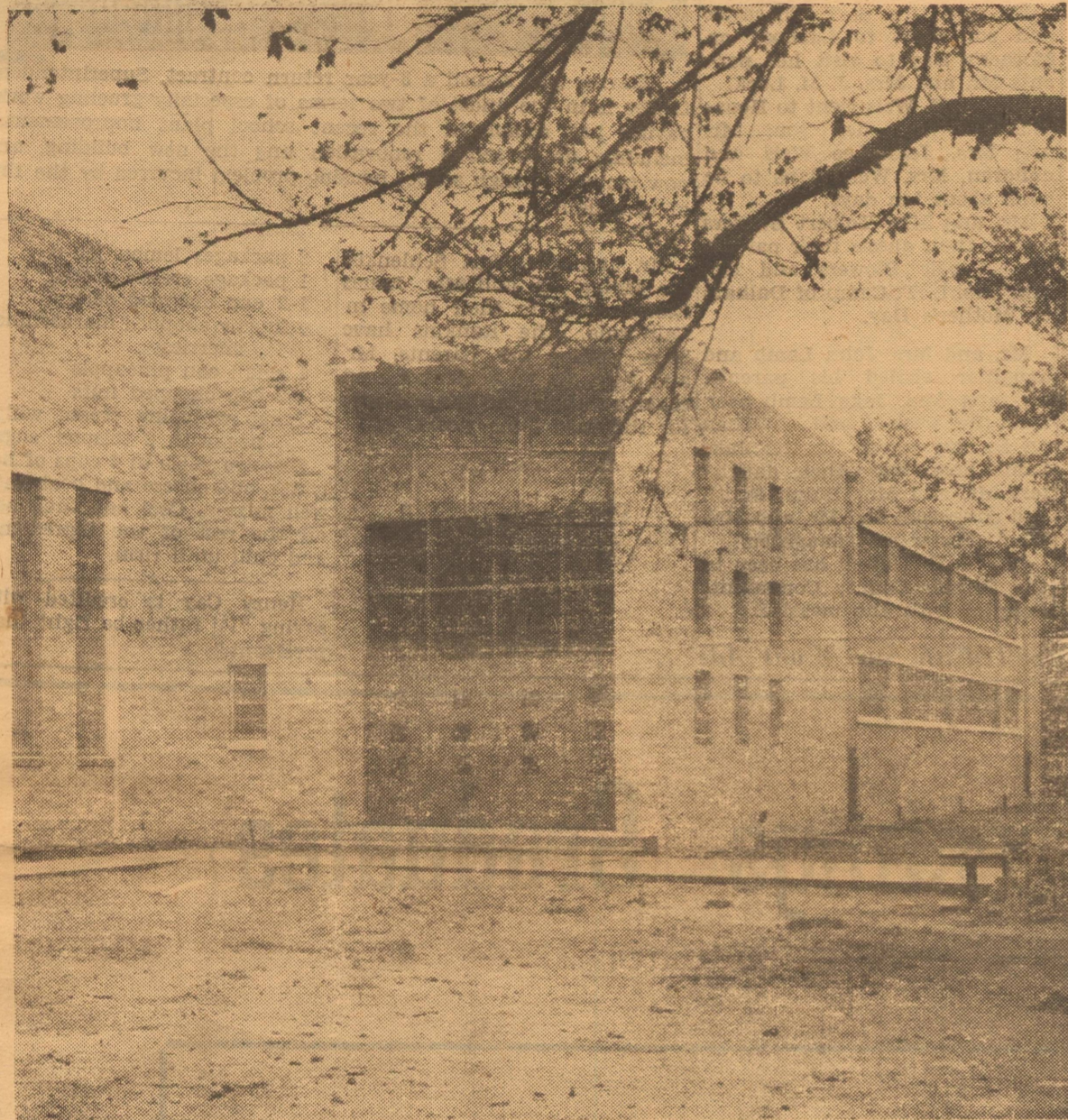


FIRE GUTS HIGH SCHOOL

'51 Friona Graduates First to Pass Through These Doors



The majestic entrance to the new auditorium-gymnasium of the Friona Schools would without question do justice to many of the universities or larger schools of the Southwest. Opening to the south, the doors admit entrance to a corridor extending the width of the building, flanked on the south by the auditorium and on the north by the gymnasium.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This section of the Star was printed as an extra edition early Wednesday morning and delivered free as a public service to every boxholder in Friona and the Friona routes. Working throughout the night to get the story out telling of graduation in the new auditorium, and the early report of the disastrous fire, the Star staff took the first paper off the press by 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, a very unusual feat in the history of weekly publications.

