

Bull Town Bulletins



By
Bill Ellis

"BUYING AMERICAN" has always been a noble challenge for U.S. consumers. It's sort of like the old "Shop at Home" theory, carried a step further.

However, it has become more and more a challenge, if not a downright impossibility to buy only American-produced goods in today's world.

Unable to compete with other nations due to a variety of things such as a cheap labor supply, many U.S. manufacturers have literally thrown in the towel, to the extent that virtually 100% of some goods are now produced overseas, with no domestic market what-so-ever.

Ye editor was doing his couch potato routine the other evening, watching the Texas Rangers play (and taking extra blood pressure medication beforehand), when suddenly a light bulb went on in my brain, causing me to wonder out loud how we can even call baseball "America's National Past-time"??

We have known for some time that all of the baseballs manufactured for Major League competition are made elsewhere. Yep, all baseballs used by the pros in our "National Past-time" are made offshore, due to the cheap labor. Baseballs still have to be hand-stitched, so their manufacture requires a great deal of hand labor.

Ye editor rounded up three balls from our various closets. Two were made in Japan, and another in Haiti (no wonder the administration is so interested in that island nation!).

Baseball gloves are the same way. We located two of our boys' old gloves. One was a Wilson brand. Wilson has for years been one of the top sporting goods dealers. At last, we thought--here's a chance for a local tie-in to the National Past-time. The Wilson glove was made of "select American cowhide," it said, and hand-laced. Just about to put a check in the "Made in the USA" column, our heart sank as we spied a small imprint just above the little finger. It simply said "Korea."

If I'm not mistaken, most of the baseball bats are also manufactured other than in the U.S. Can it be that the National Past-time gets all of its supplies from other countries?

The clothing industry is likewise being taken over by manufacturers located other than in the U.S. You may occasionally find an American name, but watch out for a line saying "assembled in Korea," etc.

Ye Editor went to his closet and went right down the line, checking the labels. We had to go to the FIFTH shirt before locating an American-made brand. These others aren't necessarily cheap brands, either. But they were made in Korea, Guatemala, Korea and China. The one American-made shirt in this lineup was an Arrow brand, and we located another one down the row. A Van Heusen shirt you'd expect to be domestically-made, was from Korea.

A tip of the hat is due to our American automobile industry, which has fought back the foreign invasion which a few years ago threatened to take over this industry. America's "big three" has dug down, and with sweat and good-old Yankee ingenuity, reclaimed many of the industry's earlier losses, with excellent products.

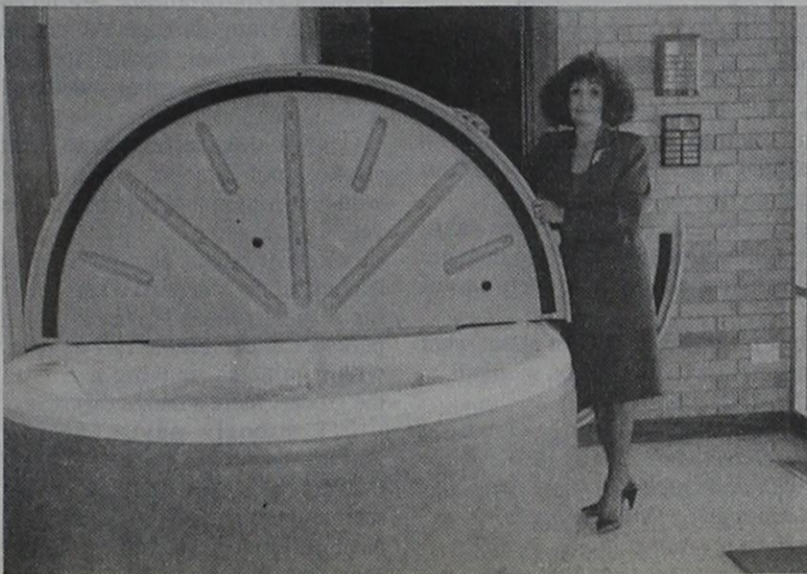
We realize that America needs to have imports as well as exports, but it would help tremendously if our manufacturers were allowed to play on a "level playing field." We understand that Japan, for instance, places custom charges up to 65% on items it imports, to protect its own manufacturers.

One last zinger, as far as the Texas Ranger team. While compiling this piece, it suddenly occurred to Ye Ed that every other member of the team was born and raised either in Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic. They should feel right at home wearing their foreign-made uniforms and using equipment probably from their home country!

How did we get into a mess like this!?!?



MISS BOVINA CANDIDATES....Shown are the girls who will be participating in this year's "Miss Bovina" contest, which will be held on Thursday, August 18. (l-r) Rachel Turner, Tammy Stormes, Lori Beauchamp, Brooke Charles, Kasey Bell, Elaine Bishop, Sally Noriega, and Amy Venable (not pictured).



HOT TUB DRAWING....This Hot Spot Portable Spa could be yours!! Sherry Embry is shown beside the hot tub which the Chamber of Commerce will be giving away during Bovina's Bull Town Days. You can purchase a chance to win from any Chamber member for \$5 each.

Plans Are Underway For Bull Town Days

Plans are proceeding nicely for a revival of Bull Town Days in Bovina, after an absence of several years. The event will be staged August 16-21.

Everything from a Miss Bovina pageant, Little Miss pageant, softball tournament, barbecue, old timers' reunion, street dance and Little Buckaroo's Rodeo are on the schedule.

Here is a list of events as scheduled so far:

Tuesday, August 16: Little Miss Bovina Pageant, 7 p.m., High School Auditorium.

Thursday, August 18: Miss Bovina Pageant, 7 p.m., High School Auditorium.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19-21: 3-2 Softball tournament,

sponsored by the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Contact Rouel Barron at 238-1551.

Saturday, August 20: All day at City Park: Arts & Crafts Show. Contact D'Lynn Jamerson, 225-6136, or Marti Mayfield, 225-4828.

Kids Events: Contact Leah Mason, 238-1610.

9 a.m.--Little Buckaroo Rodeo, Bovina Roping Arena, Contact Lori Smith, 238-1455.

2 p.m.--Team Roping--Bovina Roping Arena, sponsored by Bovina Roping Club.

9 p.m. 'till 1 a.m.--Street Dance at the Fire Department. Music by "Ransom." \$3 per couple, \$2 single.



1993 LITTLE MISS BOVINA WINNERS will be crowning this year's "Little Miss Bovina" during Bovina's Bull Town Days. Pictured (l-r) are Kadi Smith, Morgan Clayton, and Yvonne Espinosa.

Summer Band Is Underway

The summer band program is underway at Bovina Schools.

