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By Bill Ellis



HAVING JUST completed the second political party national convention within the space of a month, many political observers are wondering if perhaps the national Demo and GOP conventions serve no useful purpose, and they, might someday be a thing of the past.

As a matter of fact, Ye Editor wondered in this same space just two weeks ago, if the conventions were worthwhile, given the fact that the parties' nominees are known well in advance of the conventions. This used to be a major reason for the meetings, before television orchestrated the creation of earlier, media-sponsored party primaries.

But one political expert who differs with this opinion is none other than Boone Pickens, chairman and chief executive officer of Irving-based MESA Inc. The chairman of one of the nation's largest independent natural gas and oil producers, who formerly had his corporate headquarters in Amarillo. But that's another story.

"Today, perhaps more than ever before in our nation's history, there are major differences between our two (major) parties, and the American voter deserves the benefit of a full and public airing of these issues," Pickens says.

Pickens believes that there is no better forum for such a discussion of these key philosophical issues than on the floor of a national convention, or in the homes of Americans across the country, allowed to witness these debates first-hand and undedited.

"The Republican convention was energized by Bob Dole's tax plan. This Dole/Kemp tax plan--a promise of a 15 percent across-the-board cut in personal income tax rates and a pledge to balance the federal budget by the year 2002--will start a new economic growth in the United States," Pickens stated in a letter to your editor.

The Dole-Kemp tax cut will offer \$1,600 in savings for the average American family. This is hard-earned money that families can spend, and will again challenge citizens to get serious about placing limits on the growth of the federal bureaucracy.

Pointing out that the GOP's tax proposal isn't a "cut and slash" program. "The Dole-Kemp plan will increase spending from \$1.6 trillion in 1997 to \$1.8 trillion in 2002. If we can't run the government on \$1.8 trillion per year, then something is terribly wrong in Washington," Pickens said.

The Dole-Kemp plan balances the budget and cuts taxes, just like the Republican Congress did last year when it passed the first balanced budget in a generation. If Dole is elected, the U.S. will have a budget amendment that **REQUIRES** the government to balance its books--an amendment the president blocked by just one vote.

Bob Dole released details of his tax cut plan before the convention. This allowed the delegates plenty of time to talk to their friends and neighbors back home about it, and find out their opinions.

Perhaps another good reason to keep the national conventions is the fact that it gives a lot of good ole boys (and gals) the opportunity to fly to some far-off city and revel in the booze and opportunity of extra-marital affairs--with all of their expenses paid.

--But, hey. We didn't intend to bring up Bill Clinton in this piece. Sorry, Mr. Pickens.

Very Few Changes In FISD 1996-97 Staff

Friona I.S.D. made very few changes in the staff for the 1996-97 school year, according to an announcement by Hal Ratcliff, F.I.S.D. Superintendent.

Jeanette Springer has been hired as a Diagnostician for the Parmer County Special Education Cooperative. She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, with a Master of Education degree. She has thirty-one years of experience in education.

Changes at Friona High School include Craig Setliff, who is the new assistant principal. He is a graduate of WTAMU with a Master of Education degree and has four years of teaching experience in advanced science. The Setliffs moved to Friona from Lockney.

Becky Riethmayer, who has four years of teaching experience at Friona Junior High School, will return to join the staff at Friona High School. She is a graduate of West Texas State University and will be teaching English I.

Patsy Allen will be the Home Economics teacher at High School and Junior High School.

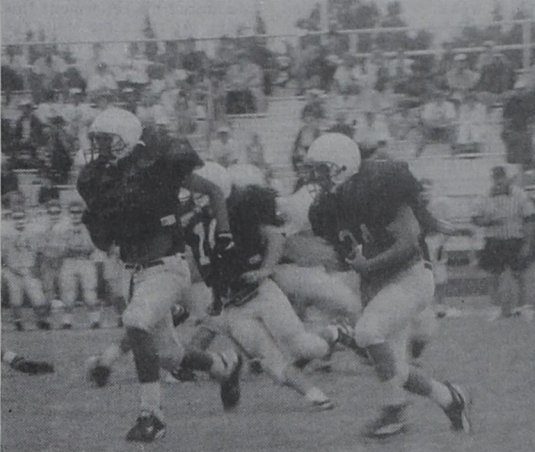
She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Master's Degree in Family Relations and Child Development and received a vocational teaching certificate from Central State University. She has twelve years of education experience on the college level in Oklahoma and is a consultant for Texas Tech University.

Jeff Isom will serve as the new junior high coach and will also teach p.e. classes. He will be starting his teaching career in Friona. Mr. Isom is a graduate of WTAMU.

Lisa Reed will serve as the new junior high girls' coach and will also teach p.e. classes. She is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and has four years of teaching experience.

The only new teacher on the Elementary campus is Suni Morton. She is a graduate of WTAMU and has three years of teaching experience at Follett and Canyon. Suni will be a fourth grade teacher.

Krisiti Carr, who has been employed at Friona I.S.D. for six years, has a new assignment as a Life Skills teacher at the Junior High campus.



GOOD EFFORT....Jessie Mendez, right, takes a turn carrying the ball in Friona's scrimmage against Canyon last Friday. The Chieftains shut out the Eagles, two scores to none. Kyle Grimmsley got both scores. Fidel Rodriguez was cited for his defensive play. Friona opens their '96 season at Littlefield September 7.

LITTLE MISS CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED

As of Thursday, August 29, fifteen young ladies had entered the Friona Little Miss Contest.

The contest will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium, during the Maize Days Week celebration.

According to the Friona Chamber, additional Little Miss entries will be accepted "until the middle of next week." To enter a Little Miss, or for more information, contact the Chamber at 247-3491.

Current Little Miss entries and their sponsors are: Miranda D'Aun Frye, George Frye Farm; Staci Jolee Fairweather, Millard Refrigerated Services; Jordan Monroe, D. L.'s Thriftway; Erin Renae Anthony, Paco Feed Yard; Morgan Jenae Anthony, Production Credit Association; Briar Barnett, Friona State Bank; Heather Nicole Sandoval, Tasty Cream.

Also, Michelle Martin, Brown, Graham, & Co., P.C.;

Ex-Resident's Daughter Dies In Accident

Graveside services were held in Dumas Thursday for eight-year-old Avry Raye Graves, who was the victim of an accident this week.

The youngster was fatally injured in Dumas late Tuesday, when, according to reports, she dashed into the street and was struck by a vehicle. She was taken to the hospital in Dumas, but later died.

Avry was born in Dumas and lived there all her life. She was a third-grade student at Sunset Elementary School. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Dumas.

Survivors are her parents, Mark and Susan Graves of the home; a sister, Kory Kaye, and brothers Chet and Kevin Graves, all of the home; and grandparents, Roy E. Humphries, and Gwen and I. T. Graves, all of Dumas.

Gwen and I. T. Graves are former Friona residents. Mark is their youngest son.

Gospel Gathering Is Slated Here

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor a "Gospel Gathering" for the community in conjunction with Maize Days. The date is Wednesday, September 11, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in the high school auditorium.

The Gospel Gathering has been a popular addition to Friona's Maize Days celebration in recent years.

The deadline for signing up is Friday, September 6, so everyone is encouraged to call the Chamber office at 247-3491.

Teacher & Student in Dog Attack

Two second grade classes had some tense moments last Monday afternoon as they played on the school's west playground.

