

Year in review

As is the State Line Tribune's end-of-the-year tradition, we take a look back at the area highlights in 2002.

January

Grand champions at the Farwell junior livestock show were D'Anna DeLeon, Jake Ware and Matt Billingsley.

It was announced that the new Texico gym would be completed in January 2003.

Jerry Dee Owen resigned as Farwell Junior High School principal.

Grand champions at the Lazbuddie junior livestock show were Kayle Jesko, Suzanne Mason, Logan Mason and Kolby Wilkerson.

Parmer County Commissioners approved a tax abatement plan for the DeWitt Dairy.

The Farwell City Council approved an ordinance ordering security guards at dances at the community center.

Dr. Lucille Franse announced she was retiring from Farwell Schools after 33 years.

Parmer County junior livestock show champions were Dalton Cockerham, Lakota Goe, D'Anna DeLeon and Kelby Monroe.

February

Elizabeth Richards set a Texico Lady Wolverine basketball scoring record with 39 points against Jal; a week later she tallied 43 points against Loving.

The Farwell Steers won district by beating Sudan.

The Texico School Board discussed adding 30 minutes to the school day. Approval was given in March.

Texico project show grand champions were Kayla Hinrichs, Lori Richardson and Mitchell Pinnell.

Doug Boyd was named Farwell Lady Blue basketball coach.

Mark Williams was elected chairman of the American Cotton Producers.

Groundbreaking was announced for the Mesquite Village housing project in Texico.

Farwell's Tucker Crawford was named District MVP. Farwell's Jessica Chandler was named offensive co-MVP for district. Lazbuddie's Savannah Black was named district defensive MVP.

March

Lori Richardson won top honors at the Texico science fair.

Vi Hutto won the Justice of the Peace primary race in Bovina.

A water line was approved for the Texico swim pool.

The Texico Lady Wolverines won the state basketball championship for the third year in a row.

The Aldridge law firm in Farwell filed a class action suit against Energas.

Texico received a \$25,000 state grant toward a new city hall.

Plans to expand, renovate or build a new Parmer County Jail were discussed.

April

Esteban Graxiola, of Farwell, died when his trailer home collapsed on him.

Mike and Donna Ratke purchased Southwest Ag Services.

Wayne Anderson was named Texico Elementary School principal.

Lazbuddie boy's basketball coach Chris Marks resigns.

Valton Howard won a run-off primary election for Friona area Justice of the Peace.

It was announced that the Border Town Days theme would be Texico's Centennial.

Texico took 2nd at the state FFA sweepstakes contest.

Receiving the Farwell Chamber of Commerce annual awards were Roberta Howard, Woman of the Year; Vick Christian, Man of the Year; Tim Cooper, Agriculturalist of the Year, and Hayley Christian, Teacher of the Year.

Texico City Council discussed hiring a city building inspector.

Farwell High's boys golf team won regionals.

Monti Vandiver was named county extension office entomologist.

A Parmer County grand jury indicted former Farwell coach Bryan Goldsmith on a charge of sexual assault.

The Farwell School Board began major budget cutbacks to deal with a financial shortage for the coming year.

Nathan Tharp was re-elected to the Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative board of Directors.

The Border Town Days Committee named Texico coaches Roy King and Michael Littlejohn as honorary parade marshals at this year's event.

May

Savannah Black too 1st place at state in UIL computer applications.

Farwell's boy golfers took 2nd at the Class 1A state golf meet.

Area school valedictorians were Jennifer Roberts, Texico; Casey Meeks, Farwell, and Savannah Black, Lazbuddie.

Elected to the Farwell School Board were Darren Haseloff and Mark Schwertner.

Elected to the Lazbuddie School Board were Dieter Isaacson and Terry Jesko.

Texico High Principal David Hutton resigned as did school athletic director Steve Foust.

Buddy Little was named Texico High principal.

Named as Farwell's top athletes were Jessica Chandler and Taylor Nichols.

Nicole Lewandowski, a Lazbuddie student, was killed in a car accident.

Winning Texico's top FFA honors were Brette Hadley and Corey Bell.

A bear wandered into the Rhea community.

Plans were announced for a large dairy 9 miles southeast of Friona.

Groundwater levels continued to decline, according to statistics released.

Winning Texico's top athletic honors were Elizabeth Richards and Kyle Duncan.

Savannah Black and Jake Louder received Lazbuddie's top athletic honors.

Top Lazbuddie FFA honors went to Jodie Coker, Suzanne Mason, Brett Mimms and Wayne Terry.

Sean Kennedy was named Lazbuddie boys basketball coach.

Top Farwell FFA honors went to Curt Christian, Angela Billingsley and Waylon Bowery.

June

The Texico swim pool opened.

Roy King resigned as Texico girls basketball coach.

Bill Bizzell resigned as Farwell High principal.

Mark Scisson resigned as Lazbuddie High principal.

Receiving Farwell's top honors at graduation were Gage Gregory, the Loving Cup, and Tara Cargile, the Carlos Nicolas award.

Teresa Ancira resigned from the Farwell School Board.

Gilbert Salguero was hired as a Texico police officer.

Wayne Gruben was named Parmer County chief deputy sheriff.

Gary Cates resigned as Farwell Junior High principal.

Clint and Korey Conkin were hired as Farwell coaches.

Texico School drafted an activities code of conduct.

