

Bull Town Bulletins



By
Bill Ellis

FIFTY YEARS AGO this past Monday, on June 6, 1944, my cousin, Orbie Ellis, along with his Ranger Battalion, having crossed the English Channel, joined the thousands of other members of the American and Allied Forces military and invaded Normandy at Omaha Beach.

You may have heard the "Ranger" battalions mentioned this week, as they were the ones who were called upon to scale the steep cliffs at Omaha Beach, in order to attack the German defenders who had been up to that point having a game of target practice on the Allied soldiers.

My cousin was at the ripe old age of 21 when he landed at Normandy, observing his 22nd birthday a week later on top of the cliffs in a small French village, after the Good Guys had taken over.

Orbie and his dad, Luther, and the rest of his family, had come out to this part of the country in 1928. They lived near my folks south of Muleshoe in Bailey County. Orbie is 14-1/2 years older than me, and likes to tease me about going along with my parents when I was born. It took a second trip to the hospital in Clovis, after one false alarm.

He decided to join the Army in late 1939, at the tender age of 17, getting his dad to sign the authorization papers.

After a couple of years of training and maneuvers, Orbie, along with 14,000 other U.S. troops, was shipped to England aboard the Queen Mary.

I was much too young on "D Day" to realize what was going on. And--although Orbie gave me details of his military service some years ago for my family research, I apparently still did not realize what a Hell-hole Omaha Beach had to have been that day 50 years ago, until seeing all of the TV and newspaper coverage of the anniversary observation this week.

Before he ever got to Normandy, Sgt. Ellis and his Cannon Company, First Infantry Division, had some raunchy campaigns in Sicily and North Africa. While in Sicily, a German tank division hit a gas depository adjacent to his company, and 103 of his group's 122 men were killed. Some of the survivors were critically injured. A friend lost both of his legs.

He served with Gen. Mark Clark, and met Gen. George S. Patton and Gen. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr. while in Europe.

After landing at Omaha, Sgt. Ellis assisted in liberating a number of French cities, including Paris, and then was involved in the troop invasion of Germany, where he sustained his worst injury of the war.

He sustained injuries to his back, legs and hands during a battle at Achan, Germany, and had to crawl under a school house to save himself. He stayed a day and a night under the school, in freezing February weather, before being rescued. He later developed TB and had a lung removed.

My cousin spent six months in the hospital in Paris, then while being flown from Paris to London, he learned that Hitler was dead and the War in Europe was over.

Highly decorated, M. Sgt. Ellis received among his 19 medals the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Medal and the French Croix de Guerre medals.

We talked by 'phone with our kinsman on the eve of "D-Day +50," to belatedly thank him for what he did for our family, and the rest of the country. We wondered if he had been interested in attending the events in person as some of the veterans did.

He said he had spent 50 years trying to forget some of the things he saw in Europe, and didn't want to be reminded of some of the horrors.

Thanks again, Cousin Orbie. You were ten times the man at age 21 that many of us ever became!

Dedicated to all of our U.S. servicemen and women. May we never forget the sacrifices you endured for us.



SEES THE POPE IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE....Grace Uriegas is shown in the middle of the picture as she reaches out with her left hand and touches the Pope's hand.

Grace Uriegas Spends Four Months In Europe

Grace Uriegas, 20 year old daughter of Ruben and Tina Uriegas spent four months attending school in Rome, Italy. She was there from mid-January to mid-May.

Grace is a student at the University of Dallas in Irving, which is a privately owned Catholic liberal arts school. The university has a Rome, Italy campus, which Grace was able to attend for the spring semester.

While attending school at the Rome campus, Grace took fifteen semester hours.

On tours, as part of her curriculum, Grace toured many

cities in Italy and Greece.

In Italy, she toured Rome, Florence, Sienna, Padua, Venice, Ravenna, and Assisi.

In Greece, she went to Patras, Olympia, Naphlion, Tolo, Athens, Corinth, and Delphi.

During the last two months of her stay in Rome, Grace was able to travel for weekends to various places of her choosing in Europe. These included Germany, Austria, France, Spain, Belgium, and Croatia.

Grace reported that while in Croatia, she visited with Marco Lesic and his family. Marco was a

foreign exchange student in Bovina during the 1990-91 school year. Marco told Grace to give everyone in Bovina his regards and to say "hello." Grace said it was fun to visit with Marco and his family and that they were all doing well.

There were numerous highlights during Grace's stay in Rome. A couple of the most memorable, Grace reported, was when she got to see the Pope. "As a Catholic," she said, "this was very exciting." While in St. Peter's Square attending a papal audience, Grace said the Pope passed right by her and she touched his hand.

She also was able to attend Easter Sunday Mass at the Vatican with the Pope officiating. This was why she chose the spring semester to attend school in Rome, in order to be there during the Easter celebrations.

Grace reported that her trip was wonderful and that she was "blessed" to be able to go to the "Eternal City" of Rome. "It was an eye-opening experience. I was able to grow. It makes me greater appreciate our great country and Texas," she said.

Elementary Registration

The pre-registration has been very low at the Bovina Elementary School, so any child between the ages of four years old through the fifth grade must pre-register and can do so any day next week, June 13-17.

