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Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis

THE WEEK OF April 1-7 is being observed as Texas Business Week, and the Chamber of Commerce is making a special effort to recognize local businesses, and urges residents to support all local business people not only this week but every week of the year.

Just as farmers have had a tough time making a profit, or just breaking even in recent years, the same has been true in recent years for many of our small town businesses.

The reason that the success or failure of businesses in a small town in our area is so dependent on agriculture is that so many of them directly serve the farmer. Even those who are not necessarily tied directly to supplying the farmer are effected when farm profits dip, because the rise or fall of the local economy produces a "snowball effect."

The Chamber reminds residents during this special week that local businesses are established to serve local residents, and that when you make an effort to save a few dollars on a particular purchase by driving out of town, you may be doing your part to close the doors of a local business forever.

Too many times, residents use local merchants for "convenience purchases," and take their major buying business to the larger cities.

During this special week, we need to realize that the local merchant is our neighbor. He probably attends our church (at least one of the local churches), and is a member of our service club. Most business people have children attending the local school.

The local businessman is a taxpayer, paying dollars to help both the city and school operate. The local merchant is also the first to be contacted by the various school groups, including yearbook, football program sales, game broadcasts, etc., etc.

They also support civic activities such as Bull Town Days, and contribute to local fund drives whenever they are asked.

When taking major purchases out of town, one needs to realize that in so doing they are helping to pay city and school taxes in that particular city, as well as supporting their local school and civic activities.

We realize that during this period of inflation and "tight money" that it is important to watch your pennies, as well as your dollars, and make them go as far as possible.

But, before we drive to Clovis or Amarillo in order to save a few dollars, we need to realize that our neighbor businessman has invested thousands of dollars to give us a local place to shop, and deserves at least a fair chance at the dollars we have to spend for our products and services.

HAPPINESS is not doing what one likes, but liking what you have to do.

Local Lions Set Benefit Activities

On April 9, the Bovina Lions Club members will embark on the Lions "Journey for Sight," to raise funds to help the blind, the sight-impaired, and those who might someday lose the precious gift of sight.

When a Lion or other volunteer calls to ask for your pledge, respond generously. You will be adding to the millions of people who have been helped by Lions' Sight programs.

For more information--or to make a pledge--call Harry J. Charles at 238-1160.

C.E. Trimble has agreed to ride his mule for \$1 per mile, for those wishing to pledge.

April Fools Area With Late Spring Snow Storm

Although the calendar says it's spring, you sure wouldn't know it by the kind of weather the area has been having lately.

The current cold spell has hit the area after temperatures climbed into the 80s on Thursday, March 31.

Even though the temperatures were warm, the day was somewhat windy on Thursday. Yet, it didn't hold a candle to the winds which swept the area on Friday, gusting as high as 70 miles per hour.

In the early morning hours Friday, April 1, the area experienced snow flurries, with the ground reported as covered in the Rhea community. Locally, the snow melted before it hit the ground for the most part.

For the balance of the day on Friday, the wind blew continuously, steadily from the north-northwest, around 40 miles per hour, with gusts even higher. With nightfall, the wind finally died down.

Friday's temperature had been only in the 30s, due to the cold north wind. But the weather warmed up nicely for Saturday, when the mercury climbed to 60, with hardly any wind.

Easter Sunday found the temperature climbing back into the 70s for a high, giving egg hunters somewhat of a respite, although the wind again blew considerably during the daytime.

Winter hit the area again with a vengeance on Monday, as a high wind from the northeast blew steadily throughout the day. Once again, the wind of Sunday, being a Pacific front, had

served to "clear out" the area's weather system, and open the door for Monday's Arctic blast.

The Bovina area was spared the brunt of the Monday storm, which dumped close to a foot of snow on parts of the northern Texas Panhandle, forcing school closings in several places.

It did snow intermittently throughout the day on Monday, but due to the soil temperature, there was no significant accumulation until late in the day when snow began to be evident on lawns and in the fields.

