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MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

NO PAIN, NO GAIN! That's my new credo for life. Isn't it great? I don't know why someone hasn't come up with a telethon to raise money for this. Or at least there could be a little colored ribbon that we could all wear to show our support.

I've always been anti-pain, anyway, and try to avoid pain whenever possible. So "no pain" really works for me. I was zonked out for the delivery of all three of my kids. And as far as "no gain" goes, well, I've already gained all that I really ever want or need to. So "no gain" is okay, too.

A couple of months ago, I plunked down some big bucks and purchased one of those expensive exercise machines. . . you know the kind they talk about on those hour long infomercials.

Some young, cute, skinny people in little skimpy lycra-spandex work-out clothes come on and talk about how wonderful this device is and how you just have to have one. They wear towels around their necks so you'll think they've worked up a sweat or something, but you never see a bead of moisture coating their full, pouty, collagen-induced upper lips, even under those hot glaring TV lights. I think, before they come on the program, they get someone to throw a glass of water down their backs to wet the exercise suit, so you'll think there's really some activity going on there.

Anyway, this large, ugly, black and chrome object has been sitting in the middle of my living room now for quite awhile and I still have cream-puff buns and abs-of-flab.

This thing looks like one of those medieval torture devices that they used in the fifteenth century. The good old boy who lives with me over on Maple Street says I'm going to have to actually get on this machine and move some of its parts around to get any good out of it. With my hectic schedule? You've got to be kidding! Maybe I'll find some time next week, but if there's any pain connected with it, I'm getting my money back, pronto!

Johnnie Walters and I were recently discussing how chocolate had been our downfall in life. She told me about how she and her college roommate used to go to the malt shop for an "extra thick" chocolate shake every afternoon. "And I wasn't big as a minute, back then," she said.

"Well," says I, playing can-you-top-this, "when I was in college I was always in a hurry to get here or there and skipping meals. So most days I would just get a chocolate candy bar and a Coke from the vending machines, and that was my lunch. And you could lose me behind a flag pole, I was so skinny in those days."

I haven't yet decided if my expanded figure is the result of all those chocolate candy bars from the old college days, or if it's just baby fat left over from the last baby I had 23 years ago.

A study which was done a couple of years ago said that there are about three billion pounds of chocolate consumed in the U.S. every year. Also, there are about 48 million women and 30 million men on diets in this country at any given time. Do you suppose that one of those facts might have anything to do with the other?

Currently, I'm on two diets. Yep, that's right. Two! If one is good, then two should be better, right?

The first one consisted primarily of water, anyway, and I was always hungry in between running to the bathroom. The second diet lets you eat as much as you want of any food that you absolutely hate; mostly Brussels sprouts and liver.

The game of life is sort of a losing situation in the long-run, since 100% of folks alive today are going to kick-off sometime anyway, so why not enjoy an occasional candy bar or a chocolate chip cookie once in awhile?

I'll let you know how the two-diet plan works out.

Speaker Laney Is Lunch Guest Here

Accompanied by officials of the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney visited Parmer County on Monday, July 8.

Laney is seeking re-election as State Representative from District 85, an office he has held for 23 years.

Laney spoke briefly during a luncheon held at the old Depot in Friona's City Park. Hosted by the local Farm Bureau, the luncheon and visit was sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Among those accompanying the Speaker was Bud Stallman, president of the 300,000 member Texas Farm Bureau. Stallman is a rice farmer from Columbia, Texas.

During brief remarks, Laney stated that District 85 now comprises 12 counties with approximately 120,000 population.

He said the recurring problem in Austin has been to educate urban legislators from areas such as Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio to the problems faced in rural areas.

According to Laney, the severe drought conditions have also spread

to the urban areas, and the effects of the drought in farm areas is beginning to be felt in the larger cities, through higher prices or shortages of certain products.

When asked about the preliminary discussions to replace property tax revenue for funding education, Laney said at this point it is only discussion. State government would need to find about \$10 billion in replacement revenue.

Education is the largest single item in the state budget at about 50-52 per cent of the total budget, Laney said.

Following the luncheon meeting, the group toured the new Hi Pro facilities, a local feedyard, and the apple-growing operation of the Christian family near Farwell. Vick Christian is a board member of the Parmer County Farm Bureau.

Friends Plan Garage Sale

Friends of the Friona Public Library, an auxiliary organization serving the Library since 1968, plans to have their collaborative garage sale as scheduled even though the city-wide event has been cancelled.

The sale will be held in front of the Library at 109 West Seventh Street on July 13 beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new books for the Library to help offset the decrease in collection development funding from the Texas Panhandle Library System.

(Funds were used this year to purchase personal computers for all member libraries.)

"We hope you will plan to attend," a Library representative commented.



SPEAKER LANEY SPEAKS.....At a luncheon last week honoring Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney are, l-r, Floyd Reeve, Parmer County Farm Bureau director, Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, Kevin Welch, Soil and Water Conservation District, Speaker Laney, Friona Mayor Clarence Monroe, and local Farm Bureau manager, Bud Rainey.

City Gets Some Rain!

The city of Friona measured .85 inches of rain during the past week. Added to the .11 on July 3, the month's total stands at .96 inch. All of the rain fell slowly and soaked in.

July's total through Thursday brought the year's total rainfall to 3.22 inches. Of this, 2.72 inches have fallen since June 4.

Wednesday was a very mild day, as the high reached only 75 degrees.

The week's temps: Fri., July 5: 97-68; Sat., July 6: 97-68; Sun., July 7: 97-68; Mon., July 8: 97-64; Tues., July 9: 83-63; Wed., July 10: 75-63; Thurs., July 11: 86-65. Moisture: .14 July 9; .35 July 10; .36 July 11.

Farmers Gin Pays Dividends

The Friona Farmers Cooperative Gin held their annual stockholders meeting in the Junior High cafeteria on Thursday, June 27.

The well attended meeting featured a catered meal by Hens & Fins, drawings for several door prizes, and announcement of recent financial results.

The cooperative announced they had retired stock and book credit from 1984-85 & 88 in the amount of \$119,929.

In addition, based on 13,581 bales, the cooperative paid 1995 cash dividend of \$151,866 and issued \$37,967 in 1995 book credit.

Total retired and paid this past year was approximately \$271,000.

Officials of the cooperative are: Bill Carthel, president; Gene Welch, vice-president; Rickey Rector, secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected as directors were Jayson Grimsley and George Frye. Other directors are Dennis Anthony and Teddy Fangman.

Jerry Butman is the manager.