This is an absolute necessity because teachers need to begin working on their class lists.

Commodity Distribution Is Slated

Surplus government commodities will be distributed on Thursday, June 16 in Friona and Bovina, at the County Barn in each precinct.

Distribution starts at 7:30 a.m. in Bovina and 8 a.m. in Friona. Senior citizens are allowed to be served first.

Methodists Combine VBS

The Methodist Church in Bovina will be combining Vacation Bible School with the Methodist Church in Oklahoma Lane.

The Vacation Bible School will be held in the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church, June 20-24, from 9-11:30 a.m. It will be for children ages three through the sixth grade.

Voting Lawsuit Against City Is Dismissed

A voting rights lawsuit against the City of Bovina has been dismissed by a federal court order which became final June 1.

Filed by League of United Latin American Citizens, Statewide in June 1993, the lawsuit had alleged that Bovina's at large election system violated Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1964 by illegally diluting the voting strength of Hispanics. LULAC had sued several other jurisdictions in West Texas alleging similar violations.

The Bovina City Council decided to oppose the lawsuit as being without merit and retained Daugherty and Associates, P. C. of Amarillo. Bovina currently has one Hispanic, Joe Olvera, serving on the council.

The City filed a motion for summary judgment challenging the merits of the lawsuit. In that motion, the City contended that the LULAC organization did not have standing to bring the suit because it did not have members living in Bovina when it filed suit.

In response to the City's challenge to LULAC's standing, LULAC filed a motion that sought to add a Hispanic Bovina citizen as an additional plaintiff in the lawsuit. Federal Judge Mary Lou Robinson denied LULAC's motion to add the new plaintiff, noting that such request was made "on the eve of trial."

LULAC and the City agreed to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice after Judge Robinson denied LULAC's motion.

Bovina has a population of 1,549, of which 63.5 per cent is Hispanic.



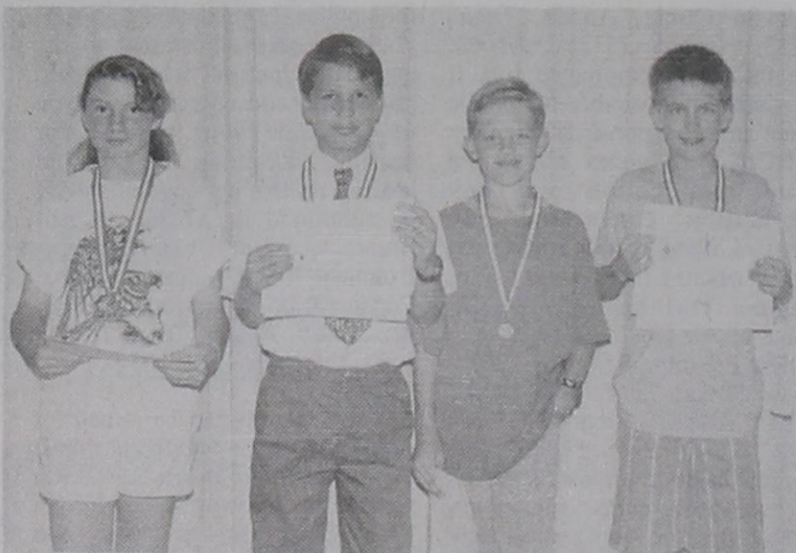
BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL in Rome, Italy was just one of the many sights seen by Grace Uriegas during her four-month stay in Rome.



ON A GONDOLA RIDE....Grace Uriegas (right) and a friend Martha Olmedo are shown in Venice, Italy as they take a gondola ride.



ACADEMIC EFFORT AWARD....The following students received the President's Academic Effort Award at the Bovina Elementary School's awards assembly held May 24: (left to right) Lorena Carmona, Patricia Robles, Krysta Morris and Michelle Guzman.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE....Four students from Bovina Elementary School received the President's Award for Educational Excellence at the elementary awards assembly, which was held May 24. The students are (left to right) Reyenne Trimmell, Levi Steelman, Tyson Kerby and Cameron Charles.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--June 10, 1959

A Bonds Oil Company pickup truck, driven by Wallace Rogers jumped the curb and plowed into Rea Cleaners in Bovina Friday morning damaging the building. No one was injured.

Last week's devastating hail is now a thing of the past, but its grim after-effects remain. Insurance adjusters and roofing crews work overtime in an attempt to repair hundreds of roofs and settle scores of crop claims caused by the storm.

30 Yrs. Ago--June 10, 1964

R. L. Douglas, Sr., 64, a long-time area farmer, died late Tuesday morning of a heart attack.

Mrs. Charles Vickers returned home Sunday after a lengthy illness and stay in John Hopkins Hospital at Galveston.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Killough were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood and family of Altus, Oklahoma, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis, also of Altus.

25 Yrs. Ago--June 18, 1969

Hail wiped out a strip of Parmer County crops south and west of Bovina Friday afternoon.

Approximately 75 people from Bovina, Friona, and Texico-Farwell attended a reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crook on their 35th wedding anniversary Sunday.

