

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Glad Tidings
TO YOU



THE "LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE"

Friona's first annual "Living Christmas Tree" production was presented this season. The vocalists who participated are pictured here, top to bottom and left to right: (Row 1) Cherry Wells; (Row 2) Linda Griffin and Brenda Wilson (not pictured); (Row 3) Sharon White, Nola Vestal and Sandra Turner; (Row 4) Raye Gene London, Jayn Looper and Lois Norwood; (Row 5) Kayla Smiley, Jenny Cunningham, Daphne Cunningham and Barbara Grimsley; (Row 6) Jerilyn White, Janet Rector, Ada Beth Smith, and Gerry Taylor; (Row 7) Jo Blackwell, Betty Renner, Karen Renner, Kim Smiley, Doris Barnett, Lucy Beth Hinkle and Sherri Taylor; (Row 8) Cindy Simmons, Nancy Roden, Kitty Gallman, Claire Blanco, Sue Fiel, Connie Neelley, and Cheryl Weatherly; (Row 9) Carla Scott, Glenna Holt, Judy Ichtertz, Charles Dauster, Vergil Ichtertz, Bob Wilson, Wyona Clark, and Merlene Orme; (Row 10) Betty Phipps, Luann Hough, Kirk Frye, Charles Turner, Mickey Griffin, Martha Mars, Nancy Edlemon, and Kathy Terry; (Row 11) Barbara Neely, Ricky Mercado, Dale Schueler, Harold Richardson, Raymond Cook, Marca Herring, Sue Brogden, Iona Cook, Donna Mears and Claudia Hanes; (Row 12) Anna Mae Thomas, Mary Johnston, Chris Richardson, Danny Black, Greg Stockstill, Jerry London, Robert Jones, Kim Caffey and Bill Neely.

The children who participated in the production were: (Top row) Jared Cunningham, Corbin Neill, Joshua Rivera, Amy Terry and Kelsey Welch; (Row 4) Amanda Geries, Katy Welch, Lindsey North and Holly Hand; (Row 3) Brock Field, Hope Richardson, Haliagh Herbert, Kristin Butman, Amy Geries and Ashley Smiley; (Row 2) Jordan Monroe, Andrea Geries, Tyler Hitchcock, Lindsey Neill, Kandace Frye, and Kelby Monroe; (First Row) Blair Smiley, Miranda Frye, Dillon Welch, Railee Stockstill, Lucretia Field, Allison Jones, and Ramey Alaniz.

Photo By Don Spring



The Other Side Of Christmas

by Mary Dalton Crump

The town of Bethlehem was still,
None heard the angel's call.
The world they knew, began to change
Within a stable's wall.

The shepherds, with their restless flocks,
Were waiting there, until
A star came out of heaven and
Descended on the hill.

We've heard this story many times,
How kings and shepherds knelt,
But not a word has ever been
Of how God must have felt.

No wonder that the angels sang,
And stars wore brilliant light,
When God first saw his earth-born son,
On that first Christmas night!



GARFIELD AND FRIENDS....say Happy Holidays to Friona. Maria Inez Mendez, left, and Ross Ryan Paiz, helped decorate the classroom door in Mrs. White's 4th grade class.



LET ME OUTTA' HERE.....Matthew Teague is not sure but he sure hopes Santa listened. He visited St. Nick at the Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party. Matthew is the son of Chuck and Susie Teague.



WE 'D RATHER BE FISHIN'.....But we will wait 'till after Santa comes. Shown beneath the palm tree on the door of Mrs. Hinton's 5th grade class are, l-r, Victor Favela, Alexia Thomas, and Courtney Baxter.



AND THAT IS NOT ALLAlex Gurley gives Santa Claus an extra-long list for delivery on Christmas Eve. Alex is five and one-half years old.

**On The 12th Day Of Christmas
My Dear Lord Gave To Me**

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- 3 brother-in-laws
- 2 girls I love



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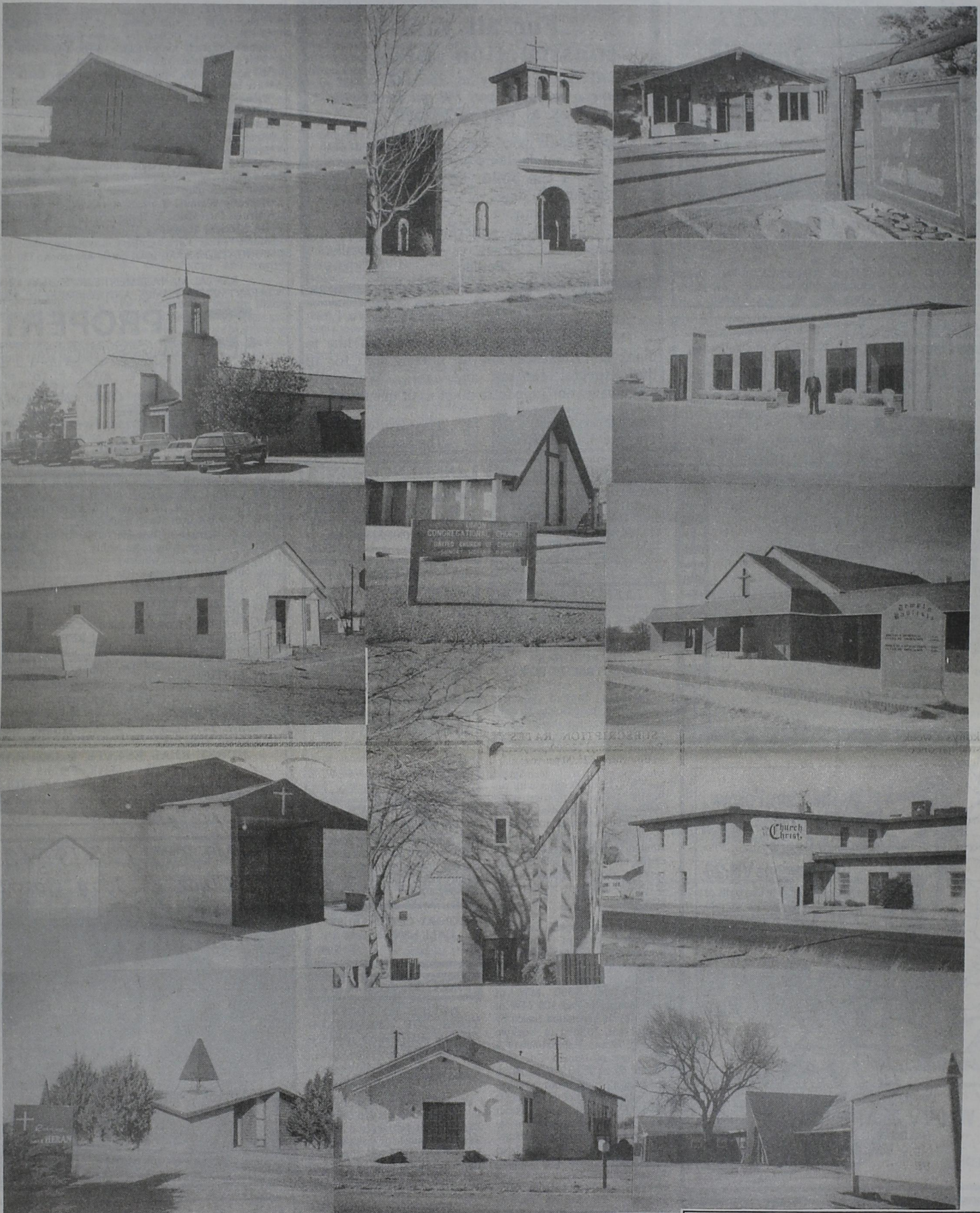
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FRIONA'S CHURCHES....Left row top to bottom: Euclid Avenue Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, Assembly of God, Iglesia Compañerismo Cristiano, Redeemer Lutheran. Center row, top to bottom: St. Teresa's Catholic, Union

Congregational Church, Friona United Methodist, Iglesia Templo Marantha. Right, top to bottom: Jehovah's Witnesses' Kingdom Hall, Calvary Baptist Church, Templo Bautista, Sixth Street Church of Christ, United Pentecostal.

DID YOU KNOW?

By GEORGE RUSHING

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.*

This Christmas hymn was written by Bishop Phillip Brooks, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia. It is said that he was a gifted orator, poet and above all, a believer, with all his soul, in the divine Son of God of whom he preached and for whom he lived.

The idea for this song had been brewing in Pastor Brooks' heart since 1865 when, on a trip abroad, he was able to spend Christmas in Bethlehem.

On December 24th, he rode on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. That night he rode out to the fields that overlook Bethlehem. Scripture tells us that shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks here even as Jesus was being born. As Phillip Brooks looked toward the little

town of Bethlehem, he witnessed a scene much the same as the shepherds had seen.

It would be about three years after this before he would write down the words as we know them. A short time before Christmas, as he was reviewing the music he would use for the Christmas service, the memory of his time in the fields of Bethlehem flooded through his soul. He sat down and began to pen the words of the hymn.

He then took the poem to Mr. Lewis Redner, who was the organist of the church. Mr. Redner took the poem and put the tune to the words as we know them.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels; The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.*

Luke 2:11--For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.



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Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Golden Spread") hereby gives notice that it intends to purchase a portion of its requirements for electric power and energy from an affiliated exempt wholesale generator. Golden Spread has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") requesting that the PUC make certain determinations required by the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and certify the Power Supply Contract between Golden Spread and its affiliate exempt wholesale generator.

It is anticipated that the affiliated exempt wholesale generator, GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., will construct a generating plant consisting of approximately 300 MW of combined cycle and 100 MW of simple cycle generation fueled by natural gas, located in Yoakum County, Texas, approximately 4 miles east of Denver City near County Road P 10 / P 10 North and adjacent to the Plains gas plant. The estimated cost of this project is \$165,223,000. The contract between Golden Spread and its affiliate exempt wholesale generator for which certification has been requested requires that Golden Spread purchase electric power and energy from the generating plant and pay therefor an amount sufficient to cover all fixed and variable costs associated with producing power and energy purchased by Golden Spread. The contract has a term commensurate with the life of the plant. The PUC will determine whether the proposed contract is reasonable. Golden Spread anticipates that the proposed contract will lower the cost of providing service to consumers.

Persons with questions about Golden Spread's Application should contact Robert W. Bryant, President and General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., at (806) 379-7766. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Office at (512) 458-0256 or 458-0221 for the text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding has not been determined. Golden Spread intends to request that the PUC set January 3, 1996 as the deadline for intervention.

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All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bidders conference on Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at the above address.

Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the Engineers' offices as listed below:

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Letters To Santa Claus

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I have been a good boy this year. I would like a game boy and a Power Ranger game
Love, Justin Echevarria

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Love, Traci Carrera

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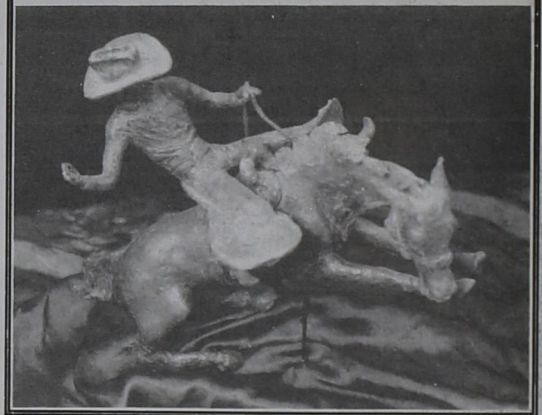
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Thank you all, and happy holidays!

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City Rebounding From June Tornado

By RON CARR

With festive Christmas lights, giant snowflakes, and the spirit of the season upon us, the memory of the June 2 tornado has dimmed for most folks.

We decided to retrace some of our steps during the week of the tornado to see how the more serious damage is progressing now, little over six months later.

Except for a few vacant lots where buildings once stood, most visible signs of the tornado have been picked up, hauled off, and otherwise removed.

If you have driven by the Benger Airport lately and thought there were fewer antique cars and tractors now than there used to be, you are right.

Airport founder Elvie Jennings has sold many of the old vehicles since the tornado, even though our inspection showed enough of them left to keep him busy for a long time.

Inside the new, almost finished main hangar, we found Jennings and Russell Nowlin busy overhauling an early fifties model tractor, which he already has sold too.

Except for some interior work, the new, larger hangar is complete, as is the business office next door. But there is plenty of damage still visible on the airport property.

Rick Jennings was busy welding in some steel framing inside the new hangar to be used for storage racks. His tornado-damaged Stearman airplane sat nearby, waiting its turn at rebuilding.

The T-hangers on the east side of the property, the most visible remaining sign of the tornado, will be rebuilt in time, as will a second hangar, workshop, and storage building.

Only recently have they removed the old mechanic shop at the far southwest corner of the airport property. It will not be rebuilt.

Recovering is going slower than Elvie Jennings would like, but

he seems happy to have a nice new, larger hangar, a desk to work on, and some warm space to work on the old tractors in his spare time.

On Highway 60, the signs that say "Picnic Area 1 Mile" are still there, but you will need to take a blanket to spread because there are no covered tables or benches to picnic on. There are no trees or trash cans either. Our attempts to reach the district engineer at the Texas Department of Transportation were unsuccessful at press time. There appears to be little effort, or urgency, in rebuilding the area.

According to City Manager Paula Wilson, the city sewage facility remains functional in spite of the fact that they are still waiting on new pumps and testing equipment.

The city has received a grant for reconstruction and are waiting on bids and engineering drawings to upgrade the sewage facility to its former status. She predicted the process could be started in the next three to four months.

The major carnage done to the cemetery has been cleaned up and replanted. The new sprinkler system is in place, as are 250 juniper trees planted around the perimeter.

Fences around the sides have been built, leaving only the fence and gate across the front to be built.

Another ten large shade trees have been planted inside the grounds. Local resident John Gurley says that his brother-in-law, who is in the landscape business, has donated 15 large evergreen trees that will be transported and planted as time and weather permit.

Gazebo and flag pole work at the cemetery is to be done by local Eagle Scouts.

There is still evidence of the disaster at Hi-Pro, but as their signs say, "We'll Be Back".

The mills have been almost rebuilt and are operating, as is the Animal Health sales building. However, Hi-Pro officials say that

construction will be continuing until probably next July.

Foundation work for the new administration offices was halted last week by the cold and snow. Office workers hope to be able to move back to the Hi-Pro site, in their new offices, by May, 1996.

The south part of town was hit first and perhaps hardest, as the tornado threatened our city.

Joe Mendoza's family had huddled in a shelter at the family property in far south Friona, escaping personal injury, but the family suffered major damage to their trailer homes and business.

Today, the main sign of the damage is the new construction of Eddie Mendoza's house, a permanent structure that will replace his former trailer home, which was completely destroyed.

And the tornado shelter is still there, just in case the family has to have a tornado reunion.

A few yards north toward town, Hereford Bi-Products' Friona facility was flying the U.S. and Texas flags this week in the crisp winter wind.

The new office building and the housing for employees next door is also crisp and new. Both were rebuilt from scratch after the tornado roared over, leaving Bi-Products employees temporarily homeless.

A large building at the back of the property is still not being used. Plans for its repair were uncertain.

E. M. and Deloris Bailey lived in south Friona. The tornado demolished their trailer home and almost their lives.

Mr. Bailey spent 31 days unconscious, before waking up in a Dallas hospital. He relearned how to walk and speak.

The couple, now both in their 60's, live in an apartment in west

Friona. Mr. Bailey hopes to get around without his walker in another three to six months.

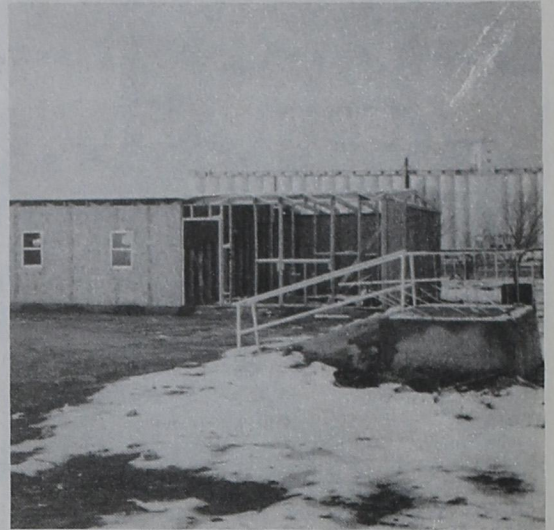
Church members have helped with rent through March and townspeople have donated furnishings to the couple.

They have started over from scratch, but are thankful to everyone, and grateful for the progress they have managed.

Then there is the Weatherly's Shaved Ice stand on 11th Street. It is closed for the winter, but repairs have been completed and the owners look forward to a record summer, if it ever gets here.

The recovery process from the tornado continues in Friona, but progress after six months has been mostly positive.

The festivities of the season brighten today's memories, and help to dim yesterday's.



MENDOZA REBUILDING.....The Mendoza family continues to recover from the tornado. Shown is the new home for Eddie Mendoza that is under construction. The steps at right once led to Mendoza's trailer home which was completely demolished by the twister.



LONG GONE SOON WE HOPE.....The temporary administrative offices of Hi-Pro are beginning to feel like home, but they hope not for much longer. The new office building at the Hi-Pro site is expected to be ready by May. In the meantime, Hi-Pro employees have used temporary space at the old Malouf building near Highway's 60 and 214.

FHS Teams Sweep Pair Of Games

Friona's varsity basketballers swept games from visiting Idalou last Friday, 77-63 in the boys' game and 45-36 in the girls' contest.

Andy Kendrick led four Chieftain players in double-figure scoring with 14 points. Quint Ellis added 13, Eric McInroe 11 and Charlie Milner 10.

The Squaws coasted to their win, behind the 12-point performance by Courtney Carthel and ten from Heather Martin.

CHIEFS 77, Idalou 63
Hitchcock 2-2-6; Schueler 1*-0-3; King 1-2*-0-8; Flores 3-1-7; Blackburn 1-0-2; Kendrick 7-0-14; Ellis 5-1*-13; McInroe 1-3*-11; Milner 5-0-10; Looper 1-1-3.

SQUAWS 45, Idalou 36
Goddard 3-1*-0-9; Cass 0-2-2; White 1-0-2; H. Martin 2-2*-0-10; Stokes 1-0-2; Carthel 6-0-12; Weatherly 0-2-2; Meyer 3-0-6.

*3-point baskets.
JV CHIEFS 68, Idalou JV 53
Mata 5-1-11; Vega 9-2*-0-24; Mendez 1-0-2; Ortiz 8-0-16; Martinez 3-1-7; Patterson 1-0-2; Shelby 1-0-2; Cooper 2-0-4.

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FAST STOP



GUESS WHO.....Wishes you a Merry Christmas? Why, Mrs. Taylor's 5th grade class, that's who. Chris Ureste, left, and Lauren Buske, helped decorate the door and said they can't wait for the holidays. They said that's Mrs. Taylor in the middle, dressed like a candy-cane.



WEE LADS....BIG GRINS....Sending you cheery greetings from the Friona Pre-K kids are Andres Herrera, left, and Gustavo Huerta. Doors were decorated and kids were smiling at the Primary and Grade Schools last week as the school holiday period drew nigh.

✻Letters To Santa Claus✻

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike, a football hemet, a toy robot, and a car.
Your friend, Andrew Aguirre

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a BMX dirt bike, my teeth, more pages for my card book, more cards, Mortal Kombat toys. Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Stefan Allen

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Power Ranger and a brainball. Thank you.
Your friend, Jimmy Centeno

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, two tonkas, my on train, and a regular bike. If you have anymore toys, give them to me. I like all your toys because they are special to me.
Your friend, Derek Pavilla

Dear Santa Clause,
I want lots of things, like a "Talk Girl" and a new bike. But really, I just want my family to have a happy Christmas, but there still are a little things I want for me and my family. We all want a new house, and our own rooms, because right now, we have to share rooms. Then here comes me. I a lot of rings, neckles, and hair bows, and a "Talkgirl". And there's I'm wishing for you Santa, for the raindeers to have lots of food. And for you and Mrs. Clause to have a happy Christmas. And for all a Happy Christmas.
Andrea Geries

Dear Santa,
I want a baby puppy for Christmas. I also want a dance and tworl Barbie. And I also want a mommy and daddy to be off work so we can open presens together. And spend together with are other families. A open presens with them.
From Kimberlee deniese Jones.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I am going to my Aunts house and I am going to open my presents.
Your friend, Beth Bridges

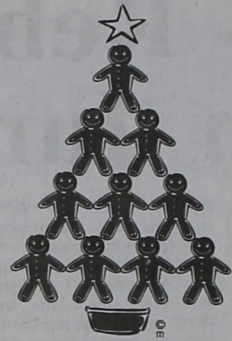
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Sague, you and Rudolph too, OK?
Your friend, Ashley Rico