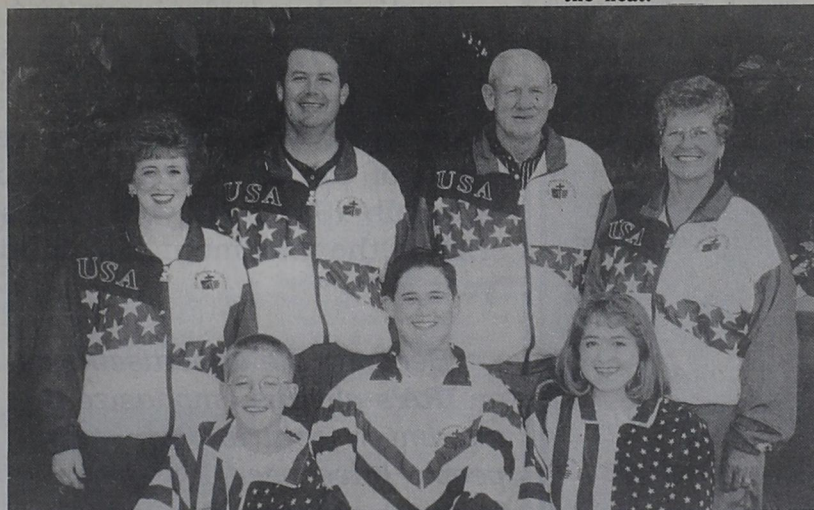
As of March 31, 1996, the cooperative reported a total 215 patron shares issued.

TAAS Tests Scheduled

The TAAS Exit tests will be given at 9 a.m. in the Friona High School Library on the following days: July 16, writing; July 17, math; and July 18, reading.

Juniors and seniors who have not passed all three sections are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill graduation requirements.

Letters have been mailed to those who need to take the test along with information about math tutorials. Students should report to the library at 8:45 so that testing can begin promptly at 9 a.m.



OLYMPIC MINISTRY TEAM.....When the 1996 Olympic Games open July 19, these seven Friona residents will be in Atlanta to minister with Lay Witnesses for Christ International. Back, l-r, Carolyn and Kevin Wiseman and Dub and Virginia Cleveland. Front, Brian, Kyle, and Sheila Wiseman.

Two Local Families Head To Olympics For Ministry

When the 1996 Olympic Games open July 19, seven Friona citizens will be in Atlanta to minister through the organization, Lay Witnesses for Christ International.

Lay Witnesses for Christ was formed in 1976 in the backyard of former athlete and businessman Sam Mings of Fort Worth, Texas, as he ministered to his neighborhood youth.

From there it spread to college campuses as Sam was asked to speak to Fellowship of Christian Athletes rallies. In 1981 Mings and his son were invited to the NCAA Track and Field Championships to have chapel for the athletes.

Worldwide Challenge magazine reported "...an unknown evangelist (Sam Mings) showed up...and when the dust cleared there were 78 All-American athletes who had prayed to receive Christ."

Since then, Christian athletes from all over the world have joined with Lay Witnesses for Christ to

make a difference through their visibility and influence.

Lay Witnesses for Christ has also been called the "Chaplains to the Olympians" as they have chapel services each day for any of the Olympic athletes who want to attend. Many athletes have been ministered to at these chapels in recent Olympics. They are far from home and lonely, some need someone to pray for them, many need comfort after losing, and some come in thanks after a victory.

Street ministry will also be a part of this outreach as Lay Witness team members will distribute 500,000 gospels of John in twelve languages. During the three weeks of the Olympics, five giant rallies will be held in the large churches of the area. Christian athletes from around the world will share their faith at these world-wide televised "More Than Gold" rallies.

The Wisemans and Cleavelands will be housed with families in the Atlanta area and will be involved with all facets of the ministry.



LET'S COOK.....Lions Club members prepare the coals and grease for burgers and fries at City Park on the Fourth of July. The club served over 400 patriotic citizens during the evening's festivities. Dale Houlette, J. P. Sims, and Bill Neely hook up the heat.

Women's Softball Shootout

The Friona Police Department is sponsoring a women's team Softball Shootout Tournament for July 20 & 21.

Deadline for entering the tournament will be July 17. It is being limited to 20 teams.

First and Second place winners will receive individual and team trophies. Third place and consolation will receive a team trophy.

There will also be prizes for offensive and defensive Most Valuable Player.

This will be an ASA Class "D" Women's tournament. Entry fee is \$120. Early bird entry fee of \$110 applies before July 15. Anytime after July 15 is \$120.

Anyone interested can contact Manuel Torres or Randy Gerics at Friona Police Department, 247-2711, or call 247-2384.



FARMERS COOPERATIVE GIN.....Officials of the FFC are shown at the annual stockholders meeting on June 27. Back, l-r, Teddy Fangman, Jayson Grimsley and daughter Jena, Gene Welch, Bill Carthel, and Dennis Anthony. Front, George Frye, Jerry Butman, and Rickey Rector.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Frances Partlow and Raymond Milner were married on July 14, 1946 in Lubbock, Texas by her uncle, Rev. Raymond A. Partlow. They purchased a farm and moved to Friona in 1955. A reception in their honor will be hosted by their children and spouses, Dale and Teto Milner, Jerry and Karene Cass and Alan and Janice Hamilton, on Sunday, July 21 in the Fellowship Hall of the Friona United Methodist Church from 2-4 p.m. You are invited to attend, but no gifts, please.



--Fifty Years Ago--

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 YRS AGO-JUL 23 1926

We are informed by Dr. D. H. Meade that his plans are practically matured for the installing of a hatchery at his home in the north part of town. He plans for a 4,000 egg incubator and expects to have it ready to place baby chicks on the market by the first of the coming year.

60 YRS AGO-JUL 24 1936

A head-on collision, which occurred on Highway 33 somewhere between Black and Summerfield Sunday afternoon, came near ending the lives of seven Friona people and three youths of the Black community. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway and baby daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Friona and Mrs. Charles Luna and daughter of Dallas were enroute to Canyon, when hit by a car driven by a young man whose name is not available. None were seriously hurt.

55 YRS AGO-JUL 25 1941

The members of the Panhandle -Plains Historical Society, and the City of Canyon will inaugurate a Victory Campaign, for the completion of the proposed addition to the present building, which now houses the Panhandle-Plains Museum. The museum has sponsored a drive to have bricks donated for the construction of the addition, and to date, a total of 175,000 bricks have been received. Friona has been invited to participate in the campaign.

50 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1946

Margaret Staats, 13-year-old Summerfield girl, who was critically injured on July 6 when a gun was accidentally discharged, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily in Dallas' Baylor Hospital, and will probably be released from the hospital within a few days. Miss Staats underwent an operation to remove a .22 caliber bullet from her spinal column.

45 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1951

Water users will have an opportunity, August 9, to say whether they think the State Board of Water Engineers should create an underground water conservation district in the Panhandle-South Plains.

The Allen Stewart family and the B. W. Turner family are vacationing together in Colorado this week. Mrs. Roy Miller is operating the jewelry store in the absence of the owners.

40 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1956

Contract for Friona Wheat Growers' new 1,000,000 bushel expansion has been awarded to Chalmers and Borton Construction Company of Hutchinson, Kansas, it was announced this week. Construction will begin in the near future. The addition will be built along the Santa Fe track in a westerly direction.

