

Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis



MOST PEOPLE have a fascination with trains. Especially passenger trains.

This was never more evident than it was this past Tuesday, when a large crowd turned out for a glimpse of the special Santa Fe train that came through our town.

We understand that a huge crowd saw the train in Clovis, where it had a stopover scheduled.

But even here, where the train just sounded its old-fashioned whistle as it chugged past the crossing, a good crowd of folks gathered to just wave at the relic from former days. The old train caused memories to come flooding back for many of us.

When you stop and think for a minute--there would not have even been a Friona or a Bovina had it not been for Santa Fe and its trains, especially the excursion trains from the early days of this century.

Virtually everyone the age of Ye Editor (and perhaps older) has some memories of the passenger train days.

Carol and I had our first formal date on a weekend train trip from Lubbock to Dallas, for a Texas Tech-SMU ball game. It was the custom at that time for Tech to sponsor an "official" out of town trip, and the college could charter a special train for the event.

We have always enjoyed telling our kids that our first date lasted for three days, to which their reaction was usually "ho-hum."

As a senior at Tech, Ye Editor served as editor of the Tech yearbook, La Ventana. One of the side benefits was that late in the school year, our editorial staff, and our faculty sponsor, was privileged to make a week's trip to where the books were printed, in Iowa City, Iowa, to read proofs.

The trip was by train up and back, and this was my only recollection of using a "sleeping berth" on a train. The term may have been stretched to some extent, because although I recall doing a lot of tossing and turning, and although there was some good rocking motions by the train, "sleeping" may or may not have occurred.

Then, in about 1964 or so, advertising salesman Pete Mace and myself decided to ride the train to Houston for the Texas Press Assn.'s annual convention, so we could receive a plaque of some nature. This area had received one of its early summer cloudbursts the day before we left, and I recall that highway traffic could not make it through a low place this side of Sudan. But passenger trains went through all the water high and dry.

In those days, the Postal Service used passenger trains to disseminate their mail. We can recall many times getting a call from Amarillo from a person needing to get something in the paper. They could get their ad or news item into their post office by a certain time, and we would have it in our post office box by noon--the same day. And that was when first class postage cost a whopping four cents!

Longtime station superintendent Dean Hastings of Bovina reminds us that at one time we had four mail deliveries through Parmer County every day. Today, for our 29-cent stamp, we get one mail delivery and one mail pickup.

When passenger trains carried the mail, they had a clerk in their special mail car working the first-class mail. If you mailed something to Hereford, for instance, or Canyon, they would sort this mail, and it would be left off at those towns' train stations. It would be possible to have one-hour mail service between these points, if you made the dispatch deadline.

Today, it sometimes takes us three or four days to get mail to Farwell--just 25 miles down the track as Santa Fe travels.

Maybe that was part of the reason a tear welled up in our eyes as the old engine and its "ghost train" came whistling through town on Tuesday.

