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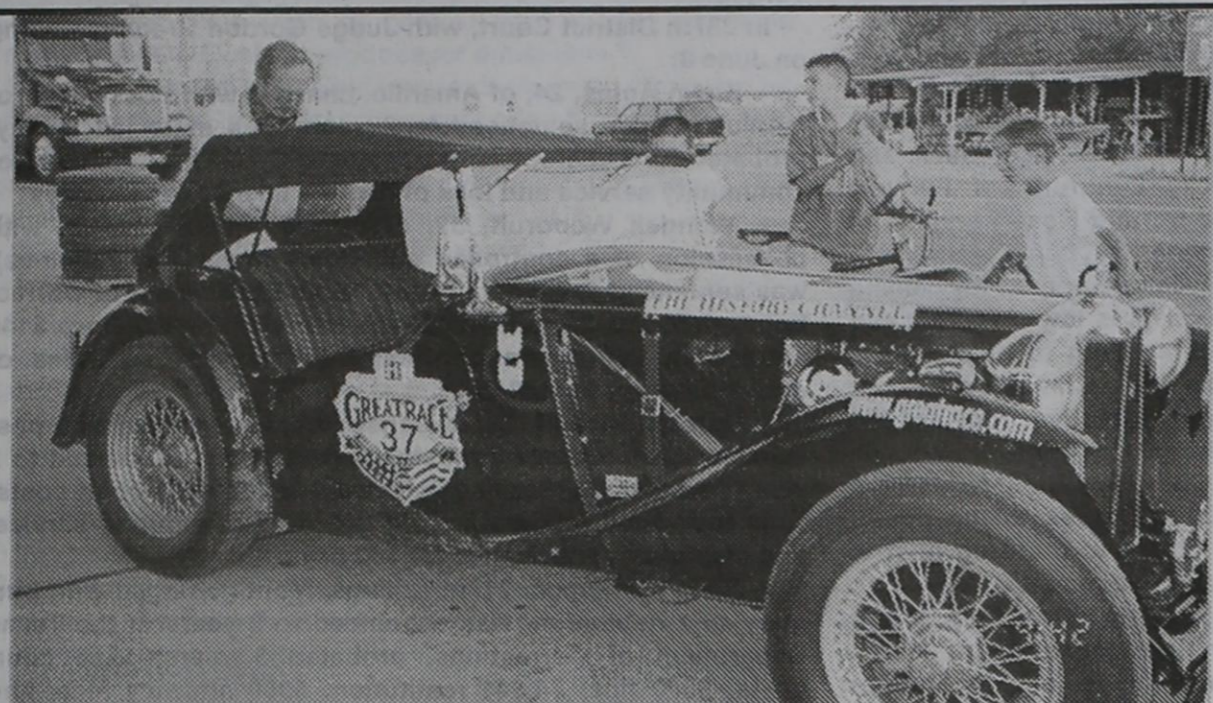
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Great Racers

Some of the vehicles in the "Great Race" crossing the United States stopped at Trujillo's 66 full-service station in Texico on Monday.



Windmill changes local landscape

New Mexico's first wind-powered commercial electricity-producing turbine generator was installed this week at the "Llano Estacado Wind Ranch," just south of Texico, at the top of a just-assembled tubular steel column as tall as a radio signal tower.

From a perch 213 feet above ground, the generator's three "windmill" blade, each 80 feet long, will capture wind energy to turn the turbine. By the end of June, the mill will produce up to 660 kilowatts of electrical energy for New Mexico customers who make the choice to pay a bit extra each month to help promote wind power, said Andy Sulkko, wind energy product manager for SPS.

"Today, it costs more to produce energy from wind-generation facilities than from our traditional, fossil-fueled plants," Sulkko explained. "So, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission is providing SPS customers the opportunity to pay a small premium above our standard, low rates -- to offset the higher cost of wind generation, help conserve and protect natural resources, and promote wind power."

Through the sponsorship program, called Windsource, SPS residential customers in New Mexico who volunteer to do so will pay a \$3 premium for a block of 100 kilowatt-hours of wind-generated electricity each month for one year. The \$3 premium will be charged in addition to the standard SPS price for the 100 kilowatt-hours of service.

Customers who do not wish to pay the extra cost of wind power will not have to, "But those who feel strongly about saving natural resources, especially water, and about preserving our clean air, and who decide to afford the extra cost, can choose to do so," Sulkko said.

The generator will produce electrical energy when winds blow between 8 and 60 miles per hour, said Walter Hornaday, of the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch. Winds at about 25 mph are optimal, he said. The generator will shut down when winds are stronger than 60 mph. When winds are not blowing, the generator will not produce energy.

Hornaday is president of Cielo Wind Power, the lead company in a partnership that will build, own and operate the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch, and -- under a 15-year contract with the utility -- sell its output to SPS. The energy will be the first commercial wind power offered in New Mexico, Hornaday said. The land, on county Road 7 about 3/4 of a mile west of State Line Road, was purchased from Bert Williams and Don Oppliger, he said.

About 1,540 SPS customer-sponsors, each subscribing to one, 100-kilowatt-hour block, would use all of the energy from one wind ranch turbine. SPS has committed to purchasing power from one additional turbine, as customer-demand for wind power increases.

Hornaday said his team develops wind energy where it is economically viable and can be developed in harmony with the local environment. Eastern New Mexico is an excellent area for wind power, he said. One reason is that the area is windy; another is that it is semi-arid.

"Wind-produced electricity requires no cooling water; in contrast, power plants that burn coal or natural gas would need at least 525,000 gallons of water each year to generate the amount of electricity that will be produced by one Llano Estacado Ranch wind turbine," Hornaday said.

"Generation from wind offers several attractive environ-

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Farwell street projects discussed

Texas Highway Department foreman Leamon Jacobs gave the Farwell City Council on Tuesday an update on their plans.

He has applied for state funds for special projects and is optimistic about getting them. It would go for concrete work on Highway 84 in Farwell and Friona, plus improvements to the "loop" in Farwell from Highway 84 to Farwell Schools.