35 YRS AGO-JUL 20 1961

Plans for Friona's Country Club building have been completed, and within the next week, the board of directors will start seeking bids on the structure. The proposed clubhouse, on which bids will be sought, will be constructed of brick veneer. Overall dimensions will be 41x82 feet and will include a 41x82 foot social room, pro shop, cloak room, kitchen, and rest rooms.

30 YRS AGO-JUL 21 1966

Cecil Maddox of Whiteface has been employed as head boys basketball coach at Friona, it was announced this week. Maddox replaces John Anglin, holder of the position the past two years. Maddox will also be a math instructor at Friona High School.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 22 1971

Howard McLean, 37, is the new general manager of Missouri Beef Packers' Friona Division. McLean replaced Dave LaFleur, who became company president on July 1, and has moved to MBP's Amarillo office.

20 YRS AGO-JUL 18 1976

For the second straight year, residents of the Friona Independent School District will feel the sting of a tax increase, due to the new Public School Financing Law (HB 1116). The tax increase will be 20 cents per \$100 evaluation, making the tax rate \$1.75 per \$100.

Mid-year figures released this week by Friona State Bank indicates that the community is in a healthy condition. According to the quarterly statement published by the

bank, its depositors had on deposit as of June 30, 1976, a total of \$23,147,000. This represented an increase of \$2,304,000, or 11 percent, from the same date a year earlier.

15 YRS AGO-JUL 26 1981

Residents of the area sweltered somewhat this week, with several days of 100-degree or near 100-degree heat, and from all appearances, they might expect a couple more days before the string is broken.

Funeral services for Edward "Eas" Spring, 72, of Friona, were conducted Monday in the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

10 YRS AGO-AUG 2 1986

A movement by local citizens to protest the new tax evaluations still had not resulted in any "formal" action at the Star's press time this week, although there

continued to be strong opposition to the tax evaluations by homeowners.

A young ex-Friona resident, Larry White, 25, was critically injured Monday evening while riding his bicycle along the curve on West Highway 60.

5 YRS AGO-AUG 3 1991

Benny Pryor, a Friona teacher for 29 years, was honored Wednesday during the awards program of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas convention in Amarillo.

The \$11 million expansion project at Excel should send a clear message to the Friona community that Excel is here to stay, according to Terry Wilkerson, plant manager, at the Friona Lions Club meeting Thursday evening.

The month of July ended with an official 4.26 inches of rain, most falling the weekend of July 13-14.



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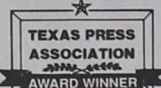
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Out Here

By RON CARR

You can get from Friona, Texas all the way to Hempstead, New York if there are enough "seats." I'll explain.

There is a company in Graham, Texas called Southern Bleacher Company (SBC). They have been in business since 1946. What they do is obvious.

In 1994, they were employed by the Friona ISD to remodel the bleachers at the Friona High School football stadium.

A company like SBC employs many sub-contractors. For the Friona job, they found a small local company, Bermea Construction, and contracted with them to take out all the old bleachers, before the new construction began.

From that chance encounter, SBC and Bermea have been partners in several "bleacher" projects, in an on-going relationship.

Richard Bermea, owner of the local company, along with his right hand man, and brother-in-law Uriel Vega, have managed to work with SBC across the state and nation.

Impressed with the FHS remodeling, SBC employed Bermea to work on high school stadiums in Seagraves and Dumas, Texas later that same year.

In 1995, SBC called again.

Would Bermea be interested in working on a project to add 14,000 seats to a football stadium at Hofstra University, located in Hempstead, on Long Island, in New York?

I am sure the first question Richard Bermea asked was, "Where's that?"

A representative of SBC flew along with Richard and Uriel, to survey the job, make their bid, and most important, negotiate with the New York labor unions.

The company flew them first class, paid their expenses, and managed to negotiate the unions down to two employees for every one that Bermea would bring.

Bermea proposed a contract price. This is how much we will do the job for. New York unions do not work that way.

After some discussions with SBC, Bermea's proposal was accepted. Later, he figured out that the reason he got the job was because more experienced sub-contractors did not want to work with the New York unions.

But that never occurred to a couple of old country boys trying to make a living.

The next problem was how to get from Friona to Hempstead, New

York, with seven workers, clothes, and tools enough to get the job done.

Bermea bought a used Suburban in Amarillo and prepared it for the 2,000 mile trip. He, Uriel, and five others, packed the vehicle, including the luggage rack on top, and set out across country to work.

They left Friona on July 15, 1995, a little over a month after the tornado had done enough damage here to keep them busy for a while.

But a contract is a contract, so they drove through Arkansas, Tennessee, and Virginia, then up the east coast toward Long Island.

It took three days to get there and they only got lost once, in New York State, which is pretty easy to do.

They arrived late at night and were housed in dormitories at Hofstra University. It did not take long to learn that on the job it was the good old boys from Texas against the union workers from New York.

From the first work day, the union workers tried to intimidate the Texas crew. Bermea coached his men to work, don't let them get under your skin, and don't react in confrontations.

A part of the contract was that Bermea's crew were furnished room and board. The dormitory had a cafeteria for which the men had cards to use for meals. Although they were only five miles from the beach, the workers had little time to play.

Since the job was bid on contract, the sooner they finished the better.

During the second week, the union leaders held a meeting with Bermea and told him his crew was working too fast. It was highly recommended that they slow down, since they were making the New York union workers look bad.

According to Bermea, during the third week, "some mad union honchos came over and began making subtle threats." The police and university security were summoned, and the protesters were removed.

After that, Bermea says, relations between the two groups improved. The entire job took six weeks, during which Bermea made one trip back to Friona to check on business here. It was written in the contract.

One highlight was that during the last two weeks Bermea's boys were there, the New York Jets held their training camp at Hofstra, working out on the field while the crew worked out in the stands.

Another more significant highlight was during week number two, when Richard and Uriel's wives, Monica and Cynthia, flew to visit them for a couple of days.

That was also part of Bermea's contract with SBC. The company flew the ladies to New York first class and provided entertainment, including a yacht trip over the New York's Fire Island resort for dinner and a night on the town in New York City.

Bermea said the trip over to Fire Island took 30 minutes because it was daylight when they left. On the way back, because of the dark, it took two hours.

The yacht belonged to one of the union leaders, proving that indeed the relationship improved between the two factions.

The men had accumulated more "stuff" during their six weeks stay, so on the 2,000 mile trip back to Friona, they had to pull a U-Haul behind the Suburban.

The next "seat" project for Bermea? There is a NASCAR track, Texas Motor Speedway, being built near Denton, Texas. Southern Bleacher has the contract for the 135,000 seats.

Bermea Construction has been employed to install 30,000 of those chairs.

How many will go from Friona? Bermea says eight, including their cook.

Yes, a cook. Because of location, time, and expense, it will be cheaper and less expensive to hire a cook for the crew. Bermea says he had to go all the way to Del Rio to find someone willing to cook for them.

