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Farwell Chamber presents honors

Parmer County precincts must be redistricted

The Parmer County Commissioners learned on Monday that the county's four precincts will need to be redistricted, due to 2000 census results.

In particular, growth in the Bovina precinct will cause it.

Bobbye Hill, of Wheeler, Texas, was authorized to proceed with step one of the redistricting -- defining exactly on a county map where the growth has taken place.

The county's 2000 population is 10,016 -- up 153 from the 1990 total of 8,963. Thus, an ideal precinct would have 2,504 persons.

Here are the 2000 totals:
* Pct. 1 (Frona area) -- 2,434 -- loss of 100 from 1990.
* Pct. 2 (Bovina area) -- 2,705 -- gain of 201 from 1990.
* Pct. 3 (Farwell area) -- 2,507 -- up 3 from 1990.
* Pct. 4 (Lazbuddie area) -- 2,370 -- loss of 134 from 1990.
It should be noted that Pcts. 2 and 4 enter into the Frona area.

What the redistricting likely will do is remove that part of the Frona area from the Bovina area precinct (Pct. 2).

When the totals were put together, it showed a 13 deviation from the ideal precinct. If this total had been under 10, no redistricting would have been necessary.

What also must be taken into account in the redistricting is that, according to federal law, at least one precinct in Parmer County must contain a majority of minority (Hispanic) voters.

For the past 10 years, this has been Pct. 4 -- the Lazbuddie area precinct. This accounts for why part of the Frona area is included in this precinct.

It's likely that Pct. 4 will continue to be the precinct that contains a majority of minority voters.

Factors to consider when redistricting include equality in population; equality in area; equality in road mileage; availability of accessible and appropriate voting places; boundaries of incorporated areas; compactness; geography, and sudden increases in population.

The redistricting of the county commissioner and justice of the peace precincts must be completed at least three months before the 2002 primary election in Texas. But as a practical matter, the deadline of Oct. 1, 2001, is encouraged.

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet was held on Saturday at the Community Center. Top honors went to Lynn Roberts, Woman of the Year; Steve Scott, Man of the Year; Tim Kasel, Teacher of the Year; and Steve Schilling and Jason Schilling, Agriculturists of the Year.

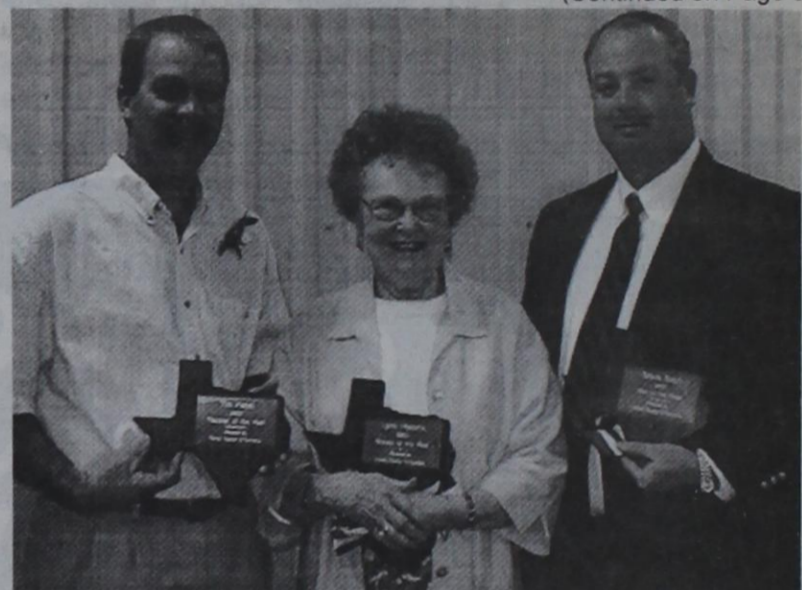
Shara Taylor and Cody Schilling was honored as Students of the Year.

Ralph Franse was honored with this year's Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District Award.

Also honored were all former and current Farwell School Board members. ESA Sorority provided the decorations and atmosphere. Beta Sigma Phi served hors d'oeuvres. The steaks were prepared by Bryan Kube, Lewis Cooper and Bob Spears. The meal was prepared by the Farwell cafeteria ladies -- Joy Stanton, Stella Garcia, Lisa Sanders, Maria Vidaurri and Linda Moss. The table servers was the Farwell High School Student Council. Also helping were Farwell city employees. Ronald Byrd served as emcee.

Wyman Meinzer, official photographer of the state of Texas, gave an outstanding slide show program. He is working on a pictorial book featuring six Texas rivers. He not only showed slides of those areas, involving each part of Texas, but dis-

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Honored were, from left, Tim Kasel, Teacher of the Year; Lynn Roberts, Woman of the Year, and Steve Scott, Man of the Year.



Students of the Year were Shara Taylor and Cody Schilling.



Named as Agriculturists of the Year were Steve Schilling and Jason Schilling.



Farwell man injured in accident

A major wreck occurred at the intersection of Texico Hwy. 108 and the airport road outside of Texico Saturday morning.

Bryan Roach, of Farwell, was driving north on 108. Police said an Amarillo man failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection and pulled out in front of Roach.

Both men were ejected from their vehicles as they rolled following the initial impact.

Roach suffered cuts to his face, ear and elbow and a



-- Photos by Doug Scioli --

concussion. Both men were transported to Clovis hospital. The Amarillo man was then LifeFlighted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He was in serious condition in the ICU as of Monday.

County SWCD recognizes Franse

Ralph Franse was honored at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday with this year's Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District award.

The speech, given by Todd Christian, said:

He has been involved in soil and water conservation for nearly 50 years. In these years, he has helped farmers in the area find the most efficient ways to use our valuable water.

He played a major role in the introduction of center pivots to this area which has helped save water and soil erosion.

He believes strongly in sprinkler conversions not only because he sells them but because he believes drops have really changed



Todd Christian, left, presents irrigation business owner Ralph Franse with this year's Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District Award.

farming.

Currently, with the help of his three sons -- Jimmy, Steve and Johnny, he continues to aid farmers in finding the most efficient systems for applying water.

Over the past year, they

have installed nearly 14 miles of pipeline and have sold new sprinklers, as well as converting older sprinklers to the LEPA system.

Franse Irrigation continues to be an important part of our community.

Texico banquet on tap

The annual Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. mt at the Texico Community Center.