If you are in the Mustang Band or the Sixth Grade Band, you are encouraged to attend. More people are needed to make the band program at Bovina Schools a success.

Ten students are in the Flag Corps and there are four more positions open. The Flag Corps meets at the school from 8:30 to 10 a.m. each week-day morning.

The Mustang Band meets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each week-day. So far, the attendance has been low. Those who have attended are receiving private instruction on their instruments.

The Sixth Grade Band meets from 12 noon to 2 p.m. each week-day. They practice on their instruments for an hour, then are learning how to care for and clean

all the various band instruments.

Mr. Shelley, band director, encourages every student in band or who wants to become a part of the band program to attend these summer sessions. The students not only are having a lot of fun, but are learning something worthwhile and fulfilling.

Flag Corps To Have Car Wash

The Bovina Mustang Flag Corps will be having a car wash on Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bovina Fire Station. Donations will be taken.

The car wash is being held in order for the Flag Corps to raise money for new uniforms and accessories.

--Meet Your Neighbors--

This week, the Blade is featuring long-time Bovina residents, Jim and Anita Guest, in our "Meet Your Neighbor" series.

The Guests have lived in Bovina since 1971. All five of their children graduated from Bovina High School.

Both Jim and Anita were born in Arkansas, he in Texarkana and she in Magnolia.

Anita grew up in Arkansas and Jim in Oklahoma.

Although both have their roots in Arkansas, they never knew each other when they were living there.

They met in Roswell, New Mexico, where Jim owned a truck stop and Anita was manager there. They will be married 25 years this coming November.

Jim is now employed in maintenance at Professional Flight Training School in Clovis, New



JIM AND ANITA GUEST

Mexico. He has worked in aviation for many years. He worked several years as a crop duster and was a navy pilot in World War II.

Anita is retired, but keeps busy taking care of Jim who had some health problems last summer. He is doing much better now, though.

Anita has worked at many various jobs in the past. She modeled junior fashions in Little Rock, worked in a newspaper office, managed a truck stop, and has flagged for the crop-dusting planes her husband piloted.

She says she enjoys reading, working puzzles, gardening, canning and freezing, and woodworking.

The couple raised five children and they have four grandchildren.

Jim, Jr. is 48 years old and lives

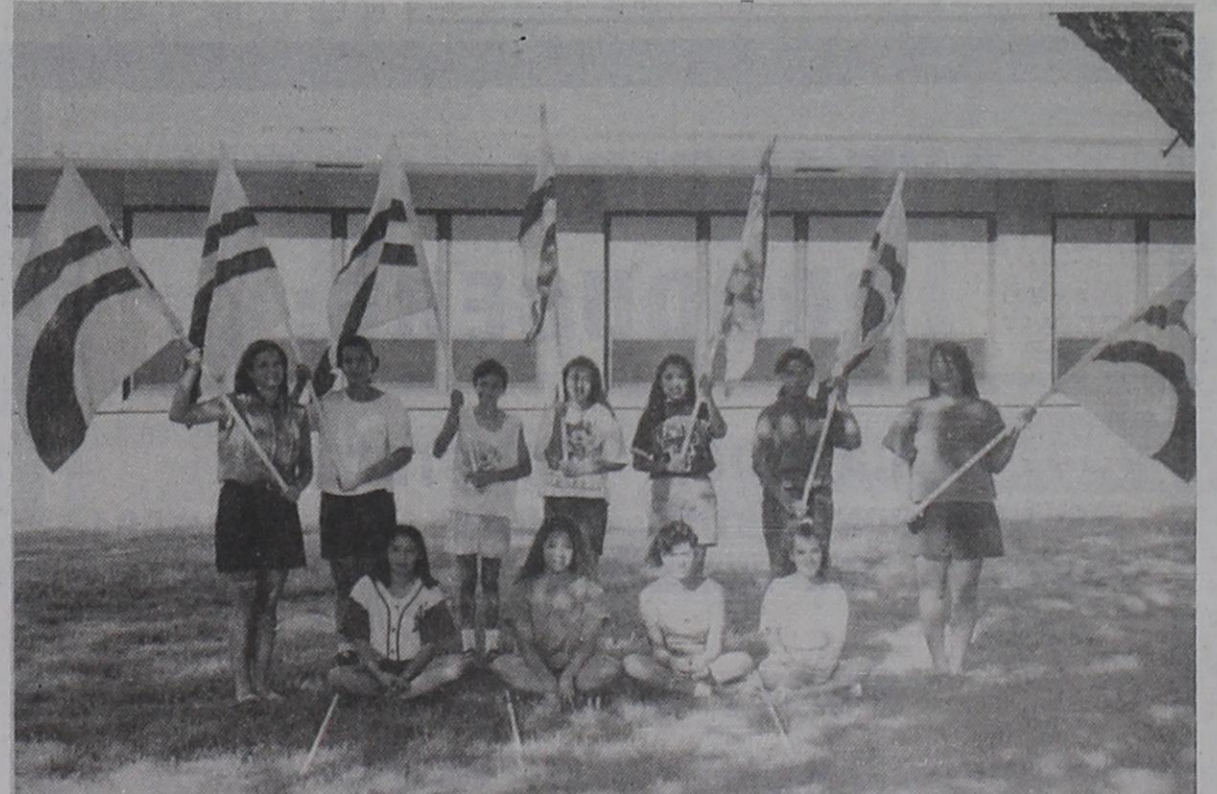
in Dallas with his wife Sandra. He is a doctor and teaches at Parker School of Medicine.

Steve, who is 37 years old, presently lives in Boston. He is an insurance examiner.

Ginger Bowman is their only daughter. She lives in Santee, California with her husband Bob and two children, Stefanie who is seven years old, and new baby Lindsey who is two months old.

The twins Kenny and Keith are 31 years old and both live in Oklahoma City where both are computer programmers for the FAA.

Kenny is married to Margi. Keith is married to Paula and they have two children, Kristopher, age 7, and Mathew, age four.



MUSTANG BAND FLAG CORPS....Shown is the new Flag Corps for the Mustang Band. This is the first year the band will have a flag corps. Back row: (l-r) Tammy Stormes (captain), Priscilla Martinez (captain), Brandie Munoz, Stephanie Villarreal, Maria Fragoza (captain), Marie Martinez, and Vickie Ortiz. Front: (l-r) Laura De La Rosa, Rachel Espinoza, Monica Perez, and Veronica Gonzales from the Portales High School Band Flag Corps. She is working with the group on their flag routines.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--July 22, 1959
Tommy Williams was injured Sunday, July 12, when a horse he was riding fell on him. Williams' left leg was broken in two places. The accident happened on his father's, Dennis Williams', farm.

