

MY BIO BY PHYLLIS FARROW WELCH

After graduation, I went to work for Mark Huff Motor Co as a bookkeeper. After working there for two months, I got a better job at Sands Dorsey as their bookkeeper and worked there for four years. I went to work at the USDA ASCS office and retired with 27 years of service. I then, went to work for the Tucumcari Schools Federal Credit Union in 1991 and worked there until 2006.

While working at Sands Dorsey, I married Denny Welch in 1960. We have three daughters and two granddaughters. They live close and we enjoy them all very much.

We have been in the farming and ranching business most of our married life. Denny also worked as a conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad which became the Union Pacific Railroad. He retired with 43 years of service in 2006.

We bought a ranch in 1998 that was only $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from where I grew up. We have a Steer operation and although we have retired from our jobs, we are very busy with our ranching operation.

On this ranch, we have a house that is over 100 years old and this is where my mother grew up. We also, have the remains of an old schoolhouse, which is where my mother and two of my brothers went to school. There are many places on the ranch where homesteads have been. It has much history and has come from covered wagons to the present day.

We are surrounded by beautiful mesas such as the Tucumcari Mountain, Saddle Back, Mesa Redonda, and the Caprock, which is only 10 miles away and has a wind farm with 80 giant wind tubins, which can be seen day or night.