A neighborhood pit bull dog apparently broke its rope leash and wandered onto the playground. Without warning, the dog attacked and bit 7-year-old Ralee Stockstill, daughter of Greg and Lori Stockstill. Ralee was swinging when the dog bit her on the back.

Teacher Erin Barnett, who is pregnant, tackled the dog away from the child. Other school personnel quickly moved all the children into the school building as Barnett attempted to subdue the dog.

One report said that the dog chased after the Stockstill youngster as she ran to the school building but failed to attack her a second time.

Mrs. Barnett was bitten on the hip by the dog during the melee. Both teacher and student were taken to Parmer County Hospital, treated and released.

The dog's owners showed up during the confrontation and put the dog into their station wagon and were asked to wait for police, which they did.

The dog was taken to veterinarian Dr. Gary Cash for examination. It was decided to put the dog to sleep and send the body to Austin for examination for rabies.

Both little miss Stockstill and teacher Barnett returned to school the following day.

Sign Up For Calf Dressing

It's time again for the Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo and the calf dressing event.

Put your team together and listen to the crowd roar! It's lots of laughs for the team members and crowd alike.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is inviting local business people and others in the community to give it a try. This will be one of the Chamber sponsored events being held at the Feedyard Rodeo, Saturday, September 14.

Teams of three people are needed for the calf dressing event, and local organizations, groups or businesses may participate. Interested parties should call the Chamber office at 247-3491.

Ice Cream Entries Needed

The Parmer County Fair Board is looking for some good people to enter some good homemade ice cream in the Parmer County Fair on Saturday, September 7.

Judging of all entries will begin at 11 a.m. Following the judging, ice cream will be given to the public attending the fair.

For further information, call 247-2377 or pick up a fair book at the Chamber Office or Friona State Bank.



LIBRARY FRIENDS RAFFLE....Shown above is the 23" x 29" original oil painting, "Prairie Pastels," done by Carol Ellis and donated to the Friends for their building fund project. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at the Library or from any Friends member. Drawing for the painting will be held Saturday, September 14 during Maize Days.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Fellow Frionans,

There are very few times in our busy lives that allow us to acquaint and reacquaint ourselves with one another and our community. The upcoming Maize Days is an event that provides us with the opportunity to do just that in celebration of our unique community and great people.

I encourage everyone to take the time and enjoy all the festivities. Start with the pageants that indicate a bright future for our community by presenting the beauty and talent of our youth, then to the Gospel Gathering that allows us to set aside our ecumenical differences to sing and praise in unison the one who has made all things possible.

The parade is sure to rekindle joy and pride with its showcase of local interests, people and talent. The barbecue is always a great meal at a great price with great company. End with the rodeo that not only highlights one of our major industries but provides a magnificent evening of entertainment.

There are also interspersed throughout the week other events, sales and appreciation assemblies that make our community unique and are worthy of attendance.

Regardless of which events or how many you attend, a pleasurable time is assured. Who knows, you may learn something new about Friona, see long lost old friends or meet new ones! Hope to see you there.

Bill McCoy

Friona Flashbacks

.....from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 11, 1931

The 1931-32 term of school opened in Friona Monday morning, under the direction of a most competent corps of teachers, numbering 19 in all. Supt. George A. Heath reports an enrollment for the first day of 517.

O.E. Massie, one of Friona's progressive and thrifty famers, living some eight miles southeast of town, had eight sows, who during their last farrow, brought forth 120 fine pigs, an average of 15 to the sow.

60 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 11, 1936

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Abdullah, at their home in Friona Sunday morning, twin daughters weighing five pounds and one-half and six and one-half pounds.

Twin daughters were also reported born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naples of the Lakeview Community on the same day.

Word was also received at the Star office that twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Chiles.

55 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 12, 1941

The Friona Cardinals dived a double-header with the Amarillo Pinkney Packers, played on the local diamond Sunday, winning the first game by a score of 6-2, and losing the second, 1-0. Wright Williams pitched a two-hit game in the nightcap, only to lose, with the only run scoring on an error.

Miss Staley of Springfield, Mo., and a joint owner of what is known as the "Staley Sisters" farm, adjoining the city on the west, visited the city last week.

50 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 6, 1946

The marble games that had been in progress among the smaller boys on the vacant lots south of Plains Hardware, have been forsaken by the boys on account of the opening of school. Whether this breaking up of the games was optional on the part of the boys, or rather obligatory on the part of the parents, is

a question.

45 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 6, 1951

School began in Friona this week. Some added confusion was evident, due to lack of space brought about by the loss of the high school building last spring by fire. Classes were meeting in makeshift locations, until such time as the annex is completed. The annex will house high school students this year, and in future years, will be used as a cafeteria. A total of 525 students enrolled on the first day of school.

40 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 6, 1956

Enrollment in Friona's bulging public school system crept closer to the 900 mark Wednesday morning, as a total of 893 students filed into the buildings for the second day of classes.

The Baxter Addition was annexed to the city by the Friona city commissioners Tuesday night. Developed by Oscar Baxter, the addition includes a two-block area in the western part of town.

35 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 7, 1961

Joe W. Jones, Parmer County Agricultural Agent for the past 11-1/2 years, last week submitted his resignation to the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Jones plans to join the Security State Bank in Farwell.

A sudden blaze raced across five alleys in the Friona Lanes Sunday morning at 3:05 a.m., causing an estimated \$8,500 in damage, most due to smoke.

30 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 8, 1966

Thirty contestants had been entered in the 1966 Friona Maize Queen Contest, just one short of the all-time record.

A talent contest, sponsored by the Friona Junior Chamber of Commerce, will kick off the 1966 Maize Days celebration--Friona's 60th anniversary--next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

25 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 9, 1971

Frank A. Spring, longtime president of Friona State Bank, officially announced his retirement this week. At the same time, the bank's board of directors announced that Robert L. Neelley would become the bank's seventh president. Spring's retirement date, and Neelley's appointment, will be effective October 1 of this year. Spring, 63, has been associated with Friona State Bank since 1931. He has served as president since 1959, but has been active in the bank's management since 1944.

20 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 12, 1976

Entries in the Maize Queen Contest are up to 24 in the Queen Contest, while Little Miss entry list is up to eight.

Girls entered in the Maize Queen Contest include Sheri Rector, Mindy Moseley, Linda Nelson, Karen Young, Melodi Dixon, Patty Cole, Johanna Thorn, Holly White, Linda Anthony, Becky Powell, Jason Widner, Jerri Walter, Cindy Cleveland, Cindy Smiley, Diane Westbrook, Faith Mays, Karen Stevick, Diane Bennett, Barbara Rhodes, Sherri Noah, Rhonda Parsons, Sharla Benge, Kathy Martin and Paige Osborn.

In the Little Miss Contest, the contestants are Karla Skipworth, Sindy Preston, April Bush, Lea Ann Edwards, Lori Tannahill, Kristy Stephens, Sherrie Dickson and Deena Jo Willard.

C.H. Veazey won the first week's competition in the

VFW Offers Scholarship Competition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary announced the start of this year's "Voice of Democracy Program" competition. Students in our local area have the opportunity to compete in the 50th annual audio essay program and win valuable scholarships and awards.

According to the local VFW Post Commander, the students earn much more than the scholarships and awards when they participate in "Voice of Democracy."

