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By Bill Ellis



HAVE YOU HAD A hamburger this week? If you are an average Texas resident, chances are that you have, or that you will have one before the week is out, and if not, almost definitely next week.

Figures released this week by John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Restaurant Association reveal some interesting statistics regarding the state's residents regarding their favorite foods, at least when "eating out."

It comes as no great surprise that hamburgers, or at least restaurants that serve them, are the most popular among the residents of the state.

The figures compiled for calendar year 1993 that involved the gross sales of Texas' top ten restaurants, showed that a total of \$2.5 billion was spent on hamburgers, of the approximately \$10 billion for all of the restaurants surveyed.

That is basically one-fourth of all the sales, so it's no wonder that there are so many "hamburger joints" in our state, particularly in the fast-food category.

Second on the list--and this likewise is no big surprise, was Mexican food. This specialty sold approximately \$1.6 billion worth in 1993, amounting to roughly 15.7 per cent of the entire food dollar spent by state residents.

Third place on the survey was general restaurants and diners, accounting for \$1.5 billion in sales, and amounting to 14.7 per cent of all the money spent on eating out.

The fourth most popular place for eating out in Texas was the places that offer you a choice of toppings, and regular or pan-type crusts. Texans spent roughly a billion dollars on pizzas in 1993, and this amounted to virtually ten per cent of the eating-out dollar.

Right behind the pizza-lovers in the food business came those that specialize in chicken. "The Colonel," Grandy's and their similar co-horts, sold \$800 million worth of original recipe or extra crispy during 1993, ranking chicken fifth in popularity among the eating preferences of Texans.

Three types of restaurants tied for sixth place, according to sales reported to the Texas Restaurant Association, accounting for approximately \$600 million each, per year. These were "upscale" restaurants, along with those specializing in snacks, and seafood restaurants.

Fairly surprising, particularly in light of how popular steaks are in our area, is the fact that restaurants specializing in steaks, along with cafeterias, tied for ninth and tenth place on the survey list, accounting for \$500,000 apiece for the 1993 calendar year.

Texans, on the average, spend about \$1,000 apiece each year while eating out. You can do some figuring and decide whether you are about average, above or below.

I don't know about you, but after pouring through all of these statistics, Ye Editor is about ready to come off his semi-diet, and Carol had better have the makings for a good old chicken-fried steak, or he'll have to add to the statistics quoted above.

We need to try to bring the percentage for steak-eating up as much as we can, to support our local industries! Right? Right!
(See chart on Page 1-A)

OUR AREA HAS been suffering through a drought of great proportions, while other sections of the country have had rain they would gladly be rid of.

Ye editor visited this week with a distant cousin, Charles D. Ellis of Moultrie, Georgia, and he told us that his city, located about 35 miles from the Florida border, had received 62 inches of rain in 1994.

Wouldn't it have been nice if his part of Georgia had "only" received 52 inches, and Parmer County's farms had had another ten inches!

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS:The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.



SANTA LETTERS....Traci Blackburn, who is the reigning Little Miss Friona, deposited her letter to Santa Claus at the Friona Star's official Santa Mail Box. Traci, the daughter of David and Laura Blackburn, reminds all youngsters in the area to send their letters to the Friona Star, PO Box 789, or drop them by for publication in the Star's Christmas edition, where Old St. Nick is sure to read every word!

SEASON OPENS

Pheasants May Be Scarce Prey

The 1994 pheasant season opens at sunrise Saturday, December 10, and the prospects going in may be for a much lighter "crop" than usual, according to those in the know.

Jack Patterson, longtime president of the Parmer County Game Assn., says he just hasn't

seen the pheasants in the fields and along the roads like you have in years past.

And Patterson released 140 pheasants, a group that included 98 cocks and 47 hens, on his place in the Rhea community, and says "Now I don't even see evidence of these birds."

Patterson says he is at a loss to explain what is happening to the area's pheasant population. "It may be a virus or disease, or something. I just can't figure it out," the game specialist says.

Patterson said that biologists say things like "It may be that the declining population is due to a difference in farming. But I'm not doing anything different on my place; in fact I always leave an abundance of cover for the birds," Patterson said.

He said that the pheasant season is opening after the "third worst quail season in history."

Making matters worse is the fact that the limit on pheasant has been hiked to three per day and six in possession.

"This doesn't make a lot of sense. Plus, they wanted to extend the season (which now runs two weeks and three weekends), but we managed to beat them back on that," Patterson said.



CHRIS QUINTANA Teacher Is Chosen To Lead

Chris Quintana, pre-kindergarten teacher at Friona Primary School, was recently elected president of Region XVI Service Center's Head Start Career Development Committee.

Mrs. Quintana also serves as Parmer County T.S.T.A. president. She has taught in Friona Schools eight years.

Her college degrees are from ENMU, Portales, New Mexico with an education major and minors in bilingual education and early childhood.

She has also worked in the Bovina and Hereford school districts. Chris has three children. Cindy attends West Texas A&M University and Manny and Bonnie attend school in Bovina.

City Asks For Input On Pool

Paula Wilson reminded residents this week that the City of Friona wants guidance from residents as to the renovation of the Municipal Swimming Pool.

Improvements are needed that may prove costly, and the city leaders want to know if they want their leaders to seek grant money to help pay for the improvements, float a bond issue, or just close the pool down.

Call 247-2761 to register your opinion. They want to hear from you!

Bands To Present Concert

Band members representing both Friona Junior High School and Friona Elementary School will present their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m. The concert is scheduled to be performed in the Friona Junior High School Auditorium.

Among selections to be presented will be many Christmas favorites such as "Jingle Jolly Christmas," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and the traditional "Silent Night."

Along with the program, a special recognition is planned for those students who recently were selected to the All-Region Band, which is currently scheduled to perform in January at West Texas A&M University.

Admission to the concert is \$1.00 for adults and for students of school age. The public is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of music in the very best of Christmas tradition, and show their support for the young people of Friona Independent School District.

Christmas Promotion Underway

The Friona Chamber of Commerce 1994 Christmas promotion will hold its second weekly drawing this Saturday, December 10.

"Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" is an annual promotion sponsored by local retail merchants in an effort to promote shopping at home.

The drawings for \$50 are held at each of the participating stores. It will be necessary for the winners to be present at the drawing, and to receive the \$50 in Friona Bucks at the store where the winning name is drawn.

Winners in the December 3 drawings were: Lakeside Parts--Dennis Smock; Brockman Sales--Les Gamble; An Added Touch--Wanda Jones; On Eagle's Wings--Pam Hamilton; W.H. TV & Appliance--Martha Mars; and D.L.'s Thriftway--Lavelle Lillard.

Drawings at six of the participating stores will be held this Saturday, December 10. Drawings at all twelve stores will be held Saturday, December 17.

December 10 drawings will be held at these designated times: 10 a.m.--Bi-Wize Health Mart; 10:30 a.m.--Ingram Department Store; 11 a.m.--Perry's; 11:30 a.m.--Monty's Flowers & Gifts; 1 p.m.--Country Charm; 1:30 p.m., Wyona's Flowers & Gifts.

Chamber Implements Ambassador Program

The Friona Chamber of Commerce development committee, chaired by Karen Harrelson, has developed an Ambassador Program

to be implemented in January of 1995.

The Ambassador Program will be made up of chamber members committed to serving their businesses and community. The Ambassadors are a committee of twenty-four chamber members who were nominated by the chamber development committee and who have consented to serving a three year term.

"We feel that the Ambassadors will enhance our goals as a chamber," Mrs. Harrelson commented. The Ambassadors will assist in welcoming new businesses and chamber members, ribbon cuttings and serve as hosts at various chamber functions throughout the year.

The 1995 Ambassadors serving three year terms are: Wesley and Doris Barnett, A.L. and Clydie Black, John R. and Iona Cook, Baker and Margaret Duggins, Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle, Jerry and Raye Jene London, Mike and Becky Riethmayer, W.D. and Reba Buske, Marca Herring, Tom and Bettye Jarboe, M.C. and Ann Osborn, Floyd and Betty Reeve and Dave Thompson.



SUPPORTING PROJECT....Miss Merry Christmas, who is also Miss Friona, LaTawn White, made a tour of Friona businesses this week to get a sample of what's available locally for Christmas. But to start out, she stopped at Friona State Bank and made a deposit to Project Christmas Card with teller Kathy Spencer. Proceeds from the 1994 fund will purchase a new kitchen range for the hospital, to replace a 28-year-old unit. Deadline to join the project is next Friday, December 16.

Community Choir Sets Performance

A Community Choir has been organized in Friona, and has scheduled a Christmas concert Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The public is welcome, and admission is free.

The choir is under the direction of Geary Brogden and Jim Parker, and it has an ambitious goal for 1995: the "Living Christmas Tree."

"We very much want this to be a community project," Brogden said. "Usually the concerts will be in a particular church, but we are stressing the community concept," he explained.

The Living Christmas Tree idea was proposed by Merlene Orme, wife of Dr. Anthony Orme, who took part in it at Lindsay, Oklahoma.

"Lindsay is about the same size of Friona, and it worked there. I have no doubt that it would go over great here," Mrs. Orme said. "We wanted this year's community choir to be a starting point, and we really didn't get started with it in time to solicit a large number of voices, but we'll get an early start in 1995," she said.

Mrs. Orme explained that at Lindsay, they performed the program four times in order for the entire community to attend. "It is a free presentation, but we had tickets printed so we could control the crowd, and not have people come and not have a seat," she said.

In addition to the singers, there will be a need for a construction committee, as well as specialists in lighting, sound, decorating, music, publicity, fund-raising, sewing, and a medical committee, Mrs. Orme said.

The spokeslady said that the "starting up" costs for the first year will run around \$4,000 since several things have to be purchased, but that this shouldn't be a big barrier, and that for succeeding years, the cost would be minimal.

"It is a great binding experience for a community, and once the 'Living Christmas Tree' is presented, the follow-ups are easy, she added.

Sunday's program at First Baptist Church, will include the following numbers:

"How Great Our Joy," by DeCou; "A Little Light was Born" by Barnett, sung by Pamela Pauling; handbell selections by the First Methodist Church's handbell choir; "A Song, A Star, A Little Child," by Besig; "All is Well," by Smith, sung by soloist Amanda Gerles; "Wind Through the Olive Trees," by Lau, and "Glory, Glory to God," by Cindy Berry.

Friona St. Bank To Host Annual Christmas Tea

Friona State Bank has scheduled their annual Christmas Tea for next Friday, December 16.

Customers are invited to come to the Bank anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and enjoy the goodies provided by Bank employees.

Charles Turner will be providing Christmas music in a holiday atmosphere.

