

The Case of the Dancing Cowboy PART 6: I HAVE A VISITOR

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I told you you'd never guess who it was. You guessed Loper, right? Not even close. See, it was a woman's voice, therefore the person was a...well, a woman, of course.

So your next guess was Sally May, right? Wrong again. Sally May was a woman, all right, but not the one at the door.

Give up? Okay. The voice at the door belonged to a woman, and the woman just happened to be one of my all-time true loves. No, not Beulah or Miss Scamper or Missy Coyote, the lovely princess, or...

By George, that's a pretty impressive list, isn't it? You bet it is, and without seeming to brag or boast, I could say that the list goes on and on.

It was Miss Viola, my lady friend...okay, Slim's and my lady friend who lived down the creek several miles--the very lady about who or whom we had been discussing that very day.

Quite a coincidence, huh? She liked dogs, but the dog in particular she liked the most was ME. I mean, here was a lady who would smile when she saw me, and she would call me over and scratch me behind the ears and pull stickers out of my coat and let me stay inside the house and sleep at her feet.

Yes, she was my kind of lady and here she was, standing at the door of Slim's house. I went straight to her, gave her a big cowdog smile, and accepted a nice scratch behind the ears.

"Well, hello, Hank. Is Slim around?" Yes, but he was busy cleaning up garbage off the kitchen floor and we didn't need him hanging around and trying to steal the attention from my lady friend, so, uh, it would be okay with me if...

Rats. He heard her voice and came into the livingroom, wiping his hands on his jeans. I gave him a dark scowl but he didn't seem to notice.

"Well, I'll be derned! Morning, Viola. Won't you come in and sit?"

She continued to stand in the door, clutching her handbag in both hands. "Well, I didn't want to bother you."

"You ain't, believe me. Will you have a cup of coffee?"

"Oh...well, I really shouldn't, but if it's already made..."

"Yes, it's made. It's been made for three days. Here, sit yourself down."

He pointed to the big rocking chair beside the woodstove, but before she could sit, he had to clear out a saddle and a pair of chaps.

She sat down on the edge of the chair and continued to hold her handbag, as though she might run away at any moment. She seemed a bit uneasy about being there. Maybe it was the clutter of the place that made her uncomfortable.

While Slim was banging around in the kitchen, I noticed her eyes moving around the house. She saw the trail of dirty socks leading to the back bedroom. She saw the two holes in the sheet-rock, the pile of livestock papers on the floor, the dead flies on the window sill, and the empty Vienna sausage cans scattered around the room.

I happened to be watching her when she peeked into a coffee cup that was sitting on the table. Her eyes widened when she saw that the coffee was covered with a skim of white mold.

I was embarrassed. I mean, Slim was a terrible housekeeper and a lady of her quality had no business wasting her time with him. But ME, on the other hand...

Burp.

Miss Viola wrinkled her nose. "Hank, have you been eating...sardines?"

Who me? Oh no, not me. I, uh, never ate such things, or very seldom. In other words, Slim's house always smelled of sardines.

I slid my head onto her lap and looked up at her with eyes full of adoration.

She reached out a soft rose-petal hand and began scratching me behind the ears.

Ah, sweet and lovely lady! By George, if Slim was too thick-headed to take this fine lady to the dance, I just might do it myself.



He came out of the kitchen with a cup of coffee in each hand. He gave her a cup. "You want anything in your coffee?" "Oh, if the cream and sugar is handy..." "Sure, you bet. Sit right there." He trotted back into the kitchen. "Viola, do you mind if there's a few ants in your sugar?" "No ants, thank you. Cream will be fine." The ice box door opened and shut. Then we heard Slim

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Circus time!

Farwell Elementary School held its annual P.E. Circus on March 20 in the high school gym. Students in kindergarten through fifth performed various circus stunts, dances and routines. Entertainment was provided by four school clowns-- Klarabelle, Klules, Kupcake and Koko. Coordinator was Tim Kasel. Trevor Thurman was the ringmaster.



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Chamber finalizes banquet plans

Plans for the annual Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet were finalized at Tuesday's monthly Chamber meeting.

James Hobbs' Flying J Wranglers will entertain. The country music group performed at a Chamber banquet a few years back and was a big hit.

Hobbs and his wife, Cindy, operate the Flying J Ranch at Ruidoso, N.M.

The banquet will be at 7 p.m. on April 5 at the Farwell Community Center.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17.50 at the door.

Tickets are available from many local businesses including Rip's Western Wear, Franse Irrigation, Hughes True Value, Beauty Box, Security State Bank, the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, State Line Tribune, etc.

Door prizes of \$50, \$75 and \$100 in Farwell Bucks (to be used at local businesses) will be given away at the banquet.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Chamber received three nominations from Farwell Schools for the Teacher of the Year Award:

-- Judy Hodnett, Farwell Elementary.

-- Candy Dyer, Farwell Jun-

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Harris receives Fuld Fellowship

Charlotte (Templar) Harris, of Lazbuddie, has been named to receive a 1997 Fuld Fellowship. A student in the nursing program at Clovis Community College, she was among 51 outstanding students picked from more than 250 nominations.

The Fellowship is based on demonstrated leadership abilities, as well as academic and extra-curricular achievements. It includes paid registration for the annual convention of the National Student Nurses Association in Phoenix in April, plus costs to attend the International Council of Nurses Congress in June in Vancouver, Canada.

Mrs. Harris joined the CCC nursing program in January 1996. She has an overall 3.8 grade point average and is treasurer for the CCC Student Nurses Association. She will graduate in December with an associate degree in nursing (RN).

"I have always wanted to be a nurse since I was little," she said. "But I knew for sure that's what I wanted to do when I was about 19 years old. I helped care for my grandmother who was bedridden and lived with us."

Mrs. Harris drives a roundtrip of 70 miles daily. "I took about 3 to 8 hours at a time because I was working fulltime in our family restaurant and had my children and husband to care for, also." The restaurant was sold two years later, enabling her to go to college fulltime.

"We had a family meeting and my husband (Kenneth), the kids, mom and I had a long talk about what would be required of me and the help I would need," she said. "At the time, my son was in 4th grade and he thought the idea of me going to college was stupid. But now my whole family supports me. It's been trying on the family to try and juggle things. I'm lucky -- my mom lives two miles away and can help with the kids."

Mrs. Harris plans to continue her education and earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. She says in 7 years her daughter will go to college and she would like to be in a master's program by then.

Obituaries

Walter Hanson

Services for Walter Hanson, 85, of Muleshoe, were Tuesday in Lazbuddie Methodist Church with the Revs. Glendell Smith, Amarillo, and Bob Turner, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

He died Saturday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 25, 1911, in Inwood, Iowa. He married Floy Wickson on Feb. 27, 1949, in Clovis. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He lived in the Lazbuddie area since 1933 where he farmed and was a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Littlefield.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, David, of Midwest City, Okla., and James, of Muleshoe; 3 daughters, Irene Waggoner, of San Antonio; Lynne Merys, of Palmdale, Calif.; and Elaine Calcote, of Amarillo; 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Hortencia Vuittonet

Services for Hortencia Vuittonet, 56, of Kress, were Tuesday at Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia with the Rev. John Salazar, rector, officiating. Burial was in Kress Cemetery.

She died Saturday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born June 7, 1950, in Robstown. She married Emilio Vuittonet Sr. on June 24, 1958, in Robstown. She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Kress.

Surviving are her husband; 7 sons, Armando, of Warsaw, Ind.; Enrique, Emilio Jr. Eduardo and Michael, all of Kress; Alfredo, of Clovis; and John Paul, of Amarillo; a daughter, Elida Coronado, of Farwell; 4 brothers, Joe Maldonado, Carlos Maldonado and Pete

Maldonado, all of Kress; and Oscar Maldonado, of Hereford; 3 sisters, Linda Guerra, of Plainview; Nena Cabrera of Kress and Bertha Garza, of Hereford; her father, of Kress, and 16 grandchildren.

Plans

ior High.

-- Gary Cates, Farwell High. Letters were read about each nominee and each Chamber member presented voted by secret ballot. The winner will be announced at the Chamber banquet.

In other business, the Chamber:

-- Picked Aldridge, Aycock & Actkinson law firm as the Business of the Month to be spotlighted in the Tribune in April.

-- Announced that Caprock Industries, Bovina, had donated \$250 to the Chamber.

Golf results announced

Farwell High's golf teams have been busy lately.

The Lady Blue finished 4th of 7 teams at Clovis' Colonial course last week.

Scores were: Valerie Mace, 112; Veronica Mace, 122; Jo-Ann Stout, 117; Shiloh Roberts, 117; Jessica Lusk, 133, and Candace Travis, 152.

Farwell teams played at Clovis and Olton on March 20.

The "white" team finished 4th at Clovis with 336: Logan Nichols, 90; Tyler Chadwick, 87; Justin Lusk, 81; Brock Anderson, 89, and Ryan Roberts, 79.

The "blue" team finished 2nd at Olton with 354: Spencer Ketcherside, 89; Lyle Cooper, 88; Preston Ketcherside, 95; Josh Littlejohn, 87, and Mark Lunsford, 90.

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Surviving are his wife, Golma; two sons, Kerry Hubbell and his wife, Kathy, of Clovis; and Rickey Hubbell, of Farwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Harlin Obenshain, and Debbie and Doug Dillon, all of Farwell; two grandsons, Dwayne Obenshain and his wife, Cindy, of Rockwall, Texas; and Robert Hubbell, of Albuquerque; five grand-daughters, Tammy Jones and her husband, Steve, of Farwell; Heather Beckman and her husband, Warren, of Carrolltown, Texas; Aimee Herrera and her husband Sammy, of Farwell; Amanda Crawford and her husband, Wick, of Houston; and Lorri Chilton and her husband, Jesse, of Farwell; seven great-grandchildren, Marcia Obenshain, Jasen Herrera, Dellani Jones, Tiffani Jones, Whitley Hubbell, Karl Obenshain and Seth Chilton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Lloyd, and a grandson, Gary Lee Obenshain.