The temperature on Monday never got above 32 degrees, which set an all-time record in Amarillo as the lowest high temperature on record for April 4.

(Technically, the official high temperature Monday was listed as 40 degrees, which occurred just after midnight Sunday, and the mercury continued to fall. Another daily low record was expected on Tuesday, when the temperature wasn't expected to get out of the 30s.)

The mercury dipped to 25 degrees or so on Monday night, which threatened the area's fruit trees (those which had escaped the earlier freezes).

Nor was the current wintry blast expected to be the end of the extended winter, as another storm front was said to be approaching from the west.

On Monday, when the temperature stayed at or below the freezing mark throughout the day, the high temperature in McAllen, in the Rio Grande Valley, was 96 degrees.

L. League Signups Are Slated

Youngsters who plan to play Little League baseball this year will sign up at the high school gymnasium April 9 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Groups that are being organized are boys and girls 9-12 years of age, 13-15 year old boys, and 16-18 year old boys.

Those signing up, will need to bring their birth certificate, release forms to be filled out and \$8.00 for registration which will take care of their insurance.

Release forms may be picked up at the high school.

If you are interested in helping, you are urged to contact Edward Terry at 238-1189, after 6 p.m.



BUD VENABLE Wins Medal In Waco Meet

The Royal Ambassadors (RA's) of the state's Baptist Churches gathered at the Fairgrounds in Waco April 1 for a relay. Bud Venable, twelve-year-old son of Radford and Kay Venable, entered with sixty competing and Bud won a third place medal in the high jump. About one thousand boys were in Waco for the events.

Sponsors of the RA's in Bovina are Kirby Carroll and Larry Hodnett.

Incumbents Re-Elected In Races

Incumbents were re-elected in a low voter turnout for city and school races here last Saturday.

The three school board members, running unopposed, each received 31 votes to be re-elected. They are Thomas Ware, Keith Garner and Jon Lin Riddle.

In the city council race, three incumbents also were re-elected. Vote totals were Joe Jones 32; Larry Scott 34; Dudley Hughes 28; and write-ins: Radford Venable 8; Jay Sherrill 1; Lowell Boozer 1 and Dean Stanberry 1.

Total vote in the city election was 38.

Bike-A-Thon Set Saturday

Keep the wheels turning--join the Cystic Fibrosis bike-a-thon this Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m., at the Bovina City Park.

Those riding in the bike-a-thon will be helping to find a cure for those children that have this dreadful disease. Cystic Fibrosis affects one in every 1,800 births and is the leading cause of death in children and young adults.

"So, join this worthwhile cause and help find a prevention so that these children can ride their bikes and have hope for the future," says a spokesman for the event.

The person turning in the most money will win a ten-speed bike. The person earning the second spot in the age group, 12 years and under, will win an AM-FM radio with headphones. Those 13 years old and older will also win a radio.

All riders that turn in \$25 or more will receive an official CF bike-a-thon t-shirt.

Pick up bike forms at the school offices, Body Connection, Charles Oil Company, Funk's Seed Co., Methodist Church or First Baptist Church.