Police raided Farwell's 3 8-liner businesses, closing them down. All three later reopened, with one, George's Gold Strike, closed by police a second time in November.

Howard Tooley was named Lazbuddie High principal.

July

Jimmie Mace was named Farwell Junior High principal.

The Texico City Council gave city employees pay raises after controversies involving the police department raises.

Lazbuddie School Supt. Hardy Carlyle announced his resignation, effective in November.

A basketball tourney was added to Border Town Days activities.

The Farwell School Board continue making financial cutbacks.

Roy King received extra honors from Texico Schools upon his retirement.

August

The area cloud-seeding program was halted.

Bill Shelly, Farwell's new band director, began gearing up the program.

Amanda Riley won the 4-H Sweepstakes at the Curry County Fair. Kyle Duncan showed the grand champion pig.

Ellen Reighley resigned as Texico band director. No band program was given at Texico School for the 2002-2003 school year.

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Here come the livestock shows!

The 37th annual Farwell Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Farwell Community Center starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4.

Farwell staffers, 4-H and FFA students and their parents will set up pens and make arrangements for the show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, said Farwell ag teacher Jon Cullison.

Weights on all animals must be turned in at the community center on Saturday morning before 10 a.m.

Previously, the sign-up was taken at the extension service office the day before. But with the secretary's resignation there, it was decided to hold the signups at the center the day of the event.

Judge for the event will be Matt Wallace, Deaf Smith County extension agent, for the second year in a row.

Cullison expects a good number of goats, pigs, lambs and steers to be entered this year again.

Ribbons will be awarded, plus belt buckles will be given to the champions and showmanship winners.

Veteran Robert White will again serve as ring steward, and Fred Chandler will again serve as master of ceremonies.

The Farwell 4-H will preside over the concession stand.

The Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 starting at 1 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

The Bovina Junior Livestock Show will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Bovina Show Barn.

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held Jan. 22, 23 and 25 at the Friona Community Center.

Judges will be: Dale Schaffner, barrows; Billy Labrier, lambs; Steve Kennedy, cattle, and Billy Labrier, goats.

Parmer County extension agent Cody Hill expects about 30 goats, 75 sheep, 10 steers and 265 barrows to be shown at the county show this year.

Here is the complete schedule:

Jan. 22 -- 1 to 6 p.m., weigh-in of all animals; barrows to be classified as weighed. 6 p.m., classify steers, and 6:30 p.m., classify lambs.

Jan. 23 -- 8 a.m., lamb show, followed by goat show. The steer show starts at 11 a.m., with the barrow show at 1 p.m.

Jan. 25 -- 1 p.m., premium sale.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board advisory committee includes Michael DeLeon, Ken Foster, Farwell; Don Bandy and Rick Jamerson, Bovina; Jimmy Dale Seaton and Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie; and Bill Hardin and Johnny Tannahill, Friona.

Stock Show board members are:

Farwell -- Jon Cullison, Daren Sudderth, Keith Hadley and Sam Billingsley.

Bovina -- Lawrence Widner, John Villaba and Joe Steelman.

Lazbuddie -- Terry Jesko, Donald Gillit, Ed Terry and Shane Mason.

Friona -- Davy Carthel, Paul Smith, Chris Hunt

and Jody Luellen. County 4'H -- Terry Copley, Lesley Curtis, Cody Hill, Sean Mason and Al Kerby Jr.

Stock show officials are:

Mack Heald, superintendent; JeDon Gallman, assistant general superintendent; Darren Haseloff, swine superintendent; Kevin Schueler, lamb and goat superintendent; Mac Langford, cattle superintendent; John Jarecki, vice president; JeDon Gallman, president; Gary Patterson, secretary; and Alan Monroe, treasurer.

Forty percent of each class will sell, up to a total of about 140 head.

The stock show board will keep 1 1/2 percent of the selling price of all animals for repair and improvement of stock show facilities.

Updated jail plans reviewed

The Parmer County Commissioners on Dec. 23 viewed updated plans for a proposed new jail.

County Sheriff Randy Geries went to Fort Worth the preceding week to meet with the architect and fine-tune the plans.

County Judge Bonnie Clayton said the plans, although not completed, "look great."

Geries said he and the architect worked to streamline the configuration, with central supervision. A metal roof and building are being considered, with security to be emphasized.

Originally, the cost for a 49-bed facility was in the neighborhood of \$3.5 million. The commission-

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Snow assistance

These Farwell youngsters -- from left, Khiara Loera, Emilio Loera and Dimas Natividad, did a good deed after the big snowfall on Monday morning -- they plowed a neighbor's driveway. Between 5 and 7 inches of snow fell on the area that night.

Year in review

Texico raised its water and sewer rates (effective in November), and hired a city inspector.

Top Parmer County 4-H honors went to Sean Mason, Debbie Harling, Alisha Wauson, Suzanne Mason and Keith Hunt.

Accounts were given of a house in Farwell with ghosts.

September

Ken Nelson was named general manager of the AGP grain cooperative elevators in Parmer County.

A "Jane Doe" lawsuit was filed against Farwell Schools and former coach Bryan Goldsmith alleging sexual misconduct.

Texico police cleared school vandalism cases.

Texico Schools began discussing implementing a breakfast program. This was to begin in January.

Texico Schools have their first "Read Day."

Texico's new city hall site, adjacent to the community center, was criticized, and support given for it to be placed near the fire station.