They will house themselves in three RV's while the job is in progress, and enjoy "home-cooking." They have rented the RV's from a resort in Bridgeport, Texas, near the racetrack site.

They were scheduled to leave

for Denton on June 30, but the actual departure has been delayed a few days, partly due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

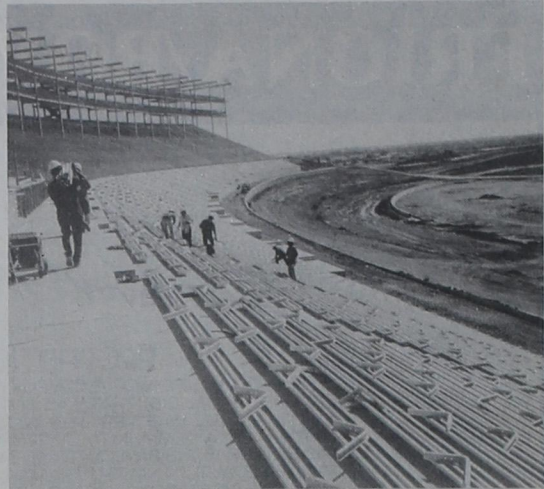
Seems the resort had rented the three RV's to tourists for the holiday weekend.

Or maybe the 135,000 seats for the racetrack were on back-order.

In either event, the relationship between Southern Bleacher Company of Graham and Bermea Construction in Friona seems to be a good one.

No doubt good for Richard and Uriel and their crew members, but also good for the economy of Friona and Parmer County.

Thank you. You may now be seated.



START YOUR ENGINES....The Texas Motor Speedway, being constructed in Denton, Texas, will have 135,000 seats for NASCAR racing. What does that have to do with Parmer County? See this week's Out Here column for the answer.

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THE FIRST MENTION OF A COMPANY OF PROPHETS AS A GROUP IS NOTED IN THE BOOK OF I SAMUEL (I SAM. 10:5). THAT WAS IN THE TOWN OF GIBEAH OF GOD, THE HOME OF SAUL, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL. WHETHER THEY WERE A WANDERING BAND OF PROPHETS, GOING FROM TOWN TO TOWN OR A COMMUNITY OF PROPHETS LIVING AT GIBEAH, IS HARD TO SAY NOW. NEVERTHELESS, THIS IS THE BAND THAT KING SAUL PROPHESIED WITH IN NAIOH, IN RAMAH, WHEN HE WAS SEARCHING FOR DAVID. (I SAM. 19:18-24) THE BIBLE TELLS US HERE THAT SAMUEL STOOD AS ONE APPOINTED OVER THEM AND SAUL PROPHESIED BEFORE SAMUEL -- IT LEAVES THE IMPRESSION THAT SAMUEL DID HAVE SOME LEADERSHIP OVER THEM, HOWEVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS LATER, IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, PROPHETIC COMMUNITIES DID MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE FOR A BRIEF SPELL, PROBABLY FOUNDED BY ELIJAH, ON THE MODEL OF THE EARLIER SOCIETY UNDER SAMUEL, THESE MEMBERS WERE CALLED...



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MELON IN THE SHADE.....Friona State Bank served watermelon on the lawn on July 3. Residents of Prairie Acres enjoy the cool shade and the sweet watermelon for the Independence Day Holiday.

Friona All-Stars Compete

Friona's Pony League All-Stars (9 & 10 year-olds) are competing in the West Texas Mustang League Sectional Tournament. They were to play at Frenship on Thursday night to stay alive in the tournament which lasts until Saturday.

After a rainout Tuesday night, they were forced to play a Wednesday night doubleheader. They lost the first game to the Amarillo all-stars by a score of 13-2, but came back in the second game to defeat Lubbock Cooper 8-5.

If they won Thursday night, they were to play in the double elimination tournament which lasts through Saturday.

The state tournament will be held in Dallas later.



MUSTANG ALL-STARS... front, l-r, Beau Barnett, Adrian Rivas, Juan Perez, Matt Gammon, Brock Field, and Juan Hernandez. Middle, l-r, Marc Haile, Jacob Rando, Jorge Campos, Keith Hunt, Isiah Pacheco, and Jonathan Nava. Back, l-r, David Barnett, Mary Nava, and Jesse Nava.



CHOO-CHOOIN' THRU SUMMER.....Summer school children, under supervision of teachers Kay Sneed and Winston Wagner, built a train model as a summer project. The set was complete with mountains, tunnels, depots, and scenery, not to mention the electric trains.

Workshop Is Slated July 24

Youth in Friona and Bovina are invited to attend a clothing workshop on Wednesday, July 24 in the Friona State Bank.

The group will be meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in order to make tote bags.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Donna Schueler at (806) 295-3625 or Debbie Pollard, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at (806) 481-3619 by Friday, July 12 to reserve your spot.

All materials will be provided for this project. Participants are asked to bring a seam ripper and a pair of scissors with you to the workshop. Parents are welcome and urged to attend with the children.

Sr. Citizens Meeting Is Scheduled

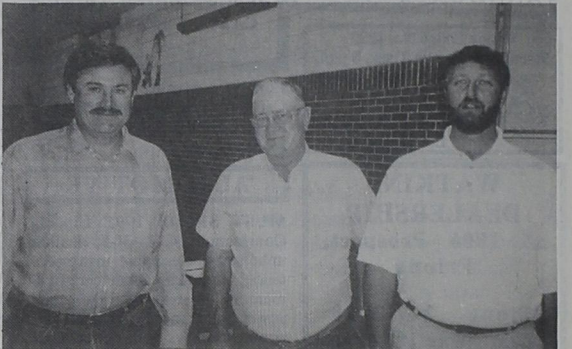
The Senior Citizens of our community are invited to attend a covered dish luncheon July 16 at Friendship House.

Those wishing to play games and having blood pressure taken will start at 10 a.m.

The noon meal will be served at 12 noon, followed by a program by Barbara Neeley.

After the program, a tape, "Telephone Fraud," will be shown by County Sheriff Rex Williams. He will answer questions after the film.

All members are encouraged to come for this special time.



GIN CO-OP'IN.....Rickey Rector, Bill Carthel, and Jerry Butman are shown at the Friona Farmer's Cooperative Gin annual stockholders meeting.



SQUEEZE THE BALL KEVIN.....Junior High Principal Kevin Wiseman is coached by Kim Killian of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center during last week's blood drive at Friona State Bank. The Center collected 79 pints of blood during the drive last Wednesday.

Hannas To Be Honored

Bryan and Kandy Hanna will be honored with an ice cream party/reception Friday, July 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Friona City Park.

The Hannas will be leaving the Friona Independent School District for new employment. He has accepted an administrative position with the Dalhart Schools.

Friends and well-wishers are invited. A basket will be available for a "love offering."

Area Beet Crop Is Up And Growing

While drought has turned life sour for many area farmers, there's sweet news for Friona area sugar beet growers.

The regional beet crop is off to an excellent start. And better yet, growers can anticipate the highest price in years, says Roger Hill, president of Holly Sugar Corp. in Colorado Springs.