The additional benefits include increased self-confidence and poise, experience in polishing their communication skills, and the opportunity for self expression. Those that advance to become the state winner are given the additional opportunity to expand their knowledge of our nation's capital city during a full five-day tour of Washington, D. C., plus the chance to meet and befriend students from every state.

During the 50 years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with the Voice of Democracy Program, more than 7 million high school students have participated. Interested students need only write and then record a three minute to five minute audio essay while expressing their view of the program theme. All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 National Scholarship but could win the \$20,000 first place award. A total of \$118,000 in National Scholarships are awarded to student finalists.

The VFW Commander said, "Young people who participate in the competition benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America."

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Friona Star's football contest with 19 correct games out of a possible 22 and edged James Clark on the tie-breaker score.

15 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 13, 1981

Mrs. Wana Brewer recently received a copy of a resolution from the Senate of the State of Texas-67th Legislature, first called session, recognizing her outstanding contribution to the field of education by her 35-year teaching career.

Seva and Steve Struve, owners of the Sideswipe Company, are making a duel announcement this week.

One is the securing of a patent on their product, which is now being sold across the country and even in foreign markets. The other news is an open house at the company's new location 119 West Sixth Street.

10 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 13, 1986

The Friona Chieftians survived a second-half rally by a hard hitting River Road at Amarillo last Friday night, to win their season opener, 21-13.

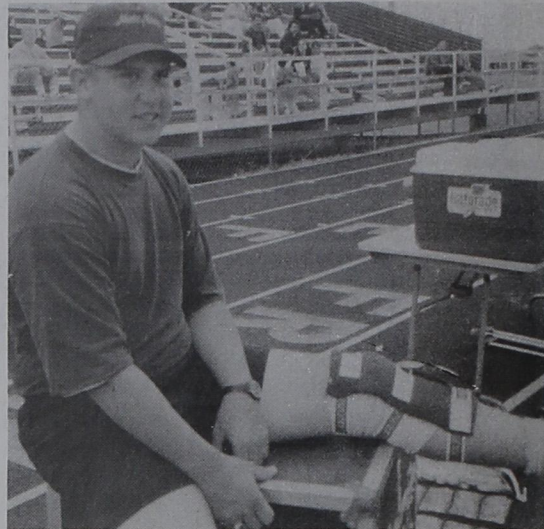
The "Old Professor", Jack Clark picked up right where he left off the preceding year in the Friona Star Football Contest.

Clark, who was the grand champion winner of 1985 contest, started the new season off on the right foot, winning first place in the first week's contest.

5 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 14, 1991

Valerie Michelle Burnam, five was named Little Miss Friona Tuesday at the Friona High School Auditorium. She was sponsored by Country Charm. Her parents are Lonnie and Marva Burnam.

Sarita Gay Ellis Reeve received a Master of Education degree in secondary education with a minor in English in August from Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Mike and Nelda Ellis of Friona.



BILLY SITS OUT....Friona Chiefs lineman Billy Garner sits out the recent scrimmage against Canyon. Garner underwent a knee operation in Amarillo last week. Doctors told him the operation went well. He should be out of action for about three weeks.



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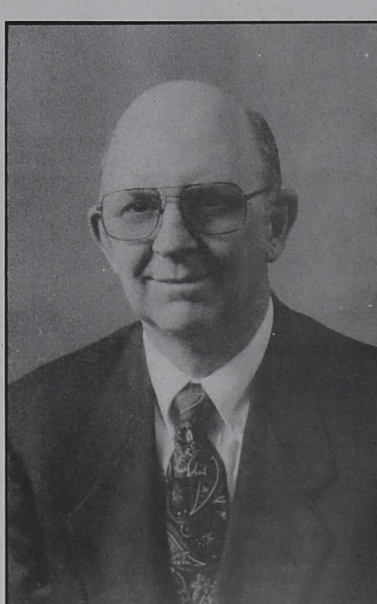

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Christy Phillips, Brandon Renner Are United In Church Ceremony

Lori Christine Phillips and Brandon Chad Renner exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Farwell on August 10. The Rev. Rick Sullivan of Artesia, New Mexico, officiated at the candlelight service.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Phillips of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Renner of Friona. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Ritchie of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McBroome of Lazbuddie and Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Renner of Friona.

The front of the church was decorated with a center fan candleabra flanked on either side by

a spiral candle tree, all holding ivory tapers and greenery entwined with plum colored ribbons and flowers. Ficus trees with clear lights completed the decorations. Pews were marked with hunter green satin bows and ivory tulle.

Wedding music was provided by Nancy Miller, organist. Selections included "Your Love Amazes Me," sung by Jon Cunningham, "A Song For My Son" was presented by Pam Carpenter and "How Beautiful" was played by Twila Paris.

Candles were lit by Sara Fred of Levelland and Alysha Webb of Lubbock.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was escorted by her father. She wore a formal length gown of white French silk illusion over white satin, featuring a bateau neckline and fitted bodice of alencon lace covered with hand-beaded pearls and borealis sequins. Large ruffles formed a puff sleeve effect and the full skirt, edged with several wide ruffles of illusion, fell from the dropped waistline to a cathedral length train accented with alencon lace appliques, pearls and sequins.

Her veil of bridal tulle was attached to a semi-circle of iridescent flowers embroidered with sequins and pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses, freesia, stephanotis, English ivy and baby's breath.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails and a white vest.

Registering guests was Mitzi McBee of Lubbock. The registration table held the bride's book and an ivory pen.

Kaylee Gustin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gustin, was the flower girl. She wore a hunter green tea length dress featuring an empire waistline with a full skirt edged with cream lace. Her hair was adorned with a wreath of small flowers and greenery.

Taylor Campo of Dallas was the ring bearer. He wore a black tuxedo with a hunter green vest and bow tie.

Timothy Clark of Amarillo served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Phillips, brother of the bride, Marcus Harcastle of Canyon, Casey Renner, cousin of

the groom, and Chad Stovell of Lubbock.

The best man and groomsmen wore black tuxedos with hunter green vests.

Michelle Bunch of Keller, Texas was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misty Renner, sister of the groom, Melinda Armstrong of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Amanda Johnson and Janell Andre of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

The feminine attendants wore off the shoulder straight floor length gowns of hunter green taffeta accented with re-embroidered lace and carried arm bouquets of gerber daisies and ivory roses.

Serving as ushers were Jon Sullivan of Canyon and Cody McKelvey, cousin of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church Fellowship Hall.

The three tiered Italian Cream wedding cake featured four cakes at the base decorated with ivory cream frosting with shearing around the sides of the cakes. The top tier was decorated with plum colored roses and a bride and groom figurine, which was used on the bride's maternal grandmother's wedding cake fifty years ago. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece.

Strawberries, apple slices and banana slices dipped in chocolate, mints and nuts were served from the bride's table by Robin Webb, Belinda Fred and Denine Derickson, cousins of the bride.

Lori Stormes and April McBroome, cousins of the groom, served coffee from a silver tea service, and red velvet cake with cream cheese icing.

Another table featured gold framed pictures of the bride and groom's parents and grandparents on their wedding days. A white cloth bound photograph book with pictures of the bride and groom as children centered the table.

The bride, a 1994 graduate of Farwell High School, attended Texas Tech.