GRADUATION WILL BE IN AUDITORIUM

Seating Assured for At Least 750 In Modern \$200,000 Building Says Caffee

Supreme Efforts Enable First Use of Auditorium For 1951 Commencement

Dr. H. E. Robinson, director of special education of the Texas Department of education, will deliver the 1951 Commencement address Thursday evening to the graduates of the Friona Schools in the new \$200,000 building housing the auditorium.

An educator in the state for over 25 years, Dr. Robinson's appearance here is the first address he has delivered in this area. Local school officials have expressed their pleasure in obtaining him for this occasion.

In contrast to all previous exercises conducted in the grade school gymnasium, the program

Thursday night will be held in one of the most modern, functionally-designed auditoriums in the state. Building contractors, drapery workers, and the seating crew have been working overtime this week to enable use of the building for the closing school program. For months the school officials, students, and contractors have set their completion goal for these exercises, but until just before presstime at the Star this week definite assurance was not forthcoming.

With an ultimate seating capacity of 1003 individual seats, probably 750 will be installed for the commencement program. The auditorium, flanked on either side by huge maroon

Fire of undetermined origin early this morning gutted the high school building in Friona, with total destruction of all that part of the building situated from the study hall north.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning Lavon Haney saw smoke arising from the school, and he, with City Marshall Doc Camp, immediately turned in alarm to the fire department. Camp then circulated throughout town sounding the siren of his patrol car to waken fire-fighters. Pete Buske, whose residence faces the school grounds, awoke to the smell of smoke and upon seeing the already giant proportions of the fire, called the Hereford fire department.

Hardly a person in Friona slept after the 2 o'clock alarm, with most of the men lending a hand at one of the three hoses which poured a steady stream into the blaze throughout the early hours. Intermittent showers cooled the hard-fighting firemen as they battled through the night. The fire was brought under control by 4 o'clock, almost to the minute when hard rain fell in a deluge that in itself proved good insurance against later outbreaks of any smoldering flames.

Early estimates place damage at near \$100,000. Supt. Dalton Caffee stated he was confident replacement costs would mount to at least that figure.

The public is urgently requested not to brouse through the building or even enter it. Insurance adjusters are expected to make their investigation during the next three days, and all properties must absolutely be left as now found, Superintendent Caffee emphasized.

The big pumper of the Hereford fire department made record time in coming to the aid of the local department, arriving before 3 o'clock with its full load of fighters.

Destruction of the high school building came just as the present school term was in its last hours, and as the entire community was readying itself for the first public meeting, commencement, in the new \$200,000 auditorium building. This new structure just south of the fire-racked high school, was not damaged.

At the time this paper was put to press, school officials stated that previously-announced plans for the commencement exercises would be followed, with graduation in the new auditorium, though some substitutes will have to be found for the burned diplomas!

Some records were salvaged from the office of Superintendent Caffee, as firemen gained entrance through the window, playing water to every side.

Throughout the first hour of the battle, flames spurted as far as 60 feet into the air as they found new outlets from time to time; the smoke was very dense, with its acrid odor evident over the entire Friona townsite.

BUILT IN 1930
Construction of the destroyed building had its inception back in April, 1930, when a petition was circulated by F. W. Reeve and others for the addition of \$60,000.00 worth of school facilities. On May 9th of that year, the Star published the architect's drawing of the present building. Two weeks later, on May 19th, the bond issue carried by the near 2 to 1 margin with a vote of 212 favoring, 110 against. J. L. Landrum, contractor, started ground-breaking operations in early November of 1930.

At the time of the construction F. L. Spring was school board president, and J. D. Thomas was secretary.

WEATHER

Two and one-half inches of rain fell in Friona in the period from 7 o'clock Tuesday morning until 8 o'clock this morning, according to the new government-approved rain gauge at the Consumers Cooperative Company. Thirty-eight hundredths fell early yesterday morning to raise the total to near three inches during the two days.