Casket bearers were Ben Steinman, Smokey Gast, Don Boydston, Jerry Roach, Jim Jacobs, J.C. Boone and Mitchell Walls.

Honorary casket bearers were Pete Moore, Ken Johnson, Earl Routon, Ardale Thornton, Gene Phillips, Sterling Donaldson, Fred Curtis and Gene Locknane.

Pd. Adv.

Marshal's Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Marshal Gil Holguin:

A 13 year old Texico boy took a car for a joy ride the night of March 25.

Holguin said the boy had been asked to close the windows of a woman's vehicle. Instead he drove the vehicle, hit a tree, went through some yards and drove into a fence.

He had two friends with him who jumped out of the car when he started it, said Holguin. One boy was hurt slightly but no transport was needed to the hospital.

The 13 year old was charged with unlawfully taking of a vehicle, reckless driving, leaving the scene of

an accident involving injury, no driver's license and criminal damage.

Also during the week, the marshal's office investigated three criminal damage reports -- a van had a window broken on Wheeler Avenue on March

26, a rock was thrown through a home window by a juvenile, and someone vandalized the concession stand at the football field over the weekend.

Last Friday, a vehicle was reported stolen. It was found that the man's ex-wife had taken it and no charges were filed, said Holguin.

A couple of accidents hap-

pened Friday night without injuries -- at the Port of Entry, and at the Community Center parking lot.

Operation Failure to Pay Fines is underway. Several folks have paid old fines in municipal court. The marshal's office has begun serving warrants on folks with outstanding fines. Two arrests were made this week.

BIGGER SAVINGS

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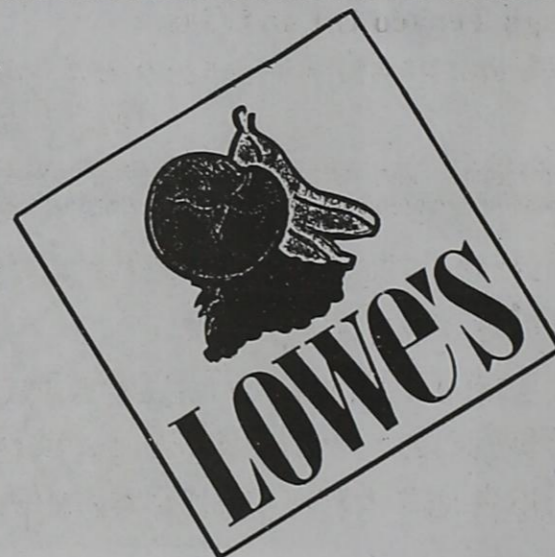
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Yellow Jacket Gymnasium
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**Registration 8:00AM - 10:00 AM
Meeting: 10:00 AM
Luncheon: 12:00 Noon**

**Official Notice
will appear
in April Issue
of ENMR's
Netlink Newsletter**

All registered members in attendance will be eligible for doorprizes. Luncheon for all registered members in attendance at Huff Gymnasium on the campus of Clayton High School. All ENMR Telephone Cooperative Members are encouraged to attend.



Hubbell

Oris R. Hubbell

Services for Oris R. "Bill" Hubbell, 81, of Clovis, were held Tuesday at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jimmy McGuire, assisted by Greg Martin, officiated. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mr. Hubbell died Saturday at Clovis hospital. He was born March 29, 1915, in Helena, Okla. He moved from Helena to a farm in Oklahoma Lane in 1932.

He married Golma Foster on Aug. 21, 1937, in Clovis. They moved to Clovis in 1947 and farmed southwest of town. They moved to Farwell in 1953, then back to Clovis in 1961.

He worked as a dock foreman for ICX Freight for 25 years and retired from Moore Oliver Implement after 28 years.

He was a past member of the board of stewards of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church and was a member of the Teamsters for 23 years.

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Jury list announced

The following are to report for Parmer County jury duty at 9:30 a.m. on April 7:

Ana Acosta, manuel Adame, Tommie Adams, Otilio Adete, Jaime Aguilar, Julian Aguilar, Jose Alaniz, Susan Alcalá, Peggy Allen, Leonardo Alvarado, Eva Ancira, Santiago Ancira, Gabe Anderson, Rosalva Antillon, Alicia Alvarez, Brad Atwell, Ben Baca, Guadalupe Baeza, Romana Balli, Robert Beavers, Dan Bentley, Beth Bermea, Tina Bermea, Billy Black, Debra Boone, Virginia Brito, Lilia Brito, Sam Brown, Wanda Brothers, James Bujnosek, Greg Burleson, Janet Burleson, Barton Burnett.

Carter Callan, Christina Camarillo, Jesus Campos, Alicia Cano, Ramiro Cano, Preston Cargile, Forrest Carpenter, Andrew Carr, Macario Carrasco, Antonio Carrillo, Ray Carthel, Martha Castillo, Carmen Cervantes, Alejandrina Chairez, Gustavo Chairez, Linda Clark, Phyllis Coburn, Anita Cochran, Roy Coker, Denny Cole, David Conner, Mona Contreras, Alberta Cooper, Olga Correa, Gary Davis, James Davis, Michael Day, Nancy Davis, Emilio Degollado, Pedro Diaz, Doug Dillon, John Dopp, William Draper, Deanne Duke, Lesa Echevarria, Ron Elliott, Albert Escobedo, Elmer Espino, Lou Fields.

Rosa Flores, Carla Fly, Terry Foley, Sharon Ford, Steve Foster, Tomas Fuentes, Haskell Free, Vincent Galvan, James Gammon, Letha Gammon, Margie Garcia, Martin Garcia, Aurora Garza, Juana Garza, Ashlee Gee, Gladys Glasscock, Roland Goforth, Roland Goforth, Jose Gonzales, Leo Gonzales, Alice Gonzalez, Jesus Grado, Barbara Grimsley, Ina Grissom, Chad Griswold, William Gunter, Cathy Guseman, Homer Haile, John Hamilton, Richard Hampton, Helen Hardin, Georgia Harguess, Roy Harguess, Joyce Hart, Amanda Henry, Avis Henry, Rodney Herington, Castula Hernandez, Castulo Hernandez, Nestor Hernandez, Becky Herrera, Cameron Herring.

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Hermio Manriquez, Julia Manriquez, Ben Marquez, Jose Marrufo, Martha Mars, Greg Martin, Miguel Martinez, Bryan Mason, Debbie Mason, Adolfo Mata, Jose Mata, Archie Maxfield, Tom McClaran, Joyce McCormick, Cory McDaniel, Lila McDaniel, Marlene McDonald, Donna McGuire, Sam McIntosh, Ronnie McLellan, Tim Meeks, Maria Mendez, Jose Mesza, Katherine Miller, Jon Miller, Nancy Miller, John Mitchell, Inez Montoya, Rebecca Moore, Genaro Morales, Alberto Morales, Dianne Morgan, Holley Morris, Elaine Morrow, William Nail, Mike Nichols, Tom Nichols Jr., Anonio Nieto, Manuel Noriega, Chizuko Northcutt, Nancy Norwood, Guadalupe Olivas, Marcelina Ovalle, Daniel Padilla, Carlos Paiz.

Sergio Pallares, Terry Parham, Jim Parson, Judy Pena, Armando Perez, Lisa Person, Steve Pierson, Everett Prather, David Price, Alfredo Ramirez Jr., Andrew Ramirez, Laura Ramirez, Nicholas Ramirez, Lorenza Ramirez, Ramiro Ramos, Ruby Ray, Charles Rector Jr., Jartis Reed, T. Reed, Francisco Reyes, Joey Reyes, Rey Reyes, Sanjuana Reyna, Thomas Rhodes, Rachele Rice, Marianne Richardson, Cathy Riley, Amalia Rivera, Margaret Robinson, Angelica Rocha, Mary Rodriguez, Koby Rogers, Antonia Rojas, Maria Rosas, Mike Royce, Maria Rubalcava, Eva Rubio, Lewis Rudd, Bulmaro Ruiz, Jesus Ruiz, Don Rule, Blake Rundell, Michael Rushing.

Eusebio Salazar, Guadalupe Salazar, Milgros Salazar, Guadalupe Salinas, Maria Salinas, Ricardo Samarron, Chandra Sanchez, Adroa Scott, Teresita Serna, Harvey Shaplev, Terry Sharrock, John Shelton,

Wandell Sherman, Vicente Sierra, Brenda Smith, Cynthia Smith, Kimberly Smith, Leonard Smith, R. Dan Smith, Judy Soto, Pam Sparks, Mary Steelman, Dennis Steinbock, John Stephens, Oakley Stevenson, Carolyn Stowers, Roye Straw, J'Dan Sudderth, Richard Sullivan, Jackie Taylor, Timmy Taylor.

Donna Teague, Bryan Thurmond, Roberto Tienda, Carolyn Trim-mell, Calvin Trygg, Hurley Tubbs, Ruth Tucker, Patricia Turner, Hortencia Valencia, Epifanio Vanegas, Dario Vasquez, Luis Vasquez, Felix Vega, Gregoria Vela, Rusty Venable, Albert Villarreal, John Vitolas, Gretta Warren, Velma Warren, Rhonda Webb, Kevin Welch, Corby White, Terry Widner, Brandon Wilkins, Gene Willard, J. Dee Willard, John Willett, Amelia Wright, Patricia Wright, Lucie Wyly, Lydia Wyly, Jim Zaikowski, Erasmo Zamora.

Lariat AAL branch cited

Members of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), Branch 3637, Lariat, have been awarded a God Star rating by the fraternal benefit society in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the community.

AAL's 9,594 branches are ranked in several performance categories. To achieve a Gold Star rating, branches annually sponsor at least one AAL benevolent activity, conduct at least 12 meetings, sponsor at least one educational activity and one member awareness event, and comply with AAL's attendance, voting and reporting requirements.

AAL Branch 3637 is led by: Gary Haseloff, president; Mike Ratke, vice president; and Lori Haseloff, secretary.