A violent thunderstorm plastered the Rhea community with golf-ball sized hailstones, high winds and rain about five o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Glasscock and sons spent a weekend in Alpine and surrounding areas. They visited Sul Ross State Teachers College at Alpine and also toured sections of the Big Bend Country. The Glasscocks' sons, Kent, is considering attending Sul Ross this fall.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 22, 1964
Two Bovina children were severely burned in a car fire Wednesday morning of last week. The children, four and two years old, were in the car while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymondo Suniga, were hoeing cotton on the Donald Ray Verner farm south and east of Bovina. The car caught fire and the children were critically burned.

Ronnie Glasscock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Glasscock, returned Sunday following a six-week tour of Germany and points of interest in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinner and daughters, Toni and Beverly, vacationed recently in Dallas and Six Flags. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts who are making their home in Commerce this summer.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 23, 1969
Darrell Read and Lewis McDaniel, Bovina volunteer firemen, are participating in Texas A&M University's annual Texas

Firemen's Training School this week in College Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane were honored with a farewell party last Friday. The Lanes are moving to Lubbock.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1974
Mrs. Tom (Skeet) Caldwell was recently named by directors of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture to receive the chamber's Good Guy Award. Mrs. Caldwell was cited for her work with the youth in the community. She is active in the Bovina Booster Club and Band Parents.

15 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1979
Bob Owen, 45, who has been associated with the Friona Independent School District for the past 16 years, was named last week as the new superintendent of schools for Bovina.

Coach Joel Nelson, who coached the Bovina High School Flying Fillies to a 1978 Class A state track and field championship, has resigned his position with the Bovina I.S.D.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1984
The Bovina High School Class of 1974 held their tenth year reunion on Saturday, July 21.

The City of Bovina received \$1,199.72 for its monthly one per cent sales tax rebate from State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 26, 1989
On June 24, several young men in the community entered the County 4-H Shoot. Those placing were: John Stormes, first in the sub-jr. trap; and Jason Thomas placed second.

Don Bandy was certified as a Hunter Education Instructor.

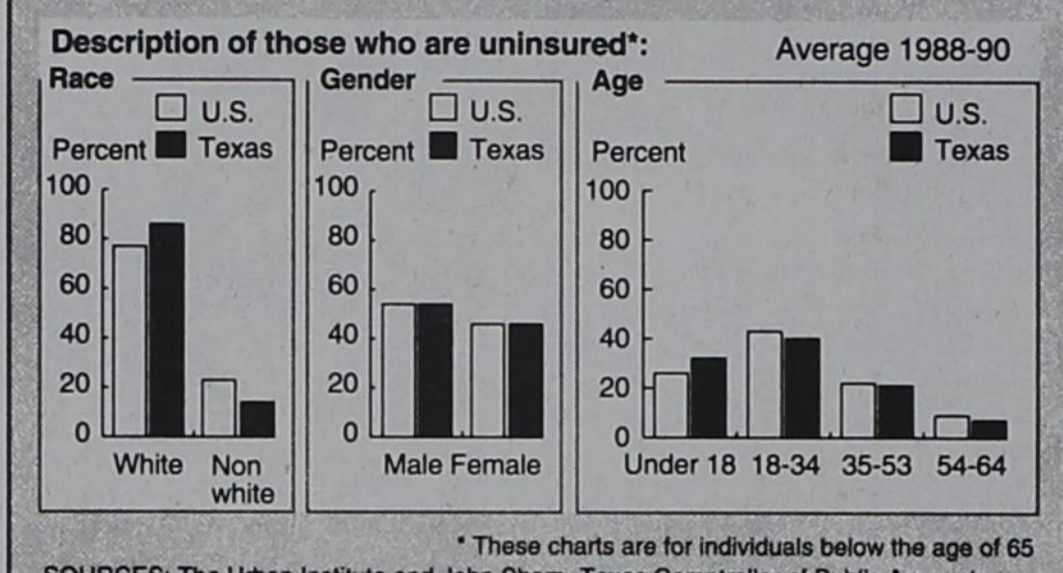
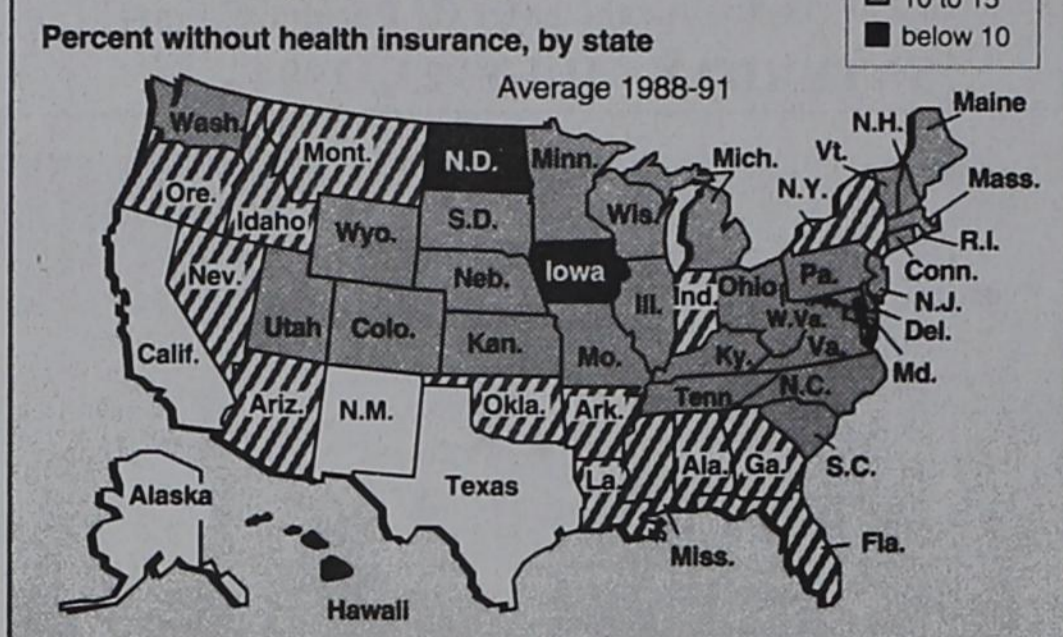
Kody Wilson and Amber Willard were two of the three youngsters from the T-Minus 10 Track team who qualified at the regional Athletic Congress Junior Olympic Track Meet in Tucson, Arizona, last weekend for the National Junior Olympic meet in Spokane, Washington, on July 29-30.

*Happy
30th
Birthday
Little Joe Black
Love, Mother, Sissy,
Tommy and Dustin
From San Antonio*

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas: Highest rate of uninsured

More people in Texas are without health insurance than in any other state—about 4 million people, or more than 23 percent of the population. Of uninsured Texans, 86 percent are white, 54 percent are male and 40 percent are between the ages of 18 and 34.



