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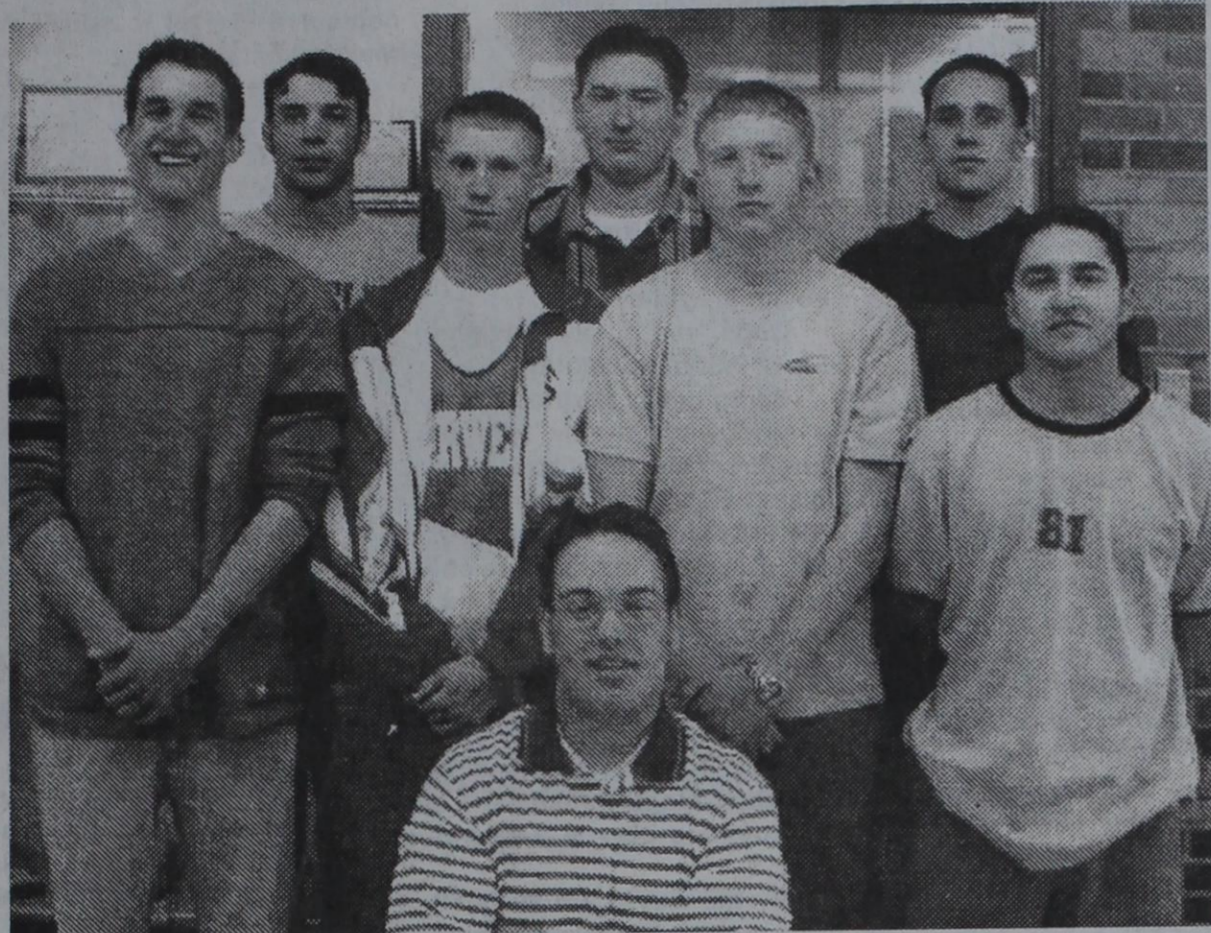
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Making the trip to Austin as pages were, back row from left, Casey Meeks, Luke Schwertner, Cody Schilling; middle row, Gage Gregory, Landon Meeks, Gaylen Sudderth, Adrian Ancira; front row, Tyler Scott. Sponsor was Gene Christian. Anne Norton coordinated the trip. Paying for the trip were Franse Irrigation, Wilbur Ellis, State Line Tribune, Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, Farwell High, Texico-Farwell Rotary Club, W.M. Roberts and Sherley-Anderson-Pitman.

Eight Farwell High students work as pages at Texas legislative session

From Cody Schilling:

On March 13, eight young men from Farwell High got the chance to go to Austin and be honorary pages at the House of Representatives -- Casey Meeks, Landon Meeks, Tyler Scott, Gage Gregory, Cody Schilling, Adrian Ancira, Luke Schwertner and Gaylen Sudderth.

It was a great opportunity for us to learn more about how the legislature works and it gave us a new understanding on how much work our representatives really do.

In the morning, we were able to take a tour of the Capitol Building and the Governor's Mansion. We also were able to sit in on part of the session that morning. We ate lunch at Speaker Laney's apartment and then our work began.

We helped the regular pages for part of the afternoon. This consisted of picking up mail at one office and taking it to another. The Capitol did not seem near as big in the beginning as it did after we had walked to some of the offices in the Capitol Extension.

After we finished working, we had the chance to climb to the top of the Capitol Building. And I do mean climb. We must have gone up hundreds of stairs.

This privilege of being an Honorary Page was fun and also a great learning experience. It is amazing the amount of activity that takes place in the Capitol and also the great size of the underground extension.

This trip also gave us all a greater respect for those who work for us in Austin. We would like to also thank all the businesses and individuals in Farwell who helped make this possible. If it were not for the support of this community, we would not have been able to participate in this.

gal complications kept Hassell from taking that last walk for nearly a year.

Judge Reese Tatum was scheduled to pronounce the final sentence at Farwell on Jan. 9, 1928, but Sheriff J.H. Martin delayed bringing the prisoner to court until an escort of Texas rangers arrived.

"I'm not expecting any trouble but I'm not taking any chances, either," Martin said. "Governor Dan Moody assured me immediately after the death sentence was affirmed by the higher court the state would furnish ranger protection when the case came up in Farwell again and I am going to take advantage of his offer."

Attorney Russell stated that no move would be made to enter a plea of insanity at the hearing, adding, "I have no desire to see the prisoner again."

On the following day, State Rangers Moore and Purvis arrived and Hassell was brought before Judge Tatum. Asked if had anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed against him, Hassell merely made a polite request that his watch, ring and clothes be returned to him. The judge delivered the sentence of death and set the date of Friday, Feb. 10.

"Thank you, your honor," Hassell responded, smiling. He was returned immediately to the Plainview jail.

His carefree attitude and indifference to his impending fate persisted. Numerous visitors came to the jail to have a look at him as he weaved small table doilies, which he sold to visitors. He also read frequently from his Bible.

After 10 days, Hassell was driven to Huntsville by Sheriff Martin and Deputy P.D. Marsfelder. He seemed in high spirits as he returned to death row, clasping the hands of the other inmates and saying he was glad to be back.

There was no change in his calm demeanor as the appointed day approached. He continued to eat heartily. His lack of concern was not shared by Governor Moody.

Early in February, Moody sent Dr. W.J. Johnson, superintendent of the State Mental Hospital at San Antonio and Dr. C.K. Standefer, head of the State Hospital at Austin, to examine the prisoner. A sanity test was held in the cell on Feb. 7. The alienists returned to Austin with the report that Hassell "had knowledge of the nature, quality and wrong-

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Chimes back on

The chimes are back on at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell.

Last week, Rev. Kevin Phillips had turned off the popular chimes, a longtime Farwell landmark, because of a complaint.

A Farwell resident living within a block of the church told Farwell Police Chief Robert Achterberg that he was tired of listening to the chimes and they were disturbing his peace, said Achterberg.

And if the chimes were not turned off, the man said he would file a complaint in Farwell Municipal Court, the police chief added.