Other special activities to be conducted during the day will be a retirement party in honor of Charlene Harper, who has been a Bank employee for 25 years.

"Residents of the area are invited to come to the Bank, enjoy good food, visiting and saying 'good-bye' to Charlene," a Bank spokesperson commented.



REHEARSING....Jim Parker (l) and Geary Brogden are shown rehearsing a number for Sunday's Community Choir Christmas Concert. Accompanying the duo is pianist Johnnie Walters. The concert is at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church. (See accompanying article)



Letter To The Editor

To The Editor,
 On Tuesday of this week, I had the privilege of having one of the Parmer County Sheriff's Deputies come out to the Clovis Community College for me.
 I am currently carrying twelve hours in the Legal Studies field, as I am working on my Associates of Applied Science degree.
 One of the courses that I am taking is The Perceptive Listening in which we study various techniques that will teach us to listen properly. As part of the final grade, we were to ask a professional of any field to come and speak on the importance of listening in their field.

Deputy Sheriff Tracy Bridges was kind enough to come out and do the one for me. Deputy Bridges was very informative in the different techniques that he had learned while in the academy and also in the techniques that he learned in the time that he has been a peace officer.

We usually think that we are good listeners, and we may try to be. We only absorb twenty-five percent of what we hear, so it is important to learn the techniques of listening so that we learn more, or like in Deputy Bridges' everyday situations, we learn better ways to serve the public.

Being a Parmer County Sheriff's Deputy, I know they are very busy. Still they have the time to go to Clovis and represent our county. Deputy Bridges, did a very good speech on listening for us, and I just wanted to tell him and the Parmer County Sheriff's office how much I really appreciate the job that they have.

Also, to let the public know that an officer's job does not only ask him to protect the public, but also to serve the public when need be. This office has certainly done so.

Eddie Mendoza
 HCR 1, Box 2E
 Friona, Texas

Elementary, Junior High Lunch Menu

- Week of December 12-16
- MONDAY--soft taco, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, chilled fruit and milk.
 - TUESDAY--spaghetti, seasoned vegetables, fresh fruit, garlic bread and milk.
 - WEDNESDAY--Frito pie, seasoned pinto beans, salad, cornbread and milk.
 - THURSDAY--cheeseburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and milk.
 - FRIDAY--turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pumpkin pie and milk.

BAKE SALE

December 17 at
 D.L.'s Thriftway
 9-?

Let the Rebekahs do your Christmas baking.



CHARLENE HARPER C. Harper Retires From FSB

Friday, December 16 has been designated as "Charlene Harper Day" at Friona State Bank. Mrs. Harper will be retiring from the Bank after 25 years of service.

The Bank employees invite Charlene's friends and customers to come by anytime during the day and have refreshments with her.

Mrs. Harper joined the Bank in January of 1970 in the bookkeeping department. She progressed through the department and was named head bookkeeper in January 1974.

In July 1976, Mrs. Harper took responsibility for the Savings and CD department and was promoted to assistant cashier in January of 1977. In January 1982, Charlene was promoted to assistant vice president and two years later to vice president.

Charlene has attended various banking schools and seminars and in May 1987 attained her Associate Degree in business administration from Eastern New Mexico University in Clovis.

She and her husband, Clifton, have four children: David and family, who live in Plano, Lowery and family, who reside in San Antonio and their twin daughters, Darlene and husband, who live in San Francisco, and Donna and family, who live in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper plan to move north of Dallas in January.

The officers, directors and employees of Friona State Bank appreciate Charlene's and her dedication and loyalty to the Bank for the past 25 years and wish her the very best.

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Friona Flashbacks

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

65 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 13, 1929

Beginning last week the post office at Friona receives and dispatches mail four times daily. The regular morning west bound mail and the noon east bound mail will remain as they have been for several years, but instead of these constituting the only mails received and dispatched, there will be an outgoing mail in the evening, at 6 p.m., and be received by the west bound train that passes here at night, and carried as far as Clovis, where it will be sorted and all east bound mail will be transferred to the east bound train and forwarded to its destination.

60 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1934

The Friona Star trusts that all our readers will read each and every advertisement in this issue of the Star, as many of our business people are expressing to you their appreciation of you as patrons and friends and wishing for you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, as well as calling your attention to the many nice things they have to help you solve your Christmas gift problems.

55 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 15, 1939

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Parmer County, and applications for these loans are now being received at Farwell by Carl Hill, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.



BRANDI DANIELS, a Fort Sumner, New Mexico high school sophomore was part of the FFA livestock judging team that finished second in the national contest at the national FFA Convention in Kansas City a few weeks ago. Representing the state of New Mexico, the Fort Sumner team actually tied for first in the contest and was moved to second behind team champion Minnesota based on reasons. Team members along with Brandi were Jason Byrd, Melisa Gammill, and Jay Cortese. Brandi also placed third high individual in the national contest of livestock judging. Brandi is the daughter of Jeff and Charlotte Daniels of Fort Sumner, New Mexico and the granddaughter of local residents, Coleman and Alleene Moseley.

50 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 15, 1944

Bills are out announcing the sale by J.T. Gee of his entire herd of high quality dairy cows and milking equipment. There will be at least 29 head of good cows, heifers and calves, and 12 head of registered hogs, and many other desirable articles.

40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1954

A new feed, seed and fertilizer firm is to be built in Friona soon, according to an announcement this week by E. H. and Doyle Cummings who are planning the operation. The plant will be located across the corner southeast of Houlett's Laundry, the Cummings men announce. They are selling their farm equipment this week, leasing the farm and plan to start immediately on the Friona enterprise.

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1959

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for David Randall Price, 13, known to his friends as Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price of the Black Community.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1964

A feature of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was the naming of Friona's outstanding citizens. Honored as "Man of the Year" was Frank A. Spring, president of Friona State Bank. Mrs. H. K. Kendrick was named "Woman of the Year." Mrs. R. L. Bates was chosen "Teacher of the Year," and Stanley Bengue was tapped as "Most Courteous Employee."

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 11, 1969

Building permits issued by the City of Friona rang up the register for construction estimated at \$135,400 for the month of November. The total brought the calendar year's total estimated construction in the city a healthy \$923,400 and renewed prospects of a yearly total in excess of a million dollars for the second straight year.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 8, 1974

Roy Smith, a junior at Friona High School, was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's annual football contest. Mary Priest was the grand prize runnerup winner. Joy Morton and Charlie Clark tied for third place in the final standings of the contest, and were awarded duplicate prizes after their tie-breaker scores matched.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1979

Jerry Hinkle won the grand prize in the Friona Star's annual football contest, pulling away for a four point win.

Drilling on the wildcat oil well on J. G. McFarland's land northwest of Friona had reached 7200 feet this week. A spokesman for McFarland said that it was planned to go to at least 9200 feet on the well, and that the last 2,000 feet would be the critical stages as far as discovering oil was concerned. It is the first wildcat oil exploration project in the area in quite some time.

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10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1984

A proposed \$40 million merger between Friona Industries Inc. and the Houston-based Eller Enterprises is "not supposed to" result in the loss of any jobs, Friona Industries financial vice-president Charles Hughes said.

Tommy Moss was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's 1984 football contest.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1989

Koby Rogers, a student at Friona High School, was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's football contest.

It was announced this week that a group of local agri-businessmen has purchased Paco Feed Yard.

An auto insurance tune-up could give your money more mileage.

Let me check out the coverage you have on your car. I might be able to save you some money. Stop by soon and I'll run all the details by you. You're in good hands.

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We Cordially Invite You To Attend Our Annual Christmas Tea

Friday, December 16, From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

*Refreshments *Christmas Decor

*Charles Turner Will Provide Music For Your Enjoyment!

We would also like for everyone to stop in to congratulate Charlene Harper, on her retirement following 25 years of service with the bank, and to wish her well!

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THIRTY YEARS of FESTIVE FOODS

What better gift for a cherished loved one or friend this Christmas than "30 Years of Festive Foods," a commemorative cookbook from Southwestern Public Service. Packed with 2500 tried and true recipes, this handy cooking aid is packaged in a durable three-ring binder with a quick-reference format that's easy to use.

"30 Years of Festive Foods" is on sale now at local SPS offices, or may be ordered by mail using the order form below.

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9th Girls Post 7-1 Record

The freshman Squaws won three of four games during the past week to improve their season record to seven wins against a lone defeat.

Coming off a 49-15 win at Dimmitt the previous Tuesday, the team was entered in Muleshoe's junior varsity tournament.

In the first round of the tourney, the freshmen dropped a 55-47 game to the Clovis junior varsity, for their first loss of the season after four wins. Vanette White scored 11 and Ruby Aronce 10.

Miss White also was cited for her steals on defense and breaking the Clovis press on offense. Miss Aronce's outside shooting stood out.

On Friday the team got back in its own age group and whacked the Muleshoe freshmen, 49-33. Chris Rodriguez scored 15 points and Amanda Pope 10.

Saturday's game saw Friona take a 49-37 win over the Farwell JV, for the consolation championship. Sandra Gonzales scored 17; Rachel Burleson, Christina Santellana and Robin Grantham each had six.

On Monday the team visited Shallowater to meet a district foe, and came home with a 53-43 win.

Amanda Pope scored 12 and Rachel Burleson 10. Friona hit 50 per cent of their free throws, 11 of 22.

Rummage Sale To Benefit Chieftain Band

Saturday, December 17, the Chieftain Band will be having a rummage sale at the High School Band Hall.

The sale will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have something you would like to donate for the sale, please call Zane Polson at 247-3383 or the Friona High School office at 247-3951 to arrange a time for your items to be picked up.

The Band is planning a trip in the spring and all proceeds go toward the funding of this trip. The Band is also planning a raffle and golf tournament for next semester.

"Watch for details concerning these fund raisers and we look forward to seeing you at the rummage sale," Mr. Polson concluded.

Buy it, Sell It, Find It In The Star Classifieds! Phone 247-2211.



TWO POINTS....Friona's Keri Reeb (2) goes up for an easy layup in Saturday's tournament game against River Road. Miss Reeb has been a leading scorer in the Squaws' early games. They swept three opponents to win their own tournament, including a 68-25 in this game.

8th Braves Lose To Shallowater

The Friona eighth grade Braves lost to Shallowater by only two points, the final score being 41-39.

At the end of the second quarter Friona was in the lead 19-15 and also took the lead at the end of the third quarter 31-25.

Matt Kendrick was leading scorer with sixteen points followed by Rudy Torres with nine points.

James Evans, Sheon Polk and Jeff Rando each scored four points and Barry Procter scored two points.

The Eighth Braves' record at the end of this game was 1-3.

