



It's Time to Fill Out Your Census Form!

Comptroller Delivers Sales Tax

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$196.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 13.4 percent increase over March 1999.

March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February.

A total of \$25,045 was paid to Parmer County cities: Bovina \$2,428; Farwell, \$4,783; and Friona, \$17,834. The total is 25.21% more than was received in the same period in 1999.

Year-to-date, Parmer County has received \$78,397; Bovina, \$8,243; Farwell, \$12,795; and Friona, \$57,358.

It's Time For Luncheons at The Depot

The Heritage Society is again planning to sponsor four Spring Luncheons in the Depot during the month of April. Dates are set for April 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Expect to enjoy a nice meal, interesting decor, fellowship and entertainment in Friona's old Depot.

All seating is by reservation only and no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets usually sell out quickly, so call 250-3209 or 250-3491 for your reservations soon. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and can be picked up at the Friona Chamber of Commerce Office at 621 Main Street.

Proceeds from the luncheons go to help with the ongoing upkeep and renovation of the old Santa Fe Depot building located in the City Park on Main Street.

IS IT JUST ME, or have our sports in America, especially on the professional level, become more and more violent in nature?

The most recent single episode I can cite was in pro ice hockey, where the player skated completely across the rink and whacked an opposing player in the side of the head with his stick and knocked him out cold.

Come to find out, this player (I don't keep up with names) is known for his violent play. He has served as "bodyguard" for some of the sport's better known players, so his "hatchet man" persona apparently has been well earned.

Football, by its very nature, is more violent than most sports. In recent years, we have seen a hulking defensive player pick up a quarterback behind the line, and dunk him on his head. This play ended the career of the QB.

Then the past season, Dallas' Michael Irvin was treated about the same way by a defensive player tackling Irvin. It ended his season, and perhaps his career as well.

The Irvin incident happened when the Cowboys were playing at Philadelphia. If you kept up with it, you may recall that a large chorus of the Eagle fans stood up and cheered their player's "work." Some commentators remarked that Philadelphia fans were the worst in the NFL, and that this event should be shameful to the citizens in the "City of Brotherly Love" (?)

The resurging popularity of pro wrestling is another instance of fans wanting more violence. Wrestlers have for years introduced "blood" into their matches, even if it were a red-dyed substance they carried on their person. But apparently the sport has gained new popularity because of its tendency to more blatant physical abuse. I wouldn't know for sure. I attended one wrestling match as a youth and that was it.

Boxing fans have for years demanded that their "guy in the ring" knock his opponent out. Just going the distance for a victory isn't good enough. The fans tend to boo when the fighters dance around, or stand in the ring hugging each other (what's this about?).

This "new found resurgence of violence" in sporting events is not, of course, new. During the first century, officials treated their citizens by throwing Christians to the Lions in the sporting arena.

Criminals at this point in time were crucified, in the manner of Christ, hung up on a cross until they were dead. I expect that crowds came to view these proceedings.

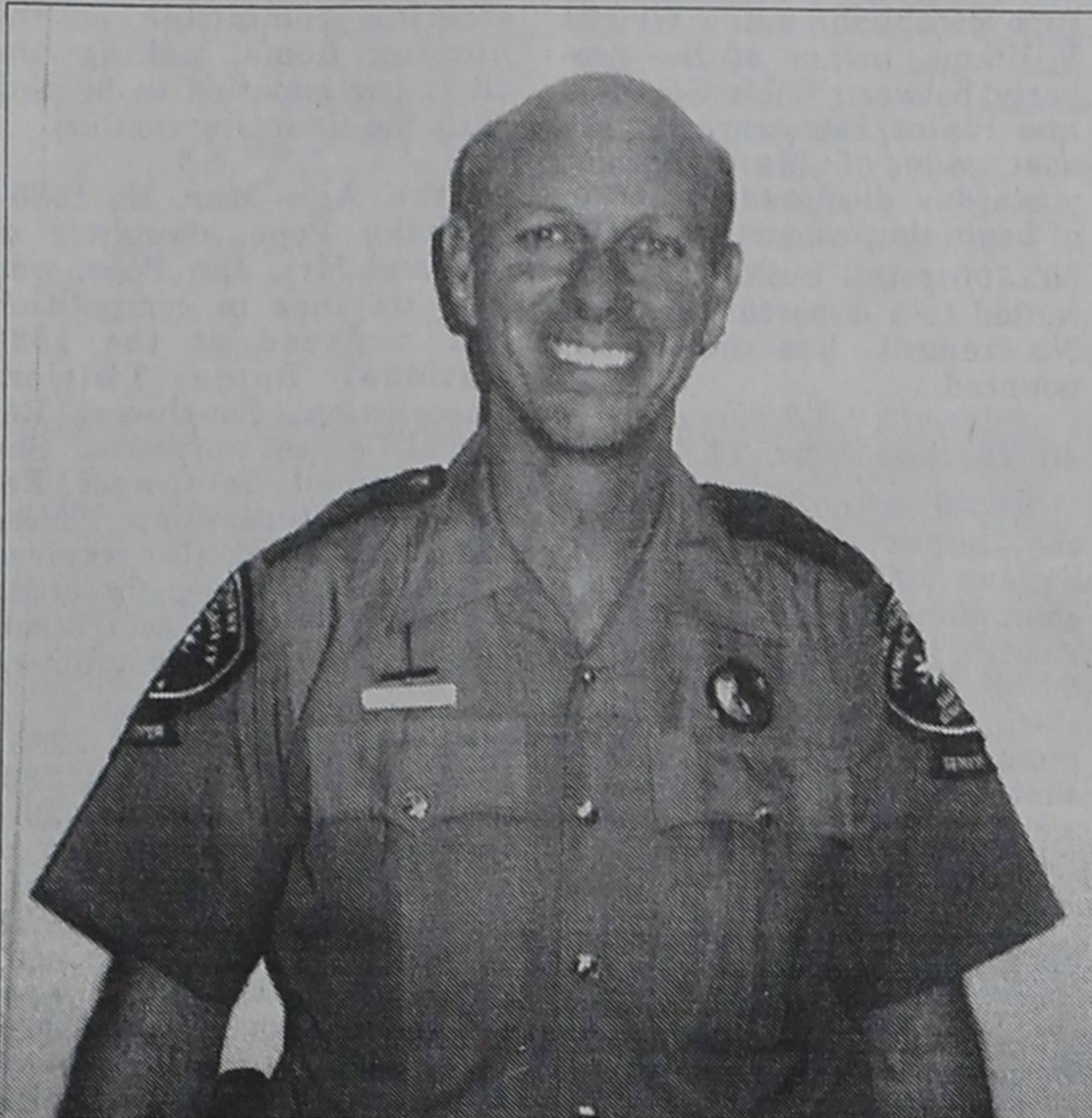
At about this same time, Roman gladiators "fought" in the arena. If I understand it right, the event wasn't over until one or the other of these early-day sports heroes killed off the other one.

We have all heard about the beheadings which were in vogue in many of the world's early monarchies.

In "more recent" years, hanging criminals turned into a "production." People came for miles to witness the event, with many bringing a lunch, a quilt, probably their kids, and spend most of the day while waiting for the *main event*, so anxious not to miss out on the gory sight. Glad I wasn't alive then. (There was no "death row," with hundreds or thousands waiting their turn. Criminals received a quick trial, and probably an even quicker execution!)

Some people would like for states' execution be telecast so they could watch them. Give me a break!

Apparently humanity has always had an inbred nature that hasn't allowed mankind to advance much past the animal kingdom in some respects. With all of our technology, many of us must still require an occasional dose of violence.



WAYNE BEIGHLE

Chamber Banquet To Feature Trooper Beighle

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's annual banquet is set for Thursday, March 23, starting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street or from any member of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Prices for advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$17 and \$14.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle will be the featured speaker at this year's banquet. Beighle, of Amarillo, is a frequent contributor to Amarillo TV news reports and is an experienced public speaker.

K-Bob's of Hereford will be serving prime rib at the banquet. Following the meal, awards will be given for Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher and Students of the Year.

A drawing will be held for two roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines. For more information call the Chamber office at 250-3491.

IN HEAVY TURNOUT

Challengers Win In Two County Races

It was a tough day for two incumbent office holders in Tuesday's primary election.

In a record primary turnout, Sheriff Walt Yerger lost to Randy Geris, 777-409. Geris is currently serving as Friona's Chief of Police.

In a race of interest to Friona area voters, incumbent county commissioner Johnny Tannahill was out-polled, 228-200, or 53 per cent to 47 per cent.

A record-setting 1761 Parmer County voters took part in the Republican primary. Another 553 voted in the Democratic primary, and the total vote, and the grand total, 2313, represented 55 per cent of the

county's 4213 registered voters.

The good turnout was exceptional in light of the fact that Friona's schools were in spring break on Tuesday. However, that also helped push the early vote to an all-time high for the primaries.

Geris won five of the county's nine boxes, as well as the early vote.

Surprisingly, Yerger's majorities included one of Geris' "old stomping ground" boxes, at Farwell. In addition, Yerger won at Lazbuddie, and had a one-vote win at Rhea, and split even, 17-all, at Oklahoma Lane.

But Geris had big wins in most of the county's larger

precincts. He won going away at Friona 101, 199-71, led at the Friona Community Center, 71-14, 68-34 at the Bovina EMS box and 58-12 at the Friona Fire Station box. The county native also led in early voting, 203-100.

Yerger's margin at the Farwell box was 107-104, and at Lazbuddie it was also a slim majority, 30-28.

Tannahill, who had beaten seated commissioner John Mars four years earlier, came up short this time, but the outcome was in doubt until a late hour, due to the closeness of the race.

It was the first political venture for Frye, 37, much as the 1996 race featured Tannahill's first foray into politics. Frye won Friona 101 (Calvary Baptist Church), 145-125, and also led in early voting, 83-75.

To no one's surprise, Governor George W. Bush led Parmer County's GOP voting with 1092 tallies, a whopping 93.5 per cent of the votes. Bush received more votes in the eight-man field in Parmer County than did Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, unopposed, who was marked by 1069 voters.