The groom attends West Texas A&M and is employed at the Hot Tub Store in Amarillo.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Valearta, Mexico, the couple

now makes their home in Canyon.

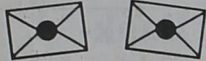
REHEARSAL DINNER

Following the rehearsal on August 9, the groom's parents hosted a barbecue dinner in the church Fellowship Hall. Barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw and relish trays were served. Crystal votive candles and ivy planted in clay pots decorated the tables. Tea was served in Mason jars. Following dinner, cheesecake topped with cherry and blueberry sauce was served.

A miscellaneous shower was held July 14 at Farwell in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower in Friona on July 27 in the home of Marilyn Stovell. Misty Renner hosted a lingerie shower in the home of Susan Renner.



Mrs. Brandon Renner



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Will you please print this letter in your newspaper for the interest of any of your readers who may have ancestral roots in Anson County, North Carolina?

The Anson County Book Committee is in the process of gathering material for a family history book. We would like to hear from those interested that have connections to Anson County and would contribute their family history to this project.

To receive a free brochure please send a 4-1/8" x 9-1/2" self addressed stamped envelope to Anson Book Committee, PO Box 2194, Rockingham, North Carolina 28380-2194.

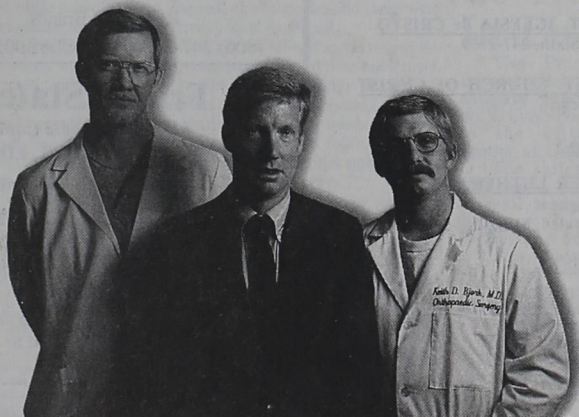
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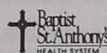
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FRIONA DURING THE DIRTY THIRTIES

"Good Old Days" Were During A Very Bad Time

By JOHN TERRY

Editor's note: This is the first installment of an article written by John Terry about life in Friona during the "Great Depression" and the "Dust Bowl Days." Watch for the next chapter in next week's paper. Other citizens of the area who have remembrances to share are invited to bring their stories in the next few days if they want them to be included in the special Maize Days edition of "The Friona Star." be

If our parents were telling this story, it would sound all together different. They did the worrying and carried the burden of survival through the depression years and the dust bowl days. Maybe the ignorance of youth was what made such bad times seem like "the good old days."

I might be considered a late-comer. When I had my first look at Friona in February of 1929, the town and I were both still young and growing. People from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois and Indiana were coming to the Texas Panhandle on the promise of plenty of cheap land and room to grow. The native grass was being plowed up and the land planted mostly to wheat. Newcomers were building homes and barns, and improving their new farms with fences. Roads were being graded north and west of town and people were full of hope, which is what makes the world turn.

Franklin D. Roosevelt became president in 1933 when the depression was at its peak. He started several programs which would put money back in the hands of the working people; the NRA (National Rehabilitation Act), the WPA (Works Progress Administration), the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). These programs put people to work building roads, streets, parks and other improvements. The pay was low, but it was still better than standing in the well-known bread lines, which went on in the eastern states.

Friona had some of its streets surfaced with caliche, and some of the county roads for two or three miles outside of town were surfaced with WPA labor. There are still signs of CCC work which was done in Palo Duro Canyon Park such as trails, cabins, camp grounds, etc. MacKenzie Park in Lubbock was built entirely by CCC workers.

Things began to get a little better money-wise until the drought began... no rain, no crops, no pasture.

Since there was no grain or grass for feed, the government began buying cattle and hogs and shooting them on the spot. People were allowed to use the meat in anyway they chose but they were not to sell it. Cowhides could be sold, so a lot of skinning took place. The farmer would be paid about five dollars for the cow, plus the hide would bring almost half that much. Dead cattle were piled up in large stacks along the Terra Blanco Draw out north of town.

During what is known as "the drought of the thirties" we had more three and four inch rains here than I can remember ever seeing since then. The Friona Draw flooded several times in those years, taking some lives, washing out the railroad and the unpaved highway that paralleled it. Pictures hanging on the walls at Jack Anderson's and Lee Gibson's barber shop give the best evidence of those floods.

There was always enough rain to grow tumbleweeds or "thistles" as we called them. They contributed to the problems of blowing dirt, holding the dirt and creating sand dunes in the fields and along the roadways. Each year, a new crop of weeds caused the dunes to grow taller until some north/south roads were completely blocked. Then the road moved out into someone's field where the ground was clear and hard.

The government began the first farm program to plow up crops for payment about 1933. Some of the farmers would not take part, saying it was an attempt to gain control of farm production. Besides, it looked like charity, which they did not want.

At one time, Friona had two lumber yards, both of which did a good business. There were also from two to four cafes along Main Street, two drug stores most of the time, three grocery stores, numerous service stations and oil businesses, two theaters and two pool halls. During the thirties, the town had no sewer system, so outhouses lined the alleys behind the businesses.

The Friona Hotel was a going business back then, where you could get a room and three meals daily. It was operated by a Mrs. Martin, and was owned by Clyde Seamands, who was the biggest cattleman around at that time.

The town even grew across the railroad tracks with several businesses on that end of town including the Friona Consumers Oil Company, and there wasn't a foot of pavement anywhere to be found. The grain elevators, located where they still are today, handled coal for stove fuel; your choice of lump, chunk or "coke." They also bought maize heads and ear corn, piled it up to be threshed and shelled later. Times didn't seem so bad, since we hadn't been used to living very high on the hog anyway.

The old red brick schoolhouse housed all eleven grades and there were buses to ride to school, so kids didn't have to walk to school.

Roads north and west of town were not graded as well as the rest of the county. Most roads wandered across grass pastures or down fence rows. Since school took place in the winter when it is most likely to snow, it seemed like our bus, most of the time, was stuck in "blow-sand," snow or mud. Then the boys were expected to get out and push the bus however far was necessary. I've heard some of the sad stories that folks tell about having to walk to school barefooted in the snow, three miles uphill; but at least they didn't have to push the darned school bus both ways.

Friona had its very own "night spot" back then. A fellow by the name of Hicks built a large building just south of the tracks about where the dike is today. The east side faced Main Street and the south side faced the old dirt highway. The Hicks building, as it was called, had a cafe and beauty shop on the east and a garage in back of that. But the main feature of the building was the roof top which was used as a skating rink during the week and an open air dance floor on Saturday nights. There was a pipe railing which ran all around the roof to prevent people from falling off. This was about the most active spot in town. People said that, on a Saturday night, if you would fasten a dollar bill onto the rope which hung over the railing, a bottle or fruit jar of homemade moonshine would be returned to you. Some said it tasted better when it was in a used syrup or honey jar. I wasn't old enough to participate and neither did I have the dollar bill to find out.

Quite an eye catcher for out-of-towners was the sight of old T.N. "Tom" Jasper hauling freight up Main Street with his yoke of oxen pulling a large freight wagon. Sometimes he would show off by taking his bull-whip along and doing a lot of whipping popping. He wouldn't have struck one of those old oxen for anything. He was also the official "Hide and Brand Inspector" and I've seen him wearing his forty-five pistol in a holster while serving as inspector, just so there would be no mistake about his authority.