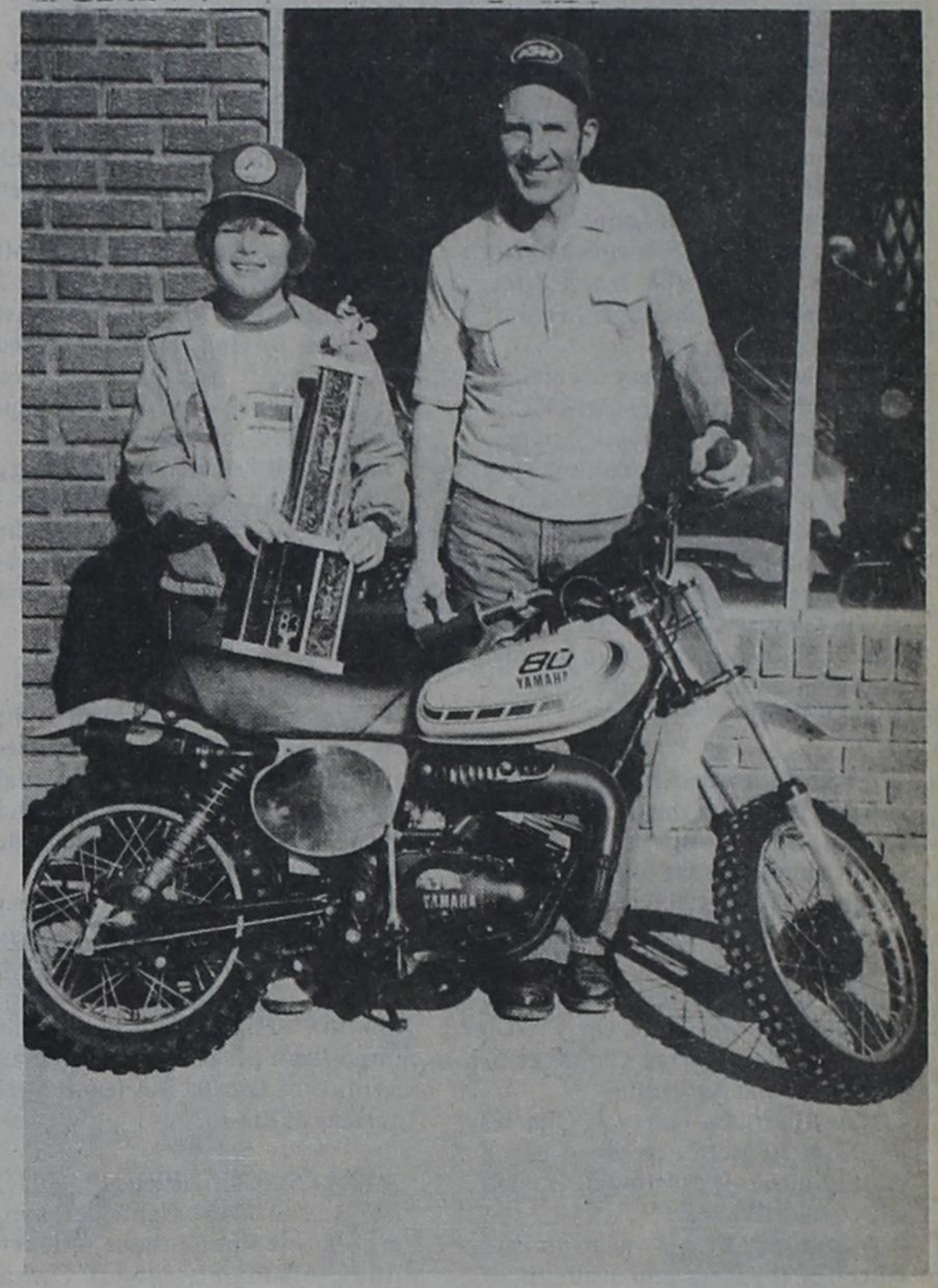
Style Show Is Scheduled

The annual spring style show presented by Kirkpatrick's will be held Thursday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The theme for the 1983 style show will be "Up, Up and Away." Infants, children's, junior's and women's fashions will be shown by local models. Norma Whitten will be narrating the event.

The style show is sponsored by the Bovina Woman's Study Club and they will be serving refreshments following the show. Door prizes will be awarded by Kirkpatrick's.

A special invitation is being extended by the Woman's Study Club and Kirkpatrick's for everyone to attend the annual event. There will be no admission charge.



TROPHY WINNER.... Scott Farrar, left, an eleven-year-old biker, was first place winner of the A class competition at the Lubbock Trail Riders Enduro recently. Farrar is shown with Joe A. Walters, who has given the young rider a lot of help and support. Farrar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Farrar who live near Bovina. The elder Farrar is employed by Friona Industries.