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Free Willy 2, Littel Women, a C.D. player, baby sifers doll Kristy, an American doll that looks like me with hazel eyes, light skin, and blond hair. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love, Adrienne Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a new car, a bike, a CD player, a new TV and a picture of you. Do you have a present for my mom and dad?
Your friend, David Garcia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a my sides barbie. I want to take a picture with you.
Thank you, Savanna Chavez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a typewriter, clothes, a jacket, a computer, a desk, baby-so-real. And a bike, a basket-ball, a socker ball and books. When you come to my house there will be milk and cookies.
Your friend, Yvette Ramos



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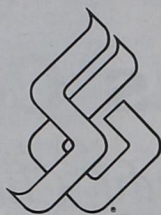
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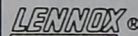
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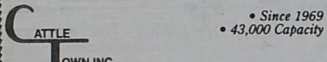
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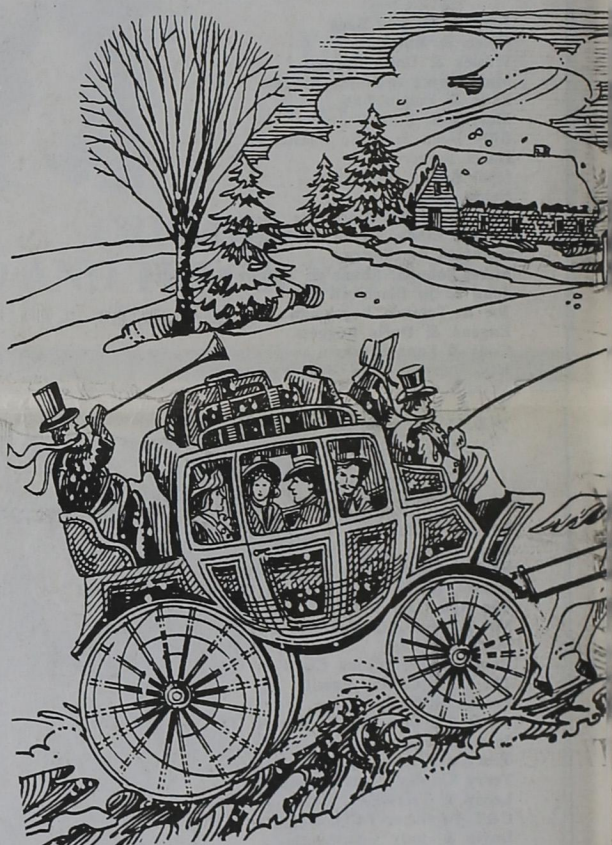
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HO HO BIG WINNER.....Sylvia Ingram, left, is shown presenting Raye Jene London \$400 Friona Bucks as the grand prize winner in the Chamber of Commerce's recent Ho Ho Home for the Holidays sweepstakes. She can use her "bucks" at any of the participating merchants.

Raye Jene London Winner Of Chamber's Christmas Drawing

Raye Jene London's name was drawn as the Grand Prize Winner of the Friona Chamber of Commerce "Ho Ho Home For The Holi-days!" promotion held last Friday. The Grand Prize was \$400 "Friona Bucks" to be spent with any of the sponsoring merchants. Her winning ticket was from Ingram's Department Store.

Other winners were drawn from the individual merchant's boxes. The following were winners of \$25.00 in "Friona Bucks" to be spent with the merchant: Barbara

Bentley at W.H.TV & Appliance, Eileen Gomez at A-1 Service Center, Marga-ret Duggins at An Added Touch, Reta Martin at Country Charm, Danny Black at Lakeside Parts & Machine, Betty Morgan at Kendrick Oil Co., Deborah Campbell at State Farm Insurance, Charla Chesher at Bi-Wize Health Mart.

Also, Ann Kelley at Monty's Flowers & Gifts, Kevin Welch at J. & H. Equipment Co., Marie Saiz at Friona Motors, Loretta Hand at The Friona Star, Sharon Rector at Ingram's Department Store, Frankie Lindeman at Custom Clean-ers, Susan Teague at Big Boy Pizza, and Lucy Hernan-dez at D.L.'s Thriftway.



WE'VE GOT HIM SURROUNDED....Santa arrives at the City Park to kick off the holiday season.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I would like a cry baby doll and a Santa that makes bubbles for Christmas.

Love, Tina

Dear Santa,
I would like some c.d.'s and a magic ball for Christmas. I would also like some Barbie clothes.

Love, Leslie

Dear Santa,
I would like a bebe gun and a pocket knife for Christmas like Tyler's. Please bring Dad tools and Mama some dishes and pretty clothes. Please remember I moved and I have had a rough year.

Love, Cody Lanier

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house and a Tropical splash Barbie. I also want a chicken limbo game.

Love Allison

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie van and a power Ranger movie. I would also like a real Chihuahua.

Love, Meghan

Dear Santa,
I want a biyk for chritmas and my siser wants a biyk too so we are conting on you. I hope your elves dondn't wark so hard. I love you, Santa.

From Breann Barnett

Dear Santa,
I want a TV and a vesear. A bik with a radio on it. I want the TV and vesear to be white. I want the bike with the radeo on it to be pinck.

From Michelle Stanberry

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas. I also want a computer and books to read.

Love, Yesenia



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINERS....This set of first cousins presented a program of music at the Friona Evening Lions Club's meeting this week. Standing, l-r, are Jacob Miller, Amy Geries and Amanda Geries. Botton: Caleb Miller, Andria Geries and Ryan Geries.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I would like a bebe gun and a pocket knife for Christmas like Tyler's. Please bring Dad tools and Mama some dishes and pretty clothes. Please remember I moved and I have had a rough year.

Love, Cody Lanier

Dear Santa,
I want the new Batmobil;l and some Batmans and some foftball cards that have this on the front.

Love, Matthew Whitley

Dear Santa,
I been good all year long. I eant the Molly doll for Christmas. I hope you are safe going around the whold world.

Love,Molly Carthel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some cloth for Christmas a shirt that goes with some pants. And bring a watch for my mom. And bring some boots for my Dad. And my brother wants a thing that goes with his Nintendo.

Love, Daisy

To Santo, from Tacos Rando:
Der Santo I wish that my family has a happy good Christmas. And that I wish for a Sago. I hop you have a savt Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want a pool table and some playmobels. I also want the new batmobel from Batman forever. I have been good.

Love, Kelby

Dear Santa,
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Love, Luke

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AT ETHRIDGE-SPRING

Lois Norwood: Friona's 'Veteran' Business-Person

By JUNE FLOYD
Feature Writer

Some wise man once made the remark, "There's really nothing constant except change." There's only one person in Friona who has been connected with the same firm in the same location more than forty-seven years.

That is Lois Norwood, who began her career in the insurance business as Dan Ethridge's secretary in an office near the corner of Sixth and Main in May, 1948.

The firm had its beginning when Dan Ethridge purchased Uncle John White's insurance business in April of 1934.

Two years later, the agency moved into the T.J. Crawford Building. The space the agency occupied at that time was very small and is still part of the firm's office space. However, at that time, the post office, a cafe and a pool hall were also housed in the building.

In March of 1939, Ethridge sold the agency to Frank A. Spring and the name was changed to Frank A. Spring Agency.

Seven years later, Dan returned to Friona and became a partner with Frank Spring and the name was changed to Ethridge-Spring Agency.

Lois was born in Jacksonville, Texas to the late W.B. and Dora Bell Norwood. She moved with her parents and siblings, W.A. Norwood, Jr., who currently lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jimmy Norwood of Friona and Jerry Bell Blaylock, a long time resident of Odessa, Texas, when she was in the eighth grade.

Following her graduation from Friona High School in 1947, Lois attended Draughan's Business College in Lubbock.

As soon as she completed her course there, she returned to Friona and began her long career in the insurance business.

At first, she and Dan were the only two persons in the office. However, it wasn't very long until

W.M. (Bill) Stewart moved to Friona from Texarkana, Arkansas, and became a partner in the agency.

Nine years later, Flake Barber moved here from Amarillo and became a partner. At that time, Lois was promoted to office manager, a position she held for the next nine years.

In 1968, Flake Barber sold his interest in the firm to Wendell Gresham, who moved here from Amarillo. At the same time, Lois was made a partner and a few years later, she and Wendell purchased Spring's interest in the company.

In 1972 the agency was incorporated and "Inc." was added to the name. Bill Stewart retired and sold his interest to Charles Caudill. Five years later, Dan Ethridge retired and at that time, Wendell and Lois, who later purchased the interest of Caudill, bought his interest.

The offices have undergone several remodeling projects and many things have been changed, but Lois and the location have remained constant.

Lois is a long-time member of Friona's United Methodist Church and has been a member of the choir, a Sunday School teacher and member of several different committees and, at the present time, is serving on the Pastor's Parish Committee and is a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class.

She has also been very active in civic activities and volunteer community projects. In 1983, she was honored by being named "Woman of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce.

At the present time, she is the local Red Cross representative, a member of Modern Study Club, president of the Community Heritage Society and a member of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Lois' involvement with this organization has helped lead her into adopting homeless animals at different times. In fact, she has



LOIS NORWOOD

three dogs and one cat at the present time.

When she isn't involved with insurance business, church activities or civic affairs, she's at home at 1307 West Sixth Street and is likely to be seen walking her dogs, Lynn, Sissy and Freckles.

Lynn found a home through the efforts of one of her nieces, Becky, who found a beautiful white Samoyed puppy beside the road when she was in college and talked her aunt into keeping her.

Sissy, a German Shepherd mix female, was one of seven homeless puppies Everett Gee found that were just too adorable for any animal lover to reject.

Freckles, the third dog, is a cow dog mix and, like the others, needed a home.

From the time she took Freckles in, Miss Norwood's answer is always "No more dogs!"

Callie, the cat, is a beautiful calico.

In her spare time, if there is any, Lois does beautiful needlepoint and grows flowers.



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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD
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All greeting cards going out of Friona today (Monday, December 18) will be originating in a Winter Wonderland. Everything in sight is covered with snow and ice and it is a beautiful sight.

The pickets in the fences have snow caps three or four inches deep and the tree branches still have all the flakes they can hold.

The outside temperature a few minutes ago was 24 degrees. Hearing that reading made me remember that I'm real glad I do not have any cows that need to be milked or pigs to feed. On days like this, I'm grateful that it isn't necessary for me to get out.

Since this is our Christmas edition and last paper for the year, I'd like to wish all our readers "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Friona's Winter Wonderland."

If Jenny Procter and her fiancé, Tim Nation, didn't have the largest cheering section at Friday's commencement at Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Art, someone had an enormous group.