20 Yrs. Ago--June 19, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Odis White of Bovina attended graduation exercises at Salinas High School in Salinas, California last week. Their grandson, Tim Kelley was among the 436 seniors receiving diplomas in the ceremony.

Joe Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gayle Steelman, left Saturday, June 8, for a seven-week course at the summer Math Institute on the campus of the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

15 Yrs. Ago--June 20, 1979

Wheat and barley harvest was getting underway in the Bovina area this week, with prospects for at least an "average" crop in store for

farmers, who are hoping for a better harvest than last year's crop.

Wesley Cockerham delivered Bovina's first load of 1979 barley, to Sherley Grain Company in Wednesday, June 13. Cockerham indicated that he had a yield of 112 bushels (irrigated) on the 48-acre field.

10 Yrs. Ago--June 13, 1984

Bovina residents attended a barbecue on Tuesday of last week hosted by Bovina Fuel and Supply, owned and operated by Don Murphy and Gaylon Rhodes. About 250 to 300 people attended.

Bovina will serve as host for the Parmer County 4-H horse show on June 16.

5 Yrs. Ago--June 14, 1989

Tornadic-type winds struck the Bovina area Monday night, causing considerable damage throughout the town. Some hard rain also fell in the immediate area, but no hail was reported.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

June 12--Tyler Walling, Bertha McGrew.

June 14--Roberta Borquez, David Bermea.

June 16--Beth Bermea.

(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.)

Larry Rosses Have Baby Girl

Jessica Helen Ross was born on Sunday, June 5. She is the daughter of Larry G. and Ute Ross of Dimmitt. Jessica weighed five pounds, seven ounces and measured nineteen inches long.

Grandparents are Helen and Clyde Blalock of Bovina and Elvie and Mary Henderson of Floydada.

Jessica has one sister, Terin, age seven, and one brother, Kristopher, who is six years old.

LEGAL NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that CAPROCK INDUSTRIES, INC. has applied for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. 24683. This permit, if approved, will authorize expansion of a **Cattle Feedlot and a Feedmill in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas.** The location of the existing facility is four miles southwest of Bovina, Texas on U.S. Highway 60. This facility will emit the following air contaminants: odors, particulate matter, and products of combustion from the burning of natural gas (nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, unburned hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide).

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Thomas Weinheimer, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All

written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on June 4 and June 11.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Bill Ehret, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone (512) 305-9087.

Before a permit can be issued for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards.



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The residence of Barbara Ann Lowe is Parmer County, Texas, and the post office address is: Barbara Ann Lowe c/o Aldridge, Aycock & Actkinson, L.L.P. P.O. Box 286 Farwell, Texas 79325 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 6th day of June, 1994. ALDRIDGE, AYCOCK & ACTKINSON, L.L.P. P.O. BOX 286 FARWELL, TEXAS 79325 TELEPHONE NO. 806/481-3361 TELECOPIER NO. 806/481-9060 BY CHARLES F. AYCOCK STATE BAR NO. 01458000

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KATHERINE BONITA SIMMONS, 17, graduated with honors from Harrison Central High School in commencement ceremonies held at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center in Biloxi, Mississippi on May 28, 1994. In addition to graduating with honors, Katy received recognition for her exceptionally high score on the ACT. She graduated in the top 10 per cent of her class of 354. Kathy is the youngest daughter of Roger and Patricia Simmons. She is the youngest granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. French Crook, Sr. She plans to attend college and major in child care.

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A.D. Harman Is Buried In Tulia On June 2

Adrian Dean Harman, 76, died Monday, May 30, 1994. Services were held Thursday, June 2 at the Central Church of Christ in Tulia with Harold Kennamer of Abilene officiating. Arrangements were by Wallace Funeral Home.

Harman was born in Plainview on July 15, 1917. He married Geneva Elliff in Tulia, June 24, 1938. He was a resident of Swisher County, having moved back in 1943 to the Valley View Community to farm and operate a registered Jersey dairy.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas Tech University in 1938 and an M.S. Degree from Texas A&M University. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Paint Creek and Claude and was a County Extension Agent in Oldham County.

He was a member of the Big Country Shorthorn Association and the Texas Shorthorn Association and was honored with their "1987 Pioneer Breeder Award." He served as vice-president of the Texas Farmers Union and President of the Swisher County Hospital Board.

Harman served as an elder of the Central Church of Christ and was a Bible teacher until his death. He also authored several Bible correspondence courses. There were approximately 3,000 students around the world taking the courses he offered.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Judy Bowe of Lubbock and Bunnye Porter of Arlington; three sons, Randy of Lubbock, Jimmy of Clyde and Terry of Plainview; three brothers, Vernon of Canyon, Victor of Happy and Otis of Tulia; two sisters, his twin sister Dorothy Donaldson of Farwell and Mary Elliff of Tulia; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother, Foster of Happy,

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FRIENDS, Thank you very much for my retirement party and the part each of you contributed. I loved the flowers, gifts, hugs, tears and your attendance.

A big thank you goes to Brenda Wilson and the junior high staff for getting it all together.

Thank you, parents, for standing by me these 24 years. I've loved your children and hopefully taught them some math.

