

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



NOBODY EVER SAID life was going to be all sunshine and roses, but neither did they warn us about all the things people say that we don't want to hear.

For instance, when you were a teenager and your prom date met you at the door with "Oh, gee! Were we supposed to dress formal for this?"

And it keeps on going: You know you're having a bad day when your hairdresser takes the curlers out of your new perm and you hear her say "Uh, Oh!"

The home repair person climbs down off your roof and says "I hope your homeowner's insurance is paid up."

Your little precious person says "Mom, you weren't saving that cake in the kitchen for anything special, were you?"

You know you're going to be walking to work for a long time when your auto mechanic says "You can't drive it this way. We're going to have to order a part from New Jersey."

You're in for years of animal care when your little person whines "Can I keep him, huh? Can I, puh-leeeeeeeeee? He won't eat much and I'll clean up after him. I promise."

That same little person grows up and phones home to say that he's met the love of his life. Then "love" turns out to be a large tattooed female named "Moose."

You feel a little ill when you're discussing last night's family outing with your best pal and she says "The Health Department closed that place down awhile back. How was your meal?"

You know it's going to be a long drive home when the highway patrolman leans into your car window and asks "Do you know how fast you were going?"

You know you need to lose a few when you climb upon your talking bathroom scale and it screams "Ouch! Get off! You're hurting me!"

You know you're in for a long wait when you hear "This is your captain speaking. There will be a slight delay. We'll be remaining on the ground while the barber does a few hair cuts."

You get an instant headache when your mother-in-law shows up on the day you are packing to leave on vacation and she says "They're building a freeway through my property. I'll have to stay here for awhile."

Don't you love it when your golf partner checks your score card and asks "Are you sure this isn't your bowling score?"

You know you're going to be broke for a long time when a voice behind you says "Give me all your money!" and it turns out to be your college kid heading back to school.

You know you're in for a long recovery period when your doctor says "It's a real simple procedure. We do two or three hundred of these every year."

Then you know it's going to hurt like heck when the nurse says "This may make you a little uncomfortable for awhile."

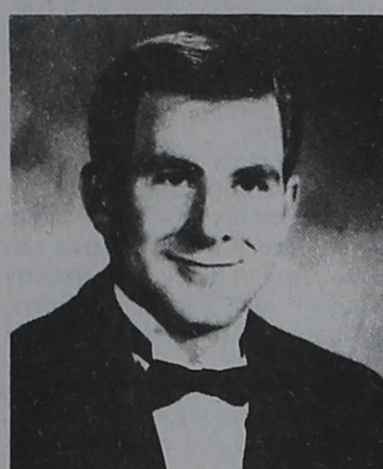
(A little editorial comment here: We're all really proud of our Parmer County Community Hospital and the personnel are just the greatest! We understand that there is a shortage of nurses. So if you know of anyone in this profession who would like to relocate to a really friendly little hometown, please send them in our direction.)

And now back to the foolishness at hand:

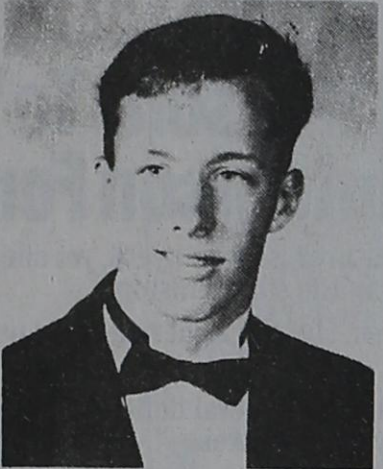
Why is it that anytime you go fishing, the fellow at the bait shop always says "Gee, they were really bitin' around here last week."

Isn't it irritating that, no matter how old you get, your mother still says "You ought to know better than that!"

But the worst... the absolute WORST, is when your spouse says "Sit down, honey! There's something I've got to tell you."



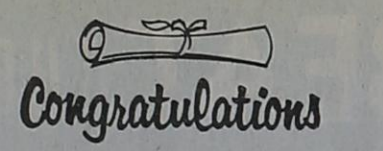
CRAIG RUSSELL
Valedictorian



LELAND BROCKMAN
Salutatorian



ERIN JONES
Historian



Congratulations

Offices To Close Here On Monday

Several offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Among those planning to close are the City Hall, Post Office, Parmer County Appraisal District Office, First Bank and McCallum Agency.