It is impossible to write about those earlier years in Friona without touching on some of the people who made things work. I believe the best law force Friona ever had was "Uncle Charlie" Jones. He didn't have a siren, a striped car, a radio, a police station, a dispatcher, 911 calls, a SWAT team, or even a back-up. What Uncle Charlie did have was a German shepherd dog; about eighty pounds worth. When he said, "Watch 'em, Tige!" it was best for you to stand real still. Uncle Charlie would give a person every chance to do right, but Tige didn't leave any slack.

There was an open air jail made of iron bars located right out in the open just south of the late Plains Hardware building. Waking up in there on Sunday morning where anyone passing by could see who was in jail must have been a humiliating experience.

Later, that little old jail cell ended up out at Ray Landrum's place. During the late 50s and 60s, when there was a beard judging contest held every year during Maize Days, Ray would bring the jail back into town and put it out in front of City Hall. Some of the civic clubs would sell "shave permits" and if you were seen in town the week of Maize Days without either a beard or a shave permit, you were supposed to spend a half-hour or so in that little iron bar cage on Main Street. This was done "just for fun" and to promote the Maize Days celebration.

(Continued next week!)



FREIGHT OXEN....When freight was delivered in Friona via the Santa Fe Railway during the first half of the 20th century, T. N. (Tom) Jasper and his matched oxen met the train and delivered the freight. The oxen were born as twin calves, and were half Holstein and half Herefords. Jasper lived just west of the old Congregational Church, off Sixth Street, where the oxen were boarded. (This was before animal ordinances!). One of the oxen died, and since they can't be re-trained to a new "partner," the other one was butchered, and roasted for a Jasper family reunion. Jasper delivered freight in Friona until the early 1940s.

Chieftains Rank High In Pre-Season Polls

Not an official snap of the ball has been made in the 1996 high school football season, but already the Friona Chieftains have scored a "victory."

Friona has been picked to win district by the Amarillo Globe-News. In the newspaper's annual "Pigskin Preview" published this past Thursday, Amarillo sportswriters chose the Chiefs to edge out River Road for the title in the new, far-flung District 1-AAA.

That may be a lot of pressure for a team to live up to, but it's a distinct honor. It may well have been 30 years since a Chieftain team was picked as a pre-season favorite to win their football district title.

Earlier, the Top-O-Texas Football magazine (which is really a 744-page book), as well as "Texas Football," picked the Chieftains to finish second in district, behind River Road, which like the Chieftains are blessed with a number of returning starters and lettermen.

The Pigskin Preview has zeroed in on a fact that local coaches and fans had already thought about, when it picked Friona's game at River Road on October 4 as the district's top game.

The game won't "make or break" either team, but the winner will have a big leg up on the rest of the league.

The Friona-River Road game will be the fifth game of the season for both teams. The new, larger district resulted in each team having only three non-district games. League play starts on the fourth week of the season, when Friona hosts Tulia.

The Chieftain have 18 lettermen returning, which includes six offensive starters and eight on defense. This, added to the fact that Friona was very impressive in its 7-3 season of 1995, when the team finished third in district, is the main reason for Friona's high mention in the pre-season.

River Road has been in the playoffs two consecutive years. The Wildcats won district and bi-district in 1994, and were district runners-up last year with a 4-1 district record. The 'Cats have 13 lettermen, plus six offensive and four defensive starters.

Fans Invited Firemen To Tailgate Will Help In Littlefield Raise Funds

BY DARRELL BARLOW REPORTER

On Labor Day, Monday, September 2, the Friona firemen are going to be helping out on the "Fill The Boot" program to aid in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

The firemen will be wearing official t-shirts to collect donation at the intersection of Highway 60 and Main Street.

There will be a fire truck with signs relating to the MDA drive. The donations will aid some area people.

"This is just a sample of the things that the Friona Fire Department does to help out in the community and surrounding area," said a spokesman for the department.

The Friona firemen helped control traffic southeast of town when a high pressure gas line was broken off recently.

Don't forget about Maize Days and the raffle for the brand new pickup to be given away and all the activities planned in the park.

Everyone have a very good and safe Labor Day, and if traveling, drive with your lights on so you can be seen.

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*****		Thursday, Aug. 29	80-64
		Week's rain: 10. Total for August: 2.96 inches.	

The Dalhart Wolves have been ranked third in district by all three of the above-named sports publications. Friona will have to visit Dalhart on October 18. Dalhart hasn't been a successful place for Chieftain teams to visit, but in 1994, the last time the teams played in the Wolves' backyard, Friona came away with a 22-13 win, Friona's first ever at Dalhart.

Dalhart has 16 lettermen back and five or six starters from their 1995 team which posted a 6-3 record.

Tulia is ranked fourth in three pre-season polls. The Hornets return 16 lettermen, including experience at 13 positions.

Pigskin Preview ranks the district thusly: 1. Friona; 2. River Road; 3. Dalhart; 4. Tulia; 5. Dimmitt; 6. Perryton; 7. Sanford-Fritch and 8. Muleshoe.

Top-O-Texas sees it: 1. River Road; 2. Friona; 3. Dalhart; 4. Tulia; 5. Perryton; 6. Dimmitt; 7. Fritch and 8. Muleshoe.

Texas Football's ratings were: 1. River Road; 2. Friona; 3. Dalhart; 4. Tulia; 5. Perryton; 6. Fritch; 7. Dimmitt and 8. Muleshoe.

Junior Quint Ellis (6-5, 220) is chosen by "Preview" as one of the district's top defensive players.

Top-O-Texas rates Ellis, along with runningback Andy Kendrick and lineman Hugo Santiago as potential all-stars.

Chieftains Shine In 1st Scrimmage

The Friona Chieftains, along with their coaches and fans, were pleased with the team's first controlled scrimmage, held at Friona last Friday with the visiting Canyon Eagles.

The Chieftain varsity scored twice, and didn't allow the Eagles' offense to cross their goal-line.

In fact, Canyon's main offensive punch came on a single long run, where the ball-carrier was caught at about the Friona 15-yard line. The Chieftain defense threw Canyon back, and after four plays the ball was moved back across the 50-yard line, according to scrimmage procedure.

Quarterback Kyle Grimmsley scored both Friona touchdowns, on the option play.

"We were well pleased. We gained yardage on the ground, and we did more passing than usual, and completed a high percentage of the passes," said Coach James Morton.

Morton complimented linebacker Fidel Rodriguez and defensive end Cecil Cooper for their defensive play. "Rodriguez stepped into his position real well," Morton said.

Concerning Friona's ranking as number 1 in their district this week by the "Pigskin Preview," Morton said the ranking presented a challenge, but felt that the players knew they'd have to buckle down to accomplish this. "It's a nice thing for the community," he concluded.