Thanks to the administration and school board. You've been supportive and I've always felt like I was a part of an important endeavor to educate Bovina's young people.

Thank you, students, for being wonderful junior high students (most of the time). I'll miss you.

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By JUNE FLOYD

In the very near future, we will be eating garden fresh produce and then when we get tired of eating plain potatoes, beans, peas, squash, etc., we will begin looking for new ways to prepare these staples.

Had our Parmer County Cookbook materialized, it would have had the following recipes--some of which are very very different.

SUMMER VEGETABLE KABOBS

- 2 small zucchini
- 2 small yellow squash
- 2 small eggplants
- 8 large mushrooms
- 1 small red pepper, cut into eight squares
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Cut each zucchini, yellow squash and eggplant into four one-inch thick slices. Alternately thread two pieces of each vegetable and two mushrooms on four ten-inch skewers. Combine butter, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper.

Brush both sides of vegetables with seasoned butter. Place kabobs over medium charcoal briquets and grill 10-12 minutes, turning after five minutes and brushing with seasoned butter occasionally.

Makes 8 servings with 53 calories per serving.

CHEESY POTATO SALAD WITH DILL DRESSING

- 1 pound small new potatoes, scrubbed and cut in half
- 3/4 cup sour cream

- 1 cup plain lowfat yogurt
- 1/3 cup onions, minced
- 1/4 cup fresh dill or 1-1/2 tablespoons dried dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup Edam cheese, cut into small cubes
- 1 cup cucumbers, cut in small cubes
- 1/2 cup radishes, thinly sliced

Place potatoes in large pot; cover with cold salted water. Bring to a boil and cook until potatoes are fork tender. Then drain and cool.

To prepare dressing, combine sour cream, yogurt, onions, dill, celery seed, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper. Cut potatoes into cubes and transfer to bowl.

Pour dressing over potatoes; add Edam cheese, cucumbers and radishes and toss until salad is well blended. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 8 servings.

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HARVEST STUFFED SQUASH

- 2 acorn squash (about 1 pound each)
- Boiling water
- 3/4 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup chopped cooking apple
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 4 teaspoons parmesan cheese

Cut squash in half lengthwise; discard seed and fiber. Place cut

side down, in baking pan; add water to depth of 1/2 inch. Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook beef with onion, apple and garlic in skillet over medium heat, until onion is translucent. Sprinkle flour evenly over meat mixture; stir to blend. Gradually stir in soy sauce and vinegar. Bring to boil; cook and stir until slightly thickened. Remove from heat.

Turn squash halves over; fill each half with equal amount of meat mixture. Return to oven and bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle cheese over top; return to oven and bake five minutes longer or until cheese melts and squash is tender. Makes four servings.

FRESH VEGETABLE PICCALILLI

- 1 medium cucumber
- 2 large tomatoes, diced (2 cups)
- 2 ribs celery, diagonally sliced 1/2 inch thick (1 cup)
- 2 carrots, shredded (1 cup)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Peel cucumber and cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out and discard seeds. Cut cucumber crosswise in 1/4 inch slices (makes about 1 cup).

In a large bowl, place cucumber, tomatoes, celery and carrot; set aside. In a small saucepan, combine water, vinegar, sugar dill weed and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until sugar dissolves and liquid reduces slightly--about two minutes.

Pour over vegetables in bowl. Toss well to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours before serving. Makes 4 cups.