SOURCES: The Urban Institute and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Looking Up!

BY RICHARD GRISHAM

Summer is revved-up and in high gear! With Vacation Bible School, summer camps, camping trips, visiting relatives, etc., local folks are on the move. As soon as the crops get a little more "laid by," many of our local farmers will also be looking for a little time off!

Some folks I know enjoy hitting all the flea markets, garage sales, antique stores, and souvenir shops during the summer and while they are traveling. Some of you have some amazing collections (I've seen 'em) of what-nots from everywhere!

Recently, one of the world's greatest poets wrote a poem about what folks collect. Now when I wrote this poem, I had some of you in mind!

WHAT DOES YOU COLLECT?
By RICHARD L. GRISHAM
*Constantly I am amazed what other folks collect,
They often seem to be half-crazed with little intellect!
They may go to an auction far and spend a thousand bucks,
To own another antique car or some toy rubber ducks.
Their joy may lie in thimbles brought from every town and state,
Or else they recently have bought a collector's China plate!*

*Others delight in filling shelves with out-of-print rare books;
And others indulge themselves on things with novel lavish looks:
Knicks and knacks, depression glass, elephants, pigs, and turtles,
Watches, clocks, and hats with class, and even bras and girdles!
Some prefer old vintage tools or songs which Elvis recorded,
I tell you some are just plain fools and act like they're retarded!*

*But as for me there's no such bunk, I only keep what most call "junk!"
And none desire or have a lust for all my fireplace mantle dust.
I cannot even save my money, 'cause most of it goes to my
"Honey!"
(Or else my girl and sneaky boys steal it for their teenage joys!)
At any rate I have nothing rare--I've even lost my curly hair!
The only collecting I really does comes under "belly-button fuzz!"*

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending July 1, 1994, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
WD, Sunbelt National Mortgage Corp., Dennis G. Pingsterhaus, Lot 19, Blk. 6, Lakeview Add., Friona
WD, Juan Samarron, Sandra Ramos Samarron, all of Lots 3 and 4, Blk. 39, OT Friona
WD, Deward K. and Joyce K. Armstrong, John B. Grozier, III, all of Lot 12, Blk. 4, Mimo Add., Farwell
WD, Rhonda Pegoda, Mitchell L. Walls, all of Lots 23 and 24, Blk. 16, OT Farwell
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WD, CMM Trust, LPM Trust, two tracts out of Sec. 37, and the N 1/2 of Sec. 36, Blk. "C," Rhea Bro.
WD, LPM Trust, CMM Trust, the E 1/2 of Sec. 20; the S 1/2 of Sec. 21; all of Sec. 27; and part of Sec. 28, all in T2N;R3E
WD, CMM Trust, LPM Trust, part of Secs. 23 and 24, T2N;R4E, all of Sec. 36, Harding Sub., part of Sec. 27, T1N;R3E
WD, Noyle E. and Billy Wood, Monty J. Wheeler, Lot 13, Blk. 2, Welch Acres Add., Friona
WD, Steven H. Shrode, PHH Home Equity Corporation, the S/15 ft. of Lot 1 and the N/62 ft. of Lot 2, Blk. 2, Welch Acres Add., Friona

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Arthur Lee Stephens-Katie May Rhodes; David J. Reo-Tina M. Ickes; Jeffrey Dale Chaney-Stephanie Deon Downey; Jeffrey W. Andrews-Bobbie Marie Stephens.

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Pet Corner

(From the Friona Animal Humane Society)

Excessive heat and sun exposure pose a number of health risks for household pets, especially dogs and cats.

No animal is safe from suffering dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn. Informed pet owners can keep their pets happy and healthy throughout the long summer months.

To protect pets from blistering temperatures, pet owners should begin by providing fresh water and shade throughout the day.

"Even if you have to chain up your dog, be sure water and shade are within reach," said Amarillo veterinarian Dr. John Colvert.

Dogs and cats are especially at risk when left unprotected from the sun.

"These animals don't sweat the way humans do," said Colvert. "The only means they have for cooling themselves is by sweating on their foot pads or panting, which is a way of exchanging heat for cool air."

Fresh water and shade reduce body heat. Unlike humans, a dog's average body temperature is 101 degrees. Bushes and trees provide ideal shade.

"A dog's house doesn't allow air to circulate whereas a shady bush will," said Becky Diggs, a volunteer with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "Cool shading is imperative in the prevention of heat stroke."

Heat stroke occurs when an animal's body overheats, and it can lead to brain damage or death. Signs of a heat stroke include panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever.

"If a dog suffers from heat stroke, cool him off immediately with cold water, and take him to the vet," Diggs said.

Veterinarians caution against leaving animals in parked cars, even for a short time. The inside of a parked car can reach 160 degrees within minutes, making a trip to the grocery store a dangerous stop.

"I strongly advise against leaving pets in parked cars," Colvert said. "In the past, we've seen numerous cases in which pets have suffered heat strokes after a short time in a car."
If owners absolutely must leave their pets in a parked car,

windows should be slightly ajar, the car parked in the shade and fresh water provided.

Danger may arise for dogs traveling in truck beds. The sun can heat a truck bed hot enough to burn the pads of a dog's feet, and flying debris can cause severe injuries.

"We've all seen the damage a flying pebble can do to a windshield," Diggs said. "Just imagine if it was your dog instead. Ears, eyes and the head are all in danger."

Sunburns also result from excessive sun exposure, especially for short haired dogs with pink skin and white hair. A dog's exposure time should be limited and applying sunblock on his ears and nose 30 minutes before exposure is recommended.

Strenuous exercise on extremely hot days create another health risk for pets. Refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

Perhaps the best way to ensure a pet's health is to remember that whatever makes an owner uncomfortable will do the same for the animal.

Here are five things you should do to insure your pet's health and safety:

1. Never leave your pet alone in a car during the summer. A car can quickly turn into an oven, even with the windows slightly open.
2. Make sure your pet always has access to cool, clean water, especially in the summer heat. If you take your pet to the beach, be sure to provide ample shade as well, and hose him down after he has been in the salt water.
3. Never let your pet run loose without identification and without your supervision. It will reduce the chance of injuries and pet theft.
4. Carefully go over your pet's body at least once a week to check for fleas, ear mites and tiny bumps or cuts. Bring your pet to the vet for a spring/summer check-up and use a good flea and tick repellent that your vet recommends.
5. If you plan to take your pet on a long car trip, take him on several short trips to condition him for the journey. Travel can be very stressful for a pet; try to eliminate as much of the stress as possible.