Water District Makes Annual Water Checks

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has completed its annual program of measuring depth-to-water levels in the 97 wells in Parmer County. These wells are part of a larger network of more than 950 observation wells scattered throughout the District's 15-county service area.

Shorty Lancaster was able to complete all measurements of "static" water levels in observation wells and tag them with the District's identification sticker for owner information.

"Several irrigators stopped me in the field to ask about declines and what their water was doing," said Shorty. "We have initial results for each of the 15 counties, but tabulated data on the entire observation network readings is not expected to

be complete until mid-year."

Parmer County's 1982-83 depth-to-water table below surface minimum reading was at 182.00 feet, and the maximum level read was at 394.23 feet. This year's average change in

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Sports Style Show Slated

On Sunday, April 10, beginning at 3 p.m., the Body Connection will feature a style show with fashions from the Sport About of Clovis.

The newest styles in sports apparel for exercise or leisure wear will be featured. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served following the show.



PATRIOTIC PLAY.... Mrs. Rhodes' fourth grade presented a play, "The Great American Game Show" recently. In one of the scenes, cast members are: (left to right) Eric Helton as Uncle Sam; Beth Borquez as Susan B. Anthony; Rose

Elva Estrada as Miss Freedom; Robert Guevera as Daniel Boone; Virginia Noreiga as Dolly Madison; Cesaria Espinoza as Ben Franklin and Elaine Garza as Abigail Adams.

(Glassecock photo)

REFLECTIONS

...From The Bovina Blade

25 YEARS AGO--APRIL 9, 1958

Contract signing is still continuing this week with about one-half of the necessary acres already contracted or committed, according to Otto Ables of Gateway Produce Company.

Bovina Independent School District Board of Trustees Monday night received a written petition that a kindergarten be included in the services offered at the school, according to Warren Morton, superintendent.

A new home and auto supply business is coming to Bovina and will open its doors in the near future, according to the manager, Dennis Acker.

The paving machinery is coming. That is what Bovina City Clerk Henry Minter and the street commissioner, Emmett Tabor, say will happen. They say that it will be in Bovina Monday.

Mrs. Murrell Foster, president of the Bovina Town and Country Club, would like to remind the local people of the Cancer Crusade drive. The local fund raising campaign is under the direction of the local chairman, Tom M. Bonds.

20 YEARS AGO--APRIL 10, 1963

After finishing third in 1961 and second in 1962, Bovina Mustangs finally climbed to the top rung of the ladder in District 4-B track as they took the championship with ease Saturday.

April 15-20 has been proclaimed annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week here by Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

New aldermen Harry J. Charles and Jim Russell were sworn in a regular monthly meeting of Bovina city council last week.

A four-day Easter vacation is in store for teachers and students of Bovina Schools this weekend.

Write Your Congressmen

Congressman Kent Hance, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Senator John Tower, 142 Russell Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Senate Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Date for Bovina's first Appaloosa horse show has been set for Saturday, May 4. Sponsors of the show, members of Bovina Roping Club, are hoping to have as many as 100 "spotted" horses entered in the competition.

15 YEARS AGO--APRIL 10, 1968

Leslie McCain was re-elected and Lawrence Jamerson and Leon Ware were named new trustees of Bovina Independent School District when votes went to the polls Saturday.

Funeral services for Robert Scott Johnston, Jr., 41, were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Bovina. He was injured Sunday near Lordsburg, New Mexico, when his tractor-trailer unit jack-knifed off Interstate 10.

There will not be an Easter egg hunt this year for area youngsters, according to Bob Fillpot of the Bovina Lions Club, which has assumed the project from Bovina Jaycees.

10 YEARS AGO--APRIL 11, 1973

The first blizzard-type storm of the long winter of 1973 struck here late Saturday, resulting in additional cattle losses for area stockmen and another power failure over a wide area of Parmer County.