Group Needs Service Names And Addresses

The Friona American Legion would like to have names and addresses of all Friona area men and women in the U.S. Armed forces, it was announced this week.

If you have a relative or friend in the service, please call J.P. Sims at 247-2241 (days) or 247-2040 (nights) or Joe Bob Mann at 247-3869.

Your help will be appreciated!

7th Braves Are 6-0

The seventh grade Braves won their game against Shallowater 52-44. The Braves were in the lead at the end of each quarter, 14-10 in the first quarter, 30-20 in the second, and 42-34 in the third.

L. Martin scored 12 points; J. Bandy 11 points; N. King 10 points.

T. Cook had five points; S. Campos, D. Wiseman, and C. Ingram had four points each; and T. Neill two points.

The seventh Braves now have a 6-0 record.

Basketball Results

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS
Friona 8th 24, Dimmitt 48
Leading scorers: S. Polk, 10 points; R. Torres, 5; J. Nava, 4; M. Kendrick, 3; C. Baxter, 2.
Record: 1-2.

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS
Friona 7th 33, Dimmitt 32
Leading scorers: N. King, 11 points; S. Campos, 9; L. Martin, 4; D. Wiseman, 3; T. Cook, 2; T. Neill, 2.
Record: 5-0.

JV Chiefs Win Trophy In Meet

The Chieftain junior varsity won the consolation championship at the Muleshoe Junior Varsity Tournament last weekend.

Only a 68-64 loss to Dimmitt in the opening round kept the Chieftains from taking the top trophy.

The team trailed by just a point, 53-52, going into the final period, but they lost big Quint Ellis to fouls, and Dimmitt won the game with five free throws in the final period. Friona was whistled for 25 fouls to only 15 for the Bobcats.

JV Chiefs 64, Dim 68
Aron King 3-0-9; Wade Schueler 1-1*-5; Todd Hitchcock 1-1*-5; Eric McInroe 3-1*-3-12; Quint Ellis 10-5-25; Charlie Milner 4-0-8.

JV Chiefs 72, M. 9th 14
King 6-0-12; Jesse Brown 2-0-4; Schueler 1-1*-5; Andy Kendrick 3-1-7; Jesse Mendez 1-0-2; Michael Rushing 2-1*-7; Hitchcock 3-0-6; McInroe 5-4-14; Ellis 6-1-13; Milner 1-0-2.

JV Chiefs 98, Mshe 80
King 7-2*-3-23; Schueler 6-1*-0-15; Kendrick 1-0-2; Rushing 1-0-2; Hitchcock 3-1-7; Grimsley 1-2-3; McInroe 4-0-8; Clark 1-0-2; Ellis 13-4-30; Milner 3-0-6.

JV Chiefs 52, Blvd 67
McInroe 14; Ellis 14; Kendrick 5; Grimsley 5; King 4; Schueler 4; Hitchcock 4; Milner 2.

Ellis scored 25 points, and Eric McInroe scored 12.

The B-Chiefs bounced back for a 72-14 win over the Muleshoe freshman team on Friday. Friona led, 43-11 at the half. Eric McInroe scored 14 to pace Friona and Ellis had 13.

Friona disposed of Muleshoe JV, 98-80 in the trophy game on Saturday. The team held leads of 25-15, 46-35 and 72-56 enroute to their win. Ellis scored 30 points and Aaron King contributed 23.

The team dropped a 67-52 decision at Brownfield Tuesday. The Cubs led, 18-11, 30-23 and 43-37. McInroe and Ellis each scored 14 points for the Chiefs.

Commodities Are To Be Distributed

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, December 15 at the Parmer County Precinct Barn in Friona.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. with senior citizens and handicapped persons served first.

Recipients must have information on their residence, Social Security numbers, proof of income and driver's license.

'95 School Reunion To Be On July 1

The all-school reunion which is held in Friona every five years, has been moved from the Christmas season to Saturday, July 1, it was announced this week by Jerry Hinkle, spokesman for the ex-students.

"We thought we might have better luck with some folks by moving the event away from the Christmas season. It will be at the Community Center, beginning at 7 p.m. that day, and we will have a catered meal," Hinkle said.

Hinkle said that invitations would be mailed shortly after the first of the year so out-of-town exes can make their plans well in advance. The event is for any ex-student or teacher, whether or not they graduated here, or for anyone interested in attending.

The all-school reunion has been popular in the past, and is expected that it will be in 1995.



Wendell Gresham Is Chosen To Texas Assn.

Wendell Gresham, an independent insurance agent from Friona, was selected to serve on the Small and Rural Agencies Committee of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents.

The association, which is the only Texas based organization representing independent insurance agents on legislative and regulatory matters, has a membership of 14,000 agency owners and staff.

One of the committee's goals is to work with insurance companies to enhance the choices and availability of insurance for small towns in Texas.

Gresham attended the committee's meeting on November 10 in Austin, at which the association's plans for providing more insurance company underwriting of homes and autos in rural Texas were reviewed.

"This plan is the first step in a long-range program to revitalize the independent insurance agency business in towns such as mine," Gresham said.

Gresham is a partner at Friona's Ethridge-Spring Agency.

Hospital Report

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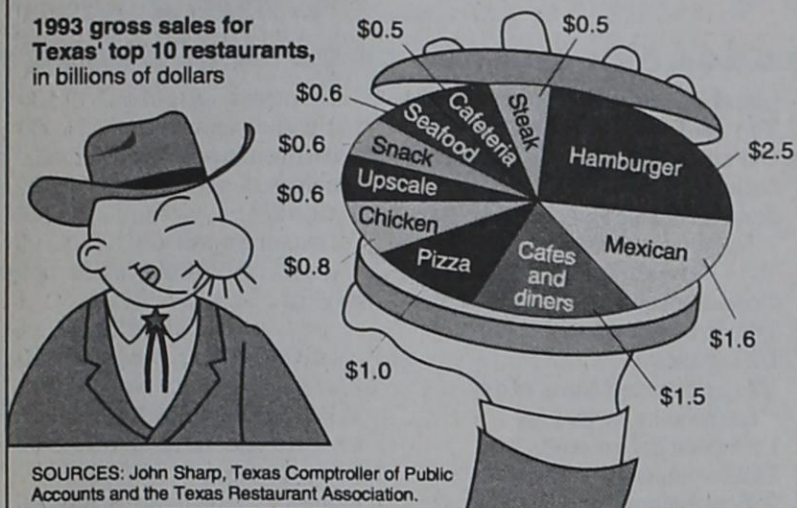
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It was a day of greeting old friends, visiting, reminiscing and viewing displays. The number on the deceased list is now fifty.

Billy Joe Foster led in prayer and gave the blessing. After the meal, everyone met in the church sanctuary for a business meeting and fun session led by Harold Carpenter. The many deceased were remembered in silent prayer.

Those recognized for coming the longest distance were Walter Hurst and Clarence Barber of Yakima, Washington. The oldest persons present were Sam Sides, 96, of Hereford, Maudie Primrose, 95, of Oklahoma Lane, and Ethel Johnson, of Bovina.

Others recognized were school board members, bus drivers and teachers. Six teachers were Madeline Hegi of Tahoka; Joyce Davis of San Bernardino, California; Willie Roberts of Farwell; Rosalee Wilhoit of Lovington, New Mexico; Kenneth Grissom of Shallowater; and piano teacher, Helen Massongill of Orange, California. Some gave short talks of their experiences and recognized some of their pupils.

During the business meeting, the same time was set for the next reunion—the day after Thanksgiving in 1996. The same officers were re-elected. Avis Carpenter closed the meeting by leading "God Bless America," with Harold Carpenter accompanying on the piano.

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Dear Bill,

Thank you for joining me for a very enlightening round of town hall meetings. Each meeting turned out a great gathering of folks with very interesting and legitimate concerns and questions.

I continue to emphasize that I look to you for my marching orders. The recent election sent an overwhelming signal for change in Texas. I look forward to January and the public policy changes on the horizon.