Vets' Memorial Dedication Set

The dedication of the Parmer County Veterans' Memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in Farwell City Park.

The memorial contains the names of 34 Parmer County servicemen who died in service to their nation.

The program has been organized by Mike Ratke, Dutch Quickel, Tom Nichols and Ralph Franse.

Master of ceremonies will be Paul Fortenberry of Friona, former Parmer County judge. His son, James Richard Fortenberry, is one of the 34 servicemen who is listed on the memorial.

An honor guard from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Friona will present the colors.

The National Anthem will be played by Alan and Kerry Finney, a trumpet duet.

Rev. Edward Greenhauer, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat, will give the invocation.

The list of those to be honored will be read by veterans of those wars. Then, a 21-gun salute will be offered by airmen from Cannon Air Force Base. Taps will be played.

A reception will follow, with refreshments provided by Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Lazbuddie's Honor Graduates Named

The honor graduates of Lazbuddie High School's 1993 graduating class are as follows:

Valedictorian--Craig Russell, son of Kenney and Sherry Russell, plans to major in engineering at Texas Tech.

Positions he has held at LHS include National Honor Society vice president, Marching Band, Student Council officer, FFA officer, Leadership Lazbuddie resident, Methodist Youth Group president and junior class president.

He has participated in football, basketball, track, tennis, FFA, UIL and National Honor Society. Awards he has received include Student of the Month, FFA Star Greenhand, Who's Who in America and Athletic Academic Award.

Salutarian--Leland Brockman, son of Phil and Judy Brockman, is planning to attend Texas Tech and enroll in the Air Force ROTC program. After graduation, he plans to attend pilot training and seek a career in the Air Force.

Positions include National Honor Society president, Technology Students Association president and class president. Extra curricular activities include football, basketball, track, golf, band, Student Council, T.S.A. and UIL regional math competition.

In athletics, he was honored for the following: football--all-state honorable mention defensive safety, all-South Plains offensive end, all-district offensive end and defensive

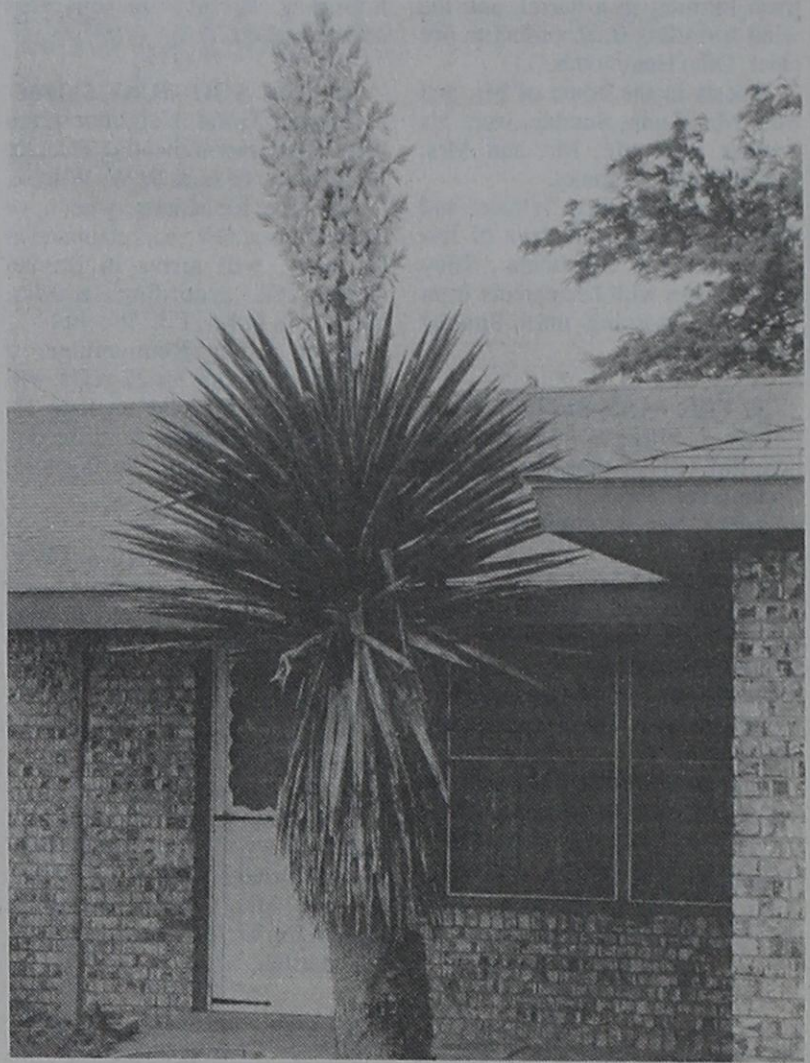
safety, and all-star football game participant; basketball--all-tournament team, Lazbuddie; all-district; track--300 hurdles district champion, regional qualifier mile relay team, regional qualifier pole vault; golf--team regional qualifier.