Parmer County got \$119,000, thanks to a routine traffic stop, and the money found

Jail

ers were hoping to get that figure down to the \$2.5 million area.

Geries felt that the cost for the current plan would be in the \$3 million area. After the design goes to the builder, the exact cost would be known.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Accepted the 2002 reports from the county's volunteer fire departments.
- Heard that county treasurer Anne Norton is putting together a policy on per page copy fees on open records requests.

Currently, the district clerk and county clerk charge \$1. This fee likely will be expanded to other

county offices.

- Approved a request by the county treasurer to use a small office on the second floor of the courthouse (between the jury room and library) for office space.
- Valerie DiPillo, who will join the treasurer's office Jan. 1, will work in that office.
- Renewed the county attorney employment salary supplement. This money doesn't come from

Obituaries

Flora Bridwell

Services for Flora Bridwell, 96, were held on Dec. 27 in Portales with Rev. Harry Riser officiating. Burial was in Portales Cemetery.

She died Dec. 22 at the Farwell Convalescent Center.

She was born Feb. 17, 1906, in Fisher County, Texas, to Sally and Benjamin Scott. She married Leon Bridwell on Oct. 20, 1928, in Winters, Texas.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Portales and active in the WMU and Sunday School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 5 brothers; 3 sisters; her husband, and a son, Wayne.

Surviving is a son, Bill, of Farwell; 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Walter Clark, Bill Dalley, Robert Dunn, Web Smartnick, Harry Jordan, Ralph Gilman, Vern Witten and Elwyn Hulett.

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taxpayer funds, but from the county attorney's forfeiture fund. It helps pay the salaries of the secretary, Peggy Goettsch, and the assistant county attorney, Jeff Actkinson.

- Approved the annual lease agreement for the counseling office in Friona with Central Plains MHMR and Bovina and Friona.
- Agreed to continue using the CPA firm of Kirkland, Kirkland & Co.

Sheriff says \$269,000 missing from Bovina

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerries said about \$269,000 is missing in Bovina city funds.

And Sarah Brito, 28, of Bovina, former city clerk, has been charged with misapplication of fiduciary property, a first degree felony.

The case is pending before the grand jury.

Ms. Brito was arrested on Dec. 17 and was released on \$25,000 bond.

Geries said the Texas

Rangers had been investigating for over a year, helped by the Texas Attorney General's office. And recently, Gerries was asked to participate.

Ms. Brito resigned as city clerk in early 2001.

Geries said it was a case where the "checks and balances system lacked."

He said record keeping in the city of Bovina has improved.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2015



Johan Loeppky, a Farwell kindergartener, is the son of Gerhard and Margaretha Loeppky. His birthday is March 27.

He has 2 brothers, Heinrich and Franz. Grandparents are Gerhard and Anna Loeppky, and Heinrich and Elisabet Klassen.

He likes to ride his bike. His favorite foods are pizza, corn and chicken. His favorite colors are blue and red. He doesn't like to pick up toys.

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October

Her science project earned Brittany Anderson, a Texico student, a trip to Washington, D.C., for the Discovery Channel scholarship challenge.

Lowe's Supermarket offers a program to help earn free educational equipment for Farwell and Texico schools.

Funds were raised to send Texico's Jerry Garcia to a Denver hospital for testing and treatment for his illness. He showed good improvement after the trip.

Texico Lady Spikers went undefeated in district.

Lazbuddie's robotics team did well enough at area to earn a trip to state.

Drew Johnson exhibited the overall Grand Champion pig at the Tri State Fair in Amarillo.

November

Parmer County voters went "Republican" in the state's general election.

Texico football coach Mike Prokop was named his district's Coach of the Year.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, announced his resignation, effective next year.

Texico's city council voted 3-2 to stay with its earlier vote on a city hall site.

Gallery 15 moved from Clovis to Texico.

Texico teacher Ann Liethen retired.

Roy Baker was hired as Lazbuddie superintendent, effective next May. Named as interim superintendent was Tom Jarboe.

Texico Wolverines lost in the state football title game to Ft. Sumner.

December

Texico's city council revitalized its cemetery board and discussed adding a fee to aid the cemetery upkeep.

Farwell Elementary won District UIL contest for the first time.

Fred Chandler retired as manager of the AGP Grain Cooperative elevator in Farwell, and Joe Allen did the same at the Rhea elevator.

The Parmer County Commissioners voted 3-2 on a financing method to build a new jail. Plans were drawn up for the new jail, which still needed to be voted upon.

The new Texico gym had a new name: Texico Sports Arena.

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The Mitz Walling family would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and friendship during the recent illness and death of our daddy, granddaddy and brother.

Mitz was born and raised in Farwell, Texas. A true cowboy, who even as a small boy slept with his bridle; Mitz is known as "The First Man Off The Right."

A man of few words, but deep feelings, Mitz loved his wife Nell, his children Edith Ann and Milton Lee, his grandchildren, Jeff, Mitzi and Cory and the light of his life lately was his great grandson Cadyn, and he treasured his family and friends.


A lifelong friend gave his description of Mitz "Not only was he a man I looked up to, but also a "Gentle Giant" who never purposely hurt anyone in his life, yet, he was a mans man like John Wayne, sitting straight and tall in the saddle. Loosing an eye in '62 didn't slow him down, he was so happy and felt right at home when he was riding, roping, and being outdoors."