Tickets are \$10,

The two state champion basketball teams from Texico will be honored.

Speakers will be Joe and Gwen Hughes, of Farwell. They will discuss their experience of decorating floats for the Fiesta Parade last December in California.

There were 53 floats, and the Hughes' worked on "detail work." Fiesta built only 14 floats but received 10 trophies out of the 22 that were awarded. Joe and Gwen worked on three of their floats.

Each float had around 200 volunteers working in shifts. Many were scout troops, church groups, etc.

Joe and Gwen spent the entire December in Arcadia, Calif. They worked about six hours a day for 29 of the 30 days. They spent two weeks gluing different types of beans, bamboo sticks and leaves on three spirit disks, a buffalo skull and two flower baskets.

They also attended the judging, guarded a float all night, then watched the parade from the grandstand.



Gwen Hughes finishes wrapping a ram's horns with ironed corn shucks. The float won the sweepstakes trophy.



Joe Hughes glues white mums on a corner of a float that won the Past President's Trophy.

Lazbuddie toddler rescued

It's not often that Lazbuddie folks are highlighted in a story at the top of Page 1 of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal newspaper, but such as the case last Friday.

The article, by writer Phillip

Hamilton, was entitled "Quick-thinking teen takes daring plunge to save niece."

The incident occurred after folks returned home following the Minnie Parham funeral

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Obituaries



Hazel Gast

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Graveside services for Hazel Gast, 86, of Farwell, will be held at 4 p.m. cdt on April 14 at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens, Clovis.

At the same time, services will be held for her late husband, Buster, who died March 31.

She died on April 9 at Muleshoe Area Health Care Center. She was born on Jan. 21, 1915, to George and Beulah Worley.

She worked for civil service, Aldridge law firm, Gifford Hill, and Franse Irrigation before retiring. She was an avid duplicate bridge player and partners with Doll Aldridge for many years.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Sherry Caudill, of Vancouver, Wash., and Judy Abernathy, of Abilene, Texas; a brother, Nelson Worley, of Clovis; 2 sisters, LaWanda Frakes, of Clovis, and Dorothy Bartholme, of Douglas, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Suite 10, Abilene TX 79603, or Vista Care Family Hospice, 4418 Olton Road, Plainview, TX 79072.

Alfred LaRue

Services for Alfred Luther "Bud" LaRue, 96, of Clovis,

were held on April 6 at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens with Masonic graveside rites. Dr. Steve McElroy officiated.

He died at Clovis hospital on April 4. He was born May 9, 1904, in Sweet Springs, Mo., to John and Hannah LaRue.

A carpenter, he was a member of the First Methodist Church and Clovis Masonic Lodge No. 40 AF&AM.

The family came to New Mexico in 1909 from Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers, 2 sisters, and his wife, May, who died on Aug. 4, 1990.

Surviving are 3 sons, Doyal, of Texico, and Carroll and Darrell, both of Clovis; 5 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Pallears were his three sons, plus Larry LaRue, Steve Doolittle, Ray Skeen and Glen LaRue.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.



Elsie Hardage

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Services for Elsie Irene Hardage, 89, of Farwell, were held Saturday at First Baptist Church of Farwell with Rev. Richard Laverty officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell.

She died April 4 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born on Jan. 12, 1912, in Clarksville, Texas, to William and Eunice Atkins.

She was a Parmer County resident for 71 years. She worked in the Farwell school cafeteria for many years. She was a charter member of the

First Baptist Church of Farwell.

She married Willie Hardage on Nov. 15, 1930.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, on Oct. 14, 1993; 3 brothers, Phillip Harmon, Tom Atkins and Ted Atkins; and an infant son, Willie Thomas Hardage.

Surviving are 2 sons, Truitt, of Clovis, and Glyn "Ed", of Hermitage, Tenn.; 2 daughters, Irene Woods, of Farwell, and June Fisher, of Dimmitt; 2 brothers, Ben Atkins, of Clayton, and Bill Atkins, of Oregon; 2 sisters, Myrtle Withrow, of Farwell, and Nell Morgan, of Gatesville, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Pallears were great-grandsons Matt Taylor, Brock Taylor, Cody Laurent, Jim Don Laurent, Byron Hardage, Justin Meeks, Landon Meeks, Dalton Fisher and Jamie D. Cooper.

Junior honorary pallbearers were great-grandsons Connor Woods, Dallin Woods, Brian Meeks and Seth Meeks.

Seva Struve

Seva Ford Welch Struve, 83, died April 2 in Amarillo.

Services were held on April 6 at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona with Leon

Talley, minister, officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 29, 1917, in Floyd County, Texas, and moved to Friona in 1924. She graduated from Friona High and West Texas Teachers College.

She married Stephen Struve, of Abernathy, on Dec. 1, 1940. They lived in Leveland for several years, then moved to Friona in 1944 where they farmed. They also operated Sideswipe, Inc.

She was preceded in death by her husband, in 1986, and a foster son, Michael Barnonowski, killed in Vietnam.

She was a lifelong member of 6th Street Church of Christ.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Kay Ray, of Amarillo; Carol Nicholson, of Shreveport, La., and Sheila Green, of Custer, S.D.; 3 sisters, Estella Johnston, Melba Brown and Murna Miller; a brother, Louis Welch; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Sophia Cherry

Services for Sophia Iola McDaniel Cherry, 93, of Bovina, were held on April 6 at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis with the Rev. Gary Morgan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell.

She died April 3 at Sun-Bridge Golden Care & Reha-

bilitation.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1907, in Benton, Ill., to Henry and Mary Kemper. She grew up and attended school in Pleasant Hill.

She married Charles McDaniel in 1925 in Pleasant Hill. They farmed north of Texico for many years before moving to Bovina.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Surviving are a son, Leon McDaniel, of Livermore, Calif.; 3 daughters, Helen Wagner, of Clovis; Grace Whitehead, of Roswell, and Esther Ferguson, of Dumas; 14 grandchildren; 31-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons were pallbearers.