Jenny's paternal grandparents, James and Sue Procter, and their entire tribe, except one grandson, Darran Procter, and his wife, Tiffany, and daughter, Morgan, converged in Edmond for this event.

Ron, Libby, Dewayne, Cheryl, Ted, Glenda and Barry Procter went from here.

Wade, Darla and Charlotte Procter and Cherise Money, Wade's fiancée from Lubbock, met the rest of the family in Edmond.

Following the commencement, the whole group drove to Lubbock and attended Wade's graduation from Lubbock Christian University the next day.

His maternal grandmother, Darlene Ramage, flew in from Carthage, Texas for this event and came on to Friona with the Procters when it was over.

Saturday evening, James and Sue hosted the annual family Christmas family get-together with Bryce McMurtrey and Darran, Tiffany and Morgan joining the others.

Sue said, "I'm hoping we never have two graduations miles apart and a Christmas party the same weekend any more."

Three of the new residents of 1006 Maple, the former home of J.M. and Lessie Watson, are living here for the first time, but the fourth is a native Frionan.

Steven and Montessa Elam Moore and children, Brooklyn and Keylan, have moved here from Amarillo. He is employed in the maintenance department of Excel.

Montessa is the daughter of Beverly Anthony Elam and a 1991 graduate of Friona High School.

In a conversation with Brooklyn at the Dairy Queen she informed me: "I can't go to school because I'm only three and have to be five before I can go."

Everett and Paula McBroom and Jim Roy and Paula Daniel of the Lazbuddie community celebrated the completion of harvest 1995 by taking off six days.

During this time, they drove to Branson, Missouri by way of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. They

did some sightseeing as they were travelling, but spent most of the time in Branson.

Paula McBroom reported, "We had a great time in spite of the fact that it was damp and cold. The shows were great, browsing at the outlet malls was a special treat and the people were all so friendly and hospitable."

She concluded her remarks by saying: "You really should go there sometime. Think everyone except you and me have already been and now are the only one left who hasn't."

A phone call from Mesa, Arizona to Katy Osborn, Thursday, by Pearl Gieschler revealed that her husband, Reuben, is seriously ill in a Phoenix hospital.

The Gieschlers are pioneer residents of Friona. When she first came to Friona more than sixty years ago, she was Pearl Clements and was a teacher in the local school system. Later she married Reuben, who was a brother of the late Luella Maurer, and they raised their family here.

Katy said, "There are not many of us 'old timers' still here, but Orma Flippin and I both remember the Gieschlers well."

Eight ladies, who graduated from Friona High School in 1966, had a mini feminine class reunion, Saturday, in the home of Janet Rushing Phipps, who lives in the country between Clovis and Portales.

Seven of them were classmates from first grade through high school, so reminiscing and catching up on the happenings in all their families during the past twenty-nine years took up most of their time. The party began with a sit down luncheon served by the hostess.

Others present were Linda Outland Mannix of Durango, Colorado, the only member of the group who did not start to school here; Phyllis Holcomb Bryan of Happy, Texas; Marie Short Fowler of Clovis; Mary Short Criswell of Canyon; and Gay Wyly Henderson of Plainview. Also the following Frionans: Gail McGlothlin Hand, Connie Schlenker Johnson and Sylvia Stokes Gibson.

Out-of-town weekend guests in the home of Sterling and Joy Graham were his mother, Ann Graham of Rush Springs, Oklahoma and an uncle, Doy Graham, who lives in Sacramento, California.

Other guests on Sunday were Stan and Gail Graham and children, Ashley, Chelsea, Carley and Steven of Portales, New Mexico; and Ky and Lanis Graham and children, Kyla, Krista and Kaison, and Mildred May, who live here.

Stormi, Randall and Amber Roberson of Madison, Tennessee came to Friona last week and to attend the graduation commencement exercises of West Texas A&M at Amarillo Civic Auditorium, Friday evening.

Stormi's sister, Leslee Floyd, was a member of the graduating class. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education.

Other relatives and friends attending were Ronda Yaksich of Las Cruces, New Mexico and her mother, Mary Yaksich, who lives at Raton.

Also, Gerald and Jana Floyd of Elkhart, Kansas; Sarah Floyd of Lubbock and Minnie Knight, Jason Floyd, June Floyd, Jyl Grimsley, Carol Zetzsche and Lisa Reed, all of Friona.

Janet Burleson, another Friona resident who received the same degree in the same field, also had a large number of relatives attending the ceremony.

Those in her cheering section included her husband, Greg, and children, Sheldon, a student at Texas Tech University, Rachel and Josh.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Elma Burleson of Lubbock; Kim Watson and son, Brooks, of Hale Center; and the following Plainview residents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barton, Linzy Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson and Harriett Burleson.

Chick Burney was also in the audience. His daughter-in-law, Sonja, who is the wife of his son, Shy, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing and is employed at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

It was a real pleasure to see Crista Evans Archer of Borger walk across the stage and receive her Master of Science Degree in education.

Mrs. Archer is a graduate of Friona High School and the daughter of Myrtice and the late Harris Evans, long time residents of Parmer County.

I'm sure some of Crista's family was there, but there were so many other people I didn't see any of them.

Congratulations are in order for all these graduates and please, if you have graduates, let us know

about them.

Ray Strickland of Clovis returned home early last week after spending ten days or so in the Veteran's Hospital in Albuquerque following replacement of one knee.

His mother, Opal Strickland, reported, "Ray is just doing fine. He came home on Monday and attended church services the following Wednesday evening."

That's all folks for 1995. Thanks for all your assistance. It will be deeply appreciated if you will keep up the good works during 1996.



HE'S TICKLIN' ME.....Kimberlee Jones shares a smile with Santa at the Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party. Kimberlee is the Fire Department mascot and the daughter of Steve and Donice Jones.

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GIMME A HUG BIG BOY!.....Megan Carr, daughter of Ron and Cindy Carr, cozies up to the man with the toys at the Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party.



IT'S REALLY FOR MY SISTER, SANTA....It was a little tug-of-war but Stephenie Jones won the goodies from Santa at the Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party. She is the daughter of Steve and Donice Jones.



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Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

Week of December 24-30
Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

December 24--Bert Osborn, Jon Osborn, Wana Brewer, Gabriel Baca.

December 25--Holly Mohr, Bob Hurst, Etoile Holley, Dr. Bob Sanders, Betty Smock, Charles Carter, Michael McLellan.

December 26--Wade Cargile, Lindsey Nicole Jennings, Guy Ellis, Tony Day, Opal Baxter, Gaylord Maurer, Teresa Taylor, Lynda Grimsley, Tyler Peace.

December 27--Joanna Schueler, Johnnie Walters, Roy L Smith, Micha Duke, Levi Whitney Bandy.

December 28--Allen Stewart, Todd Long, James Chadwick, Sara Zerfas.

December 29--Bob Clark, Holly White Schueler, Heather Smith Schueler, Mabel Jones, Alan Monroe, Billy Crow.

December 30--Jerry Goen, Larry Sanders, Jessie Gonzales, Jianna Davenport.

Week of Dec. 31-Jan. 6
December 31--Bill Ellis,

Glenda Ellis Kitten, Kenneth Wilhelm, Keith Martin, Joel Landrum, Gwendolyn Maurer, Frankie Lindeman.

January 1--Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Jack Clark, Agnes Fulks, Richard Wilson.

January 2--John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Veggeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke.

January 3--Jennifer Brockman, Marriott Vann Horton, Vickie Kube, Vondale Mann, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate.

January 4--Wanda Wilhelm Gibson.

January 5--Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman.

January 6--Wesley Barnett, Megan Conlee, Mitch Massey, Randy Lee Sharpee.

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

Couple Adds A Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratliff of Amarillo became parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, December 5, 1995 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He weighed eight pounds, two and one-half ounces, was twenty-two inches long and was named Matthew Locke.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ratliff of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton of Friona.

Matthew has one sister, Kallie, who is two years old.

Black Study Club Met

Black Study Club members met December 5 at Geneva Gustin's Bed and Breakfast.

Ann Kelley and Ruby Stone served as hostesses. The group ate lunch and exchanged gifts.

Attending the meeting were Lois Weatherly, Ann Carthel, Martha Hamilton, Ibbey Lewellen, Jo Wells, Carrie Tatum, Lucille Rockey, Ann Kelley, Ruby Stone and Mildred Welch.

Gifts of the Season

May Christmas bring peace and love to all.

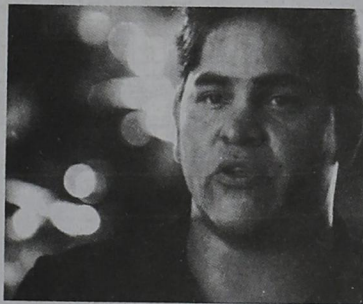


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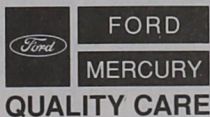
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Blind Student Teaches Values Of Inner Qualities

By JAMI HENRY
Amarillo Globe-News

I wrote a story for the November 10 issue of *Generation Y* featuring Janet Rector, a seventeen year old student at Friona High School. This intelligent young lady enlightened me of a few things, and I feel privileged to have met her.

Janet has been blind since birth; she suffered microphthalmia, a defect in which the eyes do not fully form.

She candidly talks about her blindness, and she's not into "visually impaired," the politically correct way to refer to people who cannot see. Janet says she is blind; just don't emphasize the word blind. She wants people to see her for who she is on the inside, not as a person who cannot see.

Janet told me that learning her blindness would be permanent devastated her; as a six-year-old, she thought the darkness was temporary. She suffered long periods of depression in which she would not eat or sleep, and she caused trouble at school. She rebelled in her preteens and hung out with the wrong crowd.

"I was just a brat," she told me.

The depression resulted because she wanted to be like everyone else, and she knew she never would be.

"When I was little, people didn't know how to handle me, and I got pushed away," Janet said.

But she learned to adjust, and dealing with her blindness made her a strong person who knows what she wants. She also made the most of her natural talents.

This musical prodigy knew her notes on the piano before her first birthday. She also plays the flute, sings and frequently performs in front of crowds. She dreams to make it big some day as a singer/songwriter.

"I have a wild imagination, a wild sense of creativity," she said. She gives her blindness credit for her creativity. In fact, Janet's blindness has given her so much, she now does not want sight.

At first I was surprised to hear her say that. I cannot imagine being blind, and apparently most sighted people can't. People

commonly ask her what it's like to be blind.

"I don't know. What's it like to be sighted?" she usually replies.