So Achterberg sent a letter to the Methodist Church asking that they tone down the music outside the building so it would comply with the city's disorderly conduct ordinance.

So Phillips did so. But on

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Hassell: 'I have made my confession to God and man'

(Editor's note: The Tribune has received permission from the Amarillo newspaper to reprint the four-part series on Parmer County's most infamous tragedy.)

By the time the Whittier victims were found, Hassell was on death row at Huntsville.

"It all seems like a dream to me now," he told a reporter. "But I know it's not a dream, that I am going through that door in a few weeks." As he indicated the neighboring chamber in which the electric chair was housed, a technician went inside. "If you see any spooks in there, tell them I'll soon be with them," Hassell called out. He scoffed at the idea of an insanity plea. "I don't think there's anything to it. I was never sick in my life, never had a serious injury, and neither of my parents were crazy. I'm not afraid to die. I could take a seat in there now as easily as sitting down in a barber chair"

Although the governor denied clemency and Hassell made no move to make a last-minute appeal, he was not destined to keep his first appointment in the death chamber. An insanity plea, filed by his sister from Crockett, brought about a stay of execution on Feb. 21. Further le-

Chief Brophy explains how Texico School 'gun' incident was handled

A recent "joke" at Texico Schools resulted in a special meeting held March 22 at the Texico Community Center where Police Chief Kelley Brophy spoke to four adults.

A Texico 8th grade boy, living in Clovis, was expelled by school officials due to the incident. Here's what occurred, explained Brophy:

During a discussion in class about gangs, the boy said to the teacher that he wanted to bring two guns to school, one to give to the teacher to hold while he used the other to shoot people, said Brophy. After the boy would finish shooting, then he wanted the teacher to shoot him.

"He had a plan," noted Brophy.

The day after the discussion, the teacher told Texico Junior High Principal Rick Stanley. City police were called and the boy was taken into custody before school began.

Brophy said no charges were filed against the boy since the "threat" was not reported until the next day, and that the incident did not cause a school disturbance. He used state guidelines in handling this.

A check of the boy's home in Clovis uncovered weapons there, but none in his room, said Brophy. "We searched his room, but found no guns, no notes."

Brophy said the incident probably was a joke but since it happened the day after a California school shooting, it was taken seriously. "We have no tolerance for this."

The same day as the student was removed from school, Brophy said there were six incidents involving school children at other schools in New Mexico -- and four more were reported the following day.

"I told the child that if it had been a crime and could have been proved, I would have charged him," said the police chief.

In other matters discussed by Brophy:

-- The federal government has approved 100 percent funding for a school resource officer at Texico Schools for three years. Brophy stressed that there would be no cost to the city or school.

The school board must approve accepting an officer. Brophy had asked the board last year to do so but the board had declined. He plans to attend the next school board meeting and ask the board to okay the officer this time (see related story on Page 9). Brophy also asked Texico residents to contact school board members in support.

Having an officer in the school would "be a useful tool," said Brophy. He added that an officer could teach a criminal justice class at Texico Schools.

-- He stressed the importance of folks contacting the city police anytime a crime takes place. Pointing out that spray painting and vandalism occurs, he said "call us!" Brophy noted, "We won't tolerate crime in our community."

-- After hearing a complaint from Craig Walls about speeders on North State Line Road, Brophy said a traffic survey would be done there. He also will push for street lights to be installed in the area. The problem of State Line Road as being between two states was noted.

-- Bernadette Askew suggested another 4-way stop is needed near her home in the 700 block of Lamar Street. Mrs. Askew also praised Brophy, saying the town is much safer since he became police chief three years ago. She said the city police are always visible.

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

One of these days I will finally be right

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I do believe that baseball is just around the corner.

As you know, I enjoy making sports predictions. And I don't mind saying that my percentage of shots called isn't too flabby.

But there seems to be one annual prediction that I make that hasn't quite made the grade yet.

No problem. I'm not a quitter. So here goes again (for the 48th straight year):

The Chicago Cubs will be in the World Series this year.

Notice I didn't write "win" the World Series. Just to see the Wrigleys earn a spot in the October Classic is more than good enough for me.

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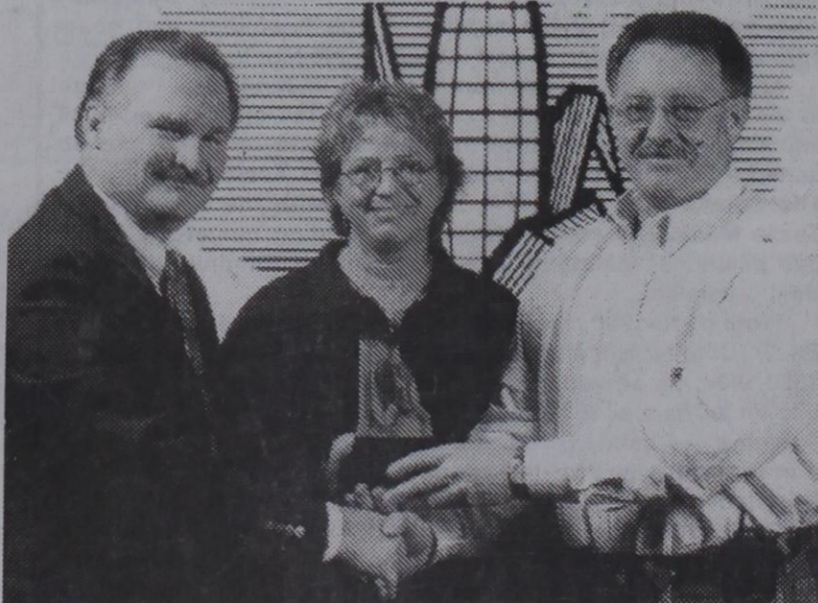
Farwell play advances

Farwell's One-Act Play, "What I Did Last Summer" is still in the running.

On Monday at Sudan, Farwell and Whiteface were zone district contest winners, and now advance to the Area Contest at Lubbock Christian University on April 7.

At the zone contest, named to the All-Star Cast were Gage Gregory and Ashley Joplin. Taylor Nichols was named Honorable Mention.

Norton named state winner



D.P. Norton Farms, of Farwell, was recognized as a state winner in the 2000 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). From left, Fred Yoder, an NCGA Corn Board member, made the presentation to Pam and David Norton during the Commodity Classic held Feb. 25-27 in San Antonio.

David Norton was named a state winner in the 2000 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association.

He placed first in the state in the Ridge Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 225.638 bushels per acre. The hybrid planted in the winning field was Pioneer 33A14.

He was one of 507 state winners from among 3,552 entrants nationwide.

The majority of the winners were east of the Mississippi River due to better growing conditions last year.

State winners used 159 different hybrids to produce an average yield of 207.5 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last year's winning yield average.

The high yield was 357.5 bushels per acre, in Iowa.

Hassell murders

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fulness of his acts and we do not believe these acts were uncontrollable. He has very little education, but is with a general intelligence commensurate with his environment. He cannot definitely be declared insane, feeble-minded or epileptic."

Hassell's neighbors on death row became visibly depressed when they learned that Moody would not intervene. They had come to depend upon his unflinching cheerfulness. As the hour of execution drew near, Hassell joked with Robert Lee Benton of Crosbyton, who was scheduled to die on the same night, as to which of them would go first. A guard asked Hassell what he could do to make the last hours pleasant.

"The last 12 months have been the happiest of my life," Hassell told him. He paused as though to sort out the reason. "I've had plenty to eat and nobody to bother me." Asked if he wanted religious solace, he shook his head. "I've read my Bible and I find that I have committed one of the worst sins."

Warden Speer, who visited Hassell often, said, "He seems a curious mixture of a man without hope and yet not dejected -- he is merely unruffled." Speer asked Hassell what he would like for his last meal.