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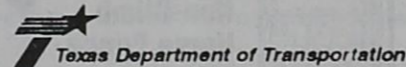
Starting April 1, Lovelace Oil Company will become Texaco Oil and Gas, a subsidiary of Helton Oil, Inc., and will continue our tradition of service to these communities. We would ask that you continue to support this local business and purchase your quality Texaco products through Texaco Oil and Gas.

Once again, thank you and God bless you and your families.

David and Carol Snider

Here's an important announcement for Parmer County residents:

Starting in May, you will receive new vehicle registration renewal notices. Here's an explanation of the new forms:



NEW FORM

The new form is titled 'VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE'. It includes fields for license plate number, vehicle information, and owner details. It also features a 'PAY TO THE ORDER OF' section for payment and a 'CHECKLIST' on the back of the payment envelope.

Benefits of the New Renewal Notice

- Standardization of forms.
- Color highlights draw attention to key information.
- Name, address, and telephone number of recipient's tax assessor-collector is printed on the renewal, providing a local contact for registration questions.
- Addresses are preprinted and postal barcode technology is used to assure accuracy and to speed delivery.
- Payment envelope supplied for convenient renewal by mail.
- Space for address changes helps to assure that registration records are updated with accurate information.
- Checklist on the back of payment envelope helps to assure that required materials are enclosed, preventing delays and frustration.
- Back of renewal notice gives detailed instructions for placing windshield registration sticker and outlines proof of insurance requirements.

OLD FORM

The old form is more cluttered and lacks the standardized layout of the new form. It includes similar fields for vehicle and owner information but is less visually organized.

Doris Herington
Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector

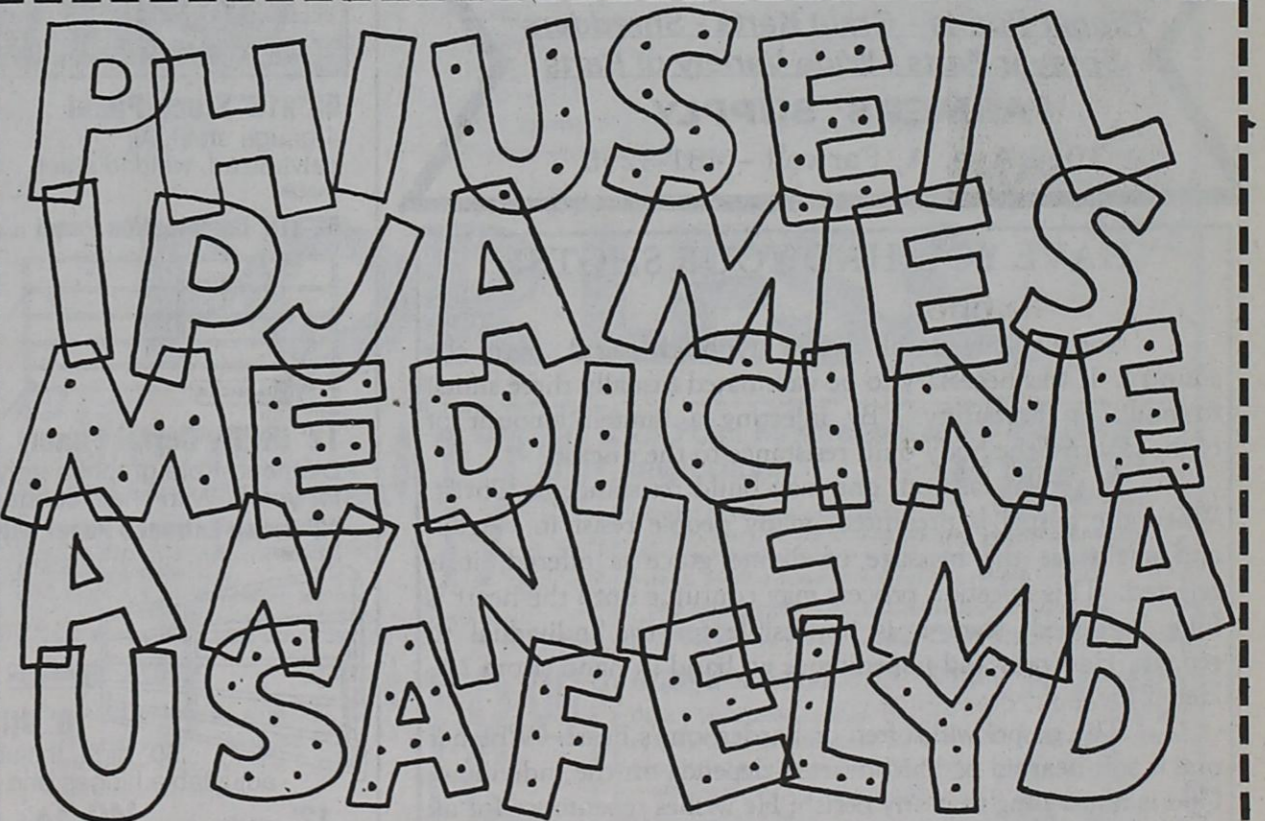
March is National Poison Prevention Month

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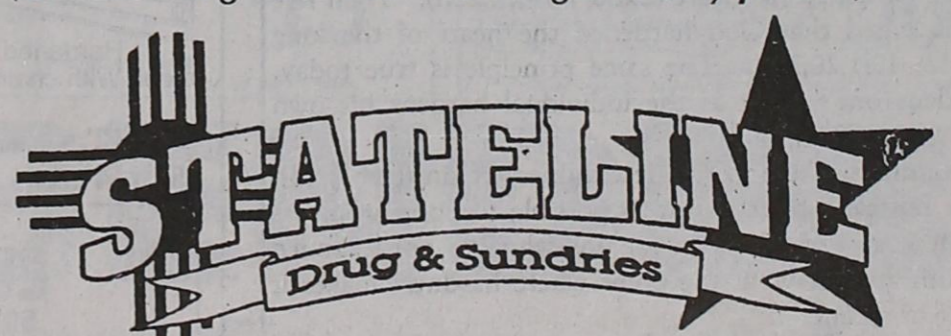
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Farwell varsity boys take track meet championship

The Farwell varsity boys captured the championship at the W.H. Hallmark Relays at Lockney last weekend. Farwell had 109 points. Lockney was 2nd with 101. Results were:
 High jump - Russell Williams, 1st, 6'4; Brett Curtis, 2nd, 6'2.
 Long jump - Brock Anderson, 4th, 19'4.
 Triple jump - Brett Curtis, 6th, 37'10.
 Pole vault - Tyler Chadwick, 4th, 9'6.
 3200 run - Logan Nichols, 2nd, 11:29; Jourdan Nichols, 5th, 12:46.
 400 relay - Farwell, 1st, 45.4 - Anderson, Preston Ketcherside, David Everett, Williams.

Chander captures district tennis title

Despite 35 mph winds, the Farwell Junior High tennis team competed in the District Tourney on Monday in Hart.
 On the 7th grade girls' doubles teams were Angela Billingsley and Chrystal Wolven, Leesa Patterson and Brandi Bailey, and De'Anna DeLeon and Tara Cargile.
 In the 7th grade girls' singles division, Anna Quezada and Jessica Chandler competed.
 Jessica beat her first opponent in the semi-finals, 8-6. She then beat her next opponent in the finals, 9-8, winning on the tie-breaker, 7-2. She was presented a blue ribbon for her district championship.
 Farwell had two 7th grade boys playing singles - Tucker Crawford and Tyler Scott. Scott finished 4th.
 In the 8th grade girls' singles, Kinzi Woods came in 4th.
 Coach Monica Bryant said, "This year was the first year for all of these students to play tennis. I am extremely proud of all of them and look forward to next season."

800 run - Logan Nichols, 3rd, 2:16; Mark Lunsford, 4th, 2:17.
 100 dash - Anderson, 5th, 11.6.
 110 high hurdles - Curtis, 5th, 18.0.
 400 dash - Lunsford, 5th, 57.08.
 300 intermediate hurdles - Curtis, 3rd, 43.8.
 200 dash - Ketcherside, 1st, 23.07.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 1st, 3:43 -- Curtis, Logan Nichols, Ketcherside and Everett.

 The Farwell varsity girls took 2nd at the Hallmark Relays with 123 points. Hart won with 127. Ten teams participated. Results were:
 High jump - Valerie Mace, 2nd, 5'0; Shiloh Roberts, 5th, 4'10; Megan Miller, 6th, 4'10.
 Long jump - Candace Travis, 3rd, 14'10 1/2; JoAnn Stout, 6th, 13'8; Nicole Stout, 7th, 13'6.
 Discus - Ginger Sides, 7th, 72'7.
 3200 run - Valerie Mace, 2nd, 13:20; Lorissa Littlejohn, 4th, 14:14.
 1600 run - Ashley Crawford, 2nd, 6:00 (a personal best); Cristie Tabb, 6th, 6:17.
 400 dash - Marni Lunsford, 3rd, 68:52.
 100 hurdles - Ramsey Bennett, 3rd, 17'8; Charla Corn, 6th, 18:8.
 100 dash - Miller, 4th, 13.8; Tiffany Edwards, 5th, 14.0; Megan Meeks, 7th, 14.02.
 300 hurdles - Bennett, 3rd, 53.7; Meeks, 4th, 54.8.
 200 dash - Miller, 5th, 28.5.
 800 run - Tabb, 6th, 2:39.
 400 relay - Farwell 2nd, 53.80 - Miller, Crawford, Travis, Hunt.
 800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 156.7 - Travis, Bennett, Valerie Mace, Hunt.
 Mile relay - Farwell, 2nd, 4:26.08 - Valerie Mace, Travis, Lunsford, Crawford.

 The Farwell Junior High boys placed 3rd at the Lockney

Meet last weekend with 73 points. Results were:
 Shot put - Thomas Ortiz, 1st.
 Discus - Brice Hunt, 5th; Casey Meeks, 6th.
 High jump - Tucker Crawford, 2nd.
 Long jump - Ortiz, 2nd.
 Pole vault - Crawford, 2nd; Gage Gregory, 3rd.
 100 dash - Ortiz, 3rd.
 400 dash - Ortiz, 2nd.
 200 dash - Ortiz, 1st.
 1600 run - Gregory, 3rd.

