

BY BILL ELLIS

TIS THE SEASON to start trying to find new hiding places for all those Christmas toys and gifts, because the kids have already got their eyes on the places where you hid them last year.

Clothes closets are out because they already know what's in every nook and cranny of the closets. You might try the closets at a friend's house. Preferably, a friend who has no children. If there are kids in the family home where you are hiding the gifts, yours will know what's in them before an hour has gone by.

Throughout the month of December children everywhere have a secret communication system that would put the FBI and the CIA to shame.

Some folks feel the safest thing to do is just to wrap up everything and put the gifts under the Christmas tree. But my wife tells me that when she was a kid, she was very good at carefully un-wrapping everything, peeking in the boxes, and then getting them wrapped back up where no one could tell they'd been tampered with.

We weren't quite that sneaky at our house. The little brother and I used to go to the movies every Saturday afternoon while Grandma did the weekly shopping. But around the last week in November we suddenly got tired of going to the movies.

We'd say "no thanks" to Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey and all the rest and just tag along behind Grandma as she made her rounds of the stores. Wouldn't let her out of our sight, in fact.

By the time Christmas came we knew every item that had been purchased, who they were for and who had the most money spent on them. There wasn't many surprises on Christmas morning because of the "tag-along" habit, but it never seemed to break us of it.

A friend of ours told us the other day that she and her little brother used to dig into the clothing box under the bed so often that by Christmastime, the toys that were hidden there would literally be worn out from having been played with so much.

Well, perhaps the generation gap is not so wide after all. Kids today are still doing just about the same things that kids of yesterday did, and we wouldn't want to miss a minute of it all.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, used in home decorations during the Christmas season, have been somewhat on the decline since the energy crunch of a few years ago, when we all were asked to cut back on our use of energy.

The cutback was especially noticeable that first year, and ever since, the lighting fad has been slowly building back to its former level. Most folks have decided that in many ways, the "crunch" is past, and the main thing we are faced with in regard to energy is higher prices.

So, home lighting is making a slow comeback.

Back prior to the energy crisis, the Chamber of Commerce, and-or the Lions Club sponsored a lighting contest each year, with prizes for the best decorated homes. This has not been held the past few years, but one might expect that it might once again be in order by the time another festive season rolls around.

It's kinda tough to go all through the Christmas season without decorating, especially when you have young children, and also if you have the "makings" for the decorations.

School Holidays

Announcement has been made that students of Bovina schools will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, December 23.

Classes will resume at the normal starting time on Monday, January 3, 1977.

Santa Claus Sets Visit On Dec. 23

Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, Kris Kringle or St. Nicholas, will arrive in Bovina on Thursday, Dec. 23, while on his annual pre-Christmas journey through surrounding towns, according to word received here by Bovina civic organizations.

The easily-recognized, jolly old gentleman will be in downtown Bovina at approximately 1 p.m. He has been able to fit his visit here into his very busy schedule and it is known his reindeer are ready for the trip, with the irrepressible Rudolph leading.

No landing facilities are available in the downtown section, so members of the Fire Department will meet Santa Claus outside of town and escort him to Main Street in the fire truck, where he will distribute candy to the children and visit with them for a while.

Children and little tots can meet and talk with Santa because school buses will pass the spot where he will be stationed as they proceed from the schools to their home-bound routes.

The favorite of children worldwide St. Nick will make his visit here under the auspices of the Bovina Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Conversations with Santa's assistants at the North Pole during the week confirmed that he will accept delivery of letters addressed to him that had been sent to this newspaper by area children.

Santa will pick up the letters in person for his careful attention before he begins his night-time journey on Christmas Eve.



Council Considers Number Of Items

Bovina's City Council met in a lengthy 4½-hour session on Thursday, December 9, in City Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Councilmen present were Bedford Caldwell, Ken Horn, Dickie Clayton, Vernon Estes and Mayor Tom Bonds.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and accepted.

Report of the November financial summary was heard and debated, with no further action necessary. Authorization was given the City Secretary to pay bills and the session continued with a review of the current budget.

After careful consideration, the council granted a request by Southwestern Public Service Co. to provide a new outdoor lighting service to Bovina customers. The projected installations are known as Super Gard-Lites.

General interest was shown during discussion of plans to codify city ordinances, although no positive action was taken.

The complex problems inherent in applying for a federally sponsored community development grant program were reviewed, with the council expressing a desire for further exploration of the subject.

Tabled was the matter of salary increases for city employees.

Concluding consideration of a petition to close a portion of Avenue H, it was voted to approve the petition, provided proper easements can be executed for utilities.

The present police car, a 1974 Chevrolet, is said to be in poor condition, with considerable expenditure of money needed to restore it to A-1 running order. The council took no action, preferring to examine the financial possibilities of purchasing a new vehicle.

On the agenda was the matter of



DEADLINE NEARS...Mrs. Henry Ivy, left, and Jane Kassahn, remind residents of the Bovina area that the deadline to join the Christmas Card Project in Bovina is Saturday,

December 18. Names of all contributors will be published in the Blade's Christmas edition, and the proceeds this year will go to help the Bovina Fire Department.

Donations Lag For Card Fund

Contributions to the Christmas Card Fund totaled only \$139.58 as of Monday afternoon, according to figures at First State Bank of Bovina.

Residents of the area who want to participate in the annual event are reminded that Saturday, December 18 is the deadline for contributing to the fund.

Those doing so are requested to sign the deposit slip exactly as they wish to have their names published

in the community Christmas card. The names of all those taking part in this year's project will be printed in a special Christmas greeting in next week's issue of The Blade.