Republican primary voters gave incumbent Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht a 521-329 win over challenger Valerie Davenport, but gave challenger Charles W. Matthews an 839-705 win over Michael L. Williams, who was Gov. Bush's appointee to the Railroad Commission. Williams won statewide, however.

Continuing county voters' penchant to favor the challengers, they were not kind to incumbent Justice Al Gonzales, favoring Rod Gorman, 510-334. Gonzales led in state voter totals.

Another incumbent justice, Brian Quinn, did better with county voters, getting a 513-236 majority.

In the non-binding proposition to allow student-initiated prayer at school sporting events, county voters favored those statewide, giving the measure a thumbs up, 1120 to 21, a 98.2 per cent margin.

In the Democratic primary, Parmer voters favored Al Gore, 227-130 to Bill Bradley.

In the Demo primary race for County Tax Assessor, Bobbie Pierson was favored, 347-196 over Jesse Cantu, Jr., even though Cantu has experience in the tax office. Ms Pierson will meet Teresa Ancira, unopposed on the GOP ballot, in November.

In Precinct 3, Ed Corn edged Ronald Byrd, 134-129. He faces incumbent commissioner Jerry Davis in November.



PRIMARY VOTING was completed on Tuesday with record voting in Parmer County. Here, election officials Margie Rivera and Linda Rushing monitor the election at the Community Center precinct's location. ron carr photo

Annual Meetings Are Scheduled

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will hold their annual meeting and dinner in Hereford on Tuesday, March 28.

West Texas Rural Telephone Coop will celebrate their 50th anniversary with their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 21 in Hereford.

See details on these two events inside your Friona Star.

VFW Meal Set For March 26

The Friona VFW Post will be hosting another of their 'finger-lickin' good' fried chicken dinners on Sunday, March 26. Better plan to come on by Veteran's Hall at the corner of 6th and Euclid in Friona, because this will be their last Sunday chicken dinner until the fall.

Serving times will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years.

In case you've forgotten, the menu includes crispy fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bread and butter, homemade desserts.

Stock Auction Sets Record

The auction sale for the 2000 Jr. Livestock Show totaled \$107,920, which was an all-time record, it was announced this week by Alan Monroe, spokesman.

Buyers are thanked in advertisements inside this issue.

Ex-Frionan Deals With 'Copter Crash

A former resident, Charlene Seale, has been involved with Amarillo's Lifestar helicopter, which had a tragic crash last Friday morning, killing three young medical professionals as well as their four-month-old patient.

Charlene, a graduate of Friona High School, is coordinator of Northwest Texas Hospital's Lifestar and Trauma Services program. She was especially close to flight nurse Lauren Stone, 30, among those killed when the medical helicopter went down south of Boise City, Okla. last Friday.

Seale had worked with Mrs. Stone five years. "I never saw Lauren without a smile on her face," she said. Seale also worked closely with paramedic Terry Griffith, 35. "He was a good man with a good heart and a good soul," Charlene said.

Also killed was pilot Ed Sanneman, along with the infant patient, Kathy Esparza.

Ms. Seale also spoke at Wednesday's memorial service in Amarillo. She said Sanneman had a love of the outdoors and of animals. "We shared each other's defeats and triumphs," she said. "We see death daily, but we also see blessings," the Friona native concluded.

Another former Frionan, pilot Doug Carthel of Dalhart, flew one of the planes which found the crash site. Doug is the son of Bill and Ann Carthel of the Black community.



AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH is being observed during the month of March. Mayor Clarence Monroe, left, signs a proclamation to signify the month as Red Cross Month in Friona. Roger Fields, right, serves as Chairman of the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Census To Open Center In Friona

The Census Bureau has long realized that reliability of data increased when individuals can respond directly to a written questionnaire. The Census Bureau will establish approximately 40,000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers where individuals can get the assistance they need to fill out their own questionnaires through out the country. The QACs are designed to the following four objectives:

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To assist persons needing assistance with completing their census questionnaire;

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to complete the questionnaire;
•To assist persons who believe they did not receive a questionnaire; and
•To answer general questions about the census.

The Census Bureau will furnish each QAC with Language Assistance Guides in 49 languages, plus a large print guide, to help respondents complete their official Census 2000 questionnaire. A Census 2000 Language Identification Flash card will also be available to assist QAC staff in determining which language guide is appropriate to assist the respondent.

The Census Bureau is establishing a Questionnaire Assistance Center in our area. The hours of operation have been determined to make the center accessible to as many as those needing help



SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP

COUNTY SPELLING CHAMPS....At the Parmer County spelling bee, Castle Crawford, a fifth grader from Lazbuddie, won the senior division and Sean Lookingbill, a fifth grader of Friona won the county junior bee.

Around Town

Seniors steak dinner Apr 9

The Senior Class of 2000 will hold their annual steak dinner on Sun Apr 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Kids are \$5 advance and \$6 at the door. The dinner raises money for the all-night drug free party after senior graduation. Takeouts and delivery are available. Call Martha Rodriguez at 250-3728; Sue Fiel at 250-3207; or Carolyn Wiseman at 250-8028.

Paper co. seeks local growers

The Roosevelt County Development Corporation is hosting a grower information meeting with Tom Rymysa, President of Vision Paper (a tree free paper) on Thu, Mar 23, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Building in Portales. Vision works with farmers to grow an annual row crop called kenaf. Kenaf can yield 6 to 10 tons of dry fiber per acre per year. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting or call 505-356-8541 for more information.

Paralegal certificate at ENMU

A paralegal certificate course will be offered at Eastern New Mexico University beginning Apr 1. Total number of class hours are 84 and course tuition is \$845. Students attend classes on weekends, prepare homework assignments during the week and take regular quizzes. For more info call 505-562-2347 or www.legalstudies.com.

CCC cosmetology clinic open evenings

Beginning Mar 6 the Cosmetology Clinic students at Clovis Community College will offer evening hours from 5:30-9 p.m. (MST) You can call 505-769-4100 to make an appointment.

Motorcycle rally at Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church is planning their second annual motorcycle rally at the church on Jul 30, 2000. The Sunday event will feature study groups, a biker worship service, lunch, and fun and games to 4 p.m. Everyone will be invited to join the fun.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 21, 1930

Mr. Stovell, local manager of the West Texas Gas Company at Hereford, was in town Thursday afternoon and paid the Star office a brief visit. He stated that the company was then unloading three carloads of gas pipes here for use in the Friona mains, and expects that work of laying it will be started within a very short time.

60 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 22, 1940

Earl Prather of Friona showed the grand champion fat pig in the sixth annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show in Friona Saturday of last week. Other winners included: sow and litter--Burl Beene, Friona; bred or open sow--Edwin Foster, Oklahoma Lane; bred gilt--Keith Blackburn, Friona; fat calves--Stacy Queen, Bovina; junior heifer--Charles D. Julian, Lazbuddie.

55 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1945

Funeral services for E.B. Black, pioneer businessman for the area, were conducted in Hereford Tuesday. Black, 78, was a pioneer of this area, and he is the one for which the Black Community is named.

50 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 17, 1950

Ground-breaking ceremonies for Friona's newest building were held Sunday. Mrs. J.N. Messenger, charter member of the First Baptist Church, turned the first shovel full of dirt to mark the beginning of the construction of the \$70,000 auditorium of the church.

45 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1955

Announcement of several transactions and buildings plans for Main Street were made in Friona this week. They are: James Mabry negotiated for two lots across from Piggly Wiggly, and plans to begin construction within two weeks of an ultra-modern office building on the property. The Carl Maurer property on the corner north of the Marcum-Claborn Funeral Home this week was contracted to Kenneth Wil-

liams, who is planning a small retail business, probably of the drive-in eating type establishment. Wright Williams, owner of the property between Gib's Cleaners and Plains Hardware on the east side of Main Street, yesterday disclosed intention of beginning construction of a 50X100 retail building, to be rented to a department store. No tenant has been announced.

40 Yr. Ago--Mar. 17, 1960

Hot-shooting Buna killed the hopes of the Friona Squaws for a state basketball championship last Friday in Austin, as the Squaws fell, 66-63 in the finals of the state tournament. Hitting a phenomenal 84 per cent of their shots, the Buna team went into the final quarter leading, 57-40.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1965

For the third year in a row, the Friona High School Squaws placed two members of their team on the girls' class AA all-state team. The Squaws, seeking to repeat as state champions, battled to the finals, where they fell to unbeaten Edna, 60-57.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1970

It was strictly a family affair at the record-breaking sale of the Houston Livestock Show's grand champion barrow Friday afternoon. W.M. (Billy) Mitchell wound up the winner in the hot and heavy bidding--but only after he outbid his wife and son with the world's record price for a hog, \$6,550. Fourteen-year-old Rickie Seaton of Lazbuddie, the champion seller, couldn't have been happier to see a family fight over who was to spend money.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1975

The Friona City Council discussed two projects with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Monday

night. One was paving at the Community Center, and another was a request by the steering committee of the nursing home, asking the city's participation in helping with the financing method.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1980

Erika Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pope, won four trophies in competition last weekend at the 1980 National Baton Twirlers Association, Southwest Regional Contest at Slaton. She was named Southwest Regionals Intermediate "Miss Majorette," and also received first place trophies for being named 15-year-old solo, strutting and modeling champion.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 17, 1985

A crowd of between 380-400 people attended the 29th annual Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet Thursday night. Winners of the Chamber's outstanding citizen awards are: Anne Osborn, Woman of the Year; Ron Davenport, Man of the Year; Faye Smith,

Teacher of the Year; Darla Bracken and Billie Fairchild, Employees of the Year; and Julie Wilshire and Brent Hinkle, Outstanding Young People.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 17, 1990

Parmer County voters gave a majority of their votes to Clayton Williams in the governor's race for the Republican primary last Thursday.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1995

Jon Peddy Goddard, a first-year student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

Jon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Goddard in Friona.

The Parmer County Spelling Bee for junior high students was held March 9 in Bovina.