 The Farwell Junior High girls won the championship at the Lockney Meet with 136 points. Sudan was 2nd with 101 points. Results were:
 In the 8th grade girls division:
 Shot put - Jade Mahaney, 6th.
 Discus - Shara Taylor, 2nd; Toni Bray, 3rd; Mahaney, 6th.
 High jump - Jennifer McIntosh, 1st; Megan Johnson, 3rd; Linda Armstrong, 5th.
 Long jump - Kinzi Woods, 5th.
 Triple jump - Woods, 3rd.
 400 relay - Farwell, 5th, Karissa Foster, Mindy Mauldin, Lindsey Milloy and Woods.
 800 run - Jessica Chandler, 4th; Johnson, 6th.
 110 hurdles - Kacey Gast, 1st; J.D. Jones, 2nd.
 400 dash - Johnson, 5th; Ashley Cooper, 6th.
 300 hurdles - Gast, 1st; Armstrong, 2nd; Jones, 3rd.
 200 dash - Woods, 3rd; Foster, 5th.
 1600 run - Leticia Nicolas, 3rd; Tara Cargile, 4th.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 3rd, Chandler, Armstrong, Cooper and Gast.
 In the 7th grade girls division:
 Shot put - Leesa Patterson, 6th.
 Triple jump - Chrystal Wolven, 5th.
 110 hurdles - Lacey Meeks, 6th.
 400 relay - Farwell, 5th, Wolven, Meeks, Patterson and D'Anna DeLeon.

Crime of the Month

In February and March, several incidents of burglary, criminal mischief and criminal trespass occurred in Farwell. Three vehicle windows were shot out in the 200 block of Avenue C and the 900 block of 4th Street on or about Feb. 22. During the night of March 5, someone cut the fence at Helton Storage and broke into several storage units.
 Parmer County Crimestoppers is offering a reward up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those responsible and you don't have to give your name! Call 481-9178 or 1-800-774-TIPS with information on this or any crime and earn a cash reward.

Courthouse Notes

The following warranty deeds were issued in the Parmer County clerk's office last week:
 Vashti Fowler - Pete Fulcher, NE 1/4 Sec. 4, T15S;R2E.
 Monte Ginnings - B. Scott Johnson, N 1/4 Sec. 13, T10;R2E.
 William McCoy - Robert Jones, tract 8, Blk. 1, Western Add, Friona.
 Aubrey Morgan - Kenneth McClaran, W 1/2, Sec. 21, Blk. B, Cassie Fields - Roger Fields, lots 12, Blk. 5, Lakeview Add.
 Krystal Enterprises - Naginbhai Patel - 1.856 acre tract out of NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T3S;R3E.
 Teresa Buske - William Buske, lots 38 and 39, and west 20 ft. of lot 40, Blk. 2, Western Add, Friona.
 Gene Hardage - Citizens Bank - part of Blk. 8 and all of Blk. 9, Robinson Add.
 Lenard Burnett - Donald Burnett, NE 1/4, Sec. 29, T4S;R1E.
 Billy Sides - James Sides - NE 1/4, Sec. 29, T10S;R2E.
 James Sides - David Sides - same as above.
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In similar fashion, one may build resistance to Christ. When the gospel is presented, many people resist it. Again and again, as the message of divine grace is offered, it is rejected. This rejection process may continue until the heart is fully hardened; then it is impossible for the individual to repent. Hardness and impenitence go hand in hand (Rom 2:5; Heb 3:15).

The gospel will soften or harden one's heart. Whether one is soft-hearted or hard-hearted depends on the individual. God is not willing that any perish; He wishes repentance for all (2 Pet 3:9). The same sun, shining upon butter will melt it; shining on clay, will harden it.

Pharoah is a classic example. God hardened Pharoah's heart as Pharoah hardened his own heart. God's appeal was made to free the Jews. Five times it is stated that Pharoah refused; he hardened his heart (Exod 7:13,14,22ff). Then five times it is stated that God hardened the heart of the king (Exod 9:12; 10:1,20,27ff). The same principle is true today. God hardens one's heart as the individual hardens his own heart.

Hardness is due to the deceitfulness of sin (Heb 3:13). Make no mistake about it. It is possible for one who has obeyed the gospel of Christ or for one who has not to spurn divine truth and arrive at the point where hardness makes it impossible to repent.

You are invited to visit the church of Christ that meets at 5th & Ave C in Farwell. For information call 481-3833 or 481-9153. Welcome.

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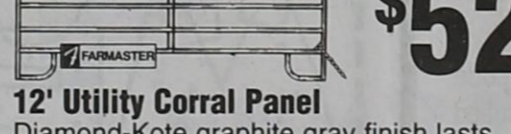
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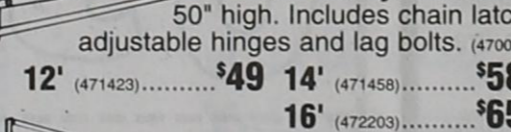
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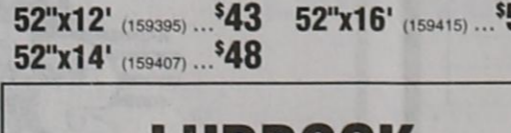
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Gonzales, Embry, Rich, Kaltwasser advance to UIL regional competition

Farwell students competed in UIL competition at Amarillo College on March 19-20. Ten schools were involved. Heading on to the UIL regionals are Sabrina Gonzales, Rachel Embry, Chelsi Kaltwasser and Lindsey Rich. Here are Farwell's winners at the UIL meet:

Computer applications -- Chelsi Kaltwasser, 1st; Candice Davis, 5th; Karyn Curtis, 6th.
 Spelling -- Lindsey Rich, 1st.
 Poetry -- Sabrina Gonzales, 3rd; Brittney Duffield, 4th.
 Prose -- Magdalena Almanza, 4th.
 Editorial writing -- Rachel Embry, 1st; Tangie Gustin, 5th.
 Feature writing -- Rachel Embry, 3rd.
 Computer science -- Charlie Gustin, 5th.
 Cross examination -- Brandi Taylor and Chelsi Kaltwasser, 5th; Karyn Curtis and Ginger Sides, 6th.

Other students participating were Ramsey Bennett, Raquel Cantu, Leslie Cargile, Aaron Christian, Jamie Cooper, Brandon Embry, Kirk Gober, Violeta Gonzales, Lisa Herington, Eleisa Loera, Michael Lucio, Rueben Marquez, Jourdan Nichols, Erin Norton, Maria Olmos, Grant Opplinger, Clint Patterson, Shane Roberts, Eva Sanchez, Matt Schwertner, Blanca Saenz, Ginger Sides, Chelsi Woods, Adrian Gonzales, Megan Meeks, and Matt Taylor.

Mayfields involved in vehicle accident on FM 145

Byron and Schree Mayfield, of Pleasant Hill, were involved

in a two-vehicle accident on March 14.

Their pickup collided with a tractor driven by Preston Cargile on FM 145 in Parmer County.

State police said the tractor was making a turn when the pickup hit it, then went into a ditch, struck a telephone pole and rolled over.

Mrs. Mayfield was treated and released at Clovis hospital.

Byron Mayfield was charged with not having a seat belt on. Cargile was charged with making an unsafe left turn, said police. Byron Mayfield is a Texico School Board member.

I'll go with the Rangers

The baseball season is about to descend and it's time for my annual predictions.

Last year I picked the Yankees -- and hit it right.

This year could be -- I repeat, could be -- the Year of the Ranger.

That's a fact -- the Texas Rangers have a strong shot at the title.

Mark it down: Texas over the Florida Marlins in the World Series.

Actually, those are my longshot predictions. If I wanted to just go with the favorite, I would pick the Chicago Cubs.

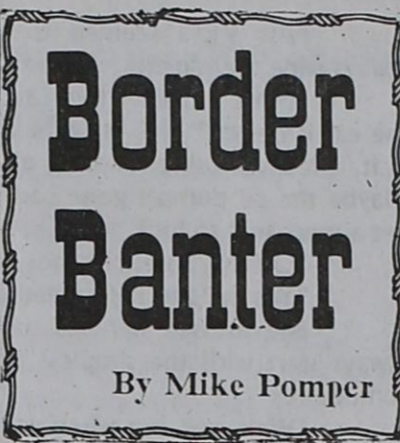
I have picked the Cubs for many decades now and, sooner or later, am bound to be right.

Many of you remember the last time the Cubs won a World Series -- '08. 'twas a wonderful time, right?

Well, those good feelings could happen again this year, the 89th anniversary of their last title.

And when the Cubs take the field in the October classic, remember to cast your eyes toward their dugout, where the great Ernie Banks will be standing.

We're all waiting for Ernie to be signed on as a coach at that time so he can take his rightful place with the team he carried for so many years.



Last week, I had penned a column on how government lies to the American people on a continuing basis, but then decided not to run it since I sounded so negative.

What I find most amusing is when governmental agencies castigate those folks who don't trust them.

What really got my goat this time was the recent revelations involving how chemicals affected our troops in the Vietnam and Gulf wars.

First reports from "our" government said the chemicals didn't hurt U.S. troops. Then after a multitude of denials, they 'fess up.

I just don't have a lot of

good to say about our bureaucrats -- so as the sage says, if you don't have anything good to say, then...

I happened to watch a TV show recently that featured a "whistle blower."

I really admire these folks since their integrity and honor are so out of place in our government. You simply cannot have those traits and succeed in government.

Anyway, whistle blowers get their day in the sun when they are interviewed on TV.

What isn't shown is how they are mistreated after the show is over. They usually find themselves "reassigned" to another job, like emptying ash trays all day long.

If you think what I am saying is out of line, have you been following the case of the FBI forensics lab recently?

Lazbuddie tracksters place 4th

The Lazbuddie varsity girls and boys track teams both finished 4th at the Wildcat Relays at Wellman last weekend.