"I wouldn't think of putting you to the trouble of making

extra preparations for me," was the reply. "The regular meals have been fine." Supper consisted of bacon, fried potatoes, stewed pruned, baked beans, coffee, milk and toast. It was eaten with enthusiasm.

The prison physician, Dr. E.L. Angier, searching for a key to Hassell's mind asked after supper why Hassell decided to kill his wife. "I saw the hammer on the floor beside the bed," Hassell said. "I grabbed struck her on the head twice. I don't know what came over me. I wish somebody would tell me why I did it."

Just after midnight Friday, Feb. 10, Hassell emerged from his cell and walked to the execution chamber. His cousin accompanied him part of the way his two sisters remained at a hotel in town, praying. As he approached the chair he swayed a little, then suddenly faced around.

The 25 witnesses waited breathlessly, believing that at last they might hear an explanation of this man who killed without emotion and whose happiest hours were spent in the shadow of death.

"I'd like to announce to the world that I am ready to meet my God," Hassell said, clasping his hands. "I have made my confession to God and man. Man has misunderstood some of it, but God has not. That is all."

He seated himself, becoming the 37th official occupant of this particular chair in its

seven-year history. He was strapped down and a hood was placed over his shaven head. Warden Speer stepped behind a shielding partition and, at 12:23, closed the switch that sent the first of three shocks through the body. The only part of the face that showed, the nose, reddened with each charge. The hood was removed, revealing a scarlet ring around the shaven head.

Eight minutes passed before the doctor concluded his examination and pronounced Hassell dead. Hassell left behind many questions, but carried the answers to his grave.

Sheriff's Report

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

On March 24, Jeffrey Rando, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The case is pending in county court.

Chimes

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Sunday, the chimes were back.

Phillips said that since no formal complaint has been made to a court, which would decide whether the music constituted a disturbance, the church would keep playing the chimes.

"We have no legal obligation to turn them off," he added.

Banter

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Anyway, the odds are with me. Surely, one of these years they will make it. I mean, if you keep spinning the wheel year after year, with only a limited amount of teams, the pointer will end up with the Cubbies.

At least one would think so -- especially in the old days when there were only eight teams in each league. That will teach me to be logical!

Anyway, you can take it from me -- the North Siders will be taking the field come October. Trust me.

With Slammin' Sammy Sosa back in the fold, and happy with a new contract, the Cubbies have it all.

All, that is, except for pitching. But, heck, who needs pitching to win, right?

I know some of you long-time readers are used to seeing me make this prediction. But we have new subscribers periodically, and they need to understand the Cubs' mystique, also.

Folks, there is no team followed throughout the U.S. of A. like the Cubbies. When

they play in some stadiums, like Arizona and Montreal, more folks root for the Cubs than the home teams.

It's a never say die attitude, I guess.

And when you go to the Cubs' home park, you don't go to see if the Cubs will win. Everyone knows they won't. What you go for is the ambience of the stadium -- ivy-covered Wrigley Field.

Oops, did I say "Wrigley Field"? Shut my mouth.

Being newly married, I had a sit-down with my wife on our first day together to explain the history of the Cubs, the stadium, etc. My talk took several hours but I'm sure she was fascinated by what I had to say, since she is a West Texan.

Anyway, I stressed that the proper name for the ball park is "the friendly confines of beautiful Wrigley Field."

Anything else is a misnomer.

By the way, I am available as a guest speaker, whose specialty is the Chicago Cubs, for any Texico-Farwell groups that need me.

I'm surprised that neither the Texico or Farwell Chambers of Commerce haven't contacted me yet to speak at their annual banquets.

Probably next year...

Okay, folks, let's get your tickets now!

The Farwell and Texico Chambers of Commerce banquets are just around the corner and tickets are available now.

Please get your tickets early for these two special occasions.

Many businesses in the Twin Cities have tickets ready for you.

And both Chambers will have some great speakers.

At the Farwell Chamber, the official Texas state photographer will give a tremendous slide show.

And our very own Joe and Gwen Hughes will speak at the Texico Chamber on their experience of decorating at the Rose Parade.

For complete details on the two banquets, see the stories elsewhere in today's Tribune.

Obituaries

Paul Fortenberry

Paul Fortenberry, 83, of San Antonio, died March 23 at Merrill Gardens there.

He was born Dec. 16, 1917, in Cooke County, Texas, and raised in Happy, Texas. He married Movelda Vernon on June 16, 1942, in Louisville, Ky.

He served in the Army and was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Friona and was a 32nd degree Mason.

He served as president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and was in the grain and cattle business in Friona.

He was an original stockholder of Friona Industries, and served as Parmer County judge for five years.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Don, of Odessa; a daughter, Paula Sturm, of San Antonio; 2 sisters, Fern Spear and Lonas Wright, both of Happy, and 4 grandchildren.

Services were Monday at the First Baptist Church of Friona with the Rev. Steve Vernon officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

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Warren G. Harding

Warren Gamaliel Harding, a resident of Boerne, Texas, passed away on March 9, 2001, at the age of 78 years.

He was born May 17, 1922, in Texico, New Mexico, of Nathan R. and Ethel Harding. He, with his parents and his brothers, moved to Texas, south of Farwell in 1931, where he completed grade school at West Camp and graduated from Farwell High School in 1938 at the age of 16 years. He was pre-deceased by his parents and one brother, J.D. Harding.

Warren attended Eastern New Mexico University, attaining a B.A. degree in government and mathematics. Thereafter on Nov. 12, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was commissioned as an officer, serving in World War II as a Lt (JG) in the South Pacific as an Assistant Gunnery Officer with the Commander of the Third Amphibious Forces and Liaison Officer, being detached to the U.S. Marines as a gunnery officer with the 9th Regiment, and participated in the invasion of Guam, the Leyte Gulf invasion, and the Philippines Islands Liberation. He likewise was board ship and present at the signing of the hostilities and peace agreement with Japan to end the war in the Pacific.

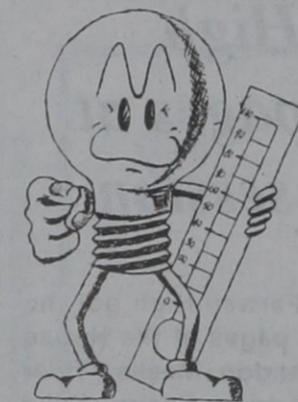
After being discharged from the Navy in June 1946, he taught in the Texico High School system in the fall of 1946 and 1947, and entered Texas Tech in the spring semester 1948, and obtained a Master's Degree while working as Assistant Registrar. Thereafter, from 1956-1970, he served with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, holding numerous executive positions, including Vice President for Administration and Health Services.

From 1970-1980, he served as the Executive Director of the Bexar County Hospital District in San Antonio, Texas. From 1980-1984, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Texas Systems at Austin, Texas. Among his duties was the presentation of the Budgets for the various Medical Schools to the State Legislative Committees for their consideration and approval.

While attending Texas Tech, in 1949 he married Dorothy L. Paul, daughter of Rupert H. and Edna Paul, of Texico, New Mexico. He leaves surviving: his wife of 52 years; three daughters, Paula Long, Ann Barr and husband David, Kay Clarke and husband Ewell, and one son, Bob Harding and wife Debra; nine grandchildren; and two brothers, Nathan Harding and Hurshel Harding.

He was an active member of the Boerne, Texas, First Baptist Church, and was a Rotarian and member of the Masonic Lodge. Funeral services were held at his church in Boerne on March 13, 2001.