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The Dumb Gourmet
 By RON CARR

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 2 cloves garlic
 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
 1/3 cup smooth peanut butter
 1/4 cup soy sauce
 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 1 tablespoon molasses
 8 ounces angel hair pasta, uncooked
 3 medium cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped
 1/2 cup sliced green onions

* Process first six ingredients in an electric blender until mixture is smooth, stopping once to scrape down sides.
 * Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and return to pan. Add peanut butter mixture, and toss gently.
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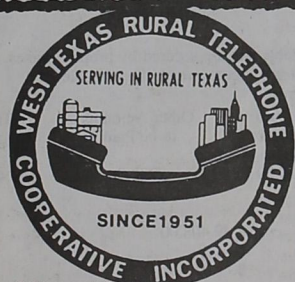


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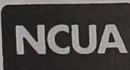
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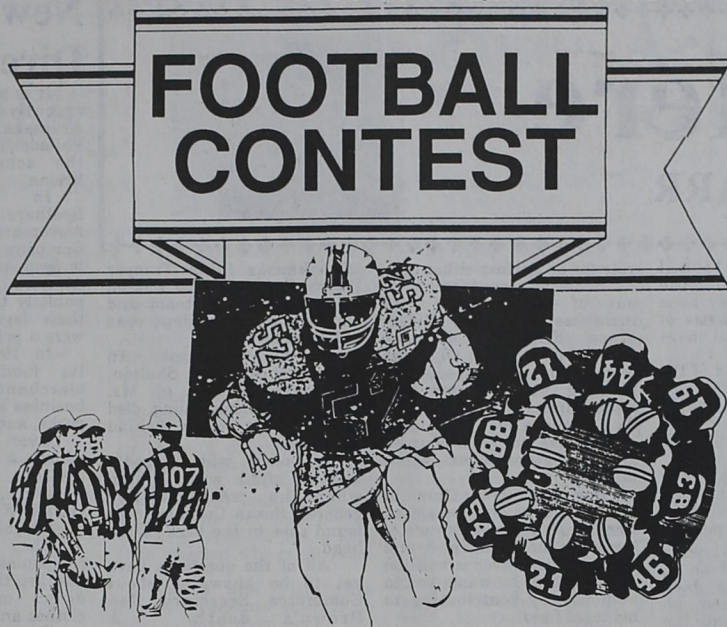
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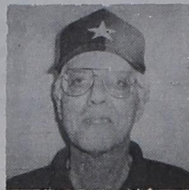
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By RON CARR



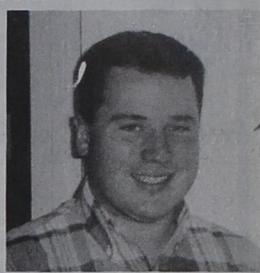
During the next couple of months, we will hear more about politics than we ever wanted to know. I realize that this is a very important election because we are choosing someone that will run the country for the next four years. Or will they? I still haven't figured out who really runs the country. Nor have I figured out whether Bill and Hillary are guilty of all those things they are accused of. More about that in a minute. As usual, I have a few questions about this election year and politics in general. For instance, who dreamed up the "matching funds" provision? If I understand it right, a candidate for president can raise money for their campaign, and then the government will match it. Did I hear that Bob Dole and Bill Clinton received \$74 million each from the government in matching funds? Even Ross Perot was eligible for, and received, \$25 million, and you thought he was using his own money. All candidates travel across the country pledging to cut government spending and they take \$173 million in tax money with them for campaign expenses. What is wrong with that picture? Why did they go ahead and spend millions more to hold the Republican and

Democratic National Conventions when the candidates had already been selected? Was it a waste of more money or political show-biz? Is anyone else tired of the Dole Campaign's football metaphors? Kemp says to Dole, "You be the quarterback and I will block for you." Cute, huh? Or about Clinton, they say he "fakes to the right and runs to the left." Dole and Kemp travel around putting on football jerseys with Kemp's old number 15 on it, which happens to be Jack Kemp's number when he played quarterback and the percentage they propose to cut taxes. Makes one wonder what would happen if Jack Kemp had worn number 7 during his career. In Dole's acceptance speech, he told Hillary that it does not take "a village" to raise children properly. In her speech this week, she said it does too. People cheered both speeches. And what about Bill, taking a slow moving train across the "heartland of America" this week talking and waving to all the small town folk and timing his arrival at the Chicago Convention to coincide with his nomination. Show biz. Are we paying his Presidential salary while he is on personal business? Wasn't he on vacation in Wyoming a couple of weeks ago? No wonder he wants to keep this job for another four years. Speaking of Wyoming, it reminded me that presidents and presidential candidates should not try to be something they are not, especially in front of cameras. Did you see President Clinton astride those horses in Wyoming, dressed like a cowboy? Did anybody else think he looked "dorky" in a cowboy hat? And do you think the Secret Service may have drugged his horse so he wouldn't get hurt? Just a thought. One thing is for sure. As citizens we should not expect to get much work out of President Clinton for the next two months as he will be campaigning most of the time. At least Bob Dole resigned from the government payroll. Some say that Clinton has more personality and charisma than Dole. Some say Dole is too old and dull. To my way of thinking, that is a pretty flimsy reason to

vote for or against either one. Some say government is out of control and cite instances like Ruby Ridge, Waco, Filegate and now Richard Jewell, the Olympics security guard suspected of placing the bomb in Centennial Park in Atlanta. So far there is no evidence and he has not been charged and the government is not talking. For the first time in history we have a president who is battling a multitude of lawsuits and charges and owes lawyers over a million dollars which he wants you to help pay by contributing to his legal fund. He tried to get out of testifying at one hearing by claiming military exemption since he is the Commander-in-Chief, a rank that no doubt rankles many military veterans. A weekly newspaper, the Spotlight, published in Washington, D. C. can be classified as a far right, populist, publication. As an example, their choice for president was, and still is, Pat Buchanan. They claim to publish facts that the "mainstream media" covers up. In their August 26 edition, there was an interesting article titled "Body Count Mounts Around Bill Clinton," alleging media cover up of drug running, arms deals, and murder, centering around the small town of Mena, Arkansas, while Mr. Clinton was governor. Mena is alleged to be a CIA-sponsored Contra operation used for cocaine-smuggling and money laundering by the Justice Department. What follows is a paraphrased summary of the facts in the Spotlight article: Don Henry and Kevin Ives, both 17, were supposedly killed by a train as they lay on an Arkansas train track. Arkansas' medical examiner ruled the deaths a suicide. Later he said the deaths were accidental. At the parents insistence, the bodies were exhumed and re-examined. This time the ruling was murder. Henry had been stabbed in the back and Ives had his skull crushed. Five people thought to have information on the boys' murders were also found dead. One was killed in a motorcycle accident while fleeing an unknown assailant, another was stabbed, and three others were shot in the head. According to the Spotlight, the Orange County (California) Register made a list of deaths of people connected to Clinton since July 20, 1992. Some are listed below: The co-chairman of Clinton's presidential finance committee, C. Victor Raiser II, died in an airplane crash in fair weather- July 30, 1992. Two other Clinton aides, Ed Willey and Paul Tully, would be dead within a year. Four Clinton bodyguards were killed by gunfire at the Branch Davidson ranch on February 26, 1993. Three months later, May 19, four more bodyguards died in a helicopter crash. A Washington lawyer, Paul Wilcher, who was investigating Mena, Ark., was found dead in his home June 23, 1993. Vince Foster was found dead on July 20, 1993, supposedly a suicide. A Resolution Trust Corporation investigator who was investigating illegal links between the Clintons and Whitewater, John Parnell Walker, took a flying leap off a 22-story apartment building August 15, 1993. Dr. Ronald Rogers, believed to be headed for an interview with a London reporter about Clinton, died in a plane crash March 3, 1944. On May 11, 1994, Kathy Ferguson, a witness for Paula Jones, who has a sexual harassment suit against Clinton, was shot behind the left ear. She was the ex-wife

