows:

HANDS
Hands that held mine so tenderly
The warm moonlit night, when he asked
"Sweetheart, will you marry me?"
Hands that touched my wedding dress
And held my cheeks, for his possessive caress.
Hands that awakened the woman in me,
Stirring emotions and desire,
I never knew there could be.
Hands that stroked my brow
When I didn't feel well somehow.
Hands that held our first born child,
Inexperienced, awkward, yet so mild
Hands that helped me more and more
When our children I bore.
Hands that did his work so well
Yet so comforting when a child fell.
Hands that are old, wrinkled as his brow,
I loved them then, I love them now.
Hands so strong, yet gentle as our fingers entwine,
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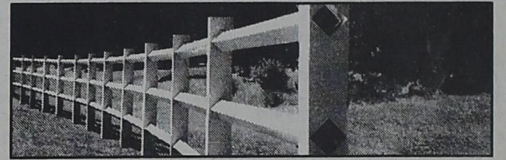
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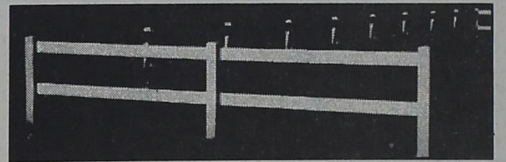
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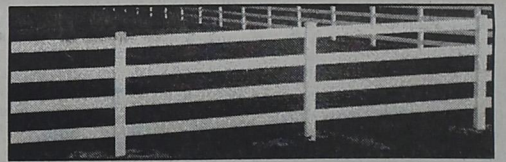
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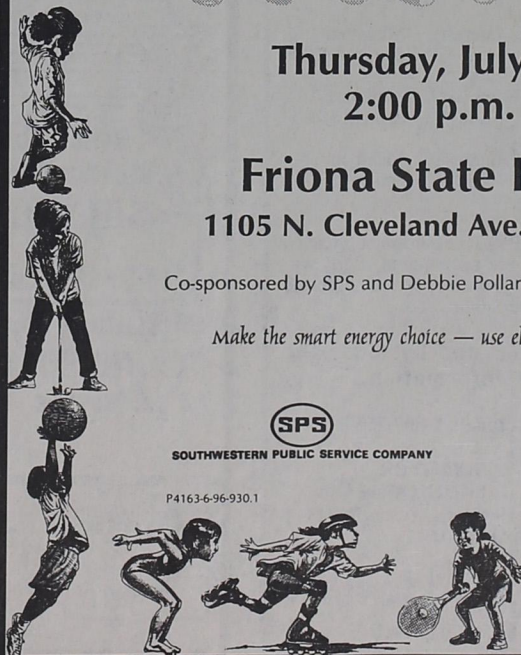
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Center Sets Date For Clinic Here

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, on July 17. Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast

self-examination by a Registered Nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Couple Has Baby Girl

Audra Clark and Jerard Lafuente announce the birth of their daughter, Ashton Jenae.

She was born May 29 at 8:28 a.m., weighed eight pounds, five ounces and was twenty and three-fourths inches long.

Grandparents are Alan and Nita Clark and Alfredo and Bertha Lafuente.

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Mutual fund families encouraged investors to change funds within their families as their age and investments needs changed. However, many investors were unable to make informed changes, so mutual funds introduced asset allocation funds, designed for different investors at different life stages. Rather than the shareholder having to choose the balance between stocks and bonds, asset allocation funds allow the fund managers to do so. The number of asset allocation funds more than doubled in 1994, making it now the largest of all fund categories.

Still, some mutual fund managers argued that a single-purpose asset allocation fund may not provide the proper diversification for different age groups. So today, there's a new wrinkle to these popular funds:

lifestyle funds. These funds still offer the advantage of asset allocation that varies according to age group, but they have more restrictive objectives, such as growth, balanced or conservative. Lifestyle fund managers will have the latitude to move assets among stocks, bonds and other securities, but within a more specific category.

Sounds a lot like a typical mutual fund. What's the difference? Asset allocation allows the fund manager the discretion to move into sectors that may offer the best opportunity or the most protection. The typical mutual fund is restricted by the fund's limited objective. For example, a typical small-capital, aggressive growth fund does not have the option to "safe-harbor" assets in blue-chip stocks or bonds if conditions make such investments more favorable. It is limited by prospectus to small or emerging company stocks, regardless of market conditions. Lifestyle funds, on the other hand, have more latitude, offering the potential for smoother ride through the ups and downs of the market and the economy.

However, most professionals agree that lifestyle funds are not for everyone. Sophisticated investors may prefer more say-so in how their assets are allocated. But for investors who are willing to leave the decision to their funds' managers, lifestyle funds may be appropriate. While their ability to move into safer investments during uncertain times can limit performance, it also offers greater protection of principal.

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