Jacobs hopes to improve the ditch situation along the loop in September. Other points Jacobs made were:

-- Water accumulates along the highway after rains because 84 was designed to keep water out of the rest of the town.

-- If it snows, the highway department's priority to clear Highways 84, 60, 214 and 86. Farm to market roads come last.

-- Roads 145 and 1731 are supposed to be rebuilt, and widened, next year.

-- He was asked by councilman John Carlson to look into the "lake" problem in the 100 block of 1st Street caused by heavy rains.

In other business, the council:

-- Discussed again the truck parking situation in town. Also present was trucker Gene Christian.

The upshot of the discussion was that no action was taken.

-- Doyle Johnson brought up a problem of drainage in the 900 block of 7th Street. The city will talk with East-

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Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Greg learns about how electoral process works



by Greg Qualls

Hello Matha....Hello Fatha....Here I am at.....Boys' State.

Okay, I know it doesn't rhyme like the song, but that song represents how I felt my first night at Boys' State. When it was all said and done, though, I had a really good time.

While there, 370 guys set up and operated city, county, and state governments that are designed to parallel New Mexico's own governing bodies. Boys' State was held at the Eastern New Mexico University campus in Portales this year. So I had only a 30 minute drive to get there.

I got to ENMU on the afternoon of Sunday, June 5. I was quickly rushed through registration where I found out that I was now the citizen of a city called Cortez and our color was yellow. From there I went to my city -- on the sixth floor.

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What is band's future?

The recent articles, and letters to the editor, in the Tribune about the local band situations got me to thinking about it and talking to folks about it.

I always recall when we came here; my daughter, Patty, was a senior at Farwell High.

She signed up for band. As she put it, "that's about all that's offered at that time."

In those days, Farwell had a marvelous band, with Lynn Burton as director.

But times have changed. In the past 15 years, we have seen an explosion -- technology (computers) and an emphasis on academics.

What has occurred is that a whole lot more is offered students in our schools than back in the mid-1980s.

One good example is the number of local students who take classes at Clovis Community College, while still in high school. I doubt any of these kids take band -- there's no time for it.

Add to that the number of electives that involve computers -- and that is very attractive to students.

The result? The number of students in our marching bands have decreased greatly.

Obviously, there are intangibles. For example, find a highly motivated, talented band teacher who can excite the students about band, and I bet you can have a successful program.

But what has happened in Texico and Farwell over the past decade is obvious -- the number of band students is greatly down.

What does that mean for the future?

Should our school officials reconsider goals of "band"?

Permit me to throw out some ideas:

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New gin under construction

Gin construction moving along well

Ron Riley, manager of the Parmer County Cotton Growers Co-op, is pleased with the progress of the new cotton gin being built just east of Farwell.

"We're working our butts off."

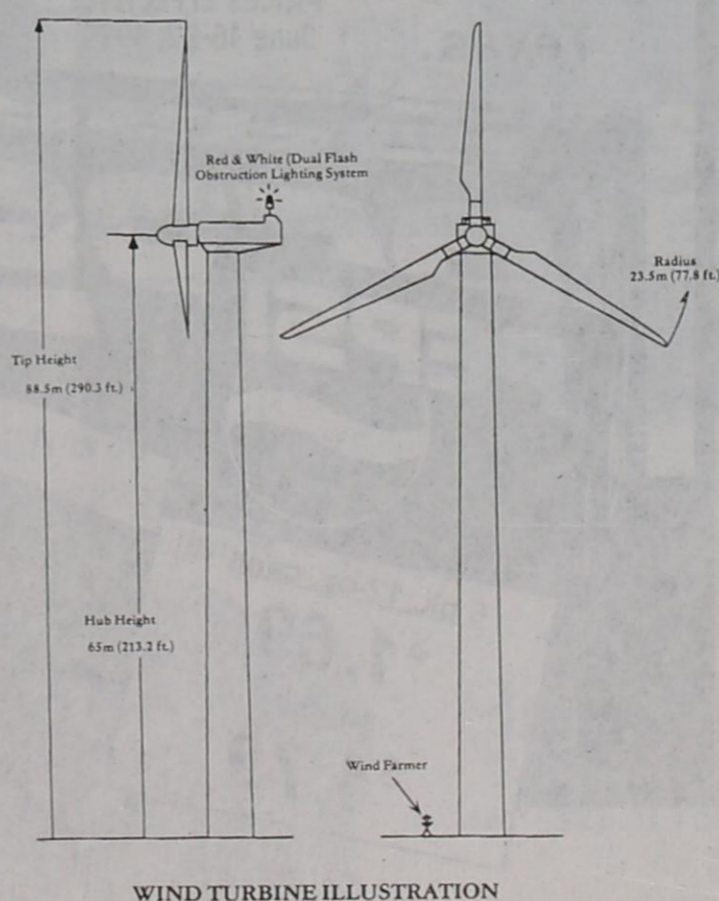
They have about 90 percent of the concrete done, about one-quarter of the machinery is stacked, and the roof is about to be put on the office. Riley said that they expect to have all the machinery stacked by next week.

Then they can start framing the building and getting the electrical conduit run.

Riley reported that they are just a few days behind schedule because of the rain. But he doesn't mind. "The rain is worth a whole lot more," he said.

Overall, the cotton gin should be ready by September. That is just in time for the October harvest.

In addition to the cotton gin, they will be selling bulk seed.



WIND TURBINE ILLUSTRATION

Farwell teacher Brenda Logan resigns

The Farwell School Board on June 10 received the resignation of junior high special education teacher Brenda Logan.

Hired to replace her was Mendy Warlick, from Bovina.

In other business, the board:

-- Re-elected board officers: Ronald Byrd, president; David Norton, vice president, and Teresa Ancira, secretary.

-- Adjusted the drug testing policy to allow for periodic testing from 1 to 25 percent of the pupils, rather than 10 to 25 percent.

-- Heard Supt. Larry Gregory say that 7th grade band will not be mandatory.