The longer Janet talked, the more I understood why she does not want her sight. Maybe she did not realize it at the time, but Janet taught me a little about what it's like to be blind. And she taught me, without saying so, that maybe the sighted people are the blind ones.

"We look at people for who they are; we look at their inner qualities," she said.

We sighted people first notice people's eyes, hair, smile, legs or clothes. That great-looking person may be completely wrong for you, but that's OK, you like what you see, and you marry him. A few years later, you divorce that great-looking guy. And that plain-looking person might be the best thing to ever happen to you, but you pass by this wonderful friend because her appearance is unappealing.

How unfortunate for all of us. Janet also overlooks skin color. In fact, many of her boyfriends, including her current beau, have been black. Janet is white.

"I was brought up that you don't mix races," she said. "My dad had a problem with it. (But) I'm not racist; I find it hard to be."

Well, of course, she finds it difficult. That makes perfect sense.

If all of us were blind, racism couldn't exist. We only would know one another by our inner qualities. Wow! That would change our lives as we know it.

Now, don't misunderstand me. I'm thankful for my sight. I love seeing beautiful things, and I love seeing all of the expressions on my child's face. But I also appreciate the powerful lesson Janet and other blind people teach. In many ways--in many of the things that matter most in life--I think Janet is ahead of the game.

Janet, I am glad you are not like everyone else. You are something else.

(Jami Henry is a *Globe-News* staff writer and coordinator of *Generation Y*. She may be reached at P.O. Box 2091, Amarillo, Texas, 79166.)



WANNA' TRADE HATS, SANTA?.....Miss Brittany Clark tells Santa all about it at the Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party. She is the daughter of John and Dorothy Clark.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Please bring me a yoyo ball, a new coat and Tommy the Power Ranger. Please bring my brothers something, too. Also my Mom and Dad. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Andy Bentley
P.S. Please bring April something, too.

Dear Santa,

I want a remot cutiul car it is hamd Firestorme and a cuset for my Sage that is namd mite morfe pawo rangers.

Fom Pedro Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,

I wont a little nintendo so I cood play and I won bi bord.

Love, Deniss Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus,

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want green sant claus and cars and bisj and gold car.

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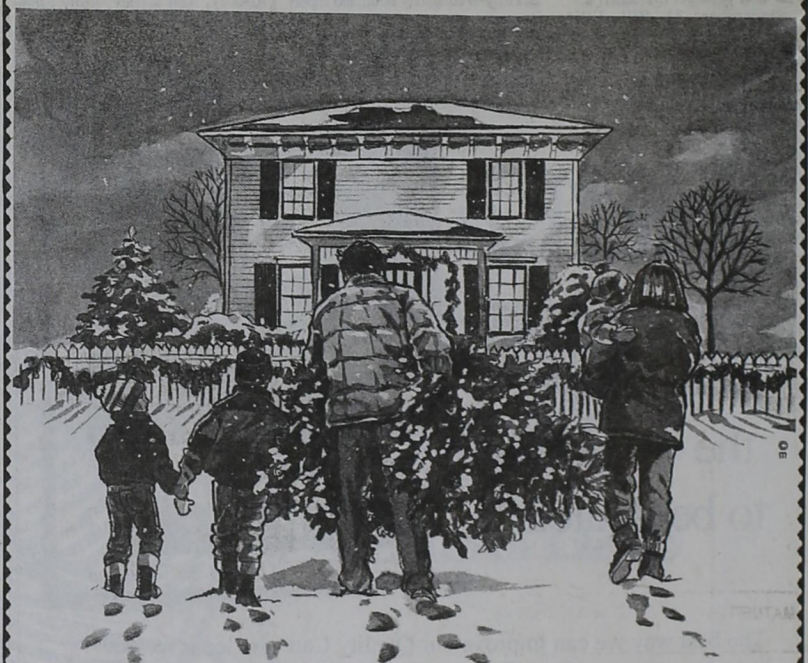
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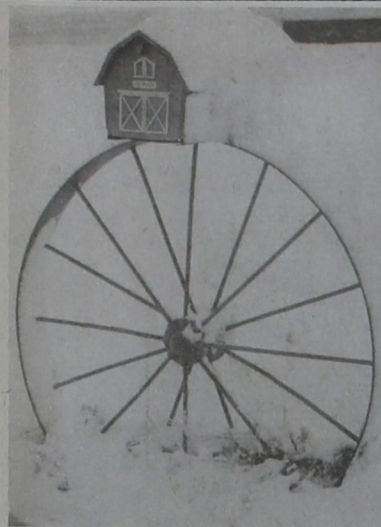
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FIRST SNOWFALL....The Friona area was cloaked in a pretty veil of white Monday, following the first snowfall of the season. From the left are the M.M. Adams' mailbox at 501 Prospect; the Sammy

Houston family's "Red Raider Santa" at 510 West Seventh; and the snow-covered cow statuette at the John Gurley residence, 901 Summit.
(Photos by Lisa McLellan)

YOUR EYES



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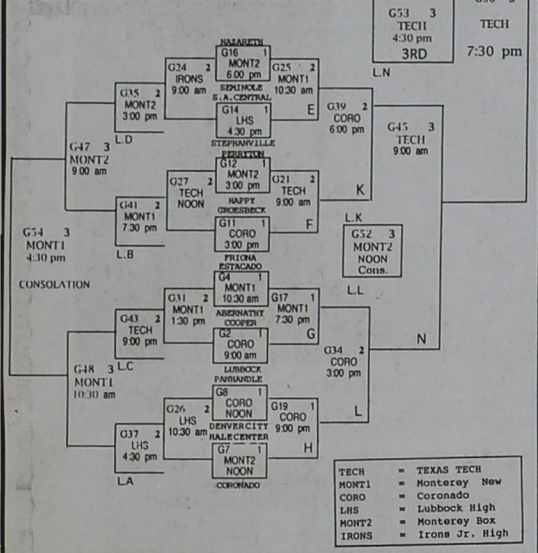
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Ticket prices are: tournament passes (this pass is good for all three days at all locations and times)--\$23 adult; \$17 students and senior citizens; day passes (this pass is good at all locations and times for the date of purchase)--\$8 adult; \$6 student and senior citizens; session passes (this pass is good only at the location where it was purchased)--\$5 adult; \$3 student and senior citizens.

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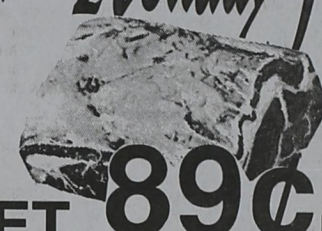
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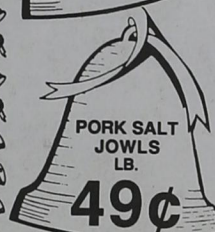


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Area Farmers Get Early Xmas Present

Farmers in the area received an early Christmas present this past week when the first measurable precipitation was received in almost two months.

Moisture content from the rain and snow of Sunday, December 17 came to .89 inch at Friona's recording station for the National Weather Service.

Friona received .44 inches of rain, which started just before 8 a.m. It continued on and off with a steady drizzle, finally breaking into a nice shower for almost an hour between 2 and 3 p.m., at which time it turned into snow. The snow melt then amounted to .45 inches.

Bovina's weather recorder, Maggie Moore, said that she measured .65 inch of moisture in all, with .45 inch falling as rain, and the other .20 inch in snowfall.

The snow was heavier to the north of Bovina and northwest of Friona, particularly in the Rhea community, where from six to eight inches of snow was received.

"I'm going to estimate that the

moisture amounted to .8 inch," said Joe Allen of Rhea's Sherley-Anderson Grain.

"It started as rain, and then snowed for most of the afternoon. We still have a pretty good covering of snow," Allen said at noon Thursday. The elevator spokesman said the moisture should give the area's wheat crop at least a fighting chance to take hold, but that more moisture would be needed to keep it going.

"We just don't have any subsoil moisture," Allen concluded.

The long dry spell of this fall at least allowed rowcrop farmers growing corn, maize, cotton and sugarbeets to harvest their crops virtually without any interruption.

The county's cotton crop for '95 is turning out to be above average. A survey of the gins in Parmer County this week showed that the total number of bales ginned had topped the 60,000 mark. Since the county had harvestable acres of about 60,000 acres, this means that the farmers will average about a bale to the acre--more for some and less for others.

"We're some below our production of 1995, but considering all of the problems the crop had, this is a pretty good harvest," said Jerry Butman, manager of the Friona Farmers Co-op Gin.

Of the county's gins, only four were still ginning. Most expected to finish up by the first of the year, or soon thereafter.

As of 12-20-95
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OSBORN HONORED....M. C. Osborn, right, was presented an award by the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District, for having donated 20 years of service on the district's board of directors, including several years as chairman. Presenting the award is Thomas Reed of the SCD.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill,

I want to sincerely thank your staff and all the fine people in the local area for helping Friona's Empty Stocking Fund this year.

We were able to furnish clothing and/or coats and shoes for approximately 70 children this year. It has been an overwhelming task, but hopefully, we were able to brighten some of the children's Christmas. Due to the overwhelming number of needs this year, we used almost all of our funds.

This fund exists throughout the year and is not used just at Christmas. We coordinate the needs with various agencies in Friona and strive to furnish those essential items such as coats, warm clothing and shoes.

At this time of the year, I always am reminded of a Christmas in 1952 when my mother with three small girls could not provide any Christmas.

The local neighbors appeared on Christmas with gifts and I still remember that very special baby doll I received. Although Christmas is a time of receiving, the true meaning of Christ's birthday is in the giving.

I wish for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas and we must never ever forget those who may need our gifts, whatever the value.

The Empty Stocking Fund continues to accept donations throughout the year, so please remember it when you see poorly-dressed children.

Again, I say thank you!
Sincerely, Jo Blackwell

Friona Star, Bovina Blade Will Skip

Continuing a custom of several years, the Friona Star and Bovina Blade are publishing larger than usual Christmas holiday issues, and will not publish editions during New Year's week.

The two offices will be closed until January 2, 1996. Our next issues will be published on January 6, 1996.

These special editions contain holiday greetings from local and area places of business, as well as feature articles and letters to Santa.

Dear Santa....

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been very good. I want a Barbie jeep and a baby lubls. I also want a gymnastics Barby and I want lots of presents. And I'll leave you some milk.
Love, Shayli

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been good. I want a three-wheeler and a play house.
Luv, Omar

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been good. I want a bike. I want a CD player. I want a dog, milk, cookies.
Love, Julie

SEASON'S GREETINGS



May This Holiday Season Bring A Harvest Of Blessings Your Way

FRIONA FARMERS CO-OP GIN

Jerry Butman, Mgr.