The girls had 60 1/3 points. Borden County was first with 98 points. There were 12 teams. Results were:

- 800 relay -- Lazbuddie, 2nd, 1:58.40.
- 100 hurdles -- Magby, 3rd, 17.96.
- 400 dash - Brown, 3rd, 1:06.40.
- 300 hurdles - Foster, 2nd, 51.50.
- 1600 run - Foster, 3rd,

6:27.10.
 1600 relay - Lazbuddie, 3rd, 4:38.30.

The Longhorns had 60 points. Ropes finished first among 12 teams with 119 points. Results were:

- Pole vault - Turner, 1st, 12'0.
- Long jump - Foster, 3rd, 19'3.
- 3200 run - Carson, 2nd, 12:46.30.
- 1600 run -- Carson, 3rd, 5:30.30.
- 1600 relay -- Lazbuddie, 3rd, 3:53.90.

Notice to Parmer County rural residents:

The Parmer County Commissioners ask that you use a great deal of caution when conducting open burning. The area is very dry and you need to be mindful of those conditions.

When you need to conduct open burning, please use common sense. Call your local fire department or the Parmer County sheriff's office (806/481-3303 or 806/481-3304) beforehand and let them know what your plans are. That will save all of us a lot of time, money and possible grief.

Thank you for your assistance.

Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance was needed three times last week.

On March 21, they took a person from 304 Ave. C to Clovis hospital at 8:17 a.m.

The same day, they took a person from 305 5th St. to Clovis hospital at 10:05 p.m.

The next day, they took a person to Muleshoe hospital at 12:14 a.m. The address where the pickup was made was not listed on the report.

Farwell Convalescent Center Chit Chat

by Debbie Parmer

We have had a great month. March has been a busy, fast paced month. We have worked on Easter rabbits all month. Debbie and I would think we were through making bunnies, then we would get 3 or 4 more interested bunny makers, and start all over. I think we are finally finished.

One day during this month Dr. Chasteen treated the residents to catered Chinese food. It was very much enjoyed. We all enjoyed reading our fortunes to each other from the fortune cookies. We want to thank Dr. Chasteen for treating us to a special meal.

We have new dining room tables and chairs. They are just beautiful. Come by and see them!

As the weather is warming, we look forward to more outings with the residents. This year we have a nice new van to take our outings in. Isn't it great!!

I want to thank Robbie Williams and Sally Whitesides for making our new bibs. They were needed and these ladies did a wonderful job. Thanks!

This is National Social Service Month. LaVonn Guthals is our Social Service Coordinator. LaVonn meets new challenges daily and handles admissions as well. Great job LaVonn!

Just a reminder to children of the community, ages 2-10. We are having our annual egg hunt. It will be this Saturday, the 29th at 2:00. It will be held on the grounds of Farwell Convalescent Center. Bring your baskets!!

Have a happy and safe Easter! Until next time.

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<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter 8 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ</p> <p>110 Ninth St. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Beth Harrington - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>
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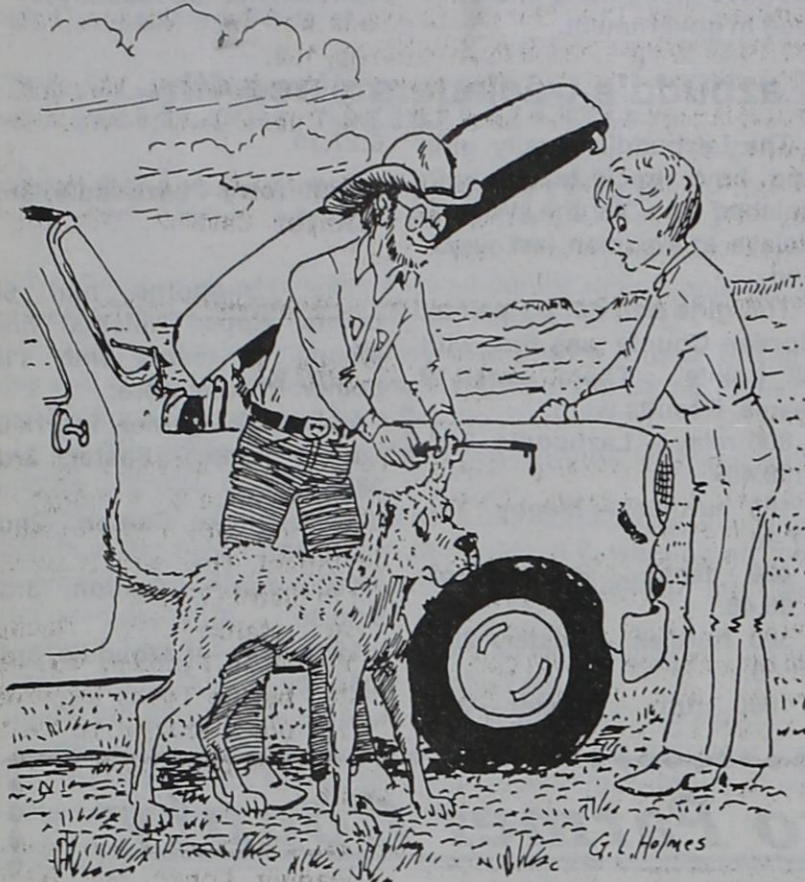
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say, "I don't know how long this milk's been in here."

"Oh, don't bother. I usually take my coffee black anyway."

He brought the carton out and set it on the coffee table. Then he flopped down in the chair across from Viola. She studied the date stamped on the top of the milk carton and I saw her left eyebrow jump, ever so slightly.

I wondered what she had seen.



PART 7: SLIM SERVES HER GREEN BEAN JUICE

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Slim must have noticed too. "Something wrong?"

"Did you buy this recently?"

"Well, yeah, last time I went to the store, must have been last week or the week before. Why?"

"Oh, the date shows April 13."

Slim squinted at the numbers. "Two months ago? Boy, these days sure run together, don't they? Maybe you'd better not use it."

"That's fine, Slim. I don't need the calories anyway." She took a sip of her coffee and fellers, there for a second I thought she was going to jump out of her chair. She coughed and stared into the cup.

"Slim, I don't believe this is coffee."

"Really?" He took a slurp of his. "By gollies, it ain't. You don't reckon I poured the green bean juice into the coffee pot, do you?" He sampled it again. "Yep, that's what I done, all right. I hated to waste it, you know, and couldn't find a clean jar to pour it in, so I just...here, let me brew us up a cup of coffee from scratch."

"Oh no, I can't stay that long. Actually, I was just passing by on my way home and, well..." Her eyes wandered up to the ceiling. "...my car started acting up. It came on all of a sudden, and I wondered if you might have time to look at it."

"Why yes, I'd be glad to. I'm no mechanical genius, but I work cheap."

He slapped his hands down on his knees and pushed himself out of the chair. That wasn't as easy as it might sound because the cushion in that old chair just about swallowed anybody who sat in it.

He offered her a hand and helped her up. "Viola, I want you to know that I've never served green bean juice to a lady before. I'm sure sorry about that, but maybe I can fix your car."

"That would be wonderful."

"Me and kitchens don't get along so good."

She smiled. "Slim, what you need is..."

"Yeah, I need a clean mason jar to hold my bean juice."

He headed for the door. Miss Viola lingered for a moment, and I'm almost sure that I saw her smile.

When we got outside, Slim already had the hood up on Miss Viola's car. He had his elbows propped on the fender and was staring at the motor with a dark expression on his face.

"Start 'er up and we'll see what she says."

Miss Viola climb under the wheel and started the motor. Slim cocked his ear and listened. "Yep, I can hear it. It's got a knock in the motor, all right, and it sounds pretty serious."

"Oh, surely it's something simple. It happened all at once."

"I know, but that's how all these problems start. Kill it and let me check the oil."

She turned it off and came around to watch. Slim reached into the motor and came out with the dipstick. I knew what was coming. I looked around for Drover, but the little dummy had stayed inside.

"Hank, come here."

Well, there was nothing I could do but answer the Call of Duty. I stepped forward and offered my ear to the Cause. He wiped the dipstick on my left ear, said "Good dog," and plunged the it back into the motor.

The dipstick, not my ear.

Miss Viola seemed to think this was funny. "Do you always wipe the dipstick on Hank's ear?"

"Most usually. I've used the hair on his back before but the ear is better." He brought the dipstick out again and squinted at it. "It saves going for a rag or using my jeans. Huh. Oil's okay. Maybe the oil pump's gone bad. We'd better tow it to town and get a mechanic to look at it."

"Oh my, surely it's not that bad."

"Yes ma'am, it sounded pretty bad to me."

She pressed her lips together. "But Slim, shouldn't you always start with the simplest explanation first? A loose wire or something?"

"Well, yes, but when your engine is missing like this one is, you can pretty well be sure that it's something serious."

"Now, it seems to me that I've heard Daddy say something about loose wires."

"Yes ma'am, you do have wires and sometimes they get loose, but they don't make the kind of sound this one is making. This motor's got big troubles and we might as well find the nylon tow rope and start for town."

She placed her hands on her hips. "Slim, I'm just sure it's not as bad as you think. It ran fine until...well, it didn't start

making that funny noise until I reached your mailbox. Maybe if I started it again, you could check it one more time."

"Well, I guess we could, but I'm pretty sure we're looking at a major overhaul here. Fire it up."

Miss Viola started the car again, but this time she got out and left it running. She joined Slim and they listened to it together.

"What is that clicking sound?" she asked.

"Oh, it could be a busted crankshaft or push rods or a scalded piston. It ain't good, I can tell you that."

"Oh dear." She frowned at the motor for a moment.

"Slim, what is that little thing there?"

"What thing?" He leaned over the fender. "That's a spark plug wire."

"And...does it do anything?"

"Oh, sure, yeah. You've got to have your spark plug wires and...you know, that thing's worked loose."

Miss Viola looked away. "My goodness."

"Here, I'll just..." He reached in and took hold of the spark plug wire. That turned out to be a big mistake.

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Meet Farwell's Class of 2009

Amanda Myers is a Farwell kindergarten student. Her birthday is May 29.
Her mother is Teri Myers and she has 2 brothers, Casey and Garrett. Grandparents are Harlin and Linda Stobb, and Bob and Diane Myers.
Amanda likes football, puzzles, animals, stuffed toys, Barbies and big trucks. She doesn't like the wind and the color green.
Her favorite color is red and her favorite food is ice cream.

