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As 1976, America's Bicentennial Year, with all its progress and problems fades into history, it is fitting to take a backward glance to look over what happened to make 1976 a memorable year for area residents.

While we look back, we also look forward. The new year finds us with a new president taking the reins of our country, hopefully to help us find answers to many of the problems plaguing our world today. Answers to the problems of energy, crime, inflation and world peace perhaps will partially be solved during this new year ahead.

But all this remains to be seen and will be properly recorded for recollection as a review of "what happened in

1977." Meanwhile, Happy New Year.

Farwell ushered in 1976 by putting into effect a one percent sales tax which proponents said would "alleviate the burden of high property taxes on property owners in the city." However, this campaign promise was shortlived as property owners faced large increases in taxes when they received their new tax assessment notices in August.

January found Farwell's Steerettes capturing their third tournament of the basketball season, starting them out with one of their best season records in history.

The late Vic Venable was honored on his retirement as water superintendent of Farwell, having started his career

in this department back in 1948.

Southwestern Public Service announced more than \$389 million would be invested in new equipment and improvements over a five-year span.

The first snowfall of the year was recorded on January 7, but the highlight of the month for Farwell residents was the long-awaited groundbreaking for the proposed nursing home on January 27.

Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church observed its 50th anniversary with a special program "A Time For Remembrance." County officials announced for re-election and Farwell City Council accepted the gift of Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery from Mrs. Dickie Magness.

Billy Hammit, Texico water superintendent, received the "Good Housekeeping Award," for having the best waste water lagoons in the state.

Texico Woman's Club asked for public assistance in one of its newly-acquired projects—to clean up Fairfield Cemetery. Theta Rho Chapter of ESA sorority decided to provide assistance to Girls Town as one of its projects for the year.

Parmar County Commissioners issued a formal protest regarding the proposed weather modification activities over the county.

Farwell's newest business was Tri-County Savings & Loan Association which opened its branch office here on January 20.

Attorney Jack Young had opposition from W. Doyle Elliott, Friona attorney.

Highlighting local activities in February was the special Parmar County Bicentennial Ceremony held on George Washington's birthday, February 22, at the county courthouse. A liberty tree was planted and dedicated to mark the event which was sponsored by the Parmar County Bicentennial Committee.

February could also have been noted as "Stop Stop Month" in Farwell as 126 new stop signs were placed throughout the city, causing some consternation to motorists until they became aware of the revised traffic pattern in the city. The signs were installed on the recommendation of the Governor's Office on Traffic Safety after a survey was conducted by City Marshal Ronnie Mitchell.

Texico's city-wide clean-up campaign was a big success with everyone in the community cooperating in the project to rid the area of weeds, trash and litter.

D.E. Hammit, Jr., a city employee for five years, was named to the post of water superintendent at Farwell. The Commissioners Court approved raises for all county employees and the Soil Conservation Service in Friona was designated the federal wind erosion observer for Parmar County.

Politics made headlines in February as two county races were contested. Sheriff Charlie Lovelace, incumbent, was opposed for that position by Bill Denney, police chief at Friona. A four-man race developed in the race for commissioner of Precinct 3 with incumbent Cecil Atchley being opposed by Wendol Christian, Archie Tarter and Arvil N. Walls. On the district scene, District

Farwell Elementary School added another first grade teacher to the faculty and split up the existing two first grade classes to make three grades. Superintendent James Perkins called the move a step toward providing the youngsters with individualized instruction.

Farwell Volunteer Fire Department received another fire truck -- a military surplus vehicle which had been refitted as a fire truck by the Texas Forest Service.

Two Farwell Junior High students, Doug Cole and Michael Boling, won first places in the county spelling bee.

The Steerettes continued their winning ways, capturing the District 3-A title along with the bi-district championship. Four members of the

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OLD-FASHIONED NEW YEAR BREAKFAST

Ring in the New Year with an old-fashioned Gold Rush breakfast. Whether it's a festive meal at midnight or brunch at midday, it's a great way to entertain and a nice way to start the new year.

Entertaining at breakfast is easy on the hostess when it's a self-service buffet. The menu should be hearty, but simple, such as the favorite of gold rush days, Creamed Chipped Beef. Offer a choice of toasted English muffins or squares of corn bread to go with the creamy beef.

The focal point of a New Year's breakfast is a sparkling festive punch. Instead of the usual breakfast favorite, sweet and flavorful concordgrape juice, serve a bubbly concordgrape punch. This one is a mixture of concordgrape drink, apricot nectar, club soda and gingerale. It's as simple as opening a few cans and bottles — and mixing. The flavor combos blend into a refreshingly tasty drink with just enough sparkle to wake up the morning.

To add a gala touch to your New Year's breakfast punch, freeze maraschino cherries and pineapple chunks in ice. This is not only decorative, but it also keeps the punch cold throughout the breakfast.



SPARKLING GRAPE BREAKFAST PUNCH

- 6 well-drained maraschino cherries
- 2 cans (1 pound each) pineapple chunks
- 1 can (46 ounces) concordgrape drink
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) apricot nectar
- 1 can (18 ounces) pineapple juice
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) club soda, chilled
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) gingerale, chilled

Arrange cherries in the bottom of a one-quart ring mold. Carefully spoon pineapple chunks, undrained, over cherries. Freeze until firm.

When ready to serve, decorate punch bowl with laurel. Pour in juices and soda. Unmold ring by dipping in hot water. Float in grape drink mixture. Makes about 3 quarts.



25th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Doyle and Louise Green wish to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents. Mrs. Green is the former Louise Shaw. A reception will be given in their honor Saturday, January 1st, from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church fellowship hall. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. It is requested that no gifts be given.