New School Food Service Director Named in Friona

It is a long way from the executive board room of Aramark Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the school cafeterias in Friona. In 1959, Davidson Brothers of California and Automatic Merchandising Company of Chicago merged to form Automatic Retailers of America (ARA), a \$25 million publicly traded company. In those days, vending machines were a primary business. In 1966, ARA launched its food, beverage, and merchandise management business at stadiums, national parks, and convention centers. Over the years, ARA added a magazine and book division, and expanded to Belgium, Germany, the United Kingdom and Korea, to mention a few. They now have uniform companies, child care centers, and are the country's leading direct marketer of work clothes and casual wear. Their list of clients and contracts run the gamut from IBM and AT&T to the Astrodome Complex, Disney World and Dodger Stadium, all to whom they provide food and beverage services. They also provide food services to many hospitals, government offices, and school districts, including Friona ISD. ARAMARK operates in 50 states and 11 countries. Every day they serve more than 15 million people at over 500,000 locations worldwide.



JOHN LOPER
John Loper is the new ARAMARK support services director for the Friona School System. Born in Canada, he moved with his family at an early age to Lubbock, graduated from Monterey High School and Texas Tech University. Loper says he "worked in restaurants and food services" all during his high school and college years. He has done it all, from a waiter to a cook. He is employed by ARAMARK to oversee all the school food services. Prior to Friona, he spent 2 1/2 years in the Freshman school system. He and his wife, Frances, have a 4-month-old daughter, Camden. Loper says he is enjoying the small town atmosphere of Friona. Even though he is in the food service business, one of the things he enjoys the most about Friona is being able to go home for lunch.

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This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for City of Friona. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating rates	\$337,696.23
Last year's debt taxes	\$212,962.77
Last year's total taxes	\$550,659.00
Last year's tax base	\$70,353,382
Last year's total tax rate	\$6400/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$450,034.44
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$73,017,213
= This year's effective tax rate	\$6,163/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$6,347/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after adjusting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$337,525.83
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$73,017,213
= This year's effective operating rate	\$4,623/\$100
x \$1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$4,993/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0,715/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$5,708/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.503/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$5,205/\$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	-0-

Schedule B
1996 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
	\$40,000.00	\$9,170.00	\$238.00	\$49,408.00

(Expand as needed)
Total required for 1996 debt service \$49,408.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A \$ -0-
- Excess collections last year \$ -0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1996 \$49,408.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 94% of its taxes in 1996 \$3,154.00
= Total Debt Levy \$52,562.00

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$36,993.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The unit has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Palmer County Appraisal District, 305 3rd St., Bovina, Tx. Name of person preparing this notice: Ronald E. Procter
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: August 26, 1996

Town Talk

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An old friend handed me an interesting composition by Esther Mary Walker. I have no idea who she is or was, but one thing which is obvious from her writing is that she had been there.

It is entitled, "BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED" and reads thusly:

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today
must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know
that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
Blessed are they who looked away
when coffee spilled at table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the ways
to bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who make it known
that I'm loved and respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss
to find the strength to carry the Cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
on my journey Home in loving ways.

—Esther Mary Walker

I like it very much and hope you do, too. If you are too young to relate to it, just wait a few years and you will appreciate it more.

Doris Barnett returned home Saturday after spending several days visiting her children and grandchildren who live in Central Texas and Eastern Louisiana.

She and her husband, Wesley, were delighted to have their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Kim, Scott and Zachary Martz, move back to Texas a few months ago after having been in Ohio a year or so.

The Martz family is currently living in Denton, Texas. Since Dr. Chris Barnett and his wife, Renae, and daughters, Morgan and Macy, live in Carrollton; David, the youngest member of the family lives in Fort Worth and Dr. Kyle, Melissa, John and Kyle Barnett, live

in Shreveport, Louisiana, making a trip to that area and visiting all of them is comparatively easy.

Doris said, "I really don't like going by myself, but Wesley is so busy farming right now that he didn't have time to take off, so I just made the trip alone."

When we want to cram a lot of enjoyment into a limited amount of time, perhaps we should get Larry and Virginia Moyer to do our planning.

One Saturday morning recently these two met her sister, Dorothy Fullerton of Apache Junction, Arizona at the airport at Lubbock and drove to Cone, where the ladies were both born.

The trio also visited cemeteries at Crosbyton and Spur before attending the evening performance of God's Country. Then they came to Friona, where they were joined by Dr. Brad Moyer and Shea Darragh of Marble Falls, Texas.

These five then drove to the Eagle Nest, Red River, Angel Fire area of New Mexico and spent a few days fishing and sightseeing with Doug, Christa, Jolie and Jayton Moyer, who live at Ulysses, Kansas.

The entire group then went to Ulysses in time to watch Doug with a tractor pulling contest with a 1953 Super M tractor, which had belonged to his maternal grandfather, the late M.C. Hickman, who farmed in Bailey County many years.

Following the contest, Larry, Virginia, Dorothy, Brad and Shea drove back to Friona and went to El Monterrey in Clovis for supper.

On Saturday—just one week from their starting time—Brad and Shea returned to Marble Falls and Larry and Virginia took Dorothy to Amarillo where she emplaned for Phoenix.

Meeting up with Wanda Phipps at the grocery store recently was a real treat. At the time I didn't know she and her husband, Virgil, were living here. They moved back several months ago to assist with the care of his father, Charlie Phipps, a long time resident who is 96 years old.

Wanda and Virgil are former residents and it is good to have them back.

Another very pleasant experience early this week was a nice visit with another member of the Phipps family, Mary Bandy, and her husband, Bill, former residents who have been living in Panhandle, Texas several years.

This couple has several local relatives. His mother, Mrs. Wayne Maciolek, formerly of Amarillo, is a resident of Prairie Acres.

Other kith and kin currently living here include Eugene and Patsy Bandy, E.G. and Betty Phipps, Jane, Dale and Chris Houlette, Coy and Dana Jameson and family, Clay and Tamela Bandy and family and Patricia Carr.

Incidentally, one of her great nephews is doing his student teaching in Friona High School. He is James Phipps, son of Lynn and Janet Rushing Phipps of Clovis.

James is also the nephew of Eric and George Rushing.

Lawrence and Pat Martin met their oldest daughter, Carolyn Wetmore and her children, Laura, Kristin and Dustin, who live in San Ramon, California in Albuquerque recently.

The Wetmore family spent one week visiting with her parents and brothers, Loren, who lives here and Jerry of Texico, and their families.

Other family members here during that time were Linda, Kayla and Jeremy Klinger of Fort Worth; Susan, Cliff, Jay and Jana Harkey of Burkburnett, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crawford of Johnson, Kansas and Harold Davis of Lamar, Colorado.

Linda and Susan are Carolyn's sisters; Mrs. Crawford is Pat's sister and Davis is her father.

Another former Friona resident who is currently living here is Gertrude Renner. She lived here many years ago then moved to Willcox, Arizona.

Later she came back to the Panhandle and made her home in Amarillo for several years even though she spent a lot of time taking care of local residents.