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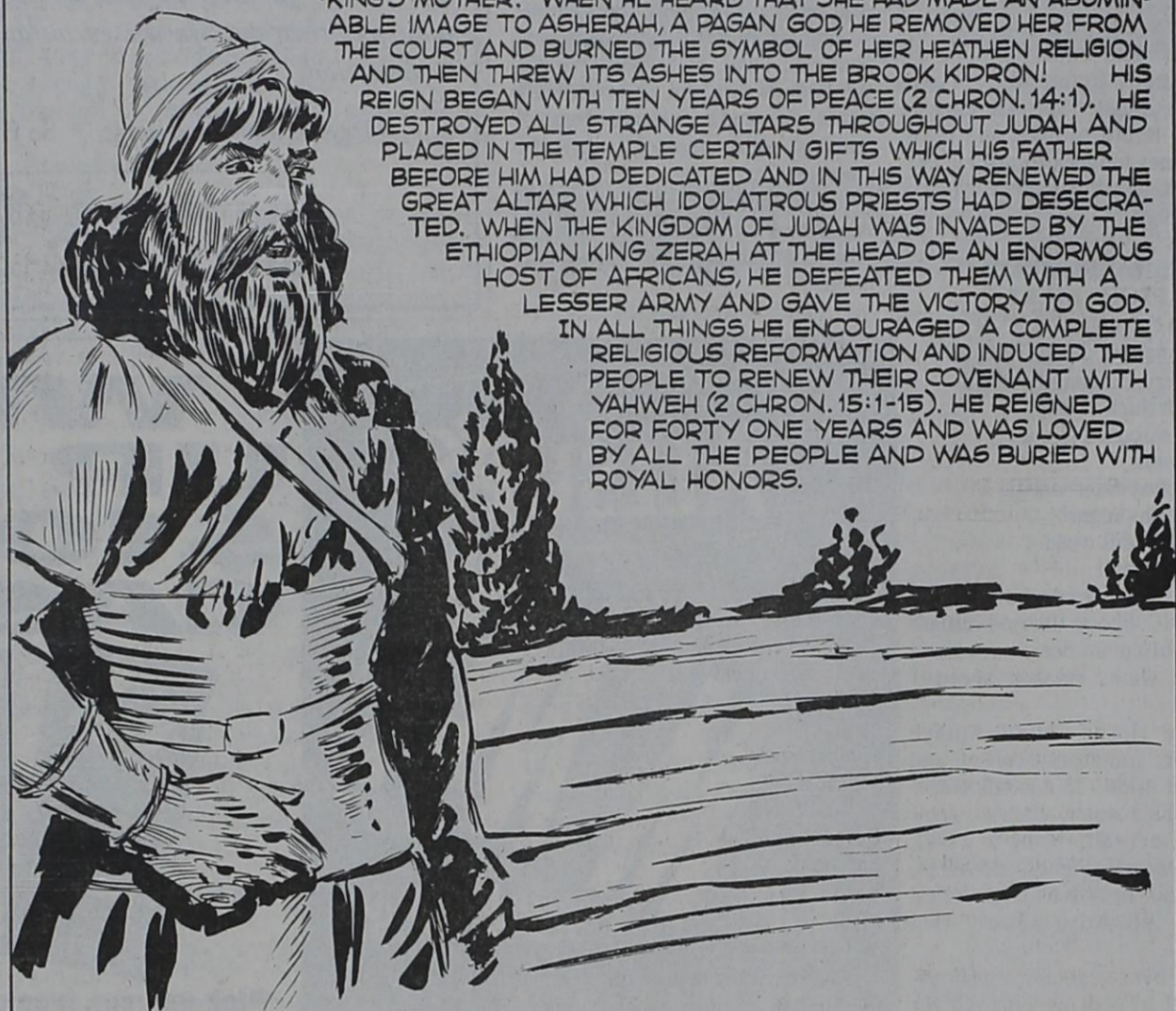
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County Residents Make Trip To London

By Erra Jamerson

Erra Jamerson with 42 other senior citizens from Lubbock and other surrounding counties, left Lubbock on Thursday evening, May 21, and traveled to Dallas, where we embarked on a trip to London, England.

We visited the London Tower and saw the Crown Jewels, after our arrival in London. We had flown all night, so by now, we were very tired, but the history that unfolded in front of our eyes was magnificent.

The Thames River (pronounced Tims) is right there by the Tower of London on one side and the back of Parliament (which is the House of Commons in one part and the House of Lords on the other end). The Queen of England is never allowed in one of the houses. I can't remember if it's the Lords or Commons. It is a magnificent building.

Also, the New London Bridge is across the Thames River with boats going down, it is right there connecting the London Tower and where the House of Parliament is.

The next day we took a tour of London and saw the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace or what you can see of it. The guide took us right down to the gates of the palace, but you can't actually see the palace for the trees and shrubs, etc., but we had already seen where the guards were coming out, so we were able to get some pictures of them coming up the street and they passed right by us. They entered the gates and on up to the palace.

We did not have time to wait for them to come out but the guide said in about 30 minutes the guards coming off duty would come back out just like the ones going in had done. We had a chance to go shopping or whatever we wanted to that afternoon, so a couple of ladies and I took the little English Black Cab to Harrods Department Store that afternoon. They say the Queen does her shopping there. I bought a few souvenirs for my family there, as humble as they were. It is a very expensive place. They are very strict with security there.

Another group from our troop was there and the man of the group said a man told him to move on. They didn't allow any loitering, and he said, that will be fine with me when these two women I'm with decide what they want and the man just looked at him then, and smiled

PCS Funds Available

Panhandle Community Services will have funds available to assist clients with cooling bills beginning June 1, 1994. Priority will be given to elderly, disabled and/or handicapped.

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and nodded his head.

That night, we had a chance to take a non-tour excursion. Most of us went out to dinner and then were taken to a boat on the Thames River. We went on a little trip down the Thames River. London was, of course, very lit up (it is a city of about six million people).

We also went to visit West Minster Abbey. That was on our tour. Of all the places I saw, that was the most gorgeous, splendid, architectural masterpiece that I have ever seen. This is where they have the coronation ceremonies.

They showed us how everything was set up for the coronation, where different people sat and the chair used to crown the Queen or King as the case might be. The commoners who are in what seemed to be the front of the Abbey, actually cannot see the coronation, as only certain people of nobility are allowed beyond a certain part and the coronation is another part from the common people.

I believe they said they see it on video.

After two nights in London, we started our journey around the British Isles. The country is so beautiful. Everywhere you look is the prettiest green grass and nearly all of it is hilly. They raise sheep there like we raise cattle in our country.