Burglars struck Sherrill Lumber Company here sometime Monday night, making off with about \$100 worth of tools and money.

Bovina High School tennis competition placed no lower than fourth at the District 3-A tennis meet Thursday at Kress.

5 YEARS AGO--APRIL 19, 1978

Mrs. Nita Dobbs and her son, Vernon, are among those stricken with botulism poisoning in Clovis over the past weekend.

Bovina High School's Fillies, unbeaten in all three relay events through seven meets this spring, put their stellar record squarely on the line Friday and Saturday at Odessa, in the Region 1-A track and field meet.

Services for Frank Hastings, 96, a 76-year-old resident of Bovina, were held Monday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Putnam, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Boatman's Rites Held Friday In Friona

Funeral services for Bessie A. Boatman, 93, were held Friday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. Andy Hollinger, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Rev. Archie Echols, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Born October 7, 1889 in New Albany, Mississippi, she married Alec Boatman April 21, 1907 in Comanche, Indian Territory. They moved to Parmer County in 1929. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Friona Lodge No. 990, Order Eastern Star and held the Grand Cross of Color in Rainbow Girls and served on their advisory board many years.

Mrs. Boatman was community chairman for the Red Cross during World War II. She held numerous positions in the Home Demonstration Club, was a member of Friona Woman's Club and served as volunteer seamstress for Girlstown, USA for many years. She died Thursday, March 31 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home, where she had made her home for the past five years.

Survivors include one son, Gilbert Boatman of Friona; two daughters, Lillian McLellan of Friona and Esther Todd of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two sisters, Lucille Saunders of Duncan, Oklahoma and Ella Rule of Tucson, Arizona; six grandchildren, Betty Louise Rector, Kenneth McLellan and Joe McLellan, all of Friona, Linda Ann Ratliff of Piedmont, Oklahoma, Cynthia Hendrix of Lincoln, Nebraska and Gary Boatman of Bethany, Oklahoma; fifteen great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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Bessie Boatman



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT....The Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association has awarded 78 \$200 scholarships to all Texas and New Mexico high school valedictorians and salutatorians who enrolled at Texas Tech as freshmen in 1982-83. Association Executive Director Bill Dean presented the scholarships. Accepting one of the scholarships from Dean is Jeanna Richards, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Dick Richards of Bovina.

Courthouse Notes

Deed, Veterans Land Board, Wilson S. Cox and Charles G. Dunn, \$76.9 ac. out Sec. 6, Blk. C, Rhea Bros. Sub.