Kayla McCoy, Lindsay Buske and Jena Grimsley participated in the county meet. Celia Barrera was named alternate.

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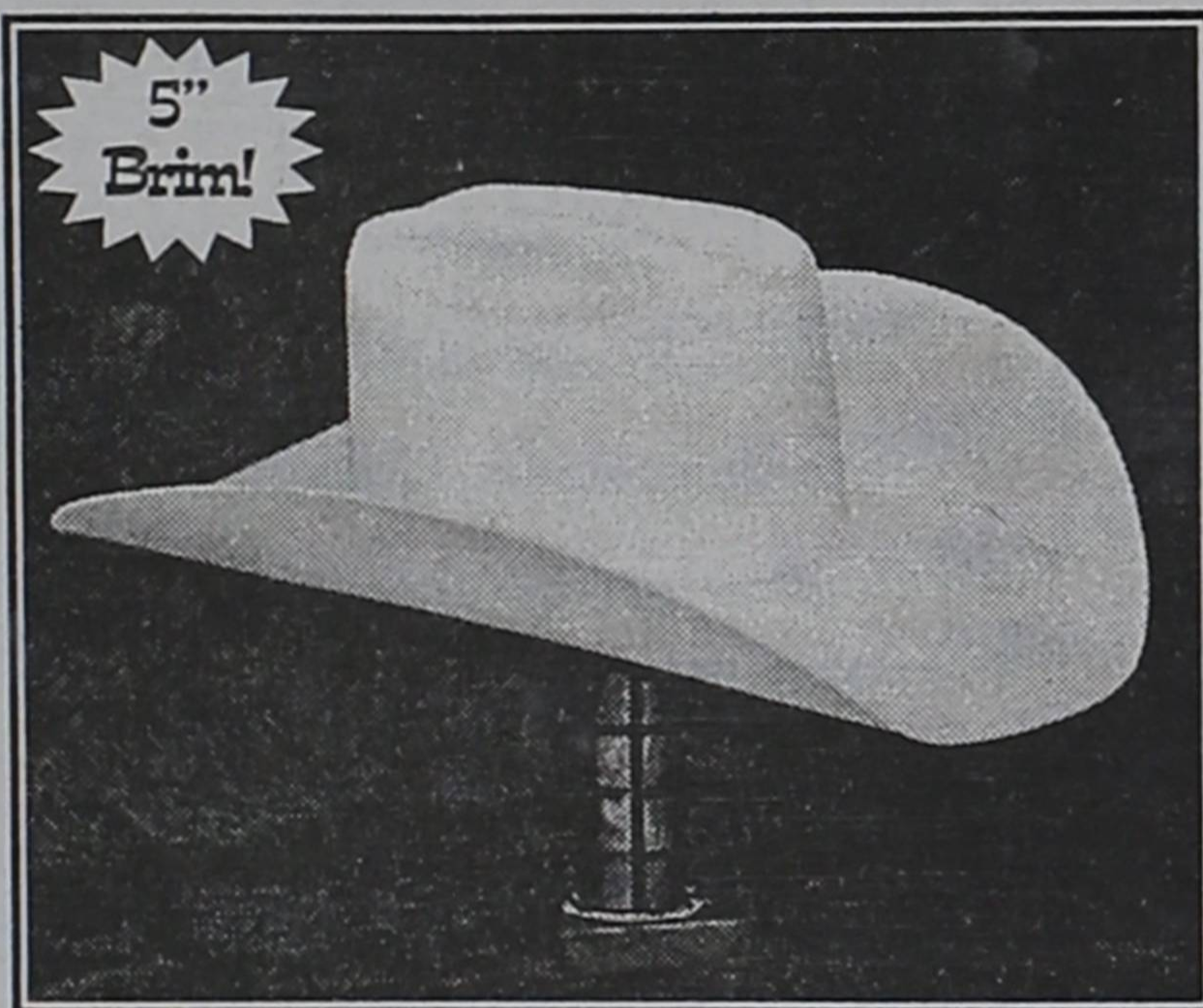
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Jr. High Track Results

Results of the Junior High Chieftain Relays held at Chieftain Field on Friday, March 10.

Team finishes were: 8th grade boys-2nd; 7th grade boys-4th; 8th grade girls-3rd; 7th grade girls-3rd.

Other schools entered in the meet were Tulia, Morton, Muleshoe, Panhandle, Highland Park and Dimmitt.

Individual events and finishes were:

8th Grade Boys: 400m dash; Gonzales, 1st, 60.37; Rivera, 6th, 65.39. 300m hurdles; Herrera, 1st, 49.38; Haile, 5th, 51.85; Field, 6th, 52.05.

1600m run; Vega, 1st, 5:38.87. 1600 relay; Friona, 1st, 4:08.63. 2400m run; Vega, 1st, 8:49.25; Rivera, 3rd, 9:30.03.

Discus; Haile, 5th, 108' 3 1/2". Shot put; Thompson, 35'7". Pole vault; Mullins, 3rd, 8'; Haile, 4th, 7'6".

400m relay; Friona, 3rd, 49.97; 800m dash; Herrera, 1st, 2:18.93; Gonzales, 2nd, 2:21.95.

Triple jump; Potts, 4th, 33' 7 3/4". 100m dash; Gutierrez, 2nd, 12.10; Jones, 6th, 12.65. Long jump; Jose, 3rd, 14' 9 1/2".

7th Grade Boys: Triple jump; Gonzales, 6th, 28' 11 1/4". 300m hurdles; Gonzales, 4th, 57.23; Widner, 5th, 57.47.

1600m run; Nava, 1st, 6:21.47; Godoy, 3rd, 6:33.59. 1600m relay; Friona, 5th, 4:46.26. Pole vault; Taylor, 2nd, 7'6". Long jump; Davila, 4th, 12' 9".

2400m run; Godoy, 1st, 10:05.75. 110m hurdles; Gonzales, 5th, 21.38. Shot put; Chavez, 2nd, 33' 7 1/2".

7th Grade Girls: Triple jump; Adams, 3rd, 24' 3". Geries, 5th, 23' 6 1/4". Murphree, 6th, 23' 6". 400m dash; Winebrenner, 5th, 77.30. 300m hurdles; Ingram, 2nd, 62.38.

200m dash; Ramos, 5th, 32.25; Madrid, 6th, 32.54. 1600m relay; Friona, 1st, 4:55.94.

Shot put; Bautista, 4th, 23' 1". Discus; Winebrenner, 1st, 72' 11"; Bautista, 2nd, 62' 10". Long Jump; Geries, 3rd, 11' 8"; Adams, 6th, 11' 5".

100m hurdles; Welch, 1st, 18.10; Geries, 3rd, 19.43. 100m dash; Ingram, 6th, 15.19. 800m relay; Friona, 4th, 2:13.08.

Carillo, 6th, 28' 6". Discus; Carillo, 2nd, 84' 4". 400m relay; Friona, 6th, 56.08. 800m dash; Mendez, 4th, 2:37.49; Nava, 5th, 2:38.02. 400m dash; Mendez, 2nd, 68.35; Hutson, 4th, 71.55.

8th Grade Girls: 800m relay; Friona, 6th, 2:16.30. 400m dash; Wilcox, 1st, 71.16. 1600m relay; Friona, 4th, 5:04.18. Long jump; Aronce, 3rd, 12.03. Discus; Wilcox, 2nd, 68' 1".

400m relay; Friona, 3rd, 58.01. 100m hurdles; Smiley, 3rd, 19.65; Aronce, 4th, 19.72. High jump; Wilcox, 5th, 4' 2". Triple jump; Aronce, 2nd, 27' 6 1/4".



TOP SQUAW...Friona junior V Laura Wilcox won first place in the 110m hurdles during last Saturday's Chieftain Relays. The varsity girls won second place at the meet. ron carr photo



I wish to thank everyone who voted in the Primaries.

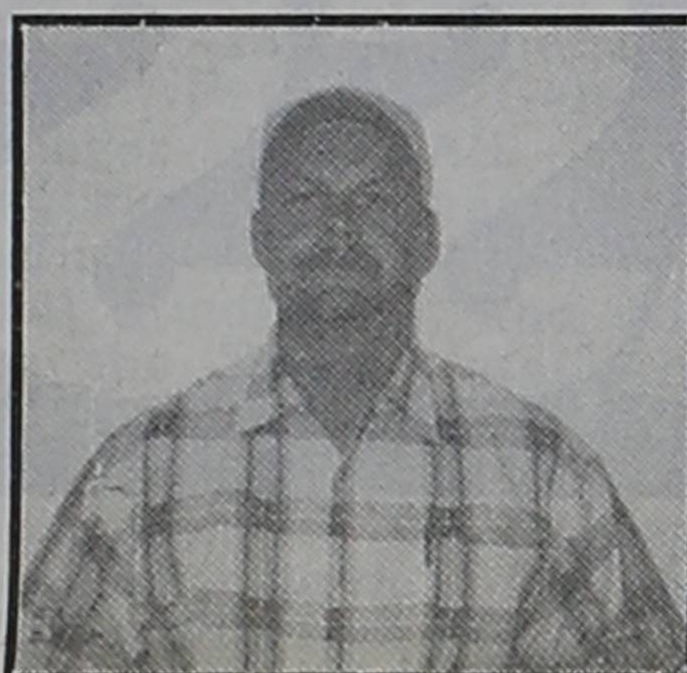
I am happy that I was elected as the Republican Candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 1.

I want to thank John Tannahill for the job he did as County Commissioner and for keeping our race friendly.

Kirk Frye

Budget

Two Squaws Chosen As All-District



Jim Williams
Sales Representative

Two members of the '99-'00 basketball team were chosen to the all-district 2-3A team announced last week.

Kayla Smiley and Crystal Dow made the ten-girl first team. Teammates Crystal Morton, V Laura Wilcox and Jamille Hand were cited as "honorable mention."

Muleshoe's Lindsey Field was named "Most Valuable Player."

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Friona Livestock Booster Club

Friona News

By BECKY LONDON
~ Phone 1-806-238-1146 or 250-2211 With your News Items ~

I had lunch with the senior citizens Monday at the Congregational Church. They had a good crowd that enjoyed chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy and other goodies.