-- Named Mike Woods as the delegate to the Texas School Boards Association.

Obituaries

Maria Lucero

Services for Maria Lucero, 61, of Clovis, were June 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Daniel Chavez celebrating the mass. Burial was at Mission Garden of Memories.

She died June 9 in Clovis. She was born March 9, 1938, in Guadalajara, Mexico. She married Raymond Lucero on July 7, 1980, in Portales.

Surviving are her husband; 4 daughters, Mary Ramirez, Sara Cruz, Cindy Wright and Judy Rodriguez, all of Clovis; 5 brothers, Frank Ortiz, of Clovis; Anacleto Ortiz Jr. and Richard Ortiz, both of Texico; Jimmy Ortiz, of Houston, and Arturo Ortiz, of Liberal, Kan.; 4 sisters, Elsie Hill, of Clovis; Norma Williams, of Texico; Rosa Hernandez, of Houston, and Alicia Jones, of Liberal; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Roy Cruz, Frank Cruz, Samuel Cordova, Anacleto Ortiz Jr., Bill Wright and Daniel Rodriguez. Steed-Todd Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Roy Hutchison

Roy Hutchison, 78, of Tucumcari, N.M., died June 5 at an Amarillo hospital.

Services were held June 10 at Grady Methodist Church with George Irving and Herman Ragland officiating. Burial followed at Grady Cemetery.

He was born June 28, 1921, in Grady. He attended San Jon Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are 2 sons, Warren, of Wasilla, Alaska, and Coleman, of Anchorage, Alaska; 4 daughters, Sandra Hutchison, of Clovis; Kathryn Mooney and Marjorie Hawkins, both of Grady, and Nancy Beavers, of Farwell; 2 sisters, Viva Coffman and Nancy Sells, both of Tucumcari; a brother, Harold Hutchison, of Tucumcari; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rex Hutchison, George Hutchison, Rudy Hutchison, Tom Garrett, Jim Mooney, Herman Ragland, Orville Beavers and Lee Coffman.

Melvin Treider

Services for Melvin O. Treider, 80, of Denison, Texas, were June 15 at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe with Rev. Louis Crenshaw officiating.

Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery. He died June 12 at the VA hospital in Temple.

He was born May 10, 1919, in Lazbuddie. He married Anita Bewley in Clovis in June 1947. He left Lazbuddie in 1970, moving to Plains for 20 years, then to Denison.

He was a farmer and World

War II veteran. He was a POW in Japan for 3 1/2 years.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Gary, of Midlothian, and Mel, of Arlington; 2 sisters, Clara Brown, of Carlsbad, N.M., and Gladys Cheyne, of Animas, N.M.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Disabled American Veterans.

Velma Kelley

Services for Velma Kelley, 81, of Texico, were June 16 at Central Baptist Church in Clovis with Rev. Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

She died June 13 in Clovis. She was born Nov. 6, 1917, in Shawnee, Okla. She married Bernie Kelley on Dec. 25, 1935, in Childress, Texas.

She farmed and raised cattle with her husband until his death, Feb. 19, 1993. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Wooten, of Roswell, N.M.; 3 sons, Allen and Leon, both of Clovis, and J.C., of Corsicana, Texas; a brother, R.F. Harris, of Wellington, Texas; 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rayford Harris.

Casket bearers were grandsons Billy Potts, Eddie Waterman, Larry Levacy, Bill Simon, Shawn Wooten, Darren Kelley, Jay Kelley, Bret Houk and John Mayer. Her granddaughters were honorary casket bearers.

Marshal's Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Marshal Kelley Brophy:

On June 11, Luis Rodriguez, 18, of Texico, was charged with battery.

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Judy Pomper, vice president
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Banter

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-- Should we give up the concept of a "marching band" and concentrate instead on having a "pep band"?

-- What about choral? Should that replace band? Many students are in their church choruses. Should an emphasis be placed here?

-- Should "band" be made mandatory, with the schools footing the bill for the instruments?

-- Should we just go along with the status quo -- fielding small "marching bands" and not worrying about it.

What do you think? If you have a view, I think it would be good to share it with your school officials and school board members. They would like to know the public's opinions on this.

I think the time for a dialogue on the future of "band" and the direction it needs to take has arrived.

An update on raising money for Parmer County

Courthouse Notes

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

Christine Zorns - Zorns family limited partnership, W 1/2 N 320A S29 T5S;R4E Synd.

James Zorns - Zorns family limited partnership, NW 1/4 S9 Harrah sub.

Manuel Coronado - Dora Chacon, lots 17-18, B 17 Farwell.

Mona Goodman - Anthony Bartels, pt S10 T51/2S;R4E Synd.

Jay Goodman - Anthony Bartels, same as above.

Teodoro Chavez - Ismael Chavez, north 90 feet of L4, B36 Bovina.

Dr. Tseung, a Podiatrist

will be at the

Farwell Convalescent Center

Thursday, June 24

Dr. Tseung comes to the Farwell Convalescent Center for out-patient podiatry appointments every other month.

If you are having trouble with your feet, call Elaine Morrow at 481-9027 for an appointment. Podiatry charges can be billed to Medicare or private insurance.

Crimestoppers:

As of Tuesday, \$785 had been turned in -- from Border Games (Darell Cook), of Farwell; Leon and Suzy Langford, of Pleasant Hill; Tedson Trailers (Ted and Teddy Lopez), of Texico; Jack and Becky Landrum, of Farwell; and Ed and Rose Longley, of Farwell.

Crimestoppers, by being effective, is low on funds and we are trying to help them. I consider Crimestoppers a highly effective tool in the fight against crime.

Crimestoppers paid out \$500 last week to the tipster which led to the drug bust in Lazbuddie recently.

They need our help. If you can, please send any donations (made out to Parmer County Crimestoppers) to the Tribune, P.O. Box 255, Farwell, TX 79325.

I am putting the checks into the bank and we plan to give one big check to Crimestoppers at Border Town Days in July.

Your help is appreciated.