Academic honors he received included: Boys' State delegate, Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar participant, UIL regional science competition, Lazbuddie Leadership vice president, Student of the Month, "A" honor roll, National Merit science award, Longhorn Spirit award, Mr. LHS, Academic All-State athlete.

Historian--Erin Jones, daughter of John and Becky Jones, plans to major in elementary education at Angelo State.

Positions she has held include junior class secretary and National Honor Society secretary. She has been a member of band, basketball, jazz band, newspaper, mascot, FHA and Leadership Lazbuddie.

Awards include state solo competition, all-region band, Gifted and Talented and National Band Award.



A GOOD YEAR---This year's growing season must be a good one for cactus and other plants of the yucca variety, as numerous "century" plants have been seen blooming in several yards around the area.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

A.M. and Mary Jane Wilson have been living at 608 Sherwood Lane since 1962 and have acquired a lot of neighbors since that time.

Mary Jane remembers, "We had the first house built in the Ridgelea Addition and didn't have any near neighbors for some time."

However, lots soon began to sell and construction was started on just about every lot in the addition. Many of them have been occupied by the same families for more than 25 years.

The Wilsons came to Bovina as newlyweds. A.M. reported, "We were married in Tulia, June 3, 1947, arrived in Bovina six days later and have lived here ever since."

A.M. was practically born and raised in the grocery business. His father, the late A.M. Wilson, Sr., operated Wilson's Grocery in Tulia many many years and then owned and operated Tulia Wholesale Grocery for a long time.

"My first job in the store was removing eggs farmers had brought in boxes, buckets or whatever and traded for groceries, from the containers and putting them in cartons for re-sale," A.M. reported.

"Then," he continued, "I gradually worked my way up as I grew up until I had held every job in the store before I finished high school. Later I spent some time as a sales representative for the wholesale company."

Following his graduation from Tulia High School, he attended Texas Tech University, Lubbock, one year before going to Dallas and enrolling in Metropolitan Business College, from which he graduated two years later.

Wilson then spent some time in Dimmitt assisting a brother, Raymond Wilson, in the operation

of his grocery store there before getting involved in World War II.

At one time he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, which is near San Antonio, and it was during his stay there, that he met a young lady named Mary Jane Hickey.

Mary Jane, who had grown up in the Alamo City and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and Draughan's Business College, was employed as a secretary.

After the close of World War II, A.M. returned to San Antonio and resumed his friendship, which later developed into a full-blown love affair, with Mary Jane and was able to persuade her to change her place of residence.

Mary Jane said, "No one can imagine what it was like for me to move from such a large town to a very small one. At the time we moved here, the population of Bovina was 601 and our arrival pushed that figure up all the way to 603, the town's largest-ever count up until then."

A.M. and Mary Jane owned and operated Wilson's Grocery from 1947 to 1973 and actively participated in every organization and event which was designed to "Build a Better Bovin."

The couple's two daughters, Suzanne and Pam, were born in Friona, grew up in Bovina and graduated from high school here. At the present time, Suzanne and her husband, Rodney Murphy, and their two sons, Adam, 16, and Kip, 12, live in Abilene, Texas. Rodney and Suzanne are both teachers in the Abilene Public School System.

Pam and her husband, Greg Bell, and their children, Kasey, who recently graduated from the eighth grade, and Will, 12, live on a farm near Bovina.

Another important member of this family is Torild Skjerve of Tonsburg, Norway, who spent a year in the Wilson home as an Exchange Student.

A.M. said, "We call her Trudy, which was what she went by here,

and she has never seemed to mind."

Since the Wilsons sold the store and retired, they've kept busy with church and civic organizations and A.M. spent some time employed by Griffin-Brand in the vegetable business and was manager of Farwell County Country Club two years.

"Now," he says, "We just keep busy with the farm, yard, garden, grandchildren and do a bit of travelling."