As I mentioned, the legislature will address issues such as juvenile crime, education and private property rights. Your input on these votes will be important to me. I hope to hear from you. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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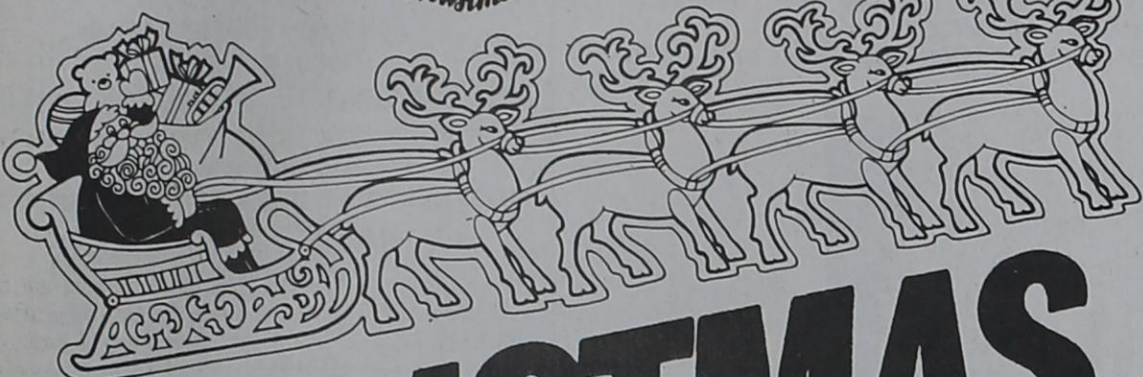
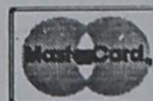
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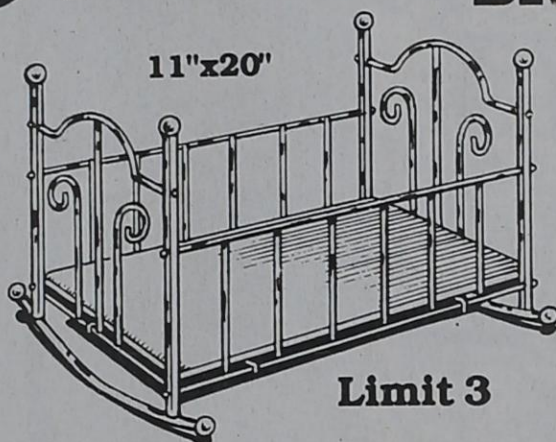
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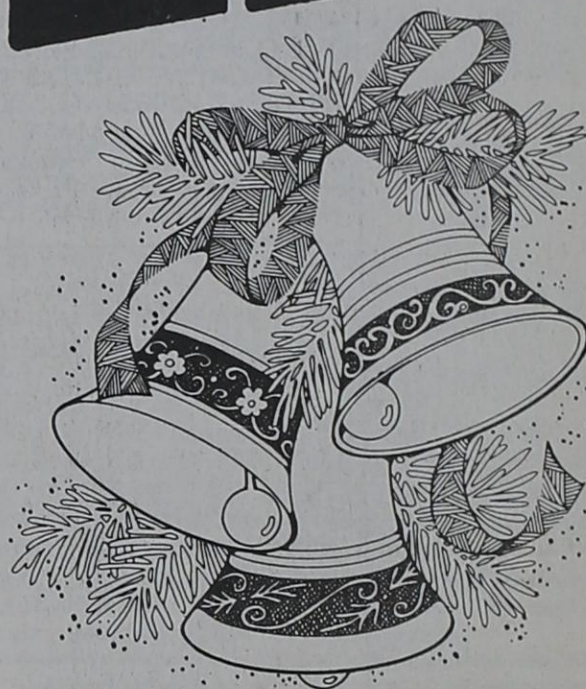
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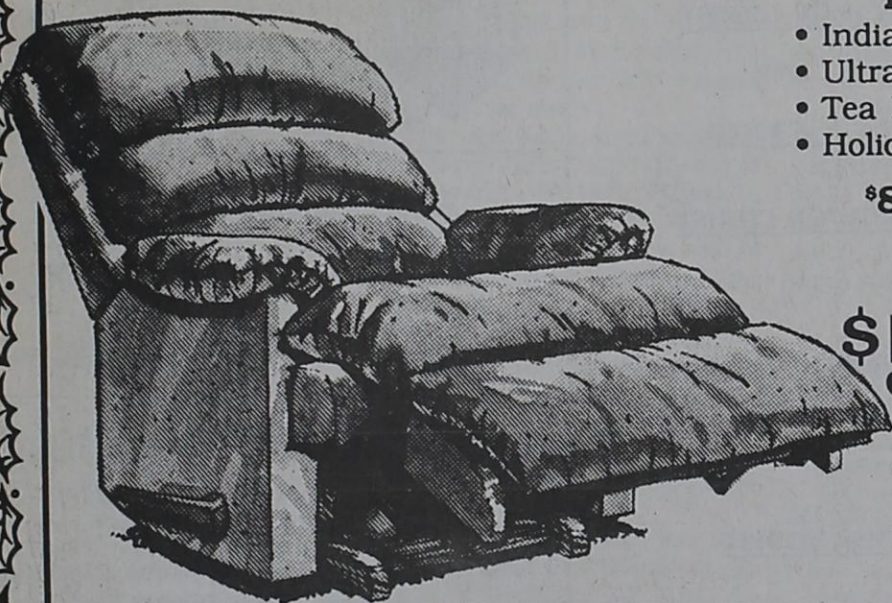
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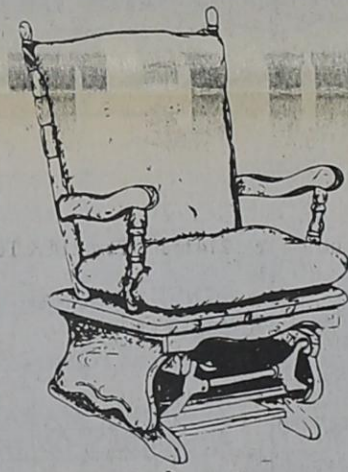
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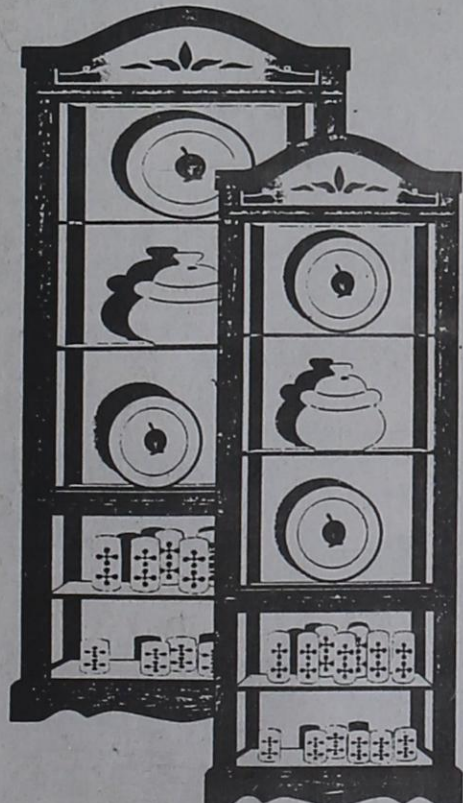
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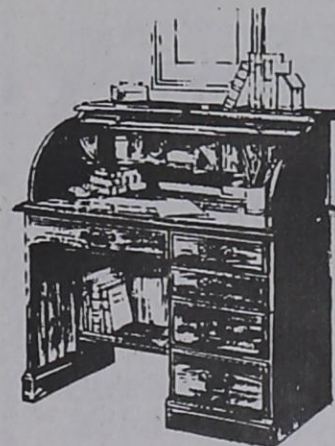
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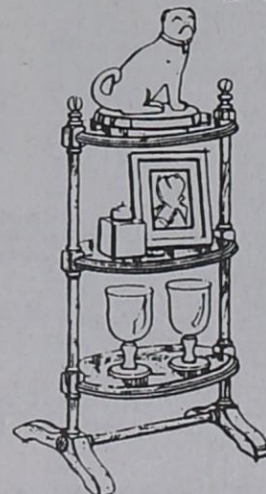
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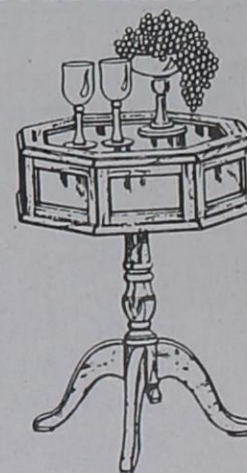
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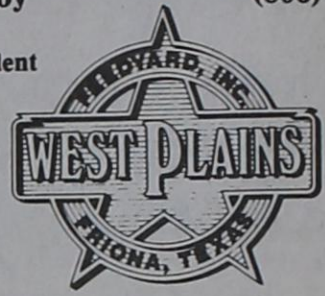
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Squaws Successfully Defend Local Title

Friona High School's Squaws raced past three opponents in their own round-robin invitational tournament last weekend, to successfully defend their tournament title.

The wins ran the team's winning streak to six games and left the Squaws with a 6-1 season record.

On Friday, the team downed Farwell, 70-55 to kick off the tourney. The Squaws had leads of 18-11, 37-22 and 51-40 in handing Farwell its first loss of the season.

Keri Reeb grabbed scoring honors with 14 points. Courtney Carthel backed her up with 12 and Julie Goddard, Britny White and Kristi Meyer each scored 10.

On Friday evening, the Squaws met River Road's Lady Cats for the second time in three days, and the results were very similar. Friona had beaten the 'Cats, 75-31 on Tuesday at River Road, and this time the score was Friona 68-25. Friona enjoyed quarterly leads of 21-7, 33-16 and 44-20.

Miss Reeb rang up 19 points for game scoring honors, and Julie Goddard added 12. All ten squad members scored at least two points, as Coach Richard North got a chance to see all of his players perform under game conditions.

In Saturday's game to decide the championship, the Squaws hooked up with Lubbock Coronado's junior varsity team in what turned out to be a low-scoring defensive due.

Friona broke out to a 10-3 first-quarter lead, but was never able to score ten points in a quarter the rest of the way. Friona led, 15-11 at the half and 23-13 after three quarters. Final score was 30-18.

Mary Frances Cass led the scoring with eight points for Friona.

The team saw its six-game winning streak broken here Tuesday evening, when the class 5A

Amarillo Lady Sandies, state champions in their division a couple of times in recent years, prevailed by a score of 45-30.

"We played a fairly good game, and were trailing by just five points going into the final quarter. It was good experience for us to play a team of the calibre of Amarillo High," Coach North said.

The Amarillo team led 9-4 after

the first quarter, as they held the Squaws to just four free throws.

In fact, Friona hadn't made a single shot from the floor at halftime, when the Sandstorm's lead was 18-10.

Keri Reeb warmed up with a nine-point second half, including a pair of three-pointers, but Friona couldn't cut into the lead. Miss Reeb led Friona with 11 points.



ACTION IN PAINT...Cory Hamilton (34) tries a hook shot against River Road during Friona's invitational tournament. Hamilton scored 13 points as the Chieftains won, 59-53.

JV Squaws Win Hereford Tourney

The Squaws' junior varsity won the championship in the Hereford Junior Varsity tournament last weekend, to run their season record to 6-0 for the season.

The team had to score wins over hometown Hereford, 37-25, and to another class 4A team, Plainview, 45-41 to nail down the title. They had opened tournament play with an easy 52-37 win over Dalhart in the first round.

Tammy Spencer led the way 14 points as the Squaws downed Dalhart. Friona trailed 12-9 after one period, but took a 29-19 halftime lead before outscoring the Lady Wolves, 23-18 in the second half.

The Hereford game was low-scoring, with Friona leading the Lady Whitefaces, 7-5 after the opening period. Friona trailed, 17-14 at the half, but took command in the second half. Amber Martin's 8 points paced the scoring.

Friona led the Lady Bulldogs, 13-10, 21-13 and 30-20 enroute to

their 45-41 win in the finals. Miss Martin scored 18 points, getting 12 from three-point range, to pace all scorers with 18 points.