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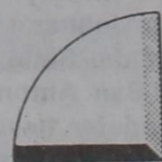
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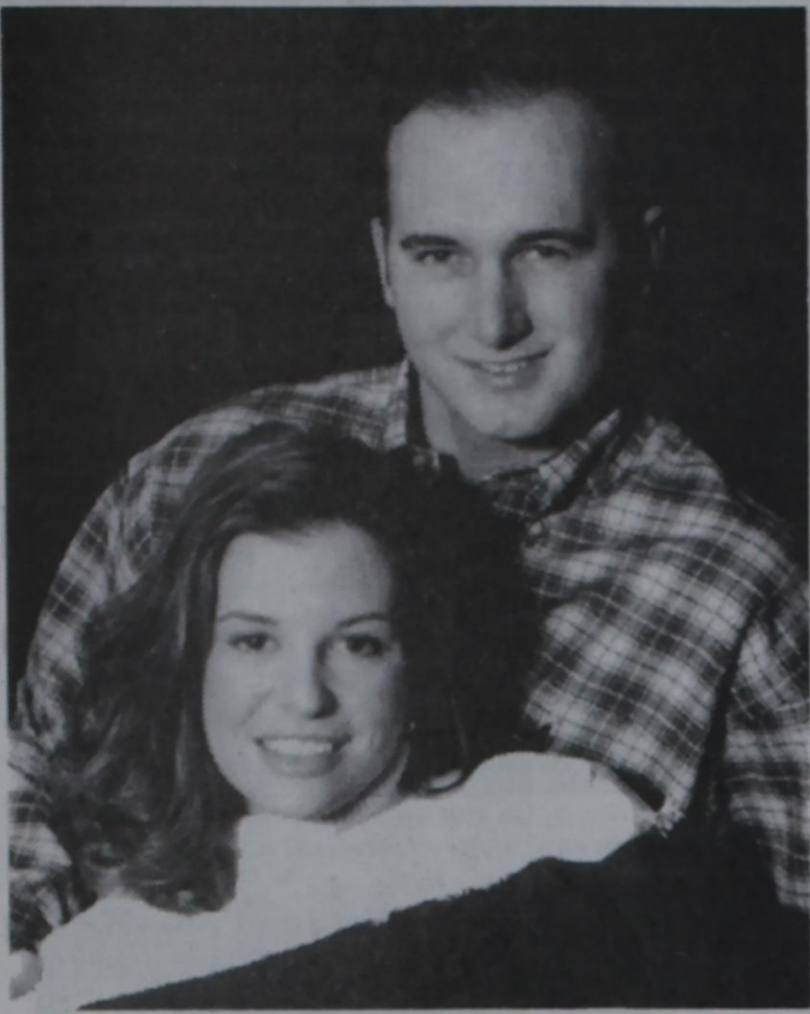
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Approaching marriage

Dale and Debbie Gallman, of Bovina, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Joy Smith, to Guy Wayne Nickels, son of Nicky and Debbie Nickels, of Lazbuddie. Kimberly and Guy are 1996 graduates of Lazbuddie High School. Kimberly is a 3rd grade teacher at Grape Creek Schools, and Guy is employed by Angelo Building Specialties in San Angelo, Texas. The couple will wed on June 2 at Trinity Christian Church in Muleshoe. They plan to make their home in the Muleshoe area.

Texico JH honor rolls announced

The Texico Junior High honor rolls for the 3rd nine weeks have been announced:

- All A's:
- 6th grade - Mikayla Cherry, Cole Dawkins, Buddy Jorde.
- 7th grade: Taryn Allen, Skyla Cockerham, Kelli Dunnahoe, Sarah Johnson, Lori Richardson, Aaron Vaughan.
- 8th grade: Logan Brown, Trent Crow, Tyler Marks, Garett Mayfield, Josh Pena, Braden Vaughan.
- A-B Honor Roll:
- 6th grade: Sterling Bowers, Adilene Estrada, Robert Fuentes, Zandi Queener, Bryan Reeser, Paul Salguero, Anjelica Serna, Bobby Snider, Wacey Williams.
- 7th grade: Brandie Abernathy, Erika Autrey, Nicki Autrey, Ricky Burns, Diego Munoz, Mollie Peterson, Logan Potts, Lacy Price, Michael Sena, Cassie Smith, Rafael Vidal, Isaac Zarate.
- 8th grade: Michele de Maio, Nathan Foust, Joshua Franse, Brette Hadley, Aubrey Hill, Ashley Kidd, Ashley Littlejohn, Jason Manasco, Rachel Reed, Gabriel Sena, Blake Smith, Seneca Turner, Mirna Vasquez, Natalie Walton.

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Farwell FFA team places at San Antonio

The Farwell FFA Range Plant identification team took 2nd and 3rd at the San Angelo stock show contest, reports ag teacher Jon Cullison.

The second place team consisted of Waylong Bowery, Curt Christian, Shelby Teltschik and Ty Gonser.

On the third place team were Mark White, Trey Laverty and Angela Billingsley.



Bowery was 3rd high individual, and Teltschik was 5th high individual.

Also, Laverty showed an 8th place lightweight OPB barrow at the San Angelo stock show.



Gregory named

Gage Gregory, left, was named Farwell High School's Boys State Delegate, and Casey Meeks was named alternate. Due to prior commitments, Gage will not be attending, so Casey will. Boys State will be held June 2-8 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Vandiver, Howard take firsts in Lockney Track Meet

The Farwell Junior High Lady Blue 8th grade tracksters placed 2nd with 72 points at the Lockney Track Meet on March 16-17. It was shorted due to the weather. Results were:

- High jump - Vandiver, 3rd.
- Long jump - Vandiver, 1st; Cargile, 6th.
- Triple jump - Christian, 4th; Cargile, 6th.
- 400 relay - Saenz, Cargile, Barnes and Vandiver, 4th.
- 100 dash - DeLeon, 3rd; Adams, 4th.
- 300 hurdles - Cargile, 3rd.
- 200 dash - Adams, 2nd; DeLeon, 5th.
- 1600 run - Howard, 1st; Street, 2nd.

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The Latest

Important note:

One of the major businesses that contributes to the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show was inadvertently left off their ad that was brought to the Tribune last week.

Parmer County Cotton Growers Inc. is a major contributor to the show.

South Plains College wildlife management class students, including Brice Redwine from Lazbuddie, had a firsthand look at wildlife on an educational tour in March of the Welder Wildlife Foundation, the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

Clovis School teacher Keith Ingram, author of "Suprise, Teachers Come from the Human Race," will speak at the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 9 at the Friona Community Center at 7 p.m.

It's time for the start of planning for this year's Border Town Days.

The organizational meeting for the BTD Committee will be at 7:30 p.m. cdt at BJ's Diner in Texico on Monday, April 2.

Everyone is invited, not just committee members.

Folks who would like to participate in this year's efforts, or who have ideas or

suggestions, are urged to attend.

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday to wrap up plans for this year's annual banquet.

All is right on schedule. ESA Sorority will decorate the community center with a Texas theme, and Beta Sigma Phi will serve hors d'oeuvres.

All former and current Farwell School Board members will be honored as special guests this year.

The steaks have been ordered. Oppliger Feed Yard was thanked for helping with this expense.

There will be a meeting for all parents and players interested in the Babe Ruth Baseball League on April 1 at 8 p.m. at the Bailey County Electric Cooperative meeting room, 305 E. Ave. B, Muleshoe.

The league is for baseball players ages 13, 14 and 15.

For more information, call Ruth Owen at (806) 925-6613.

You can also sign up for this league through the Farwell Little League.

An addition:

Josh Johnson, a Texico High junior, made the A-B honor roll at Texico School for the last grading period. He was inadvertently left off the list published last week.

Virgil Reed, of Clovis, who owns the building housing Barb's Cafe in Farwell, was the topic of a recent Clovis

News Journal story.

After reading the history of the Mansfield mausoleum, which houses a murdered 23-year-old girl, Reed fixed up the structure on a voluntary basis.

The mausoleum is at the Mission Garden of Memories Cemetery in Clovis.

