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## Star

 Lites By Bill Ellis LAST SATURDAY'S presidentialpreference primary, the first ever preterence primary, tex first ever
conducted in Texas, drew a lot of
comment from voters prior to the election. the fact that they could not vote
"split ticket." For instance
to several wanted to vote in the
Ford-Reagan GOP race, but stil votimary, We understand that in the Frion GOP precinct convention, a
resolution was proposed that would allow the two primaries to be
conducted as one, with such "ballo spliting", being permitted. The
prospects, and the practicality of such an arrangement are probably
minute.

We would hasten to point out that
while the separate primaries cause voters to make a choice as to who
and what they would rather be
voting for, grassroots, voter much more of say-so as to who gets the
presidential nomination. You may have forgotten, but in
the past, we had no presidential candidates
favorite nominees were previously chosen at the precinct conventions
These were brought up at the
county conventions, and if the succeeded there, they were brought
up at the state conventions, up at the state conventions, where
the final delegate count was taken
While the precinct conventions While the precinct conventions
are fine, and are prime examples of "grassroots" democracy, the sad
facts of the matter are that in a precinct the size of Friona, usually
around 20 voters attend the around 20 voters attend the
precinct meetings. This year, the count was 22 .
Under the old system, these voters would decide at the Friona
conventions who the precinct favored for the presiden.
tial nomination. And for the county as a whole, 40 voters or less would decide who
Parmer County would support for the presidential delegate votes. The
rest of the count's qualified
electorate, if they could not electorate, if they could not attend
the precinct or county meetings. had to hope that those few who did
attend would vote like they wanted them to.
This year, for the first time. every yoter had a say, and instead
of 40 folks controlling the business. of 40 folks controlling the business,
there were a total of 2,566 Parmer County residents who had their say
in the matter. When it all was tallied up, Jimmy
Carter was the clear-cut leader in he Democratic camp, and Ronald
Reagan was the winner for the Reagan was the winner for the
Republican votes. There was no guesswork or speculation-it was
down in black and white. And the folks in Austin knew immediately
who the Texas electorate favored. They did't have to wait months for
the convention system to finally tell The party convention system was
set up when our nation was young set up when the means of communi.
and when were very crude compared
cation were ) today's electronic equipment. presidential primaries is the extra attention that Texas voters
received from the candidates, plus received from the candidates, plus
the national exposure the state the national exposure the state
received from the news media
prior to and during the primary prior to and during the primary.
President Ford spent no less than President Ford spent no less than
six full days visiting every segment
ubbock. This has never happened
eefore. The national party candietore The national party candi-
dates were more concenned over Texans and their vote than they
would have been under the old Through the primary system, we eel that the two parties are more kely to come up with Democratic
andidates that are true Demos. and Republican candidates that are ooters a true and solid choice in November of a given election year
Yes, the separate primaries hank goodness they get to make the choice themselves


This striking photo of the funnel cloud which provided quite a show for Friona residents Wednesday was snapped by Friona senior Hal Blackburn at Friona High School, lookingeast. The funnel i
shown as it touched ground (left side of photo), and the main funnel can be seen in the upper right-hand corner, giving a good idea of the unusual "snaky" formation the cloud took


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Melton Tabbed For Elementary Position



RON STEVENSON recently moved to Friona from Bovina. He has
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mast moved to Friona He ls has just moved to Friona. He Is a
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