Funds from the project, sponsored by Bovina Women's Study Club, assist civic organizations in meeting specific goals. This year, the Volunteer Fire Department has been designated to receive the proceeds, to be used to defray the cost of a new fire truck.

Wheat Growers Give Patronage Checks

Larry Webb, manager of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., announced on Monday, December 13, that patronage checks totaling some \$74,000

have been distributed to owner-members of the co-op.

The \$74,000, Webb reported, is approximately 20 per cent of the total dividends paid on net profits of \$368,630 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976. Webb further stated that 80 per cent of the total net profits will be issued as additional stock.

Fertilizers paid at the rate of \$52 a ton, plus a payment of approximately 13 cents per hundred weight on grains, according to the manager.

Webb declared this was a record year for growers and asks for continued patronage, maintaining that the report demonstrates that farmers, binding themselves into a cooperative organization, solely owned by the members, can profit through buying and selling among themselves.

Bovina Band Sets Concert

James Little, Director of Bands for the Bovina ISD, has announced the scheduling of the first band concert of this school year.

The 1976 Winter Concert will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, December 19, in the school auditorium. Groups to perform include the Fifth Grade Band, the Sixth Grade Band, the Junior High Band and the High School Concert Band.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Speed Reading Course Here

An individualized Speed Reading course is available at Bovina High School Library for students interested in increasing their reading proficiency, according to Mrs. Pat Jacobs, librarian.

No credit will be given, and the course will be conducted by the student, himself, following preliminary instructions on use of equipment and materials.

The service is primarily designated for high school students. They will have priorities in setting up schedules for use of the program in the library.

Any student interested in signing up for the program may contact Mrs. Jacobs.

Reflections

From *The Blade*

20 YEARS AGO—DEC. 12, 1956
Coach Bob Wills took an experienced, hustling, never-say-die, group of Bovina Mustangs, who hadn't won a game this season, into play of the Friona Invitational Tournament last weekend. Three exciting games later, the Mustangs were tournament champions.
Three names were drawn and three winners were present Saturday afternoon as another large crowd was on hand for the Bovina Jaycee-merchant-sponsored drawing in downtown Bovina.
Lee H. Sudderth, 76, prominent land and property owner and Bovina's biggest booster, passed away Tuesday at 4 a.m. at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.
Ham and the trimmings are on the menu Wednesday as Bovina School teachers entertain teachers and school board members from the other three Parmer County School Districts.
In an effort to get a new federally

designated highway from east to west, T.A. Singer of Dimmitt is heading a drive to get a route which would link Little Rock, Ark., and Los Angeles.
The proposed highway would go through Bovina and Texico-Farwell.
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15 YEARS AGO—DEC. 13, 1961
After flirting with severe winter weather for the past 40 days, Old Man Winter really showed his stuff here last weekend and this week.
Sleet and mist formed ice on telephone and electricity lines throughout the area causing them to break and portions of the area to be without these services.
Some 30 people have enrolled in a school-chamber of commerce-sponsored civil defense course here.
Course instructor is Roy Crawford, Bovina High vo-ag teacher.
In keeping with the custom of past few days, December 26 has been proclaimed as a holiday by Mayor Emmett Tabor.
Christmas cantatas will be

presented by First Baptist Church and Bovina Methodist Church Sunday.
"Chimes of the Holy Night" is title of program to be presented by choir of Methodist Church, Rev. Harold Morris, pastor, announces.
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10 YEARS AGO—DEC. 14, 1966
Formal opening services will be held Sunday morning in the new \$120,000 Methodist Church, culminating three years of planning and six months of building. Also constructed were six Sunday School class rooms and a pastor's study. A full day of activities are planned at the church Sunday.
A total of \$190 had been deposited Tuesday morning at First State Bank in Bovina for the Christmas Card project for the purpose of raising funds for a medical clinic and doctor in Bovina.
A management school planned for residents of Parmer County will start Jan. 10, 1967, Ronnie F. McNutt and Cricket B. Taylor, extension agents, announced.
Ways to go about getting needed school classrooms and athletic facilities highlighted a regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District Monday night.
Saturday is a big day in Bovina during the Christmas season when Santa Claus will pay his annual visit, and a bicycle and saddle will be given away.
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5 YEARS AGO—DEC. 15, 1971
Bovina Mustang High School Band and Junior High Band will present a Christmas Concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Bovina Schools auditorium.
Bovina's city council accepted a bid from Big Nick Treinen for a used Massey-Ferguson tractor at its monthly meeting Thursday night.
Charles W. Flynn's Gateway Produce Co. of Bovina, pioneer Parmer County vegetable growing and shipping firm, has been sold. Flynn has owned and managed the business here since its beginning in 1958.
The 1971 pheasant season in Parmer County is at the midway point of its nine-day run with one weekend past and one more to go.
Judging of Bovina's home Christmas decorations contest is scheduled for the latter part of this week.
The lost has been found, Vernon Estes' pickup, stolen week before last from downtown Bovina, was located last week in Amarillo.

ASCS Gives Dates For Crop Reports

From the Parmer County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service:
List of cooperating ginners—The following named gins located in Parmer County have certified that all the bagging and bale ties they will use on cotton which may be pledged to CCC for loan will meet CCC specification: Bovina Gin Co., Friona Farmers Coop., North Lazbuddie Gin, Lawlis Gin, Clay's Corner Gin Co., Lariat Gin, and

Oklahoma Lane Gin.
Cotton crop yield adjustment, 1976—Should your 1976 cotton yield fall below 90 per cent of your expected yield for reason beyond your control, be sure to request an adjustment within 15 days after stripping and ginning is complete. Request for low yield payments also must be filed within this same 15-day period.
ACP signup, 1977—The same practices that were cost-shared in 1976 will be cost-shared in 1977. The signup, for practices to be carried out during January and February of 1977, will start on December 13 and close on December 23, 1976.
Farmers should discuss their conservation problems with the Soil Conservation Service before they apply. You need to be as accurate as possible in knowing exactly what you need and what the cost will be before applying for cost-sharing.
Cotton research and promotion referendum—Ballots for voting on this question will probably be mailed between December 13 and December 17, 1976, to eligible voters.