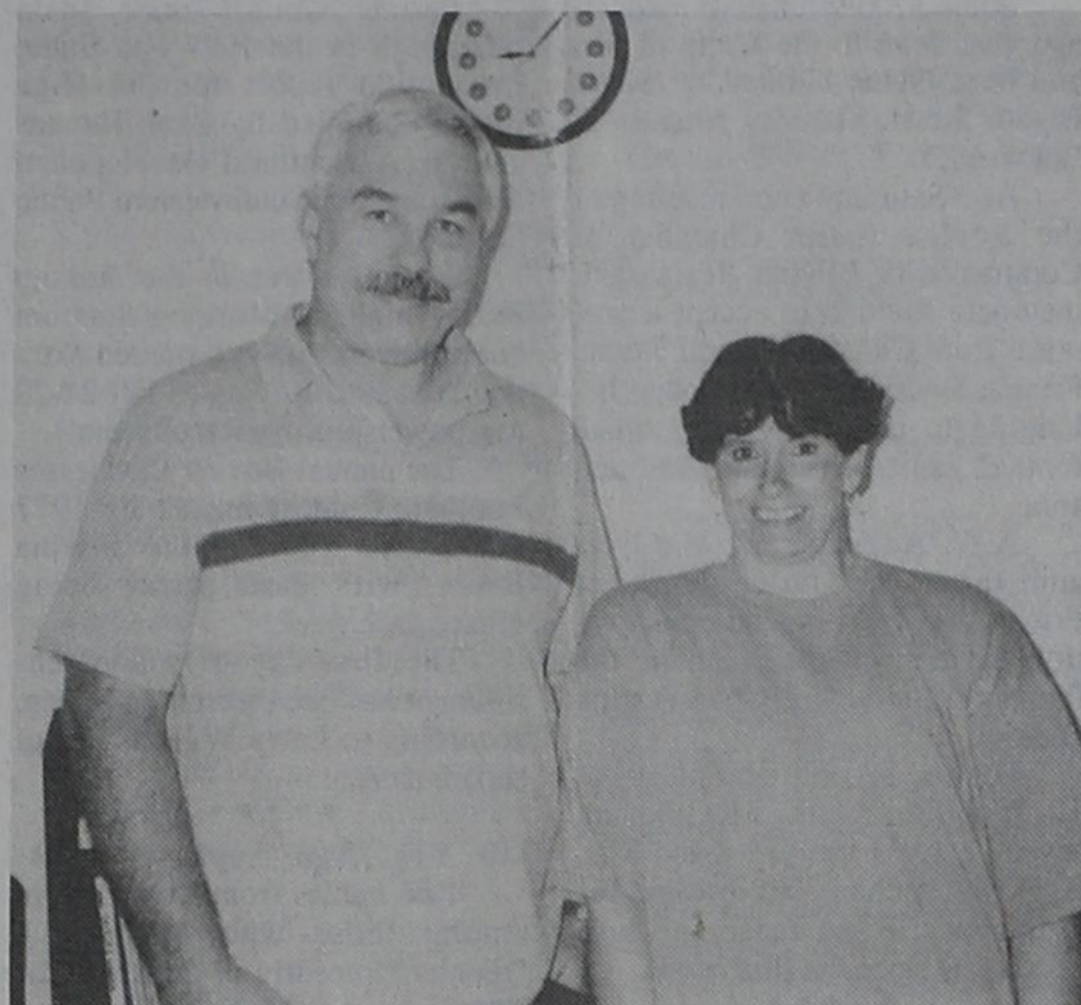
Ex-Resident Cited For Heroism

On August 1, 1992, Burns Security Office Danny Johnson, EMT-I was working a shift change at the ASARCO Plant in Amarillo when he heard an explosion and rushed into the smoke-filled area. There he found an employee who had been blown off his fork lift and was on fire.

Danny rushed the employee into the shower, extinguishing his flaming coveralls. He then took the employee to the ambulance, which was driven by Burns Security Officer Tamra Ortiz, EMT-I.

An Advanced Life Support Unit from Amarillo was called. While waiting to be transported the employee's burns were dressed and he was stabilized. The quick action of both Burns Employees prevented the employee from going into shock. The employee was taken to the local hospital and then air lifted to the Burn Center in Lubbock.

Tamra is the daughter of Robert and Pat Read of Bovina.



RON & ALAYNE BRADSHAW

Bradshaws Are Teachers Of Week

This week, we are featuring the husband and wife teaching team of Ron and Alayne Bradshaw. This is their first year to teach in the Bovina School system and they have made their home in Bovina.

The couple was married in December of 1986 and they have a four-month-old son, Tanner Dylan. Tanner stays with Susan Kerby during the day and daddy keeps him while mother coaches the girls basketball team.

Bradshaw graduated from Memphis High School in 1970 and graduated from Howard Payne in Brownwood in 1975. Ron then taught at Motley County High School four years. While there, he taught math and coached.

He then moved on to O'Donnell, where he taught nine years. While there, he met his wife, and taught math and coached.

City Hall Will Close

NOTICE: The City Hall will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

They will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 8.

Local Duo Enjoyed Trip To British Isles

Norma Villarreal and Joy Melton took a trip overseas this summer and here is an account of what they did and saw. This is written by Joy, so enjoy as you read.

We left Dallas on a non-stop flight July 28, at 4 p.m. and arrived at London-Gatwick at 7:30 a.m. on July 29. We flew British Airways, where we were well treated. They had excellent service. Took a train from Gatwick to London-Victoria Station, a subway across London to King's Cross Station and from there a train to York (a two hour non-stop trip). From York, we took another train to Harrogate, where David (Norma Villarreal's brother) met us.

Thursday, we drove to Ripon and visited Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal. The grounds are beautiful with a stream running through where people go to picnic.

Friday, we drove to Skipton Costre and Holy Trinity Church where people have worshipped for over 800 years.