Mary Johnston said from twenty to fifty people attend regularly and many stay and play games afterwards. Any senior is welcome to join the group. They meet twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Meals are only \$3.

Stella and Ralph Shirley have returned from their winter hide-away in Zapata, Texas. Stella said they take their travel trailer yearly and usually stay a month or two and enjoy the scenery. The couple were gone two months this time. Stella said it was hot, beautiful and it rained only twice for about five minutes each time.

The trip is over seven hundred miles from home. Stella said that part of Texas "is a different world." The heat was above ninety degrees several times during their stay. We're glad to have ya'll home again.

Lawrence Martin suffered a light stroke at his home early Monday morning. His daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Don Klinger and their two children, Jeremy and Kayla, of Ft. Worth and daughter, Susan Harkey and her daughter, Jana, of Burkburnett, were here visiting with Lawrence and

Patsy during their spring breaks. Lawrence has recovered quickly and is expected to be home by press time.

Karene Kraul's only sister, Joy A. Bowen, 68, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed away Thursday, March 9 after suffering from lupus for some time. Rev. Herman Kraul officiated at the service Monday in Albuquerque. Joy was survived by six children.

Rev. Kraul has been recovering from by-pass surgery and plans to return to work full-time this week.

I met a nice lady, Ruby, this week who is working for the census. She was having lunch at the Dairy Queen with Judy Cummings. She said she delivers census packets door-to-door each day. She has done as many as fifty-eight houses in one day and she'll be 81 in June!

Ruby, an enumerator, said Friona people have been very nice and friendly and she said she "has not met one sorehead yet." Expect to meet an enumerator soon and complete the census pack that they leave by your door. Get counted!

Roy and Eva Miller had a big weekend of celebration for their 70th wedding anniversary. Over two hundred family and friends wished them well Saturday at the newly expanded home of Donna and Sam Mears.

The couple's five children and spouses are Dr. Roy V. and Glenda Miller of San Marcos; Mary Lou and Dale Glass of McLean; Donna and Sam Mears of Friona; Linda and Clyde Tims of Sunray; and Jan Miller of Las Alamos, New Mexico.

Roy and Eva's sixteen-year-old son, Johnny was a drowning victim in 1960. Another son, Ross passed away in 1980. His widow, Nelda, is now married to Leon Talley of Friona.

All of the Millers' grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended. They are, corresponding to the above list of their parents: Dr. Dan Roy and Rhonda Miller and their children, Jared, Sam, Rachel, Elizabeth, Hanna and Abigail of Wheelock, Texas; Darla and Ricky Powell and son Josh of Wichita; and Ben and Tracey Miller and Jessica and Jenny of Dallas.

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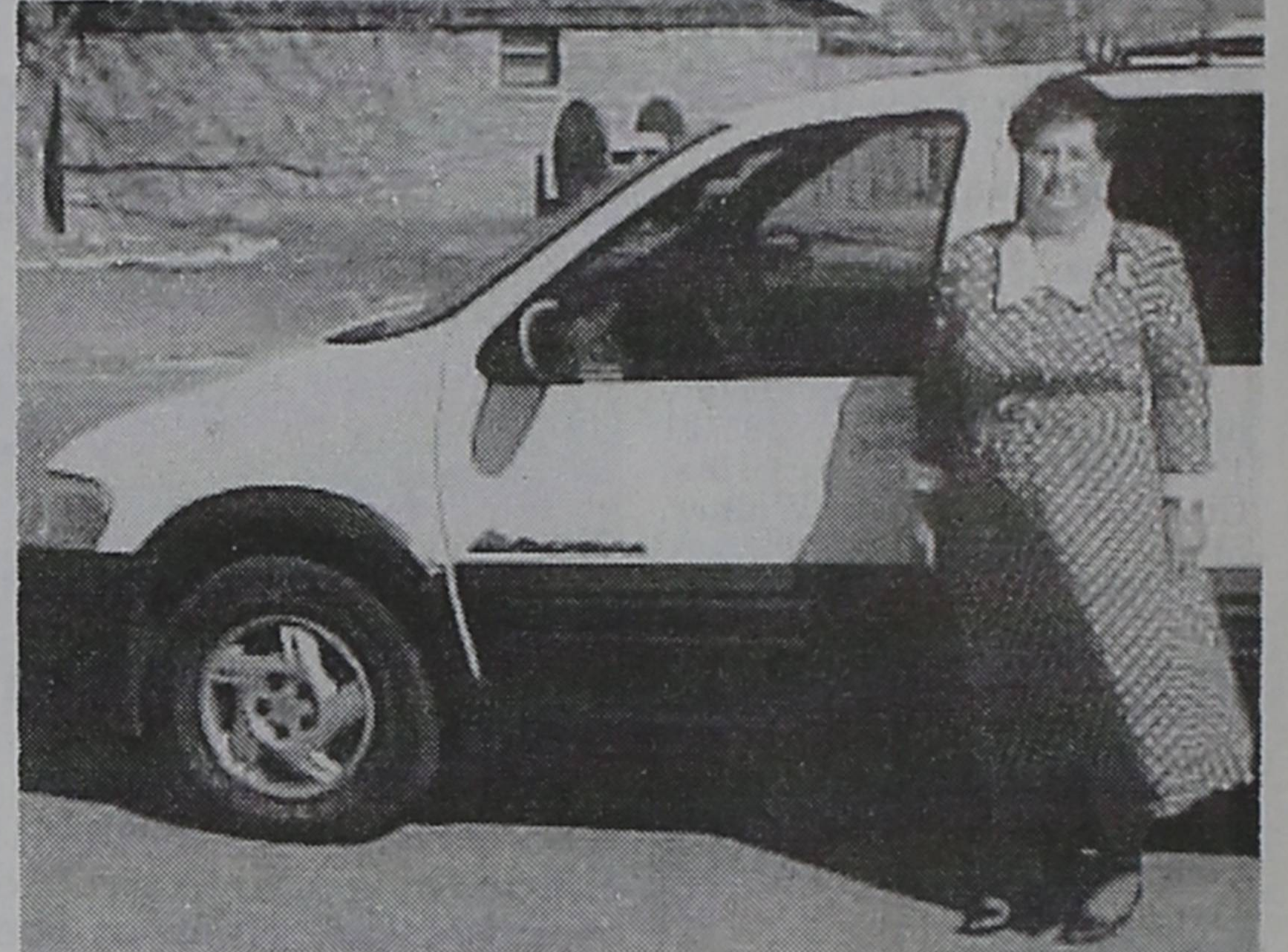
Other out-of-town family and guests included Eva's sister, Eileen Miller of Lawton, Oklahoma; Raul Gonzalez and Michael Herron, also of Lawton, Ray and Joyce Daniels of Amarillo; and Bill Sheehan of Dallas.

Eva's niece, her husband and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lynch and Kenny of Manhattan, Kansas; and Roy's neices and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Williams of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Renner of Winnsboro, Louisiana and Mrs. Kathy Cowen of Jayton.

Remember--call me with your news for next week's column. If you went somewhere for spring break, or had company, let us know, so we can share it with your friends.



JV 110M HURDLER Andy Carthel outruns a Panhandle runner in the Chieftain Relays. The JV boys took second place in the Saturday meet.



Sue Procter's new van...See story on page 11.

Family Achieves A Remarkable Record

(Editor's note: When a Friona woman's sister and brother-in-law observed their 50th wedding anniversary at Anton this week, it allowed their family to achieve a remarkable record.

The former Leona Copeland became the seventh of eight siblings to reach the Golden Wedding Anniversary plateau on Thursday, March 16. Her husband is Ralph Lewis.

Only an untimely death prevented all eight to make that plateau.

Glaytus Wylly, the Friona sister, and youngest of the family, wrote the following as a tribute to her family:

Is a 50-year anniversary unique? Not for this family. Seven of our eight siblings have now celebrated from 50 to 68 years with their only spouse.

The Copeland siblings, Ford, Jerolene, Loleta, Juanita, Leona, Oda, Valta and Glaytus, were living at Petersburg when the wedding bells started for the family in 1931. Almost regularly, they continued until 1950.

The oldest sister, Gurtie's marriage was cut short at 24 years with the untimely death of her husband in 1961. All of the siblings and the other spouses are still living at their homes, although some of them require some assistance from their children.

"We are very thankful for the providence of God to keep us together these many years. Our vows were 'until death do us part.' It has been like a bed of roses, thorns and all!"

"We may not have it all

together, but together we have it all!"

The family members of Noah Seaward Copeland and Stella Copeland are:

(1) William Ford Copeland (now of Truth or Consequences, N.M.) married Golda Lorene Scitern October 17, 1931 (69 years next October). His age is now 89.

(2) Gurtie Jerolene Copeland (now of Sweetwater) married George Ernest Ware June 1, 1937. He died in 1961. Gurtie is 86.

(3) Loleta Pearl Copeland (now of Phoenix, Arizona) married Leonard L. Ware May 15, 1937 (63 years this May). She is 84, and her husband is 92.

(4) Juanita Copeland (of Sierra Vista, Arizona) married Oliver Joseph Hazelton September 5, 1942 (58 years in September). She is 83.

(5) Leona Copeland (now of Anton) married Ralph Lewis March 16, 1950 (50 years). She is 78 years of age.

(6) Oda Cleo Copeland (of Tucson, Arizona) married Sewell Yarbrough May 26, 1946 (54 years in May). She is now 76.

(7) Eula Valta Copeland (of Sierra Vista, Arizona) married William Seagle Yarbrough September 21, 1945 (55 years next September). She is 74 years old.

(8) Glaytus Aloha Copeland (of Friona) married Elton Clark Wylly January 12, 1948 (52 years). She is 71.

(Note: The seven couples (both spouses living) have been married a total of 401 years, an average of 57.3 years per couple. The eight siblings' average age is 80.13.