Lela George Comes From A Ranching Background

By JUNE FLOYD
One of Friona's most active senior citizens is Lela Mae White George, who moved from Crane, Missouri to 1006 Prospect Street on June 2, 1994.

This native Texan was born at Crowell on May 1, 1916 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clifton White. When she was two years old, her parents divorced and she and one older sister moved to the Dalhart area with their father, who was a cattleman.

He worked as foreman for several of the larger cattle ranches for a number of years before purchasing his own ranch. She attended school at Dalhart, Bunker Hill, a rural school in Dallam County, before the family moved to New Mexico.

She grew up riding horses,

helping her father take care of cattle and doing the usual ranch chores.

Soon after her graduation from Nara Visa High School, she became very interested in another cattleman. She and Merlin George of Centerville, New Mexico, were married December 11, 1933 at Clayton.

The Georges had five children, Ileta Faye, Margaret Ann, Douglas Henry, David Merlin and Kathleen. They lived on ranches as the children were growing up and Lela Mae assisted her husband as she had her father.

She remembers that in those days rural homes did not have many of the modern conveniences available today and that feeding, watering and taking care of cattle was much different. Her only outside job before 1963 was as a

saleslady at J.C. Penney's in Clayton from 1954 until 1959.

When her youngest daughter, Kathleen, was a junior in high school in 1963, Lela Mae enrolled in nursing classes at Amarillo College and did her floor duty at St. Anthony's until she received her certificate as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Upon completion of this course, she joined the staff of Union County General Hospital, where she worked a number of years.

In 1976, she and her husband purchased a ranch and moved their cattle to Crane, Missouri. Her first job there was at a hospital in Monnett, Missouri. Later she became the school nurse at Crane and worked there five years.

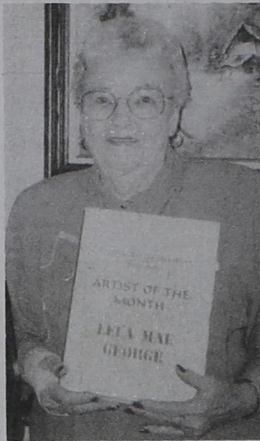
After her husband's death in 1983 she sold her cattle and the ranch and moved into town. Later she became associated with a home health care facility.

She is a very accomplished artist and has many beautiful paintings in her home. "I didn't get interested in painting until 1980," she reported. Then she went on to say, "Since that time, I've taken lessons from several well-known teachers and since I've been here, I've joined the Friona Art Association and the Muleshoe Art Association.

Lela Mae really doesn't let any grass grow under her feet. However, she does grow flowers and vegetables, which she cans, freezes and preserves. She also crochets and knits while watching her favorite television programs.

At the present time, the only immediate family members she has living in Parmer County are David and Carolyn George, who live down close to Farwell. They are former Friona residents and he is manager of Friona Feed Yard.

Her other children and their spouses are Ileta Faye and Charles Burkett, Jr. of Fort Morgan, Colorado, Margaret Ann and Harvey Burch of LaVeta, Colorado, Douglas and Toni George of Clayton, New Mexico and Kathleen



LELA MAE GEORGE is shown with the plaque she received recently after being named November "Artist of the Month" by the Friona Art Association.

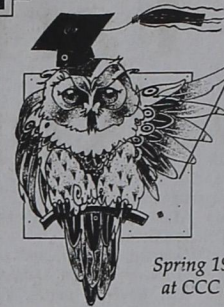
and Sandy Fiel of Amarillo.

She also has sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

"I like living in Friona very much," she said. "But that tornado we had in June just about did me and my two dogs in."

The things she misses most about her old way of life, she reported, are the cattle, horses, stock shows and related activities. David and Carolyn have horses, so Lela Mae does get to have some association with them.

Welcome to Friona, Lela Mae! We're glad you chose our town for your home.



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Morning		Afternoon	
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8:45-9:15am S and T	1:45-2:30pm C and D
9:15-10am A and B	2:30-3:15pm E and F
10:00-10:45am M and N	3:15-3:45pm G and H
10:45-11:30am	..... O thru R	5:30-6:30pm	..... Evening

Registration A - Z

Wednesday, January 10 • All Students

Morning		Afternoon	
8:10-8:45am	..... A	1:00-1:45pm	..... G
8:45-9:30am	..... B	1:45-2:30pm	..... H
9:30-10:15am	..... C and D	2:30-3:15pm	..... I thru L
10:15-11am	..... E and F	5:30-6:30pm	..... Evening

Registration A thru L only

Thursday, January 11 • All Students

Morning		Afternoon	
8:10-8:45am	..... M	1:00-1:45pm	..... S
8:45-9:30am	..... N and O	1:45-2:30pm	..... T thru V
9:30-10:15am	..... P and Q	2:30-3:15pm	..... W thru Z
10:15-11am	..... R	5:30-6:30pm	..... Evening

Registration, A - Z

Friday, January 12

Registration Changes (i.e. Drop/Adds) and Late Registration will be permitted until 4 p.m. on Friday, January 12.

Schedule with instructors' names will be published in the Clovis News Journal Sunday, December 31

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Justin Jeter Is Named 4-H County Gold Star Recipient

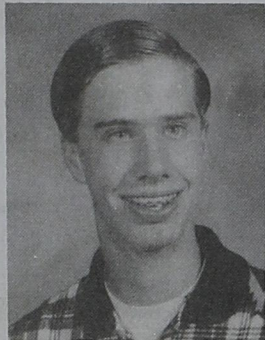
Justin Jeter recently attended the 38th Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock. He was selected as Parmer County's 4-H Gold Star recipient this year.

His parents are Kenny and Cordella Jeter of Friona. He is fifteen years old and is a sophomore student at Friona High School.

A six year member of the county 4-H organization, he has been active in several 4-H projects including horse, swine, veterinary science and photography.

He has served as the Friona 4-H Club president, vice president and secretary.

Events and activities that he has competed in include: State Horse Show qualifier from 1990-1995; Southern Regional Horse Show participant and District Roundup in 1993; District Horse Show from 1989-1995; his recordbook was recognized at district from 1989-1995; and competed in the Parmer County Livestock Show in 1993 and 1994. Justin has earned special awards including: Outstanding 4-H'er in



JUSTIN JETER

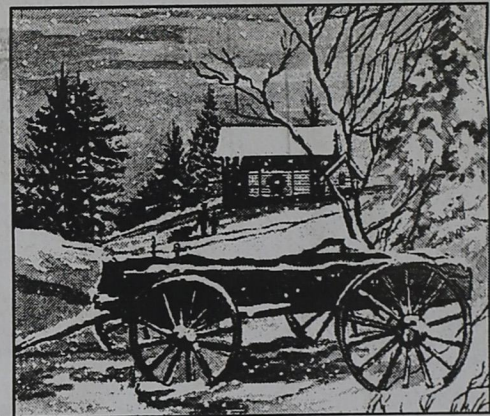
1989 and 1994; Danforth "I Dare You" Award, District Roundup, third place in illustrated talk; won first in district junior recordbook competition; won high point speed at the District Horse Show in 1994 and 1995 and placed in the State Finals Horse Show in 1993 and 1994.

COUNTRY GREETINGS

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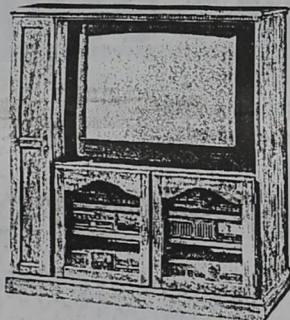


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Remember The WT-NM Baseball League? Here's One Fan's Recollection

(Editor's note: Wayne Bristow is a full-time evangelist living in Oklahoma City. In his "spare time" he is writing about recollections of his growing-up years, and plans to publish a volume entitled "Cat Hair and Cake" in 1996. He also happened to be the childhood friend of publisher Bill Ellis, who is "scooping" Wayne by printing this chapter from his manuscript.)

By WAYNE BRISTOW

In the 1940s, no one in Muleshoe had even dreamed of Little League baseball, but every kid I knew played. That was the great thing about it; everybody played, even girls, if they were so inclined; and some were very inclined. Everybody had a glove, almost everybody had a ball and the envied few had a Louisville Slugger.

Our diamonds were vacant lots. These varied in topography; some were covered with grass burrs and goat heads, others were barren and hard. None had a backstop or center field fence.

A home run resulted from hitting the ball so far that the kid out there couldn't chase it down, dig it out of the weeds and throw it back before you crossed the plate.

Occasionally, a third inning homer provided a sudden game winner. When the only ball was hopelessly lost, the game was over.

From April until October, baseball brought pure joy to my life. It gave birth to fantasies, introduced me to heroes, expanded my world and filled hot afternoons and nights with fierce enjoyment. It's nuances and strategies were dissected in my father's barber shop. Statistics from the Sporting News were memorized by my best friend, Billy Ellis, and spoon fed to me. The voices of Bill Stern and Red Barber made places like Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn shrines and men like Bob Feller and Joe DiMaggio icons.

My first job, shining shoes in the barber shop, gave me the privilege of seeing and touching a

few men who had been to places and done things I could only dream about. Their names were Moore, and they were my father's regular customers.

Wilsy Moore had played for the Yankees. (Daddy granted him special grace. There were three things my father may not have been able to forgive me for doing: joining the Church of Christ, voting Republican and cheering for the Yankees. In all of my life, I have only done one of those things.) I remember him as a quiet, strong, still robust man with an air of confidence that set him apart when he entered the shop. As I shined his shoes, I tried to imagine where those feet had stood.

He had two nephews who shouldered the hope of following in his steps, and we all hoped for them. His namesake, Wilsy, was a class A catcher, but that was the end of the road. We all believed that his younger brother, Don, would have made it to the big-time, but his collision with a center field fence in Portland, Oregon, dashed his hopes. I will always remember them; they were the first people I knew who chased their dreams beyond the county line.

"If St. Louis ever gets into the World Series, we will go," promised my father. He said that because St. Louis was the closest major league city to Muleshoe. I would read the box scores and study the standings every day and think, "Fat chance. Why couldn't the Cardinals play in Dallas?"

While ever getting to see a real, live major league game was beyond hope, professional baseball was close enough for almost any kid to touch during those postwar years. The class A West Texas-New Mexico League was my connection. There were the Lubbock Hubbers, the Amarillo Gold Sox, the Borger Oilers, the Abilene Blue Sox, the Albuquerque Dukes and the Clovis Pioneers. Our team was the Pioneers; they were just 30 miles away.