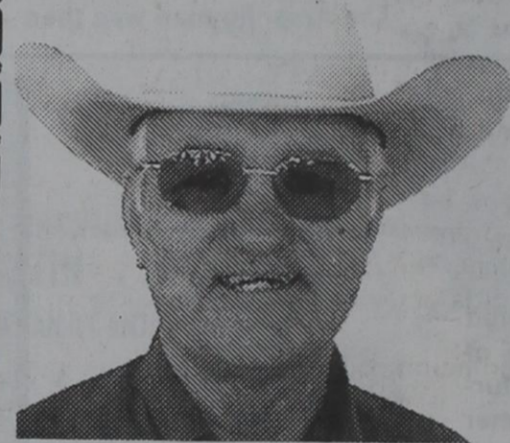
Ben Dial

Funeral services have been held for Ben Dial, 58, of Duncanville, Texas.

Born in Farwell, he is considered one of Farwell's greatest athletes. He graduated from Farwell High in 1961.

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Farwell Chamber

cusSED their history and made the areas "come alive." Here are the speeches that were given:

Woman of the Year

She grew up in Kress with her parents and one onery brother. Her dad owned the local grocery store, laundry and barber shop and she helped out when needed. She made good grades in school, was a talented artist and cheered for the Kress Kangaroos.

After high school, she attended WTSU at Canyon for two years as an art major. She put her education on hold for a short time when she became the bride of her Navy beauX. They farmed in Kress for several years before moving to Friona to farm. At this time, their family had grown to include 3 daughters.

Our woman of the year stayed busy taking care of her family and participating in church activities and the Friona Study Club. In 1958, the family packed up and moved west to the bustlin' town of Farwell. They continued to farm, and were blessed with the addition of a baby boy to the family.

When her young son entered first grade, she enrolled at ENMU to finish her college education. She graduated with honors, earning her B.S. degree in elementary education and her master's. She was hired by Farwell Schools in 1969 and over the next 30 years introduced many children to the exciting world of formal learning. She was awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year in 1988.

Since retiring, she stays busy with church activities, volunteers at school and the nursing home, and handles her cooking business. Her husband Bill died in 1995, but 9 grandchildren help keep life interesting plus Sheri and Jerry, Melody and Gene, Beverly and Robert, and Robin and Kayla.

Man of the Year

He moved to Farwell as a little boy and attended Farwell elementary and junior high. He and his family moved away and over the next 16 years he graduated from high school, attended West Texas A&M, served with the Amarillo Police Department and spent 4 years in the U.S. Army.

During his 4-year stint in the Army, he participated in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf War. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor, and the Purple Heart for being wounded during this conflict.

After leaving the Army, he moved his family from Germany back to the U.S., and began to teach and coach. He spent the first 4 years of this career at Wheeler. After being gone from Farwell for 21 years, he returned in 1996 with his wife and two children. He was hired head basketball coach for the Farwell Lady Blue.

During the last five years, he and the Lady Blue' have enjoyed six trips to Austin -- 3 times for cross country, once for track and twice for basketball. The last trip was topped off by his and the school's first girls state basketball championship on his 39th birthday.

He has served the community not only as teacher and coach, but also as president of the Farwell Youth Commission.

Teacher of the Year

Tim Kasel was born in Kingman, Kan. After college, he started teaching at Pine Hill, N.M., on the Ramah Navajo Indian Reservation. He taught physical education for all grades, health and was an assistant coach on the football team. While there, he met his wife, Kristin, who was teaching 3rd grade at the time. They married on Jan. 2, 1993. Seven years later they

adopted a baby boy, Dalton.

Seven years ago, he was hired by Farwell Schools as an elementary P.E. teacher. During his tenure here, he has planned two circuses, revised and run the elementary track and field day each year in May, and kept track of football stats during the games. He has served on the elementary campus committee and district improvement committee.

Tim has a heart for all children and he tries to engage students in activities where they can find success. He prides himself in teaching sportsmanship, teamwork and the acceptance of others no matter what their ability may be. It is important to him that students know how to lose graciously as well as how to win graciously. He teaches them fundamentals of many sports so they will find success as they enter junior high and high school. For those students who are less likely to enjoy the competitive nature of some sports, he provides a variety of activities.

Tim is deserving of this award because of his love for children and his desire to make them better people when they leave his class.

Agriculturist of the Year

This farming story began in 1961 when a father helped his son buy a farm outside of Farwell. This son worked hard on

Farwell net results listed

Farwell High's tennis players participated in the District 4-1A Tournament last week at South Plains College in Levelland. Results were:

Girls singles: In the first round, Eric Perez, Whiteface, defeated Jessica Chandler, Farwell, 6-0, 6-4. And Brenda Diego, Hart, beat Anna Quezada, Farwell, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Girls doubles: In the first round, Chrystal Wolven and Tara Cargile, Farwell, beat Nicole Harris and April Weatherly, Kress, 7-6, 6-2. Erma Williams Erma Williams and Raquel Cabello, Farwell, beat Maria Flores and Jacqueline Tafolla, Springlake-Earth, 6-3, 7-5. In the second round, Wolven and Cargile fell to Whitney Harris and Heather Chanault, Anton, 6-0, 6-1. And Williams and Cabello lost to Varida Anzaldua and Crystal Diego, 6-1, 6-1.

Boys singles: In the first round, Tyler Scott, Farwell, lost to Steven Davis, Anton, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Cody Schilling, Farwell, lost to Clay Tiffin, Springlake-Earth, 6-2, 6-2.

Boys doubles: In the second round, Gage Gregory and Taylor Nichols, Farwell, beat Jason Beardon and Riley Willingham, Sudan, 3-6, 6-3, 14-12. In the semi-finals, Nichols and Gregory lost to John Bennett and Frankie Chaparo, Hart, 6-2, 6-3.

JV tennis players vie

Farwell's JV tennis teams played at the district meet at Levelland April 2-3.

In girls doubles, Kim Taylor and Karissa Foster took 2nd. In girls singles, Tara Sanchez was 3rd. And in boys singles, Devin Goettsch captured 4th.

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the land and he and his young family saw great rewards from his efforts. As his family grew older, they became more involved in the farm and learned to work together to bring in the harvests.

By working together, the children were confident enough to go off and buy land on their own, yet still be able to help each other out on their farms. The crops they have grown are corn, cotton, milo, wheat, forage sorghum, sunflowers, blackeye peas and sugarbeets. They are good stewards of the land in trying new ways to conserve water and to reduce erosion.

The parents were able to fully retire several years ago and two of the children saw more opportunity together so they formed a farming team that is one of the strongest operations in the community. They draw their strength from each other and their families.