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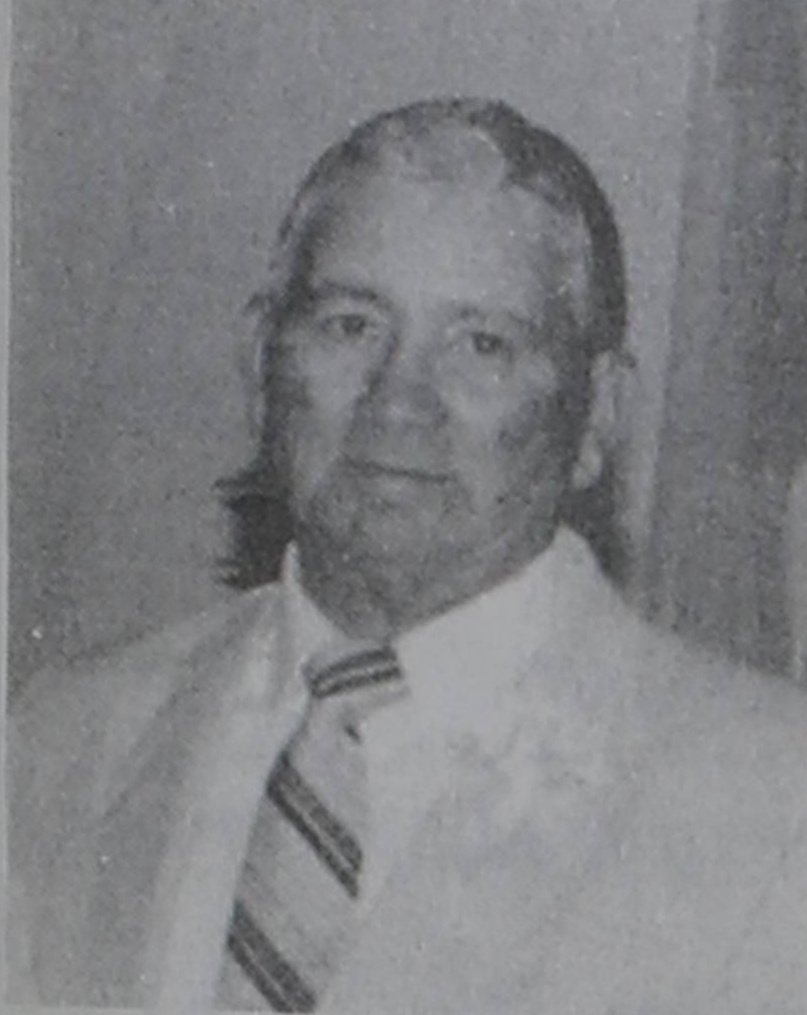
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Gene Brito's Rites Are Held Friday



GENE BRITO

Funeral services for Gene Brito, 68, of the Hub Community were held at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

Vigil was held Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Deacon John Nino officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

He died Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Brito was born May 3, 1931 in Bovina. He married Mary Rose Baca September 24, 1954 in Bovina.

He was a lifetime resident of Parmer County. He was employed at West Hub Gin since 1954, became a partner in 1958, selling out his interests in 1997 and retiring.

Brito was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina and a member of the

Knights of Columbus. He held many offices in that organization.

He was a veteran of World War II and was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Brannon while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Brito was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Brito, in 1985, and a sister, Mary Rose Martinez, in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Rose Brito of the home; three sons, Dennis of Hereford, Rory of Odessa and Toby of Bovina; six sisters, Pearl Cervantez of Bovina, Matilda Baca of Friona, Marie Cervantez of Clovis, N.M., Donna Dominguez of Portales, N.M., Lucy Everett of Earth and Elizabeth Sena of Friona; and a brother, Joe of Ribera, N.M.

Pallbearers were Wayne Jesko, Lee Dennis Jesko, Leon Schilling, Larry Jesko, Rudy Martinez and Salvador Juarez.

Stampede Begins At TEXAS Annual Meeting

A stampede of excitement and a blowout of TEXAS pride will mark the 39th Annual Meeting of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the non-profit producer of the TEXAS Musical Drama. TPHF members and those interested in supporting this treasured Panhandle tradition should plan on an evening of Texas-style fun, Saturday, April 1 at the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo.

"The Annual Meeting will serve as a kick-off for our Membership Stampede which will run throughout the 35th Anniversary Season of TEXAS," said Blaine Bertrand, President/General Manager of TEXAS. "The new, evening format of the meeting will create more of a social atmosphere, and still give the TEXAS staff the chance to tell all that is being done to preserve our prairie history beneath the ethereal skies and majestic cliff of the Palo Duro Canyon.

under construction at the Pioneer Amphitheatre. A grant from the Amarillo Globe News, the Meadows Foundation, and many other contributors made the stages a reality.

"Our goal is to involve many new people as supporters of TEXAS," Bertrand said. "TEXAS exists because people from this area supported the TEXAS dream in the 1960s. Now, 35 years later, we have a mature production that has been acclaimed the best-attended outdoor drama in the nation for many years. With the maturation comes the need for facility repairs and improvements to keep TEXAS a proud and strong tradition," Bertrand said.

Members and those who wish to join the non-profit TPHF should call 806-655-2181 to RSVP for the meeting by March 24. Cost for the evening is \$20.

Paul Serff of the Texas Travel Industry Association will provide Texas travel facts from the state's \$35 billion industry that plays a large part in making tourism the third largest industry in the nation. Serff is President/CEO of the Austin-based organization that is a branch of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

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Mark Walters Finds A New Career In Nursing

Seven different careers--that's the number of jobs the average person can have in the 21st century workplace, according to many labor market experts.

For some workers, changing careers is a simple transition on the ladder of success. For others, it is a major reassessment of priorities and goals.

For many, it means returning to the classroom, many years after a diploma has been earned. The prospects is often a bit scary, but the results are usually well worth the effort.

For Red River Technology Center student Mark Walters, the decision to return to school and study to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) was prompted by a job layoff.

Becoming a LPN was

Sales Tax Delivered

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$196.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 13.4 percent increase over March 1999.

March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in February.

A total of \$25,045 was paid to Parmer County cities: Bovina \$2,428; Farwell, \$4,783; and Friona, \$17,834. The total is 25.21% more than was received in the same period in 1999.

Year-to-date, Parmer County has received \$78,397; Bovina, \$8,243; Farwell, \$12,795; and Friona, \$57,358.

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something that appealed to him after volunteering at the Duncan Compassion Care Center.

He noticed that students from the Technology Center nursing program volunteered there every week, taking blood pressures and getting hands-on experience. He enjoyed driving the Center's van, but "really helping patients" was even more appealing.

Before making the final decision to commit to full-time nursing studies, Walters enrolled in First Responder, first aid, and CPR classes.

Then, after taking an interest inventory and talking with a male friend who was a critical care RN, Walters decided to take the entrance test for the Technology Center's nursing class.

All the positive elements were in place--classes were conveniently located, the program could be completed in one year and a job with a good future would be available after graduation. Becoming a registered nurse was also possible.

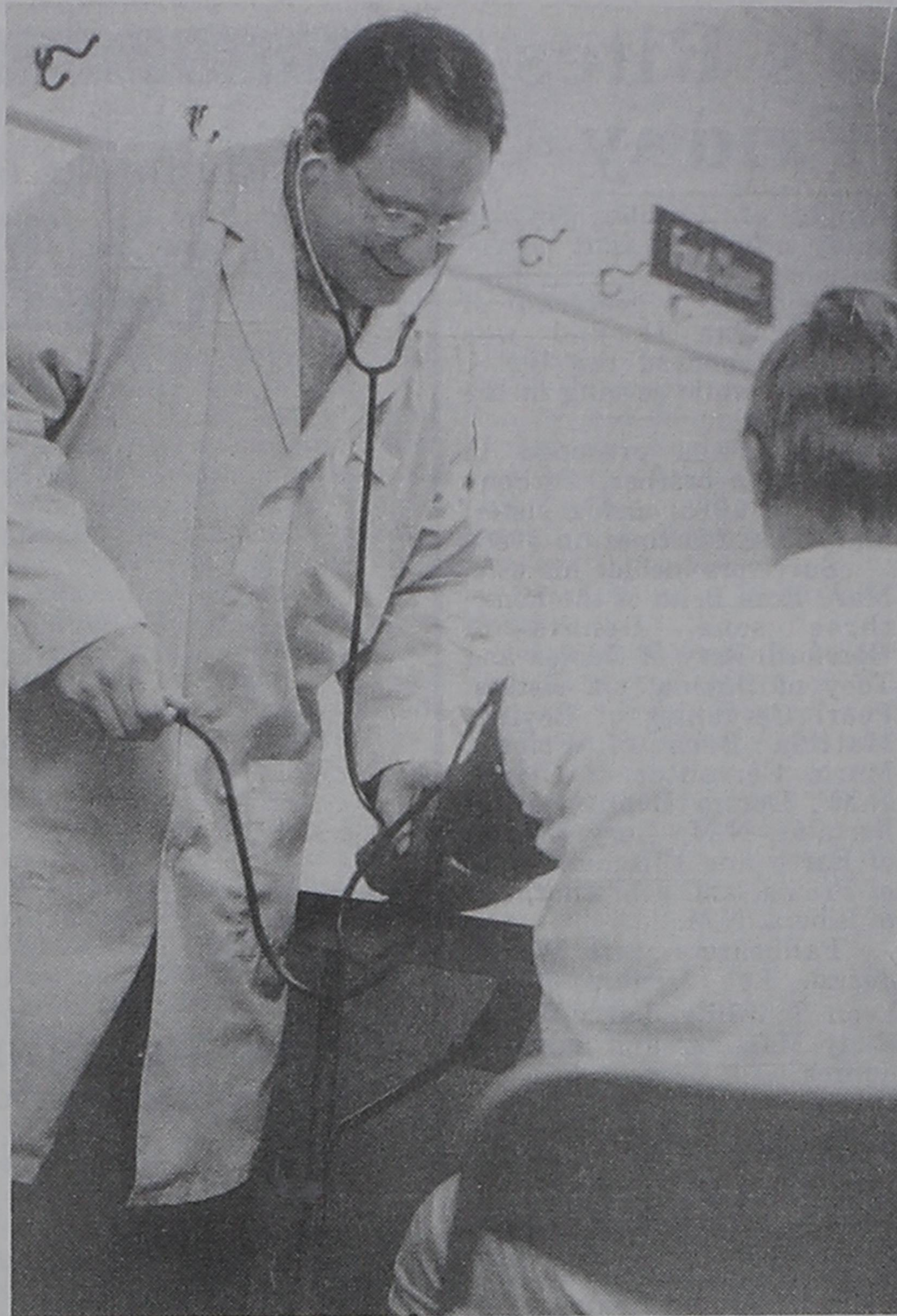
The fact that Walters is the only man in the Class of 2000 practical nursing program does not bother him one bit.