I had always read and heard about hedgerows, and I actually can now put that in perspective. They separate a lot of their fields with hedgerows. They are trimmed somewhat like hedges in our yards here are trimmed. I believe the guide said they have a machine that trims them. They also have a lot of rock fences. The guide pointed out that the stone fences were built as barriers against the enemy back when there was so much bloodshed between the Scots and English. Now they use them for fences.

We traveled to the town of Bath. We visited the ornamental gardens of Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace. We visited the prehistoric monument of Stonehedge, then on to Bath, where we saw the amazing excavation of the Roman Baths. I believe we spent the night in York. We traveled on the next morning to Stratford upon Avon, England, Shakespeare's home, saw Shakespeare's birth place and the family home of Ann Hathaway (Shakespeare's wife). We had a group picture made of our tour group just across the street from Ann Hathaway's house. Nearly all the houses are built somewhat alike. It's amazing.

I believe it's the fifth day and we traveled on to Llangollen, Wales. Everything we saw nearly was old. We were entertained that night by a choir group, who usually came by the hotel every Monday night and sang, I suppose for the tourists. They were most entertaining. They sang old songs that I remember learning in my youth. It was awhile before the choir got there, so several people



TOUR GROUP...This group of tourists made a trip to London, England in May. Among those making the trip are Erra Jamerson of Bovina (at left on the front row) and Andy and Winifred Hurst of Friona (right center in the second row).

sang. It was unrehearsed and we enjoyed it a lot. It fully portrayed their heritage.

The sixth day we traveled on to Chester and on to Glasgow, Scotland. We climbed to a greater height in altitude somewhere in Scotland, because I remember coming down the mountains somewhere. We saw many things in Scotland, many medieval castles, churches, etc. You still see some thatche roofs but not too many. Most of those are being preserved for posterity. This could go on forever, so I will try to shorten this journey by saying that we saw much beautiful country, many beautiful castles and other beautiful buildings in Scotland, but the highlights of our tour in Scotland was Edinburgh Castle and Sir Walter Scott's home (Abbotsford).

We had spent the seventh night in Edinburgh, Scotland, now we traveled on to Harrogate, England, where we saw the famous Belvoir Castle (pronounced Beaver). We had seen the great structure of York Minster in York, another great

cathedral. The Belvoir Castle was completely furnished and the richness and splendor of wealth stood out in every area. I think the wealth of the country was all for nobility and the Popes and the common people probably were just peasants.

This was an idea I got either from some of the guides or people on the tour. This might not be how it was, but you can see that a lot of wealth was spent on architectural and grand things.

A lot of this history dates back to the 15th Century. They used much cobblestone and stone for streets and sidewalks. The stone walkways were much easier to walk on than the cobblestone and brick walkways were.

Nearly all the masonry was stone, at least where we were shown. You saw very little brick. They used quite a bit of stucco type housing. What amazed me was the multiple dwelling homes way back in centuries past. Maybe that was where we got the idea of town houses.

The day we toured Edinburgh, Scotland, we had a different guide. He wore a kilt and all the trimmings--knee socks, little knife in top of sock, the whole works. He gave a history of the kilt and why they wore it. That night in Edinburgh, we had a nice dinner and were entertained by a Scottish band, bagpipes and all. They were really good.

Well, we are down to the ninth day. We traveled on toward London, England, again. We stop in Cambridge, England and see

Cambridge University. We get back to our hotel late and have about fifteen minutes to be ready for leaving the hotel for our dinner date and on to see Ms. Saigon at one of the finest theaters in London. That was the fastest anyone ever got ready but we went anyway and I doubt if anyone in England cared if we were not looking our very best.

It was a fabulous trip, but we were all very tired and ready to get back to the Good Old U.S.A. on the tenth day.

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The slate of nominees for Parmer County are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FmHA elections are open to all all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex and/or handicap.

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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

We received a letter from Pat and Roger Simmons of Gulfport, Mississippi with a picture of their youngest daughter, Kathy, who graduated with honors from high school at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Kathy is also the youngest granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. French Crook Sr., who lived in Bovina for many years and loved by all of us.

Roger said they were doing well now but that he had had to have back surgery on April 20, 17 days later they took a cruise to the Southern Caribbean.

They send their regards to Bovina people and said they are enjoying reading the Blade each week.

Patsy Weeks, a resident of many years ago, called from Ft. Myers, Florida and we had a nice visit on the telephone. Here parents were the late G. C. and Dora Etta Danner. She graduated from high school here in 1945 and later went to school at West Texas State University and also ENMU.

Patsy works as an office clerk at the Lee County School. She and her husband had four daughters. She is anxious to be in touch with those who lived here at that time and perhaps are still here. I told her to write us a letter and let us know where you could get in touch with her. She will be making a trip to Bovina about July 8 and hopes to see some of her friends at that time.

Here address is Patsy Weeks, 11250 Carovel Circle, Apt. 202, Ft. Myers, Florida, 33938. If you would like to keep in touch with her, drop her a line.

Elton and Marie Venable hosted a get-together for the family of Ola Crowell, following graveside services. Cake, cookies, punch and coffee were served to about thirty-five member of the family.

Floyd Damron is still a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and is in serious condition.

