

**Star Lites**  
By Bill Ellis



## MILD WEATHER CONTINUES

# Drought Conditions Limit Wheat Grazing

YE EDITOR, along with a number of other people, spent "An Evening With Ronald Reagan" one summer night in Amarillo in the year of 1968.

Reagan had not yet fully burst upon the political scene, but he definitely was already running for the nation's top office at that point. And we, along with a number of political experts, came away from that meeting feeling that he would make a good president.

That was over 20 years ago, and the Reagan supporters had to wait 12 years to see their man elected as president—and then hold their collective breaths as his term was almost sniped out at its very beginning by a would-be assassin.

This week, President Reagan finishes two terms in office with a remarkable record. He is the first president in 28 years to complete two full terms, and finish his term of office with a higher popularity rating than when he was elected.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was the last president to finish out two full terms. There have been some peculiar problems befall some of his successors.

John F. Kennedy fell to an assassin's bullet. Lyndon B. Johnson had the weight of the Vietnam conflict on his shoulders, and shunned re-election.

Richard M. Nixon had the Watergate scandal, and Jimmy Carter failed to develop sufficient leadership to be re-elected.

Not that Reagan didn't have his problems during the past eight years, either. The Iran-Contra affair threatened to place a blot on his presidency, but he managed to stand tall and weather the storm.

The oldest man ever to be elected president has finished two very hectic terms of office, and as George F. Will said in *Newsweek*, "Reagan is not only upright at the final bell, he is bouncing on the balls of his feet."

Even though there have been some facets of his term of office that have not been positive, such as the deficit, President Reagan is emerging as one of the most popular presidents of this century, definitely the leader of the TV-era.

Perhaps Reagan's greatest legacy will be the easing of the cold war with Russia, the building of new bridges between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. through the summit meetings he held with Soviet president Gorbachev.

If this Soviet-American relationship can continue, and the prospects for global peace continue to grow, Reagan may someday have a considerable place in the nation's history.

But it has been Reagan's up-beat attitude that perhaps has led to his immense popularity. At times when our nation was reeling under the weight of its economic problems, Reagan, "The Great Communicator," would come on television and convince Americans that good times were right around the corner.

His cheerfulness and "one-liners" have made him popular with the rank and file American citizen. It has been suggested that his background as an actor may have been a plus in his favor.

Even one of Reagan's biggest critics, ABC newsmen Sam Donaldson, admitted "I don't see anything wrong in having an actor as president, as long as that's not all he is."

Even if you don't agree with everything Reagan has done, you have to admire his perseverance, at a time when most people are content to slow down their pace and slip into retirement.

Thank you, Mr. President, and vaya con Dios.

The drought which has been plaguing the area for more than three months has begun to affect certain aspects of agriculture, as cattlemen are running out of wheat pasture far earlier than they normally would.

Only .88 inch of moisture has been received in the area since October 1, and much of the .61 total which was measured in December came in the form of blowing snow, which brought very little beneficial moisture.

Meanwhile, farmers and stockmen are finding that the grazing that they normally depended upon up into March is already running out.

Jim Roy Daniel, who farms in

the Lazbuddie community, said that the situation was very serious in that area. He pointed out that in normal years, farmers have the decision to make as to whether to "graze out" their wheat or take the cattle off and make a wheat crop.

"This year, I think the decision has been made for us," Daniel said, indicating that the grazing potential has virtually been used up.

Jim Dixon, who farms in the Rhea community, said that the cattle walking across a wheat field are leaving a trail of dust, a good indication as to how dry it is in the area.

Dixon said there still was a chance that the wheat could come

out of it, if we get some moisture in the near future.

"Wheat is a very hardy crop. It seems like it will die three or four times before it bounces back. It has a dormant season that allows this," he said.

However, moisture is needed as soon as possible, particularly to salvage the wheat from a grazing standpoint.

In the meantime, the 1988-89 winter season continues to be mild and dry. In the first 19 days of January, the temperature has reached into the 60s ten times, and has been above 55 degrees four other days, with only five days finding the high temperature below the 50 mark.

Forecasters expect the mild conditions to continue at least until the early part of next week.

Date	Hi-Low
Saturday, January 14	31-17
Sunday, January 15	61-22
Monday, January 16	46-16
Tuesday, January 17	58-21
Wednesday, January 18	67-23
Thursday, January 19	62-24
Friday, January 20	59-19

No precipitation. Readings made at 8 a.m. daily for the previous 24 hours.

## Local Show Is Slated

The Friona FFA-4-H Local Livestock Show has been scheduled for Saturday, January 21.

All FFA and 4-H members of the Friona School District are eligible. There will be no weight limits, nor entry limits.

Animals may check in on Friday evening and night and will begin showing at 9 a.m. Saturday morning starting with the barrows, followed by the lambs, steers and heifers.

## Hance Is New RRC Chairman

Republican Kent Hance, a native of Dimmitt, was sworn in as Railroad Commissioner Tuesday and was also selected to preside over the regulatory agency for the next two years.

Democrat Jim Nugent, a ten-year veteran of the commission, and Hance, were sworn in and pledged to work for the betterment of the state's economically troubled energy industry. Following the swearing-in ceremony, Nugent passed the chairman's gavel to Hance.



**FORENSIC WINNERS...**The FHS Forensics team won second sweepstakes trophy at Dumas. Shown are first-place winners (back row, l-r) Daylen Gallman, Mark Madrid and Lory Tannahill, and second-place winners Kelley Cash and Krista Renner.

# Forensic Team Wins Trophy

Friona High School's Forensics team took the second place trophy in the Sweepstakes competition at the Dumas High School Invitational Tournament last Saturday.

Three members of the group returned with first place medals. They were Mark Madrid in cold interpretation; Lory Tannahill and Daylen Gallman in duet acting.

Cross-examination debaters Kelley Cash and Krista Renner won the second-place medal in their event.

Six other entrants made the finals in their events. They were Miss Tannahill, fifth in oratory; Madrid, fourth in solo improvisation and also fifth in poetry interpretation.

Also, Gallman placed fourth in prose reading. Madrid and Heather Griffin placed fourth in duet acting, and Misses Cash and Renner placed sixth in the same event.