Farwell

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wood Construction about possibly paving the area in question.

-- Heard street Supt. Dee Hammit report that the fountain in the city park was damaged and it needs to be cemented shut or taken out.

-- Okayed a building permit -- a portable carport for Florine Coburn, 110 8th St.

-- Okayed city hall roof repairs.

-- Received a successful demonstration by the county's new drug dog, "Arno." Friona Police Chief Randy Geris and one of his officers put on the demonstration.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger:

In 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding on June 8:

-- Kevin Annis, 24, of Amarillo, charged with possession of marijuana, was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 3 years; \$266 court costs, \$750 fine, 160 hours of community service and loss of driver's license for 180 days.

-- Wendell Woodruff, 32, of Stroud, Okla., charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamines), was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, deferred 2 years; \$266 court costs, \$1,000 fine; \$140 restitution; 200 hours of community service, and loss of driver's license for 180 days.

-- Derrick Brickert, 26, of Carlsbad, N.M., charged with possession of a controlled substance (LSD), was sentenced to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred 2 years; \$241 court costs; \$500 fine; \$140 restitution; 200 hours of community service, and loss of driver's license for 180 days.

-- Ricky Berkopec, 21, of Billings, Mont., charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated 5 years; \$266 court costs; \$500 fine; \$4,641 restitution; \$350 attorney fees, and 300 hours of community service.

Club championship held

Al Pineault is the 1999 club champion at the Farwell Country Club, with a low gross of 144.

Other low grosses were: Larry Powell Jr., 146; Jon Leal, 148; Tom Gonzales, 151; Brock Bizzell, 152; Gary Miller, 153; and Tim Peterson, 154 (won playoff).

In the low net category, Larry Powell Jr. had 130; Roy Dorris, 137; John Tranchida, 139; Greg Trujillo, 140 (won playoff); Tim Peterson, 140; Gary Miller, 141 (won playoff), and Jack Landrum, 141.

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Windmill (Continued from Page 1)

mental benefits," Sulkko added. "Wind generation has less impact than fossil-generation on natural resources. It will not 'use up' fossil fuels such as coal or natural gas, and wind generation itself does not produce air emissions."

Sulkko explained that Windsorce customers, "may not receive the very electrons that were generated by wind, but they will know that because of their support, wind-generated electrons will be put on the electrical grid, replacing energy that would have been generated by other sources."

Customers in New Mexico who want to sign up for the Windsorce program can call 1-800-894-3368. Customers who sign up to support the wind generation project will not be billed for the supportive premium until after the generator at Llano Estacado Wind Ranch is producing power for distribution by SPS.

Tours of the area will be available to school students and others, he said. Also, there are plans for a formal dedication this fall.

Turbines at the ranch will be painted with a low-gloss, off-white color, he said, "to provide good low-light visibility, but eliminate glare from the surface in direct sunshine."



Kirt Martin

Martin completes doctorate

Kirt Martin, a 1971 Farwell High graduate, has completed work on his doctorate at Texas Tech University.

His PhD is in biology with an emphasis in plant physiology. His dissertation was entitled "Effects of Cool Temperatures on Metabolites Related to Cellulose Synthesis in the Cotton Fiber."

Kirt received his bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian University in 1975. His master's degree is in agronomy from Oklahoma State University.

He has taught at LCU for the past 12 years. He teaches general biology, plant physiology, general ecology, plant ecology, creation/evolution, plant science, cell physiology and horticulture.

He is the son of Preston and Doris Martin, of Farwell.



Christi Corn

Corn graduates

Christi Corn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corn, of Farwell, graduated from Texas Tech on May 15 with a bachelor's degree in human sciences, with a major in early childhood education.

She will begin her career as a kindergarten teacher in Midland, Texas.

Former President George Bush was commencement speaker.

While at Tech, Christi worked with children at Lubbock's Lakeridge United Methodist Church, and was assistant director at Sonshine Children's Center of First United Methodist Church of Shallowater.

She also has worked at St. Mary's Hospital in the women's and children's center.

She was inducted into Omega chapter of the human science's honorary sorority, Phi Upsilon Omicron, while making the dean's list several times plus the president's list.

Bethel is medalist at Hi-Plains Playday

The Ladies' Hi-Plains Playday was held last week at the Farwell Country Club. Results were:

Jamye Bethel, 82, was medalist of the field. Ann Johnson, 65, was low net of the field.

Championship flight - Low gross -- Rhea Scott, 83; low net - Anna Crook, Jan Fontanilla and Gail Kinyon, all with 76; low putts -- Alice Fosher, Gail Kinyon and Rhea Scott, all with 30.

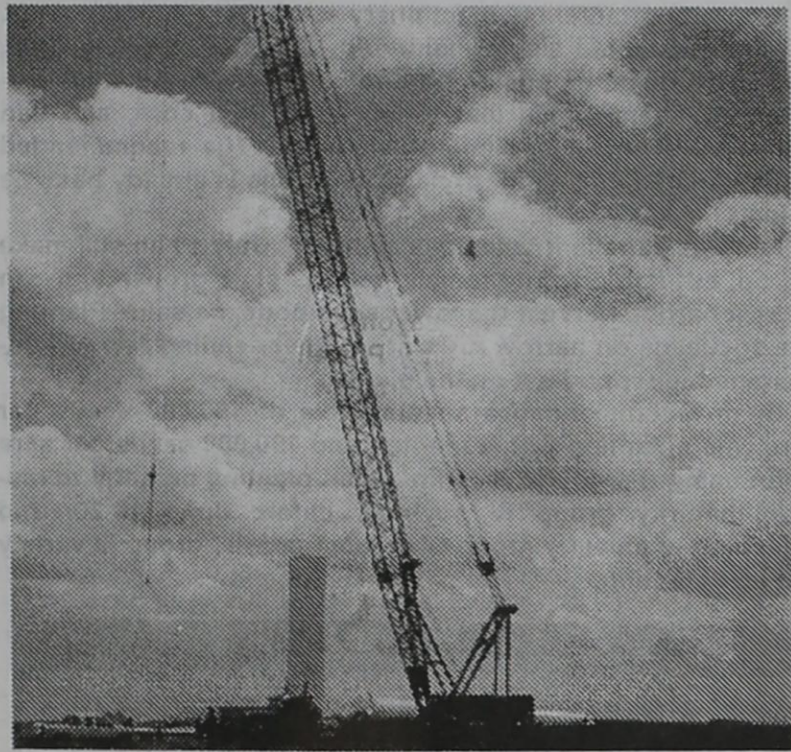
First flight - low gross -- Gerri Payne and Mary Shelton, 87 each; low net - Linda Murray, 77; low putts - Betty Durham and Linda Elder, 32 each.