Mary Jane is an avid collector of cookbooks and recipes and names cooking as her number one hobby. She has never gotten into entering cooking contests, but has had four recipes published in *Southern Living*.

They were Cucumber-Green Pepper Salad; Fettuccine Supreme, Breakfast Burritos and Sausage Squares.

She enjoys playing bridge and was one of the organizers of Bovina's first bridge club. She also enjoys entertaining and any time her name appears on a hostess list for bridal showers, Bovina residents know that the shower will be held in the Wilson home.

The Wilsons are long-time members of Bovina United Methodist Church and supporters of its projects. A list of the things this couple has participated in, sponsored or supported would look like a directory of organizations in the town.



A.M. & Mary Jane Wilson

New Event Is Added To July 4 Celebration

At a recent meeting of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, plans were made to add a new event to the annual Fourth of July celebration.

"Anything Goes" games are being planned at the football field immediately following the parade. Each team will have six members--three men and three women. These teams will participate in pre-set games. There will be a \$40 entry fee for each team.

In the preliminaries the teams will compete against the clock, then in the finals the top four will compete against one another. Prizes will be announced in a later edition of the Bovina Blade.

Invitational letters are being mailed to Oklahoma Lane, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Friona.

Arla Waters, a spokesperson for the chamber said, "We want to challenge residents of Bovina and the surrounding area to get teams together and join the fun."

Deadline for getting entries in will be June 24. For more information call Arla at 238-1525; Sherry Embry or Jeff Steelman at 238-1442.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, June first at 8 p.m. at the Community Room of First Bank. Bret Whitten, president, urges all members to attend.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 YRS. AGO--JUNE 4, 1958
Bovina Volunteer Firemen, Sunday afternoon, doused a trash fire at the rear of the Bovina School teacherages. The fire was started by trash burning in a barrel, and the wind spreading it, according to fire chief, Otho Hammonds.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gunn, Sunday, were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Gunn of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whisler and family spent several days of last week in Altus, Oklahoma. They visited there with her parents from Thursday morning until Sunday afternoon.

30 YRS. AGO--JUNE 5, 1963
Mrs. Maggie Wilson is hospitalized at Parmer County Community Hospital. She suffered a stroke but is reported to be improved.

The home of Mrs. A.M. Wilson was the scene of an introductory coffee, Friday morning, for Mrs. Gerald Raikes and Mrs. Phyllis Bates of Ashland, Nebraska. They are the mother and sister of Mrs. Jim Hemke.

Sharon Kay Strawn, a senior at The Bovina Blade (Publication No.-USPS 550-800) Published Saturdays, weekly except the week after Christmas at: 100 Third Street Bovina, Texas, 79009

Texas Tech and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hartzog of Bovina, was one of 24 new members initiated into Gamma of Texas Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, national honorary society in business administration.

25 YRS. AGO--JUNE 5, 1968
Bovina Good Neighbor Club held an afternoon meeting recently in the home of Mrs. W.W. Wilcox.

The Joe McMilans, who have spent the past few years stationed in Germany, will arrive in Bovina next week, according to Mrs. McMilan's father, E.E. Woelfel.

Aunt Ellen Remmsnider, a resident of Bovina for 22 years, will celebrate her birthday on June 23. This will be 93 years from the day she was born near Springfield, Illinois in 1875.

20 YRS. AGO--JUNE 6, 1973
Joint funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church at Farwell for Mrs. Julia Langford, 33, and her daughter, Annette, 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinner of Amarillo will be feted with a reception on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Bovina Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Pinner resided in Bovina for 15 years before moving to Amarillo.

15 YRS. AGO--JUNE 7, 1978
Parmer County authorities are still working on identifying the body of a man who was found last Saturday in a tailwater pit two miles west of Bovina.

The rainfall in Bovina has amounted to an even two inches since Friday, June 2, according to Gregg Hromas, official weather observer.

The Bovina Girls' Little Dribblers won the Naitonal Championship at the tournament in Levelland last weekend. The team is sponsored by the Bovina Jaycees.