Twelve other entrants advanced to the semi-finals in their events. They were Miss Tannahill in solo acting; Gallman and Madrid in Bible reading; Miss Cash and Gallman in cold interpretation; and Lon Outland in impromptu speaking.

Also, Gallman and Miss Tannahill in solo improvisation; Michael Davila in record pantomime; Miss Tannahill in prose reading; Holly Snead in extemporaneous speaking; Julia Warren, Chris Hamil, Holly Snead, Melissa Hand, James Warren, Koby Rogers and Mindy Johnson in "brown bag improvisation."

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**NEW YEAR'S BABY...**Lianna Ashley was declared the first baby for Bovina, being born January 11. Her parents are Tim and Shannon Grissom of Bovina. Grandparents are Leon and Charlene Grissom of Bovina and Edward and Monty Allen of Friona.

# Baptist Church's Anniversary Slated

The First Baptist Church of Friona will host a 75th anniversary celebration on January 21-22 at the

## Ag Workshop Set Thursday

A chemigation workshop will be held on Thursday, January 26 at the Farwell Community Center, sponsored by the Parmer-Bailey Pest Management Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A catered meal will be served at noon, and those planning to attend are asked to call the county agent at 481-3300 by Tuesday.

Topics to be discussed include Chemigation: EPA Laws and Safety; Application of Fertilizers, Fungicides, Insecticides and Herbicides via a Center Pivot; and A Producer's View.

In addition, a discussion of equipment needed, plus techniques and demonstration will be presented by Leon New of the TAES, Amarillo.

Others on the program include Mike Blanton, Gary Patterson, Michael Hickey, Harold Kaufman, Brent Bean and Sam Harlan.

church. On Saturday, January 21, an informal reception will be held at the church's fellowship hall between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

A number of former pastors and music and youth ministers are expected to be special guests at church services on Sunday, January 22.

The former ministers will be recognized at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, during which there will be several special music numbers featuring former choir directors.

At noon, those attending are invited to a free meal, which will be served at the Friona Elementary School Cafeteria.

An afternoon program will begin at the church at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

First Baptist Church of Friona was organized on January 20, 1914 with 14 charter members.

In 1954, the church organized a Mexican mission which is now known as Templo Bautista. Present resident membership of First Baptist Church is 605, and membership at Templo Bautista of Friona is 352.



**RIBBON-CUTTING...**The Friona Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Hurst Real Estate and Insurance. Those attending were, l-r, Kathryn Goddard, Ab Hendley, Larry Rogers, Randy Lewis, Andy Hurst, Barbara Maynard and Evelyn Hughes.

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill:  
My good friend, Henry White, sent me a copy of your Christmas issue. The issue is one of your best. All of us former Texans enjoyed it.

I wish I could have been there to have had a part in the old depot deal. The one in Landrum, S.C. has been given the same treatment, and is enjoyed by the entire community.

Nearer home, an old brick school is now a clubhouse. Our church was started in 1820. I "discovered" this little church 60 years ago and instigated its remodeling. It is now a lovely place. The bricks used for its construction came from England as ballast in the hold of a sailing vessel.

The twenty years I spent in

## Club Hears Program On Hospital

The Friona Woman's Club met Wednesday, January 11 at the Woman's Club House.

Geneva Williams, president, opened the meeting. Seven members and one guest responded to the roll call, conducted by Eula Bradshaw, with a health hint.

The program was entitled "Our Hospital" and was given by Elda Hart, administrator of Parmer County Community Hospital.

The meeting adjourned with the members repeating the club collect. Mrs. Williams served refreshments to the members and guest.

## It's A Girl For Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Grissom of Bovina became parents of a baby girl, Lianna Ashley, born January 11 at 8:59 p.m. at Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford.

The new arrival weighed eight pounds, three and one-half ounces, and measured 22 1/4 inches long.

She is the first child for the couple. Mrs. Grissom is the former Shannon Allen.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allen of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Clio Jolly of Plainview, Annie Hoffman of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Baker of Friona.

Friona were the best of my entire life. I'm 80 now, but would return at the drop of a sombrero!

Give my love to everyone.

Sincerely,  
Nelson Lewis  
"Prairie Prowler"

(Editor's note: Good to hear from you, Nelson. Recent newcomers may not know that Nelson Lewis was a regular columnist for the Star for a number of years, winning some acclaim for his column entitled "The Prairie Prowler." He also was active in historical circles, and served as editor of the first Parmer County History Book.--B.E.)

## Teams Fall Twice Vs Dimmitt

Friona's varsity teams dropped their games at Dimmitt Tuesday night to the tough DHS teams.

The Squaws lost their game, 65-30 and the Chieftains fell, 102-53.

The girls' game was fairly close for much of the first half. Cindy Ureste hit a pair of field goals, one a three-pointer, as the Squaws trailed, 15-12 at the end of the opening quarter.

But Dimmitt pulled away with a 20-3 edge in the second quarter, outscored Friona 14-8 in the third and 14-7 in the fourth for the win.

The Bobcats double-teamed Sindy Preston and limited her to just six points. Miss Ureste took scoring honors for Friona with 12.

In the boys' game, Dimmitt broke out to a 29-8 first quarter lead and had a commanding 56-19 lead at the half.

Friona accomplished one thing for the game by outscoring the host team, 16-15 in the third quarter, but Dimmitt came back with a 31-point fourth quarter, employing their press throughout the game.

Cody Burney had a good night for the Chiefs, hitting five three-point baskets and scoring 21 for the game.

**Dimmitt 65, SQUAWS 30**  
Ureste 4-1\*-1-12; Procter 1-2-4; White 3-0-6; Si. Preston 2-2-6; Ray 0-1-1; Su. Preston 0-1-1; Atwell 0-0-0.

**Dimmitt 102, CHIEFS 53**  
Bronniman 4-0-8; Duke 0-4-4; Burney 2-5\*-2-21; Duran 0-1\*-2-5; Cochran 0-1-1; Reyes 1-0-2; Procter 4-1-9; Sutter 1-1-3.

## Ag-Economics Is Club Program Note

Modern Study Club members met in the Women's Club House January 17 at 7 p.m.

The program was on Agri-Economics: "Water Rights" was given by Allo Reeve; "Grain Embargo" and "Marketing Your Own Product or Direct Marketing" was given by Estelle Caffey.