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ATTENDS ELECTRICITY CAMP.....Jarrah Redwine is shown here with Steve York, an SPS employee, while she was attending an electricity camp near Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Parmer County Resident Attends Electricity Camp

Jarah Redwine, a Parmer County resident, recently participated in an electricity camp sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company. More than 125 4-H'ers from throughout the Texas South Plains attended the camp, June 27-July 1, at Camp Scott Able, near Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Her parents are Bobby and Debra Redwine, residents of the Lazbuddie community.

Students had opportunities to build their own "hands-on" projects. They also participated in demonstrations and lectures on

basic electricity, safety, wiring and electrical terminology.

County agents and SPS employees served as advisers and instructors.

Southwestern Public Service Company is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters are in Amarillo, Texas.

SW Bell Amarillo Phone Directory Is Expanded

Responding to numerous requests for copies of the Southwestern Bell directory serving Amarillo, Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages, Inc. today announced it will expand distribution of the book to include 16 Texas Panhandle counties.

Lew Bradshaw, the company's sales manager in Amarillo, said the next edition of the directory, to be published in February 1995, will be distributed free to households and businesses in the counties of Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts and Sherman.

consumers in the expanded area indicate that, while they do most of their shopping locally, they often make major purchases in the Amarillo area.

"We're just delighted with the decision by Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages to expand the directory's distribution," said Sharon Patrick, membership development coordinator for the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

"We've received at least 5,000 calls a year from folks wanting us to look up information. What Southwestern Bell is doing is a fine community-service effort."

Meanwhile, chambers of commerce in the expanded area have been supplied additional copies of the current Southwestern Bell Amarillo directory. Those who would like to order a copy by phone can call a toll-free number, 1-800-261-8269.

Bradshaw stressed that the expanded distribution of the Amarillo directory will not affect the publication and distribution of other Southwestern Bell directories in the area.

"We're making this change because of the many requests we've received from those wanting a copy of our Amarillo directory," Bradshaw said. "This will benefit those who need the directory as an information and shopping resource, and will provide an expanded customer base for directory advertisers."

Bradshaw said surveys of

Happy Homemaker
By JUNE FLOYD

- Most of the recipes this week were devised for freshly picked vegetables, but canned or frozen ones may be used.
- Of course, to bring out the very best taste, freshly picked Parmer County vegetables cannot be excelled.
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- SCALLOPED POTATOES**
Eva G. Roysden Miller
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped celery
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - Black pepper to taste
 - 2 cups milk
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 - 1/2 can chopped pimento
 - 1/2 cup shredded carrots
 - 18 oz. frozen French fries
 - 8 oz. American cheese, grated
- Heat oven to 400 degrees. Melt butter, add green pepper and celery. Cook until tender. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Add milk. Add other ingredients and half the cheese. Place potatoes in Pyrex bowl and pour sauce over them. Bake 25 minutes. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top and bake 5 minutes longer.
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- POTATOES NOBLESEE**
Maridale Glass Davidson
- 4 large potatoes
 - 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
 - 1/4 cup chopped onion
 - 1/4 cup chopped pimento
 - 1/2 cup French dressing
 - 1/2 cup shredded cheese (Velveeta or cheddar)
- Cook potatoes, peel and slice. Marinate potatoes, green pepper, onion and pimento in dressing 2 hours. Place marinated mixture in electric skillet. Cover. Turn control to simmer and simmer 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.
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- POTATOES SUPREME**
Nelda May Miller Bengé
- Bake 6 medium sized potatoes, chill, peel and grate
- In large bowl, combine:
- Grated potatoes
 - 1-8 ounce carton sour cream
 - 1 stick melted oleo
 - 1-8 ounce package cheddar cheese, grated
 - 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
 - 1/4 cup dried onion flakes
- Stir together and place in 9"x13" dish greased Pyrex dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes.
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- SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE**
Glenda Williams Miller
- 2 pounds (6 cups) yellow summer squash, sliced
 - 1/4 cup chopped onion
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1 cup shredded raw carrots
 - 1/2 cup oleo, melted
 - 1-8 ounce package Pepperidge Farm herb seasoned stuffing mix
- Cook sliced squash and onions in salted water for 5 minutes. Drain. Combine soup and sour cream. Stir in carrots. Add squash and onion mixture. Combine oleo and stuffing mix. Spread half of stuffing mix in bottom of 12"x7-1/2" baking dish. Spoon vegetable mixture on top. Sprinkle remaining stuffing mix over top of vegetables. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly.
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- MEXICAN SQUASH**
Nelda May Miller Bengé
- 7-8 yellow squash, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- Boil until tender. Drain. Add and stir together:
- 1 cup cheddar cheese soup
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup chopped green chillies
 - 20 crushed saltine crackers
- Bake without a lid at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until it forms a light crust. Frozen squash can be substituted.
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- ZUCCHINI FRITTERS**
Maridale Glass Davidson
- 1 cup flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 1/3 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup grated onion
 - 1 tablespoon melted butter
 - 1 cup finely grated zucchini,
- unpeeled
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- Oil for frying
- In medium bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. In small bowl, beat egg yolks well; add milk, onion and melted butter. Stir egg mixture into dry ingredients. Carefully fold in zucchini and beaten egg whites. Drop by tablespoons in hot oil-cooking about 1-1/2 minutes on each side. Drain. Shake fritters in a bag with Parmesan cheese. Serve hot.
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- Worry is like a rocking chair--gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere.

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Playnight Activities Draw Large Field Of Competitors

The Friona Riding Club's first Playnight activities were held Saturday, July 16. The Playnight for the previous week was cancelled due to rain and will be re-scheduled.

Playnight activities begin at 7 p.m. each Saturday night at the Friona Riding Club arena west of town.

The club has added a new dimension. There will be a 3-5 age group.

Winners of the first night's activities include:

BARRELS

Ages 3-5: 1. Chance Prosser, 36.26.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonah Black, 22.90; 2. Berry Morris, 23.77; 3. Justin Ware, 24.25; 4. Luke London, 27.61; 5. Triston Thorn, 28.62.

Ages 10-14: 1. Joni Johnson, 19.71; 2. Jodie Coker, 21.08; 3. Savannah Black, 21.31; 4. Ryan Dyer, 22.24; 5. Robin Grantham, 24.74; 6. Tray Thorn, 27.13; 7. Cassie London, 27.79; 8. Krista Cockerham, 35.72; 9. Derrick Murphree, 42.65; 10. Audra King, 1:04.--.

Ages 15-18: 1. Tobyn Dyer, 20.11; 2. Romni Wood, 23.35.