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Services Held For Bovinian's Father

Services for B.A. "Al" Burleson, 62, of Melrose, were held Thursday, December 9, at the First Baptist Church in Melrose, with the Rev. David Crow, a Baptist minister, officiating.
Burial was in Melrose Cemetery under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home, Clovis.
Burleson died Monday, December 6, in Memorial Hospital, Clovis.
The Rochester native was employed by the City of Melrose.
Survivors include his wife, Mdean; five sons, Lincoln Pierce of Albuquerque, Benny Jr. of Lubbock, Joe of Brownfield, J.C. of Clovis and Kenneth of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Edith Mannings of Bovina, Mrs. June Tucker of Oklahoma, Mrs. Vicki Burke of Clovis, Mrs. Jeanette Byrd of Floyd and Rebecca of the home.
Also surviving are three brothers, Willie of Lubbock, Hollis of California, and Hack of Burns Flat, Okla.; six sisters, Mrs. Lorene Pearson of Fort Worth, Mrs. Faye Pearson of Apple Valley, Calif., Mrs.

Ida Matey of Donna, Mrs. Ruby Dodson of Portales, Mrs. Annie Rachel and Mrs. Lou Young, both of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Prayer Group Re-Organizes
The December Bovina Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast was cancelled Monday and December will be used for a reorganizational meeting of the breakfast committee.
The group first organized in October, 1974, and has held a prayer breakfast the first Monday of each month since that time. The breakfast rotates between host churches.
The schedule of prayer breakfasts will resume again in January with laymen of the Methodist Church presenting the breakfast and program.

Lunch Menu

Week of December 20-23
MONDAY—Green enchilada casserole, blackeyed peas, corn, batter bread, butter, pear halves, milk.
TUESDAY—Porkettes, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, toast, applesauce cake with raisins, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Turkey, dressing, gravy, candied sweet potatoes, English peas, cranberry sauce, fruit cup, hot rolls, butter, milk.
THURSDAY—Bologna and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, orange juice, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

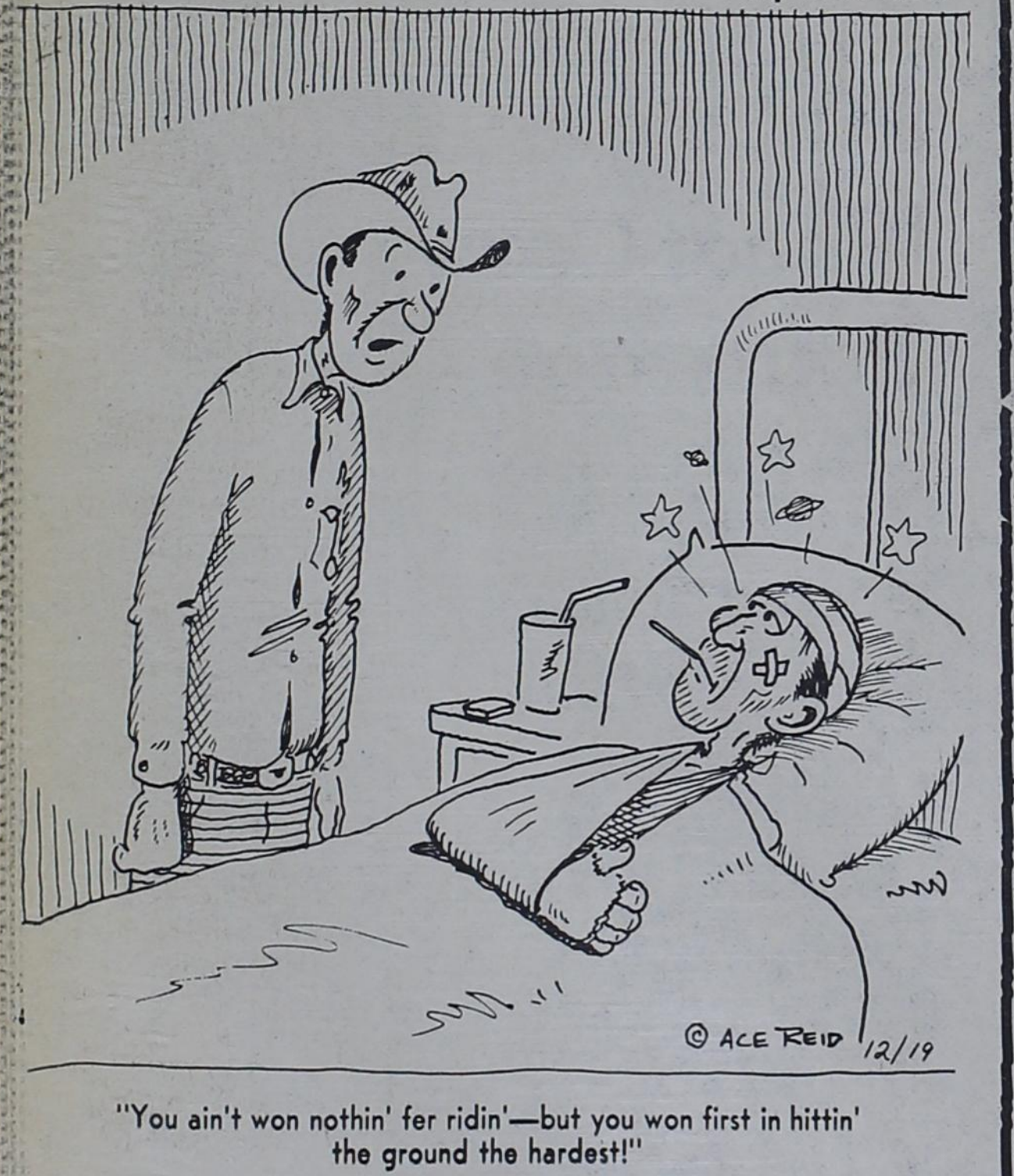
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By John Ricci