Second flight - low gross - Pat Goforth, 95; low net, Martha Jones, 78; low putts - Donna Alexander, 31.

Third flight - low gross - Sandy Jones, 92; low net - Sue Ward, 77; low putts - Sue Ward, 29.

Fourth flight - Neats Foster, 88; low putts - Neats Foster, 37.

Fifth flight - low gross - Emily Hill, 116; low net - Dee Parker, 84; low putts - Emily Hill and Nadine Weaver, 34 each.



Construction crane looms high in the sky

Ex-student reunion planned

A Farwell ex-student reunion is set for July 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Clovis.

This reunion and dinner is for all graduates of Farwell High School. A buffet meal of apricot chicken, baked potato, tossed salad, peas and mushrooms, hot rolls with butter, hot fruit cobbler, tea and coffee, will be served.

There will be a \$12.50 cost per person for the meal which includes tax, tip, tea and coffee and also the space for the meal and visiting. Dress may be casual.

In order to have a head count for the meal by July 27, please mail your check for the meal to: F.H.S. Reunion, P.O. Box 39 Farwell, TX 79325 or call (806) 481-3441 (Frances Kube).

Charlie Phillips and the "Sugartimers" will be playing beginning at 9 p.m. The ticket cost for this is \$6 per person and benefits the Farwell Convalescent Center Auxiliary.

Make checks for the dinner to "Holiday Inn" and make checks for Phillips and the Sugartimers to "FCC Auxiliary."



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Should hailed acres be replanted with alternate crops?

Farmers with hail-damaged corn should evaluate the damage carefully before deciding whether to replant those acres to an alternate crop, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist.

"Hail damage on corn less than 6 to 8 inches tall can be insignificant if the plants are firmly anchored and good growing conditions prevail after the damage occurs," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. "Most corn plants at the 6-leaf stage or younger that are broken over, partially shredded or missing most of their growing point is still below the soil surface at that stage of growth."

"Their chances for recovery are quite good, unless more damage occurs. These plants will start to push up new, light-green leaves almost immediately. Young plants that lose their entire top, however, may lose 9 to 15 percent of their yield potential."

The best way to gauge a young corn crop's recovery potential is to inspect the growing point on several plants a few days after the injury occurs. Split the stems of young plants lengthwise and check the condition of the growing point, Trostle said. Plants with undamaged growing point is black or brown, the plant is severely damaged and will probably die.

June 1 is the latest date for planting full-season corn hybrids on the Southern High Plains to achieve near maximum yield potential. Replanting damaged corn acres back to shorter season corn isn't a good idea after June 15 because of reduced yield potential, the agronomist noted.

Farmers with older, taller hail damaged corn shouldn't give up the crop unless the damage is severe. Industry research suggests, for example, that 12-leaf corn (late June on the High Plains) can lose up to 50 percent of its leaves and only suffer 10 percent yield loss if the growing point isn't damaged.

Traditionally, corn producers may want to consider replanting corn, or switching to another crop with a later planting date, if the plant population of the surviving crop is less than 24,000 plants per acre. Corn's yield potential begins to decline at population of the surviving crop is less than 24,000 plants per acre, he said. Yield potential declines sharply when plant populations drop below 13,000 plants per acre, even though most hybrids will compensate somewhat by producing longer, fatter ears. Late weed control can also be a problem, because the thinner canopy doesn't shade-out weeds as well, Trostle said.

Farmers should use the density of surviving plants to help them decide whether to keep the crop replant to an alternate crop.

"The best way to gauge plant density is to inspect several rows at different sites in the field. Count the plants in a given length of row and multiply by 1,000 -- then average your population counts to get an estimate for the entire field," Trostle said. "Producers who planted on 40-inch rows, and a 26.2 row-root count on 20-inch rows.

Producers should check the label of any herbicides they've already applied before making a replant decision. The chemistry of a product already applied may limit a farmer's replanting options, he said. Even so, there is still time to plant grain

Drought reduces 1998 production

In 1998, drought reduced production to 2.58 million bales from almost 2.1 million harvested acres on the Texas high plains, reports Plains Cotton Growers.

About 1,511,500 acres were abandoned, with drought the key culprit.

Overall, the High Plains averaged 593 pounds per acre, well above the long-term average yield per harvested acre, but no doubt skewed by the virtual lack of non-irrigated cotton. Calculating an average yield per planted acre, the High Plains averaged only 344 pounds per acre of production.

Officials statistics for 1998 crop upland cotton were:

Parmer County -- acres planted, 79,700; acres harvested, 69,800; yield per harvested acre, 908; and production (480-lb. bales), 132,100.

Bailey County -- acres planted, 99,300; acres harvested, 38,900; yield per harvested acre, 584; and production (480-lb. bales), 47,300.

Area receives good rainfall

It was a good weekend for rain in Parmer County, with only a small hail.

Shirley Steinbock, at the Sherley Anderson grain elevator in Lazbuddie, reported a whopping 2.4 inches.

Fred Chandler, at Farwell's Sherley Anderson elevator, said 1 1/2" fell. Robert White

sorghum, sunflowers or soybeans as a replacement crop.

"In general, farmers in the Lubbock area could plant a medium-to-full season grain sorghum hybrid until June 20. They could plant a medium-maturity hybrid as late as June 25-July 4.