Virginia Loera called to say she had inadvertently left off some folks to thank in her ad in last week's Tribune thanking folks for helping raise her bail money for Muscular Dystrophy.

She also wanted to thank Ted Lopez, of Tedson Trailers in Texico, plus Dr. Ploudre, Rose Romero and Tony Chavez, all of Clovis.

Seeking three posts on the Bovina School Board are Joe Steelman, Isabel Carrasco, Justin Brozek, Vicente Terrones, George Villarreal, and Joshua Gonzales.

It's a Girl

Alexis McKae Ortiz was born on March 11 to April and Jeremy Ortiz, of Pace, Fla.

She weighed 6 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. and was 20" long. She has a sister, Micah.

Grandparents are Gerald and Karan Stout, Farwell; and Brenda and Fuji Ortiz, Dumas, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Merle and Ruby Cook, of Kansas; Betty and Marion Stout, of Kansas; Evelyn Goldsmith, of Dumas; Martha Ortiz, of Clovis; Sonny Ortiz, of Texico, and Dottie Goldsmith, of Andrews, Texas.

KKR Park sprinkler installed



Josh Johnson was among the volunteers helping with the pipe installation.



Ryan Autrey helps dig out the trenches for the new sprinkler system being installed at KKR Park in Texico.

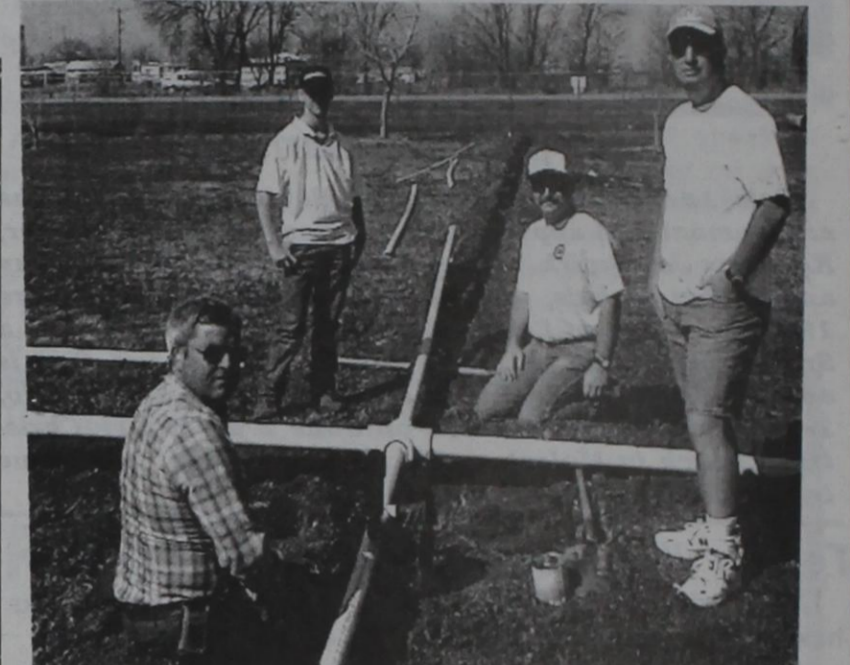
Adult computer course set

Farwell High School instructor Jimmie Mace is again offering an Adult Computer Class.

It will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks from 7 to 9:30 at Farwell High starting April 5.

It will cover Windows 98, Office 2000, Word, Excel, Power Point and E-Mail.

The cost is \$100. To sign up, call 481-3351 days.



Among the workers at KKR Park were Oran Jay Autrey, Kelley Brophy, Doug Scioli and John Swerczek.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

K. Barnett & Sons, Inc., would like to provide the following update on the road construction on U.S. 60/70/84. All four lanes of traffic on Highway 60/70/84 are open. Our construction crews will continue to work on the roadway with one lane closures during the daylight hours. We will continue to do this until the final top lift is placed on the roadway.

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience during the construction. We would appreciate your continued caution when driving through the construction area. Please watch for our crew members and flaggers as you drive through the work zone.

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Reading Recovery

Farwell Elementary School students who successfully completed the Reading Recovery program were, from left, Jessica Reyes, Brooke Williams, Keila Jennings and Heather Stover.

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<p><i>First Baptist Church of Farwell</i></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 style="text-align: center;">Please Attend Church Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All times are CT unless specified</i></p>	<p><i>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</i></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><i>Lariat Church of Christ</i></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><i>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</i></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><i>First Baptist Church of Texico</i></p> <p>Pastor - Rob Hollis Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p><i>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</i></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><i>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</i></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><i>Assembly of God Church, Texico</i></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><i>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</i></p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p><i>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</i></p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Farwell Church of Christ</i></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><i>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</i></p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p><i>New Light Baptist Church</i></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><i>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</i></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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Courthouse Notes

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

- Melissa Cantu - Jose Garcia, TR 20 acr N Pt S15 T7S R2E Capitol.
- Harvey Hudnall -- Sue Harmon et al, N/2 S57 Blk H Thomas Kelly.
- Carol Ellis - Harold McCallum, Lots 1-2, Blk 4, Bovina.
- Charlotte Kaminski et al - Richard Steelman, NE/4 N/2 SE/4 S6 T6S R3E Capitol.
- Arturo Aguilar - Marcos Cruz, Lots 7-8, B85 Friona.
- Sharla Ruland - Heriverito Galaviz Jr., N 62.5' L41 B1 Western Add.
- Charles Sanders - Guy Sanders, Lot 10, B32, Friona.

Farwell Country Club holds season opener

The Season Opener Golf Tourney was held last weekend at the Farwell Country Club. Results were:

- Championship flight - Taylor Cameron and Brad O'Hara, 127, 1st; Greg Trujillo and Jon Leal, 130, 2nd; Kyle Kimbrough and Terry Steinbock, 132, 3rd.
- First flight - Pat Cordova and Angel Martinez, 135, 1st; Sterling Sasser and Dale Shaw, 136, 2nd; Spencer Harrell and John Harris, 138, 3rd.
- Second flight - Larry Powell Jr. and Tom Beekman, 142, 1st; Greg Actkinson and Larry Aldridge, 142, 2nd; Richard Trujillo and Randy Missildine, 143, 3rd.
- Third flight - Terry Mulligan and Ronnie Harris, 153, 1st; Bruce Scroggins and Sam Jenkins, 154, 2nd; Ronnie Romero and Chad Reed, 157, 3rd.



The Roy Hardesty family

Hardesty to preach at gospel meeting

Roy D. Hardesty will be in Farwell April 1 through 4 at the 5th Street Church of Christ for a gospel meeting.

He is a graduate of the Sunset School of Biblical Studies in Bixby, Okla., and Lubbock. He preached regularly at several congregations in Northeast Oklahoma and Kansas during his internship with the Downtown Bixby Church of Christ.

He is married to Amanda King, of Childress, Texas. They have a son, Luke, who will be 2 on April 8.

Roy and his family moved to Meade, Kan., in January. Meade is unique in that Roy's great-grandparents farmed there. His grandfather graduated from high school and his father also attended school there for a time.

Roy and Amanda are graduates of Childress High School. Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Hardesty, of Farwell. Loy is the local preacher for the 5th Street Church of Christ.

The gospel meeting is open to all.

- Texico**
- Monday - frito pie, salad, corn, fruit, milk.
 - Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruit, garlic bread or bread sticks, milk.
 - Wednesday - country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
 - Thursday - chicken patty on bun, french fries, lettuce, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.
 - Friday - pizza, tater tots, carrot sticks, cookie, milk.

- Farwell**
- Monday - corn dogs, french fries, dill spears, chocolate chip cookie, pear half, milk.
 - Tuesday - pizza, tossed salad, green beans, apricot cobbler, milk.
 - Wednesday - sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot rolls, honey, peach half, milk.
 - Thursday - sub sandwich, lettuce leaf, chips, fruit salad, peanut butter cookie, milk.
 - Friday - BBQ on bun, french fries, baked beans, banana pudding, milk.