Saturday, we went to Sherwood Forest where a Robin Hood Festival was being held. From there, we traveled to Nottingham (surprised at the distance between the two).

Sunday, after church, we went to a car boot sale (flea market) and really enjoyed rummaging. After this, we went to an antique truck show. The weather was cool and some days cold and rainy. The traffic moves very fast and, of course, on the wrong side of the road (or are we)?

Monday, we traveled to York by train and saw York Minster Cathedral. The nave was begun in

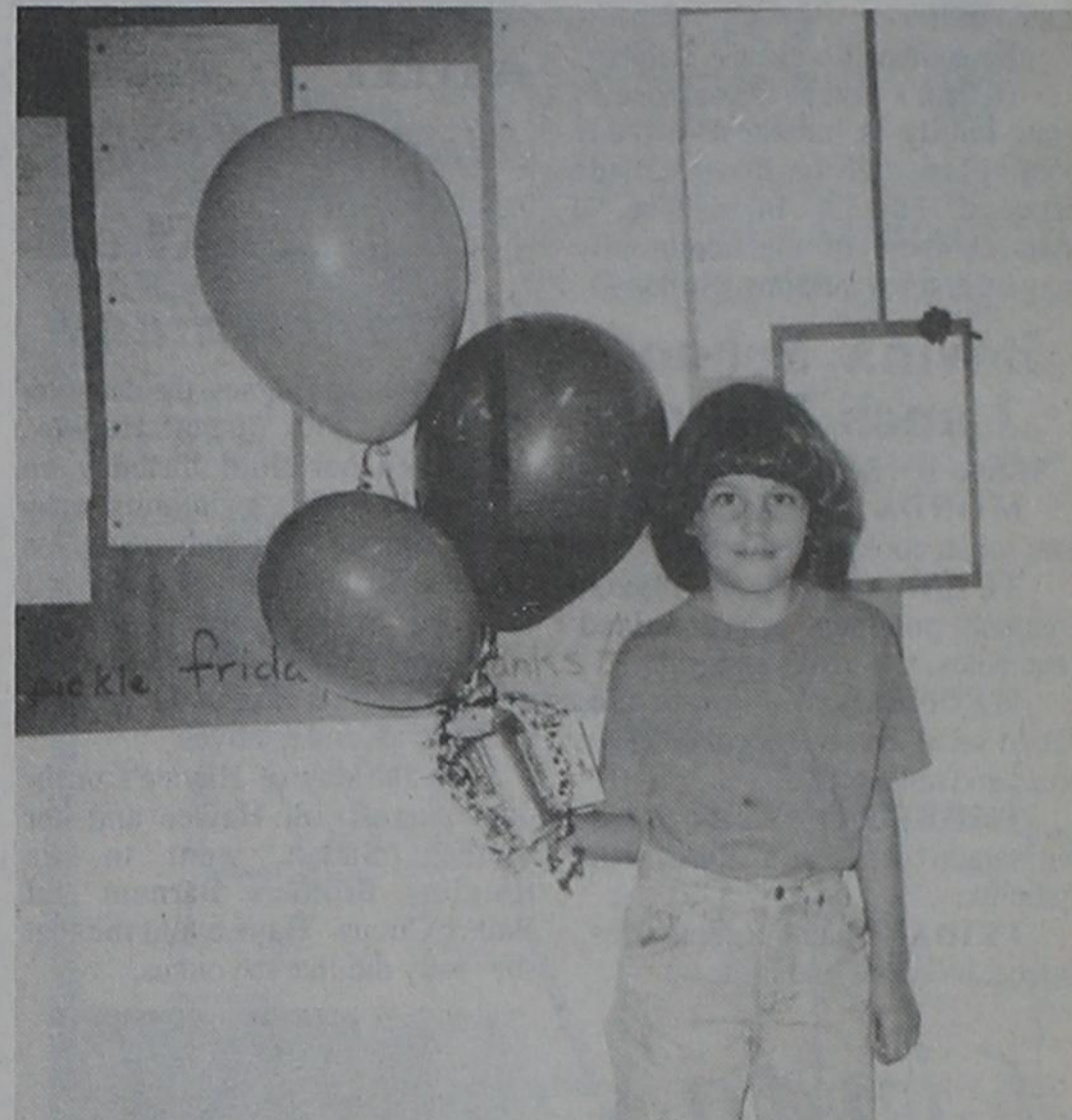
He then moved to Midland, where he taught math and coached at Midland Greenwood High School. He taught there four years and then moved to Bovina in August, where he is teaching math and coaching.