"Grain sorghum would be a good choice for dryland farmers because we currently have good soil moisture, and because early to mid-June is a good time to plant dryland milo. Seed companies can provide more exact recommended planting dates for available hybrids. Another thing to remember is that late-planted sorghum is more prone to insect infestations -- it will require some insecticide applications."

Sunflowers are another option to consider. Farmers can plant shorter-season sunflowers as late as mid-July. Lining up a market outlet, or production contract, beforehand is always a good strategy when considering sunflowers, the agronomist said.

"Contracts for oilseed sunflowers are still available for this year, but I would check with Cargill, Northern Sun in Goodland, Kansas, and other buyers just to be sure," he noted. "Some buyers, such as Red River Commodities in Lubbock, only offer contract on confectionery sunflowers."

Farmers should also consider soybeans as a swing crop, said Brent Bean, Extension agronomist based in Amarillo. Irrigated soybeans are a less-thirsty crop than corn, and can yield well even under limited irrigation. The recommended planting date (June 5) for dryland soybeans is already past, he noted.

Farmers can plant soybeans as late as July 10 an still make a crop, but late planting usually retards stalk growth and can make it hard to harvest the lower seed pods, he said. Planting late soybeans on narrow rows at a higher seeding rate will encourage higher pod-set on the plants.

Bean recommended a seeding rate of 150,000 seeds per acre when planting with a planter, and 190,000 seeds per acre when using a drill. He recommended planting an early to medium-maturity group IV soybean before June 10-20, and switching to an early group IV or late-maturity group III variety for later planting.

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The Review Board hearings will be held on June 29, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. until all appointments have been met. The hearings will be held at the Appraisal District board room at 305 Third St., Bovina, Texas.

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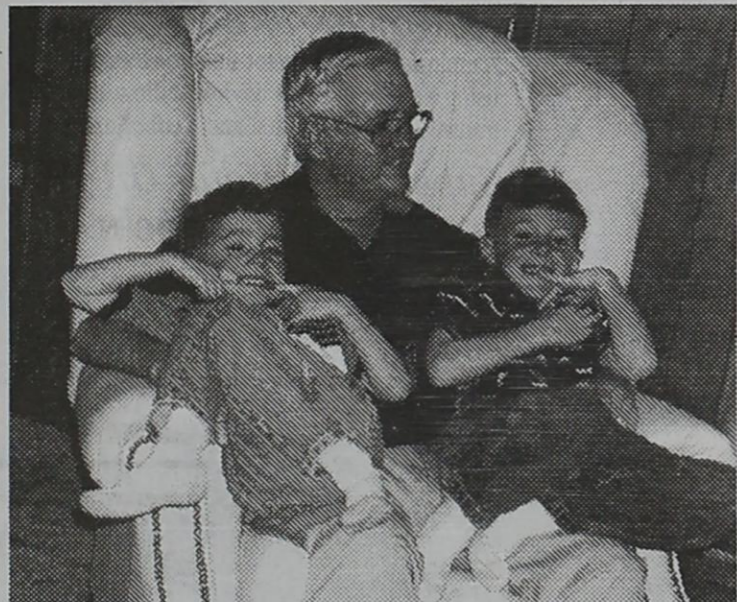
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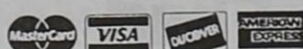
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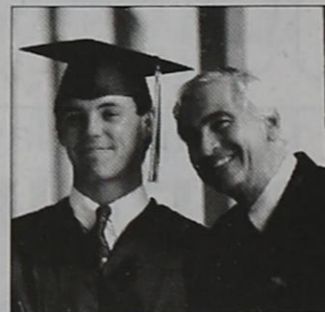
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Boys State

I wish I could say that we stayed at a five star hotel. No, let me rephrase that, I wish I could say that we stayed at a two star hotel, but we didn't. All of the Staters stayed in dorm rooms. Some were nice, but mine was in need of repair and more space. My room at home is bigger than that dorm rooms and that is amazing.

After I unpacked, I went to the Boys' State band meeting. At Texico High, I'm the only male clarinet player out of all three bands. At Boys' State I finally met another male clarinet player. It kind of made me feel a little better about my instrument choice. We learned that we would be playing before every meal formation. That also meant that we got to eat first. I thought that was a great privilege until I saw the food. I'm joking, of course.

That night we broke up into our two separate parties, Federalist and Nationalist. This was to represent the Republican and Democrat parties that we have in America. The Federalist and Nationalist Parties didn't have a platform yet so it didn't matter at that time which side you were on.

I went with the Federalist party, and we voted on our candidates for city elections. After that, we came back together and held the city elections. I won the position of City Chaplain. The City Chaplain prayed for the city at every morning formation. Following the elections we went to bed.

The next morning started when my alarm clock woke me up at 5:30. This was so I could get my instrument together and warmed up, plus the regular morning rituals, in time for the 6:30 formation. Formation started with the Star Spangled Banner and the raising of the flag, then we had invocation, and finally the band led the state to breakfast.

After breakfast, we went back to our cities and our mayor appointed the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City Attorney. They then chose their firemen and policemen. That was when I followed in the footsteps of my dad and became a fireman. Firemen at Boys' State didn't do anything but it was fun to have the title.

After the mayor appointed the positions we got together with the city Castillo so we could hold the county primary elections. The way the cities worked was there were eight cities which made up four counties; the color of your shirt represented your county. Cortez and Castillo made up the county of DeCastro. In the county primaries, I won the election for County Commissioner.

The primaries went through lunch and into the afternoon. Then after the primaries we watched some presentations from the FBI, ENMU, and the Armed Services. Then we went to bed.

I woke up to the sound of my alarm clock at 5:30 again. After breakfast we had the county elections. I didn't get the County Commissioner spot, but it was fun running. That afternoon we had the state primaries. Some of the guys' speeches were pretty interesting and we even had one guy who brake-danced. We then voted on our party candidates and went to bed.