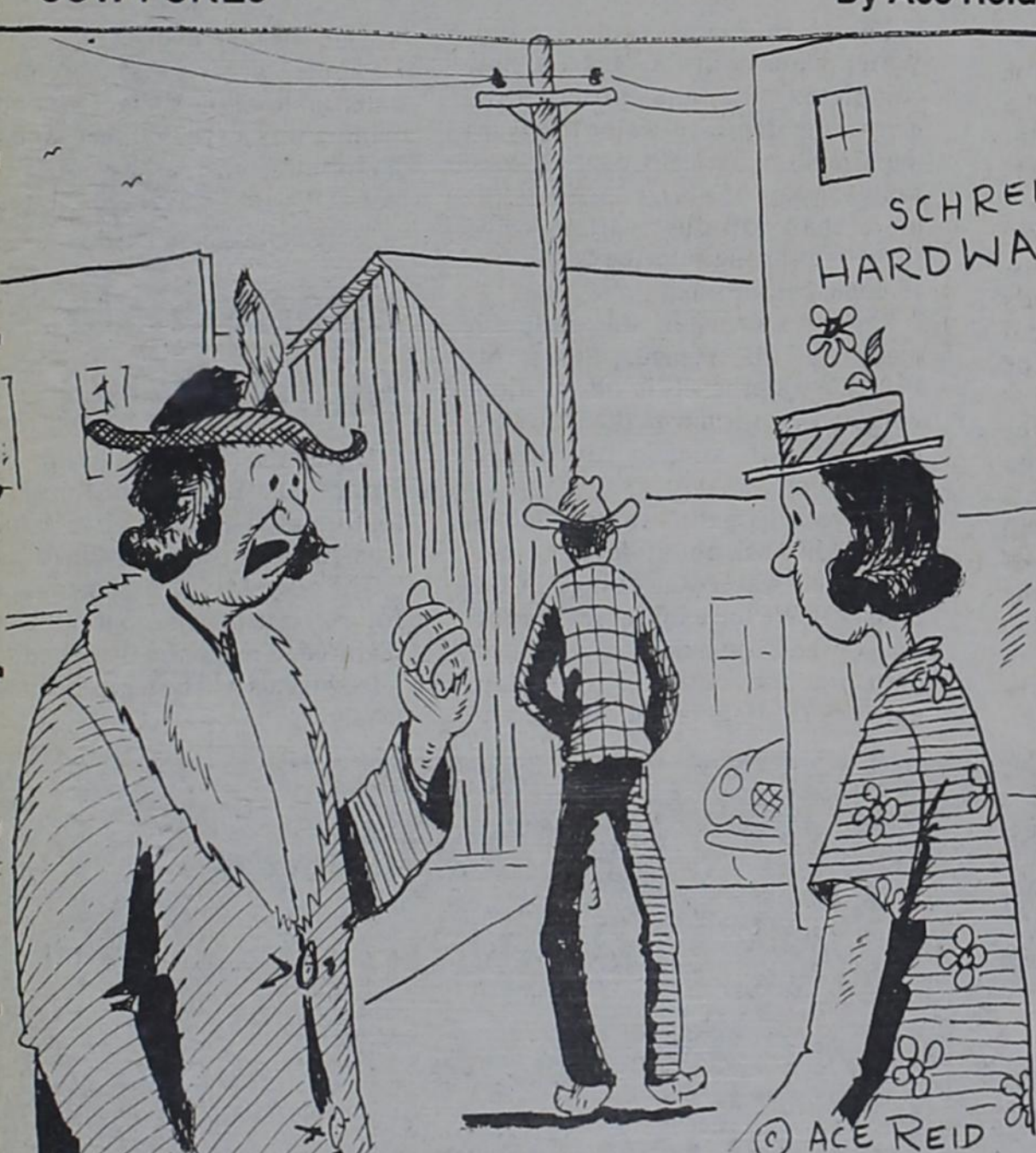
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WD, Out West Properties, Inc., J-K-S Prop. Inc., Part of NW 1/4 Sec. 7, Blk. W, Warren 1

WD, E.L. Plank, Natverlal N. Patel, lots 1 thru 4, lots 25 thru 28, Blk. 3, Gardner's Bovina.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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On The Farm

By SETH RALSTON

I would like to share the following information on wheat pasture bloat. This information comes from Dr. John McNeill, Beef Cattle Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Bloat in cattle grazing wheat pasture has been a major problem this spring. Excellent moisture and warm weather has stimulated good plant growth. When this type of plant material is stressed by frosts and freezes, conditions are conducive to a widespread health problem. A limited amount of non-legume, low nitrate hay will help reduce bloat conditions. Many producers have had excellent results by feeding ground grain (corn or milo) at the rate of 1-4 pounds per head per day. Others have added Rumsensin and a mineral mix to the grain and used approximately 5-7 percent salt to restrict intake and

offered the ration free choice and have not encountered the degree of bloat problems as their neighbors.

Some of the forage collected from fields where cattle were bloating has been shown to be high in ammonia which when consumed readily in high volumes can lead to conditions that result in bloat. Daily feeding of a readily digested energy source such as milo or corn can help alleviate the problems caused by high levels of dietary ammonia.