Together, Mitz and Nell are spending Christmas with Jesus this year and there's no doubt they are waltzing the streets of gold as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this Christmas Eve.

We sincerely appreciate your words of comfort and encouragement and would like to share the following poem with you.

*This is for those who had to stay and miss those who have gone away.
No longer here where we can hear and touch, but a part of our lives just as much.
Many a time you'll sense them near, and their voice you can almost here.
We can't go yet to that place they stay, rest assured they're not far away.
They're at those special places you went, holding cherished memories of time together you spent.
You always carry them within your heart, so from you they'll never be apart.
Be grateful you had them in your life as long as you did.
Look for their face in the setting sun,
And have faith you'll join them when life is done.*

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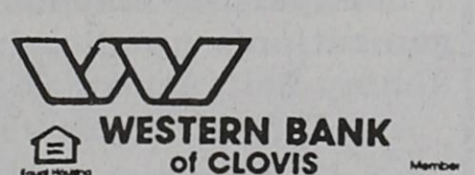
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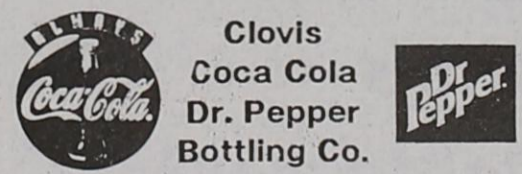
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
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Obituaries

Frank Hinkson

Services for Frank Hinkson, 92, of Lazbuddie, were held on Saturday at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with Revs. Randy Thomas and Al Jennings officiating. Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

He died Dec. 25.

He was born Oct. 19, 1910, in Hall County, Neb. He married Lavonne Meham on Dec. 28, 1933, in Grand Island, Neb.

The farmer and stockman lived in Lazbuddie since 1934. He and his uncle drilled the first irrigation well in Parmer County.

He was a member of Lazbuddie United Methodist Church, where he held many offices. He was president of the Lazbuddie School Board from 1952 to 1961, a member of the Muleshoe District Hospital Board from 1974 to 1978 and a state committeeman for the Republican Party.

He was a Past Master and 50-year member of Muleshoe Masonic Lodge 1237 F&AM and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He received the Masonic Golden Trowel Award.

He was a Past Patron and 50-year member of Muleshoe Eastern Star.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Michael, of Matfield Green, Kan., and Frank II, of Cottonwood Falls, Kan.; 2 daughters, Barbara Lust, of Lazbuddie, and Carolyn Pilgrim, of Cottonwood Falls; a sister, Helen Larson, of Grand Island; 2 brothers, Keith and Preston, both of Cairo; 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lazbuddie United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

Rose Gattis

Services for Rose Walls Gattis, 68, of Clovis, were held on Dec. 31 at First Baptist Church of Clovis with Pastors Joel Horne and Herbert Bergstrom officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

She died Dec. 25.

She was born Aug. 28, 1934, in Clovis to Robert and Nannie Hines. She was raised in Farwell. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Clovis.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Walter Westbrook and Robert Hines, and sister Ethelene Bell.

Surviving are a son, Wayne Walls, of Lubbock; a daughter, Kim Campbell, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; 2 brothers, Lynn Westbrook, of Clovis, and Sam Hines, of Los Osos, Calif.; a sister, Virginia Drager, of Farwell; and 4 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Kamradt, Mitchell Walls, Kent Carruthers, Wayne Jesko, Doyle Westbrook and Butch Martin.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society's lung division.

Mary Franklin

Services for Mary Tosh Franklin, 65, of Muleshoe, were Monday at New Covenant Church in Muleshoe with Rev. Steve Claybrook officiating.

Her body was donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

She died Dec. 26. She was born April 6, 1937, in Paris, Texas. She married Billy Franklin on July 6, 1974, in Plainview. He died in 1988.

Surviving are 5 sons, Doyle Tosh, of Medicine Park, Okla.; Billy Tosh, of Muleshoe; Terry Tosh, of Boliva, Mo.; Mickey Tosh, of Amarillo, and Duane Franklin, of Salt Lake City; 6 daughters, Renee Rudd, of Muleshoe; Kathy Bradley, of Clarksville, Tenn.; April Krueger, of Mesquite; Denis Franklin, of North Carolina; Becky Franklin, of Farwell, and Karen Price, of Dumas; her stepmother, Ruby Strawn, of Arlington; 2 sisters, Juanita McNatt, of Garland, and Helen Henders, of Amarillo; 37 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Steers, Lady Blue vie in Littlefield Tournament

Varsity Boys

The Farwell Steers won 2 of 4 in the Littlefield Tourney last week. The Steers are now 12-7.

In the opener, they fell to Tulia, 61-53. Topping the Steers were Grant Gregory, 14, and Carlos Garcia, 10.

Then they tipped Smyer, 52-50. Top scorer

was Gregory, 19.

Farwell beat Whiteface, 56-47. Top scorers were Gregory, 19; Lonnie McFarland, 13; and Cale Stevenson, 13.

And the Steers fell on Saturday to Lorenzo in double overtime, 77-73.

Varsity Girls

The Lady Blue are 6-12 after losing 2 of 3 in the Littlefield Tourney.

In the opener, Farwell beat Tulia, 62-51. Top Scorers were Mindi Roberts and Chelsea Meyer, with 15 apiece.

Then Farwell lost to Seminole, 60-47. Top scorers were Kyra Christian, 16; Roberts, 8, and Meyer, 11.