Alayne graduated from Springlake-Earth High School in 1978 and then attended Clarendon Junior College. She went on to West Texas State University where she graduated in 1983. Her first teaching position was at Lockney, where she taught junior high science and coached.

She stayed there two years and then moved to O'Donnell, where she coached, and taught health and science. She stayed at O'Donnell three years and then moved with her husband to Midland. She taught biology, coached and taught elementary physical education at Midland Greenwood.

After staying there four years, she then moved to Bovina. Alayne is the head girls basketball coach and teaches Biology II and seventh grade science.

The couple stated that they are glad to be a part of the Bovina community and hope to be an asset to our community.



CONTEST WINNER--Courtney Jamerson, daughter of Rick and D'Lynn Jamerson, is shown with her prize for winning the essay contest sponsored recently by the P.T.A. Courtney is in Mrs. Widner's second grade class.

Contest Winner Is Announced

The P.T.A. sponsored an essay contest to get started off for the year. The children were asked to answer as many of these questions as they could in their essay. The questions were:

1. Why do we need a P.T.A.?
2. Why would I like for my parents to be involved in P.T.A.?
3. What would I like to see P.T.A. do to help me enjoy school more?
4. What can P.T.A. do to get my parents interested in what I am doing at school?
5. Does it help our teachers when parents and kids are more involved in our school?

The essays were posted in the Car Wash Is Slated Here

A car wash will be held by the Senior Pep Club on Saturday, September 12 at the Methodist Church. Prices will be \$6 for cars and \$8 for trucks and vans.

If you would like to have your vehicle picked up, call 238-1222 or 238-1122.

cafeteria and the ones that participated are Amber Widner, Christine Villarreal, Mike Olvera, Alma De La Cruz, Melissa Gilbreath, Stacy Roach, Adolfo Perez, Deolando Alonzo, Lacie Young, Marcelino Ruvalcaba, Austin Clayton, Ruben Ovalle, Deyer Weber, Trent Black, Jill Sorley, Juan Contreras, Taffanie Byrd, Kris Galvan, Jake Steelman, Agustin Ruiz, Josh Kerby, John Pena, Claude Tamez, Sean Stull, Rolando Rodriguez, Destiny Cruz, Joaquin Marin, Luis Marquez, and Courtney Jamerson.

Winner of the contest was second grader, Courtney Jamerson, daughter of Rick and D'Lynn Jamerson. Her essay is as follows:

We need P.T.A. because parent get involved. I like to read. P.T.A. can get some more books for Mrs. Widner's class room. It help our teachers when parents are involved in school because... help students do better work.

The P.T.A. will be having a meeting in the near future and the time and place will be announced at a later date.



Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal in North Yorkshire, England

The next day, we toured Edinburgh Castle and in the Memorial Hall, I was able to locate my father's name in one of the books dedicated to Scottish men and men who served in Scottish regiments that were killed in the wars since the first World War.

We ate dinner in a Moroccan restaurant and David was able to converse with the waiter in his dialect. Sunday, we returned to Harrogate in the pouring rain.

Monday, we left for London. We saw the Tower of London, Parliament Building, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and the London Bridge. We spent the night in a bed and breakfast place and caught our flight to Dallas from Gatwick at 10:20 a.m., arriving in Dallas at 2:20 p.m.

The country was beautiful, very green and hilly with lots of sheep. The people were friendly and helpful, especially in the smaller towns.

malls--a shopper's dream.

Friday, David, Norma and I left for Edinburgh, Scotland. On the way, we stopped at Holy Island in the North Sea. The road to the island is underwater when the tide comes in, so the times of the tides are posted so you won't get caught.

In Edinburgh, we stayed at the Kisimul Bed and Breakfast, a lovely place--very clean and friendly. That evening, we went to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which took place in front of Edinburgh Castle. There were pipes and drums (everyone wore kilts) also, the military history through Desert Storm. There were Scottish dancers and a choir. At the end, a lone piper stood on the ramparts of the castle and played the final song. There were 8,500 people in attendance.