"We anticipate the net selling price for beets to be around \$26," says Hill. "That equates to a price of about \$40 or more per ton of production for most beet growers."

Also, Hill says the initial payment to area growers at harvest time will be 75 per cent—a 10 per cent increase from last year.

"The higher initial payment will be something we can really take to the bank," says Kenneth Frye of Hereford, Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association president. "It's good news for us growers. It will help many of us offset a poor wheat crop and low cattle prices."

Holly's Hereford processing plant contracts for beets grown by producers all the way from Dimmitt to Dalhart and Clovis to Plainview.

Beet acres are down this year, at about 15,000. However, with

the crop's sound progress and high prices, beet producers could be the regional growers who receive the best return per acre when harvest begins in late September.

World sugar shortages and low overall production this year are causing the higher prices. The anticipated \$26 net would be the highest price seen by regional growers since 1990, and only the sixth time in the region's 32 years of beet production that prices have gone that high.

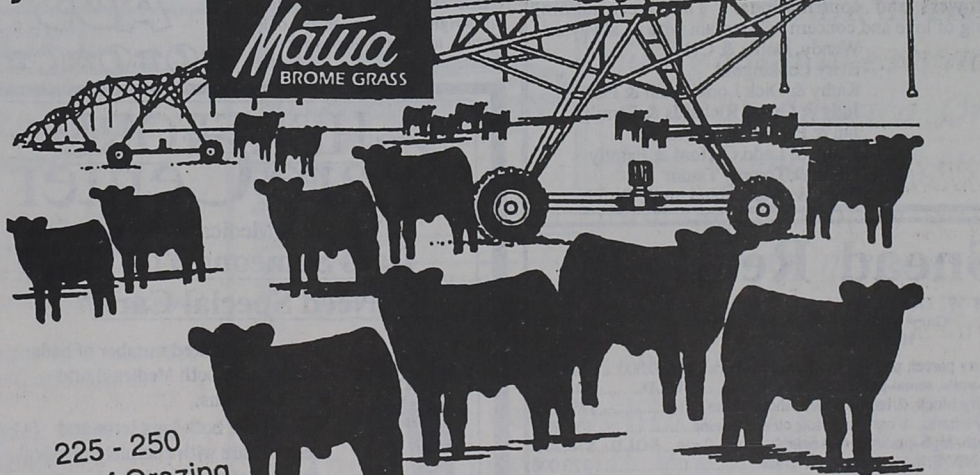
"For growers who produce an average crop of 22 tons per acre with a 15 per cent sugar content, gross return for beets would be about \$900 per acre," says Frye. "And if the sugar content was 16-17 per cent, the return could be in the \$1,000 per acre range."

"Those type returns make beet production one of the best money makers for farmers in this part of the country."

For more information on regional sugar beet production or processing, contact the Holly Agricultural Department in Hereford at (806) 364-6475, or the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association office at 364-6402.



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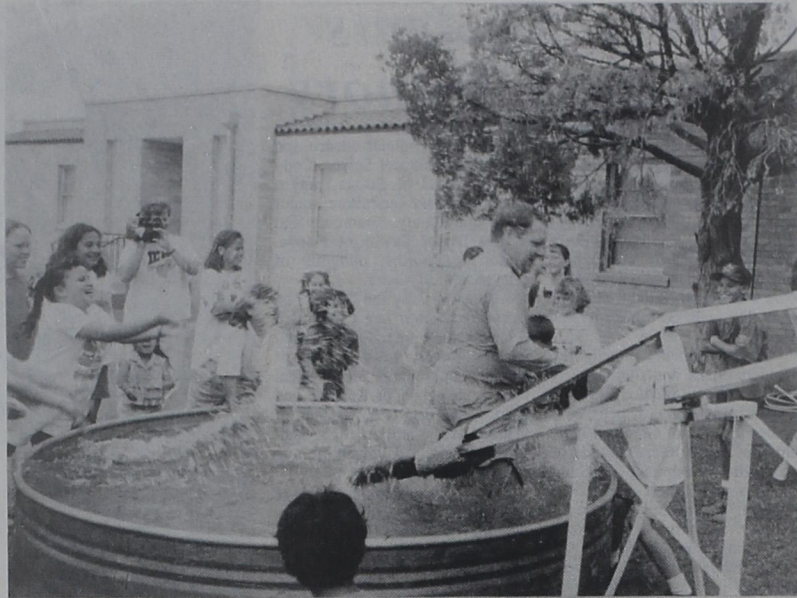
Graveside services for Natalie Clarise Alvarado, infant daughter of George and Gloria Alvarado of Friona, were held Wednesday, July 10, 1996 at 10 a.m.

Roy Dominguez officiated at the graveside ceremony in Friona Cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

The infant died July 6, 1996 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born June 3, 1996 in Amarillo.

Survivors include the parents, George and Gloria Alvarado of Friona; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alvarado of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Chico of Friona; and a step-sister, Ashley Alvarado of Friona.



BROTHER WAIDE WADES....Reverend Waide Messer, pastor of Friona's First Baptist Church, visited the dunking booth at the close of Bible School held during June.

Ex-Friona Resident Is Buried At Dallas

Funeral services for France Noel Welch, a former Friona resident, were conducted Wednesday in Dallas. Welch was born at Lockney on June 5, 1922, the fourth child of Ford Nelson Welch and Lucy Estella Shackelford Welch.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Ford Welch.

Survivors are his wife, Novellene Naylor Welch of Dallas; a daughter, Vicki Lynn Welch of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-law, Noel Welch and wife, Linda Lee Welch; grandchildren, Brian Lee Welch, Heather Noelle Welch and Lindee Elizabeth Welch, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Four sisters survive: Estella Welch Johnston of Cypress,

California, Seva Welch Struve of Friona, Melba Welch Brown and husband, B.J., of Horseshoe Bay and Murna Welch Miller and husband, Jack Miller, of Plainview.

Also, a brother, Louis Leland Welch and wife, Mamie Lou, of Friona; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Watson Welch of Friona, Margaret Reece and husband, Charles Reece, of Seagoville, Joan Naylor of Columbus, Ohio and Gisela Becker Naylor of Bellaire.

Services were conducted Wednesday, July 10, 1996 at Casa View Baptist Church of Dallas with Dr. Darrel Rains officiating, assisted by Charles Reece and Louie Welch. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park.

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July 14--Charles Sanders, Clint Cox, David White, Darla Bracken, Ruby Collier, Bobby Thompson, Betty Burnett, Rosa Diaz, Georgia Fields, William Herring, Kyle Igo, Janna Reeve Jones.

July 15--Doris Adams, Christian Drager, Misty Cole Bugg, Wyona Martin, Janet Hand, Alice Alvarez, Ross Paiz, Kent Weston Bowden.

July 16--A.L. Black, A.S. Grubbs, Trina Cole, Penny Mars, Maurice Garza, Ab Hendley, Kevin Turner.