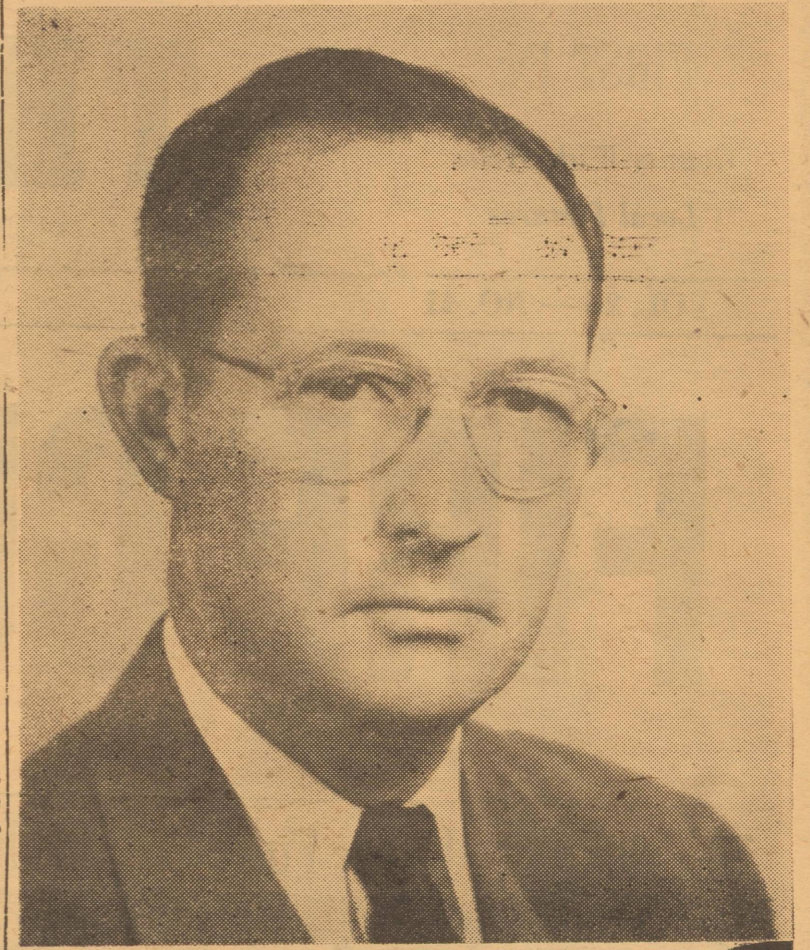
Seniors of the Friona schools are Phyllis Allman, Marbelle Ann Blankenship, Keith Brock, Helen Nita Carr, W. L. Cleveland, Vonnie Pulks, Jimmie Ray Gore, Betty Jean Pope, Dale Houlette, Jean Knight, Vera Ann Jones, Gaylord Maurer, Mary Lou Miller, Betty Ann Stevick, June Shufks, Herbert Schuele, Edmund Schlabs, Ruby Shaffer, Edward Spring, Jr. and Merle Gray. In the above picture the students are flanked by Class Cook and Music Director Cunningham.

These Men Have Manned the 1950-1951 School Administration



Left to right are pictured four of the present school board members whose pictures were available: Dudley Robinson, outgoing secretary; P. L. London, G. Preach Cranfill, president; and Jake Lamb, outgoing members. Below is shown Clyde Hayes, board member. Pictures were not obtained of Owen Seamond and Cordie Potts.

Superintendent Dalton Caffee



Having just signed a 3-year return contract, Superintendent Caffee is in the midst of two terms of especially grueling work, having just completed the recent school plant improvements, including grade school renovation and the new building, and now facing the high school housing problem incurred by the fire of last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schlenker are taking Mr. and Mrs. James Rankin back to their home in California. The Rankins have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Schlenker and other relatives and friends here for the past three weeks.

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE SALAD

Catheryn Biggers

- 2 packages lemon jell-o
 - 1 package cream cheese
 - 1-2 cup chopped celery
 - 4 finely chopped maraschino cherries
 - 1 small can pineapple
 - 1-2 cup chopped nuts
 - 1 cup whipping cream whipped with 2 tbsps. sugar
- Dissolve jell-o in 2 cups of hot water, add cheese and beat until well mixed. Cool and then add all the rest of the ingredients and chill until firm.

Henry Cay is credited with saying "It's rather be right than president."

Locals



Rev. A. D. Moore, pastor of the Oklahoma Lane Methodist church and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Maynard of Truth or Consequences visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lamb on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson went to Fortales and attended church at the First Methodist Church there with his Mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson.