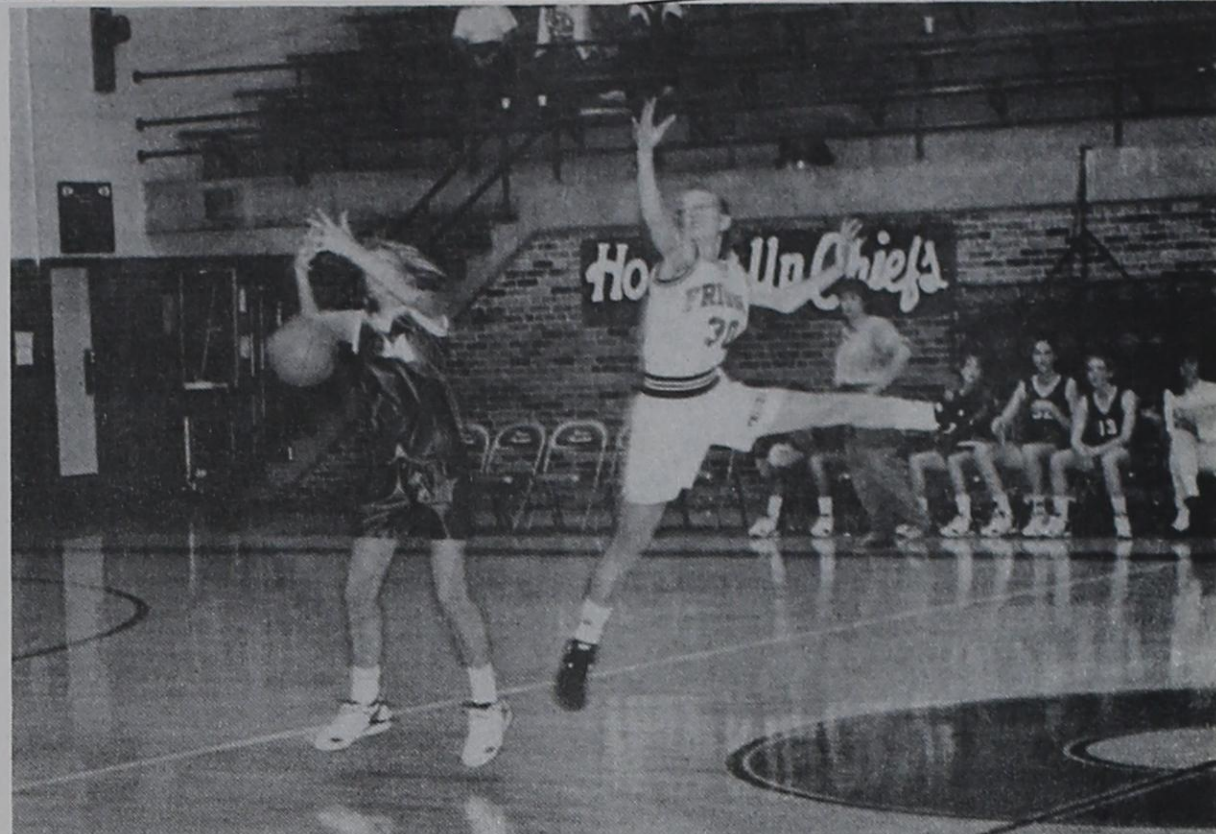
The team finally tasted defeat at home Tuesday, when the Amarillo High School Sandies' JV posted a 52-24 win. That dropped Friona's record to 6-1. Miss Spencer and Alicia Baker paced Friona with seven points.

Squaws JV 37, Hereford 25
Diandra Lafuente 2-1*-0-7; Jenny Hamilton 1*-3-6; Tammy Spencer 2-2-6; Amber Martin 1-6-8; Canna Ray 1-4-6; Jamie Stokes 2-0-4.

Squaws JV 52, Dalhart 37
Lafuente 2-0-4; Hamilton 0-2-2; Spencer 6-2-14; Amber Martin 4-1-9; Canna Ray 4-0-8; Stokes 3-0-6; Baker 4-1-9.

Squaws JV 45, Plainview 41
Lafuente 2-0-4; Ray 1-0-2; Stokes 2-1-5; Hamilton 2*-0-6; Martin 2-4*-2-18; Baker 2-0-4; Spencer 1-2-4.

Squaws JV 24, AHS 45
Lafuente 0-0-0; Ray 1-0-2; Stokes 0-3-3; Hamilton 0-1-1; Martin 2-0-4; Baker 1-5-7; Spencer 3-1-7.



AIRBORNE...Friona Squaw player Britny White (30) goes high trying for a long pass from a teammate, but River Road's Guitierrez (14) blocked the pass. Friona scored an easy 68-25 win. Miss White contributed 10 points.

(Photo by Lisa McLellan)

Chiefs Win Pair Of Games; Earn Trophy

Friona High School's Chieftains broke into the win column after opening with three straight losses, and in the process placed second in their own invitational tournament last weekend.

The Chiefs outscored Farwell's Steers, 78-70 on Thursday evening. The Steers led, 25-22 and 43-42 at the half before Friona had a 21-14 edge in the third quarter that proved to be the difference.

An 11-point performance by Kit Preston keyed Friona's rally and Cory Hamilton chipped in six points. Preston took game honors with an outstanding 30-point game and Hamilton had 16.

On Friday the team downed River Road, 59-53, winning by the same margin that the 'Road had beaten them in football. The game was the Wildcats' season debut.

CHIEFS 78 Far 70
Jason Rector 3-2-8; Roy Hendley 3-2-8; Raymon Flores 1-0-2; Shane Blackburn 0-0-0; Luis Ortega 2-1-5; Wade Hinkle 0-2-2; Tony Mejia 1-1-3; Cory Hamilton 6-1*-1-16; Lance Looper 2-0-4; Kit Preston 11-8-30.

CHIEFS 59, RR 53
Rector 1-0-2; Hendley 6-1-13; Flores 1-0-2; Blackburn 0-2-2; Ortega 2-0-4; Hinkle 1-1-3; Mejia 2-0-4; Hamilton 5-3-13; Preston 6-4-16.

CHIEFS 58, Naz. 84
Rector 1-2*-8; Hendley 3-2-8; Blackburn 1-1*-5; Ortega 1-0-2; Mejia 1-1*-5; Hamilton 8-4-20; Looper 1-2-4; Preston 3-0-6.

CHIEFS 65, Brn. 88
Rector 2-0-4; Hendley 5-1*-1-14; Blackburn 0-2-2; Hinkle 1-0-2; Mejia 3-1*-2-11; Hamilton 7-1*-1-18; Looper 3-1-7; Preston 3-1-7.

since they had gone to the regional grid playoffs.

The Chiefs played a steady four quarters for the win, accomplished in spite of a 34-point performance by the Wildcats' David Guinn.

Preston had 16 points to pace Friona, aided by 13-point games by Roy Hendley and Cory Hamilton.

The Chiefs stayed with tall and talented Nazareth for the first half. Jason Rector's three-pointers keyed Friona to a 20-13 lead after one quarter, and the score was tied at the

half, 30-all. But the Swifts' offense awakened for a 54-point second half in the 84-58 win.

Hamilton scored 20 points to pace Friona.

The Chiefs drew another tough opponent Tuesday at Brownfield, and the Cubs outscored Friona, 88-65. Brownfield is 6-1, while Friona stood at 2-5.

Hamilton paced the scoring with 18 points, Hendley had 14 and Tony Mejia 11.

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These Friona Junior High students made the All-Regional Band.

Twenty Junior High Students Selected To All-Region Band

Thirty-two students of the Friona Junior High School Band traveled to Panhandle High School to try out for the All-Region Band, Tuesday, November 29.

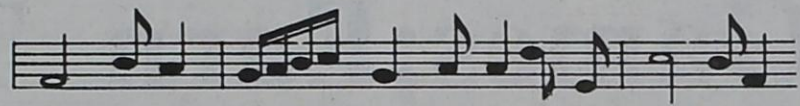
Of those thirty-two, twenty were honored by being selected to the 1994 All-Region Band list representing all junior highs which feed AAA high schools in UIL Music District 1. Other schools represented were Dalhart, Dimmitt, Tulia, River Road, Sanford-Fritch and Perryton.

Those students and their chair placement representing Friona I.S.D. are as follows: flute--Sarah Hendley (3); clarinet--Kayla McCoy (1), Kyla Wyly (2), Melodee Lamb (3), Petra Chavarria (5); cornet--Nathan Terry (4), Lance Field (5), Kyle Wiseman (6), Jamie Slagle (10).

Also, French horn--Leslie Reyes (7), Daniel Rosales (alternate); trombone--Sandra Mendez (4), J.D. Aronce (5), Christina Salinas (6), Belen Torres (7); baritone--Jesus Nava (2), Jeremy Roth (3); tuba--Jesse Allen (1), Chris Williams (5) and Dale Williams (7).

"I am very proud of all--not only the students who made the band--but all of the students who tried out. This is the most students ever to participate in this competition since I've been here, and they represented our band and our school very well," stated Ron McWilliams, band director.

The All-Region Band is scheduled to perform in concert at West Texas A&M University, Saturday, January 21, 1995.



WOODWIND QUALIFIERS....These five junior high bandmen qualified as All-Regional in the recent tryouts. In the back are (l-r) Petra Chavarria, Melodee Lamb and Kayla Wyly. Seated are Sarah Hendley and Kayla McCoy.

Happy Holidays



PERFECT CHRISTMAS DECOR...Monty's is the place to go to get in the decorating spirit. Shannon Grissom believes this beautiful poinsettia would be just the thing to get anyone in the Christmas spirit. Miss Merry Christmas, (LaTawn White) found numerous gift ideas when she stopped in last week.

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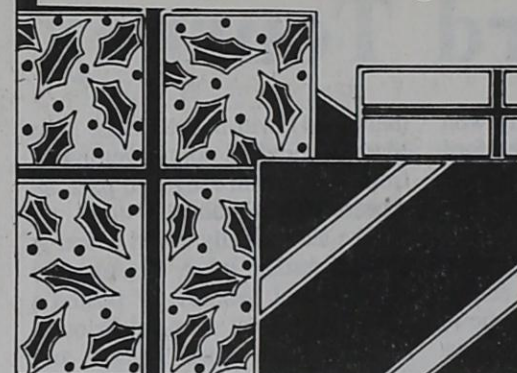
GREAT GIFT IDEAS...Miss Merry Christmas(LaTawn White) found that W.H. TV & Appliance would be a great place to do your holiday shopping. Marty Malone helped make suggestions during a visit last week.

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Happy Holidays



GIFTS FOR EVERYONE... If you need something special to wear this holiday season or if you are looking for a gift for someone else, Ingram's is the perfect place to shop. Sylvia was caught showing Miss Merry Christmas, (LaTawn White) some special apparel during her visit there last week.



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"SEW" MANY IDEAS... Miss Merry Christmas (LaTawn White) paid a visit to Malouf's Shopping Center last week and learned that if you can't find the perfect gift already made up, you can make it yourself. Mrs. Malouf suggested a nice jacket. There is a great selection of fabrics for anyone who would enjoy making a special gift for someone on their list.

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Son Born To Couple

A baby boy was born November 9, 1994 at 5 a.m. to Doug and Sherrie Rose of Silverdale, Washington.

He was named Michael Jay and he weighed nine pounds and three ounces and measured twenty-one and one-fourth inches long.

He has one sister, Allyson Lee. Grandparents are Randy and Joyce Dixon of Friona and Glenn and Jean Rose of Spring.

Great grandmothers are Bettye Dixon of Hereford and Earsa Rose of Dryridge, Kentucky.