Sometimes good news is hard to find. Take for instance the figures on what American farmers and ranchers did during the fiscal year completed this summer. They provided enough production to set another new record in agricultural exports. Final figure for the value of ag exports was over 22-billion dollars. Perhaps the reason the figure didn't make the headlines is that records such as this are getting to be accepted as normal achievements for the super efficient American producer. It is the sixth straight year that the exports have increased. Only five years ago the big news was a record of just under 8-billion dollars... that made the headlines... now 22-billion is normal. Once again the farmer and rancher made the difference for the country during the fiscal year. Even with the heavy tax we paid for oil, Uncle Sam came out in the black by about 4-billion dollars. Thanks producers.

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FOOD SHOW WINNERS... Winners were announced in the Parmer County 4-H Food Show on December 4. Junior division winners are, front row, left to right, Devera Rhodes, Friona, first place, snack gravy; Sonya Mayfield, Bovina, alternate, side dish group; Shain Rhodes,

Friona, alternate, breads and desserts; Charles Johnson, Bovina, alternate, snack group. In the back row, left to right are Johanna Mesman, Farwell, first place, side dish; Stanley Miller, Friona; Maureen Jesko, Lazbuddie, first

place, breads and dessert; and Robbie Moody, Bovina, first place, main dish. Senior division winners were, left to right, Joan Carson, Bovina, snack group; Linda Gohlke, Farwell, main dish; and Lisa Darby, Farwell, breads and dessert.

Winners Announced In County Food Show

Seven Parmer County youths, who already have won top honors in County competition last Saturday, December 4, matched their skills and knowledge in food preparation against those of youths from 19 other counties Saturday, December 11 in Lubbock.

The occasion is the annual District 2 4-H Food Show to be held at Texas Tech University.

About 150 youths are expected. Theme of this year's show is "Gourmet Foods."

Three seniors and four juniors from Parmer County are competing, says County Extension Agent, Jana Pronger. The seniors are Linda Gohlke, Farwell; Joan Carson, Bovina and Lisa Darby, Farwell. Juniors from Parmer

County include Robbie Moody, Bovina; Johanna Mesman, Farwell; Devera Rhodes, Friona; and Maureen Jesko, Lazbuddie.

Competing in four food classes, the seniors will be trying for the right to represent the 20-county Extension District 2 in the State 4-H Food Show in June at Texas A&M University. There is no further competition for junior winners beyond the district level, Miss Pronger said.

According to District Extension Agent Catherine B. Crawford and food show chairman Sherry Etheredge, judging will begin at 10 a.m. Public viewing is at 2 in the University Center Ballroom, and the awards program will follow at 2:30. Members of the District 2

4-H Council will present ribbons to all contestants and special awards to top winners.

Judging will focus on knowledge of nutrition, meal planning, food buying and meal service as well as on ability to prepare food, Miss Pronger said.

The District 4-H Food Show is conducted each year by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The four alternates for the junior division were Shain Rhodes, Friona; Charles Johnson, Bovina; Stanley Miller, Friona; and Sonya Mayfield, Bovina.

Other contestants entering the Food Show were: Tamie Nabors, Bovina, red ribbon; Donna Lide, Bovina, red ribbon; Melissa Glasscock, Bovina, white ribbon; Kenny Carrell, Bovina,

white ribbon; Diane Heard, Bovina, blue ribbon; Hilda Guillen, Bovina, white ribbon; Wendy Tatum, Friona, red ribbon; Diedre Miller, Friona, red ribbon.

Also, Jacqueline Kube, Farwell, red ribbon; Elizabeth Kube, Farwell, red ribbon; Blanca Mitchell, Friona, red ribbon; Shelly White, Friona, red ribbon; Lisa McGehee, Lazbuddie, red ribbon; Misti Boozer, Bovina, blue ribbon; Donell Garner, Bovina, red ribbon; Tracy Moore, Bovina, red ribbon; Casey Riddle, Bovina, blue ribbon.

Also, Sue Collins, Lazbuddie, red ribbon; Doyle Garner, Bovina, red ribbon; Don Robinson, Friona, red ribbon; Terry Monk, Bovina, blue ribbon; Stacy Ivy, Lazbuddie, red ribbon; Holly Tatum, Friona, red ribbon.

Texas Roads Face Traffic Increase

More than 70,000 main roads and streets will wear out in the next ten years because of a 24 per cent increase in traffic, says a new study.

Three-fourths of the state's 94,198 miles of major traffic arteries should be resurfaced or rebuilt by 1986 to handle an estimated 2.2 million more vehicles, according to The Road Information Program (TRIP) of Washington, D.C. The research and information agency predicts that by 1986:

-Texas drivers will log a total of 100 billion miles per year, compared with 80.6 billion miles driven in 1975.

-The number of cars, trucks and buses will increase by 23 per cent, from 9.7 million to 11.9 million.

-Those 94,198 miles of major arteries (intercity, urban and farm-to-market roads) will carry nearly 75 per cent of all Texas traffic, even though they represent only 37 per cent of the total state mileage.