Mrs. C. A. Guinn is still in the hospital, she is improving now but will probably have to remain there about another week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moyer had as their guests on Mother's Day Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Amarillo.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter on Mother's Day were their sons Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baxter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baxter and family of Clovis, their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Miles Robbins, their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Baxter and daughter and Nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baxter and family and Robbie Boggess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baxter and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baxter returned last week from Oklahoma City where they had attended the funeral of Mrs. J.W. Baxter's uncle. He was brought to Elk City for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Reeve and family went to Perryton to visit Mrs. Reeve's sisters Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle over the weekend. Also to see the Castle's new daughter, Judy Beth.

Mesdames Hadley Reeve, J. H. Boyle, Roy Slazie, Bill Stewart W. H. Ford, and Joe Moyer attended a meeting of the Amarillo District Spring meeting at the Methodist church at Vega Monday. Friona W.S.C.S. was 100% in attaining goals set up. There were only 4 societies that attained these goals. Speaker was Miss Lydia Gerhart, field worker of Methodist church. Lunch was served at the Legion hall by the W.S.C.S. of Vega.

BIG TARGET

A visiting minister denounced horse racing in a town famous for the sport. One of the principal patrons of the track, a wealthy citizen with sporting proclivities, always attended that church. The minister was informed of this after the sermon and determined to make amends to the sportsman who was a generous contributor to the church.

"I'm afraid I touched one of your weaknesses," said the clergyman, "but it was quite unintentional, I assure you."

"Oh, that's all right," said the sportsman genially, "It's a mighty poor sermon that doesn't hit me somewhere."

—Sant Fe Magazine

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Dillie Kelley, pictured below, is the high school principal of the Friona Schools. Kelley plans to return for the 1952 term.



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reeve had their parents as guests on Mother's Day, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reeve and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sparkman of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyles went to Granite, Oklahoma over the week-end to visit a friend who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Thornton and son went to Lubbock on Mother's Day to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Luck.

Mrs. H. H. Weis went to Houston to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Weis and children. Mrs. Weis plans to be gone about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Stowers had as their guests their parents Mrs. Berdie Stowers and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Camp of Dalhart on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb and daughter visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lamb over the week-end. Then on Sunday guests in the Jake Lamb home were their daughters Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foster and daughters.

Mrs. J. E. Tidwell has been in the Farmer County Community hospital with the measles.

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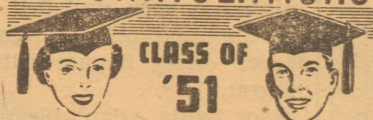
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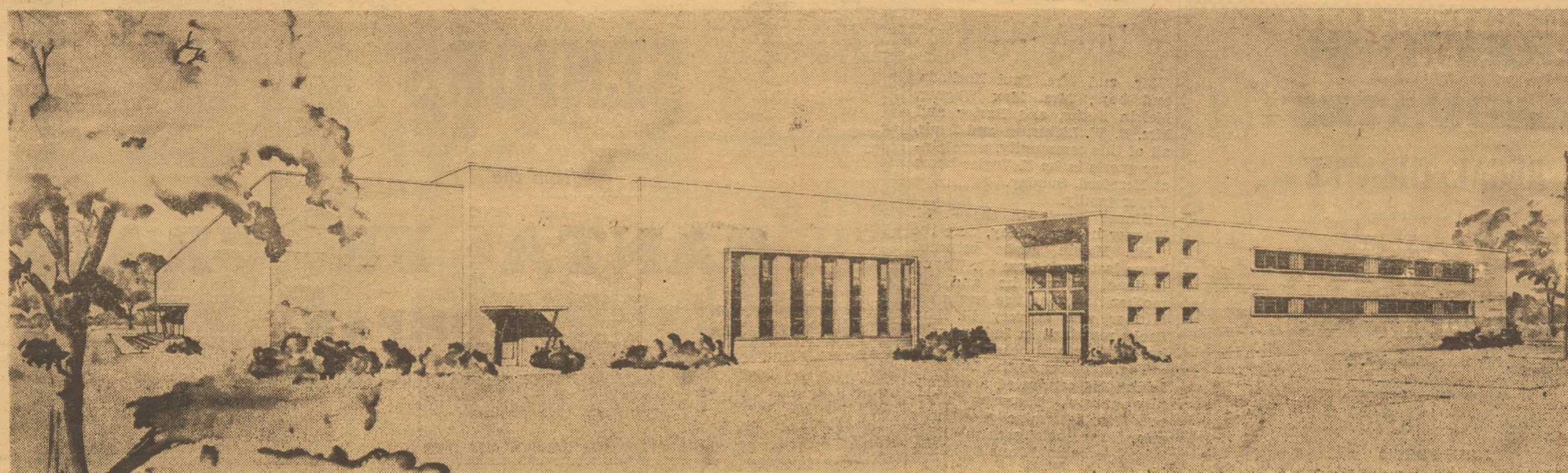
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To The Grads