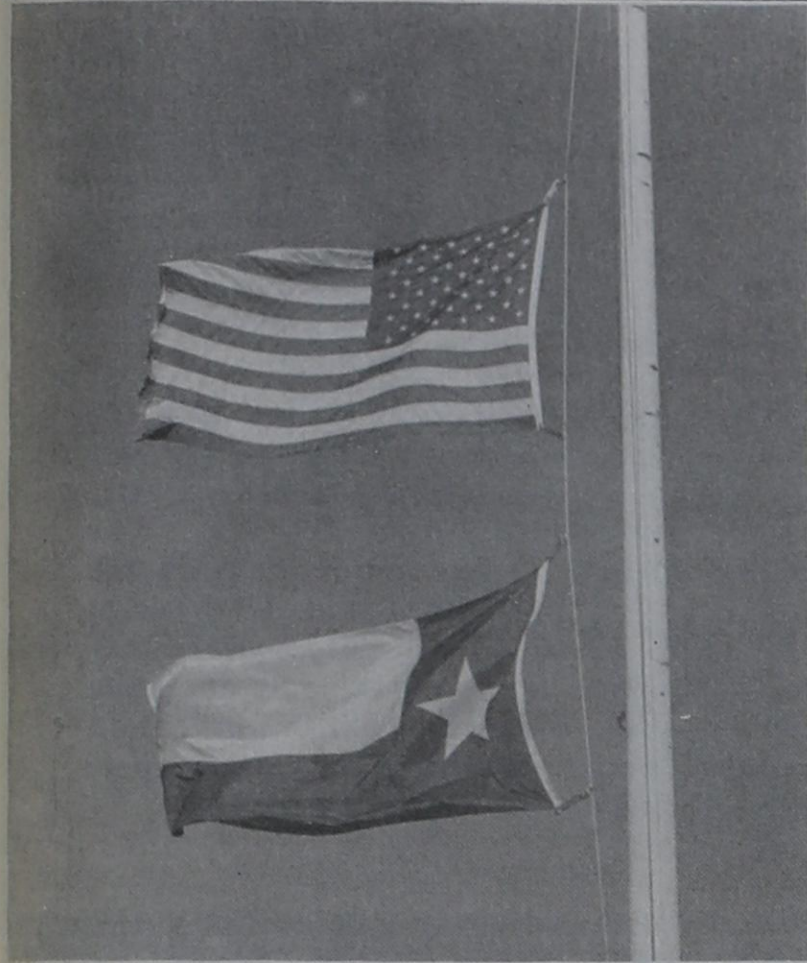
JUAN GAMBOA

J. Gamboa Is Honored By Mar.-Ed.

By Juan Gamboa
Juan Gamboa is the son of Juan Gamboa. He is a senior at Friona High School. Juan Gamboa is in his second year in Marketing Education and is employed by Hi-Pro Feeds.

The program also teaches responsibility and how to be a valuable part of a business world. The marketing program gives students a head start in the world ahead. The students in the program can be working and going to school at the same time.

He enjoys working with Joe and the other people that work there, too. He thanks Joe for giving him the opportunity of working at Hi-Pro Feeds.



EDUCATOR HONORED....Flags on the Friona ISD campus were flown at half-mast on Wednesday, in honor of former longtime school official J.T. Gee, who was buried that day. It's the second time this year for such an honor, as this was also done earlier this fall in honor of Jackie Morgan.

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A CHARMING SELECTION....

Miss Merry Christmas (LaTawn White) visited the Country Charm this past week and found a wide selection of gift ideas for friends and family. Rebecca Rushing shows an afghan that would make someone a wonderful gift!



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It's time again, for you to decide what is on sale!
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In addition to the sale, we will also play a game consisting of earning points. There will be different ways to earn points all week. Come in on Monday for refreshments and receive **FREE** points. Rules for the following day will posted daily.
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

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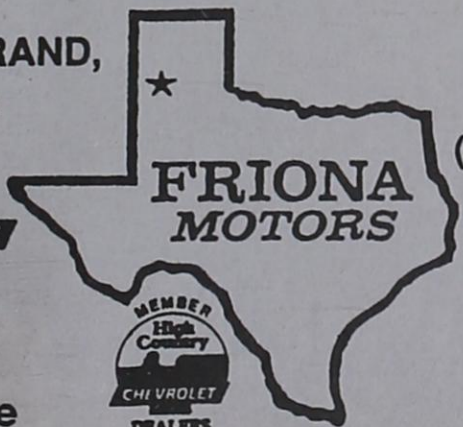


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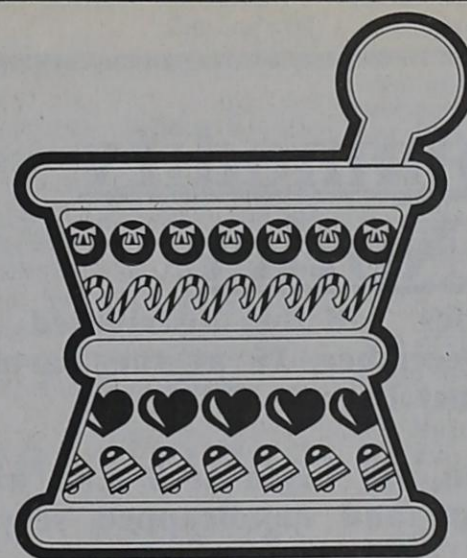


A SURE WINNER...This '94 Mustang convertible would please even the hardest to please on your list this year. LaTawn White, the '94 Miss Merry Christmas seemed to think it would be the perfect gift. If "sporty" is not what you are looking for, there are many other cars, pickups and vans to choose from at Friona Motors.

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GIFTS OF ALL KINDS...Miss Merry Christmas (LaTawn White) made a stop at Bi-Wize Healthmart this past week and found that gifts for all ages can be purchased there. Erma Balli, suggests the bear lamps or perhaps potpourri for those on your list this year.

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MR. & MRS. JOSHUA BRET TAYLOR....Dee Anne Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Ray of Bovina, and Joshua Bret Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor of Clovis, were married September 24, 1994, at the Bovina Church of Christ. Mike Prather, minister, officiated. The maid of honor was Robin Ray, sister of the bride. Aaron Scott, friend of the groom, was best man. The flower girl was Sara Cooper, niece of the groom. Justin and Jared Baker, nephews of the groom, were the ring bearer and Bible bearer. A reception honoring the bride and groom was held in the church fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. The bride and groom are at home in Friona.

Did You Know?

By GEORGE RUSHING

I was looking over some Christian music the other day and came across a song entitled "The Three Nails" by Lewis Harrah and Jimmie Davis. Included with the song was a rather lengthy poem written by the same two men.

The poem told the story of a merchant who set up a store just across the street from Pontius Pilate's hall. He felt it was a good location and he could sell many items to passersby.

One day a Roman soldier came in and asked for three large nails. The storekeeper sold them and then asked why he just needed three nails. The soldier replied that on this day he would nail Jesus to the cross and it would take but three nails.

The storekeeper said "No" please don't do that. He begged him not to use those nails, he even agreed to buy them back. But the soldier was set on his mission and would not move from what he was about to do.

Have you ever done something, and then wished you hadn't? I have! Even to the extent I thought my own heart would break. And all of the begging or crying or wishing it were not so doesn't change the fact that it's done and it can never be changed.

I think Adam and Eve must have wished many times that they had never even heard of that tree. If Sampson had his life to live over again do you think he would chase Delilah? And I'm sure Paul regretted that he had stood holding the men's coats while they stoned Stephen. History records that after Pilate had Jesus crucified that he was continually washing his hands.

But once a thing is done there's nothing we can do to undo it. God knew that Adam would eat of the forbidden fruit and sin would enter the world but Revelation 13:8 tells us that God had already made provision..... "the life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Friends, no matter what we have done whether adultery, fornication, abortion, stealing, or just an unkind word coming from our mouth, God knows and has made provision for it.

If we will but turn to Him he will wash away our sin and heal the pain that we have brought on ourselves. A song that ministers to me goes like this, "He is able, more than able to accomplish what concerns me today. He is able, more than able to handle anything that comes my way. He is able, more than able to do much more



than I could ever dream. He is able, more than able to make me what He wants me to be." And that includes my own mistakes.

Lord, take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee. In Thy presence is fullness of joy.

Commodity Notice

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, December 15 at the Parmer County Precinct Barn in Friona.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. with senior citizens and handicapped served first.

Recipients must have information on their residence, Social Security numbers, proof of income and driver's license.

Six Guests Present Study Club Program

Modern Study Club members met November 15 at the Club House. Nellie Shelton, president, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Carmaleet Truitt read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Shelton reported that the quilt raffle ticket sales had been very successful and Becky Reeve won the quilt.

Roll call was answered by "something I wish I had learned in school but did not." Merlene Orme provided the music for the evening. Lois Miller introduced the program, "Going Back to School." Janet Bureson, Reba Buske and Kitty Gallman discussed their motivation for returning to college and some of the trials and rewards they experienced.

Guests attending the meeting were Merlene Orme, Kitty Gallman, Janet Bureson, Reba Buske and Clydie Black. Hostesses were Allo Reeve and Donna Mears. They served refreshments to thirteen members and six guests.

High School Lunch Menu

Week of December 12-16
MONDAY--soft taco, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, chilled fruit and milk.

TUESDAY-- roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY-- spaghetti, seasoned vegetables, fresh fruit, garlic bread and milk.

THURSDAY--grilled chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and milk.

FRIDAY--turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pumpkin pie and milk.

Breakfasts

Week of December 12-16
MONDAY--waffles, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY--cinnamon roll, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY-- pancakes, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY--biscuit with gravy, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY--waffles, assorted juice and milk.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

BAR 7 CATTLE COMPANY has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 26366 to expand an existing Cattle Feedyard in Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is five miles west of the intersection of State Highway 214 and Farm To Market Road 1058, then six miles north on an unnamed county road, then one mile west, three miles north, and one mile west. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on December 3 and 10.