When we couldn't go, we listened to Don Boles broadcast the game over KICA. Daddy taught me

to keep line scores. Immediately after supper on game nights, I designed a score card and was in place to pencil in the starting lineup for each team. From that moment, I hung on every play, second guessing managers, trying to create rallies by the sheer force of will, groaning at errors and experiencing the euphoria of a last-of-the-ninth home run or game winning strike out. I expanded my vocabulary with terms such as "Texas leaguer and tall can of corn." Often, long after the lights were out, the radios in my bedroom and beside my parents' bed, still told the spellbinding story of extra innings.

Of course, these broadcasts were pale substitutes for the real thing. The best nights of the summer were spent on the first-base line in Clovis with Daddy and his best friend, Guy Nickels.

Guy was a one-armed cotton ginner. There were a lot of those in Texas during those days. The danger of the cotton conveyer belts was rehearsed in barber shop stories that made me wince. Guy's story was heroic. Alone when the accident occurred, he drove himself to the hospital. Needless to say, I looked upon him with considerable awe.

I also looked upon him with boundless gratitude. Our family didn't own a car until I was a sophomore in high school, but Guy never went to a Pioneer game without inviting Daddy and me to accompany him. I can still savor the anticipation I felt on those late afternoon drives. I can still sense the wide awake late night attention to the play-by-play rehashing on the return trips.

Getting to a game early was important. There had to be time to watch the warm-ups, fill in the starting lineup as it was confirmed by the public address announcer, and join everyone in singing, "Three Blind Mice," as the umpires marched onto the field. When I had a sack of peanuts in hand, it was game time. I never got over the amazement that the peanuts, or goobers as Daddy called them, were salty but still in the shell. I always

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(Continued from Page 4-A) wondered, "How do they do that?" Amazingly, some of the names on the Pioneer roster are still fresh in my mind, like Jess Jacinto at short stop, Frank Benitos catching and Red Dial pitching. We were there when Dial struck out 13 men in one game.

Dean was the biggest name connected with the Pioneers. Paul, of the famous Paul and Dizzy Dean brother pitching team, bought and managed the club. Dizzy visited the park twice when we were there. This sent Daddy and Guy into a frenzy of stories about the brothers. These always included the one

about the woman who wrote to Dizzy after he started doing play-by-play broadcasts of baseball. She scolded him for saying "ain't." His reply was, "Ma'am, I know a lot of folks that don't say 'ain't', but they ain't eat'n as well as I am." Those night games also prompted stories about the good old days before lighted ball parks. My favorite had two teams battling far into the fading twilight. It was obvious to everyone that the umpire would call the game because of darkness as soon as the batting team was out. The fielding team held a one-run lead, which would stand for a win if they could survive the current batter. A runner was

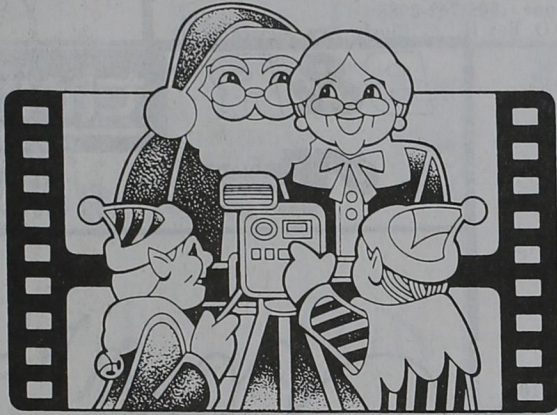
perched on third base; there were two outs and the count was three ball and two strikes. Every pitch was a shot in the dark. Seizing the moment, the catcher called time-out and strolled to the mound. "Listen, we can end this thing right now. Give me the ball; I'll hide it in my mitt; you go through the motions; I'll slap leather, pull the ball out in the strike zone; the ump will never know you threw air, and we'll be out'a here." Moments later the result of the charade was a reverberating, "Strike three...You're out!" "You're blind as a bat," screamed the outraged batter. "That was a mile high!"



JUST AVERAGE SIZED....Jack Patterson and daughter, Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo, hold a pair of trout they landed this past June while fishing on the Little Fighting Town River in northern Georgia. Sandra's trout measured 28 inches and Jack's was 26 inches. Both weighed ten pounds. The fishing expedition took place while the Pattersons were visiting relatives. Ona Patterson's brother, Frank Ritchie, pointed out the "fishing hole" to the Texans. They recently received the fish from the taxidermist in Georgia. The fish were actually too large to fit in the net they were using!

P. Valenzuela Is Killed In Car Accident

Paulino Valenzuela, 26, of Friona, was buried in Sauzal D.B. CHIH Cemetery in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Funeral arrangements were handled by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. He died December 18, 1995 following a one vehicle accident on Highway 70, eight and one-half miles northeast of Elida, New Mexico. Born October 10, 1969 in Durango, Mexico, he married Laura Hernandez on February 6, 1992 in Farwell, Texas and was employed by Excel. He had lived in Friona five years, moving here from Juarez, Mexico. Survivors include his wife, Laura, of Friona; two sons, Alejandro Rivera and Jesus Valenzuela, both of Friona; his parents, Jesus Valenzuela and Elodia Valenzuela of Juarez, Mexico; five sisters and three brothers.



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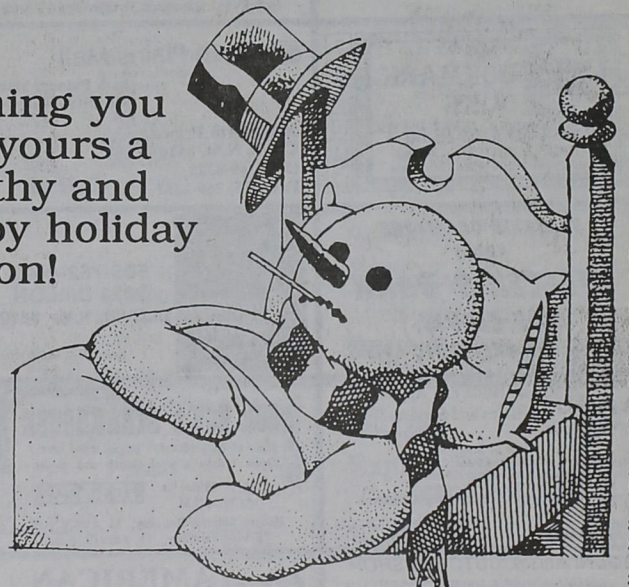
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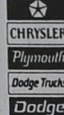
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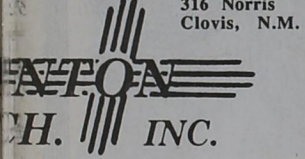
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Armstrong Funeral Set

Funeral services for W.A. "Army" Armstrong, 81, of Friona are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 1995, at First United Methodist Church in Friona.

Reverend Lee Roark and Reverend Vergil Ichtetz will officiate. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Armstrong died December 20, 1995, at Prairie Acres in Friona.

He was born November 25, 1914 in Rising Star, Texas. He married Barbara Bache on June 27, 1952 in Lovington, New Mexico.

Armstrong was a member of the Methodist Church, Friona Masonic Lodge #1332, and the Zapata Masonic Lodge #1402.

He worked for Bruegel Gin for 10 years, and was an insurance adjuster for National Ag. Underwriters for eight years.

Armstrong lived in Friona since 1967, moving from Zapata. He had moved to Zapata from the Lubbock area where he had lived since 1952.

Survivors include: two sons; Garry Armstrong of Charlotte, NC and Alan Armstrong of Lockney, TX; one daughter: Susan Patterson of Dimmitt; two brothers; J.C. Armstrong of Lubbock and Rev. W. L. Armstrong.

He also had seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

living and they are Mary Gonzales of Texico, N. M. and Kathryn Montoya of Amarillo. George attended school in Bovina and Texico.

Pearl has lived here all her life. Her parents were S.A. and Lala Brito. She was one of seven children. Two have passed away in recent years. They were Sonny Brito of Bovina and Mary Rose Martinez of Clovis.

Her sisters are Marie Cervantez of Clovis; Donna Higgins of Portales; Elizabeth Serna of Clovis; Matilda Baca of Friona; Lucy Everette of Earth; Joe Brito, who lives at Four Corners; and Gene Brito of Hub.

The couple celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary in November of this year. They were united in marriage at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. The couple has one son, Danny Brito Cervantez and his wife, Anita who live in Amarillo. This couple has two sons: Jason, who works at Excel and Erik and Angela who are still at home.

The Cervantezes have one great grandchild, Jessica, who is two and one half years old.

George was in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart medal. His battalion was traveling in U.S. Army trucks when they were bombed. Thirty troops were injured and eight were killed. George said he was riding on top of a truck and the only injury he suffered was a burst eardrum. He was hospitalized for a time.

During the time George was in the Armed Forces he spent time in Germany, France, Italy, Casablanca, North Africa, and Rome. He saw many sights all over Europe and one of the highlights was to walk through St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

While he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Pearl spent time with him and also spent a week with him in Baltimore, Maryland, before he was shipped overseas.

George worked as a farm hand

and a ranch hand and now works in carpentry at C & B Carpentry on Main Street. He said the last building he built was the Parmer County Tax Office in Third Street in Bovina but now does cabinet work and remodeling. At one time he worked eight years for George Trimble farming and ranching and said, "He is one fine man to work for".

Pearl said she worked hard all her years of growing up. She said she pulled and hoed cotton, ran the "go-devil", did cafe work, cleaned houses, and did ironing to help get through school. She was the first Mexican-American to graduate from Bovina High School.

She worked eighteen years at the Texas Panhandle Community Action and the main office was in Amarillo but had a small office here. Dolph Moten was one of those responsible for the program in Bovina, and others who were instrumental were Bedford Caldwell, Judge Tarter, Rev. Fowle, and Father Claver Giblin.

After her job with the Texas Panhandle Community Action, she worked four years at the Panhandle Health Care Coalition. She then had planned to retire but began working for the County Indigent Medical Program.

This was before Friona's Hospital became a hospital district. Then they changed her to the medical program with the Friona Hospital.

At the present she is working out of the Bovina Rural Health Clinic. Her job is to see to it that people get medical attention who could not otherwise afford it. The board meets at Friona and she gathers information from Lubbock and Amarillo and has to have verification for everything, to help people, and it takes lots of patience, according to Pearl.

Several years ago, Pearl was chosen Woman of the Year by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. At one time she was recognized in the DCCW, which stands for Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She

flew to Washington as a delegate.

She said it was an exciting trip and her first time to fly. Among the many sights she saw in Washington, D.C. included President Kennedy's office. She also visited the National Cemetery in Virginia and the unknown soldier's grave.