In farming, they were one of the first to install the AIMS panel on their sprinklers to save time and improve efficiency. They have added drag hoses to their sprinklers to save water and they use no-till farming methods. They installed their own subs, using poly-pipe and they know that they must start growing more cotton and wheat, and that running cattle is another aspect they need to implement on their farm.

They are both graduates of Farwell Schools and both attended West Texas State University. Both serve the Lord and are active in church activities, like the Knights of Columbus. They are both active in Walk to Emmaus and have been involved in Kairos, a prison ministry. They are both married and each has two sons.

They can also be found on the softball fields in Clovis or at the golf course. They also enjoy volleyball and racquet ball. They have many more things in common, but perhaps the most wonderful thing is their genuine caring and encouragement of each other.

Family farming is at its best with these two young men -- Stephen and Jason Schilling.

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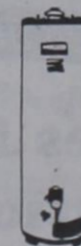


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Lazbuddie

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service. What happened was that little Gentry Hicks fell into a 30-ft. septic tank. A cousin, Michelle Daly (the secretary of Judge Bonnie Clayton at the Parmer County courthouse) saw it happen and yelled for help.

Within seconds, Kayla Parham 14, dove headfirst in, after Gentry. Meanwhile, her parents, Terry and Celie, held on to their daughter's legs. Terry had tried to lower himself into the hole earlier but couldn't get down there.

And the infant's mother, Tiffany Hicks, of Clovis, is expecting a second child this month and was not in a position to jump in.

In the hole, Kayla saw her niece's legs, although her head already was under. She grabbed the toddler by her shoulders, and wrapped her

under her arms, while they were pulled to safety.

Connie Barnes, a friend of the family who is a volunteer EMS tech, bathed the child in a mild bleach solution to kill bacteria from the sewer water.

The rescue took place at the family farm about two miles east of Lazbuddie.

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Approaching marriage

Don and Cindy Carthel of Friona and Bob and Connie Burgoon of Canyon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Courtney and Andrew. The couple will exchange vows June 2 at 2 p.m. at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. Courtney is the granddaughter of Don and Elizabeth Williams of Farwell and the late Don Phillips. All friends and family members are invited.

Farwell tracksters advance to regionals

Three Farwell High boys will advance to the area track meet on April 12 at Canyon Randall High School: Casey Meeks, 400 dash; Brice Hunt, 100 dash, and Tucker Crawford, high hurdles and high jump.

At the district track meet on Friday at Springlake-Earth, Farwell finished 5th with 36 points. Results were:
 110 high hurdles - Crawford, 2nd, 16.25.
 100 dash - Hunt, 2nd, 11:45.
 400 dash - Casey Meeks, 2nd, 53.49; Landon Meeks, 5th, 56.22.
 200 dash - Casey Meeks, 7th, 23.5.
 High jump - Crawford, 2nd, 6'0.
 Shot put - Hunt, 4th, 45'7.
 Long jump - Crawford, 5th, 19'6 1/2.

At the district track meet, the Farwell Lady Blue finished 3rd with 93 points. Results were:
 Triple jump -- Hailey Grimes, 2nd; Nikki Gober, 3rd.
 3200 run - Kyra Christian, 4th.
 1600 run - Christian, 2nd.
 400 relay - Farwell, 3rd, Meyer, Gober, Diaz, Street.
 100 dash - Diaz, 6th.
 100 hurdles - Grimes, 6th.
 800 run - Chandler, 3rd.
 800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, Meyer, Gober, Diaz, Street.
 200 dash - Meyer, 4th.
 300 hurdles - Grimes, 2nd.
 1600 relay - Farwell, 2nd, Chandler, Gober, Street, Grimes.

Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports that on Monday night, a vehicle was stopped for speeding. This resulted in five illegal aliens being turned over to the Border Patrol.

Happy Birthday!

- April 17: Micky Lunsford
- April 19: Betty Embry
- April 19: Dorris White
- April 12: Katherine White
- April 13: Joann Stallings
- April 15: Mary Mesman

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The Latest

Bob Servatius, of Pleasant Hill, stopped by the Tribune to remind everyone that the Knights of Columbus will be having their annual fundraiser for the handicapped on April 14.

They will be selling tootsie rolls -- so be ready to greet them.

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church of Fawell will conduct an Easter sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at the gazebo in Farwell City Park.

Hamlin is the host church this year.

Gerald Bastin, youth minister at the First Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

If bad weather occurs, the joint service will be held at Hamlin.

It was announced at last week's Texico-Farwell Rotary Club meeting that some late applications have been received from Texico Schools for admission to Camp Ryla, the Rotary leadership summer camp in New Mexico.

A water bottling plant is expected to open later this month at Lusk Union. Farwell's Jerry Stover will be honcho of the new endeavor.

Rusty and Caroline Stover's daughter, Heather, is okay after falling through a glass window. She was treated and released at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

The Lazbuddie boys finished 6th with 55 points at the District 3-1A track meet at Amarillo Randall High.

Martinez finished 1st in the shot put with 42'5.

Louder won the discus with a throw of 138 4'1/2.

Lazbuddie finished 3rd in

the 400 relay with 48.21.

Parham was 3rd in the 400 dash with 59.57.

The Farwell boys finished 1st in the District Golf Tournament at Colonial Park Country Club in Clovis Monday.

They carded a 335 and advance to regionals at Sundown on April 25 and 26.

Individual scores were: Gage Gregory, 77, 2nd medalist; Taylor Nichols, 90; Tyler Scott, 89; Johnny Lavin, 84, and Jordan Barrett, 85.

Tyson Kerby was the medalist from Bovina with a 76.

Whiteface was 2nd and Kress was 3rd.

Farwell's One-Act play was performed on Saturday at Lubbock Christian University at the area contest.

Farwell finished 3rd, and was picked as the alternate play, but doesn't advance.

Gage Gregory was named to the All-Star cast. Taylor Nichols and Hailey Grimes were honorable mention.

The Farwell Lady Blue took 2nd place at the District 4-A Golf Tourney, and advance to the regionals at Levelland Country Club on April 25-26.

Scoring were Mindi Roberts, 94; Jade Mahaney, 101; Leesa Patterson, 114; Jessica Chandler, 122.

Mindi was 1st place medalist and Jade was 4th place medalist.

Gallery Fifteen, at 1500 Pile St. in Clovis, is presenting the works of artist Peter de La-Fuente through April 21.