Bill Ellis was telling us about

From The Pastor's Heart

By RICHARD GRISHAM

Summer Suggestions

School is out, graduation is over, and the summer is here! Why not focus your summer months on a closer walk with the Lord?

Dedicate your summer to Christ. Determine to know Him better before school starts again. Ask God to help you be a witness for Christ to someone everyday.

Concentrate your prayers on one particular person that you would like for God to Bless and on one particular need you would like for Him to meet. Decide and prepare to do an in-depth Bible study of interest to you--perhaps a book of the Bible or a major Christian doctrine.

Set aside one hour alone (away from family and TV) each morning or evening to commit to this purpose. And be dedicated and committed to our church this summer both in attendance and in giving.

Do these things, and by the end of the summer you will be surprised how much you have grown in Christ.

what a small world it can turn out to be. Their daughter Laura had given them a gift certificate to Family Photo at Lubbock, to have their picture made with their first grandchild, Madeline.

Bill said that their photographer was a well-mannered young black fellow, and during the course of trying to get the baby to smile, etc., they began to visit, and discovered that he was Roger Harris, the grandson of Joe and Dorothy Harris of Bovina.

Carol is good friends with a man who attends church with Roger, David Rindlesbacher of Canyon. Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris of Amarillo.

Bill says it reminded him that years ago Carol used to be amazed that wherever they went, he always ran into someone he knew from Friona, Bovina, Muleshoe, or wherever.

In 1977 they took their kids to California to visit Disneyland. Enroute, Carol had remarked "Well, I'll bet we don't run into anyone out here that you know," and Bill replied "Maybe not, but don't count on it."

Before they had been at Disneyland two hours, waiting to get on the train that circles the park, among those departing the train were Cecil and Jo Bunch, who lived in Bovina at that time. Cecil was the minister at the Church of Christ here for several years, and also served as coach of the Bovina Blade's Little League team a number of summers.

So it can, indeed, be a small world sometimes.

Billy and Suez Smith, and the Smith's daughter and family, Arlene and Justin Brozek and son Jake went to the mountains near Las Vegas and enjoyed vacationing. This was Jake's first trip to the mountains and he enjoyed it thoroughly.

Congratulations to Clyde and Helen Blalock, who are grandparents of a new baby girl, Jessica Helen Ross. Her parents are Larry and Ute Ross of Dimmitt. The couple has two other children, Terin, 7, and Kristopher, 6. Ute grew up in Bovina and graduated from high school here.

Vernon and Dottie Ward have been with many of their family members recently. They were Dottie's brother Burnett and Jean Denney of California, Esther Denney of Amarillo, Cecelia Coffee and daughter Jennifer of California, Mike Coffee and two children of Amarillo, Steve and Casey Spurlin of Amarillo, Jason and Sharon Lowery of Amarillo, Kathy and daughter Kiley Spurlin of Amarillo and Joyce Chandler of Amarillo.

Hromas On Dean's List

Texas A & M University has named its honor students for the 1994 spring semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Among those recognized is Darren Ross Hromas, son of Galen and Judy Hromas of Bovina. He is a sophomore student majoring in computer science.

Burnett and Jean Denney came to Vernon's and Dottie's on Thursday and went to the Wards' daughter Billie's home in Amarillo on Saturday. They enjoyed a get-together on Saturday night there with the family.

The Wards came back to Bovina on Monday and Dottie said her brother and sister-in-law, Burnett and Jean Denney left for Branson, Missouri and other places for two weeks then will be going back to California.

George Villarreal was in the office and was bringing us up to date on his brothers, Richard and David, who were both involved during the Desert Storm war.

Richard is stationed at Ft. Hood, which is near Killeen, Texas. Richard has just completed school in Washington, D.C. and was there from January until May of this year. Richard's wife, Elida and their sons, P. J. and Rick are with him at Killeen.

George said David is stationed in Germany and will be there until August or September and will then be sent back to the states.

These two fine young men grew up in Bovina and their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Zefrino Villarreal.

Our sympathies to the family of Dean Harman. He lived in the area years ago and his twin sister is Dorothy Donaldson of Farwell. She taught school in Bovina for years. Dean was 76 years old and died Monday, May 30. Services were held at the Church of Christ in Tulia.

He was the county agent in Oldam County at one time and taught Vocational Agriculture at Paint Creek and Claude. He was survived by two daughters and three sons.

The family requests memorials to be made to the Dean and Geneva Harman Endowed Missions Fund at Lubbock Christian University, 5601 - 19th Street in Lubbock, Texas 79407.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Doris Wilson, and Mr. Pat's sister, Isabelle Gilbreath took a two-week vacation trip to visit their brothers and sister who lives in Hamilton, Pennsylvania.

Two brothers, James and Loraine of Erie, Pennsylvania and a sister, Floy, who lives in Indiana, Pennsylvania came to Hamilton and spent the weekend also.

The whole family enjoyed a picnic dinner on Sunday up on a hill which gives a panoramic view of beauty.

After spending three days in

Hamilton, they journeyed to Slaton, Minnesota and visited another brother Al and family.

Irma Jo Englant entered the Friona Hospital a week ago Thursday suffering from respiratory problems. She was transferred to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday morning and is in room #304.