PRAIRIE ACRES in conjunction with FRIONA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS "ARTIST OF THE MONTH" BONNIE DUTTON



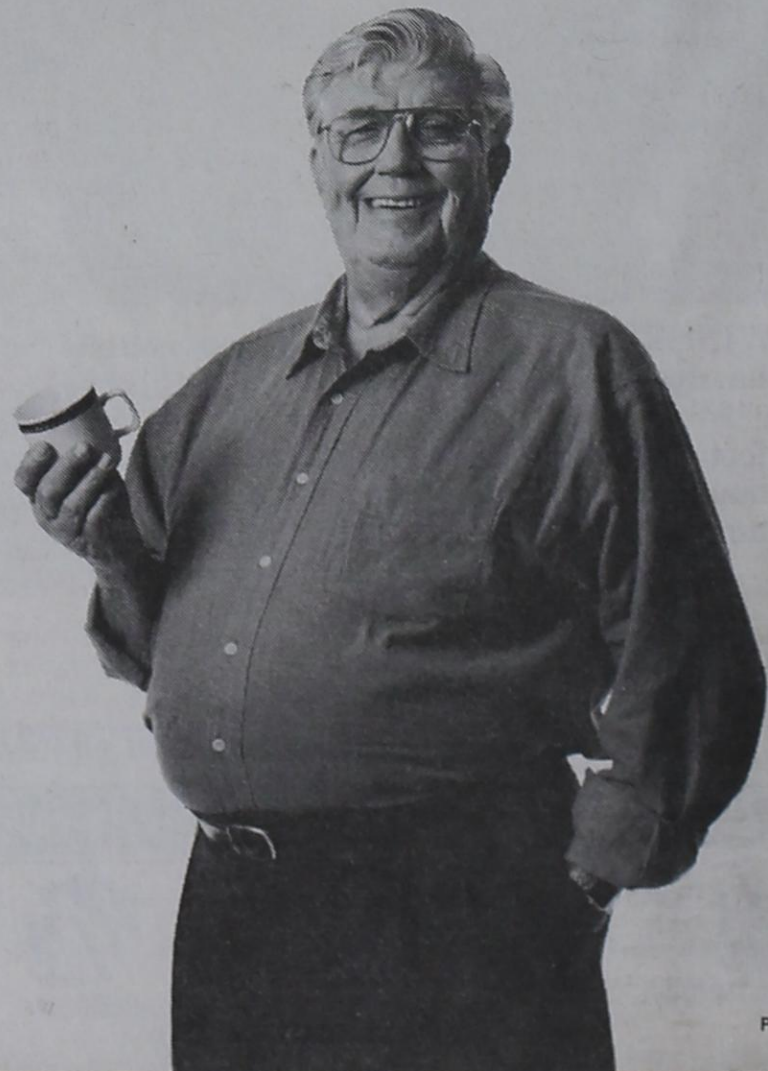
ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Bonnie Dutton has been selected by the Friona Art Association as artist of the month for December. Some of her art pieces will be on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres Nursing Home for the remainder of the month. She is shown here with Teresa Juarez, a nurse's aide at Prairie Acres. Bonnie is a self-taught artist with talent leaning toward drawing and sketching. She is displaying her southwestern art done in pen and ink on leather with color accents in acrylic.

PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME

The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month. Paintings which are for sale may be purchased from the artists with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the home.

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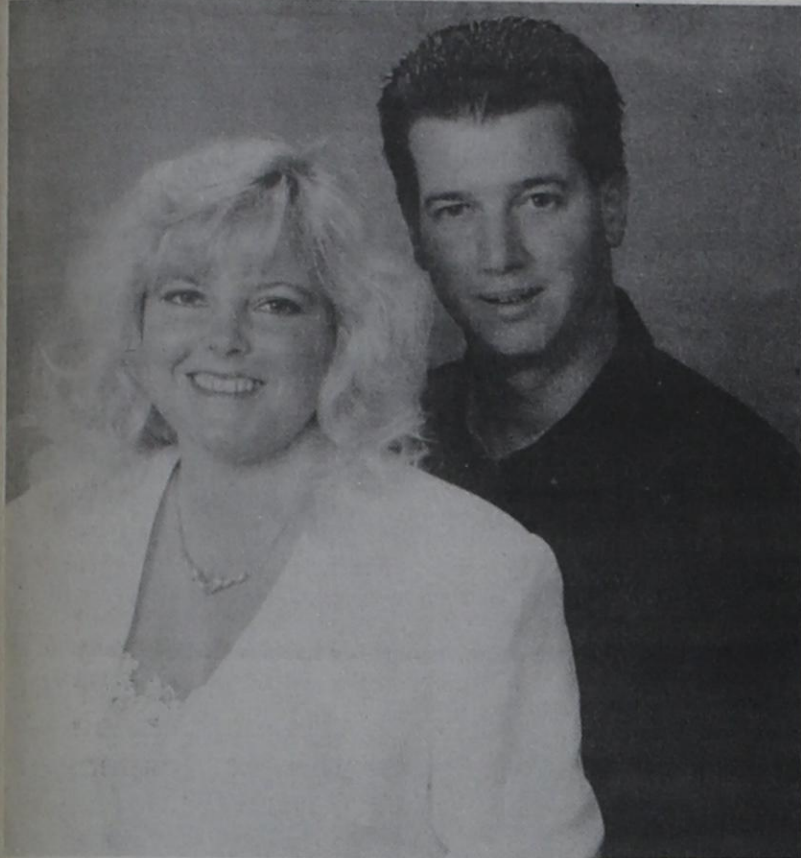
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STEFANIE HOWLE & DENVER REDWINE...Jim and Phyllis Howle of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stefanie Dawn, to Denver Ray Redwine, son of Clyde Redwine of Friona. The wedding will be February 18, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church in Amarillo. The bride-to-be graduated from Amarillo High School and attended Mountain View College in Dallas and is presently employed by Northwest Texas Hospital in the cardiac care unit. The groom-to-be graduated from Bovina High School and West Texas State University and is currently employed by Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending November 18, 1994, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
WD, Mildred Arnold Landrum, Fourway Pump, Inc., 2.548 acres out of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T3S;R3E
WD, Glendon Sudderth, Guadalupe Salinas, the S/61.6 ft. of Lots 1 thru 5, Blk. 57, OT Bovina
TR, Deed, Marciano Escalante, Jr., West Loop Savings & Loan Association, the S 1/2 of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5, Blk. 13, OT Friona

Instrument Report Ending November 23, 1994
WD, Dorothy B. Martin, Timothy C. Kasel, Lot 3, Blk. 5, Mimo Add., Farwell
WD, James B. Bruce, Vernon L. Luce, Lots 13-16, Blk. 44, OT Farwell
WD, Francisca Cruz, Francisca Cruz and Charles A. Richardson, all of Lot 8, Blk. 3, McMillen & Fergus Add., Friona
WD, Robert L. Jones, Est., Donald J. McDonald, a 3.25 acre tract out of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 10, T14S;R3E
WD, Jarrell A. Wright, Craig S. O'Connor, N/40 ft. of Lot 3 and S/20 ft. of Lot 2, of Blk. 6, Staley Add., Friona
WD, Glenn Trimble, Michael C. Scott, all of S/15' of Lot 5 and 6, of Blk. 3, Lakeside Add., Friona
WD, Odis Lee McMurtrey, Santiago Ayala Pena, Lot 10, Blk. 4, Staley Add., Friona

Instrument Report Ending December 2, 1994
WD, Edward W. Corn, Farwell Abstract Company, Inc., the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 2, T16S;R1E
WD, Farwell Abstract Company, Inc., Kenneth H. Giesbrecht, the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 2, T16S;R2E
WD, Richard A. Mullen, Jesse Siemens, all of Lot 16, Blk. 4, Mimo Add., Farwell
DT, Chapparral Investments, Inc., Gary Cook Oil Co., Inc., a tract out of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T3S;R3E
DT, Kenneth H. Giesbrecht, Edward W. Corn, the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 2, T16S;R2E
DT, Jerry Loflin, Friona State Bank, Tract I: NW/4 of Sec. 18, T4S;R4E, Tract II: E/26 acres of Sec. 32 South of P & NT Railroad T1N;R4E, Capitol Synd. Sub. and Tract III: W/54 acres of Sec. 33, South of P & SF Railroad, T1N;R4E.

ASCS Merges Into New Ag Division

The Farm Service Agency of FSA came to be last month when President Clinton signed into law a restructuring plan for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The FSA will administer commodity price and income support programs, farm ownership and operating loans and the federal crop insurance program.

The new agency combines all or part of three agencies familiar to farmers and ranchers -- the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Farmers Home Administration, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Other loans offered by the former FmHA will be assigned to a new rural development agency.

In addition, the FSA will offer conservation cost-share assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), as well as cost-sharing and land rental payments for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

USDA reorganization did not eliminate any programs. The changes are that these services soon will be available to producers on a one-stop basis. The whole purpose of the new FSA is to be able to provide better, more efficient service and to make it easier for farmers to use our programs.

At the local level, farmer-elected committee members will continue to oversee farm program administration and will take on additional duties in overseeing other FSA programs.

The agencies are merging at headquarters first. The combination of staffs and functions at the county level will come in time. In the meantime, farmers can receive service as usual at their county office.

Farmers suffering crop loss in 1994 due to adverse weather conditions may apply for emergency assistance at the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) in the near future.

The 1994 program is similar to those of recent years. Farmers with crop insurance who suffered crop losses greater than 35 percent of normal production (or 40 percent for those without crop insurance) will be eligible for a partial reimbursement.

Additional information on the Disaster Program will be released as it becomes available.

This year's election for positions on the Parmer County ASC Committee, which was to be held in December, is being rescheduled to accommodate changes brought on with last month's enactment of the law to reorganize the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The change in the election

schedule is nationwide and is authorized under regulations issued by USDA. Current members of ASC committees will continue in their posts until the new election is held next fall.

The law, which reorganized USDA, created a new agency -- the Farm Service Agency -- which encompasses all of the commodity support and basic conservation programs of the former Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), all of the risk management programs of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), and the farm lending activities of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

The new committee system, when fully implemented, will exercise increased responsibilities in its enlarged role. Rescheduling the elections on a nationwide basis avoids confusion which could occur from hastily drawn rules and regulations. This also will create efficiencies by using funds which would have been spent on this year's election process to be used in training committees in performing their added duties.

Operators are reminded that any crop certified for harvest that fails and will not be harvested must be reported before plowing, grazing or destroying the evidence of the crop. This is the same rule that has applied for several years. Crop losses must be due to natural causes such as drought, hail, excessive heat, etc.

Producers may now place 1994-crop, sorghum, barley and oats into the Farmer-Owned Reserve (FOR). Producers can earn quarterly storage payments of 28.5 cents per bushel for corn, sorghum, and barley and 20 cents per bushel for oats.

Producers must file intentions to place grain in the reserve by April 30 at the local office of the FSA, formerly the ASCS office. Although filing an intention does not obligate a producer to place grain in the reserve, a nine-month Commodity Credit Corporation price support loan agreement must be executed before the intention is filed.

Producers may not obtain the FOR loan until the expiration of a nine-month nonrecourse price-support loan. For further information contact the local FSA office.

Livestock producers who participated in the extension of the CRP grazing period must have cattle off of these acres no later than November 30, 1994. Participating producers must also sign and date a OF-25 by close of business December 15, 1994 reporting their CRP acres actually grazed and the number of livestock grazed.