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Darrene Collins, of Dimmitt, discusses her expertise in doll repair and restoration with the Lazbuddie Young Homemakers.

Doll 'doctor' shares expertise

The month of March traditionally holds many activities for the Lazbuddie Young Homemakers. The March 3 meeting featured Darren Collins, a doll "doctor" from Dimmitt. She displayed several dolls from her own collection and gave members advice and instruction about repairing and restoring dolls. The annual St. Patrick's Day party at the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center was held March 17. Residents and members enjoyed good food and Bingo. Also, the Young Homemakers provided Easter eggs for the Lazbuddie egg hunt for kindergarteners, first and second graders.

Here's a list of folks the Farwell Chamber has honored previously

Here's a list of persons honored by the Farwell Chamber over the years: Outstanding Civic Achievement honors were given to C.M. Henderson in 1952 and to Ottis Huggins and Dutch Quickel in 1959.

Man of the Year

- 1971 - Bob Anderson
- 1972 - G. D. Anderson
- 1973 - Lee Hutchins
- 1974 - Vernon Scott
- 1975 - Gil Patschke
- 1976 - Rev. W. T. Perry
- 1977 - Jack Williams
- 1978 - Don Williams
- 1979 - W. M. Roberts
- 1980 - Fred Chandler
- 1981 - Charlie Lovelace
- 1982 - Johnny Actkinson
- 1983 - Joe Jones
- 1984 - Joel White
- 1985 - Benny Haney
- 1986 - Walter Hughes
- 1987 - Jim Berry
- 1988 - Dutch Quickel
- 1989 - Ed Corn
- 1990 - Chris Gikas
- 1991 - Joe Hughes
- 1992 - Tom Nichols
- 1993 - Ralph Franse
- 1994 - Robert White
- 1995 - Charles Aycock
- 1996 - Larry Gregory

Woman of the Year

- 1971 - Margaret Aycock
- 1972 - Lillie Christian
- 1973 - Gladys Kaltwasser
- 1974 - Carrie Christian
- 1975 - Gwen Hughes
- 1976 - Lauretta Pool
- 1977 - Nettie Blair
- 1978 - Carrie Anderson
- 1979 - Maxine Williams
- 1980 - Julia Symcox
- 1981 - Joann Getz
- 1982 - Robin Gregory
- 1983 - Gertrude Foster
- 1984 - Nan Preston
- 1985 - Frances Kube
- 1986 - Leslie Lunsford
- 1987 - Liz Phillips Williams
- 1988 - Gladys Hardage
- 1989 - Dora Verner
- 1990 - LaMoin Williams
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- 1992 - Frances Boling
- 1993 - Katherine White
- 1994 - Mary Mesman
- 1995 - Donna Ratke
- 1996 - Lynne Mahaney

Teacher of the Year

- 1986 - Frances Boling
- 1987 - Judy Howard
- 1988 - Lynn Roberts
- 1989 - Dorris White
- 1990 - Ed Wees
- 1991 - Pat Owen
- 1992 - Eva Dean Stephens
- 1993 - Kay Ray
- 1994 - Lucille Franse
- 1995 - Ruth Anne Bennett
- 1996 - Marrion Hudson

Agriculturalist of the Year

- 1987 - Hubert Gohlke
- 1988 - Pete Fulcher
- 1989 - Troy Christian
- 1990 - W.D. Howard
- 1991 - Richard Haseloff
- 1992 - Bert Williams
- 1993 - Wilbert Kalbas
- 1994 - Steve Kaltwasser
- 1995 - Charles Christian
- 1996 - David Norton

Students of the Year

- 1990 - Angie White and Bruce White
- 1991 - Isela Mendoza and Marcus Sullivan
- 1992 - Amanda Curtis and Chad Byrd
- 1993 - Molly Miller and Ryan Williams
- 1994 - Joanna Anzaldua and Reace Bennett
- 1995 - Jacque Sides and Jason Taylor
- 1996 - Brea Travis and Jarrod Franse

The Latest

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis II have moved from Lubbock to Albuquerque.

Maudy Thursday Communion is set for 7:30 p.m. March 27 at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

The annual Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Farwell Convalescent Center will be held Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

All children from ages 1 through 8 are invited. Bring your own basket!

Registration for the Muleshoe Little League T-ball and baseball teams is set for Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the lobby of the Farwell Junior High gym.

Participants need to provide a copy of their birth certificate at time of registration. Cost for T-ball and minors is \$25; \$35 for majors.

For more information, call Aloha and Paul Fulcher at 825-3483.

All Farwell and Texico children are eligible.

Last year, kids played in the Clovis league; this year it will be the Muleshoe league.

Texico's City Council meeting set for Tuesday was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Three councilmen were out of town.

The Farwell City Council had a special meeting Tuesday to approve cancelling the May election since there is no opposition to the three folks running again -- mayor Jimmie Mace and councilmen Jerry Stover and John Carlson.

The Lariat Church of Christ is preparing for their Vacation

Bible School scheduled for June 2-4.

Jenny Baize, who does catering locally, has a new telephone number: 481-3532.

The Lubbock newspaper named Texico boys' basketball coach Richard Luscombe as Coach of the Year for its Eastern New Mexico All-South Plains basketball team.

Also named to the newspaper's team were Texico's Tobe Askew and Letitia Marlow.

Want to participate in the Clovis Girls Athletic Association Softball League?

Contact Karan Stout at 481-9466 for complete information.

A couple of names were misspelled in last week's report on winners at the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet.

James Morton, Citizen of the Year, and LaQueta Garner, Employee of the Year.

Churches to hold Sunrise Service

The annual Sunrise Service will be held Easter morning at the gazebo in the Farwell City Park.

Each year, the First Baptist Church of Farwell and Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church conduct this service.

It will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The Rev. Richard Laverty will be the preacher this year.

The Methodist Church will be responsible for the refreshments after the service.

Meet Texico's Class of 2009



Markita Askew is a Texico kindergarten pupil. Her birthday is Aug. 24.

Her parents are Bill and Bernadette Askew. She has a sister, Dominique.

Her grandmother is Irene Askew. Her favorite food is popcorn. Her favorite color is blue.

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Farwell Country Club holds season opener

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First flight - 1st (won playoff), John David Agee and Less Jesko, 129; 2nd, Terry Burton and Terry Ott, 129; 3rd, (won playoff), Terry Steinbock and Dan Schacher, 130.

Second flight - 1st (won playoff), Pat Cordova and Angel Martinez, 136; 2nd, Manuel Quintana and Dick Morgan, 136; 3rd, Hack Wilson and Billy Bob Harris, 136.

Third flight - 1st, T.C. Wiseman and Ron Edwards, 135; 2nd, Gerald Griego and Jon Leal, 136; 3rd, Duane Bender and Josh Bender, 137.

Fourth flight - 1st (won playoff), Roy Dorris and Jim Hankins, 137; 2nd, Butch White and Dwayne Cassels, 137; 3rd, Greg Trujillo and Willie Trujillo, 145.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams:

On March 16, Benjamin Ruiz, 40, Hereford, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI 2nd. In county court, he was fined \$600, \$242 in court costs and given 25 days in jail.

On March 19, Eva Rubio, 24,

Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of tampering with a government document. The case is pending in district court.

On March 21, Rocky Brakebill, 35, Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of theft. The case is pending in county court.

Joaquin Lopez and Maria Campos took out a marriage license last week from the Parmer County clerk's office.

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A copy of the application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at 205 9th Street in Farwell.

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Ordinance No. 133

An ordinance canceling the city election ordered for May 3, 1997, and declaring each candidate who has filed for office the winner.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Farwell, Texas:

Whereas, the city council ordered an election to be held on May 3, 1997, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two aldermen, and Whereas, only three candidates have filed for the three positions, and they will be running unopposed in said election, it is the decision of the city council to cancel said election as allowed by S.B. 680.

The council therefore declares Jimmie Mace elected as mayor; John Carlson elected as alderman; and Jerry Stover elected as alderman.

Approved and adopted at a special meeting of the city council held on March 25, 1997.

John Carlson, Mayor pro-tem

Attest:
 Cynthia Thigpen, clerk

NOTICE

Wednesday, April 9, 1997, is the day to register children for next year's Farwell kindergarten and pre-kindergarten / Head Start classes.

Registration will take place at Farwell Elementary School on Wednesday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All children who will be four and five years of age as of September 1st and live in the Farwell District need to register for the next school year.

To register, parents need to come to Farwell Elementary with their child's immunization records and official birth certificate. Only official copies of the birth certificate are accepted and they must have been obtained from state offices. Social Security numbers are also required for registration.

Rebecca Smallwood, school nurse, will be available to review immunization records during registration and the Texas Health Department will be on site for any child requiring immunization. For more information, call Mrs. Smallwood at the school, 481-9131.

Pre-Kindergarten & Head Start Requirements

To be eligible, a child must be 4 years old as of Sept. 1st, is unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or is from a family whose income, according to standards set by the State Board of Education, is at or below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced price lunches) and is a resident of the Farwell School District.

Head Start requires proof of participants meeting federal income guidelines so income verification, such as check stubs, should also be available for review. Verification or other types of public assistance should also be available for review.

Head Start extends its services to handicapped children. Texas schools are required to provide pre-kindergarten if 15 or more students are identified.

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Notice to Applicants

Pursuant to Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, Notice is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds. Sealed applications must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 4, 1997, at which time all applications will be opened and considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your application packet.