"Soil and Water Conservation" was given by Debbie Sweett. Evelyn Hughes showed a film, "Controlling Water Movement in Cultivated Fields" by using the reservoir tillage system.

The meeting opened with prayer by Gerry Taylor. Iona Cook read a poem. Members answered roll call with "My favorite farm

experience."

The Federation report was given by Gerry Taylor. Iona Cook presided over the business meeting.

To close the meeting, Ann Nichols led the members in repeating the club collect.


Refreshments of salad, crackers, nuts, coffee and tea were served to eighteen members by hostesses, Estelle Caffey and Gerry Taylor.

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LEGAL TITLE OF BANK	STATE BANK NO.	
Friona State Bank	1233-14	
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Friona, Texas 79035	11 13 16612	
CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE	
Friona Parmer Texas 79035	December 31, 1988	
Dollar Amounts in Thousands		
	Bill Mil Thou	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:		
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	3	930
b. Interest-bearing balances	4	500
2. Securities	23	354
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:		
a. Federal funds sold	-	0-
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-	0-
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:		
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	32	295
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		513
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve		-0-
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)	31	782
5. Assets held in trading accounts		-0-
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		1 045
7. Other real estate owned		-0-
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		-0-
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		-0-
10. Intangible assets		-0-
11. Other assets		1 395
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	66	006
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		-0-
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a and 12.b)	66	006
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
13. Deposits:		
a. In domestic offices		58 375
(1) Noninterest-bearing	9	491
(2) Interest-bearing	48	884
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs		-0-
(1) Noninterest-bearing		-0-
(2) Interest-bearing		-0-
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs:		
a. Federal funds purchased		525
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		211
16. Other borrowed money		-0-
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		-0-
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		-0-
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		-0-
20. Other liabilities		670
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	59	781
22. Limited-life preferred stock		-0-
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding <input type="text" value="None"/> )		-0-
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized <input type="text" value="10,000"/> b. Outstanding <input type="text" value="10,000"/> )		1 000
25. Surplus		2 000
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves		3 225
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments		-0-
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)	6	225
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)		-0-
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 28.a and 28.b)	6	225
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28.c)	66	006
<b>MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date:</b>		
1.a Standby letters of credit, Total		77
1.b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a conveyed to others through participations		-0-
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# Heritage Group Names Slate

The Community Heritage Society held their annual meeting at the Old Depot Building at the City Park Monday evening.

Use of grant funds was discussed. It was noted that the entire \$25,000 from the Meadows Grant has been used for the interior renovation work on the old Santa Fe Depot building and a little over half of the Don Harrington Foundation Grant money is still available for use.

Moving the building from its previous site to the City Park and the exterior renovation work was

completed with funds donated from local sources and from fund-raising activities of the Heritage Society.

The membership voted to use the building in the future as a permanent Santa Fe Museum. An effort will be made to furnish the building as nearly like the original depot as possible. If anyone knows the whereabouts of authentic Santa Fe artifacts and furnishings such as wrought iron pot-bellied stoves or depot waiting benches, they are asked to contact one of the Heritage Society members.

The building will be made available for small group meetings, tour groups, and special displays such as arts, crafts, antiques, etc. Folding tables and chairs are to be purchased for the purpose of holding meetings in the building. A kitchen area is being provided, and a small stove and refrigerator will be purchased soon.

The previous slate of directors was re-elected to the board, except for Joe Tongate, who was retiring from the board, being replaced by Judy Cummings.

Present board members are Lois Norwood, Dianne Tatum, Carol Ellis, Joe Tongate, Ilene Osborn, Debbie Smith, Carrie Tatum, Mary Johnston, Dottie Osborn, Peggy Monroe, Ann Nichols, Beth Thompson, and ex-officio Beelee Goodwin. Election of officers will follow the election of the new board.

## Happy Birthday

**WEEK OF JANUARY 22-28**  
Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

**January 22**—Herbert Schueler, Courtney and Cameron Baxter, Ann Kelley, Hugh Moseley, Jeff Procter, Charles Turner.

**January 23**—Lori Schueler, Marc Hamil, Rudolph Renner, Sr.

**January 24**—Mark Edelman, Karen Wright, Greg Venhaus, Conny Dodson, Dana Berend, Christina Escobedo, Marivel Castaneda.

**January 25**—Nancy Edelman, David Murphree, Britny White, Jarrett Procter, Olga Rando.

**January 26**—Joy Clark, Kellie Herring, Barbara Maynard, Debbie Reeve, Trent Murphree, Charlene Seale Dickson, Logan Spencer, Ray Lynn Varner.

**January 27**—John Baker, Stephanie Carson, Floyd Schlenker, Larry Martin, Linda Drake.

**January 28**—Angie del Rosario, Margie Rivera, Robert Beville, Wanda Jones, Johnny McLellan, Kenneth Homfeld.

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



**CHARTER MEMBERS...Two of the charter members of Friona's First Baptist Church, Mrs. J.N. Messenger and Mrs. J.B. Harlan. They are shown with Rev. Russell Pogue, pastor, at a dedication of the church building in 1951.**

# FBC Organized Locally In 1914

The First Baptist Church of Friona, Texas, was organized on January 20, 1914, with the following fourteen charter members: Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Messenger, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, Miss Willie Owens (Mrs. J.B. Harlan), Mrs. T.D. Ballard, W.H. Safford, Mrs. Lillie Boccock, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Meade, and Mrs. William McCandish. This little group first met in the school building and in February of 1914, J.T. Burnett was called as pastor.

In May of the same year, the church purchased a building on Main Street in which to worship. After the sale of that building in 1924, the church worshipped in the school building and the Methodist Church until a basement was built just north of the present sanctuary. On Thanksgiving Day, in 1926, a basket lunch was served and the 76 members worshipped in the new meeting place for the first time. A sanctuary was erected over the basement in 1929, and the downstairs was converted into classrooms.

In 1937, the membership had grown to 306. An educational unit was constructed at the rear of the church in 1945, but by 1947, the church had outgrown this facility and an additional wing was added north of the church.