And Farwell lost to Littlefield, 52-39. Top scorers were Roberts and Jaimie Diaz.



- Photos by J.R. Ivins -



Texico Police Report

Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy reports all quiet last week.

Via's 33 paces Longhorns' win

The Lazbuddie varsity teams swept Adrian on Friday.

The Lady 'Horns won 51-33. Leading the team were Shawndee Nichols, 9 points and 11 rebounds; Shonah Black, 9 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists; Kayla Parham, 14 points, 9 rebounds; Melanie Winders, 9 points, 5 rebounds; and Katy Louder, 2 points, 13 boards and 3 assists.

The Longhorns won easily, 77-40. Scoring were Sterling Via, 33; Andy Martin, 8; Cory Puckett, 4; Tanner Gartin, 2; Tobin Redwine, 12; Andrew Martinez, 2; Chris DeLeon, 5; Robbie Martin, 7, and Jose Beliz, 4.

Last week, the Longhorns lost to Hart, 69-55. Scoring were Via, 4; Andy

Martin, 17; Puckett, 8; Robbie Martin, 10, and Redwine, 16.

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Crystal ball time again

I always enjoy doing updates on predictions that I make.

Most columnists who make prognostications never do - often for good reason.

I will never forget all those so-called "experts" interviewed on TV before the 1991 Gulf War who predicted major catastrophe for the American troops.

You never heard from them afterward, did you?

It would have made a really neat program after that short war featuring clips from all those wrong predictions.

But it doesn't change. Just watch TV nowadays and see all the calamities forecast by a new group of "experts."

Anyway, two years ago this month, my annual prediction column said that terrorism was on the rise and we were at risk. Unfortunately, that prediction came true, as seen by 9-11. Of course, our government watchdog agencies never saw it coming.

How about last year's column in December 2001? Here were some of my comments:

I noted that World War III would continue throughout our lifetime.

I said the Philippines were a prime example of where we could help fight Communist guerillas. This has come to pass, as we have sent troops there.

I talked of helping Colombia fight terrorists, and this also is being done.



I predicted we would kill bin Laden and other terrorist leaders "and put a good vise on their organization."

While we have killed some, I don't know if bin Laden is still alive or not. I hope he's six feet under. And we have made strong dents in Al-Qaeda.

Unfortunately, when Al-Qaeda is finished, as it will be, other terrorist groups will emerge from the Islamic fanatical fringe. That is why this war will be so prolonged.

And I predicted that all eyes would turn to the Middle East in 2002 due to (a) the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and (b) Iraq's Saddam Hussein "and what we will do about this thug."

Those predictions also have come true.

I still feel that the keys to peace in the Middle East include a state for the Palestinians; massive support for construction of homes and work opportunities for those folks, and an end to the refugee camps many have been living in since 1948.

And Jerusalem must be made an "international" city under United Nations auspices. I see no other resolution for this problem.

But that won't happen in 2003. It will occur further down the road, but not until after many innocent lives are lost.

That's politics.

I really don't have any grandiose predictions to make for next year. To predict a battle to overthrow Saddam is obvious. But overall, I think we will continue to see the war go on various fronts throughout the world.

There will be more battles in Africa and Asia, as the terrorists continue to strike.

I again call for our government leaders to try and understand the gravity of this war and how it will continue for decades; and the will it will take to win.

Right now, I don't see that happening. Thus, it will be prolonged because of government inaction.

Courthouse Notes

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

Clara Seale - Sherrie Stanberry, L13-17, B51, Friona.

Sarah Brito - William Case, L18-20 B43 Bovina.

Pat Clark - Monica Adams, S58 Blk H Kelly.

Maria Vega - Francisco Regalado, E/2 L5-6 B1 Turner, Friona.



Texico team 12th at FFA nationals

The Texico poultry judging team placed 12th at the FFA national contest in November. From left are team members Barbara Queener, Cherry Mayfield, Megan Brown and Jesse Barclay, plus ag teacher Tod Pinnell.

Richards 2nd among ENMU scorers

Two former star Texico Lady Wolverine basketball players are now part of the ladies' squad at Eastern New Mexico University.

After the first six games, the team is 2-4.

Elizabeth Richards is 2nd among the team's scorers with 9.3 points a game.

And Jennifer Strebeck (nee Roberts) is averaging 2 points a game.

Richards had hit 20 of 42 2-shot tries and 6 of 16 from 3-point land. She has 3 blocks, 8 steals and is averaging 4.8 rebounds.

Richards led the team in points (with 12) in a loss on Nov. 23 to Southern Colorado. And she topped the team in rebounds (with 11) in a win on Nov. 22 against Oklahoma Panhandle State.

Building fire reported

Lois Nance reports that a building used to house roofing supplies owned by Virgil Reid in Clovis had a fire last week.

Reid also owns the café shop in Farwell.

The Clovis building, at 11th and Rencher, housed the original Nazarene church.

To all the county employees: Thanks for the Christmas greetings, the congratulatory cards and, most of all, the beautiful pendant -- to make my retirement. Too, thanks to Sheriff Randy Geries and Sara for the "special delivery" and their kindness to me.