Bloat Guard (Poloxalene) is a feed additive that is effective against foam buildup that causes frothy bloat. It must be consumed on a daily basis at the recommended levels (1-2 gm./cwt.) in order to be effective. The most satisfactory intake patterns have been achieved when the ingredient is mixed with grain or a molasses lick.



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Double Ring Ceremony Unites Laura Widner, Don Cristy



Mrs. Don Cristy

In a candlelight ceremony Friday evening, March 4, Laura Ann Widner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Widner of Bovina, and Don Kirk Cristy, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cristy of Seminole, were united in marriage at Sierra Vista Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Reverend Robert Hall performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory formal length gown. The dress featured an empire style bodice covered with re-embroidered antique alencon lace, accented with seed pearls and fashioned with a v-neckline. The sleeves were straight with a flowing circular ruffle cuff. The princess line skirt flowed into a long train scalloped with two rows of lace along the hemline.

She wore a chapel length mantilla veil accented with alencon lace. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of twelve white roses and white tiger lilies. The bouquet was caught by the

bride's college roommate, Judy McGowen.

For the traditional "something old" the bride carried the wedding rings of her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Widner, tied among the ribbons of her bouquet. The rings carried a special sentimental meaning because the bride's grandparents' wedding day was fifty years prior on March 4, 1933. "Something new" was the wedding gown. She borrowed a gold nugget diamond necklace from her sister. A blue garter given to the bride by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Reva Farmer of Clovis, was "something blue."

The groom wore a gray Lexington tailcoat tuxedo with an ivory wingtip collar shirt and bow tie.

Craig Cristy of Littlefield, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Arley Walker of Seminole and Jerry Jones of Littlefield. They wore gray Lexington tuxedos.

Denise Read of Bovina served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Judy McGowen of San Angelo and Pam Rhodes of Bovina. They wore street length purple dresses with draped necklines and string straps. They carried white lace fans with arrangements of lilac sweet peas and purple carnations.

Karen Gartman and Jamie Widner lit the candles. The ring bearer was Joshua Merritt of Dimmitt, nephew of the bride.

Serving as ushers were Edward Richards and Steve Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipp Nelson sang "Just You And I," "Love Lift Us Up" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Annette Stevenson presided at the registration table.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The table was covered with an ivory lace tablecloth over a purple backdrop. The fruit punch was served from a sterling silver punch bowl.

The white two layered cake was decorated with purple flowers and was topped with a ceramic bride and groom music box.

Serving at the reception were Mrs. Terry Hunt and Mrs. Linda Merritt, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. Debbie Widner, sister-in-law of the bride.

The couple spent four days in San Antonio for their honeymoon trip. When they returned home, Kirk and Laura found a quiet unusual wedding gift...50,000 pennies. The gift was from Craig Cristy, brother of the groom. The groomsmen and bridesmaids enjoyed scattering the pennies all over the couple's apartment. Needless to say, the couple had equally as much fun picking them up.

Bovina guests attending the ceremony were Mrs. Joyce Read, Mrs. Martha Schilling, Mrs. Barbara Cockerham, Mrs. Darlene Caldwell, Mrs. Patt Turner, Carol Ware, Karen Schilling, Pam Spring, Denise Read, Annette Stevenson and Pam Rhodes.

Bovina Churches Welcome You!

First Baptist Church Of Bovina



Rev. J.L. Bass

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Training Union-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting-7:30 p.m.

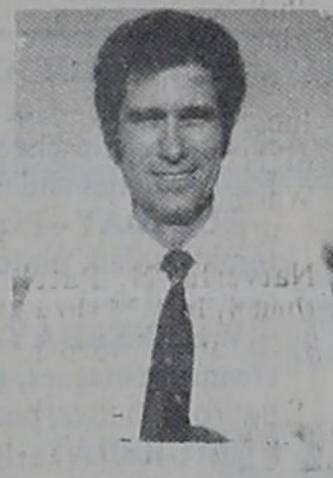
Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church



Rev. Wyatt Carpenter

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Service-7 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church



Rev. Bob Reid

Sunday School-10:30 a.m.
Texas Time:
Morning Worship-11:30 a.m. Texas Time:
Church Training-7 p.m. Texas Time:
Evening Worship-8 p.m. Texas Time:
Wednesday Night Meeting--8 p.m.