You are made aware of the threat of terrorism as you were advised to leave nothing on your seat if you left for any reason or it would be picked up and destroyed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

September 7--Jerry Wilburn, Leon Schilling.
September 9--Teen Marshall, Jon Lin Riddle.
September 10--Vernon Ward, Hattie Burnett.
September 11--Charles Teague, Kadie Smith.
September 12--Bessie Trimble.
(Editor's note: If someone in your family is having a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of September 7-11
MONDAY--burrito, tater tots, salad, cookies and milk.
TUESDAY--steak fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY--barbecue, potato salad, beans, chocolate cake, bread and milk.
THURSDAY--lasagna, tossed salad, corn, garlic toast, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY--hamburgers, fries, lettuce, brownies and milk.

Linda's Lines

By LINDA MARSHALL

Bubby and I got Nita settled in her apartment and had a nice surprise when we arrived. Joyce, Bubby's oldest sister, was there with her youngest daughter, Brandy. Brandy had her two girls with her and one of them is only two months old, so we had not seen her before. We had a real nice visit with them and all ate supper together. Nita is rooming with Joyce's oldest girl, Tina, so that is the connection.

On Thursday, Kenneth, Joyce and Steve Gauntt, and Gladys Wehnt came down from Smithville and took us out to eat at Garfields. We had a real nice visit and they all were doing very well.

Gladys had fallen and broken her hip earlier in the year and had to have surgery, but she is healing right along. We got home on Friday and it sure is a long way down there.

Coy Walker, the UPS man, is home now, so if you want to send him a card or call him, here is the address and phone number: Coy Walker, 2814 West 19th, Plainview, Texas, 79072, 293-2966.

Tommy Cathey, our superintendent, has been in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, but was going to come home Tuesday.

Clifford and Julia Leake had their daughter and son-in-law, Jack and Margie Owens, from Austin, visiting with them over the weekend.

Kevin, Suzan and Haylee Hughes went to Ute Lake to pick up their boat and while they were there, Haylee caught her first fish. She brought it home and put it in her grandparents' swimming pool.

Betty Garza was taken by ambulance to Clovis, Monday, and then was airlifted to Lubbock. This is all the information I have on this, so if you find out anything more, let me know.

Kevin Hughes and Hayden Walling will be on one of the Amarillo television stations on Monday some time after 5 p.m. They will be presenting the check they get for Muscular Dystrophy. I am sorry this is so vague, but it is all we know.

Doris Wilson is in the hospital at Clovis but Pat said that she is improving.

Tom Beauchamp is home from his stay in the hospital.

Stacey Whitecotton from Norman, Oklahoma was down and Shana Guber was down from Lubbock. They went on to Amarillo to visit friends.

Buck and Freda Lloyd were given a birthday celebration by their children and grandchildren. Buck's birthday is August 28 and Freda's is



HAYLEE JO HUGHES Celebrates Her Third Birthday

Haylee Jo Hughes, the daughter of Kevin and Suzan Hughes, celebrated her third birthday on August 16 with a swimming party at the home of her grandparents, Joe and Jane Sealey.

The Sealeys live north of Clovis, where they cooked hot dogs outside and had cake and ice cream with friends and relatives.

On the day of Haylee's birthday, August 18, Haylee and her mother, Suzan, went to the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus. Haylee told me that she really did like the circus.



August 13.

First, they met at Patricia's house in Amarillo and then drove to Palo Duro Park for a picnic lunch with ice cream and cake. Freda said that Ed, Patricia's husband, paid everyone's way into the park.

Those attending the party were: James, Penny, Jodi and Jane Lawlis from Amarillo; Mary Ann, Mike and Shane Lloyd from Amarillo; Tony Lloyd and his wife from Lubbock; Ed and Patricia Wright and Ed's mother, Lonas Wright, all from Amarillo; J.B. and Pauline O'Hair from Lubbock; Mark, Karla, Jason, Paul and Jon Richards from Lubbock; Michael, Trisha, Dusty and Lance Gamble from Amarillo; Ken Dawn and Taylor Magness from Lubbock; Helen Mazurek from Bovina; and two friends of Jane and Jodie's were there.

Freda said that they brought presents and had a wonderful day. Some of the younger ones went climbing and horseback riding. Buck and Freda didn't tell me their age, but we wish them more Happy Birthdays!

Sid Lloyd has recently returned from a nine day trip to Washington, D.C. She was met in Washington by her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Myrna. While there, she visited the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Old Post Office Tower and went to see some falls which she could not remember the name of them, but she said they were just beautiful.

She also went to George Washington's home and to Baltimore, Maryland, where they watched the ships come into the harbor. While in Maryland, they visited marine land and Sid said she enjoyed the whales there.