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<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>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>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Rob Hollis - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</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>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Jonette Gay Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</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>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>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>
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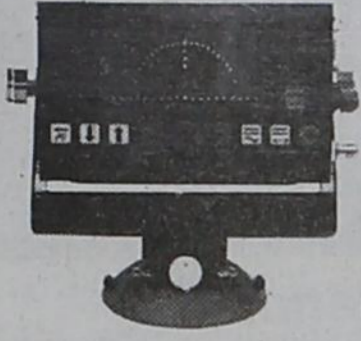
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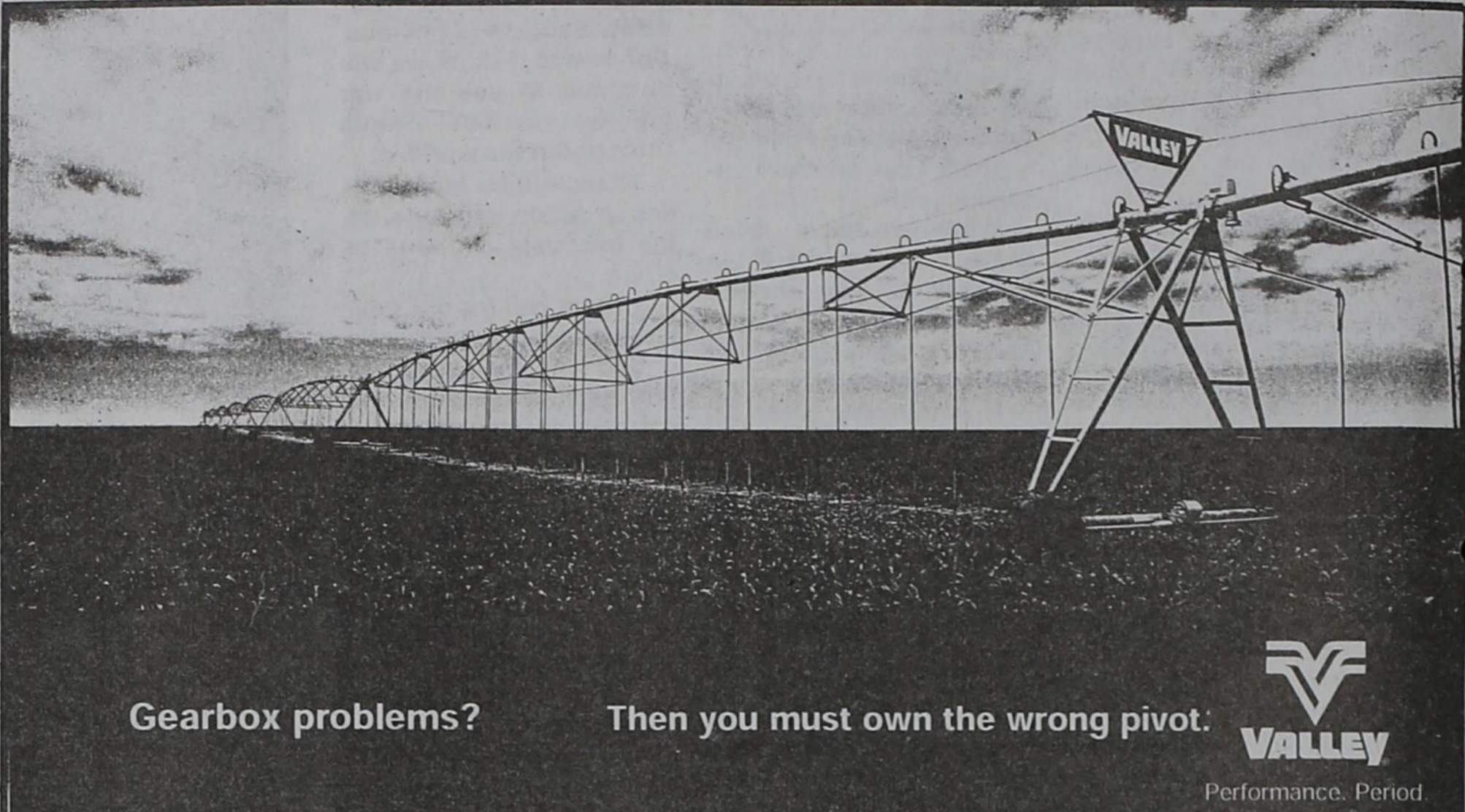


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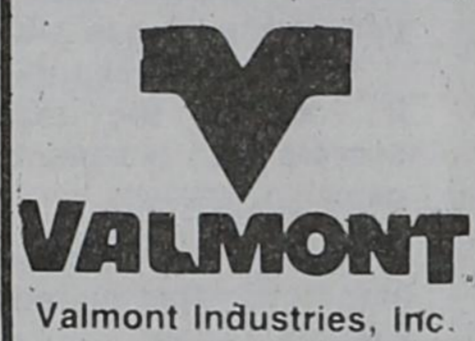


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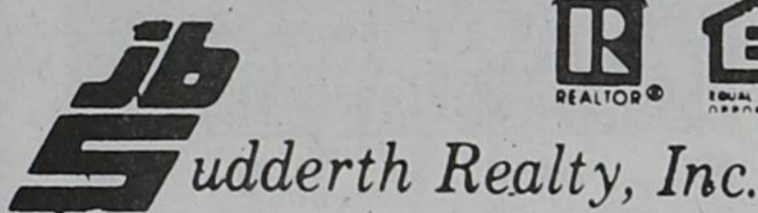


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Here's last year's reports:

Bovina

December -- 1 mile west of 145 and 1731, transformer and grass, Deaf Smith Electric.
 April -- fire in pickup, 6 miles east 86 and Jamerson barn, Ricky Jamerson.
 May - hay fire, 3 miles east 86; wreck, 3 miles west Hwy. 60, Faulkenberg.
 June - grass fire, 4 miles west Hwy. 60, state road way; grass fire, 2290 and CR 4, Tom Ware.
 July -- grass fire, 4 miles west on 60, state road way.
 November -- car roll over, Hwy. 86 and 60, driver unknown; 2 vehicle accident, 3 miles west 1731 and Road J, Herring and Shelton.

