

Texas Man's Ranch For Boys Pays Off; Nearly 1400 Benefit

Editor's note: For almost 20 years, a Texas man with an idea and a love of children has been helping straighten out "bad boys." To date, some 1,400 of them have been helped out and only 37 have "stayed wrong" after the experience. This is the first of two dispatches telling the story of Cal Farley and his Boys Ranch.

By PRESTON MCGRAW
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Amarillo, Tex. — (UPI) — A kid with a scared voice telephoned Cal Farley late last Christmas Eve from the Amarillo bus station.

He asked whether Farley could take him in at his Boys Ranch. Farley went down to see what the boy looked like.

He found a 12-year-old in worn tennis shoes, faded and dirty jeans, a ragged shirt and a leather jacket, long since outgrown. He was cold and hungry.

The boy told Farley he didn't know where his father was. He had been living in a nearby state with his mother, but she had abandoned him.

So, in desperation, he hitchhiked to a town 200 miles from Amarillo where he knew some friends. But they were gone when he arrived and the sheriff picked him up.

The sheriff fed him and put him on a bus to Amarillo. "You go see Cal Farley," he said. "He'll help you."

Farley took him to Boys Ranch, 40 miles from Amarillo. The ranch staff worked fast and next morning there were a few presents for him under the big Christmas tree.

When he got the gifts, he started crying.

"He has been with us now several months and he has gained weight," Farley reported recently. "He smiles a lot and is perhaps one of the happiest and most appreciative boys we have at the ranch."

Only 37 Failures
He also is one of the easier "problems" among the 238 boys now living there. Farley has taken in all kinds: thieves, boys whose only aim in life seemed to be to destroy, killers.

Since Farley started his ranch in 1939, nearly 1,400

boys have lived on it. He has failed to make upstanding citizens out of only 37.

"If my staff and I knew what we know now and had the facilities we have now, we wouldn't have lost that many," Farley said.

During World War I, Farley was middleweight wrestling champion of the AEF. He also was a professional baseball player and in 1922 went to St. Paul of the American Association for a tryout.

He missed and moved from his native Minnesota to Amarillo to play with a ball team there. He has been in Amarillo ever since.

Farley didn't stay in baseball long. He organized a tire business and when he sold out in 1947 it was grossing over \$700,000 a year.

Long before that, delinquent boys and their problems had become a besetting interest with him. His first organized attempt to help them was through a group called the Maverick club.

But it didn't help the kids who needed it most. In 1939, he met Julian Bivins, a wealthy rancher, and told him what he really needed.

Bivins offered him the old townsite of Tascosa, an uninhabited but formerly tough and bustling Western town, complete with bothill and 27 graves.

The Boys Ranch layout has now grown to 30 buildings and 10,000 acres, in addition to an irrigated farm where Boys Ranchers raise their own beef and pork, feed for livestock and other crops.

Farley doesn't stand for any foolishness, nor does he lecture his boys. No matter how bad a boy is, Farley and his staff show him that they like him and that he is among friends.

(Next: Good boys out of bad boys.)

Portland — (UPI) — Portland Attorney Lester W. Humphreys has withdrawn as a candidate for the Oregon Supreme Court.



MOONSHINE RAID—County sheriff's deputies wearing cowboy hats muscle Russian refugee Nikolai Federow away from his home in Goshen, Indiana, after he and his wife had stood police off for two hours with a shotgun. Officers were reluctant to fire at the house because of the Federows' six children, some of whom can be seen in this picture, and finally flushed Federow and his wife with tear gas. Action started when police arrived to serve warrants on Federow for illegal sale of whiskey and for operating a still. Five officers were required to get the handcuffs on Mrs. Federow.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Baghdad — The quiet of a palm grove seemed an unusual place to see a life-and-death struggle between a wasp and a cockroach, but that is what we saw.

The mahogany-colored cockroach ran down the palm tree

earth, but the wasp spotted its hiding place and went for it. The cockroach fled. The winged insect was in it in a matter of seconds.

But the wasp didn't kill. Instead, she flung her prey on its back, then carefully stabbed it in the breast with her sting. For seconds the wasp stood motionless injecting its poison. When its victim's struggles were over, the wasp withdrew its sting and walked purposefully back to the palm.

What she wanted was a tomb for her victim, a place to bury her alive. When the wasp returned some minutes later, the cockroach had recovered somewhat, enough so that when the wasp pulled it along to the palm and up the trunk to the pencil-like hole it had found, the cockroach was able to stagger along on its feet.