I took my shower the night before and this time I got up at 6 a.m. After breakfast we had the "great debate." The candidates for the Governor and Lt. Governor debated over questions that the citizens asked. They had some good points. After that we had a whistle stop campaign. The counties got together into big groups and all the state candidates came around and made speeches and answered questions. We then went back to our cities and voted.

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That evening we had the inauguration ceremonies in the ENMU ballroom and the band played while everyone else ate. After the inauguration the state officers conducted business until 2:30 in the morning. I'm glad I didn't hold a state office.

The next morning I got up at 5:30 again. By this time I couldn't wait to get home just so I could sleep. All we did Thursday was run the state. Since I was a fireman, I did what any fireman in my situation would do -- sleep.

Well about 11:30, I decided to see what my friend was doing. He was on the State Board of Education. I walked in just about the time the State Police were escorting them to the Governor against their will. What I didn't know was that while I was asleep, the Governor passed a bill abolishing the School Board so the government would run better. This meant that the governor would have all the power. He was now going to tell the State School Board that they were gone, but what he didn't know was that his bill was unconstitutional.

So my friend walked in and told him he couldn't do it because it was unconstitutional. Then a member of the School Board called the governor a Communist because he was trying to set up a dictatorship (you should have seen the look on the governor's face). Well to make a long story short, the governor tore the bill up and my friends and I took him to the supreme court. We tried to impeach him, but without enough evidence we had to settle for an apology.

Boys' State ended the next day. I can easily say that I had a good time (except for the no girls part). I encourage any juniors next year to go. But it is only as good as you make it.

Caywood retires

Maurine Caywood retired recently as the Texico-Farwell Senior Citizens Director after about 25 years of service.

Mrs. Caywood has lived in Texico since 1973.

She said that some of her favorite things that she did over the years were the Art Classes, Ceramic Classes, and the Pot Luck Supper every Thursday night.

Mrs. Caywood said that she enjoys the new community center and that it is a lot more roomier than the previous one adjacent to city hall.

Validations

The 1999 steer validation will be June 29 at Lazbuddie Feeders from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents and 4-H'ers need to be present.



Maurine Caywood

Mrs. Caywood said that she still expects to still be seen at the community center. She isn't going to give up all the fun that she has had there.

Ann Duncan is the new Senior Citizens Director.

Farwell graduate performs on TV

A Farwell musician appeared on national TV on July 5.

Clayton Ryder, formerly Clay Corn, played in a band with recording artist Andy Griggs on the Crook & Chase TV show.

Clay just signed on to be part of Griggs' new band as keyboardist and back-up singer.

Griggs' first single, "You Won't Ever Be Longley" went to No. 1 on R&R Magazine's country singles chart and No. 2 on Billboard's country charts last week.

Griggs' second single, "I'll Go Crazy" will be released on

July 5. Clay will travel extensively over the next few months with his new band. Coming up are appearances at country music's "Fan Fair" in Nashville, and Waylon Jennings.

Clay completed the Lee Greenwood 1999 Tour.

Clay, a 1993 Farwell High graduate, was in Farwell in late May for his father Ed's birthday.

Ed and Gwen Corn videotaped the Crook & Chase show if anyone would like to see Clay's performance. The Corns also have information on Clay's upcoming play dates.

Haseloff: 'Teacher of the Year'

Lori Haseloff has been awarded the Muleshoe School's Secondary Teacher of the Year award.

She was nominated by a colleague and submitted an application. She then received the "Golden Apple" and a cash award.

Her name has been submitted for the Region 18 Teacher of the Year honor.

Lori has been teaching at Muleshoe Junior High for eight years. She instructs speech, journalism and TAAS prep reading classes.

She is the cheerleading sponsor, yearbook and newspaper advisor, One-Act Play director and coach for UIL oral reading and impromptu speaking.



Lori Haseloff

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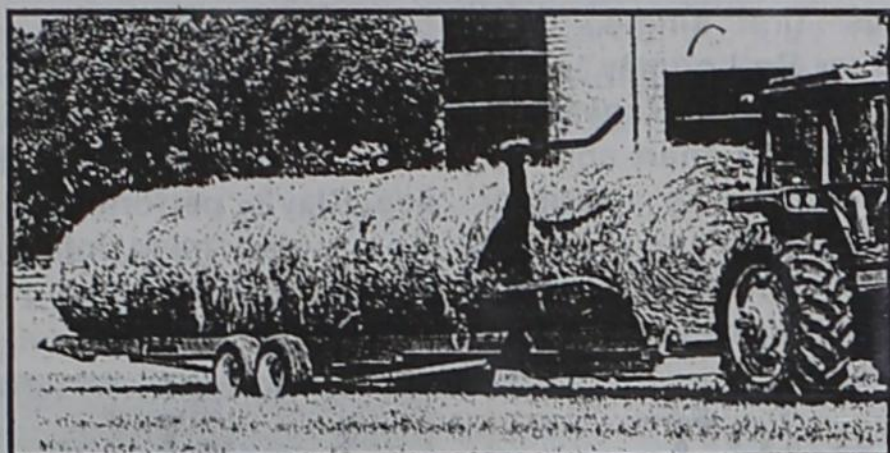
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The Latest

Lazbuddie School counselor Gwen Warren has resigned to take a position in the Plainview Schools.

Jackie Sides, of Farwell, has graduated from West Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Veronica Almanza, of Farwell, made the dean's list at West Texas A&M. She is a junior in marketing.

Kyle Cain, a member of Texico FFA Chapter, was named the Swine Production-Entrepreneurship State FFA Proficiency Award winner and received a \$100 check at the state FFA convention.

Cain advances to a competition in August to become one of four national finalists in this proficiency area. If selected as a national finalist, Cain will compete at the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Ky., in October.

All Texico School athletes must have an updated physical by Aug. 9. You can't start practice without them.

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday agreed to seek bids for a road grader for the Lazbuddie area precinct.

In other business, the commissioners:
 -- Increased liability insurance for Parmer County law enforcement from \$1 million to \$2 million.

-- Audited the Parmer County 1998 forfeiture fund, as mandated by the state each year.