July 17--Dallas Bass, Lauren Buske, Helen Potts, Ophelia Florez, Julia Fairchild, Mark Neill, Tom Shelton, Brandon Chrisman, Amber Fant, Jacob Rios, Bill Caudill, Don Max Vars, Beatriz DeLeon.

July 18--Joy Bauer, Ronnie White, Brent Loflin, Mark Tucker, Terri Outland, Robert Gonzales, Joshua Jameson.

July 19--Joe Kyle Reeve, Mike Gowens, Karen Harrelson, Delinda Carr, Dana Jameson, Amy Renae Veggeberg.

July 20--Danny Stevens, Mary Ralph Jones, Dee Clark, Bryanna Jameson White.

Services Held Here For Hamill Brooks

Funeral services for Walter Hamill Brooks, 92, of Friona, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 1996 at Calvary Baptist Church, Friona. Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, pastor, officiated at the services.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Brooks died July 8, 1996 at Regency Care Center in Monroe, Washington. Born June 21, 1904 in Jacksonville, Texas, he married Faye McMahan on January 11, 1981 in Plainview.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona and was a sales clerk for Plains Hardware many years. He moved to Friona in 1966 from Littlefield where he had been a resident for eight years and had earlier resided in Plainview 32 years.

His first wife, Edna Laura Cunningham, died on February 28, 1980. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Fannie Richie and Anna Owen, and three brothers, Leonard, Joe and Jimmy Brooks.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Brooks, of Plainview; one

son, Merritt Brooks of Snohomish, Washington; one daughter, Laura Harris of Belton, Texas; and one brother, John M. Brooks of Olton, Texas.

Grandchildren surviving are Steve Brooks of Everett, Washington, and Cindy Aday of Lawton, Oklahoma.

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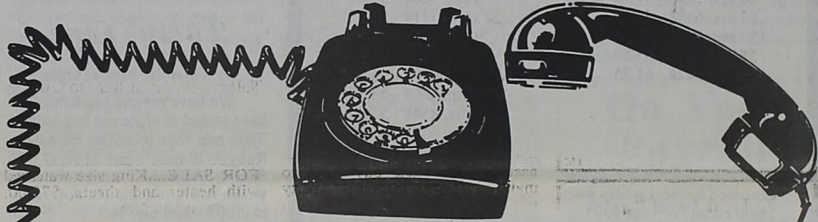
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Elfreda McGehee of Lazbuddie is the Artist of the Month for July and will have her paintings on display at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She is pictured here with Anabelia Bautista who has been on the staff at Prairie Acres for three years in the rehab and transportation division. Elfreda says her mother was an artist, so she grew up with art in the home, and she enjoyed drawing as a child. She has studied with Georgia Bartlett, LaWanda Calton, Bill Huffaker, J.D. Keel and Jean Green.

County Students Win Tech Honors

More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

County students making the President's List and their majors were as follows: Sheldon Burleson of Friona, sophomore, petroleum engineering, son of Greg and Janet Burleson; Joanna Renae Gallman of Lazbuddie, freshman, English, daughter of Robert and Ellen Gallman; Scott Lee Houston of Friona, senior, chemical engineering, son of Sammy and Sandy Houston; Seth Wayne Houston of Friona, sophomore, petroleum engineering, son of Sammy and Sandy Houston.

Also, Kelly Duane Jack of Friona, senior, agronomy, son of Galen and Kerri Jack; Rachelle Suzanne Rice of Lazbuddie, sophomore, landscape architecture, daughter of Doug Rice and Linda

Rice; Greg Brandon Salyer of Friona, senior, animal science, son of Glen and Sheryl Salyer; Cody Lee Simmons of Friona, junior, interdisciplinary agriculture, son of Jerry and Cindy Simmons; and Teresa Diann Taylor of Friona, junior, accounting, daughter of John and Sherri Taylor.

Those making the Dean's List included: Britton Lee Conklin of Friona, senior, animal science, son of Don Ready; Leann Ford of Friona, sophomore, pre-physical therapy, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Ford; Jodi Lea Loooper of Friona, freshman, exercise and sports sciences, daughter of Jayn Loooper and C.B. Loooper.

Also, Dawnda Deann Magby of Lazbuddie, sophomore, finance, daughter of Skip and Debbie Magby; Jessica Leigh Smith of Friona, freshman, agriculture economics/general business, daughter of Paul J. and Cynthia Smith; Chad Hiram Stovell of Friona, junior, mechanical engineering, son of Bill and Marilyn Stovell; and Tena Gay Willard of Friona, senior, pre-pharmacy, daughter of Dee and Connie Willard.



MARSHA DONELL GARNER and DAVID BRUCE CALLENDER....Mr. and Mrs. Keith Garner of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marsha Donell, to David Bruce Callender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Callender of Lubbock. The couple will exchange wedding vows August 10 at The Country Place Bed and Breakfast in Lubbock. The bride-elect is employed by The Odyssey and the prospective bridegroom is employed by RMI in Lubbock.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday, July 8, receipts 655 head. Compared to last weeks sale, not enough stocker calves for a price. Test and Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 1.00 higher. A light run of Packer cows traded fully steady mostly 30.00 to 35.00. Packer bulls 38.00 to 43.00.

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Saturday Rites Set For McCormick

Graveside services for Billy Don "Bill" McCormick, 50, of Bovina, will be held at Bovina Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with Rev. Doug Brooks of Clovis, N. M., officiating.

Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. McCormick died Wednesday, July 10 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL McINTOSH

We have several residents who have joined us since my last article. They are: Inez (Nannie) Hamilton, Ruby Willman, Pearl Shelton and Evelyn Stephens. I am sure they would enjoy familiar (or not) faces to drop by and say "hi."

Birthdays celebrated in June were: Betty Sweatt, May Runyan, June Curry, Marie Roberson, Mary Spring, Emma Houston, Velma Hodges, Velma Jones, Lester Roth, Fern White and Edith Luce.

Those having birthdays in July were: Carl Hadley, Hannah Overstreet and Lucille Latta.

Employees' June birthdays: Deb Hendley and Devora Reyes; July--Carol Jackson, Beatriz DeLeon, Maggie Torres, Patsy Widner, Toni Ramirez and Kaye Funk. Happy Birthday to all!!!

Thank you's this time go to: St. John's Lutheran Church of Lariat for the Portals of Prayer; Sandra Turner for beauty shop supplies; Clyde Fields and Forrest Osborn for the magazines; Friona State Bank for the very nice clock and to Kim Caffey and Cynthia Cotton from the Estate of Estelle Caffey for the medical supplies they donated for the residents. Thanks to all of these and anyone else I may have missed.

Boy, the residents have really been enjoying all the fresh rain and cooler weather lately.

Our "Resident of the Month" as voted was Jewel Robason and the "Employee of the Month" is Christine McDonald. Congratulations!

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:
In memory of Vera Harry: Floyd and Eva Lou Rector.

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In memory of Juanita Martinez: John and Jo Blackwell and Lorraine Welch.