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church



R. Joel Ware

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study-6 p.m.

Pentecostal Holiness Church

Christian Life Center Services-Sunday Morning
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.
Evening-6 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday-7 p.m.

Bovina Methodist Church



Rev. Dick Richards

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m. M.Y.F.-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Choir Practice-Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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Classes-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Devotional and Classes-8:30 p.m.

St. Ann's Catholic Church



Rev. Ronald McGovern

Mass-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
CCD-After Mass Sunday
Confession: Sunday, 8-8:25 a.m.

Mission Bautista Belen



Rev. Guadalupe Silva

Escuela Dominical-9:45 a.m.
Mensaje-11:30 a.m.-Union De Pre Preparacion-5:30 p.m.
Miércoles Estudio De La Biblia-7:30 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church



Rev. Herman Schelter

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.

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Around The House In Parmer County

By LAURA JACOBS
Instant Magic For Your Garden--Bedding plants are ready when you buy them--ready to add splashes of color to your flower beds, ready to be potted into containers to decorate your deck or patio, ready to grow and bloom from time of purchase until frost.

To make the most of these vigorous young plants, it pays for you the gardener to be ready too. Before heading to the garden center to buy annuals or perennials, have the flower beds, hanging baskets or other containers prepared to receive them.

First refresh the soil in your garden. Your annuals will flourish if you spade in some compost, peat moss or other soil amendments and a complete fertilizer like 5-10-5. Rake the area until it's relatively smooth, ready for planting.

If you plan to garden in containers, have clean pots, barrels or baskets, plus a generous supply of commercial potting soil on hand.

Then it's time to go shopping.

Select plants carefully. You can buy everything from spidery cleomes that will ultimately be four feet tall to tiny snapdragons, zinnias, and marigolds that will never be more than six inches. Bedding plant labels provide lots of information, so be sure to read them and see if the plants you're considering need sun or shade, will be large or small, and are the colors you intend to use.

Once you have purchased your trays of flats of bedding plants, give them a generous dose of T.L.C.

This care begins when you put the plants in your car. Treat your new annuals like a carton of ice cream...make them your last purchase before heading home. Cooking in the trunk of car is no better for plants than for frozen desserts.

Once home, protect the seedlings until you are ready to plant them. Place them in a shady spot and water well. The trick is to be sure the

plants never dry out. One hot day of neglect can result in dead or damaged plants.

Today most bedding plants are sold in plastic cell packs or trays in which each small plant has its own separate mini-pot or cell. When removing a seedling from the cell pack, don't tug it out by its top. Push the root ball out by pressing on the bottom and sides of the individual cell. Watering them a few hours before you transplant them will aid in getting them out of the container.

If bedding plants in your area are sold in common trays, simply take a knife and divide the plants as if you were cutting a pan of brownies, or remove the entire contents from the tray and gently tease the individual plants apart with your fingers, trying to keep root balls intact.

Pop your plants into the garden as quickly as possible, preferably on a gray day. Mist the foliage and water the plants thoroughly. Using a very dilute solution of a water-soluble fertilizer will get the new plants off to a good start.

If you must plant on a sunny day--and often one must--plant, mist, water, and then protect your newest plants from the sun. Shade them with inverted strawberry baskets, cardboard, a board elevated on bricks...anything to shade the plants for the first few days.

One inventive gardener collects old umbrellas and uses them as sunshades for his newly planted garden. It looks strange, but it works.

With minimal care, your bedding plants will quickly re-establish themselves and reward you with color, beauty and fragrance until frost.



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