Applications may be obtained at the County Judge's office. The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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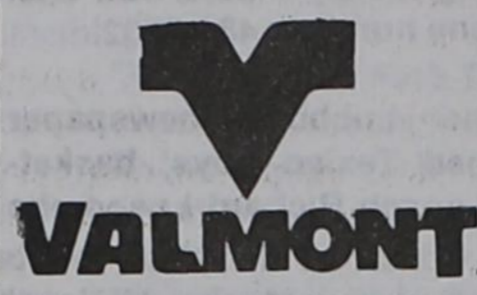
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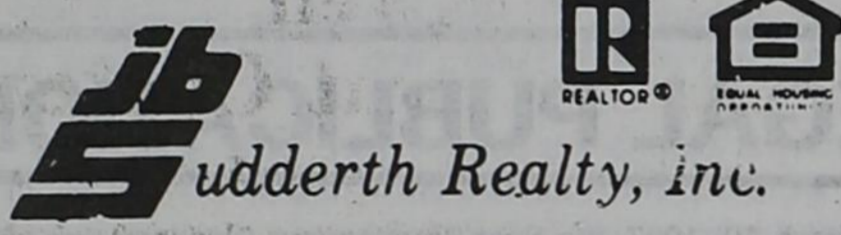
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THE CLASSIFIEDS

Seaton elected to FHA office

The Lazbuddie FHA Lasting Rose chapter competed in Star events at the Region 1 FHA leadership conference in Lubbock. Two teams qualified to advance to the state contest in Dallas in April.

Lazbuddie sophomore Shena Seaton was elected regional vice president of finance for the coming year.

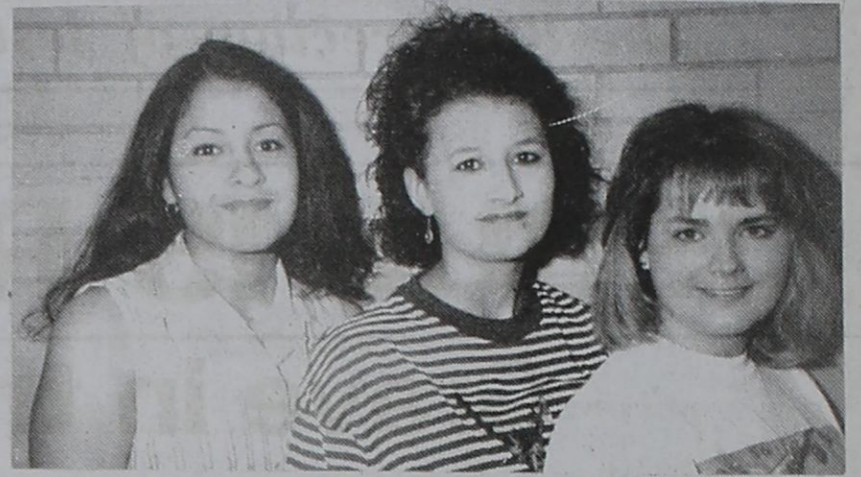
Aand the chapter was recognized as a "Catch the Spirit" chapter. To receive this honor, Lazbuddie's chapter had to plan and carry out activities that focused on membership, national programs and public relations. They completed two activities in each area.

The team of Jennifer Hill, Sarah Cardona and Jamie Bohler competed in the Focus on Children Star Event. Their project was to work with young children in the area of reading readiness. They worked with teachers, parents and children to accomplish their goals. They made a video documenting their work. They feel they have made a real contribution to helping some children become more prepared to learn to read. They came in 4th at regional and will advance to state.

The team of Janis Hernandez, Rachel Rodriguez and Melissa Aguirre competed in the Chapter Service Project. They also took a 4th place and will advance to state. This event involves a project that will make a worthwhile contribution to families, the school or community. They chose to re-establish the YES (Youths Exchanging with Seniors) program in Lazbuddie. It involved promoting interest in the project, training members to work with senior citizens, making contact with senior citizens, having meetings with seniors, and visiting and helping seniors in their homes.

Sarah Watson was the chapter's voting delegate at the House of Delegates meeting where regional officers were chosen.

Attending the Lubbock conference were Melissa Aguirre, Jamie Bohler, Sarah Cardona, Janis Hernandez, Jennifer Hill, Rachel Rodriguez, Sheana Seaton, Sarah Watson, along with Glenn and Barbara Lust, chapter advisor.



Sarah Cardona, Jennifer Hill, Jamie Bohler



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Theta Rho chapter of ESA met March 17 at the home of Margaret Aycock with Lillie Christian as co-hostess.

Members discussed plans for the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Decorations will be put up April 4.

Registration forms were received for signing up for the annual MS walk in Amarillo on April 12.

Information concerning the Rosa Roberts Educational Fund is available at Texico and Farwell high schools. Students interested should contact their school counselors.

The ESA Dinner Theater was discussed and deemed a success with many favorable comments heard. Ticket sales topped 110.

Members continued turning in recipes for the upcoming cookbook.

President Sheryl Christian conducted the Jewel Pin ceremony for the pledges, inducting them into full membership.

Present were Sheryl Christian, Karen Stevenson, Hayley Christian, Pam Carpenter, Terri Nichols, Karen Schilling, Rosa Roberts, Margaret Aycock, Tammy Jones, Twyla Lusk, Roberta Howard, Melissa Carpenter, Dot Christian, Lillie Christian, Angelia Mace, Robin Howard, Tracy Devault, Nell Walling and Tamera Cooper.

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The Resurrection of Jesus as a Jerusalem Newspaper Might Have Reported It

JERUSALEM, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 33 A.D.

JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Grave in the Garden Reported Empty

Man of Galilee Influenced Many

Last Friday Jesus of Nazareth was put to death by crucifixion. Today the population of this capitol city was rocked by the startling news that he is alive! Who is this man who has made such an impact on the whole city and country?

Born in the city of Bethlehem about 33 years ago, Jesus spent most of his childhood and youth in Nazareth. He lived with his parents, Joseph and Mary, attending the regular Jewish schools and assisting his father in the carpenter shop.

It is reported that the popular preacher had an intense interest in people. On one of his trips to Jerusalem ten men afflicted with leprosy came to him for help. He directed them to report to the priests for inspection. It was on their way to the temple that they were healed.

Certainly a person who can heal a disease such as leprosy would be considered a desirable member of society.

While he and his disciples were resting in the plains near Bethsaida, over five thousand people came out to see and hear him. We are told that Jesus fed the whole group with five loaves of

bread and two fish. It is no surprise that they wanted to proclaim him king at this point in his ministry.

When the daughter of Jairus died, we are told, she was restored to life by the words: "Damsel, I say to you, arise." Some of his followers tell us that even though his friend Lazarus had been dead four days, he called him back to life with the words "Lazarus, come forth." It is not surprising that someone who apparently has power over life and death should be heralded as the Son of God.

Although his ministry was marked with concern and compassion for the masses, he nevertheless did take exception to many of the pronouncements and the activities of the leaders of the church. Because of this attitude, the church leaders refused to accept him.

Religious lawyers sought to discredit him in the eyes of the public. When this failed, they plotted his death. Persuading one of Jesus' own followers, Judas Iscariot, to betray him, they succeeded in a conspiracy which ultimately ended in his death.

But did they really succeed? Today it seems that even death could not silence Jesus of Nazareth. While opposition leaders are vigorously seeking to silence the startling reports of his resurrection, there are many others who now are certain that Jesus of Nazareth was not only sent from God, but that he is God Himself.



From The Editor's Desk

We had a different editorial prepared for today's issue. But the news of the events of yesterday changed our plans.

With great interest we had followed the capture, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. After He was buried on Friday, we turned to other things. But early yesterday morning, word came to us that this Jesus had returned to life.

What the events of the past weekend will mean to the world is rather difficult to ascertain on the day after Christ's resurrection. From this vantage point, it appears that we can expect great things. Some of the faithful followers of Christ remember the many prophecies concerning the Messiah's coming. Yesterday's events, according to reliable reports, indicate that the Messiah is none other than the risen Christ.

We are told that over four thousand years ago, the Lord reminded Abraham that the members of the Lord's church would be as numerous as sands upon the seashore. Does this mean that the message of the Messiah would cover the whole earth?

It is reported that on last Thursday night as Christ met privately with His disciples in the upper room, He prayed to God, saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word."

Could it be that the news of Christ's resurrection will be proclaimed throughout the world?

Will the message of Jesus Christ invade the powerful strongholds of Greece and Rome?

Is it possible that the risen Christ will become more important than the god Jupiter, or that Socrates and Plato will fade before this One who said, "I am the Son of God?"

It might be well that we all heed the words of the angel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is arisen! Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, 'the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Highlights of Jesus' Trial

Early Friday morning Jesus of Nazareth was brought by church-officials in Jerusalem to Governor Pontius Pilate for trial. Five days before, great multitudes of Passover-pilgrims and common people had welcomed Jesus of Nazareth to Jerusalem as the Christ, the King of Israel.

Church authorities expressed fear that such a popular acclaim might easily lead to insurrection and bloodshed. High priest Calaphas suggested that it would be better for one man to die than for the Jewish people to perish.

The charge brought by the church leaders before Pilate, was that Jesus was stirring up rebellion against the Roman Government by claiming to be Christ, a King. When examined by the Governor, Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world....Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice."

Pilate ruled that teaching truth is no crime against civil government. King Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time, agreed that Jesus of Nazareth was not guilty of organizing rebellion against civil authorities.

The Governor invoked the custom of pardoning

a prisoner at the Passover-feast. When given a choice the people called for the release of Barabbas and demanded the crucifixion of Jesus. To pacify the Jewish leaders Pilate had Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns, but to no avail. The church-leaders threatened to accuse Pilate of disloyalty to the Roman Emperor, if he failed to sentence Jesus to be crucified. Pilate agreed to do so after symbolically washing his hands to disavow any responsibility of the matter. Thereupon, the accusers expressed willingness to assume the blame by saying: "His blood be on us."

As the procession of the condemned made its way through the crowds on the way to Calvary, Jesus faltered under the weight of his cross. The soldiers drafted the services of a Passover pilgrim, Simon of Cyrene, to carry Jesus' cross. Of this man little is known except that he has two sons, Rufus and Alexander.

Only once did Jesus pause to speak. He then said, "Daughters of Jerusalem! Weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your children." Briefly he spoke to them of the destruction which He said would come to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Reaching Calvary four soldiers then crucified Jesus and cast lots for His clothing. At the direction of Pilate the soldiers placed the superscription on his cross: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.