The report attributes the large traffic increase to population growth, economic expansion and the continued exodus of industry and workers to the suburbs.

"Unless road work is accelerated, Texas roads and streets will not be able to handle future traffic volume efficiently and economically," said TRIP state chairman J.C. Dingwall of Austin, who announced the study findings. He is a former Texas state highway engineer.

Dingwall emphasized that the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and county and local highway departments are doing an excellent job of maintaining and upgrading Texas roads within present budget limitations, but that additional funds are urgently needed. TRIP estimates it would

cost \$4.2 billion to resurface 65,703 miles of arterial and connecting roads between now and 1986. Also, 4,879 miles of worn out major traffic routes now need to be rebuilt at a cost of \$1.4 billion, the study says.

TRIP's total 10-year road renewal program would cost an average of \$564 million per year.

Resurfacing and renewing the state's substandard road pavement would help reduce fatalities, injuries and property damage from accidents where poor road surface is a contributing

factor, says the study.

The study says the 24 per cent increase in the traffic volume by 1986 will be accompanied by a proportionately smaller increase in fuel consumption. This is because of the development of engines that are more fuel efficient, wider use of small economy cars and continuation of the 55 m.p.h. speed limit.

Because drivers are using fuel more efficiently, state highway fuel-tax revenues increased an average of only 4.5 per cent per year in fiscal 1975 and fiscal 1976,

compared with an average annual increase of 6 per cent from fiscal 1970 through fiscal 1974, the study found.

TRIP's findings are based on data from the U.S. Departments of Transportation, Commerce and Labor, the Internal Revenue Service and the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The study does not include 3,207 miles of interstate highways and 156,390 miles of secondary and local roads, which account, for 62.9 per cent of the state's total road mileage.

Bovina Youth Has High Yield Report

Doug Romig, of Bovina FFA Chapter, has reported a corn yield that may make him a local contender in the 1976 304 Bushel Challenge national corn growing program for members of the Future Farmers of America.

Romig's corn yielded 187.4 bushels per acre from 4.8 acres.

The 304 Bushel Challenge was begun in 1955 when FFA member Lamar Ratliff of Prentiss County, Mississippi, established what was then a world record corn yield of 304.38 bushel per acre. Since that time, more than 220,000 FFA members have entered in the program, which is sponsored by The Producers of Funk's G-Hybrids.

The program is open to all members of the FFA and vocational agriculture students. It was designed to provide the entrants with experience in high-yield corn growing. Each student is supervised by a vocational agriculture instructor

who certifies the authenticity of the yield.

Romig used Funk's G-4507 in his high-yielding plot. His fertilizer program consisted of 232 pounds nitrogen, 60 pounds phosphorus, and 30 pounds potassium. He used Aatrex for weed control.

Planted on April 18 in 40-inch rows at 30,000 seeds

per acre, it was harvested on October 18 at 18.6 per cent moisture. His official yield was converted to No. 2 corn at 15.5 per cent moisture.

Romig's final standing in the program will not be known until after December 15, the deadline for all entries.

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Study Club Has Program

The Bovina Woman's Study Club met Thursday, December 9, in the club house with Mrs. Ovid Lawlis, president, presiding.

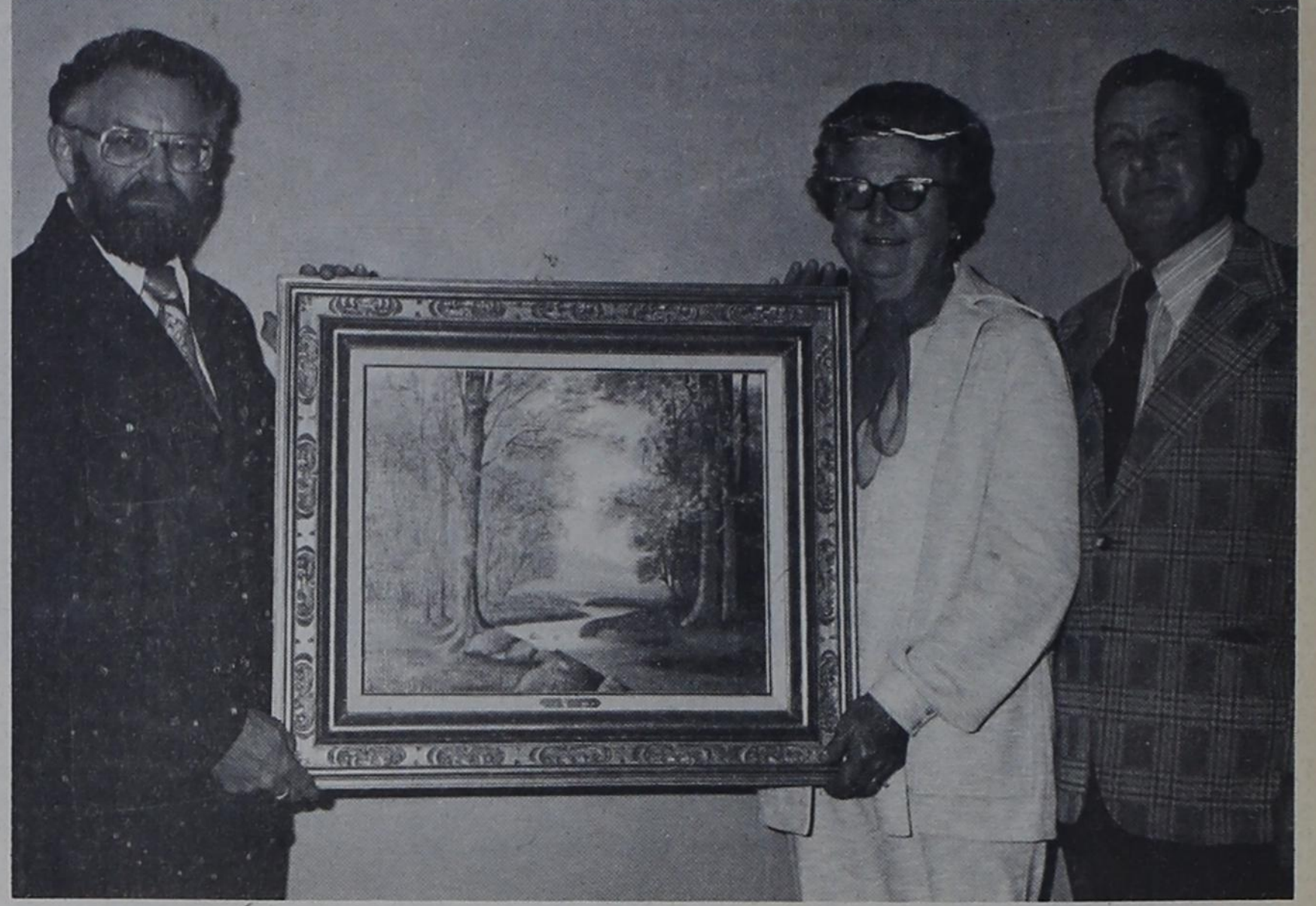
The Christmas theme was carried throughout the club house in an interesting display. One of the decorations, depicting the entire Nativity scene, was made of corn stalks and corn husks by a woman from North Carolina. There are only four or five in existence because the woman who made them died before she made very many.