Sharon Booth Named To Who's Who

Sharon Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Booth of Farwell, was one of 42 students at South Plains College named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Students were selected on the basis of scholarship and active involvement in both campus and community life, according to Bob Fallon, director of student activities at SPC. Those nominated were full-time sophomores who maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Faculty advisors each submitted three

names, which were then evaluated by a nominating committee.

Their names and biographical information will appear in an annual publication "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges," which is available as a reference source for schools, employers and others.

W.E. Martins Honored On 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Martin, of Farwell, Tex. were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26 with a reception in their home given by their children.

Mrs. Martin wore a lovely blue dress complimented with a white orchid corsage. Martin wore a blue suit with a white carnation boutonniere.

A white linen tablecloth edged with wide white lace covered the serving table. A lovely emerald green stone bowl filled with large white spider chrysanthemums and emerald green ribbon and greenery was used as a centerpiece.

Assorted Christmas cakes, mints, and nuts were served with hot spiced tea and coffee by the granddaughters.

A lovely garland of emerald greenery dotted with gold lights and topped with two lovely white doves was placed above the fireplace.

The guest book was placed on a small table decorated with an arrangement of small white spider chrysanthemums and emerald greenery. Granddaughters attended the book in which 226 guests registered.

Sixty years ago on Dec. 27, 1916 Brother J.E. Black united Miss Lantie Hankins and Mr. Estus Martin in marriage in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. T.H. Hankins of Petersburg, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have 65 descendants. All of their children and most of their grandchildren attended the celebration.

Children hosting the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phillips, El Paso, Tex. Duane Martin, Gilbert, Ariz., Mrs. Pearl Thompson, Levelland, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Locker, Muleshoe, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Savage, College Park, Ga., Alta Sheets, Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunn of Clovis, N.M.

Many relatives and friends attended from Farwell, Texico, Clovis, Morton, Littlefield,

Hale Center, Lazbuddie, Petersburg, Lubbock, Dallas, Houston, St. Vrain, Broadwayview Grady, Hobbs, Gilbert, Ariz and College Park, Ga. and El Paso.

Oklahoma Lane Hosts Christmas Celebration

The 60th annual Oklahoma Lane Community Christmas celebration was held Christmas Eve at the Oklahoma Lane Community Center. An estimated 180 people joined in the festivities which consisted of singing Christmas songs and a visit from Santa Claus. The jolly man in red had treats for everyone.

According to Avis Carpenter of Oklahoma Lane, the first Christmas Eve celebration was held in 1916 in one of the resident's home. As the community grew the annual get

together became too large for a home and was eventually moved to a public building.

Mrs. Carpenter calls the Christmas Eve festivities a "homecoming" because so many families and friends get together on that night of the year. She reports that many of those attending came from Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth, Virginia, Albuquerque, N.M.; Lubbock, Dimmitt, Plainview and Hereford.

Marriage Announced

Mrs. Mora Garner of Farwell, Texas, and Olan N. Schlueter of Texico, New Mexico, were united in marriage on Monday, December 20th at the Texico Baptist Church in Texico with the Rev. Clifton Ennen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farwell, officiating.

The couple will be at home at 420 Garwood in Texico after December 29th.

Marriage Licenses

One marriage license was issued by the Parmer County Clerk's office this week. The license was issued to Zeferino Villarreal, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Lucero.

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Washington Crosses The Delaware

by Donald Whisenunt

On Christmas night 1776 General Washington made a dramatic counter-attack and won the first major American victory of the Revolutionary War.

Since evacuating New York several weeks earlier Washington had retreated across New Jersey and crossed the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. Criticized by some for retreating in the face of the enemy and fearful of the continued erosion of morale, Washington knew he had to do something.

On December 13 General How had sent most of the British army back to winter quarters in New York. He left garrisons at Trenton, Princeton, and three other New Jersey towns. Washington was informed that the force at Trenton was a Hessian unit under Colonel Johann Rall that was not prepared to meet an attack.

Therefore, Washington decided on a daring plan to attack the garrison at Trenton. The original plan called for three American forces to cross the Delaware River during the night and attack Trenton from three directions. Because the Delaware was so filled with ice, only the force commanded by Washington was able to get across. This is the crossing depicted in the famous painting of Washington standing in the bow of a small boat.

At 8 a.m. on December 26 Washington caught the Hessians by complete surprise. The battle lasted an hour. Rall was mortally wounded, thirty Hessians were killed, and 918

were taken prisoner. Washington suffered only five casualties.

Washington took the prisoners back across the river into Pennsylvania and recrossed the river and occupied Trenton on December 30-31, 1776.

This was a stunning victory that raised American morale and hope as nothing had done for several months. Obviously, victory was still a long way off, but it was a fitting way to bring the independence year of 1776 to a close.

The new administration in the Spanish Southwest that provided hope for improvement also provided the possibility of more conflict among

government officials. The new commandant general answered directly to the king, by-passing the viceroy in Mexico City. Obviously, such an arrangement could provide much friction if the viceroy resented this limit on his power.

Some historians believe that the new position was created because of the mismanagement of the northern frontier by Viceroy Bucareli. If this were true, relations between the two officials could directly influence the direction, for good or bad, of the government of the northern provinces.

Thus, Texas ended 1776 on a somewhat uncertain note.

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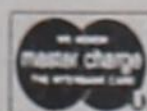
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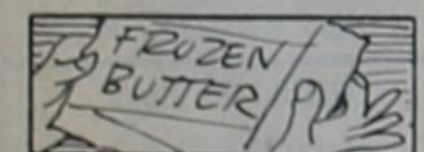
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