It took sometime before the wasp could manipulate the cockroach into the hole. When it had finally done so, it entered, too. Then, after a few minutes more, it emerged, blocked up the entrance with a mass of cobweb, leaf and other material, and disappeared.

Egg Deposited
What it had done while it was in the narrow hole with its victim was to deposit an egg on a part of the cockroach's body. It walled up the entrance so the cockroach, when the effects of the sting had worn off completely, wouldn't be able to escape. Why it used a narrow prison was that the cockroach would be unable to remove the egg.

That procedure was vital to the wasp as a means of perpetuating its kind. In succeeding days the egg would grow. In 48 hours or so it would begin to enter the cockroach's body. Finally, as a maggot, it would enter its host, consuming its vitals while it grew strong and the cockroach gradually expired.

Eventually, the maturing wasp would grow strong enough so that it could move forward out of the dead body in which it was encased, eat its way through the plug at the entrance and take off into the hot sun of Baghdad on a search for another cockroach. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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4-H Club News
Hayburners 4-H Horse Club held a meeting July 29 at the home of Linda Smith. The members practiced horsemanship and trail horse classes before the meeting, and were given instructions on the points to look for when judging horses. It was decided by the members to participate in the rodeo parade to be held in middle August. The next meeting will be held Aug. 12, at which time final plans for the fair, Aug. 17, will be made.

Marsha Watson, Reporter.

Nationalist China Forces on Alert

Taipei, Formosa — (UPI) — The government reported that Communist Mig-jet fighters deployed only 22 minutes flying time from President Chiang Kai-Shek's capital today. All Chinese Nationalist military forces were ordered on "the highest degree of alert."

The chief of the Nationalist staff made an emergency broadcast to Formosa and the Nationalist-held offshore islands urging all precautions against possible air attacks by the Chinese Communist jets.

Defense Ministry spokesman Adm. Liu Hoh-Tu said "All our armed forces have been ordered into the highest degree of alert."

The Defense Ministry announced Tuesday night that supersonic Mig-17s had moved into the closest possible attacking position to Formosa since the Nationalists were driven off the China mainland in 1949.

The ministry said that Migs were now operating from Lung Chi Air base, 30 miles west of Amoy port on the China mainland. The base is three minutes flying time from Nationalist-held Quemoy Island, 22 minutes from Taipei and 19 minutes from the industrial city of Kaohsiung in Southern Formosa.

MORE TIME TO COOL OFF
Alexandria, La. — (UPI) — Orville Chellette, convicted of disturbing the peace at a cafe, had his sentence doubled from 30 to 60 days when he turned to the witnesses who had testified against him and shouted: "That's all right, the rest of you liars can go home now."

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Suffocation of Palmer Infant Told in Report

Montesano, Wash. — (UPI) — A pathologist said Tuesday a preliminary autopsy report showed six- and one-half month old Joyce Palmer, whose body was found buried beneath a porch of her parents home at nearby Porter, died of suffocation.

Dr. Kenneth Partlow, Olympia, said a complete report would not be made public until Friday, but the indications were that the child could have choked on regurgitated material while she slept on a couch in the Palmer home.

Mrs. Darlene Palmer has told Sheriff Richard Simmons she found the baby unconscious and when she was unable to revive her, became panicky and buried the infant.

Extensive Search
The 21-year-old mother then told neighbors she had been beaten by an unknown assailant and her child taken last Wednesday. Extensive discovery evolved, ending the discovery of the body Sunday afternoon.

No formal charge will be filed against Mrs. Palmer until a complete autopsy report is submitted, James Solan, Grays Harbor County Prosecutor said.

Mrs. Palmer's husband, Edward, 19, has been released after being held as a material witness in the case.

A recent tally showed 326 ships under construction in Britain and Northern Ireland.



DANCING with Princess Margaret in Vancouver and Ottawa, John Turner, Montreal lawyer, is causing gossip in official circles.

Marathon Rower's Effort Squelched

Aberdeen, Wash. — (UPI) — Immigration officials Tuesday snatched marathon rower Ray Farland from his 12-foot boat at Westport, Wash., abruptly ending his Seattle to Portland rowing trip.

A Coast Guard officer said Farland's identity and nationality were under question. Immigration agents were mum on the matter.

Ownership of the boat in which he was making the trip was also in doubt, the officer said.

He said Farland reportedly signed on a Grace Lines ship in South America and had jumped ship in Seattle about 20 days ago.

Farland was taken to Aberdeen by immigration officials.

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