-- Kept the same policy on taxing Parmer County vehicles, and exempting handicapped specially equipped vehicles.

Richard Hadley won two free airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. at the Relay for Life in Clovis recently.

The 2nd annual Ernest and Mary Arnold reunion will be held June 20 at Ned Houk Park in Clovis, starting at 9 a.m.

Veronica Mace, of Farwell,

was named to the spring honor roll at Oklahoma State University.

The Cowboy Camp Meeting at Mesa Redondo will be held at Ned Houk Park in Clovis June 23-26.

Marcia Leavell, of Texico, is one of the event organizers. She and her husband, Howard, have worked on this event for several years.

Texico High Principal Rob Hollis will be the youth minister at the interdenominational meeting.

For more information, call Mrs. Leavell at 482-9050.

A correction on that drug bust in Lazbuddie a couple of weeks ago: it occurred in Lazbuddie, not way north of it.

Lori Hartley, a Farwell native who lives in Clovis, was named Woman of the Year at Beta Sigma Phi's annual

Founders Day banquet. She is a Farwell substitute teacher.

She is on the board of directors for Curry County United Way and is past president of PEO, a group which furthers educational opportunities for women worldwide, regardless of age.

She has been a volunteer for the March of Dimes and as a basketball coach for Play Inc.

Word has been received of the death of the father-in-law of De'Ann (Curtis) Ogilvie.

St. John's Lutheran Church at Lariat youth group will operate the Border Town Express at Border Town Days.

All proceeds raised from the train rides will be donated to Parmer County Crimestoppers.

The youth group will also run the train in the parade.

Dean Henninger, of Texico, has been working on getting the train up to shape for the big day.

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There's a new wrinkle in the sentences being meted out by Judge Gordon Green in 287th District Court -- involving the loss of their driver's licenses for six months.

A workshop on nutrition is set for next week in Muleshoe. For more information, call the Parmer County extension office.

Parmer County will host a 4-H leadership workshop on June 28.

Lunch and dinner will be provided but it will cost about \$20 to golf.

For more information, call the Parmer County extension office.

Recipe of Week
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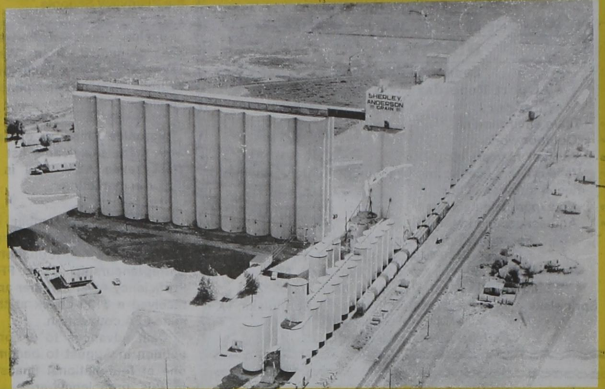
<p>First Baptist Church of Farwell</p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 9:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Terry Hightower - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. E-mail: tmh1@yucca.net</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>	<p>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>	<p>First Baptist Church of Texico</p> <p>Bob Brown - minister Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Kevin Phillips Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church, Texico</p> <p>Bob Burris - minister Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>David Symm - minister Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>James Koehn - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt Religious Education - 1:15 -- 2:15 p.m. Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

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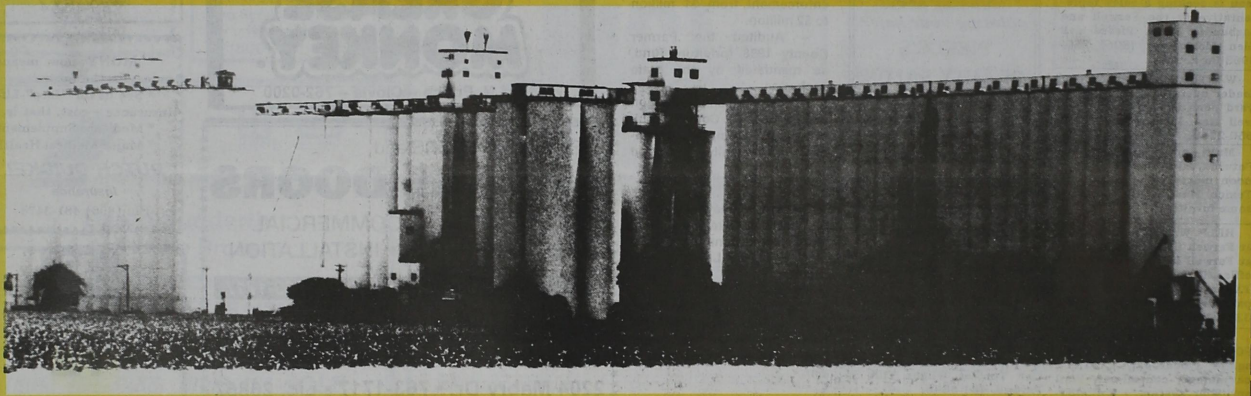
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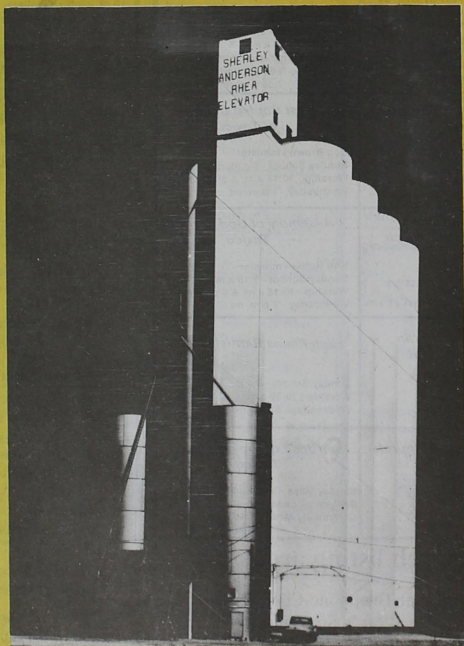
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