In memory of Dora Rejino: John and Jo Blackwell.
In memory of Allene Russell: Erma Brown, Marlene Drake, Jo Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and Pauline E. Verstraete.

In memory of Juddie Stephens: Naomi Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church.

In memory of Alice Surber: John and Jo Blackwell, Jerry and Beth Shelton, Lorraine Welch, Dee and Connie Willard, Andy and Winifred Hurst, Jan and Larry Rogers, Louis and Mamie Lou Welch.

Once again a very generous and thoughtful donation was made to the Love Fund to honor Mary O. Spring's birthday: Geraldine A. Wires and Sarah J. Haynie.

He was born October 12, 1945, in Ryan, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arlon McCormick in 1969, by his mother, Hattie Morgan McCormick in 1991, and a brother, Robert Lee McCormick in 1980.

He was a former longtime Bovina resident, and had lived in Lubbock for the past six years, moving there from Bovina.

McCormick was an electrician, and worked in the construction business. He was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Will McCormick of Michigan, and B. J. McCormick of Lubbock; three daughters, Darlene Parrish of Arriba, Colorado, Marcella Methill of Flagler, Colorado and Stephanie McCormick of Lubbock.

Also, three sisters, Wanda Sue Williams of Tulia, Douise Ellison of Farwell and Janice Davis of Clovis, N.M. Six grandchildren also survive.



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Ellis Parson Is Honored At Service Celebration

Rev. Ellis J. Parson, pastor of Summerfield Baptist Church, his wife Mildred, and son, Nathan, were honored by family and friends for serving the Lord for ten years in Summerfield.

A surprise luncheon, with sixty guests in attendance, was held in the Fellowship Hall. The Parsons were presented with an anniversary cake and special love offering. The family had just returned from the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, La.

Other out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spruille and Venita Thomas and children of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hart of Friona.

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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

Call 247-3681 With Your News Items



Isn't it wonderful when we have moisture of any kind? Even a few tenths of an inch seem to elevate the spirits of everyone you meet on the street. As of Tuesday evening, various amounts have fallen in different places and everyone I've visited with about the rainfall has echoed the thought, "Won't it be wonderful if we can get a good general rain?"

My next door neighbor, Randy Weatherley, returned home Monday evening after spending several days in the Greenville-Celeste area.

On Wednesday of last week, he attended funeral services for a very dear great aunt, Della Weatherley, in Greenville. He also visited in the home of his mother, Owana Weatherley, and sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Terry Hicks, who live in Celeste.

He reported hot humid weather all the time he was gone.

Martha Bates returned home Monday of last week after having been gone from home about ten days. Her first stop was in Dallas, where she visited in the home of her son, Dr. Dwight Bates, and his wife, Carol.

Then Dwight and his mother flew to Vancouver, British Columbia, on the first leg of their journey to the north side of Alaska.

From Vancouver, they took a luxury liner and made the Iside Passage Cruise as far north as Haines, Alaska. Enroute they saw many interesting sights including the breaking up of an enormous iceberg.

One of the side trips the couple took was a ride on a narrow gauge railroad which took them over the trail the forty-niners travelled during the big gold rush.

Martha reported, "The trip was one of the most wonderful gifts I've ever received. The weather and sights were magnificent and the food was very good."

Mrs. Bates also reported that her granddaughter, Amy Bates Hampton, and her husband, Dan, who were in Bosnia at the time of the recent explosion, expect to return to their home base in South Carolina before the end of this week.

Dan, who is an F-16 pilot in the Air Force, was in the building which exploded but was not injured. Amy, a major in the Air Force Reserves, has been in Bosnia and Italy several months.

Martha said, "It will be good to know they're back on American soil."

Lloyd and Betty Louise Rector didn't have any grass growing under their feet last week. Early in the week, they hosted a fun fest in their home.

Out-of-town guests were Don and Mae Bice of Otis, Colorado; J.B. and Callie Humphries of Lovington, New Mexico; and Raymond and Charlene Treider of Muleshoe.

This group spent most of one afternoon touring the area damaged by the June 2, 1995 tornado. The out-of-state visitors were quite impressed with the re-building

which has taken place.

Fourth of July visitors in the Rector home included Sheri Louise and Ricky Keaton and daughters, Christie, D'Wann and Tasha, who live in Garland, Texas.

Local family members present for an outdoor cookout and fireworks in the evening were Larry, Jason and Janet Rector and Rickey, Debbie, Hailey and Ryley Rector.

The Keaton family left early Friday morning for their home and Lloyd and Betty Louise went to Muleshoe for the barbecue and program sponsored by Joe's Boot Shop.

Then on Saturday, the Rectors returned to the Bailey County capital city for an evening of fun at the home of the Raymond Treiders.

Others joining in the fun and frolic that evening were Delbert and Elaine Runyon of Edwardsville, Illinois; Max and Shirley Steinbock of the Lazbuddie community and Anna and Charles Miranda, who live in Earth.

Doris and Eugene Boggess made a flying trip to the West Coast last weekend for a mini family reunion with their daughter, Robbie Rucker of Midland, Texas, and other members of her family.

In Los Angeles, they were guests in the home of Mitch and Melissa Welch. Other visitors were Robbie and Lisa and Tanner Prewit of Houston. Mitch and Lisa are Robbie's son and daughter and Tanner is her grandson.

Robbie became ill on Friday and was taken to a hospital before her parents returned home on Saturday. She had an emergency operation on Sunday, and as of Tuesday afternoon, was making satisfactory progress.

Lilah Gaye Gee shared a "From the Hopper" column from the *Lovington Leader* with me. This column was written by W.H. (Hop) Graham and dated Sunday, May 19, 1996.

Several paragraphs were devoted to a bicycle trip he was planning to take four weeks later and his itinerary was outlined.

Overnight stops were to be made at Brownfield, Silver Springs Park, Seymour, Wichita Falls, Gainesville, Sherman, Paris and DeKalb. Other stops were planned for three different places in Arkansas; four in Mississippi; five in Alabama and five in Georgia.

The entire trip, which was to end at Brunswick, Georgia, 1499 miles from Lovington, New Mexico, was scheduled to take twenty-five days. I had heard earlier that he had made it to Brownfield the first day.

If any of our readers happen to have later information about this journey, I'd like to know more about it.

For those of you who do not know Graham, he is a former co-owner, publisher and editor of the *Friona Star*.

Those of us who missed seeing "Keepers of the Legend," which opened in Muleshoe Wednesday evening and ran through Tuesday evening, missed a real treat.

A few Friona folks saw it last year and a larger number attended one or more performances this year.

This outdoor musical was performed by Muleshoe residents under the direction of Sally Kendrick Messenger, a Friona native and graduate of the local high school. She's the daughter of Pudge and Deke and is married to Jay Messenger, son of the late Steve and Narcia Messenger, and a Friona native.

Sally has been teaching in Muleshoe several years. She and Jay have two daughters, Suzanne, who has a part in the historical drama, and Amanda.