Reorganization Brings New Name For FmHA

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has a new name under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) reorganization; however, the same work continues, according to George Ellis, FmHA state director.

Ellis is now named the acting state director for Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD).

Congress passed a bill authorizing the reorganization late in September, and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy issued orders making the changes on October 20, 1994.

"The entire USDA was reorganized in an effort to provide better service to the public while reducing the number of agencies required to do the same work," Ellis said. "Over the next five years, savings to the taxpayers will total \$3.6 billion through the elimination of 14 separate USDA agencies and staff reductions of up to 11,000 nationwide."

Ellis said the FmHA and the Rural Development Administration (RDA) have been abolished. Most of the loan and grant programs of these two agencies are being taken over under the RECD title.

The farm lending, rural housing, water and waste disposal, community facility, and business and industry programs formerly administered by FmHA or RDA will still be available at the newly named RECD offices. The farm loan programs will eventually become part of the new Consolidated Farm Service Agency, which was created under reorganization.

"For the time being, people

wanting these important services should go to the local office that probably will still have a Farmers Home Administration sign out front," Ellis said. "As additional changes are made, we will be letting the communities know about them."

A & M Club Meet In Amarillo

Amarillo's A&M Texas Club will host a dinner at the Radisson Hotel, I-40 & Lakeside, Monday, December 19, 1994. The cocktail hour and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person, with a cash bar available. Reservations are required and need to be made by 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 1994. For reservations, call Scott Herrick at 376-6625.

Featured speaker for the dinner will be Dr. Ray M. Bowen, the 21st president of Texas A&M University. His topics will include the current and future status of Texas A&M, as well as special academic programs, admissions, and athletics.

Dr. Bowen is a member of the Texas A&M class of 1958 where he holds both Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering.

He received a Master's degree in the same field from the California Institute of Technology.

The A&M Club wishes to encourage not only A&M students and former students to attend, but anyone interested in Texas A&M University and its programs.



GREETS BIVINS...Friona mayor Clarence Monroe, who introduced Sen. Teel Bivins at his speech last week in Friona is shown greeting the senator. A good crowd turned out to hear the legislator.

Grain Sorghum Provides Smart Risk For Growers

The experience of two area producers may interest farmers in Parmer County who are debating whether to plant dryland corn or grain sorghum next spring.

Both farmers planted both dryland sorghum and corn this year and they found out that sorghum lives up to its reputation as a smart risk management tool under drought conditions. Sorghum's natural drought tolerance made the difference for some growers between money in their pockets and heavy losses this year.

The two High Plains producers have concluded that dryland corn may have a place in their operations, but only when the soil profile contains enough moisture. And that, they say, only happens about three years out of ten. That's also what USDA researchers at Bushland have said.

When subsoil moisture reaches the six-foot level, dryland corn yields have been respectable, according to Joe Perrin of Adrian and Jim Cavin of Hereford. However, yields sharply decrease when moisture isn't adequate at the start of the season, they said, thus making the crop unprofitable. Under the same conditions, sorghum can produce more.

To grow dryland corn, seed company agronomists say, subsoil moisture must be 5-6 feet, a level not often realized on the Texas High Plains. Even if subsoil moisture is adequate, neither Cavin or Perrin plan to go whole-hog in their corn production programs, it's simply too risky.

"It all depends on the winter," said Perrin. "If we get two feet of snow, that should be enough to fill the profile. I learned this year that you don't want to try dryland corn if you don't have six feet of moisture in place."

Perrin harvested little of his dryland corn because moisture wasn't adequate. Cattle were turned in on most of the acreage.

"Where I had dryland corn and sorghum in the same field, I didn't even pull a machine in the corn," said Perrin of his experience this season, "but the sorghum cut 2,800 pounds. It kind of makes you sick."

His experiences are similar to those Cavin found with dryland corn. His overall dryland corn yielded 1,000 pounds. Under the same growing conditions, however,

Cavin harvested 4,105 pounds of dryland sorghum.

Figuring an average price of \$4.25 per hundredweight for corn and \$3.75 per hundredweight for the sorghum, the dryland sorghum was worth more than \$100 an acre more than the dryland corn.

"This is grain sorghum country," said Cavin. "A lot of people say it's even better than wheat. The plus for sorghum is that we know it has more drought tolerance than corn. And, after all, we're in a dryland farming area."

What makes dryland corn attractive when moisture is adequate, they say, is the timing. Because corn can be planted in early April, they have more time to spend with sorghum in June. Then, when it's time for the corn to combine, sorghum can be harvested before the sorghum.

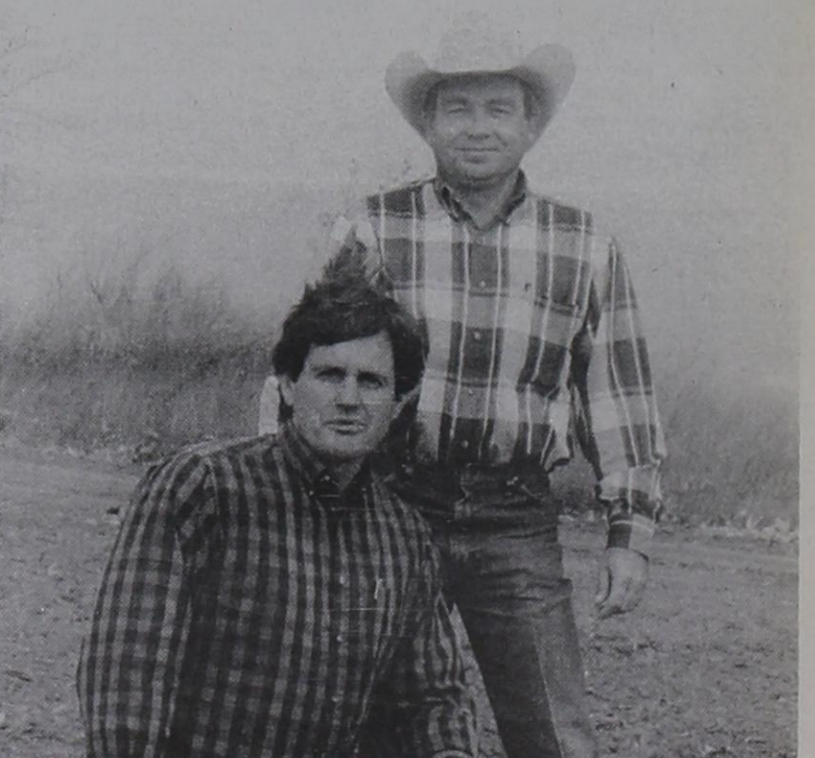
Although Cavin's 90 acres of dryland corn was looking good the middle of June this year, overwhelming heat and high winds caused one variety to tassel before July 1. Because the crop was pollinating before silks were present, that field made less than 500 pounds.

"That's what we've been plagued with the past two years on dryland corn," said Cavin, who planted 150 acres last season. "When we were trying to go through the pollination period, wind and heat were terrible."

"Corn doesn't have the ability to shut down when it's losing moisture, which sorghum does. I actually had corn in wet dirt burn up."

Under ideal conditions, the dryland corn would finish its uptake of moisture by early August, a time when rainfall often comes to boost sorghum, which matures later. Those conditions, Perrin and Cavin point out, aren't always present.

Perrin's out-of-pocket expenses ran about \$35 an acre for the dryland corn, compared to \$22.50 per acre for grain sorghum. Expenses for corn are greater because the cost of seed, additional cultivation and increased harvest costs. Even if moisture is adequate to make 3,000-pound dryland corn, the per-acre net return for both crops is virtually the same, making dryland sorghum the more profitable crop for producers in the High Plains almost every year.



HIGH PLAINS GROWERS, Jim Cavin (left) and Joe Perrin have tried dryland corn on a limited basis, but neither feel it will replace sorghum, even when all-important subsoil moisture is adequate. Cavin farms near Hereford and Perrin is from Adrian.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cooper of Friona are the parents of a baby boy born September 2 at 12:40 a.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Named William Graham, he weighed eight pounds, twelve ounces and measured twenty-one inches long at birth.

The new arrival has two sisters, Sarah, four years old, and Debra, two years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. JB Taylor of Texico, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Cooper of Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Wilson of Clovis are the child's great-grandparents.

Hamil, Leigh Neelley Boatman, Lindsey Neill, Libby Procter, M'Lynda Jarecki, Jeff Chaney.

December 12--Nelda Ellis, Mark Ready, Sheila Gresham, Linda Knowles, Barbara Williams, Chad Stevick.

December 13--Leroy Cox.
December 14--B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor.

December 15--Don Reeve, Juan Perez, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Deven Black, Sylvia Ingram, Lana Allemand.

December 16--Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Travis Stewart, Gibb Boatman, Mike Meyer, Tom Johnson, Michael Stanberry.

December 17--Gloria Drake, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Joe Tagle.

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



SUCCESSFUL HUNT....Kit Preston is shown here with one of the two eight-point buck deer he and his father, Butch, shot while on a recent hunting trip to San Angelo.

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A child's education is a major concern to most parents. Although high schools and colleges prepare students to earn money, they typically devote little time to teaching them how to properly manage that money. It's important for children, even at an early age, to understand that money is a limited resource that must be managed wisely.

Children as young as five can begin handling an allowance. Having a small, limited amount of money to spend as they wish teaches children to balance their wants with their limited resources.

Another excellent way to teach children the value of money is to introduce them to the world of investing. One way to accomplish this is to purchase the stock of a company with which the child is familiar. Stock certificates are often colorful and imaginative with pictures of the company's products. The annual report published by the company provides information about the firm and gives the child a real sense of ownership.

Unfortunately, purchasing a share or two of an individual stock can be expensive. An alternative is to buy shares of a mutual fund that invests in many different companies.

One mutual fund company recently used its annual report to explain what a mutual fund is and to examine the investments offered through the fund. The information

was presented as though a set of grandparents were teaching their grandchild about this investment.

The grandfather began by explaining that by purchasing mutual fund shares, the granddaughter, Andrea, had become part owner of many different businesses. If the companies performed well and the value of their stock rose, Andrea's mutual fund shares would be worth more.

The grandfather went on to explain how the value of the stock changes nearly every day, and he showed Andrea how to find the share price on the financial page in the daily newspaper. He even circled her fund with a red pencil.

"What companies do I own, Grandpa?" asked Andrea.

"One is the company that puts out this newspaper," he answered. The grandmother picked up a box of cereal Andrea enjoyed at breakfast. "And the company that makes this cereal," she added. "You own part of both these companies through your mutual fund."

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