"My female classmates are all friends. We're all in this together--I'm just another member of this class, like everyone else. I was proud to be elected chaplain of our HOSA chapter, and I enjoy participating in our student organization's activities."

"My parents think it's great, and my wife and son are very supportive," Walters added. "I just want to do the very best I can." Mark is the son of Joe and Johnnie Walters.

Walters has enjoyed all his clinical rotations, and after finishing his studies in July, he hopes to work in a hospital environment.

"What we learn in our classes is extensive so we can take care of our patients in a professional manner, but caring for people is equally important, and that's why I want to be in this field," he said.



HANDS-ON...Mark Walters, a practical nursing student at Red River Technology Center, checks the blood pressure of a patient at the Duncan Compassion Care Center. He and classmates volunteer weekly at the clinic.

Genealogy Society Met February 25

The Parmer County Genealogy Society met at 10 a.m. on February 25 at the Depot since the library was closed for renovation.

President Judy Cummings welcomed Nancy Edelman, Olive Massie, Mary Johnston, Angela Balli, Paula McBroom and Linda Knowles.

Several members discussed their successes in locating family information on the Internet. The members re-elected Judy Cummings as president and Linda Knowles

as secretary-treasurer for the 2000-2001 year.

"How to Easily Organize Your Genealogy Stuff and Find It Fast" by Robert Ragan was purchased as a guide to effectively organize the material for the new genealogy area being provided by the library.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on March 31 at the library. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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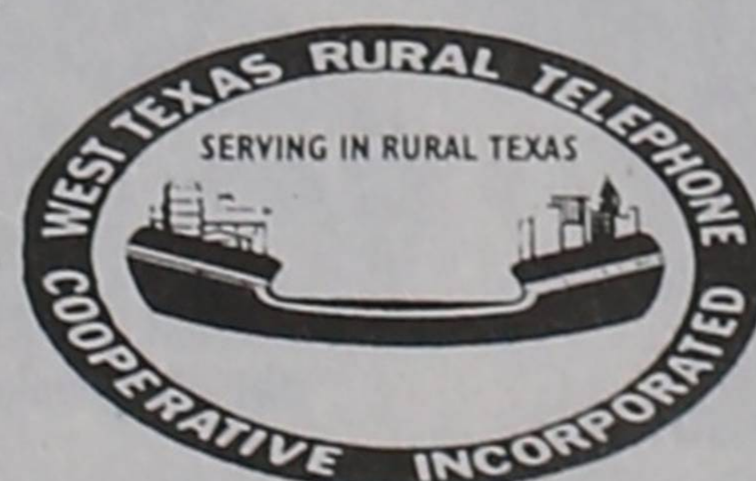
Tuesday, March 21, 2000

**Hereford Bull Barn
Hereford, Texas**

A meal will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the business session getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

- HUB: Mr. Charles Myers, Jr. and Mr. Terry Copley**
- PARMER: Mr. Floyd Schueler**
- DAWN: Mr. Dick Fellers and Mr. Harold Sides**



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Telephone Co-op Sets Meeting March 21

Patrons of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will come together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their Cooperative, and will elect three directors at the annual meeting of the membership at 6 p.m. March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

This year's meeting comes a few weeks in advance of the actual 50th anniversary date of the incorporation of WTRT on May 5, 1950. Special commemorative favors will be presented to members in attendance in recognition of the anniversary.

Proceedings get underway promptly at 6 p.m. with a catered supper and the business meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The terms of office of incumbent directors Charles Myers Jr. of the Hub exchange, Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange, and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange are expiring this spring. All three incumbents are standing for re-election.

Schueler will be unopposed in his bid for another term as the Parmer exchange director. Harold Sides will be a candidate for the Dawn exchange board seat held by Fellers, and Terry Copley will be a candidate for the Hub exchange seat held by Myers.

In keeping with WTRT bylaws, all of the candidates were named by the Cooperative's nominating committee at their meeting on February 5 at the Hereford Country Club.

Fellers, born and raised in Deaf Smith County, first came to the Cooperative board as Dawn director in 1984 and has served as board president, vice-president, and secretary. He and his wife, Pamela and their sons Randy and Will are active in farming and livestock operations in the Dawn area. Fellers has served as a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Happy. He and Pam have four grandchildren.

Schueler is currently serving as president of the WTRT board of directors. He has served as the Parmer exchange directors since 1985. A native of Parmer County, he farms in the Rhea community and has served as a member and officer of the Rhea/Hollene Volunteer Fire Department.

He and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two daughters. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Myers has served as the Hub exchange director since 1973. He has held board offices including president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. He is a Parmer County grain and cotton farmer.

Myers served on the Economic Development and Finance committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association during his tenure with the board, and is currently a member of the NTCA's Education Committee.

Charles is a member of the board of directors of the Parmer County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Loree, grew up at Lamesa, where they farmed for a number of years before coming to Parmer County. They have a grown son and daughter, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Copley, 49, grew up at Muleshoe, where he graduated from high school. He operates Terry Copley Construction and T&S Concrete in Friona. He had previously worked with Panhandle Concrete in Friona for 23 years, and was engaged in hog production southeast of Friona for a number of years.

He has worked with youth in livestock projects and in the 4-H program over the years. His wife, Vickie, works as a typesetter and layout compositionist at the *Friona Star*.

Sides, 47, grew up at Vega and is a graduate of Vega High School. He and his wife, Shirley, have farming and livestock interests in the Dawn area with their sons, Brandon and Jason. They also have a son, Brent, a resident of Austin, and a daughter, Crystal, who will graduate from North Texas University this spring.

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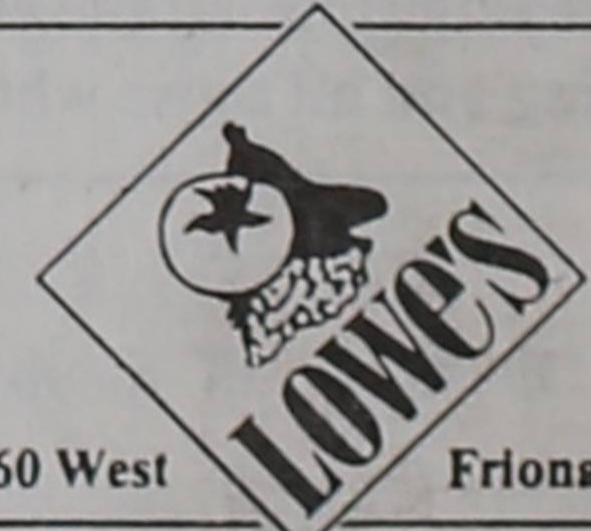


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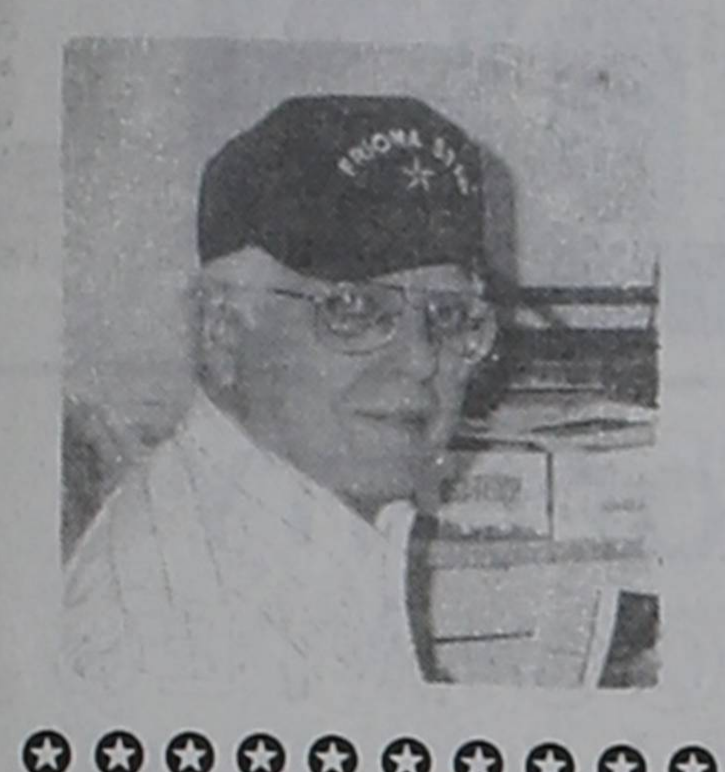
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Several drive to Wichita by my kids, I drive up towards Am... 385 east on Highway 28 to Wichita Falls. Some folks go "the back" means Highway 287, Dimmitt, N Silverton, Turkey, and Highway 287. I tried that a road until Estelline, is shorter, and any time. I older, I like less and less. I made roundtrip to Monday so visit me during week. Sun the 360-mile Childress will meet them back here. I bring the current price of gas, fuel, gas, diesel, my grandda it, pushwater. I make Wichita Fair year. On through Chi large abar station. It h least 5 years. The reas station is b they closed price signs u several years read \$1.38.9. I can re by the site thinking, "V expensive wonder the At the time for less than. This we \$1.38.9 sign and though bargain in cheapest gas day was \$1. Funny l tives can c short mont \$1.38 was hig a bargain. With m about 20 mil gas at about gallon, my 60 costs \$45 for another \$1.