Paula Griffith Paul, who grew up in Bailey County and is a graduate of Three Way High School, has taken elements from real life of the early settlers of the county and woven them into an exciting drama.

This is the second year for the performance of "Keepers of the Legend." Let's mark our July 1997 calendars and make sure we do not miss next year's production.

Something new is being added over on Fifteenth Street. About

thirty years ago, the late Dalton and Estelle Caffey had a new home built at the corner of Elm and West Fifteenth Street and there hasn't been a new house built on the street since.

Recently Von and Nancy Edelman began construction of a new home just east of the Caffey home.

Incidentally, their youngest son, Brian, who is a building contractor in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is supervising the framing up in his spare time.

Seems like the proverbial postman's holiday." Brian has been down on several weekends and, with the assistance of friends and his father, keeps the project going.

Last weekend, his wife, Gretchen, and son, Graham, accompanied him.

One weekend, a high school friend, Vohnya Tongate, who is a building contractor in Lubbock, spent the weekend here and assisted Brian and his crew.

Rhea Foster is home again. She flew out to Spokane, Washington, and spent a couple of weeks visiting in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Bud Gunderson.

The Gundersons have purchased a few acres, which Rhea describes as being "out in the woods" and are making their home there.

Wanda Brownnd returned home Saturday after spending one week in Phoenix, Arizona visiting in the home of Kari and Tim Deitz and getting acquainted with her first grandchild, a baby girl named Kiana Alyse, who was born early last week.

Roy and Ruth Miller recently spent a few days visiting in Cool Colorful Colorado. They were guests in the home of Bob and Clyda Winn, who live in Vista.

One of the fun things the two couples did was make a white water rafting trip down the Arkansas River.

Ruth reported, "White water rafting was a new experience for us and we enjoyed it very much."

Enroute home, the Millers spent some time with their daughter and her family in Aztec, New Mexico. They were guests in the home of Kathy and Cecil Cunningham and son, Tanner; Cory and Misty Cunningham and daughter, Taylor, and Sarah and Shylo Thatcher.

On Thursday, the Millers attended the professional kite flying demonstration in Clovis. One of their sons, Eddie Miller of the Lazbuddie community, was a participant.

Cheryl and Dwayne Procter hosted the annual Procter Fourth of July picnic in their back yard Thursday evening.

Family members present included Darla, Wade and Cherise Procter of Lubbock; and James, Sue, Ron, Libby, Ted, Glenda, Charlotte and Barry Procter, all of Friona.

Other guests included Shawn Turner, Scott Davis, Brad Crow, Rachel Pritchett, Kyle Turner and Chet Snyder of Lubbock and Billy Thompson and Bryce McMurtrey, who live here.

Weekend guests in the home of Nelda Benge were Kendal, Dana, Ellen, Jenna and Haley Burton of Shallowater and Amanda, Emile and Masy Miller of Taos, New Mexico.

Joining this group for Fourth of July festivities were Curt, Kahi, Jacob and Caleb Miller and Mildred May, all of Friona.

In the evening, the entire group went out to the country home of Roy and Eva Miller for refreshments and a fireworks display.

Ross Miller, who had been visiting his local kith and kin, returned home with his parents and siblings.

Don and Macie Watson Hunt of DeSoto, Texas were weekend visitors in the homes of Lorraine Welch, Martha Bates and Doris and Eugene Boggess.

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Evaluating Mutual Funds

(Editor's note: Following is a reprint of one of our previous columns.)

The first mutual fund was established more than 170 years ago in the Netherlands. The oldest mutual fund in this country started in 1924. Today, more than 4,000 funds are available—that's more than the number of stocks on the New York and American stock exchanges. Mutual funds offer a simple way to invest, but the complex maze of choices can confuse even seasoned investors.

Louis Rukeyser, host of television's popular "Wall Street Week," suggests five important questions to ask before investing in a mutual fund.

1. What are the fund's investment objectives and limitations? This information is clearly stated in the fund's prospectus. For example, one fund's prospectus says it aims to provide current income, capital growth and conservation of principal. It further explains how the fund's manager invests to accomplish this objective. If this is not your objective, the fund is not for you.

2. What is the fund's historical performance? The past ten years have been exceptional for total returns on stocks and bonds. Generally, investors have been well-rewarded. However, short-term performance such as this can be misleading. Ask the fund's representative to submit performance figures for the life of the fund. Also, look at performance during good and bad markets. Outstanding performance in a bull market can change to disaster in a bear market. For example, the top twenty funds of 1968 recorded an average gain of 45.7 per cent. The following year,

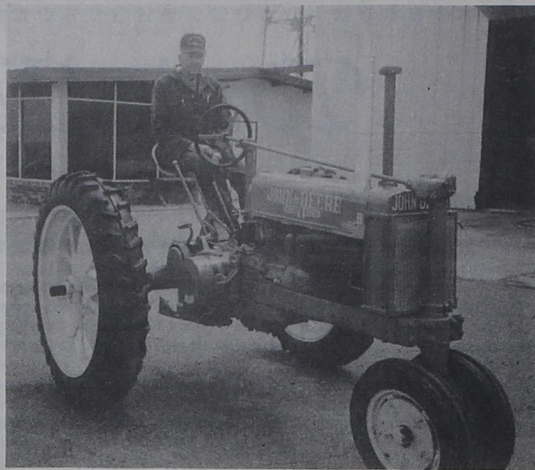
those same funds lost an average of 50.8 per cent. Today, 15 of those 20 funds don't even exist—that's a 75 per cent casualty rate.

3. How risky is the fund? Risk comes in different packages. The fund may limit its investing to emerging companies with little investment history or heavily weigh its portfolio with options, commodities or other volatile investments. Your biggest risk, however, is time. Buying any fund for a quick, in-and-out profit can be costly. Mutual fund investing works best when you leave your money in the fund and let time work for you.

4. What are the fund's ups and downs? Look at the fund's worst quarter and decide if you would be comfortable with that loss. Another simple test is the "mountain chart," or historical performance chart, in the fund's annual report. Examine the severity of the ups and downs in the chart. Compare charts from several funds with different investment objectives.

5. What are the fund's expenses? This information is in the beginning of the prospectus under "Summary of Expenses" and "Financial Highlights." At one time, a fund's "load," or sales charge, was easy to identify. Today, expenses, 12b-1 fees, back-end loads and switching fees are often difficult to ferret out. However, they all come out of your earnings. Look for them in the prospectus, but don't confuse them with loads. Expenses are ongoing; loads are one-time charges.

Of course, there are many other questions that should be answered before you invest. However, these five should get you started and help narrow your selection to funds that meet your specific objectives and risk tolerance.



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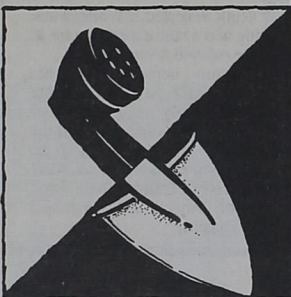
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