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Ages 3-5: 1. Chance Prosser, 2:35.42.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonah Black, 11.91; 2. Justin Ware, 13.01; 3. Berry Morris, 14.43; 4. Luke London, 16.78; 5. Triston Thorn, 17.77.

Ages 10-14: 1. Joni Johnson, 9.16; 2. Savannah Black, 9.87; 3. Robin Grantham, 9.93; 4. Jodie Coker, 10.28; 5. Ryan Dyer, 11.72; 6. Krista Cockerham, 18.83; 7. Cassie London, 19.19; 8. Audra King, 23.37; 9. Braydan Lewis, 25.47; 10. Tray Thorn, 25.67; 11. Derrick Murphree, 28.77.

Ages 15-18: 1. Romni Wood, 9.26; 2. Robyn Dyer, 9.76.

POLES

Ages 3-5: 1. Chance Prosser, 1:41.52.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonah Black, 26.90; 2. Berry Morris, 31.64; 3. Justin Ware, 32.77; 4. Luke London, 36.26; 5. Triston Thorn, 47.22.

Ages 10-14: 1. Jodie Coker, 26.29; 2. Savannah Black, 26.40; 3. Ryan Dyer, 29.28; 4. Joni Johnson, 29.98; 5. Tray Thorn, 35.82; 6. Cassie London, 41.32; 7. Derrick Murphree, 46.50; 8. Krista Cockerham, 46.99; 9. Braydan Lewis, 1:03.73; 10. Audra King, 1:08.61; 11. Robin Grantham, no time.

Ages 15-18: 1. Romni Wood, 26.65; 2. Tobyn Dyer, 30.44.

STAKES

Ages 3-5: 1. RaJon Thorn, 26.90; 2. Chance Prosser, 34.73.

Ages 6-9: 1. Shonah Black, 13.27; 2. Luke London, 17.30; 3. Triston Thorn, 17.52; 4. Berry Morris, 20.01; 5. Justin Ware, 21.53.

Ages 10-14: 1. Joni Johnson, 9.99; 2. Jodie Coker, 11.22; 3. Robin Grantham, 11.35; 4. Savannah Black, 11.77; 5. Cassie London, 14.84; 6. Tray Thorn, 14.96; 7. Krista Cockerham, 17.61; 8. Derrick Murphree, 19.73; 9. Braydan Lewis, 30.14; 10. Audra King, 31.64; 11. Ryan Dyer, no time.

Ages 15-18: 1. Romni Wood, 10.37; 2. Tobyn Dyer, 10.72.

RINGS

Ages 3-5: Chance Prosser, no time.

Ages 6-9: 1. Luke London, 41.71; 2. Berry Morris, 43.97; 3. Justin Ware, 1:10.31; 4. Shonah Black, no time.

Ages 10-14: 1. Robin Grantham, 17.78; 2. Ryan Dyer, 23.67; 3. Savannah Black, 25.47; 4. Jodie Coker, 27.01; 5. Cassie London, 47.58; 6. Tray Thorn, 50.35; 7. Krista Cockerham, 53.42; 8. Derrick Murphree, 55.07; 9. Audra King, 1:18.--; 10. Braydan Lewis, 1:27.--.

Ages 15-18: 1. Romni Wood, 12.95; 2. Tobyn Dyer, 24.87.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas tornadoes lead U.S.

Texas whipped up 117 twisters in 1993, topping Kansas' 113. Florida and South Dakota tied for third place, with 85 tornadoes each. Escaping completely from the ravages of cyclones were Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Washington.

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SOURCES: National Weather Service and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Over 19,000 Rural Jobs Are Created Or Saved This Year

More than 19,000 jobs will be created or saved in rural areas this fiscal year through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration (RDA) Business and Industry Program, according to RDA acting administrator, Wilbur T. Peer.

"The RDA Business and Industry program is helping to provide new jobs in rural areas by working with banks to make financing available to new or expanding businesses," Peer said. "Thousands of jobs are also being saved by helping companies that would have to go out of business without additional financing."

"The Administration is emphasizing the Business and Industry Program as part of its commitment to participate with the private sector to help create jobs and improve the rural economy," Peer said.

Nationally, RDA has invested \$114,942,250 for 81 loans this fiscal year, which began last October first. Nearly \$135 million remains available for the rest of the fiscal year which ends September 30, 1994.

In Texas, RDA has invested \$2,500,000 this year in rural areas to create and/or save 230 jobs.

Under RDA's Business and Industry Program, guaranteed loans are available for such purposes as the start-up or purchase of a business, working capital, conversion from one type of business to another, expansion and modernization.

"The RDA guarantee helps small businesses find credit that otherwise may not be available. Banking regulations have been tightened over the past few years and some banks, especially small rural banks, may be hesitant to lend to emerging businesses," Peer said.

"Even smaller banks, however, can make loans with the RDA guarantee because the guarantee reduces their risk. And the guaranteed portion of the loan does not count against their reserves," he said. "In addition, banks can sell the guaranteed portion of the loan on the secondary market. Also, these loans help lenders fulfill their obligation to the community in accordance with the Community Reinvestment Act."

Companies of any size can apply for guarantees on loans of up to \$10 million. The amount of the Federal guarantee depends on the size of the loan. A maximum 90 per cent guarantee is available for loans under \$2 million, an 80 per cent guarantee on loans of \$2 million to \$5 million, and a 70 per cent guarantee is available on loans over \$5 million up to \$10 million.

"The Business and Industry Loan Program is one of the least costly to the American taxpayer," Peer said. "Since the federal government only guarantees the loan, there is no direct outlay of federal dollars unless there is a loss on the loan."

The RDA Business and Industry Loan Program is administered at the local level by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and is available through FmHA state offices around the country.