Serial killer recalled

by Teresa Mesman

The Hassell murder story has become a major piece of conversation around the Twin Cities these days. More and more people who were children at the time of the murders are recalling the incident.

Albert "Blackie" Smith and his family had just moved to Farwell on Dec. 6, 1926. They lived not too far from the Hassell place. He was told about the school bus that would come and pick him up by his house and that he would need to go to the Superintendent's office to get his books once he got to school his first day.

"I went to the office and was told to take a seat before they could get my books," Blackie said. "A few minutes later, a man walked in carrying a bunch of books and said that his wife and kids had all gone back to Oklahoma and he was returning their school books."

That was the only time Blackie ever saw George Hassell. But he says that he'll never forget it, especially after what he saw later that month.

Blackie and his father went out to the Hassell place to help dig after the bodies were discovered. Blackie stood and watched for a short time, but then his father told him to go on back home because this was something he didn't need to see.

But Blackie saw enough to stay etched in his memory forever.

"I saw them uncover all the bodies from underneath a bed-spread or sheet that had been laid on top of them. I saw the little baby with nothing on but a diaper lying on his stomach. His two little hands were gripping handfuls of dirt. All of the bodies were lying on their stomachs. I also saw the oldest Hassell boy lying there. He had all of his clothes on and I found out why he was fully dressed later on."

The oldest Hassell boy had been working on a thrashing crew up in Childress. The crew was making their way to Clovis for the next job after the holidays. He had asked them to drop him off at his folks' house on their way to Clovis.

"From what I learned, the crew truck had just dropped him off and driven away from the farm. Alton Hassell had probably just walked through the door home and his daddy shot him," Blackie recollected.

Blackie learned this from a member of the thrashing crew who later became a barber in Clovis. They would talk about the case many times in the later years.

Blackie's aunt and uncle were the Lindops who bought the Hassell place. Blackie recalled many memories associated with that time because he was new to the area and that this tragic event was taking place.

"I met Orlan Hartzog my first day to school on the school bus and he and I were best friends from then on. I also got my nickname "Blackie" the next day at school when they were picking basketball teams outside. Pat Haynes was the leader of one team and he didn't know my name yet, so he just hollered out "come here, Blackie" and that name stuck with me from then on," Blackie reminisced.

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- Community Health Fair Activities include:
- Kindergarten Registration** (required for all fall kindergarten pupils).
 - Pre-School Screening** is available for infants through 4 years of age. Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and shot records for the screening and registration.
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Teresa attacks California

From Teresa Mesman:

My family and I recently had the opportunity to travel to San Diego, California. We were thrilled to tour the world famous San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park and the ever busy San Diego Harbor and Marina district.

The hotel resort we stayed in was out in the Mission Bay and Pacific Beach area in west San Diego. A minute walk had us right on the beach and catamarans and sailboats glided by our hotel on the bay right outside our door. It was a beautiful setting.

One of the points of interest on our trip was about thirty miles west of San Diego in Carlsbad, California. This is where the Danish company Lego built "Legoland" in the U.S.

This is a place not to be missed by Lego enthusiasts and their parents. It was a pretty pricey theme park, but the structures and recreations of things built entirely out of Lego building bricks are just incredible. It is also home to the most expensive bottle of water I have ever personally purchased. It came with a cool shoulder harness, so I guess that's what drove the price so high!

And like your typical tourists, we succumbed to the typical must have souvenirs at the end of the day. Folks, I'm not talking keychains, pencil sets or your typical T-shirts either. No, no. At Legoland they include every possible boxed set of Legos available along with keychains, pencil sets and T-shirts. I was completely overwhelmed by the choice of Lego sets that were available. I kept telling myself that we only had so much space left in our suitcase and that we couldn't possibly squeeze another large thing in to our carry-on suitcase.

Alas, my problem was solved when I saw that Legoland duffel bags were on sale and that one could easily pack three box sets of Legos, three sweatshirts, two T-shirts and a souvenir book on the park inside. Wasn't that smart of those Lego merchandisers to think of tourists in need like that?

While the sites and offerings of San Diego were wonderful, I firmly believe that the two highlights of our trip to city were definitely not your typical tourist turn-ons.

They were, number one, the opportunity to drive on Interstate 5 and Interstate 8 in morning and evening rush hour traffic and number two, being in California during the rolling blackouts.

WOW!

No Nintendo or video game could possibly give a player the rush I got as I steered our rental car out onto the speedway of I-5. Maybe those video games were created in an effort to keep people from wanting to drive on the

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

freeways in California?

If you like driving fast, aggressively, defensively and to challenge your every reaction and reflex, then Southern California is the place to drive.

I was laughing at the signs along the freeways that designated the inside lane to carpools only. Around San Diego, a carpool isn't one car with four or more people inside the car. Rather a carpool is four or more cars, bunched together or perhaps, even locked together by bumpers, trailer hitches or a protruding surf board, that try to gather more cars in their group as they speed down the freeway.

You can forget the term rush hours. Rush hour is every hour. You had better know where you are going and how fast you need to get there before venturing out onto the roadways of San Diego. One reason for this is that, while the pace is very fast, one cannot possibly read the addresses on the buildings or homes because there are cars parked along the streets everywhere. I think we counted only two homes that had actual garages or driveways. Everyone parks along the street, even leading out onto the freeways.

Traffic signals were also

quite interesting. A light will turn green and there is only enough time to let two cars go through. There are traffic lights to let cars out onto the merge lanes for the freeway. Two cars get to go on green and you better be flooring the accelerator or you'd best just pull over until...sometime next year.

The traffic signals were our first indication that something was terribly wrong with the power in San Diego our first full day in town. We were returning to our hotel from the zoo. Traffic was backed up on a main thoroughfare that had six lights for each direction. These lights were all blinking red.

We made it through this intersection just fine and we thought it was so strange that this major intersection would have a blinking red light at this time of day. However, all the lights in San Diego were blinking red at 5:30 p.m. that evening. On Monday, March 19, San Diego had over 250 traffic accidents in just intersections because a rolling blackout had hit the city.

The rolling blackouts that seized the entire region of Southern California that week were just the beginning of the problems that the state will have due to the power shortages. The issues behind the power shortages are very detailed, long and complex. The reality of the power shortage is quite disturbing...especially to people stranded in elevators. That first day, 25 people were rescued from elevators in downtown San Diego. The other folks that got stranded were able to push the doors open and crawl up to a floor to get to the stairs. It was a

mess in San Diego.