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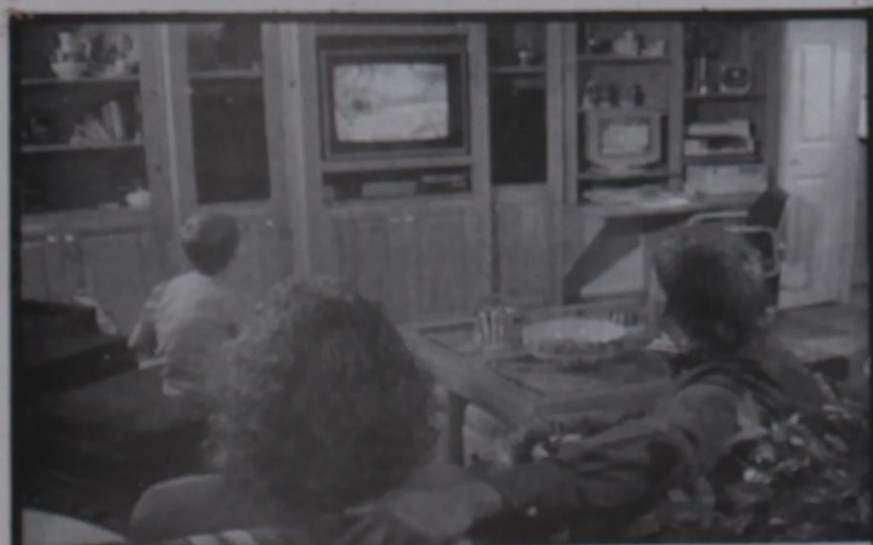
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Mark Williams travels to Turkey

by Teresa Mesman

It's 5 a.m. The sun is just beginning to rise in the east. The birds are stirring and one local farmer is awakened by the sounds of the land.

It's the Muslim call to prayer in Istanbul, Turkey and Mark Williams is half-way around the world waking up in this ancient land of Biblical history, exotic fruits, nuts and cotton.

As a part of the Cotton Council International (CCI), Mark Williams of Farwell, was representing American cotton growers on the council that serves as the export and promotion arm of the National Cotton Council. The CCI members traveled to Turkey to meet with Turkish textile executives to discuss the benefits of buying U.S. cotton to use in their textile mills.

Mark explained that Turkey is just one of many foreign export opportunities for American cotton. Turkey is the sixth largest producer of cotton. The country produces approximately 3.6 million bales each year, but they use 5.4 million bales. In 1999, Turkey was second, behind Mexico, in importing cotton.

Because of this fact, Mark and the other representatives of the CCI traveled to three key sites in Turkey for the textile executive meetings and mill tours. At each site, 75-80 executives were present and the CCI presentations were given through the use of interpreters. Headphones were available for everyone to listen to the presentations in English. Mark commented that a good many of those present spoke perfect English, however.

The round-table discussions were what were most interesting to Mark.

"Listening to and participating in the discussions with these people makes one quickly realize that cotton growers all across the world are in much the same situation with growing conditions, market prices and selling opportunities," Mark explained. "The opportunity for global selling is definitely available for American cotton growers and we must take every effort to effectively represent our product to these countries."

The conferences were held in Istanbul, Gazientep and Kahramanmaras. In Gazientep, there are 35 textile mills and in Kahramanmaras, there are 64 mills. Executives from each of these mills were present at the conferences, which were deemed as "very productive" by the CCI representatives.

While cotton prices are low for growers and there has been a global slowdown in the textile business, establishing and maintaining contact with these opportunities is to the United States' advantage.

"Our aim is to be the first country these nations think of when making an import decision when things get better in the industry," Mark stated.

U.S. Cotton is definitely the most compatible with the quality of cotton that is grown in Turkey. A medium staple quality is the majority of what is grown throughout the Turkish countryside.

While traveling through the countryside to each conference, Mark was impressed with what he saw in the ways of irrigation, growing and harvesting.

There is a 100 x 100 mile valley of farms that is totally irrigated by watered by dams built on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. All cotton harvests are done by hand by Kurdish migrants.

"Several years ago, a modern mechanical cotton picker was brought into a field to be harvested and the Kurds burned it to the ground before it could be used," Mark said. "They take the job of cotton picking very seriously. They set up nomadic style tents alongside the fields they are picking. They use burlap sacks and hand tie the bundles of cotton."

Mark was amazed at the range of harvesting techniques he witnessed. He states that he saw everything from pre-Biblical to the most modern advances.

One of the most interesting harvesting sites he saw was in a corn field outside of Gazientep. There was a tall healthy stand ready for harvest. A modern, European combine was going through. This was then followed by groups of people, hand gleaning. They were followed by small herds of cows and goats to eat the remaining scraps. When the animals were done, the field was completely burned. This entire process was done in one day. This was the standard way of harvesting corn. Not one kernel went to waste.

The wheat crops are also sewn by hand by the Kurds. The Turkish pride themselves on utilizing their resources



Almost every building in Istanbul is outfitted with solar powered water heaters. The advances in solar energy are being adapted more and more in structures throughout Turkey as a low cost and conservative energy source.



The Kurds are cotton pickers throughout Turkey. Shown is one group on the edge of a cotton field taking a break. This field is one of many cotton fields along the drive between Gazientep and Kahramanmaras, Turkey.

to the fullest. It is a country of rich, but rocky farmland, but the farmers and agricultural corporations that have established themselves in the country grow a rich array of fruits, vegetables and nuts.

"As we were driving through an area, I looked out and it looked just like an area of New Mexico with a large area of hillside covered with red chili peppers drying," Mark said.

The foods that Mark experienced ranged from "standard fare" to the unusual. The Turkish eat a diet consisting of large amounts of fish, lamb and beef. Each meal also features a variety of vegetables and rice is usually a staple at each meal.

The most unusual things that Mark ate were Steak Tar-Tar and dried fish egg sack. Steak Tar-Tar is raw steak mixed with a variety of mild and hot spices wrapped in grape leaves. While the dried fish egg sack sounds unappetizing, Mark said it was truly delicious, and different from anything he had ever eaten.

However, Mark did not enjoy the Turkish national drink. "Raki" or "Lion's Milk" is a licorice flavored, liqueur-type drink that the Turkish love. Mark said that while he appreciated the opportunity to try it, once was definitely enough for him!

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Kindergarten, Pre-K & Headstart Registration

Wednesday, April 4, 2001, is the day to register children for next year's Farwell Kindergarten, Pre-K and Headstart classes.

Registration will take place at the Farwell Elementary Office. All children who will be four and five years of age by September 1 and live in the Farwell School District need to register for next year's classes. To register, a child must have immunization records, State copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Rebecca Smallwood, school nurse, will be available to review immunization records during registration. There are changes in immunizations in the State of Texas.

Requirements to be eligible for Pre-K and Headstart, a child must be four years old prior to September 1, 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 below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced-price lunches) and is a resident of the Farwell School District.

Headstart requires income verification (check stub) Medicaid/TANF.

Texas school districts are required to provide Pre-K if 15 or more students are identified.

NOTICE

Friona Wheat Growers, Inc., will accept sealed bids on their fertilizer plant south of Friona.

This property includes 10,068 acres, 1 - 50' X 100' barn, 1 - 40' X 75' office and shop, 2 - 30,000 gallon storage tanks, above ground concrete wall liquid containment area, 45' X 10' scale w/digital monitor and printer, 5hp Speedaire compressor and a Coates tire machine.

Bids should be in the office of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc., by 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 9th. The board of directors of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc., has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This property has been appraised by an independent appraiser at \$147,500.00. It may be inspected by contacting Friona Wheat Growers, Inc., offices at 806-250-3211.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given of a public nonjudicial foreclosure sale.