Mrs. Bobby Englant had charge of the program. Mrs. Mike Beauchamp and Mrs. Ken Rundell sang duets of several Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Tandra Lambert. Mrs. Beauchamp sang a solo, "Oh, Holy Night." After this rendition, the group sang several Christmas carols and Mrs. James Putnam gave the devotional of "The Christmas Story."

Mrs. Jack Kassahn and Mrs. Huston Hoover were hostesses.

Those present were Mrs. Ovid Lawlis, Mrs. Earl Stevenson, Mrs. O.H. Jones, Mrs. Huston Hoover, Mrs. Jack Kassahn, Mrs. Earl Richards, Mrs. Bobby Englant, Mrs. Oakley Stevenson, Mrs. Archie McCutchan, Mrs. Earl Whitten, Mrs. Leon Ware, Mrs. Rouel Barron, Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mrs. Henry Ivy, Mrs. H.D. Bradshaw, Mrs. Jack Clayton, Mrs. Joe Fowler, Mrs. W.M. Sudderth, Mrs. James Putnam, Mrs. Bessie Trimble and the guests.

Each member answered roll call with a favorite Bible verse. We were reminded again not to forget the Christmas Card Fund.



PRESENT PAINTING....Irene and Webb Gober, right, presented an oil painting to the High Plains Water District, represented by Frank

Rayner, left, recently in Lubbock. Gober is a member of the district's Board of Directors, representing Bailey, Castro and Parmer counties.

St. Ann's Society Has Holiday Meal

St. Ann's Society met in the home of Mrs. Joe Schilling on Sunday evening, December 12, for its annual Christmas party.

One guest, Mrs. Gene Dobmeier, and 11 members were present. A short business meeting was held.

A holiday meal was served by hostesses, Mrs. Joe Schilling, Mrs. Dennis Gerber and Mrs. Eugene Schocher.

Duties were assigned as follows: Church Cleaners—Mrs. Wayne

Jesko, Mrs. Larry Jesko, Mrs. Eugene Schocher.

Coffee—Mrs. Ben Rejino and Mrs. Stan Klimek.

Gifts—Mrs. Dan Koelzer, Mrs. Ben Rejino, Mrs. Ben Mesman.

Laundry—Mrs. Mark Schwertner.

Christmas bags for the children will be prepared at the home of Mrs. Wayne Jesko on Saturday, December 18. Mrs. Leon Schilling is chairman.

A Christmas basket is being

prepared for a needy family of the community, with Mrs. Dennis Gerber as chairman.

On Sunday, December 19, Santa Claus will make an appearance at the Parish Hall for all children of the parish.

St. Ann's Society received Mrs. Gene Dobmeier as a new member.

Following a party at which secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged, dummy bridge was enjoyed by all.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The week at First Baptist Church: 5 p.m., budget committee meeting. Members of the committee are: Weldon Moody, Dorothy Sorley, Glenn Kelley, Don Murphy and Gaylon Rhodes.
Monday, 3:45 p.m., children's adventure hour.

Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., prayer group, M. Carrell.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study; 8:15 p.m., choir practice.

Saturday, B. Cumpton's S.S. class will have their Christmas social at Laura and Houston's home.
Memorial gifts have been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of

Tom Paine. Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lloyd and Mrs. T.W. Fuller. Also, in memory of Boye Taylor. Donors: Mrs. T.W. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen.

Welcome to these new members, by letter: Jewell Carey and James Carey.

Christian sympathy is extended to Nadine Paine in the loss of her husband, Tom Paine. Bro. and Mrs. Frank Soto in the loss of their son, Adolfo.

To the members of Bovina F.B.C.:

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Littlefield request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Peggy, to Donald Lawrence. They have chosen the first day of their life together as Saturday, December 18, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church, Ralls, Texas.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Memorial Fund: In memory of Mr. C.B. Russell, Mrs. Wilbur Charles made a gift to the Memorial Fund of this church.