10 YRS. AGO--MAY 25, 1983
Billy Scott Sudderth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Sudderth, has been accepted from our area to the Summer Enrichment Experiences program. The Summer Enrichment Experiences are a special summer program for achieving students that combine a week-long learning camp with recreation and exploration of new people, places, and ideas. The camp will be held at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

5 YRS. AGO--MAY 25, 1988
Two students from Bovina were among a record number of 659 persons who received diplomas or certificates Friday, May 13 during South Plains College's 30th commencement exercises. Bovina graduates are Terry Moore and Roger Scaff, receiving associate of science degrees in business administration. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Moore and Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scaff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 31--Tomas Fuentes, Jr. and Dorothy Ellison.
June 1--Katherine Harbison, William Drumma and Ben Finch.
June 2--Les McCain.
June 3--Erma L. Bradshaw.
(Editor's note: If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up, please call 238-1523 so the name can be included in the birthday calendar.)

Museum Announces Programs

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon announces their "Touch N' Stuff" summer program for children ages 6-13 years. The workshop is designed to acquaint students with the inner workings of the museum, what goes on "behind the scenes" and to give them a variety of hands-on experiences. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be certified as junior curators of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Enrollment is limited to 30 per session and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost is \$40 per three-day session and includes all supplies. Classes will meet Tuesday-Thursday for one week in June, July and August from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deadline for registration is June 4.

Additional questions about the program will be answered through the "Touch N' Stuff" information Hotline at (806) 656-2243. Telephone registration cannot be accepted, however.



Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL McINTOSH

Residents are really enjoying the warm weather. Several of them assisted planting flowers in barrels outside and around the building. Some of them have also been on a picnic and to a couple of cookouts, which they always enjoy. These kinds of things are possible thanks to our activity department and volunteers.

Thank you's this week go to: Donut Delite for the complimentary donuts; First Baptist ladies for having the monthly birthday party and hair care; Gertie Murpree for coming weekly and having Bible study; Gladys Wilson for cashing in our soda cans; and Lou Morrison for volunteering her time to help out around Prairie Acres. Thanks!

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:
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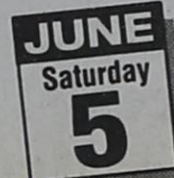
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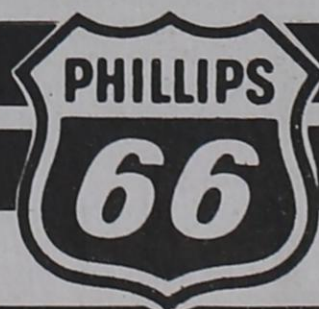
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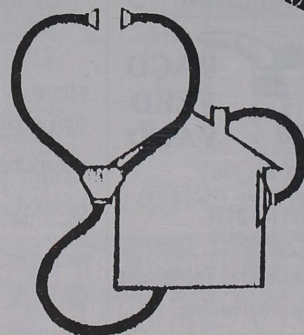
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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



Ronnie Cary was in the office this week and was showing us the burns that were healing nicely that he suffered when he was electrocuted as 14,000 volts and 200 amps traveled through his body.

He had burns on his back, seat, arm, feet and legs. He had to have two toes amputated from each foot. He spent four weeks in the hospital and twelve days in a burn unit.

Ronnie said shortly after he was electrocuted that a man turned his body over and his pants leg was on fire. The man slapped the flame with his hat and put out the fire.

He is very lucky and said he credited his survival and recovery first to God, then to his youth and good health. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who showed concern for him and his family.

Buck and Freda Lloyd had a good visit with Freda's sister, Flora Harman of Hope, Arkansas. She stayed two weeks.

During the weekend, the Lloyds really appreciated three of their grandsons who came and planted

their garden. They were Shane of Amarillo, Tony of Lubbock and Mike of Amarillo. Their parents are Mary Ann of Amarillo and the late Phillip Lloyd.

Freda came from a family of fourteen children and their parents were Sam and Cora Hartsfield of Arkansas. They moved to Friona in 1926 and later to Bovina.

The children's names were interesting and worth mentioning again. They were: Freda, Faye, Frances, Flora, Finly, Frank, Franie, Freddie, Felton, Flossie, Forrest, Ferne, and twins, Floyd and Floy.

Among those in Ruidoso for the opening of Ruidoso Downs were A.M. and Mary Jane Wilson of Bovina, Wendell and Royce Christian of Farwell, and Tommy and Reba Bonds of Clovis.

They were joined there by other former residents, Billy and Paula Whitecotten of Nocona and Jack and Sue Magby of Ruidoso.

Sue (Moten) Rogers, another former resident, several years ago is now spending time with her

daughter Beth Ruthur of Washington, D.C. Sue has cancer but friends said she is responding positively to treatment.