1. **DATE OF SALE:** The sale is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 2001.

2. **TIME OF SALE:** The earliest time at which the sale shall occur is 10:00 o'clock a.m. The sale shall begin at that time or not later than three hours after that time.

3. **PLACE OF SALE:** The sale shall take place at the area at the Parmer County Courthouse designated by the Commissioner's Court of Parmer County, Texas, where foreclosure sales are to take place, being outside the main entrance (south door) of the Parmer County Courthouse.

4. **PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:** The property to be sold is described as follows:

Lots 1-6, Block 8 and Lots 10-16, Block 9 and all Closed Hall Street in Robinson Addition, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, more fully described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 242.00 feet West of the Southeast corner of Block 9, Robinson Addition, said Southeast corner being a 2' pipe;

THENCE West, along the South line of Block 8 and 9, a distance of 385.00 feet to the Southwest Corner of Lot 6, Block 8;

THENCE North, parallel to the East line of Block 9, a distance of 217.25 feet to a point on the North line of block 8, said point being the Northwest corner of Lot 6, Block 8.

THENCE S.87 deg. 03'E., parallel with the South R.O.W. line of the B.N. & S.F. Railway, along the North line of Blocks 8 and 9, a distance of 385.51 feet to a point on said North line being the Northeast corner of Lot 10, Block 9;

THENCE South, parallel to the East line of Block 9, a distance of 197.41 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING.

5. **DEED OF TRUST:** Information regarding the Deed of Trust that is the subject of this sale is as follows:

DATE: November 12, 1998

GRANTOR: FARWELL MANUFACTURING & FARM SUPPLY, Inc.

BENEFICIARY: NORWEST BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A., now known as WELLS FARGO BANK, NEW MEXICO, N.A.

TRUSTEE:

RECORDING INFORMATION: Volume 127, Page 494, of the Real Property Records of Parmer County, Texas.

6. **NOTE SECURED BY DEED OF TRUST:** Information regarding the Note secured by the Deed of Trust that is the subject of this sale is as follows:

DATE: November 12, 1998

FACE AMOUNT: \$140,000.00

MAKER: FARWELL MANUFACTURING & FARM SUPPLY, INC.

PAYEE: NORWEST BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A., now known as WELLS FARGO BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A.

7. **SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE:** Information regarding the appointment of a Substitute Trustee is as follows:

DATE: March 5, 2001

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE: Mark W. Harmon

8. **TERMS OF SALE:** The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the right of the beneficiary thereunder to have its bid credited to the Note up to the amount of the unpaid debt secured by the Deed of Trust at the time of sale. The sale will be made subject to any title matters set forth in the Deed of Trust. Prospective bidders are reminded that by law the sale will be made subject to all prior matters of record affecting the property, if any, to the extent that they remain in force and effect and have not been subordinated to the Deed of Trust. Prospective bidders are strongly urged to examine the applicable property records to determine the nature and extent of such matters, if any.

9. **DEFAULT AND REQUEST TO ACT:** Default has occurred in the payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust. The indebtedness represented by the Note is now wholly due and payable. The owner and holder of the indebtedness has requested that the undersigned, as the current Trustee under the Deed of Trust, sell the Property, the proceeds of such sale to be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Signed on the 12th day of March, 2001
MARK W. HARMON, Substitute Trustee

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The Latest

Farwell's own James Hobbs and his Flying J Wranglers will present a benefit concert on April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Farwell School auditorium.

The Farwell Little League will present the program.

Advance tickets cost \$8 for adults, and \$4 for youths, 4 years old through 12th grade; and 3-year-olds and younger get in for free. Tickets at the door will be \$10 and \$8, respectively.

For more information, call 481-3321.

The annual Lazbuddie 3-on-3 basketball shootout will be held April 20-21 in the school gym.

There will be elementary, junior high, high school, adult and coed (2 men and 2 women) divisions.

The entry fee is \$50 per 4-member team. The entry deadline is April 12.

To sign up, contact any high school senior or Debbie Weir, 965-2302, or Sarah Black, 965-2149.

Information needed about the four players would be: team captain, names, addressed, cities, home phones, sex, age, and school grade, if applicable.

Checks or money orders should be made out to: Lazbuddie Senior Class, Lazbuddie ISD, PO Box 9, Lazbuddie TX 79053.

Also:

A full concession stand will be provided. 3-point and free throw competitions will be available for all age divisions for an additional \$2 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each division.

Rachel Embry, of Farwell, a senior humanities major, was selected by faculty members at Lubbock Christian University to appear in the 2000-2001 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Forty-nine LCU students received this honor.

At the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet, Jack Raines and Rose McCain were

named Man and Woman of the Year, respectively.

Sue Fowler received the Heritage Award. Kathy Graves was named Teacher of the Year.

K'Leigh Scroggins and Yancy Graves were named Outstanding Students.

Also, Mr. Pat Kunselman was honored for 50 years of service to the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

Farwell School will let out early on April 12 for Easter vacation. Buses will run at 2 p.m.

Farwell Schools will have an early release day on April 17, with the buses running at 12:45 p.m.

This is Report Card Day where parents can pick up the cards and meet with teachers.

The annual Texico Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held April 17 at 7 p.m. mdt at the Texico Community Center.

Tickets are \$10. Joe and Gwen Hughes, former owners of Hughes True Value in Farwell, will give the program, discussing their

experience of decorating floats for the Rose Parade.

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

A check with the Sherley Anderson grain elevators on Wednesday in Farwell, Lariat and Lazbuddie showed that each area basically has received a trace of rain this week so far.

It ranged from 6 hundredths to a tenth of an inch of moisture.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative held its annual meeting on Tuesday at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

Attending were 1,510 folks. Two director's posts were on the ballot and both incumbents were re-elected:

Vick Christian over Jerry Roach, Position 1; and Jerry Roberts over Jared Blakenhip, Position 2.

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State photographer to speak at Farwell Chamber banquet

The annual Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on April 7 at the Farwell Community Center.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at 6:30 p.m., with the steak dinner to be served at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per person. Here's a list of businesses where tickets are available:

Frans Irrigation, Riddle RX, Pansies Posies & Potpourri, State Line Tribune, Aldridge law firm, Kirkland & Kirkland CPA, Byrd Realty, Farwell Post Office, Farwell Hardware, ENMR Telephone.

Farwell City Hall, Hughes True Value, Tri County Tire, Anne Norton (at the county courthouse), Farwell Convalescent Center, Sherley-Anderson-Pitman, Security State Bank.

Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, Beauty Box, Town & Country Insurance, Farwell Country Club, Farwell Spraying Service, Helton Oil Co., Wilbur Ellis and Barb's Cafe.

To be honored will be the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Agriculturalist of the Year, Students of the Year and Teacher of the Year.

Each year a group also receives an honorary award. This year, all the former Farwell school board members

will be honored.

The guest speaker will be Wyman Meinzer, official photographer of the state of Texas. He will present a special slide program.

Farwell area subdivision discussed

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday discussed subdivision prospects for an area around the Farwell Country Club.

Representatives from Lydick Engineers, of Clovis, were on hand to ask questions about road standards, etc., in Texas.

This was a preliminary discussion for the Ware-owned property.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to seek bids for backhoes for Precincts 1 and 2.

Farwell's ambulances have been ultra-busy.

On March 20, 22, 23 and 24, they transported persons from the Farwell Convalescent Center to Muleshoe hospital.

On March 22, they took a person from 204 8th St. to Friona hospital.

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The City of Texico is accepting bids for Cemetery Maintenance for Spring and Summer. The deadline for bids is April 9, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. Submit bids to Texico City Hall, P.O. Box 208, 419 Wheeler Ave., Texico, NM 88315.