The couple spoke of how Bovina has changed from a busy town of years ago with lots of businesses. They also remembered the big flood and spoke of the four who lost their lives when over fifteen inches of rain fell, flooding the draws which crossed the highways.

When asked about what they remembered about Christmases years ago, both said they didn't have Christmas trees but their parents made Christmas time fun with a few little gifts and Christmas candy. Many times both attended midnight mass at the Catholic Church on Christmas eve.

The couple is looking forward to having all their family with them during the Christmas holidays.



George and Pearl Cervantez

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Holiday Death Toll Is Predicted To Increase

The Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating more Christmas and New Year's traffic deaths this year due to high traffic volume, long trips and the probability of increased speeds because of the higher speed limit.

"With this increase in the speed limit, motorists are going to have to drive even more carefully this holiday season," said Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, DPS assistant director.

Based on federal law changes, Texas' speed limits December 8 rose to 70 miles per hour during the day and 65 miles per hour at night for passenger cars on many highways.

For trucks, the maximum speed is 60 miles per hour during the day and 55 miles per hour at night. However, the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting safety studies, and speed limits will be set lower in some areas.

"Texas motorists should continue obeying the speed limit signs until the Department of Transportation changes those signs," Thomas said. "During 1994, speeding contributed to 21

per cent of all traffic fatalities in Texas. Motorists should be particularly careful during this holiday season, when traffic will be heavy on our state's highways."

The DPS is estimating as many as 35 people might die on Texas roads during the Christmas holidays, compared with 32 who were killed during the same time period last year. For the New Year's holiday, the estimate is 40, compared with 33 fatalities in 1994.

During both holiday periods, all available DPS troopers will be on the roadways looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists.

"In addition to excessive speeds, drinking and driving continue to play a major role in Texas' traffic death toll," Thomas said. "Don't get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. That's a fast way to tragedy, to jail, and to lose your license through the Administrative License Revocation program."

Thomas also urged motorists to wear safety belts and use child restraints.

"If you do get involved in an accident, being buckled up gives

you the best chance of escaping injury," he said.

Also, the DPS is encouraging motorists to call its toll-free number, 1-800-525-5555, if automotive problems leave them stranded on the roadside this holiday season.

"Not only is breaking down on the highway inconvenient to travelers, it also can be dangerous," Thomas said.

The best way to avoid automotive problems is to make sure your vehicle is in good shape before you begin a trip. If the weather is cold, take blankets and water along in case you become stranded.

If you break down, leave your emergency lights on, stay with your vehicle, and if you have a cellular phone, use it to call DPS. Don't take rides from strangers, but ask them to help contact authorities.

To report traffic accidents, erratic drivers or other police emergencies, travelers should call 911. When dialing either number, please try to pinpoint your location by using mile markers or cross streets.



DORIS HERINGTON D. Herington Announces Candidacy

Doris Herington, the current Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector, has announced that she will seek a third term in the Democratic primary.

She is married to L.C. Herington, a lifetime resident and farmer of this area. They have lived in Farwell the past 36 years. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren.

"Due to state mandates, the past year has brought many changes with new equipment and procedures," Herington stated. "It has been a challenge to handle these changes and I am prepared to meet any future changes."

"It has been a pleasure working with the people of Parmer County and I am looking forward to serving the county in the future. If re-elected, I plan to provide the people with an efficient office that is knowledgeable and courteous," she concluded.

Cooperative Tells Of New Concept

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative announced the incorporation of GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., an affiliate cooperative which will operate as an exempt wholesale generator of electric power. The new cooperative intends to construct a 400 megawatt generating plant and sell the output to Golden Spread beginning in 1998.

Golden Spread owns sites near Denver City and in Moore County south of Sunray which could be utilized for the project, which is estimated to cost \$165,223,000. Golden Spread proposes to use the Denver City site.

Robert W. Bryant, Golden Spread president, said, "The plan proposed by Golden Spread will provide the lowest cost power supply for the 94,000 retail member/consumers served by the Golden Spread member systems. Golden Spread's studies show substantial savings for consumers compared to current rates paid for wholesale purchases from SPS."

"The retail customers of SPS will also benefit because SPS will not need to construct new generating plants to serve the Golden Spread loads," Bryant added.

Golden Spread also filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission seeking approvals needed for Golden Spread to purchase power from its affiliate cooperative, and certification of the wholesale power contract between

Golden Spread and GS Electric Generating Cooperative. Golden Spread's actions follow years of study and evaluation to find the best means of serving the loads of its eleven member systems.


Because additional power resources are needed to meet area loads by 1998, Golden Spread filed a request on September 15, 1994, for approval by the Public Utility Commission of a notice of intent to construct a 400 megawatt power plant. The Commission approved Golden Spread's notice of intent on April 17, 1995.

However, the Texas Legislature amended the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") effective September 1, 1995, to eliminate the need for a notice of intent. The legislature also amended PURA to allow exempt wholesale generators to sell power at wholesale in Texas.

Golden Spread purchases more than 95 per cent of its power requirements from Southwestern Public Service Company, the largest supplier of power in the Panhandle region. Golden Spread will continue to purchase a large block of power from SPS following the completion of the GS Electric Generating Cooperative's power project. Golden Spread also purchases power and energy from West Texas Utilities Company of Abilene.

Golden Spread's member list includes Bailey County Electric Cooperative of Muleshoe and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative of Hereford.

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By RON CARR
Granddaddy's hands.

For some reason, lately I have been thinking often about my granddaddy.

He died in 1980, at the age of 80. It was always easy to remember how old granddaddy was since he was born in 1900.

I always thought 1900 sounded like so long ago. Now that I am older, 1900 doesn't seem so long ago anymore.

He was only 39 years old when I was born as the first grandchild in the family.

If you are doing your addition, you know the year was 1939. The modern generation was still a ways off.

We lived in Hillsboro, Texas, and granddaddy's house always seemed to be close enough for me to get there easy by walking, running, or later on, riding my old Western Flyer bike.

I spent more time at granddaddy's house than I did my own it seems.

Granddaddy was a carpenter. I imagine during his life he probably did some other things, but mostly he was a carpenter. I can still remember my surprise and elation when I learned that Jesus was a carpenter, just like granddaddy.

He was a small man, but because he was a carpenter, he had strong hands. His right hand and lower arm muscle were bigger than the left one because of the hammering and sawing he did.

Power tools were not common then. He used a hammer, and a handsaw which he sharpened with a file. Many a day he could be found outside under a shade tree, running the old files back and forth across the teeth on the saws.

Life was simpler then. Granddaddy took me with him to the lumberyard, and let me help drive a nail sometimes. When I got older, he would let me get on top of a house with him, though I don't think he ever told my mother or grandmother about that.

One day, when I was about seven years old, an airplane came to Hillsboro. There was a dusty gravel runway on a small hill just north of town.

Granddaddy drove me out there for a look. The old two-engine

plane made a lot of noise and kicked up plenty of dust. They were selling rides on the plane.

I stood there holding granddaddy's hand, watching the action, when he leaned down and asked if I wanted to ride.

It took only a second for me to say no. I was scared. No way I wanted to get any higher than the roof of a house.

He said okay, and held on to my hand as we watched the plane circle once more before we drove back to town.

He could have shamed me that day and told me to be a man and come and get on the plane. But he didn't. Maybe he was scared too and only asked because granddaddy's are supposed to.

Years later, my first job in Dallas was with an airline. From there I became a travel agent. All together, I spent about 30 years flying all over the world.

One year, I flew over a million miles. The list of places I have flown would fill a book.

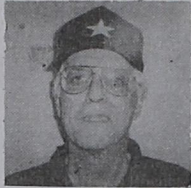
GTE Announces Digital Phone Service In Area

GTE has announced accelerated plans to provide digital telephone service to all of its Texas customers by the end of 1997, two years ahead of original plans, at an investment of over \$37 million. Under the accelerated schedule during 1996, the company will average more than one office replacement each week.

GTE already serves 95% of its Texas customers with the modern digital technology. The newer technology provides added service capabilities, such as the basic call waiting, call transfer and call forward, as well as the more advanced services, such as automatic call return, busy number redial, call block and VIP alert.

"To provide the on-ramp to the information superhighway for this large number of customers through office replacements is high priority at this time under the legislation passed this year to make Texas a leader in telecommunications infrastructure," said Kathy Harless, regional president for GTE.

As a part of the regulatory



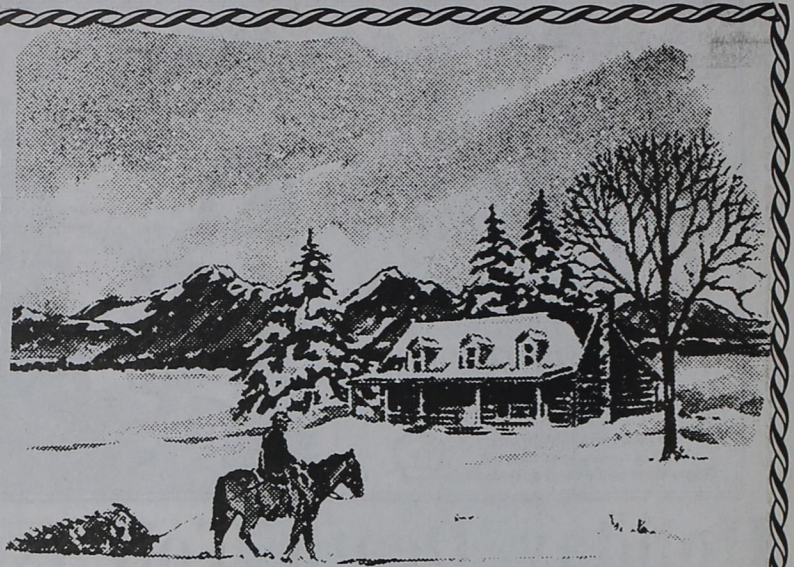
But to be honest, I never did like to fly. More than once, as I sat on another airplane at 40,000 feet, my thoughts would go back to that day on that dusty landing strip in Hillsboro where I held granddaddy's hand.

Granddaddy never teased me about that day. In fact I can't remember him ever teasing me about much of anything, but he sure taught me a lot about life and love.

I know that more than once I disappointed him but I can't remember him ever disappointing me.

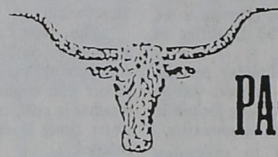
If he were here this Christmas season, I would hold his hand again and tell him all the things I never got around to saying.

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