Further information may be obtained from the state office at the following address: Farmers Home Administration, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas, 76501, (817) 774-1307.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from April 1 to June 30, 1994, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	1,782.18
Amount received since last report	847.84
Amount paid out since last report	930.00
6-30-94 Balance	1,700.02
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	75,187.67
Amount received since last report	275,900.03
Amount paid out since last report	303,634.63
6-30-94 Balance	47,453.07
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	281,737.36
Amount received since last report	495,691.40
Amount paid out since last report	554,449.32
6-30-94 Balance	222,979.44
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	6,243.70
Amount received since last report	6,868.27
Amount paid out since last report	5,000.00
6-30-94 Balance	8,111.97
Lateral Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	3,675.25
Amount received since last report	0
Amount paid out since last report	3,675.25
6-30-94 Balance	0
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	10,643.47
Amount received since last report	26,535.29
Amount paid out since last report	33,904.00
6-30-94 Balance	3,274.76
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	30,057.66
Amount received since last report	32,341.03
Amount paid out since last report	28,298.00
6-30-94 Balance	34,100.69
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	2,935.07
Amount received since last report	489.79
Amount paid out since last report	0
6-30-94 Balance	3,424.86
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	180.28
Amount received since last report	250.00
Amount paid out since last report	253.69
6-30-94 Balance	176.59
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 1994	377.29
Amount received since last report	0
Amount paid out since last report	0
6-30-94 Balance	377.29
RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund	1,700.02
General Fund	47,453.07
Farm to Market	222,979.44
Right Of Way Fund	8,111.97
Lateral Fund	0
Permanent Improvement Fund	3,274.76
Revenue Fund	34,100.69
Juvenile Probation Fund	3,424.86
County Attorney Check Collection Fund	176.59
District Check Collection 287th Fund	377.29
TOTAL	321,598.69
List of Bonds and Other Securities on Hand	
Farm to Market Fund	375,000.00
Jury Fund	40,000.00
General Fund	450,000.00
Farm to Market Fund	265,000.00
Right of Way Fund	95,000.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	64,750.00

Treasurer's Report from March 31, 1994 to June 30, 1994:
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Anne Norton, County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of July 1994.
Bonnie Clayton, County Judge

Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 11th day of July 1994.

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Parmer County, Texas, hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 11th day of July 1994, and have found the same to be correct and in due order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer as well as other assets in her hands is the sum of \$1,611,348.69.

Witness our hands officially this 11th day of July A.D. 1994.
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Betty Hawkins Talks About Her Theatre/Drama Career

(Editor's note: the following is a article appearing in the Mineral Wells newspaper. Betty lived in Bovina for years and contributed much. We felt our readers would enjoy her story.)

By VICKI BROWN
Lifestyles Editor

A glance at Betty Hawkins will show any casual observer Hawkins' first love. A quick glimpse of her classroom door will tell him her occupation. A two-minute conversation leaves him no doubt about her passion.

Drama and theatre for the high school theatre arts teacher takes a back seat only to God and her family. Even though she retired from the school scene in May, chances are she will find another outlet for her creativity.

You will catch the hint when you see a flash of gold on her wrist. Her watch sports the theatre's emblem--the masks of comedy and tragedy.

That same symbol graced the door to her classroom in the "I" building at Mineral Wells High School. Step through the door, and you'll soon forget you're on campus.

The tiny cubicle that was Hawkins' office is crammed with movie and theatre mementos, family snapshots and the paraphernalia of a teacher. Hundreds of masks, just part of her collection, fill one wall. The display includes porcelain, clay masks, Indian and black figures, elaborate and simple ones. The subdued light softens and blends the colors and edges for a homey and comfortable look.

Her office is just a small niche in the physical legacy she is leaving the school. A plywood wall begins a few feet from the door to divide the old gym. After her second year as MWHS' drama teacher, Hawkins decided she needed a theatre. "We really needed a place in which to practice scenes. It's just not practical to try to work from the stage in the auditorium every class period," she explained in her heavy southern drawl.

Determined to provide a functional stage, dressing room and storage areas, she set to work with her husband and grandson to build walls, leaving a narrow corridor around the outer edge of the stage. By securing donations and purchasing the rest of the material they needed, they built the stage and covered risers. They added carpet.

When Whataburger discarded a counter, someone called her and said, "Mrs. Hawkins, if you'll get over here right away, you can have it." That counter now lines the wall in the dressing room which also features donated mirrors.

An old steel desk became the base for the sound booth, and the stairs which lead to it were also donated.

The addition of sound equipment and lighting has made the "Little Theatre" at MWHS one of the best in Texas's schools. In fact, it's one of only a few "working theatres" in a high school.

Hawkins didn't plan to become a teacher. Born in Fort Worth, the lively woman got a taste for acting at age three. "Thelma Doss was my first drama teacher," she said. "I used to ride the bus from Fort Worth to visit my aunt, and I took classes from Thelma."

Doss described her as "just a little bitty thing. She used to sit

on a hassock. She would sit there swinging her feet, because she was too little to touch the floor. She was the cutest thing.

After her mother died, eight-year-old Hawkins moved to Mineral Wells to live with her aunt, Roby Vaughn. Recognizing her niece's talent, Vaughn took her to Hollywood for summer productions every summer after Hawkins' ninth birthday.

"Paul Gerswin discovered me. He got me an appointment with Josephine Dillion, who was Clark Gable's first wife. She's the one who got him started. I read the part of Beth after the death of her mother from Little Women," she said.

Impressed by her abilities, Dillion arranged to list her in the Screen Guild's guide, a list of available actors and actresses.

At the end of the third summer the pair lived in Hollywood, Aunt Roby decided to leave Hawkins there because she was doing well. Betty attended academic classes at Hollywood Professional School each morning, and studied acting each afternoon.

Tagged to play Darla in a revival of the Little Rascals series, Hawkins decided not to remain in Tinseltown. "I played a blonde Darla. You know she was dark-headed in the original show. But the new show never really worked out. That era was gone," she said.

"I'm so thankful now that I did not stay out there. Look at every one of those kids who became popular. Many are on drugs; some had nervous breakdowns. God had a better place for me. I wouldn't have met my husband, and I wouldn't have had my family."

After her return from Hollywood, Hawkins plunged right into any kind of theatre-related activity she could find. At age 13, she used her singing talents to form and direct a girls' choir. "Thelma had a radio show of her own then," she said. "She was pregnant and went into labor on a day her show was to air. She called and asked me to do her radio broadcast. So I gathered up my girls and we did it."

Nine years old when the United States entered World War II, Hawkins sang every weekend at Fort Wolters for soldiers in transit to Germany. "They were young and scared. Some of them just cried when I sang because they were thinking of their families or their girlfriends," she said.

Even in Mineral Wells, Hawkins landed a spot with a big-name talent of the day. Before he and his band made an appearance in the city's convention center, Ernest Tubbs asked if someone at the high school could be found to sing with them. Hawkins was given the honor. "I was supposed to sing 'I Didn't Know the Gun Was Loaded' and fire a blank from the gun I wore. Unfortunately, I didn't get the gun out of the holster completely before I fired and it burned a hole through my dress," she laughed.

She graduated from MWHS in 1949 and married farmer and rancher, Harold Hawkins, on July 5 the same year. "I had met him at the corner of the Baker Hotel," she laughed.

After their marriage, the pair moved to Bovina, her husband's home town. There she used her talents to work with music and youth at First Baptist Church. As a volunteer, she also helped high school students prepare for one-act play competition.