Happy Birthdays: Mike Beauchamp, December 9; Lola Grissom and Chris Caldwell, December 10; Billy J. Charles, December 11; Mrs. Huston Hoover, and Mrs. H.L. Ivy, December 12; and Jeff Grissom, December 15.

A special birthday greeting to Mr. Frank Hastings, a member of the Over-Eighty Club, on December 7.

Things To Talk About: December 8—Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

December 9, small group meeting, Dean McCallum home, 7:30 p.m.

December 14, U.M.W. general meeting, 12:30 noon. Leader, Kathy Boozer; hostesses, Obereta Sudderth and Yvonne Stevenson.

December 15, choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Golden Wedding Anniversary—On December 19 we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Turner. They will welcome guests in their home from 2 till 5 in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Revival guests from the Register: Bro. Jack Gray, Tulsa; Jim and Carolyn Fullingim, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Kersey, Bovina; Charles, Ada and Dawn Williams, Allon. Then, there were many more who did not sign the guest book.

Also, on December 5, Mrs. R.G. Sparks, Bovina; Kathy Patton, Clovis, New Mexico.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Those who will serve: Billy Lynn Marshall, Jon Lin Riddle, William Gromowsky, Dennis Johnston.

Table (night), Dale Gilbreath; announcements, Robert Read; prayers, L. Widner, L. Primrose; nursery, Scotty Johnston; prayer (offering), Dennis Johnston; song leader, Widdy Gromowsky.

The Sick: Sister Billie Ruth Primrose has returned home from the Deaf Smith County Hospital. Billie Ruth is improving daily in her recovery.

Brother Travis Hancock is still in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Brother Lee Bowers, at home, is not feeling too well.

Jerry Lee Sinclair, the grandson of Travis Hancock, is out of ICU in Odessa. He is in room 216 of the Medical Center in Odessa.

Christmas party—Everyone is invited to attend a Christmas party at the Children's Home in Portales on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. (MST).

Gifts for the Home children—We lack \$70 having enough money for the Children's Home Christmas gifts. If you would like to help in this effort, you can give your money to Monta McClaran. Contributions should be made as soon as possible.

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The private's father, Charles L. O'Connor, lives on Route 1, Friona.



DERREL JAY LEWIS

Bovina Boy Gets Honor

Derrel Jay Lewis of Bovina, a freshman student at Wayland Baptist College, has been named Freshman Class Favorite in recent class elections.

Lewis, a 1976 graduate of Bovina High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrel D. Lewis of 802 Ridgelea, Bovina.

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS-

George Taylor, Friona; Carla Harris, Bovina; Margie Stowers, Friona; Fred Lloyd, Friona; Donna Sudderth, Bovina; Jennie Doshier, Farwell; Mrs. Jimmy Monroe and baby girl, Adrian; Eufaula Ethridge, Friona; Ernest P. Woodruff, Friona; Fred White, Friona; Wesley Barnes, Lazbuddie; Janie Ramirez, Hereford; Shane Jones, Friona; Theresa Kainer, Friona; Curtis VanTyle, Friona; Able Lee Ramon, Friona; M.A. Black, Friona; Ofelia Martinez, Muleshoe; Fred Wilkins, Farwell; Anita Padilla, Friona; Hubert Jennings, Bonham, Texas; James Michael Hall Jr., Friona; A.T. (Buddy) Stowers, Friona; Alex Guerra, Bovina; Byron Hardgrove, Friona; Olivia Ortiz, Friona; Kathryn Gromowsky, Bovina; Mrs. Daniel Putman and baby girl, Friona; and Mohira Lynn Wiles, Hereford.

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baby boy, Mrs. Raul Beltran and baby girl, Donna Sudderth, Ernest P. Woodruff, Fred Lloyd, Wesley Barnes, Eufaula Ethridge, Theresa Kainer, Curtis VanTyle, Ofelia Martinez, Able Lee Ramon, James Hall, Hubert Jennings, Buddy Stowers, Mrs. Jimmy Monroe and baby girl, George Taylor, Byron

Hardgrove and Anita Padilla.

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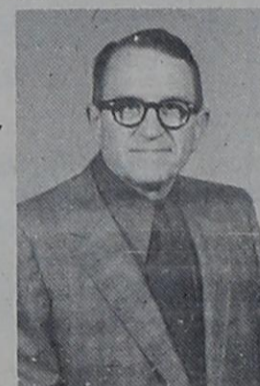
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 By Jack House, The Director Teacher's Scotch Information Centre
The Canny Man
 One of the world's great writers on economics was, naturally, a Scotsman. If you belong to a canny race like the Scots, you know all about economy.

He was Adam Smith, born in the town of Kirkcaldy in the county of Fife 200 years ago. He wrote a book called "The Wealth of Nations," which has been translated into almost every language in the world.

Not long ago a three-day symposium was held in his hometown, reports Teacher's Scotch Information Centre, and famous economists came from all over the world, including America and Japan, to talk about him and his theories.

It was learned that Smith was supposed to have been the traditional absent-minded professor. On one occasion he went out for a walk through town still wearing his pajamas and dressing gown and bedroom slippers.

One night he gave a dinner to some friends and, in the course of the evening said, "I must leave you now."

He went to his bedroom and, when his friends decided to say goodbye, they found he was dead.



At Christmas, Swiss youths may visit nine fountains on their way to midnight church services, and take three sips of water from each, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Legend says that if they do this, they will find their future spouse waiting at the door of the church.

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CONSOLATION TITLE

Ponies Take Trophy At Springlake-Earth

The varsity basketball teams competed in the Springlake-Earth invitational tournament last weekend.