What was so incredible to us after we learned what had happened is that the state utility officials were just turning the power off along the region without warning the city and county utility officials of the where and when that the power would be shut off. Hospitals were unprepared, schools, hotels, banks and more were virtually left in the dark when the blackouts hit.

According to the news that night, the rolling blackouts were supposed to last only about thirty minutes and would then roll onto another area as the power was restored. This however, was not the case. The power stayed out over four and a half hours each day and rolled onto a new section within fifteen minutes of each outage.

We felt sorry for the business people of San Diego that had to practically shut their doors for the rest of the day when the outages hit.

Southern California, or at least San Diego, was totally unprepared for this situation.

Being in the midst of the rolling blackouts was interesting and also a wake-up call to us about how this could become the situation all over the U.S.

On a lighter note about the blackouts, we feel that we've come up with a solution for California to help with the power situation. We believe that someone should figure out how to harness the power from all those fast cars on the freeway. The speeds that some of the cars whip around on those roadways should surely be enough to light up a city!

I'll close this by warning those of you that encounter me when I'm behind the wheel of my car. I've experienced the thrill of California freeway driving and I must say, I was pretty good at it. I can whip, zip and free-flow merge with the best of them. If I cut you off in the grocery store parking lot or follow you a

little too closely on the loop around town, it's nothing personal. It's just my souvenir style of driving that I picked up on my trip to San Diego...and for some reason, I drive even better in the dark!

And a note from Mike:

A couple of additions for our Border Town Days planning.

Judy Lekovich, who operates Borderline Cuts, has agreed to be a member of our LTD committee. She and Ruth Anne Bennett will help with the parade.

And the next LTD meeting will be May 7.

Financial Focus

by Glen O'Rear

How can you create a financial strategy? You may wish to consult an investment expert, who has the tools and resources to help you develop a strategy that is suited to your individual needs. In addition, there are things you can do on your own. Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your short - and long-term financial goals -- What do you plan to do in five years? Ten years? Will you need to help your kids pay for college? What sort of retirement lifestyle to you envision for yourself? These are the questions you must ask yourself as you chart a financial strategy. You don't all the answers right away. But you do need to have a sense of where you want to go -- and what it might take to get there.

- Pay yourself first -- Once you've established some targets for how much you need to save, you'll want to take a good, hard look at your budget to see how much you can afford to put away. Once you've done that, resolve to pay yourself first. Each time you get paid, have your bank deposit some of your money into an investment vehicle, such as a growth-oriented mutual fund. You'll probably find that you don't really miss the funds that are being invested for you -- and, as your income goes up, you can put even more away.

- Build an "emergency cushion" -- Most financial experts suggest putting away at least six months' worth of living expenses in a highly liquid account, such as a money market fund. This cushion will help you cover any short-term emergencies, such as the need for a major appliance, without dipping into your long-term savings.

- Choose the appropriate invests to help you meet your goals -- Once you've built your emergency cushion, you can start to create an investment portfolio that's personalized to meet your individual goals. For instance, you may designate a particular mutual fund to help pay for college costs, while other investments, particularly IRAs and other tax-favored plans, can be used for retirement.

These basic rules should help you establish and maintain a solid, long-term savings and investment plan. Remember, you don't need to be a stock market wizard to achieve financial security. But you do need patience, discipline and common sense. If you've got these traits, you're well on your way.



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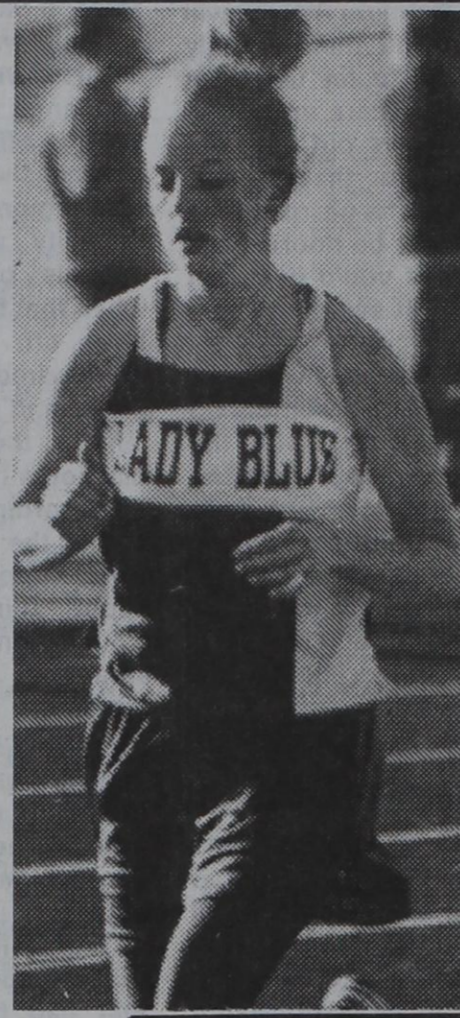
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Farwell tracksters on the run

-- Photos by J.R. Ivins --



Courthouse Notes

The Farmer County clerk's office recorded the following warranty deeds last week:

Ocwen Federal Bank - Socorro Corral, E/2, L7-8, B71, Friona.

Karen Harrelson et al - Angel Espinoza, L8, B47, Friona.

W.D. Howard - Greg Howard, SW/4, S36, Blk A, Capitol.

Rex Wells - Lonnie Busch, L10, Blk 7, Lakeview.

Joe Garcia - Ben Cantu, 20 ac N/pt S15 T7S.

Renee Erickson - Keith Bechtold, L6-7, B1, Welch Acres, Friona.

Farwell

- Monday - no school.
- Tuesday - chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, hot rolls, yogurt, milk.
- Wednesday -- pizza, tossed salad, green beans, Jello cake, milk.
- Thursday - cheeseburgers, LTOP, french fries, banana pudding, milk.
- Friday - fish, tarter sauce, mac and cheese, blackeye peas, cornbread, fruit cup, milk.

Texico

- Monday - ham, mac & cheese, carrots, crackers, fruit, milk.
- Tuesday - chalupas with salsa and jalapenos, salad, corn, chocolate pudding, milk.
- Wednesday - roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Jello, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
- Thursday - hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, french fries, fresh fruit, milk.
- Friday - corn dogs, tater tots, pickle spears, cookie, milk.