With her husband's

encouragement, she enrolled in college in 1965 when her daughter started high school. Daily, she made the trek from her home to West Texas State University in Canyon, where she earned a bachelor's degree in drama in 1969. "I wanted to major in music," she admitted. "But I couldn't stay late for all the extra work after class that was required, so I turned to drama instead."

Wanting to find other outlets for her considerable talent, she found and purchased an old barracks and converted it into a refuge for the town's youth. "We called it 'The Spot.' It was a place the kids could come to after school for games and recreation," she explained.

She landed her first teaching post at the junior high school in Dimmitt. During her three-year tenure, she started the drama department there. She then moved into the high school for three years, and led the school's drama team to two district UIL wins.

The Hawkinses were ready to try their hand at another venture. So they packed up and moved to Ruidoso to set up an antique and jewelry shop. "It was so cold that first winter, we decided to move to Mineral Wells. I wanted to be near my aunt, too, because she was getting older," she said.

"Homesick for teaching," Betty applied for a post at MWHS. "There weren't any openings in English, but they offered me the opportunity to teach trainable mentally retarded kids," she said.

Although she had no education or experience with slower learners, Hawkins plunged right in, using her drama training as a springboard and a teaching tool. "We used tapes for the dialog, and I taught them to act to the words," she said.

The troupe became "Betty's Specials" and performed short plays, skits and puppet shows all over the area. "They acted at the country club, for organizations and churches here, in Weatherford, Stephenville and other places. Once, they even performed for Cullin Davis in his mansion. We had our own little band," she explained.

During the eight years she worked with the class, she tried to teach life skills through drama and music. "I taught them a little song to learn how to use money. The last five years, we sold lollypops at lunch to raise funds for our trips. Most of the kids learned to make change at those sales," she said.

Her experience galvanized her to organize the first Special Olympics in Mineral Wells. "The American Legion was such a support. Huey Long was really

Scooter's Scoops
By Scooter Russell

NEWS AROUND TOWN: Carl D. Schrader of Neligh, Nebraska has been visiting with Erma Bradshaw and her family for the last two weeks.

They visited Larry and Dyalhia DeFever in Amarillo and went to see "TEXAS." In Lubbock, they visited J. F. and Avis Bradshaw.

Then, they went to Carlsbad, New Mexico and went through the caverns and surrounding attractions.

This was Carl's first trip to West Texas and it was a surprise to him to stand and look any direction and see so far. Where he lives in Nebraska, they have a lot of trees and rivers. This was his first time to see cotton fields.

He said to Erma that he had a good time and was glad he came to Bovina. "The people are so kind and friendly," he said.

Richard and Velma Grisham and family enjoyed seeing "TEXAS" in Palo Duro Canyon, July 7. Richard's brother-in-law and sister, Noman and Jeanine Oraivej, and their four children, from Minneapolis, Minnesota had never seen the drama.

Also with them were Richard's mother, Reva Lou Grisham and his sister and husband, Rodney and Lana Watson and their two children of Plainview, another nephew, Andrew Grisham, also of

committed to special children," she said.

She added that at one time a workshop, called Palo Pinto Gold, provided employment for handicapped through a program similar to Goodwill.

Determined to create a high school drama program, Hawkins approached principal Charles Scott. At first he denied her request, claiming drama was "nothing but trouble."

While teaching special classes, she kept her hand in drama by assisting English teacher, David Hutton, with one-act plays entered in competition. "We didn't have any drama classes, but he put together a play for contest," she said.

"Finally, I begged Mr. Scott to let me try just for one year, and he reluctantly okayed it," she added.

She built the MWHS tradition with 12 girls in that first class. She also moved away from special education to teach English. The last five years of her 18-year tenure have been spent just with drama.

Large pictures of the casts of most of the UIL plays she has directed line most of the theatre's walls. All but two of the attempts have taken the district contest. In 1992, "The Boys Next Door" captured first in district, area, regional and state.

"We're going to do it again this year, too," she asserted. Then her broad smile softened a bit when she added, "Even if we don't, we're still winners."

Her positive influence on her students is her lasting legacy to Mineral Wells High School. She has helped transform shy, insecure students into bold performers. She has helped students see and tap into their potential.

Several cast members have or are pursuing theatre careers. "About 10-12 students have gone on into drama full-time, either entertaining or teaching. In fact, I think nearly everyone in the state winner is involved in drama in some form," she said.

As she looks to the future, Hawkins hasn't made any firm decisions. "I want to enjoy my family," she said. "That will be my top priority for a while. My husband has supported me in every wild whim. He has been my strength. Without him, I wouldn't have been able to do anything."

A woman of deep religious convictions and a member of a non-denominational church in Grafado, Hawkins also hopes to more actively use her voice and drama skills for Christ again.

Whatever activity she chooses, you can bet that in some way theatre will still be at its root.

Plainview; and a friend, Adin Umana, from Houston.

All had a wonderful time, and the Minnesota family members were impressed with the beauty of the canyon and that real live horses were used in the production.

Earl and Norma Whitten, Bret and Sherry, and Megan Whitten were also at "TEXAS" that evening.

Carolyn Pruitt of First Baptist Church took the fourth and fifth grade girls to G. A. Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly in Floydada last week. The girls who went were Misty and Lindsey Pruitt, Sara Sorley, Tabitha Englant, and Julie Grisham.

The theme of the camp was "Follow the Leader: Jesus Christ." On Sunday morning, at their church, the girls sang some of the songs they learned while at camp.

Emma Gene Calaway reported that her husband, Robert Calaway, entered the Hereford Care Center on Monday after being released from the Clovis hospital.

(Editor's note: The "Scoops" are somewhat short this week since Scooter had to go and check on her new great-grandson. Call her next week with your news of visitors, visits, and goings-on.)



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Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

Bovina residents having birthdays next week are:

July 24--Lindsey Pruitt, Courtney Jamerson, Marti Mayfield.

July 25--Nate Munoz.
July 26--Doug Johnson, Joyce Hammonds, Amber Lide, Gladys Wright.

July 27--Joel Barrett, Anna Lee Englant.

July 29--Virgil Tritsch, Jay Be Barrett, Martha Guyman, David Cruz.

July 30--Gabe Gamer.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

Baby Shower Is Scheduled

A baby shower will be held for Phillip Gunner Burklow, son of Larence and Penny Burklow. Penny is the former Penny Johnson, daughter of Philip and Frances Johnson.

The shower will be held in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall on Wednesday, July 27 from 3 to 4 p.m.

The shower will be given by hostesses Sandra Clayton, Shelby Rhodes, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Alice Stone, Phyllis Steelman, Juanda Murphy, Belinda Dale, Nita Dale, Leah Mason, Carolyn Pruitt, Kay Williams and Suzy Smith.

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