If you wish to send her a card you can do so at 1726 Hobart Street, Washington, D.C. 20009. The Motens' son, Matt, teaches at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and lives in New York City. Sue taught school in Bovina for several years, and was a wonderful teacher.

Henry and Nelline Spicer had company over the weekend, Nelline's sister, Elsie, and her husband, T.J. Adams of Stillwell, Oklahoma. They came on Saturday and left Monday. The family attended the Spicers' granddaughter, Kristi's baccalaureate in Friona. Kristi's parents are Joe and Kay Stanton.

We received word Tuesday morning that Dave Wines had passed away. He lived here many years ago across the street from us and he and his wife had two sons, Dean and Ronnie. Ronnie and his mother, Opal, preceded Dave in death.

Roy and Delorse Stone of Plano were in Bovina and attended their grandson, Rusty's graduation from high school. They are parents of Kay Venable.

Four daughters of Wendell Christian, and their husbands had a get-together. LaNelle and Bill Polley and daughter, J.J., came from Austin to see LaNelle's relatives graduate. Amber Willard graduated from the eighth grade. She is LaNelle's niece.

Darren Hromas, also graduated and he is a cousin; Clay Corn, a nephew from Farwell, also graduated from high school there.

Other sisters and spouses of LaNelle's attending were Joe and Loy McLellan of Friona, Gwen and Ed Corn of Farwell and Tammy and Dennis Willard of Bovina.

We express our sympathies to the family of Mildred O'Hair. She was Fred and Artie Faye O'Hairs' daughter-in-law. Mildred was killed in a two-vehicle accident on Sunday evening as she and her son, Shane, and daughter, Carla Faye, were on their way to attend baccalaureate for their son, Shane.

Mildred's mother-in-law, Artie, said another vehicle struck them head-on. Shane suffered a broken leg and ribs and Carla, cuts and bruises. Mildred's husband, Mike, is the O'Hairs' son.

Mildred lived in Bovina as a child and her parents were Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Young.

Artie said Mickey had called and said the boys who had ran into Mildred had been on the wrong side of the road and were charged with negligent driving.

Steve and Cindy Venable returned home Wednesday afternoon after spending several days vacationing in the mountains of Colorado.

His mother, Barbara Venable of Dallas, came up and took care of the Venable's children, Emily and Ben, while their parents were away.

Darla Sealey received her master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, recently. She earned her bachelor of science degree back in 1985.

Darla's sister and brother-in-law, Suzan and Kevin Hughes, attended the graduation ceremonies. Darla teaches fifth grade in Bovina Schools.

Sandra Clayton's uncle passed away and she attended the services along with her parents. He was Harold Craft of Hurst, Texas. Sandra said he was survived by his wife, two daughters and six grandchildren.

She also said one daughter was expecting her seventh child and the other daughter worked in the secret service for President Clinton.

Buster and Mearle Morgan attended the Morgan family reunion at Abilene State Park during the past weekend. Erra Jamerson went to Abilene with the Morgans and visited with her daughter and family, Carol and Larry Scott.

Mearle said it was nice and the weather was cool, because of recent rains.

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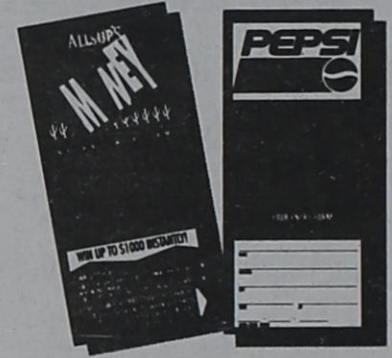
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Looking Up!

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 What will our churches be like in the year 2003? Who will still be here as members? Who will be attending our churches? Will our churches still be predominantly white anglo? What will be the racial and ethnic makeup of the community? Are there enough committed median age and young adults in our churches to keep them going until then? Who will support the financial needs of your churches into the next decade? Will our churches still be able to support a full-time minister? How will our community change? Will the churches adapt and make the necessary changes to keep them alive and growing? Are these meaningless questions or important issues worth pondering? What will it take to be the churches our community needs for the 21st century?