Lazbuddie

December -- medic alert and rescue, Mrs. Waddel, 45 1/2E.
 February -- burning wood, caught well house on fire, Hudson residence, 3 E Dodd Gin.
 March -- business fire, Treider Supply; vehicle rescue, 2 W of Laz 3 1/4N, Johnny Mitchel; vehicle rescue, owner unknown, 1/8 west, Treider's.
 May -- truck rescue, Juan Mendoza, 1/4 N of CC; grass fire, neighbor to Vick Christian, 1/2 E of 3333 pavement.
 June -- tornado, Donnie Coker, approximately 6 N of Lazbuddie; vehicle, jaws used, unknown driver, 3 W of Lazbuddie; vehicle rollover, Warrez, 6 N 1E of Lazbuddie.
 July -- trash fire, Melvin Morris, 1/2 S of CC; trash fire, old co-op, 1 1/2 W of Lazbuddie; trash fire, old co-op, 1 1/2 W of Lazbuddie.
 September -- explosion CO2 plant, 6 west Hwy. 1760, 1 killed, several hurt.
 October -- trash, Sherley-Anderson, NW of Lazbuddie; truck and car hit cows (weather poor), 13 dead cows. Cattle belonged to Magby. 1/2 S of CC, Hwy. 214.
 November -- well house fire, CC Gin; burr fire, North Lazbuddie Gin.

Farwell

January -- fire, Hwy 60 and 292, railroad property; 1/2 mile east of Farwell on 60, railroad property; grass fire, KIYN Radio, east of radio station; grass fire, Thomas Vasquez, 1/2 mile N, 1/4 mile east of Sherley Anderson grain elevator.
 February -- gas line cut, CR S and CR X.
 May -- wheat field, PHF Farwell, 4 miles east Hwy. 84; car fire (car stolen), 1/4 mile east of Farwell; grass fire, old Farwell Cemetery 3 miles south; grass fire, Hwy. 60 and FM 3333.
 June -- grass fire, railroad property, 2 miles east of Farwell on Hwy. 60; hay fire, Allsup's, State Line Road, 2 miles north; wheat fire, west side of Farwell; grass fire, 1/2 mile east on Hwy. 60.
 July -- grass fire, CR 6 and FM 145.
 August -- truck fire, Hwy. 70-84 and CR DD; grass fire, Hwy. 84, Parmer County Cotton Growers gin.

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December -- CRP grass and cotton pile fire, Deaf Smith County FM 1058, 1 1/2 miles east of state line. Owner, Northcutt/Garret.
 January -- CRP grass fire, Bogess and Mosley farms, 1 mile south of FM 214 on CR 13; controlled burn of CRP grass, Ralph Shelton owner, 2 miles west of FM 1731 and FM 2013.
 April -- CRP and pasture grass fire, owner Ralph Burnett, 7 miles north of Hwy. 209 on Hwy. 275, Curry County.
 June -- house fire (electrical wire overheated in attic), Joe Allen occupant, 84 FM 2013, 1.25 miles west of station; grass and wheat field fire, owner Larry Schilling and state right of way, 2 miles east of FM 1731 and north of FM 2013; standby for two grass fires, Curry County.
 July -- pasture grass fire, Barnett Farms, 6 miles west of state line on Hwy. 19; CRP grass fire, Bailey Farms, Broadview, 7 miles west of state line on Hwy. 19.

Friona

January -- grass fire, state property, south on 214; grass fire, Rushing Farms, 6N 6W,
 February -- truck fire, occupant unknown, Hwy. 60; gas leak, Energas, 200 block W 5th; grass fire, state property, 5 miles west; grass fire, state property, 4.2 miles west; fire, 2 miles east on U.S. 60.
 March -- fire, Excel crossing; grass fire, CR 15 and C; structure fire, owner Alan Monroe, 2.75 miles east on 2397; cotton burr fire, owner Murphree Pens, south of CR 15; structure fire, owner unknown, North Street in Bovina; fire, owner Nick Collar, CR R; fire, U.S. 60 and Excel; grass fire, Rushing Farms, 3 miles north.
 April -- smoke alarm, PCCH, 1306 Cleveland; grass fire, 100 block of Ashland; grass fire, state property, FM

214 and CR F; fire, 1 mile west on U.S. 60; grass fire, CR A and 24; burr fire, CR 19 and A; fire, Hwy. 60 and Cleveland; fire, CR 20 south; truck fire, owner unknown, Hwy. 60 and Main.