A Mexican Mission, organized and sponsored by the church in 1954, originated in the heart of the W.M.U. That year, the W.M.U. sponsored the first Vacation Bible School at the Mission and the first Sunday School work was started.

A new north wing was added to the building in 1959, and in 1960, the membership of 1013 elected a mission committee, purchased 3.99 acres of land on the north side of Friona, and organized what is now Calvary Baptist Church. This church presently has a resident membership of 297.

In 1964, a south wing was added to provide space for children and adult departments.

The first Missionary Union was organized in 1914, and was called the Ladies Aid. In 1924-25, Sunbeams were organized. Y.W.A.'s and R.A.'s were started in 1930.

Remodeling the sanctuary in 1972-73, provided a larger choir area, a new sound system, stained glass windows, new pews and carpet. In the summer of 1974, much needed classrooms were added to the Mexican Mission.

Bus ministry was started in October, 1973, and Children's Church in March of 1974.

The only remaining residence on

the block west of the church was purchased August, 1977, giving the church the entire block for future expansion of the church plant.

Our church provides home for the pastor, the minister of music and youth, the Mexican pastor, and Mexican music and youth director.

May of 1977, the library staff moved the library to larger quarters in the south wing. This media center contains 3300 books, 200 film strips, 185 tapes, 25 records and equipment for their usage.

The youth, their director, the pastor and sponsors conducted the third annual Vacation Bible School in Vaughn, New Mexico, in the summer of 1978.

Present resident membership of First Church is 605, and Templo Bautista has a membership of 352.

### PASTORS

1914.....	J.T. Burnett
L.A. Blair.....	.....
Gordon L. Morris.....	.....
R.F. Jones.....	1927-1928
M.M. Robinett.....	1928-1930
E. Ray Lansdown.....	1931-1934
David E. Moore.....	1934-1937
Joe E. Wilson.....	1937-1943
R.L. Jenkins.....	1943-1945
Clayton Day.....	1945-1947
Tommie Allen.....	1947-1951
Russell Pogue.....	1951-1953
C.M. Fields.....	1953-1956
L.A. Sartain.....	1957-1960
Bull Burton.....	1960-1967
Bill Foil.....	1967-1970
Charles Broadhurst.....	1970-1974
Bill Penland.....	1974-1975
C.H. Murphy, Jr.....	1976-1979
Carrol Green.....	1979-1983
Daymun White.....	1983-1986
David Bugg.....	1987-1988

## It's A Boy For Upshaws

Reent and Becky Upshaw of Hereford became parents of a baby boy Tuesday morning at Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford.

William Blane weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches long. He has a sister, Brandie, who is five.

Grandparents are Ted and Shirley Osborn of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Upshaw of Hart. Great-grandparents are Forrest and Dottie Osborn of Friona and Jack and Retha Knowles of Muleshoe.

Maybelle Benningfield of Hanford, California, is the baby's great-great-grandmother.

# Legion Post, Aux. Host Zone Meeting

The American Legion Post and Unit 206 served as host to the Legion Zone Meeting, Tuesday, January 17 at the Junior High School Cafeteria.

A meal of brisket roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads and desserts was enjoyed by approximately fifty people.

The zone for the American Legion and Auxiliary consists of posts and units from Friona, Hereford, Dimmitt, Tulia, Nazareth, Happy and Vega.

Zone commander is Bob Lohr, Hereford, and Betty Jo Carlson, Hereford, is secretary.

Sick call was noted with several being mentioned and cards were signed by all present to be mailed to those mentioned.

A special presentation was made

to Beverly Jesko, Hereford, and Florene Brockman, Nazareth, for their years of service as VA Hospital representative and deputy for the Auxiliary.

These ladies have served in this capacity for several years and did a good job of caring for our veterans in the hospital. The next zone meeting will be held in March in Nazareth.

Local post commander is J.P. Sims and Bill Stephens is adjutant. Auxiliary officers are Gladys Wilson, president; Geneva Williams, vice president, and Mildred Mingus, secretary.

All veterans and their wives are invited to join this organization in honor of all our veterans and families.

## 4-H Club Met Mon.

The Friona 4-H Club met Monday at the Friona Community Center.

Greg Salyer presided over the meeting. Jason Rector led the group in saying the 4-H motto.

Several items of business were discussed including: Friona Junior Livestock Show to be held Saturday, January 21; Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, January 30-February 2; the Parmer County 4-H concession stand at the county show; and Gary Patterson announced that livestock judging teams will start training in the near future.

Rochelle White, Parmer County Extension Agent, led a discussion on consumer decision making.

Janet Rector led a song, "B-i-n-g-o." Jason Rector led in playing the game, "Octopus."

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Bids must be mailed to Porter Roberts, County Judge, Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325 or delivered to him in person at the Courthouse in Farwell, Texas to be received prior to 10:00 A.M. on February 13, 1989 at which time bids will be opened.

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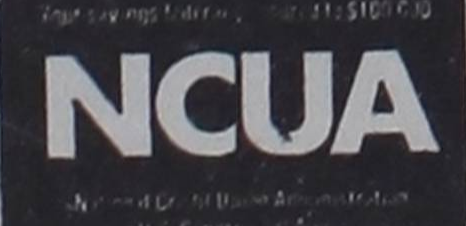
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## Jr. Boys Split Pair

The JV Chieftains split their games during the past week, racing past Muleshoe 79-52 before dropping an 81-45 game at Dimmitt.

The team had four players in double-figures vs Muleshoe. Lau Jensen scored 20, Steven Dickson 17, Stephen Smith 13 and Brian Brogden 11.

Jensen had a 17-point effort at Dimmitt Tuesday and Smith added ten.



**GIRLS' ACTION...**The Friona Squaws are shown in action against Floydada. Cindy Ureste is number 10 and 30 is Sindy Preston.

## Junior Girls Win Title

The seventh and eighth grade Maidens each won the championship of the Friona Tournament

here last Saturday.

The eighth graders downed Hereford, 41-12 in their opening game. Julie Bracken scored eight points; Tena Willard, Jessica Alvarado and Christy Ichtertz, six each; Mendi Milner, five; Trisha Gibson, four; Gena Willard, Freda Lafuente and Kristin Holland, two apiece.