I have been reading and critiquing several books in preparation for my next Doctor of Ministry seminar in June, "The Ministry of Mission to Society." Among these books are *A Church for the 21st Century* by Leith Anderson, *The Seven-Day-A-Week Church* by Lyle E. Schaller, and

How To Reach Secular People by George G. Hunter.
 According to these authors and others, we can expect some definite trends in society that will greatly affect all our churches. Here are six to ponder:
 1. As America ages (there are now more senior adults over 65 than teenagers in the USA!) and approaching the year 2000, most churches will do one of two things: grow older and smaller, or else get younger and larger. Getting older and smaller is the easy alternative. Natural attrition and die-hard tradition will see to it. On the other hand, only churches who are willing and able to pay the price of change will reach those born since 1955.
 2. Churches that do grow will become seven-day-a-week ministering churches rather than traditional "Sunday morning only" churches.
 3. Young adults born since 1955 have a "consumer mind-set." They demand choices in worship style, ministry types, small groups available, recreational opportunities, etc. Just as the "Mom and Pop" grocery store has given way to the supermarket, the small car

dealership to the autoplex, the "Five and Dime" to Wal-Mart superstores, and the isolated store to the huge shopping malls, even so, the small Sunday morning only congregations will find it more and more difficult to hold the younger generations when there are larger seven-day-a-week churches available.
 4. Mobility is a factor, even for small town churches. Young adults have the vehicles and will drive to the next town or city if necessary to find a church that meets their needs. Traditionalists will criticize and bemoan this "consumerism" emphasis, but it will be a reality whether we like it or not!
 5. Value is also important to the present and up-coming generations. They look for both worship services and ministries that are excellent in quality and designed to their interest and taste.
 6. Growing churches will target minority groups for evangelism and outreach. By the early 21st century, the white anglo population will be a minority of the total U.S. population. The coloring of America will greatly affect the population pool from which churches may draw their membership.

Thank You

We would like to thank each of you for your cards, visits, calls and, most of all, your prayers for me and my family while I was in the hospital.

I couldn't have made it without you.

Sincerely,
 Ronnie, Teresa & Caitlin Cary

Since most churches are still segregated, many will be unable to grow without making a conscious and deliberate effort to reach ethnic groups. The Catholic Church has done better at this than most.
 Well, how fully all these trends will effect our small West Texas towns remains to be seen. Some, like numbers one, four, and six are already very apparent and affecting us greatly.
 Other trends I have no space to mention are also at work. But I have confidence that our churches can and will address these challenges. And we all need to remember is that Christ is Lord of the churches. We must carefully keep our eyes on Him and our hearts available to His Spirit!

Relative Dies In Accident

Funeral services for Mildred Young O'Hair of New Boston, Texas, were conducted at First Baptist Church there Friday. Mrs. Young, who was 52 years of age, died Sunday from injuries received in a two car collision that evening as she and a son, Shane O'Hair, were enroute to his baccalaureate service.
 Mrs. O'Hair was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ephram Young, a graduate of Bovina High School, and a long time public school teacher.
 Survivors, besides her husband, Mike O'Hair, include five children, Dena O'Hair of New Boston; Michael O'Hair, who is serving in the United States Armed Forces, and Shane, Brian and Carla Faye, all of the home.
 Burial was in the New Boston Cemetery.



Chris Wilson Is Academy Graduate

Chris Wilson graduated May 14 from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.
 He was recognized as a National Merit finalist, a member of the National Honor Society and was on the National Dean's List.
 While at TAMS, he served as a TAMS ambassador and as vice president of the McConnell Hall Association.
 His parents are Gregg and Brenda Wilson of Bovina.
 The speaker at the graduation was Dr. Trammell Crow, a Dallas businessman who built the Dallas Market Center, the Infomart, the LTV Center, the Loews Anatole and Wyndham Hotels. He was also involved in the development of New York City's World Trade Center and San Francisco's Embarcadero Center.
 Crow is a strong supporter of the TAMS program.

Brunch Honors Seniors

The Bovina United Methodist Church honored members of the high school graduating class with a brunch in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 10 a.m. Saturday.
 Other guests included Superintendent and Mrs. Tommy Cathey, Principal and Mrs. Joe Rackley and class sponsors, Margaret Durben, Jan Thieman and Kay Venable.
 Members of the church who were honored were Stephanie Rackley and Brian Stanley, who graduated from Bovina High School and Chris Wilson, who recently graduated from Texas Academy of Math and Science at Denton, Texas.
 Guest speaker was Rev. Hilda Cavazos, Hereford, pastor of San Pablo Methodist Church in Hereford.

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