May -- pit fire, Friona Feed Yard, CR 23 and T.
 June -- burr fire, Friona Cooperative Gin, 3 miles south on 214; grass fire, Rd MM; transformer, SPS, 904 W. 9th; grass fire, owner unknown, 8 east U.S. 60; grass fire, owner Robert Zetsche, 3 miles U.S. 60; fire, 1 mile east on U.S. 60; alarm Prairie Acres, 201 E. 15th St.; grass fire, owner Larry Schilling, 2013 and CR 5; fire, 509 W. 11th; car fire, 5th and 60; plane crash, 2 miles east on CR 28 from Lakeview Elevator; grass fire, 2 miles east of Hub; fire, unknown owner, 5.5 miles south on 214.

July -- fire, W. Hwy. 60 at Excel; burr fire, owner Randy Campbell, 2.5 miles south on 214; grass fire, between 3 and 4, Woodland; fire, west of Excel; grass fire, 6.5 miles east on U.S. 60; fire, owner Frye, 404 W. 14th; grass fire, state property, east on 2397; fire, 4.5 miles on CR 19.
 August -- smoke alarm, Prairie Acres, 201 E. 15th; grass fire, state property, 9 miles east on U.S. 60.
 September -- structure fire, 503 E. 11th; electrical fire, Friona Industries owner, 1201 E. 11th; explosion, CO2 plant, Muleshoe.
 October -- fire, 5.5 miles west on U.S. 60; fire, U.S. 60 west; fire, 4.5 miles west on U.S. 60.
 November -- burr fire, Friona Cooperative Gin; grass fire, state property, 2 miles south on 214.

The Latest

Helton Oil, of Farwell, got prominent play in the December issue of the "Propane Insider" newsletter from the Railroad Commission of Texas.

An article said: "Hal Helton of Helton



Brandon Sheets

Sheets receives commission

Navy Ensign Brandon Sheets, son of Melody and Martin Sheets of Muleshoe, received his commission as a naval officer after completing the 13-week long Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., with distinction.

He is the grandson of Harry and Mina Sheets and Lynn Roberts, all of Farwell.

He graduated Abilene Christian High in 1996 and Abilene Christian University in 2000. He joined the Navy in August 2002.

Oil in Farwell used AFRED's Earned Media Program to publicize his company and inform his customers about safe use of propane space heaters.

"Hal says he customizes the press release that AFRED prepares every month and walks it over to his local paper.

"I didn't have a bit of a problem getting it in the paper," reported Hal. "Of course, we advertise with them, and it's a weekly paper. They were happy to publish the safety information."

Debbie Gallman reports her black and white border collie, answering to "Lady Reward", is missing, and she has offered a reward for its return. Call her at 238-2068 or 272-7365 (work).

Texico's Dru Mayfield was named to the South All-Star Volleyball Team for its July match in Albuquerque.

Farwell Steers line-backer Gaby Garcia was named Honorable Mention for the Lubbock newspaper's All-South Plains Class 1A football squad.

Lazbuddie's Sterling Via was named to the Lubbock newspaper's All-South Plains Six-Man football team for his punting ability.

He averaged 34 yards a punt, and had only one blocked.

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Using 'automatic' deliveries ensures adequate propane

Clean-burning propane gas is Texas No. 1 alternative fuel, and Hal Helton, of Helton Oil, Inc., of Farwell, suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local supplier about having their residential delivery accounts put on "automatic."

With an "automatic" or "keep full" account, a homeowner never has to worry about having an adequate supply of propane, no matter how cold the weather or how treacherous the road conditions. Too many last-minute calls to propane suppliers during sudden winter storms can cause a backlog of emergency deliveries that not only inconvenience the customer, but also can endanger the delivery truck drivers. Keeping propane tanks full helps ensure not only an adequate supply of gas, but also a fair market price.

Helton also reminds those who rely on electricity to heat and light their homes that propane-powered appliances like fireplaces and space heaters can come in rather handy during winter power outages. A propane-powered backup generator can provide temporary power to pre-designated equipment, such as a furnace, sump pump or even lights.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Parmer County hereby requests and will receive proposals for Construction Manager-At-Risk services relative to the proposed Parmer County Jail/Law Enforcement Center, to include up to a 49-bed jail and Sheriff's office, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 13, 2003, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud.

Requests for Proposals may be obtained by contacting the office of the Honorable Bonnie Clayton, Parmer County Judge, Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd Street, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, 806-481-3383, during regular business hours.

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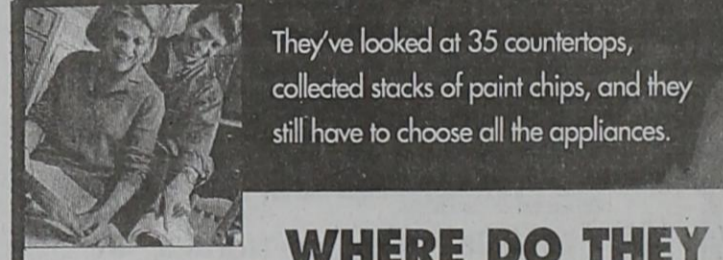
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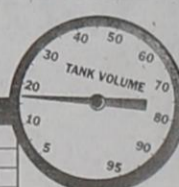
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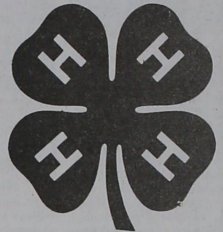
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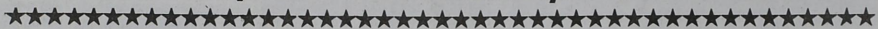


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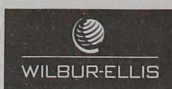
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