In the finals, Friona downed Nazareth, 39-31 for the title. Tena Willard scored 14; Mendi Milner, 12; Julie Bracken, five; Tammi Potts, four; Gena Willard, three, and Jessica Alvarado, one.

The seventh grade girls downed Bovina, 22-21 in a close first-round game. Timely free throws in the fourth quarter enabled the Maidens to come from behind.

## Jr. Boys Are Second In Meet

Both the seventh and eighth grade Braves' teams placed second in their own invitational tournament last Saturday.

The seventh graders downed Bovina, 24-19 in the opening round, Blair Burney and Chris Davila each scored six points and Greg Stowers four for the Braves.

"We were really happy with the win. They played a lot better defense in this game," the coach commented.

In the finals, the Braves lost to Tulia, 44-17. Steven Ortiz scored seven points; Chesley Ray, Shannon Gregory and Justin Peak scored two apiece.

The eighth grade boys downed Hereford's eighth graders, 40-21 in their opening round game. Brian Herring scored nine; Harvey Martinez, eight; and Jim Ancira, six points, to lead the scoring.

In the finals, the Braves fell to Tulia, 53-26. Brian Herring scored nine, Kyle Potts, six; Jim Ancira and Terron Talley, four each; and Mark Outland, three.

## Jr. Boys Split Two

The junior high boys split a pair of games at Muleshoe Monday night.

The eighth grade boys won their game, 33-32. Brian Herring scored ten points; Jim Ancira, eight; Kyle Potts, seven and Mark Outland, four, to pace the scoring.

Potts had six rebounds and two steals. Herring had three rebounds and five steals.

The seventh graders played Muleshoe close for three quarters, trailing by 21-15, but lost by a score of 44-18.

Steven Ortiz scored seven points; Chris Davila, six and Blair Burney, five points, to pace Friona's scoring.

The eighth graders stand 3-6 and the seventh are 2-7 after the Muleshoe games.

## D. Medina Completes Army Course

Army National Guard Private Diana I. Medina, daughter of Bulmaro G. and Maria D. Medina of Friona, has completed the Army personnel administration specialist course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

She is a 1988 graduate of Friona High School.

## Junior Girls Split Pair Of Games Vs. Muleshoe

The junior high girls split in their games against visiting Muleshoe on Monday. The seventh graders dropped a 23-10 decision, but the eighth graders scored a 30-14 victory.

Scoring for the seventh graders were Vacresia White, three; Renee Downey, Poppy Grimsley and Adriana Casas, two apiece and Amy Taylor, one.

For the eighth grade, Tena Willard had a big night with 15 points. Other scorers included Gena Willard, four; Christy Ichtertz, three; Mendi Milner, Trisha Gibson, Sheryl Dement and Kristin Holland, two each.

"The young ladies are playing great. Everything has fallen in place. The defense is working. The girls are scoring. They are playing the best ball I've seen them play. Their pressure defense is the name of the game," said Coach Billie Osborne.

Renee Downey scored 11; Amy Taylor, six and Lana Allemand, five.

In the finals, the Maidens

downed Tulia, 29-14. Renee Downey scored 15; LeeAnn Ford, seven; Amy Taylor, five; and Vacresia White, two.

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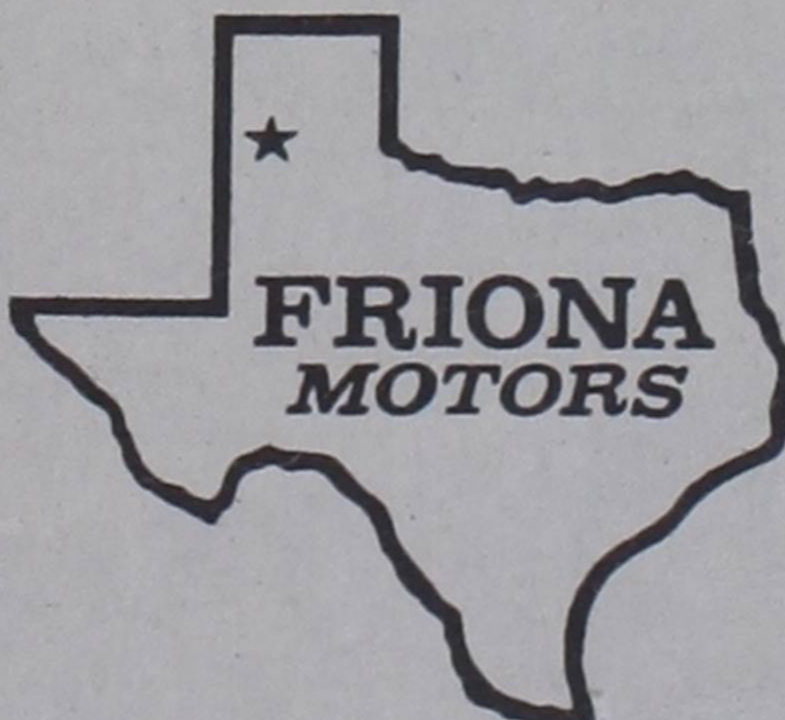
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# Chieftains Have Hot Game Against Mules, Win, 81-61

The Friona High School varsity teams split their games with visiting Muleshoe in District 2-AAA games last Friday night.

The Squaws dropped their game to the Mulettes, 45-33, but the Chieftains exhibited some hot shooting to defeat the Mules, 81-61, for their first district win.

In the girls' game, both teams started slowly. Sindy Preston scored a pair of first-quarter baskets for the Squaws, as Muleshoe took a 9-7 lead at the end of the period.

Friona couldn't keep pace with the visitors in the second quarter, as Muleshoe held a 20-8 scoring edge, to take a 29-15 halftime lead. Brandy Ray scored Friona's only field goal in the quarter.

Miss Preston scored a three-point play for the Squaws and Friona scored the first five points of the third quarter for a 29-20 deficit with 4:44 on the clock. But Muleshoe rallied to outscore the Squaws, 6-2 the rest of the quarter, and held a 35-22 lead heading into the final quarter.

Baskets by Elaine White and Cindy Ureste trimmed Muleshoe's lead to 38-27 with 4:59 to play, but the Mulettes again responded, outscoring the Squaws, 7-6 in the remainder of the quarter for the win.

Miss Preston scored ten points to lead Friona's point-making.