The Mustangs, gaining experience as the season progresses, had the best luck, coming away with the Consolation championship. The Fillies, although they were victorious in their opening game and competed in the winner's bracket, dropped their next two games, and for all practical purposes placed fourth in the meet.

The Mustangs dropped a 47-37 decision to Happy in their first round action, as Ronnie Cary came up with 12 points.

The team would like to play Lazbuddie every time out. They defeated the Longhorns for the second time during the week and third time this season in the consolation round on Friday, 38-21 to move into the consolation finals.

Saturday afternoon, the Mustangs met the Dimmitt junior varsity, which was doing right well for itself against varsity competition, but the Mustangs prevailed, 54-43. Danny Harris scored 17 points to pace the Ponies' point production.

The Fillies were off to a good start in their opening tournament action on Thursday. Paced by the scoring of Pat Shepherd, the team roared to a 40-26 halftime lead, and were able to coast in for the win.

The team met the host Springlake-Earth girls in the semi-finals. Bovina held a 14-13 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Wolverettes came back for a 30-25 lead at halftime. The third quarter wasn't a good one for Bovina, as the hosts outscored them, 16-8, and took

command of the game by a score of 46-33. Bovina outscored S-E in the final period, 18-15, but the damage had already been done.

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Box Scores

MUSTANGS	14	23	26	37
Happy	10	20	31	47
Ronnie Cary, 12.				
MUSTANGS	8	16	26	38
Lazbuddie	6	10	16	21
Gerald Shelby, 10; Ronnie Cary, 10.				
MUSTANGS	15	23	34	54
Dimmitt JV	8	20	26	43
Danny Harris, 17.				

FILLIES	17	40	54	69
Happy	13	26	49	60
Pat Shepherd 10-17-37; Dianna Naegle, 5-4-10; Belinda Shelby 5-0-10; Sandi Sides 4-0-8; Guards: Tammy Christian, Debra Gilbreath, Diane Gilbreath, Denise McCormick.				

FILLIES	14	25	33	51
SPG-EARTH	13	30	46	61
Dianna Naegle 10-5-25; Pat Shepherd 9-4-22. Guards: Tammy Christian, Debra Gilbreath, Diane Gilbreath, Denise McCormick.				
FILLIES	11	33	43	58
Farwell	17	32	54	84
Dianna Naegle 8-1-17; Belinda Shelby 8-9-16; Pat Shepherd 7-1-15. Guards, same.				

Saturday, the Fillies met district rival Farwell for the second week in a row.

If they could have quit at halftime, it would have been all right, as the Fillies had a 33-32 lead. But everything fell apart for Bovina in the second half, and Farwell made off with an 84-58 and claimed the trophy.

Jr. High Tops Hart

Bovina's eighth grade boys defeated Hart, 37-22 last week, as James Shepherd scored 19 points. Bovina grabbed the lead early and was never headed. In the eighth grade game, the Bovina girls also prevailed, 36-18. Elyese Moody scored 15, Cathy Williams eight and Karen Schilling seven.

The seventh grade girls bowed in a close game to Hart, 31-27. Connie Shelby tallied 17 points. Rebecca Espinoza added six and Gwen Powell four.

Teams Go To Tulia

The varsity and junior varsity teams will play Tulia at Tulia Friday. The junior varsity games begin at 5 p.m., with the games being played at different gymnasiums. The varsity girls' game starts at 6:30, and the boys' game will follow.

Next Monday, December 20, the teams host Hale Center beginning at 6:30. On December 21, they host Anton teams in games beginning at 4 with all four teams (varsity and JVs), playing.



SCORES BASKET...Bovina's Danny Harris goes up for two points in Bovina's game against Muleshoe in

the Friona Tournament. Gerald Shelby (22), Richard Villarreal (30), and David Murphy (42), look on.

Teams Win Three From Lazbuddie

Bovina teams took three out of four games from visiting Lazbuddie here last Tuesday, scoring wins in both varsity games and splitting in the junior varsity contests.

The Mustangs held on for their second win over the Longhorns, 34-31, although the visitors battled back from a ten-point deficit to make a close game out of it.

Ronnie Cary and Gerald Shelby scored ten points each for the Mustangs.

The Fillies coasted to a 63-44 win, breaking open what had been a fairly close game in the second half by outscoring the Lazbuddie girls,

34-19 during that span. Pat Shepherd collected 29 points for her night's work. The girls were playing without starting forward Naegle, but still came through.

In junior varsity action, the Mustang JVs were edged, 30-29. Doug Roming and Blake Sudderth

scored six points apiece to pace Bovina's scoring.

In the girls' JV action, Bovina soared to a 54-32 win, after taking a commanding 49-19 lead after three quarters. Denise Read had 19 points to pace the Fillies JV. Kim Naegle added 12 and Ginger Glasscock 10.

Two Local Students To Graduate

Two students from Bovina are among the 237 candidates for Eastern New Mexico University's first fall graduation.

Baccalaureate and commencement services begin at 8 p.m., Friday, December 17, in the Physical Education Complex Arena. Ben McAlister, chairman of the ENMU Board of Regents, will present the main commencement address.

Eastern University's list of candidates for graduation includes 13 associate's degrees, 150 bachelor degrees, and 74 master's degrees.

Candidates from Bovina, their degrees and majors, include Brooks Shannon Davis, BBA in agricultural business, and Michael Wayne Spears, BBA in marketing.

Calendar Of Events

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22
 Jaycees meet, Bovina Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.
Monday, December 20
 Volunteer Firemen meet, Fire Station, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 22
 Jaycee Board of Directors meet, Bovina Restaurant, 6:30 a.m.

Dance Set At Farwell

A Teen-Age Dance will be held at the Farwell Country Club from 8 to midnight on Saturday night, December 18.

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