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By Ron Carr

"If I Can Only Get To Childress By Sunday!"

Several times a year I drive to Wichita Falls to pick up my kids, Zach and Megan. I drive up Highway 60/27 towards Amarillo, take Loop 335 east around to I-40, then Highway 287 from Amarillo to Wichita Falls.

Some folks say I should go "the back way." That means Highway 86 through Dimmitt, Nazareth, Tulia, Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey, and hook up with Highway 287 at Estelline. I tried that a couple of times.

It is mostly a two-lane road until you get to Estelline, is only 20-30 miles shorter, and it doesn't save any time. Besides, as I get older, I like two-lane roads less and less.

I made the 600-mile roundtrip to Wichita Falls on Monday so my kids could visit me during spring break week. Sunday I will drive the 360-mile roundtrip to Childress where their mother will meet me so I can send them back home.

I bring this up because of the current crisis over the price of gasoline. We call it fuel, gas, diesel, petrol, or as my granddaddy used to call it, pushwater.

I make the trip to Wichita Falls 5-6 times a year. On Highway 287 through Childress there is a large abandoned service station. It has been closed at least 5 years.

The reason I noticed this station is because whenever they closed it, they left the price signs up out front. For several years the old sign has read \$1.38.9 per gallon.

I can remember driving by the site last year and thinking, "Wow, gas sure was expensive back then. No wonder they had to close." At the time gas was selling for less than \$1 per gallon.

This week, I saw the \$1.38.9 sign from a distance and thought I had found a bargain in Childress. The cheapest gas I had seen all day was \$1.49.9.

Funny how our perspectives can change in a few short months. Last year \$1.38 was high, this year it is a bargain.

With my van getting about 20 miles a gallon and gas at about "a buck fifty" a gallon, my 600-mile roundtrip costs \$45 for fuel. Throw in another \$15 worth of

McDonald's and the one day road trip sets me back \$60. On the way down last week I tuned in to a KGNC (Amarillo) radio talk show with James Reed. His topic was the gasoline crisis and boy did he get an ear full.

The first caller said that all truck drivers are stupid, that's why they drive trucks. He said they drive over whatever the speed limit is, let their diesel engines idle all the time and don't even try to save money.

The next few calls were from truckers who wanted the name and address of the first caller so they could drive their rigs through his living room.

One trucker said that the fuel bill for his truck has gone up \$160-\$200 PER DAY. Another called and said his fleet of eight cattle trucks was costing an extra \$4,000 PER WEEK.

Some other geek called in and said truckers should just be more efficient, manage their costs better, turn off their engines at truck stops, and in general get a life and quit whining.

I was hoping that the two truckers who had me hemmed in weren't listening at that particular time. I waved and gave a thumbs-up when they passed me at about 10 miles an hour over the speed limit.

Another scholar, who is no doubt a future politician, called to say that we are lucky even if gasoline goes to \$2 a gallon. He rattled off the prices of gasoline in Mexico and Germany and England where a "gallon of petrol" costs \$5.

Study Club Took Field Trip March 11

Members of Friona's Modern Study Club gathered Saturday, March 11 for a field trip to Tulia where they toured the Tulia Museum.

Members making the trip were Mary Johnston, club president; Norma Thompson, Martha Rutherford, Deanna Duke, Lois Norwood, Fay Reeve, Mary Lou Taylor and Geri Taylor.

The group ate lunch at the El Camino Restaurant before returning to Friona.

They gathered good information on how to start and operate a museum in Friona.

The next trucker that called suggested that that guy should pack his belongings and "get his a..." to Germany if he knew what was good for him.

About a year ago, oil producers were complaining that oil was down to \$11 a barrel. Workers in America's oil fields had to find jobs in some other profession.

Now thanks to a bunch of shahs and shieks who had a meeting and raised the price to around \$30 a barrel, you and I are paying more and America's oil producers say there are not enough oil field workers left to resume production.

I think if the price of a gallon of petrol had risen slowly over a couple of years or so, we wouldn't feel so bad today. Problem is the price shot up in a six months period.

Small business owners, such as truckers, and others who depend on fuel, such as farmers, took a big expensive

hickey overnight. Airlines are hit hard so fares have to go up. Fares go up and not so many people fly. Fewer people flying means fares go up some more and the losses mount.

Every man, woman and child in America feels the effects of this type of gasoline price increase. The government, who claims to be able to fix everything in your life, can't fix this problem apparently.

Experts say we have plenty of oil in the ground in America but the government won't let them drill for it because of environmental concerns. So we buy it from the shahs and shieks at whatever price they want to charge.

Well, gotta go! Can't be late for my part-time job! Trying to get enough money to make it to Childress and back on Sunday.

Hey Truckers! Wasn't me that called. I love ya', man!

Meet Friona's Class of 2012



Christian Rangel is a kindergartener at Friona Schools.

His parents are Javier and Myra Rangel. He has one brother, Matthew Rangel. Grandparents are Lupe Villalobos, Rudy Ibarra and Helen Ibarra.

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THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
 I would like to express my appreciation and love to everyone who has called, come by or sent cards or memorials in memory of my sister, Emma "Cutie" Battles. My family and I want you to know how much we appreciated and need the support.

Thank you again
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THANK YOU

The Friona coaching staff would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every one who helped in any way in the Chieftain Relays over the past weekend.

As you all know, there is no way we could ever be able to have this meet without the help of all of our wonderful fans. We truly appreciate the donation of your time and efforts in helping us to produce a quality meet for our athletes.

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IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING:
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 F-3/10-RTFN

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Friona is accepting sealed proposals for janitorial services for city buildings which include City Hall, Police Station and Library. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2000. For more information contact Paula Wilson, City Manager at 623 Main or call 806-250-2761.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CENSUS JOBS CALL
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Census 2000 job testing site in your area is located at:
 Friona Redeemer Center, 1304 Virginia St., Friona, TX. 79035 every Monday at 2 p.m.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED TO CONDUCT CENSUS 2000. Job opportunities include census taker positions in communities and neighborhoods, and office personnel. All office positions are located at the Local Census Office in Amarillo, TX.

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Track
 Friona managed to place and finish in the held last Chieftain Panhan varsity competition entered Brownfield Morton. The va boys earn honors and finished this Friona Wiseman s in the shot 5'3" 11 1/4" The competing and tomorrow (Saturday) tonight and tomorrow a individual Varsity; run, Lacy 13:39.10; 1 Clark and 5th (tie), 4:400m r Christie N V Laura W Shot pu DS Me Deaf Sm erative me capital creu portion o \$750,000 at annual me Tuesday, meeting be the Herefo A fish, dinner will Flying J 1 dosa, New vide the following t business three direc Flying J formance. Position cumbent Another cti 1 m from the Annual M candidate Clarence I NOTICE On March Commissi ("Environ The Compa Company i Company's rates will no change. The for up to 15 tariff' custom Small Indust 22,275 Envi proposed cha annual rever normal weal environs of 1 11.5% of the served by En Enigas prop during the b increasing the charges for following non Adjustment instead of just in the base rat at \$110 80th. Customers w within 30 day; or a protest wi

Track Teams Manage To Keep Trophies

Friona's track teams managed to win two second place and one third place finish in the Chieftain Relays held last Saturday at Chieftain Field.

Panhandle won both the varsity girls and boys competition. Other schools entered were Tulia, Brownfield, Muleshoe and Morton.

The varsity girls and JV boys earned second place honors and the varsity boys finished third.

Friona senior Daniel Wiseman set a school record in the shot put with a toss of 53' 11 1/4".

The teams will be competing in Hereford today and tomorrow (Friday and Saturday). The meet starts tonight and the finals will be tomorrow afternoon.

Individual results were:
Varsity Girls: 3200m run, Lacye Presley, 4th, 13:39.10; high jump, Betsy Clark and V'Laura Wilcox 5th (tie), 4' 4".

400m relay, Kristie Jack, Christie Nava, Cara Evans, V'Laura Wilcox, 3rd, 54.09.

Shot put, Crystal Morton,

3rd, 31' 8 1/2"; Amy Murphree, 4th, 30' 8". Discus, Crystal Morton, 1st, 114' 5"; Amy Murphree, 2nd, 100' 10"; Sandra Mendez, 3rd, 86' 2".

100m hurdles, V'Laura Wilcox, 1st, 16.44; Lindsey North, 5th, 19.36. 800m relay, Kristie Jack, Christie Nava, Betsy Clark, Cara Evans, 4th, 1:57.19.

300m hurdles, V'Laura Wilcox, 2nd, 53.22; Lacye Presley, 3rd, 55.48. 1600m run, Jena Grimsley, 2nd, 5:58.72. 200m run, Kristie Jack, 3rd, 29.23.

1600m relay, C. Nava, C. Evans, L. North, J. Grimsley, 4th, 4:41.84.

JV Boys: 3200m run, Porfirio Cardenas, 1st, 12:04.93; pole vault, Heath Gammon, 2nd, 9' 6". Discus, Eric Rubio, 4th, 94'. long jump, Corbin Neill, 5th, 15' 6 3/4".

Triple jump, Andy Carthel, 5th, 33' 4"; 400m relay, Heath Gammon, Corbin Neill, Brian Wiseman, Ty White, 3rd, 48.78. 800m dash, Jesus Trejo, 1st, 2:16.89. 110m hurdles, Chance Hutson, 4th, 18.69;

Andy Carthel, 5th, 19.13. 100m dash, Ty White, 2nd, 12.37. 300m hurdles, Andy Carthel, 3rd, 46.82. 1600m run, Porfirio Cardenas, 1st, 5:21.37. 400m dash, Brian Wiseman, 1st, 54.92; Jesus Trejo, 3rd, 56.05.

200m run, Ty White, 4th, 25.59. 1600m relay, J. Trejo, C. Neill, C. Hutson, B. Wiseman, 2nd, 3:49.29.

Varsity Boys: Discus, Daniel Wiseman, 1st, 151' 7"; Matthew Rangel, 2nd, 125' 8"; Kyle Wiseman, 4th, 115' 2".