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Amarillo newspaper cites Texico athletes, coach

The Amarillo Globe-News announced its annual "New Mexico Super Basketball Team" and Texico was well-represented. On the boys' side was listed 5'11 senior Johnny Sena.

The newspaper called him "the unheralded member of the state champions. A player who isn't exceptional but does everything well. Always guards the opponents' best offensive player. Averaged 11 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals and 5 assists per game."

On the girls' side, the Amarillo newspaper named Texico's Roy King as the Coach of the Year for having won two consecutive state championships.

And of the five girls named to the Super Team were two Lady Wolverines -- Elizabeth Richards and Jennifer Roberts.

Of Elizabeth, the newspaper said: The 5'11 junior may be the next "Miss Basketball" of New Mexico. A fine all-around player, averaged 21 points, 13 rebounds, 5 blocks, 5 steals and 5 assists per game.

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Texico council supports Brophy's proposal for an in-school officer

There is a possibility that Texico will be adding a fifth police officer.

The City Council voted Tuesday 2-1 to allow Police Chief Kelley Brophy to request that the Texico School Board approve having an in-school police officer (see more information in the Page 1 article).

In favor were councilmen Oran Jay Autrey and Jeff Queener. Opposed was Dean Henninger. Doug Scioi was absent. Before the vote, Mayor Marie Christian said she strongly opposed Brophy's request, adding, "I don't think Texico needs five police officers."

Brophy explained that the three-year federal grant is 100 percent funded, but the city has to provide equipment, such as a vehicle. He pointed out how excellent it would be to have a policeman strictly assigned to the school, inter-relating with students and staff. "We're trying to help the school, not put just another police officer on the streets."

He said an officer could teach classes in the school, such as criminal justice and driver's education. And adding the officer would cut down on overtime paid the current police officers for working at school ball games.

Brophy said that the school board had turned down such a request last year but said it had not been addressed properly. This time, he will appear before the board to explain the positive nature of adding the police officer in the school.

Also, if hired, the resource officer would answer to the city, not the school.

Mayor Christian said that the federal government likes for local governmental entities to continue such programs after the three-year grant runs out.

In other business, the council:
 -- Received a request from Guerrero Olmos to place a mobile home at the corner of Anderson and Wheeler. The home is parked in West Camp right now and councilmen will look at it before making a decision.

-- Annexed the property of Texico Fire Chief Lewis Cooper (on Craig Street) into the city at the property owner's request.

-- Discussed the new school fence built around the football practice field. It's 6-feet high, chain link, it was stated. The council had been under the impression it would be shorter when it had approved it, and that the height is causing a safety hazard. Mayor Christian said they need to have School Supt. R.L. Richards come to the next council meeting and bring the agreement with him.

-- Agreed to hire someone to handle cemetery maintenance.

-- Is looking into buying weed killer for KKR Park.

-- Heard councilman Oran Jay Autrey ask that the "swimming pool" be put on the next agenda. The city closed its swimming pool last year.

-- Heard Autrey say that the installation of the sprinkler system at KKR Park will be completed in about two more days.

Farwell registration on tap

Wednesday, April 4, is the day to register children for next year's Farwell kindergarten, pre-K and Headstart classes.

Registration will be at the Farwell elementary school office.

All children who will be 4 and 5 years of age by Sept. 1, and who live in the Farwell school district, need to register for next year's classes.

To register, a child must have immunization records, a state copy of birth certificate and Social Security card.

Rebecca Smallwood, school nurse, will review immunization records during registration. There have been changes made in the immunizations required by the state.

To be eligible for Pre-K and Headstart, a child must be 4 years old prior to Sept. 1, unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or is from a family whose income, according to state standards, is at or below subsistence level (eligible for free or reduced-price lunches), and is a resident of the Farwell school district.

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The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Published in the State Line Tribune March 28, April 5 and April 12

Notice to Bidders
 The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of two (2) new backhoes for use in Precincts #1 and #2. Bids must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 23, 2001, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the Parmer County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered for Trade-In is one (1) 1996 Caterpillar 416B Backhoe, Serial No. 085G14615, one (1) 1981 310A Backhoe, Serial No. 3103739897, one (1) 1985 John Deere 444C Loader, Serial No. 501640.

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

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Mark Williams

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Times are changing the face of Turkey within the cities especially. Istanbul is a city of 11 million people. Mark was amazed that almost every person he saw had a cellular phone and that the reception on them was so clear. He found out that all wireless telephones are serviced by satellites and that their system is much better than those in the States. Almost every building, home and apartment building is also equipped with solar power for water heating at least. Some are also utilizing the solar power for electricity.

One amazing thing about Istanbul that Mark discovered is that, although it is a huge city, there aren't as many lights in it as Clovis, New Mexico. While it is a metropolis, it still maintains itself in the old ways.

Another interesting thing that Mark saw was the super highway that was built between Iraq and Turkey before the war. Today, it doesn't carry much traffic and there is very little trade set up along its route. It is only three lanes wide, but it is the largest highway in Turkey.

The cities in Turkey are seeing growth due to the fact that the rural people are moving into them at a very fast rate. The general trend is toward urban growth. This trend is putting agriculture into a new phase in Turkey. It will be relying more and more on corporate style farming.

This is good news for the American cotton growers. "The opportunities for U.S. Cotton to be exported to countries like Turkey are opening up to us more and more. Through the efforts of the CCI, we hope to establish and maintain the contacts with their textile mills to make these export channels viable and profitable for our growers," Mark said.

These contacts that Mark and the other CCI representatives are making will have a direct effect on our local growers as well. With the volume of cotton being grown locally, the efforts of the CCI will open up more and more market channels for the cotton.

Mark Williams is excited about the opportunities that are available to our local cotton coops and growers. And, while it may not be a Turkish 5 a.m. call to prayer, Mark is helping to make the wake up call to American cotton growers and international textile merchants that exporting and importing U.S. Cotton is one call that should be taken ... and the earlier the better for American cotton farmers.

They're invited to banquet

The special guests to be honored at this year's Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet are the former and current school board members. Here's who they are (with starting dates):

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1940 -- Verney Towns, W.H. Graham, H.Y. Overstreet, Joe Magness, Bob Hammons, A.F. Phillips, Boone Allison, Austin Jones, Lee Jones, Claude Rose, Partin Austin, Dick Geries, C.C. Christian, Paul Wurster, L.L. Norton.

1950 -- Lee Meeks, A.W. Gober, Clay Henson, Walter Kaltwasser, Jesse Landrum, Jim Curtis, A.H. Haseloff.

1960 -- W.D. Prince, James Patrick, Buck Gregory, J.T. Ford, Clarence Johnson, Joe Blair, Karl Gast, J.W. Herington, Melborn Jones, Donald Watkins, Harry Sheets, Donald Christian, Harold Travis, Walter Hughes, Charles Aycock, R.J. Garner, Ted Magness.

1970 -- Gilbert Kaltwasser, Jim Walker, Doyle Ford, Caroline Anderson, Billy Mayfield, Bill Martin, Wilbert Kalbas, Joe Hughes.

1980 -- Darrell Stephens, Floyd Coates, Maxine Williams, Steve Pierson, Ed Corn, Richard Haseloff, Vick Christian, Joe Schilling, Roberta Johnson, Doyle Johnson, Kathryn White.

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Ricky Burns

Burns earns state science fair spot

Texico Junior High 7th grader Ricky Burns, son of Mike and Peggy Burns, took 2nd in the Regional Science Fair at Eastern New Mexico University recently.

He was in the earth and spade division with his project "Measuring Atmospheric Pressure."

He earned the right to enter the state science fair April 6-7 at the New Mexico Technical School of Mining and Engineering at Socorro, N.M.

If Ricky places in the top two places, he will be eligible to enter the national contest this summer.

Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports all quiet last week.

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