School Lunch Menus

Citizens Bank
Texico Branch

Annual ENMR Cooperative meeting scheduled in Logan

Five candidates have been nominated to vie for Position 8 for the board of directors at ENMR - Pleateau Telecommunications.

Position 8 represents the Clayton, Nara Visa and Roy exchanges. The post will be filled at the cooperative's annual meeting on April 21 at the Logan High School gymnasium.

Cooperative members also may participate through remote TV sites at the Clayton High School cafeteria, Santa Rosa High School ITV Center, and Town Hall at Clovis Community College.

Position 8 candidates are Shirley Clayton, L. Garth Boyce, Annamarie Durbin, Sherrita Fluhman, Kathryn DeLaho.

In other board elections, incumbent directors Paul Costa, Position 9, of Solano; Gilbert Ortiz, Position 10, of Villanueva, and Shafie Hindi, Position 12, of Duran, are unopposed.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m., when the business meeting begins. All members must be registered at one of the locations in order to participate in the meeting. Other activities at this year's meeting include:

- * Announcement and presentation of the 2001 scholarship winners.
- * Reports from cooperative officers, committee and staff.
- * Election of the board of directors.
- * Door prize drawings will be held, followed by lunch in the Logan High School cafeteria.

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<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Please Attend Church Services</p> <p>All times are CT unless specified</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>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>Pastor - Rob Hollis Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Rev. Mickee Mounce Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Kevin Phillips Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.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>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Loy Hardesty -- preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship; 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. In Search -- 7:30 -- Ch. 4 Sun.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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TOTAL ASSETS	\$81,123,632.19

Liabilities

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Lazbuddie School Board purchases new livestock trailer

The Lazbuddie School Board on Tuesday purchased a new livestock trailer for the ag department.

The board also:
 -- Approved the junior - senior prom at Cannon Air Force Base.
 -- Rehired all non-professional staffers.

-- Accepted the resignation of custodian Janie Nail.
 -- Canceled the school board election since there were only two candidates for the two posts. They are automatically elected.

-- Approved student transfers for next year.

-- Heard a presentation from the state-qualifying STAR event team in applied technology (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America).

They have created a research pond in the school courtyard. They dug it out, designed it, fenced it in and made sure it met legal requirements.

The project title is "The Stomp Swamp."

Team members are Julio Aguilar, Fabian Guzman, Jeffrey Phillips, Landon Parham,

Eric Magby and Tray Thorn. The state contest is April 19-21.

Obituaries

Peggy White

Graveside services for Peggy H. White, 56, of Phoenix, will be held at 11 a.m. April 12 at Bailey County Cemetery with Rev. David Symm, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat, officiating.

She died April 3 in Phoenix. She was born June 13, 1944, in Muleshoe.

Surviving are a son, Tim, of Lubbock; 3 daughters, Michelle White and Kimberley Springer, both of Winchester, Tenn.; and Edie Kalbas, of Farwell; her mother, Velma Howell, of Muleshoe; 2 sisters, Latoya Sawyer, of Buckeye, Ariz., and Shirley Adams, of Slaton, Texas; 2 brothers, James Howell, of Denton, Texas, and Dwayne Holland, of Lancaster, Ky.; and 4 grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower, Phoenix, AZ 85014.



From left, Sherry Stone, Marisela Rivera and Dixie Aleman.



From left, Heather Diaz, Tanya Cain, Christy Tarango and teacher Kye Thomas.

Texico students excel at state FCCLA meeting

Seven Texico High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members, three parents and advisor Kye Thomas attended the state leadership meeting and STAR event contests.

STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events involve members who are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills and occupational preparation. There are 17 categories.

Results were:
 Heather Diaz -- life skills, gold; chapter creed, gold; and chapter banner, gold.

Marisela Rivera -- chapter creed, gold; illustrated talk, bronze; life skills, gold; chapter banner, gold.

Dixie Aleman -- life skills, gold; chapter creed, gold; chapter banner, gold.

Christy Tarango -- artistic decoration, gold; focus on children, silver; chapter banner, gold.

Santana Sena -- chapter banner, gold; chapter service project, gold.

Sherry Stone -- chapter creed, gold; chapter banner, gold; and focus on children, silver.

Tanya Cain - chapter banner, gold; and skills for life, gold.

Mrs. Thomas thanked the New Mexico Cowbelles and ENMU for their support of the program.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries:

On April 5, Jerry Lanier, 37, Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

On April 5, David Orozco, 18, Friona, was arrested by

the sheriff's office on charges of burglary of a vehicle, theft and possession of marijuana. The case is pending in county court.

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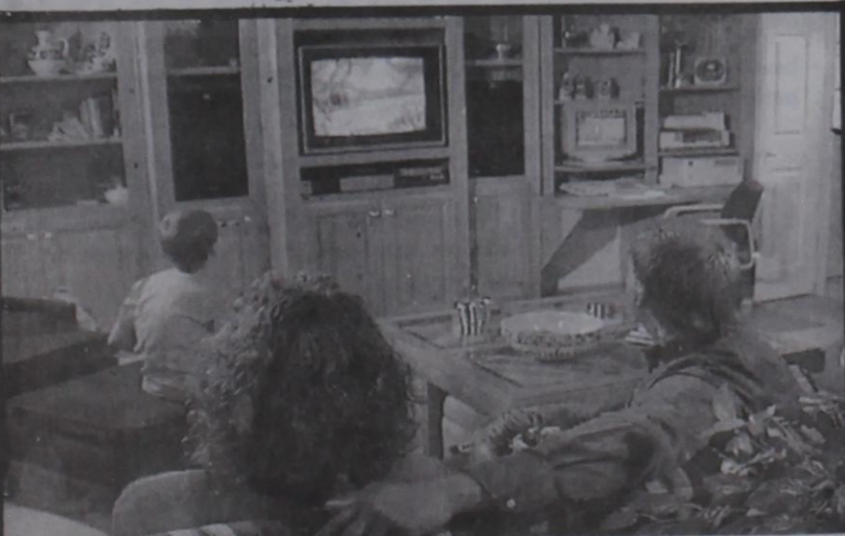
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By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.
 Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tommie Jean McGehee, deceased, were issued on April 9, 2001, in Cause No. 2469, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Raymond McGehee.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Parmer County, Texas. The post office address is:
 c/o Charles F. Aycock
 Attorney at Law
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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By Charles F. Aycock
 Attorney for the Estate
 State Bar No. 00000074

Ginger Noblett given ministerial scholarship

Ginger Noblett, a Texico High graduate and a senior at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, is one of 19 students awarded full tuition scholarships from Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. The \$36,000 ministerial scholarships are based on the whole student profile.