The Chieftains came out fired-up. Cody Burney sank a three-point basket after only six seconds for a 3-0 Friona lead, and then the next time downcourt connected on a two-pointer to make it 5-0.

Michael Reyes scored a layup with only 1:08 gone for a 7-0 score, and when Burney's shot from the side hit only net, Friona had a 9-0 lead and only 1:52 had elapsed on the clock.

The Mules tried to stem the tide by scoring five points around a Burney jump shot, to cut the deficit to 11-5.

But the hot-handed Chieftains

responded with 14 unanswered points to turn the game into an early rout at 25-5 with 1:19 left in the opening quarter.

Darran Procter scored three points for a 14-5 score, Bret Bronniman got in on the three-point scoring for a 19-5 score at the 3:12 mark, and two jump shots by Burney pushed the score to 25-5 before Muleshoe could get back into the scoring column.

The Mules scored the last five points of the opening quarter for a 25-10 score.

Muleshoe tried to make a game of it, outscoring the Chiefs 7-2 in the early part of the second quarter for a 27-17 score, before the Chiefs came back. Burney received his third foul just 43 seconds into the second quarter and went to the bench.

The Chieftains hit four of five free throw tries, and Bronniman's jump shot made it a 33-17 Friona lead.

John Edd Duke came in to score a rebound basket, and then hit from three-point range for a 38-23 lead with 4:03 left in the second quarter.

Shannon Cochran made a steal and went coast-to-coast for a layup shot and a 40-23 FHS lead, 3:34 before halftime.

Darran Procter's jump shot and free throw with 2:00 left gave the Chiefs a 49-27 lead, and Bronniman's bank shot made it 51-29 with 1:19 left in the half.

Just to put icing on a fantastic first half, Bronniman bombed another three-pointer with 32 seconds left and Friona had the eye-popping halftime lead of 54-32.

The third quarter hasn't been a favorite period for the Chiefs, and this one was no different. Muleshoe outscored Friona, 16-8 to pull back in striking distance, trailing 62-48 going into the final quarter.

In fact, when the Mules outscored the Chiefs 6-2 to start the final quarter, it was a ten-point



**TWO FOR BURNEY....**Cody Burney is shown making a three-point basket against Muleshoe. Teammate Michael Reyes is in the background. The Chieftains won the district game, 81-61.

game at 64-54.

But the Chieftains were not to be denied. Burney came on to hit a pair of free throws, for a 70-56 score, and after Reyes did likewise, Burney popped a three-point basket with 1:56 to seal the Mules' doom at 75-56.

Friona made a 13-point run before the Mules could score. It was one of three such runs in the game for the Chieftains.

All five starters scored in double figures for Friona, led by Burney's 20. He had 13 of them in the first quarter before having to go to the bench with foul trouble. Bronniman scored 16, Reyes, Cochran and Procter all scored ten.

The Chieftains hit 20 of 25 shots from the foul line, 80 per cent, and

47 per cent from the field. "We had an extremely good first half," stated Chieftain Coach Ted Thomas.

**Muleshoe 45, SQUAWS 33**  
Cindy Ureste 1-5-7; Jenny Procter 1-0-2; Elaine White 1-0-2; Julie Howard 0-2-2; Sunny Dodson 0-0-0; Sindy Preston 4-2-10; Brandy Ray 2-1-5; Nicole Potts 0-0-0; Susie Preston 0-2-2; Kenda Atwell 1-1-3.

**CHIEFS 81, Muleshoe 61**  
Bret Bronniman 3-2\*4-16; T.J. Sanchez 0-0-0; John E. Duke 1-1\*0-5; Cody Burney 6-2\*2-20; Andre Duran 0-2-2; Shannon Cochran 3-4-10; Michael Reyes 4-2-1; Darran Procter 3-4-10; Chuck Sutter 0-2-2.

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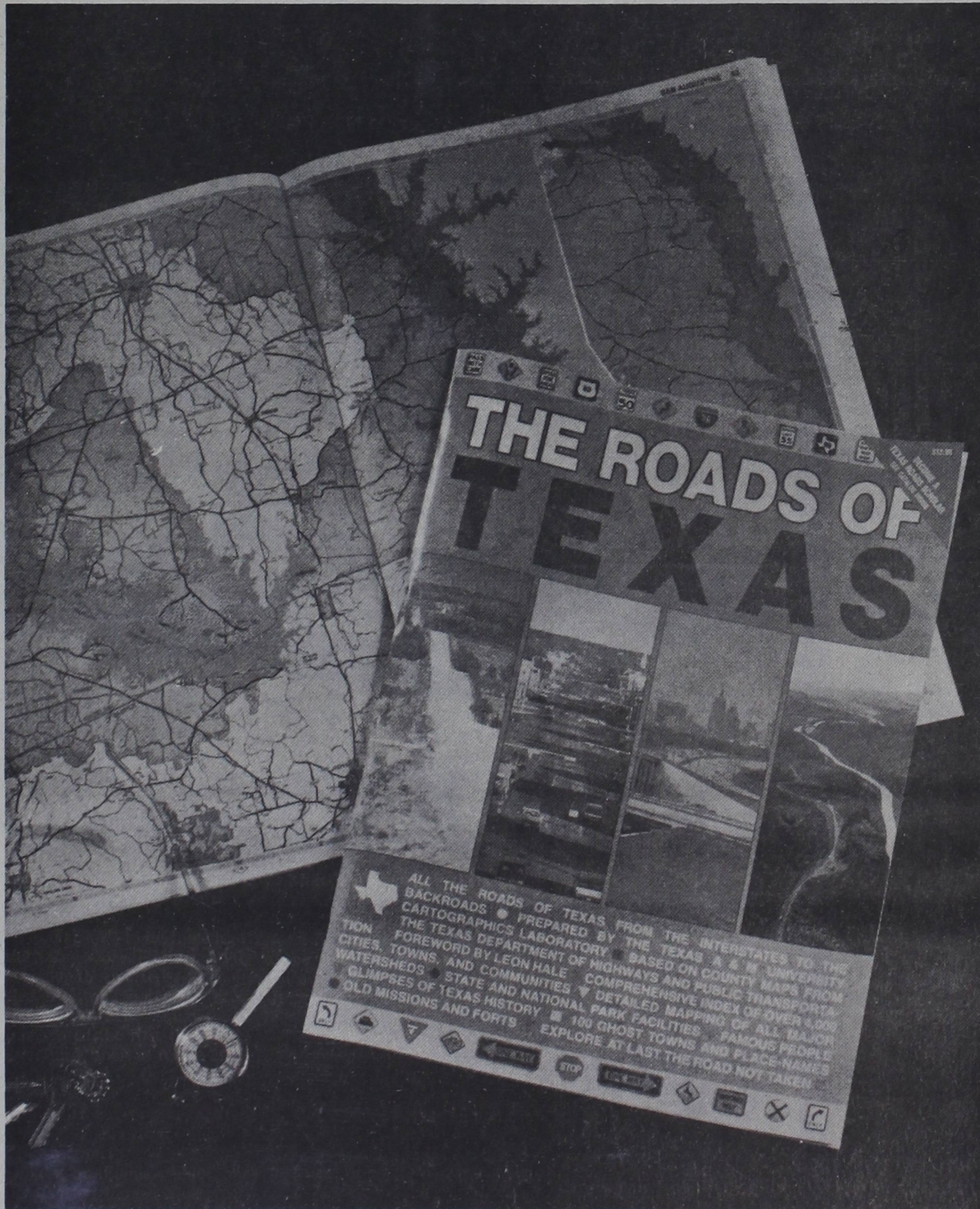
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# SPS Board Declares Dividend, Elects Slate

The Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 55¢ per share on common stock and regular quarterly dividends on all series of preferred stock.

The dividend on common stock is payable March 1, 1989, to holders of record at the close of business February 15, 1989. Dividends on preferred stocks are payable May 1, 1989, to holders of record at the close of business April 20, 1989.

The electric utility's board also announced officer changes, which include a transitional move resulting from the planned retirement later this year of SPS Chairman of the Board Bert Ballengee.

The board elected SPS President W.R. Esler to the additional post of Chief Executive Officer, formerly held by Ballengee. Ballengee remains Chairman of the Board.

The SPS board also elected John L. Anderson as a vice president. He had been director of personnel. Anderson will have responsibility for the company's employee

development programs, employee benefit programs, labor relations, insurance and related activities.

Separately, on January 9, the boards of directors of SPS's two wholly owned subsidiaries--Utility Engineering Corporation and Quixx Corporation--made several officer changes.

Each board elected Esler as its chairman, replacing Ballengee, who remains a member of the boards of directors of the subsidiaries.

Albert A. "Pete" Smith has been elected president and chief executive officer of utility engineering, of which he had been vice president and chief operating officer.

Utility engineering provides design, engineering and construction-supervision services to a variety of companies. Its recent projects include two power plants for other electric utilities in Texas and a bus-manufacturing facility in New Mexico.

Monroe "Hub" Floyd, who had been president and chief executive officer of utility engineering, becomes vice chairman of the board of utility engineering.

Additionally, he has been elected president and chief executive officer of Quixx.

Quixx provides telecommunica-

## JV Girls Lose Two

The junior varsity Squaws lost both of their games during the past week, falling to Muleshoe, 33-29 on Friday here, and to Dimmitt, 49-29 at Dimmitt Tuesday.

In the Muleshoe game, Kris Hamilton was scoring leader with eight points and Stephanie Downey scored seven.

At Dimmitt, Kendra Gordon had a great game with 13 points.

**Muleshoe 33, SQUAWS JV 29**  
Stephanie Downey 3-1-7; Lisa Weatherley 2-0-4; Raina Roden 1-0-2; Kendra Gordon 2-2-6; Lucinda Bermea 1-0-2; Kris Hamilton 4-0-8.

**Dimmitt 49, SQUAWS JV 29**  
Downey 1-0-2; Weatherley 3-0-6; Roden 1-0-2; Bermea 0-1-1; Hamilton 0-1-1; Kassie Weatherley 0-2-2; Holly Grimsley 1-0-2.

tions and data-processing services and finances the sale of heat pumps to consumers.

"The increasing activity and responsibility of the two subsidiaries makes these moves appropriate," Ballengee said.

SPS Vice President of Marketing Gary Gibson, who had been serving also as president and chief executive officer of Quixx, will remain as a director of the subsidiary.

## School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF JANUARY 23-27

**MONDAY**--Steak fingers, carrots, potatoes, hot rolls, cake and milk.

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**WEDNESDAY**--Soft burritos, pinto beans, salad, tortillas, cookies and milk.

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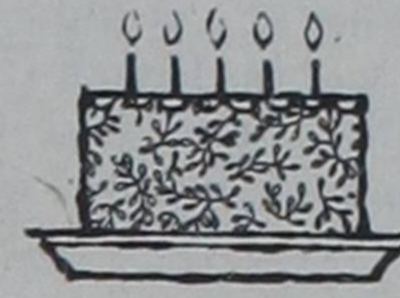
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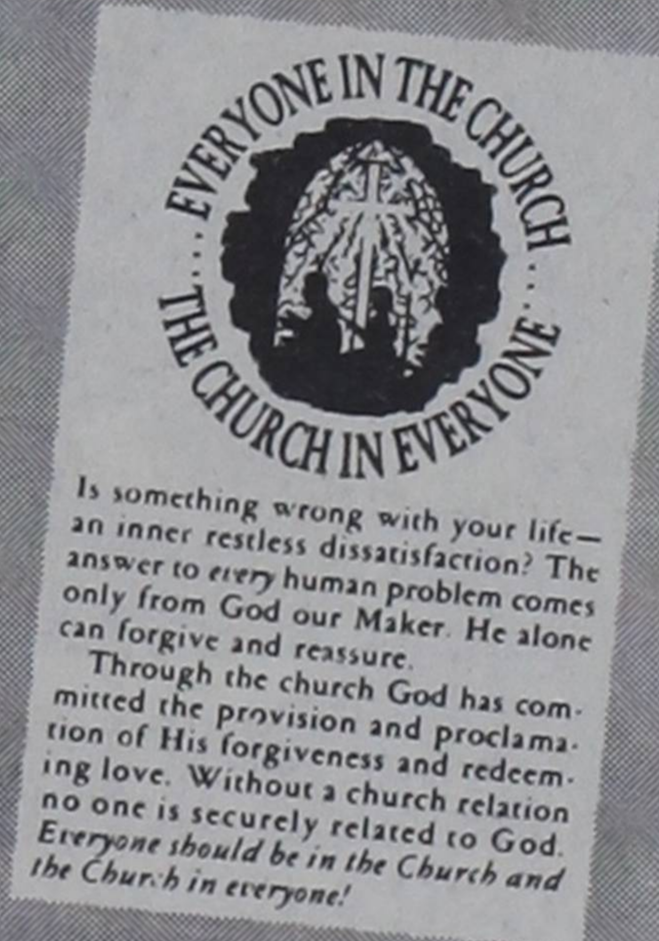
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# Town Talk