Great Excitement in Emmaus

Late Sunday afternoon a young man, Cleopas, related a strange experience he had earlier in the day.

According to Cleopas, the crucified Messiah is not only alive, but has been seen, talked to and dined with, all during the past twelve hours.

A stranger joined Cleopas and a friend as they traveled to Emmaus. This trio discussed the recent events in Jerusalem. The stranger seemed to be unaware of all the excitement of the last few days.

He asked Cleopas and his friend why they were so sad. Cleopas then explained that their sadness was because Jesus of Nazareth was put to death and even though it was reported that Jesus was alive, no one had seen Him.

When they arrived at Emmaus, they invited this stranger for supper. "It was during the act of blessing the bread that we recognized Him as the risen Christ," Cleopas claimed. "But before we could greet Him and express our joy, He was gone."

Returning to Jerusalem, Cleopas and his friend met with Jesus' disciples and reported what had happened on their trip to Emmaus.

Peter and John related their experience of that morning. They had rushed to the tomb when they heard of the possible resurrection. They found the tomb empty, but identified the grave clothes as those used to wrap Jesus' body for burial.

Suddenly Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Eyewitnesses Testify To Resurrection

Early yesterday morning several women set out for Joseph's garden to complete the task of anointing Christ's body. They kept asking each other, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

When they came to the grave they saw that the stone was rolled away. They could hardly believe their eyes, for on the stone was a most unusual person. He was dressed in a pure white garment and his face was as brilliant as lightning.

It is reported that this was an angel and that he told the women, "Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come see the place where you and the others put His body. Now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the

dead, and He will meet you in Galilee." The women left the grave and as they returned to the city they were met by the risen Jesus whom they immediately recognized.

Another follower of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, also came to the grave early yesterday. Mary remained at the grave and was very dejected over the absence of Christ's body. She even accused a man, whom she thought was the local gardener, of stealing the body. To her utter surprise, this man was none other than the risen Christ who identified Himself by calling her by her name.

Last evening, Jesus appeared to ten of his disciples in Jerusalem.

These appearances of Jesus verify that He is truly risen from the dead.

Charges Church Trial Fake

Charges were made today that the trial of Jesus of Nazareth before the Church Court last Friday was not legal. In an exclusive interview, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, claimed that the death sentence was not unanimous and that a gross miscarriage of justice was committed.

Incensed over the action of the court and claiming an innocent man had been condemned, the eminent counselor referred to the following five improper actions of the court:

1) It is illegal to begin court action at night; yet the first appearance of Jesus before the court took place at approximately two o'clock in the morning.

2) It is illegal to hold court on Friday, the day before the Sabbath, or on the day preceding a high festival; yet Jesus was tried on Friday, the day preceding the Passover.

3) It is illegal to try a prisoner without benefit of defense; yet no witnesses were called in defense of Jesus. (The counselor claims that he called this point specifically to the attention of his fellow-jurists, but that it was denied)

4) It is illegal to try a man and to pronounce capital punishment within one day; yet Jesus was apprehended, arraigned, tried and crucified within less than eighteen hours.

5) Finally, it is illegal to pass the death sentence on the testimony of one witness alone; yet Joseph claims that none of the witnesses for the prosecution agreed in their testimony against Jesus, and STILL the court condemned him!

The jurist claimed that he refused to vote for condemnation at the trial. Among other obvious reasons, he stated that he is convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is actually the promised Messiah, the Hope of Israel! For this reason he made the new sepulcher in his spacious garden available for the burial of the Nazarene. He also stated that for the same reason, Nicodemus, a respected teacher of religion, assisted in the final rites for Jesus in the garden late Friday afternoon.

Centurion Testifies

The centurion, who was in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth and responsible for preserving law and order, gave what may be considered the most eloquent testimony of all in regard to the person who was crucified on Calvary's hill.

He had been a silent witness to all that happened. When questioned soon after the events of Friday, he spoke with conviction. He stated that there had been a great miscarriage of justice, since the words and actions of the man crucified were not those of a man guilty of crime.

When asked who he thought the crucified man was, he replied, "To the best of my knowledge, He was, as He Himself said, the Son of God." That this sort of testimony should come from a man trained in the rigors and discipline of the Roman army is indeed surprising. It is proof that the death of Jesus of Nazareth has had an impact on all with whom He came in contact. Could it be that this confession of the centurion will encourage other centurions to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Reluctant To Condemn Jesus

Checking the transcript of the trial held last week in Pilate's court, this reporter notes that the governor was very reluctant to order the execution of Jesus of Nazareth. The flow of events proves that the Governor placed himself in an awkward position before the church leaders. It must be said nonetheless that had Pilate been more a judge and less a politician, only two men would have been crucified last Friday.

It is quite apparent that from the time of the preliminary examination until the final signing of the death warrant, Pilate was convinced that the prisoner was innocent of the charges preferred. He sensed that the charges were merely a cover-up and that it was envy that motivated the insistence upon the death sentence of Jesus.

Throughout the trial one can hear Pilate stating "I find no fault in him at all."

It is interesting to note that the esteemed governor sought justice. Hearing that the governor of Galilee was in the city, he sent the prisoner, who was a Galilean, to Herod. However, after examining Jesus, Herod gave the verdict "Not Guilty."

It was at this time that the Governor invoked the use of the age-old Passover custom of releasing a criminal from jail. Shrewdly he selected Barabbas, a hated and dangerous killer. The governor thought that society would not want this crazed rebel and murderer back in circulation. To his distress the leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas' freedom and Jesus' death.

Sensing that the crowd would be satisfied with nothing less than blood, the judge compromised justice and ordered the innocent prisoner scourged. Dripping with blood, disheveled and thorn-crowned, Jesus was presented to the crowd as Pilate announced: "Behold, I bring him forth unto you that you may know that I find no fault in him. Behold the Man." Again the crowd would not be pacified. The Governor finally reconciled himself to the fact that neither compromise nor reason would satisfy the mob.

It was then that the opposition took command calling out: "If you release this man, you are not the emperor's friend." Was this a veiled threat? Would Pilate's past misdeeds be reported to Caesar? Reluctantly but deliberately, he washed his hands before the mob, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person; see to it yourselves." Reluctantly he signed the death warrant for Jesus of Nazareth. Justice finally had been trampled into the dust. Pilate had sold out to the opposition.

This raises some interesting questions: Will Rome condone such action in its courts? Can Pilate continue as Governor? What, in fact, does the future hold for Pilate? Time alone will tell.

Jesus' Burial Near Calvary

Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Jesus of Nazareth died.

Joseph of Arimathea requested permission from Pilate to bury the body in his new tomb which is close to Calvary. The Roman governor granted the request.

Because of the lateness in the day and the approaching Sabbath, the preparation of the body for burial was not completed.

Last Words Of Jesus Unusual

The death of Jesus of Nazareth was unlike any other death. Even the words of this dying man were extraordinary.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross and the cross was placed in an upright position, He prayed for pardon and forgiveness for His enemies. A Roman soldier remarked, "Usually we are cursed to death in hell."

A conversation took place between Jesus on the center cross and the thief who was crucified on His right. The thief apparently recognized in Jesus more than criminal traits as he asked to be remembered by Him in His kingdom. The thief received the answer, "Today you shall be with Me in paradise."

Great concern was expressed about the darkness which prevailed for three hours, from noon to three in the afternoon. Out of that darkness Jesus was heard to cry in a tone of anguish and intense suffering, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

It became apparent that Jesus was going through more than physical suffering in His body. There appeared to be a deeper anguish and suffering that went beyond the torment of crucifixion.

A few minutes before His death he shouted, "It is finished!" That appeared to be a shout of victory. Was it a victory just to die? Or was there some other victory or accomplishment He gained through this suffering and death?

At this time analysts are trying to piece together these words of Jesus of Nazareth to determine what meaning they carry. The question being asked is, "Was Jesus giving His life in place of others rather than dying for any crimes He had committed?"

Events in Nature Cause Concern

Phenomena in nature during the past few days have caused the citizens of the area no small concern.

Friday from noon till 3:00 p.m. this city and all the region, possibly the whole world, was shrouded in darkness. Never before in the history of man, as far as can be determined, has the midday sun been completely darkened. This phenomenon was not an eclipse of the sun, since the Passover is held during the period of the full moon, thus making the eclipse impossible.

Two earth tremors of considerable intensity were reported. It seems uncanny if not ominous, that the first quake occurred precisely at the moment Jesus of Nazareth died. The time of the second tremor coincides with the time the Roman guards reported the tomb was opened and found empty.

Such happenings certainly challenge rational and scientific explanation. Can it be that history will pronounce these events "acts of God?"

Judas Iscariot Suicide Victim

Late Friday night a body was found hanging from a rope at the outskirts of Jerusalem. The dead man has been identified as Judas Iscariot, the treasurer of the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Judas had contracted with the church officials to betray Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. Once the deed was done, Judas apparently was plagued with guilt feelings.

It is reported he tried to return the money to the church officials but they were totally unconcerned. This refusal to accept his offer sparked the traitor's suicide.

Secret Follower Interviewed

Nicodemus, a teacher of religion in Jerusalem, has come out openly in support of the cause of Jesus of Nazareth. One of our reporters secured an interview with the aging religious leader who is rumored to have assisted with the interment of the body of Jesus in Joseph's garden.

It was revealed that Nicodemus has had an increasing conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. On occasion the two met secretly.

In answer to our reporter's questions as to why he considered Jesus to be the promised Messiah, Nicodemus read the following words from Isaiah: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Turning from the prophecy, Nicodemus stated, "I can't help believing that these words, as well as many others in the prophecy speak of Jesus Christ. You reporters covered his trial. You were out there on Golgotha when they crucified him. You saw how they manhandled him, how they scoffed and mocked him. What do you think? "It may cost me my position; it may even cost me my life, but I can't keep still any longer. I'm ashamed that I haven't spoken out sooner."

"When I recall the events of his life and the words of the scriptures about the Messiah, I cannot but say that this Jesus is the promised Son of God, our Messiah!"

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