From The
Castro County News

If there has ever been a time in history when the future of the youth of the land was uncertain, it is now. Whether they will be permitted to continue in their pursuit of an education and the building of a wholesome and useful life is almost wholly dependent on the whims of powerful communist leaders in some of the world's most powerful nations. Ours is not a military nation. We fight a war and immediately turn our attention to peaceful pursuits along whatever lines we choose thinking that the people of other countries have similar ambitions and desires. We believe that would be the case if people everywhere were free. But in the police states life in the military services may be preferable to civilian life. The immediate outlook is that practically all of our young men will be called on to undergo some military training, a condition that could exist for several years, even if they are not called upon to participate in actual combat. Given

the chance the youth of America will continue to expand the opportunities of our way of life, but if they must they will successfully defend their heritage against the isms that are designed to tear down and destroy all that they have been taught to love and cherish. It is a little hard for this writer to understand how the grown-ups of our nation can become so divided and disunited at a time when so much is at stake. This danger is real and eminent. Personalities and politics are no longer of concern. The future of American kids is at stake. A united America should join with the other free countries of the world in raising an impregnable bulwark against the world-wide threat of communism.

Mrs. Dan Laceyell returned Monday from Abilene where she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Frost. Mrs. Frost has been ill and Mrs. Laceyell was spending a few days with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allmon are the proud parents of a boy named Clifford Randall born May 11 at the Deaf Smith Co. Hospital. He weighed 5 lb. 11 oz.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted

Mrs. Mary Bainum, med., Friona.
Mrs. L. M. Grissom, med., Farwell
Mr. M. A. Crum, med., Friona
Mrs. Sam Williams, med., Friona
Mrs. J. E. Tidwell, med., Friona
Mr. Ed Winn, acc., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. Clara Paschal, acc., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Mrs. Gladys Shoopman, acc., Linwood, Calif.
Gary Shoopman, acc., Linwood, Calif.
Richard Shoopman, acc., Linwood, Calif.
Robert Shoopman, acc., Linwood, Calif.

Dismissed

Mrs. Joe Brito and Baby Boy
Mrs. Clayton Taylor and Baby Girl
Mrs. Mabel Jones
Mrs. L. M. Grissom
Mrs. Mary Bainum
Mrs. Tom Griffith
Mrs. W. S. Menefee
Roy Snodgrass
Mr. Ed Winn

RHEA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koeltzow and boys, Mrs. Max Wagner, Melvin Sachs, and Pastor and Mrs. E. W. Lichtsinn and Louis, all of this community, were dinner guests in the E. Vogler home at Hereford, Sunday.

Dinner guests in the E. M. Wagner home, Sunday, were the Mr. Melvin Sachs returned home last week from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where he and his mother had gone two weeks because brother who is very ill. Mrs. Sachs remained in Indiana with her brother and other relatives.

The members of the Lutheran Ladies Aid conducted a community canvas, Thursday afternoon, to determine prospective attendance at Vacation Bible School to be held June 4 to June 15.

A good 6 inch irrigation well was put down for Gilbert Schueler last week.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wilson on Sunday were family of Lazbuddie and Mrs. Faye Wilson and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Senter had as their visitors on Sunday their children, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frazer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. G. B. Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frazer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wade English all of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Davis.

GREETINGS GRADUATES REGAL THEATRE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

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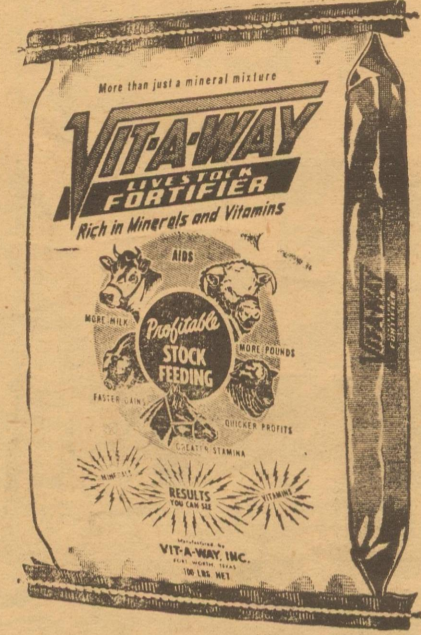
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