Ginger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Noblett, of Clovis. Her father is music minister at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

She was surprised at how this worked out since she did not initiate seeking the scholarship. Dr. Fred Meeks, chairman of Wayland's Division of Religion and Philosophy, contacted her over the winter break to ask permission to nominate her for the award.

In February, she received a letter notifying her of the award. In March, she visited the campus and was honored at an awards ceremony. She will start classes this fall, intending to pursue dual master's degrees in counseling.

Dr. Meeks said of Ginger: "Her attitude as well as aptitude have been very positive and we feel she's a good role model for other students coming in behind her. I felt she would represent Waylong well and that's important to us. ... The seminaries are unique kind of graduate schools in that they are concerned about academics but they are also interested in students who have demonstrated ability in ministry experiences. Since she had been interim youth minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Lubbock, I knew she'd fit that category."

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Texico swimming pool to be checked into

At the urging of councilman Oran Jay Autrey, the Texico City Council on Tuesday started looking into the possibility of reopening the city's swimming pool.
 The pool was closed last year due to lack of money to repair it.
 Autrey said several folks have asked that it be re-opened or town down. Councilman Doug Scioli agreed.
 But Mayor Marie Christian said it would take a lot of money to get it up to code, mentioning \$250,000. She said the city

had to get state waivers to keep it open since 1965. And the state puts a low priority on grants for swimming pools.
 Police Chief Kelley Brophy suggested checking with Cannon Air Force Base to see if those folks can help.
 The council asked councilman Dean Henninger to talk with the state environment department about possibly reopening the pool. He will report back at a future council meeting.
 In other business, the council:
 -- Agreed to continue its participation in the county DWI task force.
 -- Okayed a pickup truck purchase for the fire department.
 -- Continued discussing plans for a city hall. The question is: how to finance it.
 -- Didn't allow Guerrero and Leticia Olmos to move a mobile home into the city because it doesn't meet city codes. The council said that if it gets painted, skirting, etc., then Olmos can apply for an aesthetic review again.
 -- Heard Scioli thank all the volunteers for working at the KKR Park sprinkler installation.
 -- Heard Autrey ask that street lights at the northeast end of the city (along Craig Street) be put on the next agenda. More lights are needed there, he explained.
 -- Heard Mayor Christian report on her meeting with School Supt. R.L. Richards on a fence problem (safety hazard) on Griffin Street. Some of the fence has been removed and some more revision will be asked for, said the mayor.
 The city also may put up two more stop signs at Griffin and Mildred streets. Councilman Jeff Queener suggested the school buy these signs since they caused the problem, but it appears the city will purchase and install them.

The Latest

Farwell's Hugh Moseley won the big giveaway at the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet on Monday. He received two free airline tickets on Southwest Airlines.

The Texico Burger King -- TCBY Treats -- Auto Mart store will be closing at the end of the month when their lease expires.

The building was purchased by Allsup's Convenience Stores, and a new Allsup's store is planned there after remodeling is completed.

Paul Franse, son of Jim and Susan Franse, was honored with a Certificate of Achievement at the honors conclave at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater on April 6.

He has a 4.0 grade point average in automotive technology.

He plans to attend Mercedes Benz automotive school in Houston after graduating from TSTI in 2002.

Ralph Franse and the employees at Franse Irrigation have again attained the status of success -- earning Valmont Irrigation's President's Circle for the sixth consecutive year. They accomplished this feat by exceeding customer

Texico school board postpones decision on having a resource officer

The Texico School Board on Tuesday heard presentations from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy and Curry County Sheriff Roger Hatcher.

Both offered to supply the school with a school resource officer.

In a recent Tribune, Brophy detailed how a 3-year federal grant would allow for a school officer, and explained the benefits of this.

The board made no decision after hearing the two presentations. They plan to call a special meeting to decide whether to accept either offer, or to reject both.

In other business, the board:
 -- Heard Supt. R.L. Richards say that he plans to attend a county commissioner meeting to discuss improving some county roads to allow for better usage by school buses.
 The state can give money to counties for such work, he said.
 Richards asked that any parents who have views on improving the county roads their children travel on to contact him immediately at 482-3801.

-- Heard that new state rules mandate that drivers of suburban for school events need special training.
 -- Set a deadline of May 10 for bids for the new gym construction project.
 -- Continued discussions of the personnel leave policy. The staff is continuing to get info on this.

EMS Report

The Farwell ambulance transported persons from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Muleshoe hospital on April 10 and to Clovis hospital on April 4.

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Manuela Soto and Luis Ruiz.

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Franse was appointed to the Chairman's Circle, which is the highest honor given by Valmont.

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The Wolverines Little Dribblers Shootout will be April 18-21 at Texico School with two divisions for boys and girls -- 10 and under, and 12 and under.

There's a 3-game guarantee. It costs \$40 per team. Monday is the deadline.

Call Richard Luscombe at 482-3305 or 482-9112, or Glynna Martin at 482-9520 or 762-8952.

Word has been received of the death of Julius Trauer, of Plainview.

He was the grandfather of Tamara Cooper, of Farwell.

The Farwell School Board on Tuesday approved the annual tax on vehicles, approved student transfers and accepted the resignation of Sharon Martin, special education assistant.

Supt. Larry Gregory said that next year, Dawn Hill will move from the junior high to the high school to teach math and science.

And Jo Lynda Lusk, who taught part-time at the high school this year, will teach math fulltime at the junior high next year.

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Gene Ann Grant, from Region 16 Educational Service Center, will speak on parental and student rights.

It will be a very informative meeting. Please plan to attend. A light supper, an interpreter, and child care will be provided.

ATENCION PADRES DE ESTUDIANTES EN EDUCACION ESPECIAL

Vamos a tener una Junta por Padres, Jueves, Abril 19th a la seis p.m. en la sala de Friona ISD.

Gene Ann Grant, de Region 16 Centro de Servicios Educativo, va bablar sobre derechos de padres y estudiantes.

Va ser una junta muy informativo. Favor de aser planes para atender. Una sena ligera, un interprete y alguien para cuidad a los ninos va ser proveido.

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 stalling "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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