Shot put, Daniel Wiseman, 1st, 53' 11 1/4" (school record) Matthew Rangel, 2nd, 43' 10". Long jump, Adam Bandy, 2nd, 19' 3 1/2". Triple jump, Adam Bandy, 3rd, 38' 11".

400m relay, Hector Aguilar, Adam Bandy, Michael Ortiz Cason White, 4th, 46.54. 800m dash, Abel Santiago, 2nd, 2:13.41.

300m hurdles, Landon Martin, 3rd, 44.18. 400m dash, Hector Aguilar, 4th, 54.15; Michael Ortiz, 5th, 54.27.

1600m relay, H. Aguilar, A. Bandy, A. Santiago, C. White, 3rd, 3:42.40.

DS Rural Electric Meeting Mar. 28

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from a portion of 1989 totaling \$750,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 28. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served and the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidosa, New Mexico will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Flying J Wrangler's first performance.

Position 1 candidate is incumbent Donald Wright. Another candidate for Position 1 may be nominated from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Position 2 candidates are incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee

Raymond Hamilton. Position 3 candidates are Incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee Frank Bezner, Jr.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Flying J Wranglers, making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, have enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and are one of the area's most well known groups.

Since 1982 the Wranglers have been performing their own special brand of traditional western music at the Flying J Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers just north of Ruidosa, in historic Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Sue Procter Earns New Pontiac Van

Sue Procter of Friona has earned the opportunity to drive a new 2000 Pontiac Montana passenger van for her outstanding achievement in selling and recruiting for BeautiControl.

Mrs. Procter has been a BeautiControl sales consultant for 17 years and is a BeautiControl Director.

The company offers skin care and nutritional supplements, cosmetics, bath and body products, men's products and a weight management system.

Mrs. Procter was the first consultant in 2000 to earn a Pontiac Van from the company.



Congratulations to Cassie Gonzales on her "Happy Birthday" March 5, 2000. She turned two-years old. Parents are Booney and Lisa Gonzales. Grandparents are Judy Cummings and Genaro and Maria Gonzales of Friona

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

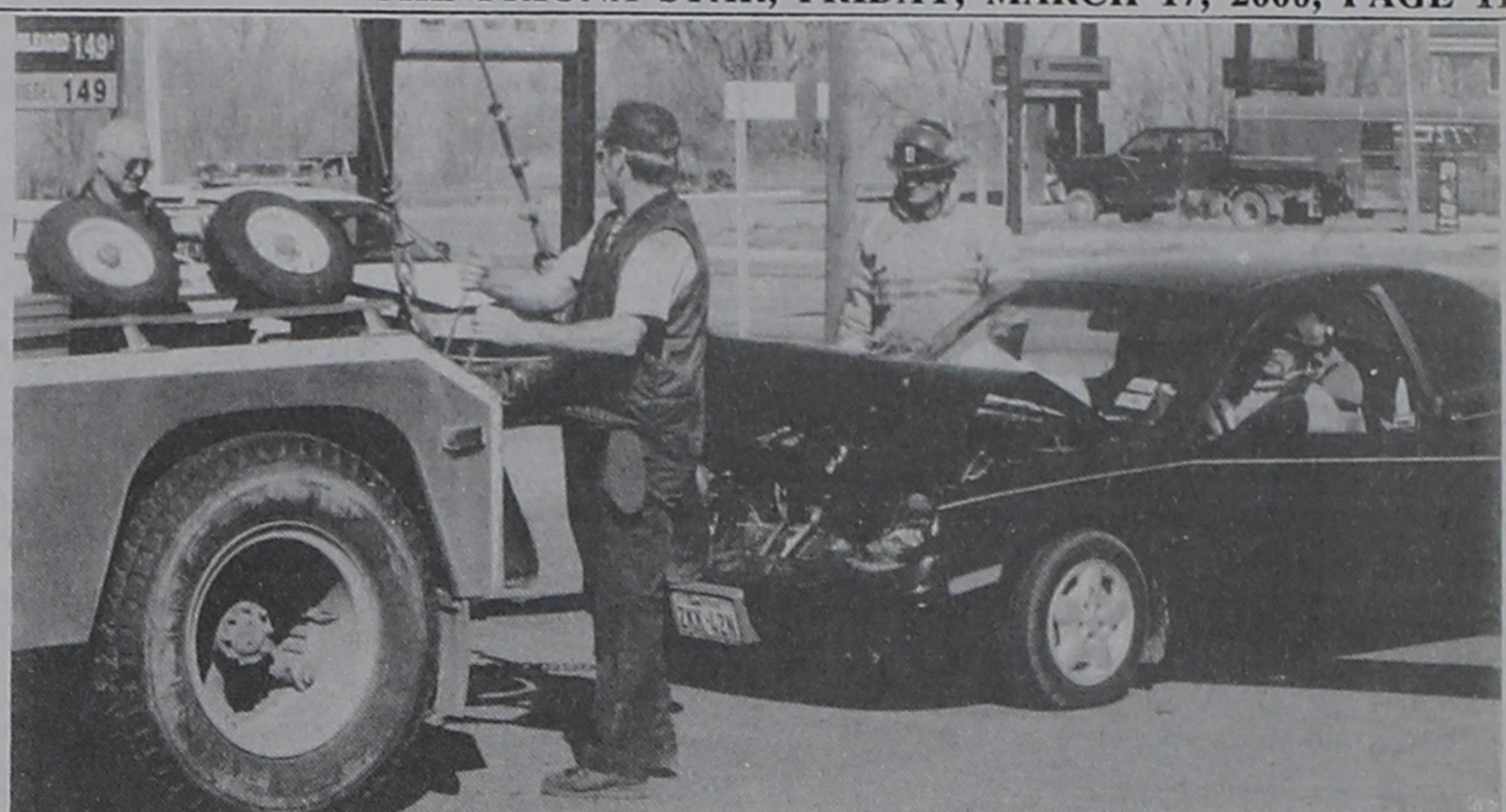
Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
 Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
 Railroad Commission of Texas
 P.O. Box 12967
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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A SATURDAY WRECK in front of Town & Country on Highway 60 caused damage to this Dodge Neon which was driven by 19-year-old Rebecca Gomez of Friona. A pickup pulling a horse trailer, from New Mexico, hit Miss Gomez almost head-on in the center turn lane. Her injuries were not considered serious. Mike Martin, left, of A-1 Service hooks up his wrecker with help from firemen Darrell Barlow and Kevin Taylor. ron carr photo

Faith Sunday School Class Holds Program And Luncheon

A group of ladies met at the home of Joyce Veazey on Thursday, March 9th for a program and salad luncheon.

The program entitled "Just For Laughs" was given by Debby Myers from Clovis, New Mexico. It inspired

everyone to enjoy life and have some fun and laughs as we go through life.

The program and luncheon was sponsored by Faith Sunday School Class at Calvary Baptist Church.

Those attending were class members Joyce Veazey, Theda Bloxom, Louise Bynum, Deloris Bailey, Martha Hamilton, Pat Martin, Eddie Mays, and guests Debby Myers, Mildred Hamilton, Arline Elliott, Nola Faye Vestal, and Mary Lou Taylor.

S. Cotoias Welcome Baby Boy

Scott and Jill Cotoia of Del Rio, Texas are the proud parents of a son, Kyle Anthony, born March 11, 2000 at Val Verde Medical Center.

Kyle was born at 3:11 a.m., weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Kyle is Scott and Jill's first child. Grandparents are Tony and Barbara Cotoia of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; Glen Herring and Marca Lynn Herring both of Friona.

Great-grandparents are DC and Margie Herring and Meryle and Olive Massie all of Friona.

In Loving Memory of John Henry "Johnny" Brand

One year has gone by, but it seems like yesterday. I miss you, Daddy. God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So, He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace Be Thine." He then took you up in Heaven with hands gentle and so kind. It broke my heart to lose you but you did not go alone. For part of me went with you the day God called you home.

Your Loving daughter,
 Katherine

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Sex Offender Registry

The following individual registered as a sex offender with the Friona Police Department:

Alejandro Ortiz
23-year-old male
Resides at 905 Cleveland in Friona
Registered for the offense of sexual assault and is classified as a risk level 1 as determined by a risk needs assessment.

El siguiente individuo se registro como ofenso sexual con el departamento de policia de Friona:

Alejandro Ortiz
23 Anos - masculino
Reside - 905 Cleveland en Friona
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week of March 19-25
Friona residents observing birthdays next week include:
March 19--Coby Clark, Ray Rando, Billie Manuel, Shara Lookingbill, Jered Cunningham.

March 20--Doris Barnett, Claudia Hanes, Joyce Wells, Tammy Spencer, Jesse Estrada, Madge Loflin.

March 21--Amelia Wright, Lou Keith, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adriana Garza, James M. McFarland, Jeffery Sunderlin.

March 22--Derek Dunn, Jack Wilson, Teresa Kendrick, Alisa Perkins Trimmell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz, Kenny Austin.

March 23--Judy Potts, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Tammi Kelley Lafuente, Jim Dixon, Diana Glover, Christina Noriega, Roman Wilson, Garrison Dean.

March 24--C.L. Lillard, Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada, Carl Schlenker.

March 25--Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Elton Wyly, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, Bill Butnam.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211.

Grace Baptist Has First Anniversary

Grace Baptist Church of Friona held their first service on March 21, 1999 and organized on May 2. The temporary name of Baptist Fellowship was given to the church until a permanent name was chosen.

This Sunday, March 19, will mark the church's first anniversary. You are invited to join them for lunch at Sam and Donna Mears' home, 1215 Elm, after the morning service. Bring a covered dish.

Grace Baptist is a traditional Texas Southern Baptist Church cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Southern Baptist Convention and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Grace Baptist meets at the Redeemer Center at 13th and Virginia Street. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday mission studies and prayer time is at 7 p.m.

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Most people with "color blindness" cannot distinguish between reds and greens. The yellow-blue color vision defect is the second most common form of this condition, but it's extremely rare. There is no treatment for color blindness. However, since many learning materials are color coded, children should be tested before attending school to determine whether the condition is present.

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