Lavonya Moody, former resident, has been hospitalized and has undergone surgery. Lavonya is Weldon Moody's wife and the couple lived in Bovina some years ago but are now living in Plainview.

Richard Villarreal and his wife, Elida and sons, surprised his family and drove to Bovina for a couple of days visit before returning to Ft. Hood. We had a nice visit with him and he said he would be leaving for Korea in August for one year.

Lawrence Gray's only sister, Anna Bell, underwent six hours of surgery in the Clovis Hospital.

Joy Melton's daughter, Lori, has been in Bovina visiting for a week with her parents. She and a friend drove to Austin, and San Angelo and her friend stayed down there and Lori will get her on the way back to their home at Tampa, Florida.

Friends of Jessie Woltman said she underwent surgery recently. She is a former resident and is Tommy Williams' mom. She moved from Bovina to Haskell some months ago.

Suezy Smith said her dad, Herman Estes, had made lots of progress and was able to be up walking. It had only been a couple of weeks since Suezy had seen her dad and she said they were very happy about how his condition had improved.

SMILE: An employee of a big company grew so tired of the many memos and orders he received that he decided to join the police department.

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Thanks for helping with the news and Scoops....Scooter.



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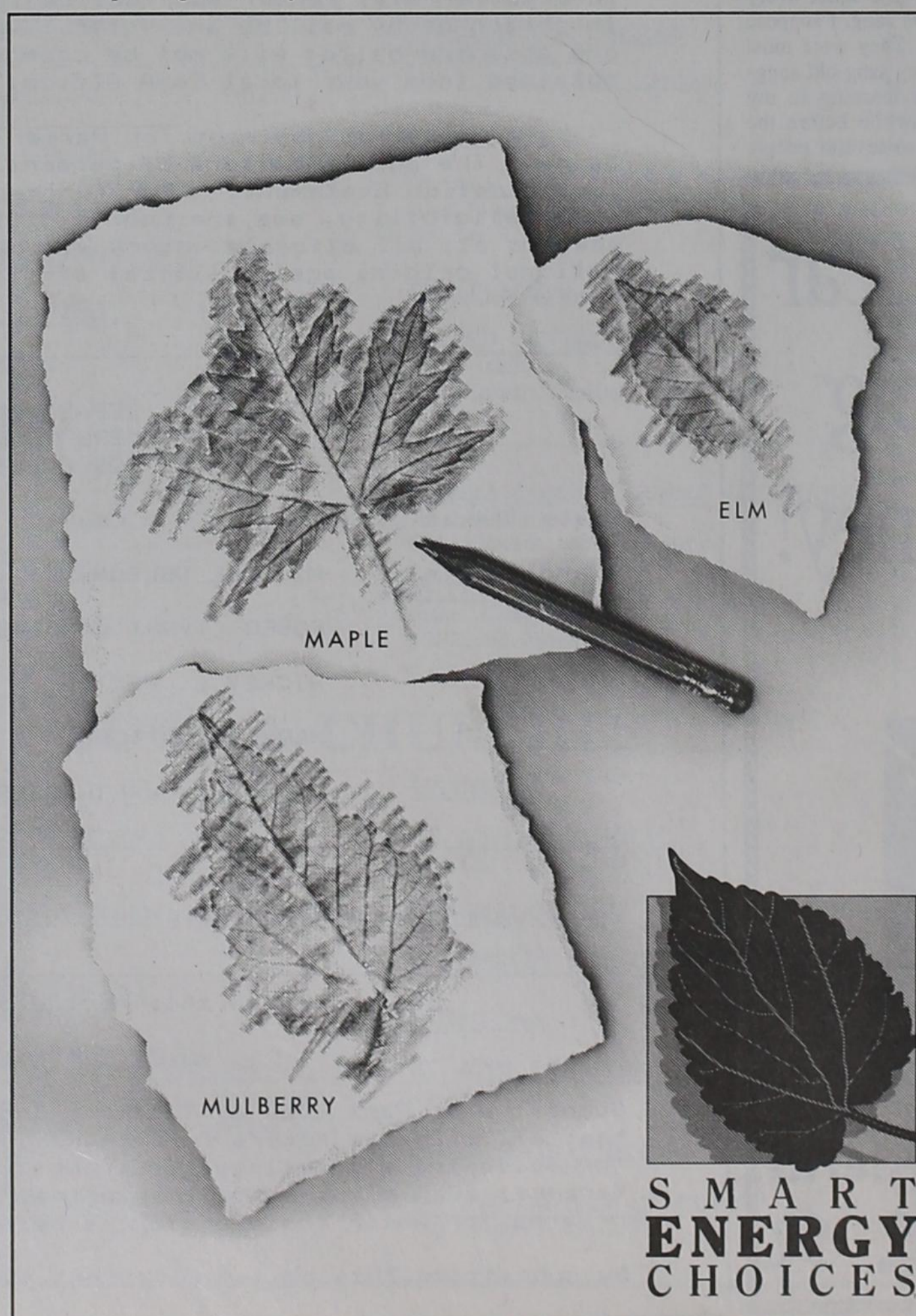
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