By Geneva Williams

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David and Jana Barnett hosted a birthday party for their daughter, Breann—in fact her FIRST—on January 16, 1989.

Breann has lots of grandparents, Erma Brown and Doyce and Mary Joyce Barnett; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown, great-grandparents; Louella Drake, Ruby Barnett, Rudolph Renner, Sr.—surely she has enough grandparent love to share with her brother.

Other guests were Floyd, Betty and Becky Reeve, Jackie, Peggy, and Greg Stowers and the special guest, Lau Jensen, Foreign Exchange Student from Denmark.

This may be the birthday week. Last Saturday, a group of Mabel Hartwell's friends from the Truth Seekers Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church hosted her 90th birthday party at the Dairy Queen.

Others present to help her celebrate were Juanita Reed, Florence Dorsey, Eula Bradshaw, Mildred Barnett, Lucille Rocky, Roxie Phipps, Estelle Caffey and Blanche Boyle.

Mrs. Caffey baked the cake and decorated it with the 90 years. Mabel was also honored at her church Sunday morning. Many more happy birthdays, Mabel!

It is good to have our neighbor to the south of us, Sue Rector, home from Hi-Plains Hospital and recovering from knee surgery. We

understand she is doing nicely.

Ralph and Waneta Taylor are back among us after spending the holidays with their children and grandchildren in the Dallas area. They had the misfortune of being involved in an automobile accident and damaged their car, but not Ralph and Waneta, for which we are glad. We are happy to have them home. Welcome back!

Thelma Jones has done some visiting out of Friona, but she has also had company. Her grandson, Brian Jones, and his friend, Curtis Cook, took their leave time from the Navy and toured places of interest. They are both stationed at Brunswick, Maine.

They stopped in Fayetteville, North Carolina to visit with Curtis' family; then to Friona where they spent four days visiting with Brian's family—Glendel Jones, his father; Thelma Jones, his grandmother; and other kith and kin.

They left Friona and went to Abilene to visit a friend who is retired from the Navy. They were off again heading for Laredo, Mexico and San Antonio to visit points of interest and on the road again back to Brunswick, Maine. Their trip totaled 6,700 miles without incident or accident.

Brian Jones told of his attending a USO tour that entertained the boys in the Navy while he was stationed in Iceland. The country western singer was Nichoiete Larsin. It just so happened that Brian had a front seat and told the Friona people to watch Nashville station for this program and it happened—Glendel Jones, his dad,

and Grandma Jones both saw this program and recognized Brian right on the front seat—small world isn't it?

Thelma enjoyed some of the Christmas holidays with her daughter and family, the J.O. and Billie Walls family, in El Paso.

After the holidays, I learned a new word, "s'mores"? Am I this late in hearing this—it is the leftovers from Christmas. I have enjoyed all the Christmas goodies and the scales just laugh at me now, but hopefully I'll win that battle. Someone brought their "s'mores" to the beauty shop and I know these were enjoyed by all.

Porter and Jean Roberts are going south—do you wonder what for? Well, part of it is for the grandkids, but Porter has got to go to "school" before he can "straighten the grandkids out." Mike Roberts will be moving to Abilene before the first of February, so this will be a good breaking place for Porter and Jean when they just "have to see the grandchildren" again. I am sure this is why they are called grandchildren—it seems this is what grandparents think of the offsprings.

One grandmother said a few years back, the best thing about grandchildren was that you could spoil them until you got tired of them and then send them home—maybe this is what it is all about. But what will replace you and I, if it is not children?

Doris Smith hosted a birthday party for her daughter, Heather, on December 29. This was her 12th birthday. Friends and family members enjoyed cheese cake, pie and refreshments with Heather. Those present were her sister, Alicia; her mother, Doris; her grandmother, Elizabeth (Gran) Ferguson; Reba and Glenna Holt and school classmates and friends.

The Maybian Rhodes family had a B I G Christmas get-together, but when you get all of the Rhodesses together, it will be a B I G gathering. They have outgrown the homes so they enjoyed Christmas Day in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

If we tried to list all of the family, we might run out of space so Granny Rhodes, you know who all were there and we know you enjoyed them all. And, I heard you got a new TV out of the deal—not a bad Christmas, after all.

Speaking of "s'mores," Thelma Jones had some of this "stuff" left

so she invited the "Coffee Drinkers" to drink and indulge at her home and remove the "s'mores."

Not all of the drinkers got in on this, but those who did had fun—Frances Baker, Jonell Sims, Camille Lacewell (wonder if she wore her rose); Faye Brooks and Vivian Hughes. Wouldn't you have loved to have had a tape recorder hid under the table?

Alicia Smith celebrated her eighth birthday on January 16. She and her friends enjoyed birthday cake, and of course, her gran, Elizabeth Ferguson, Bessie Holt, Reba Holt, Glenna Holt and Geneva Williams, all kinfolk, had to help celebrate this big occasion. She enjoyed her party and gifts from her friends and loved ones.

Some person who does not live here called one of his Friona friends and asked if we were dry—his friend replied—man we are so dry we have to prime ourselves to spit! And this is about right—someone needs to organize a rain dance or better still, call a Community Prayer Meeting and hope we can get some moisture. We would hate to go back to the "dirty 30's" and it could happen if we don't get some much needed moisture.

I appreciate all the compliments on "The Column" last week, and you are kind to give such good encouragement—I will be listening for your "comin's and goings" each week, and we will try to give everyone equal chance.

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