She is living at 1310 Jackson. Gertrude, we're glad to have you back!

Out-of-town visitors with the Floyd family the past week have been Joyce Dibelbiss, a cousin who lives in Amarillo; Gerald Floyd of Elkhart, Kansas and Frieda, Richard and Barrett Dickson of Rowlett, Texas.

Brandon Dickson, my number four grandson, is attending Lubbock Christian University. He is a spring graduate of Dallas Christian School and the tenth member of my family to attend Lubbock Christian since 1960.

When he was a high school freshman, he pointed out one of the advantages of changing schools. He said, "I have attended schools in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and have studied history, which I enjoy, in each one."

During my growing up years I attended schools in each of these states, but disliked changing schools so very much that I didn't realize there was any advantage in doing it.

Do you think people of long ago may have decided to worship the sun as a god because it always looks on the bright side?

Five Area Students Visit Washington, D.C.

Five students from the area attended the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., sponsored annually by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Sy Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Olson of Hereford; Canna Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray of Friona; Amber Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin of Friona; Heather Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Martin of Friona; and Christi Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Martin of Slaton, represented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 1996 Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 6-18.

Sy and Canna were sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative while Amber, Heather and Christi were sponsored by their grandparents, Clarence and Wynona Martin of Friona.

The Youth Tour is coordinated by Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. The largest group in the 32 year history of the Youth Tour participated this year. Eighty-seven Texas young people representing electric cooperatives statewide took part in the tour activities.

President Lyndon Johnson promoted and encouraged the idea of the youth tour during the 1950s when, as a senator, he selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the Texas teenagers visited with their congressman and observed the legislative process in action. Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many famous monuments, memorials and other attractions of Washington, D.C.

Among these attractions were the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theater, Washington



VISIT CAPITOL...Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's 1996 Youth Tour participants are (left to right) Amber Martin, Canna Ray, Heather Martin, Sy Olson and Christi Martin.

National Cathedral, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, the Supreme Court and the Vietnam Memorial. Special activities included Rural Youth Day, participating in the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery, viewing the sunset parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial, and attending the U.S. Army's production, "The Spirit of America." Although unplanned, the Texas Youth Tour delegation was in the right place at the right time and witnessed Senator Bob Dole's Senate retirement ceremonies. Another special event observed by the group was President Bill Clinton and the President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, laying a wreath at the grave of John F. Kennedy.



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Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday, Aug. 26, receipts 1685 head. Compared to last week's sale, stocker calves sold mostly steady in a Light test. Feeder steers sold steady. Feeder heifers steady to 1.00 higher. Packer cows traded steady with high dressing cows 32.00 to 36.00. Canners and cutters 26.00 to 30.00. Packer bulls traded 40.00 to 44.50.

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We will not have a sale next Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. Our next sale will be Monday, Sept. 9.

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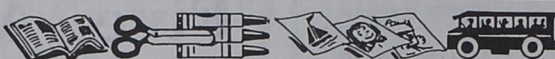
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By DARLA BRACKEN
Charles Swindoll on Attitudes: "Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is ten per cent what happens to us and 90 per cent how we respond to it."

"I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me." This is something we shared with the children in our summer reading club this year and for a kind attitude:

"To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face; to approach my work with a clean mind; to hold ever before me the ultimate purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind, and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done--this is how I desire to waste wisely my days." Dekker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Week of September 1-7

Friona and area residents having birthdays next week include:

September 1--Melissa Hardin, Candice Randolph, Shelley Preston.

September 2--Cierra Henry, Monte Smith, Clarence Monroe, Corey Hamilton.

September 3--Lindsay Buske, Jane Osborn, Lisa Edelman Vegeberg, Kelsey White, Pat Pacella, Anna Belle Mohr, Carleen Sims.

September 4--Rose Mabry, Stephanie Ryan, Johnny (One-Time) Sanchez, Faye Reeve, Trent Johnson.

September 5--Roxanne Hurst, Laura Coffey, Joy Morton, Gaye Taylor, Andre Duran, Brian Landrum, Jessica Alvarado, Vacresia White, Raul Brailiff.

September 6--Carol Poarch, Orma Flippin, Neva Knight, Darla Smith, Doug Moyer, Aaron Dave Rivera, Kathy Horton Gurley.

September 7--Marca Lynn Herring, Dale Schueler, Lee Witten, Jodi Looper, Clara Talley, Madeline Garcia.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.

Over 2,500 people came to the Library during our unusual summer, and they borrowed over 10,000 items! I think that July '96 must be one of the rainiest on record. We appreciate everyone's support of our garage sale and more recently our annual used book sale which together netted almost \$1,000 for our book fund. Wow! Thanks, we needed that.

New on the bookshelf: fiction--*Extreme Denial* by David Morrell, *Chance* by Robert Parker, *Hotel Paradise* by Martha Grimes, *Floater* by Joseph Wambaugh, *Black Light* by Stephen Hunter, *Runaway Jury* by John Grisham, *Shadows of Steel* by Dale Brown, *Fourth Estate* by Jeffrey Archer, *Promises* by Belva Plain, *Critical Judgment* by Michael Palmer, *Exclusive* by Sandra Brown, *Lily White* by Susan Isaacs, *Cause of Death* by Patricia Cornwell, *Tenth Insight* by James Redfield, *Wedding* by Julie Garwood, *Lille Yellow Dog* by R.L. Mosley, *Let the Drum Speak* by Linda Shuler, *Murder in the Chateau* by Elliott Roosevelt, *Murder at the National Gallery* by Margaret Truman, *West of Dodge* by Louis L'Amour and *Vegas Rich* by Fern Michaels. Non-fiction--*New Handbook of Texas Vol. 1-6*, *Quick Method Quilts With Style* by Leisure Arts, *Nightline* by Ted Koppel, *I Lived To Tell It All* by George Jones and *Low-fat Living* by Cooper.

On display--back to school: old lunch boxes and books.

Memorials: Memorial donations have been made by Edith Johnson, Randy Dicksons, Luther Coulters, Teddy Whites and Rex Brackens in memory of ALICE SURBER, mother of Kay Snead.

Kent Pattersons in memory of GEORGE HECK.

Bill Nichols in memory of VINCENT GUGGEMOS.

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Cass Perkins, Rex Brackens and VFW Post 1413 in memory of MEDLIN WALKER.

Kathrine Blackburn in memory of CARL MARTIN, father of Sandra Turner and JAMES MILLER, father of LOU FIELDS.

A birthday honorarium was given in honor of A.L. BLACK by Micah, Melanie and Jessie London.

Library materials have been donated by Sherry Atwell, Terri Cox, Paula O'Brian, Sarah Hale and Carol Ellis.

Notes: We have an 8x10 picture of Paul and Freda Lloyd of Bovina, which was in one of the books donated by their family. If you have the address of one of their children, please call or send it to the Library. We'd like to return the photograph.

Friends members, please have your tickets and \$\$\$\$s for the original oil painting by Carol Ellis turned in by Friday, September 13. We plan to have the drawing on September 14.



PACKIN' LUNCH....These smiling youngsters brought lunch from home to the cafeteria this week. Among the ham sandwiches, apples, and cookies are l-r, top, Bridget Soltero, Cristina Estrada, Brandi Lovvorn, Sarah Widner, V'Lesha Wilcox, and Haleigh Herbert.

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