On her trip she also got to visit with her granddaughter, Pam Lloyd, and nephew, Jimmy Ray Fillpot, and his wife, Bonnie, and a niece, Glenda Kay, and her husband, Stan, and two of their children.

Del Ray Sudderth has been coming down on Thursday and helping his dad with ensilage on the weekends. He will be doing this until Glenden gets finished or the baby comes and then you're on your own, dad.

Tim Lassiter, who works out at Caprock, got kicked in the eye by a cow and was taken to the hospital in Amarillo. He had some damage done to his cheek bone and has lost his eyesight in one of his eyes. He is out of the hospital and at home with his new bride, Shelly.

The Steve Sherrill family has gotten settled in their new home in Canyon, and if you would like to go see them, write to them or call them, they can be reached at 415 Foster Lane, Canyon, Texas, 79015, phone (806) 655-7563.

Have a good week and here is my quote for the week: I have never met a man who has given me as much trouble as myself.

35 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 4, 1957
Bids for the construction of Bovina's long-awaited paving, curbing and guttering are now being accepted at the City Hall.

Some \$700 estimated fire damage was done to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hromas on South Eighth Street, Tuesday evening of last week.

At a Saturday noon meeting of the Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce in Bovina Restaurant, members decided to accept a proposal from Claborn Funeral Home, Friona, to drive an ambulance belonging to that firm to all home football games during the 1957 season.

A.W. Anthony, Jr., who lives and farms six miles north of Friona, has been named conservation farmer of the year in the Parmer County Soil Conservation District.

For the second time in about 18 months, Keith McCutchan, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. McCutchan, has broken his right arm. He had undergone three operations since the first break.

30 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 5, 1962
Burglars got only trouble for their efforts when they robbed Bovina Post Office and Bovina Variety early Sunday morning. Alertness of two Bovina men, Bill Don and Darrell Read, kept the burglars from getting away with five sacks and a pouch of incoming mail and several hundred dollars worth of variety store merchandise.

Parmer County's first 1962 loads of milo were delivered to Bovina Thursday of last week. The August 30 delivery date was believed to be one of the earliest, if not the earliest, since irrigation came to the area.

Karolyn Parker Langham, 19, of Amarillo, sustained a broken jaw as the result of an accident north of Oklahoma Lane on Farm Road 1731, Sunday afternoon.

For the first time in the opening day history, enrollment of Bovina Schools soared over the 500 mark Tuesday, the first day of school. The total was some 50 or more higher than school officials had anticipated.

25 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 6, 1967
This week marks the beginning of the eighth consecutive Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest.

A three-day Fiesta on September 14-16 will be held for the first time in Bovina to commemorate the 157th anniversary of Mexico's Independence.

Classes in Bovina Schools will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. Friday so that buses will be available to transport band and pep squad members to the football game at Cooper High School in Woodrow that night.

Two automobiles were heavily damaged when a 1959 Chevrolet, driven by Jose Ramiro Portillo of Nazareth, rammed into the parked 1965 Pontiac of Eldon Wayne Thatcher on Third Street and Avenue E at 12 midnight Saturday.

Bovina Woman's Club has remodeled the exterior of its club house on Boyce Street during recent weeks at a cost of about \$1500.

20 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 6, 1972
This is a wetter country. It was already soaked from late August rains last week before another wet spell moved into the area and stayed through the weekend.

Dan Koelzer, chief of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, announced this week that the department has purchased two Scott Air Packs, which are self-contained breathing apparatuses.

For no apparent reason, the burglar alarm system at First State Bank of Bovina went off Sunday night. The alarm went into action about 9, according to City Marshal Ronald Mitchell, who investigated.

Four juveniles, ages ten to thirteen, were apprehended last week.

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Reflections

...from The Bovina Blade

in incidents involving bicycle thefts the past several weeks. All four were from Bovina.

15 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 7, 1977
Parmer County once again rated high in the 1977 Fed Cattle Production report for the High Plains compiled by Sam Thomas and the Agricultural Development Department of Southwestern Public Service.

An upset was in the making Friday night at Mustang Stadium but turnovers and two missed extra points caused Bovina to fall 21-20 to a powerful Boys Ranch team.

The annual Bovina Businesses Football Contest makes its 1977 debut this week in the Bovina Blade, with cash prizes being offered each week.

The first day of school enrollment has been increased by ten, according to Larry Wilson, school superintendent.

10 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 1, 1982
Two babies from Bovina were among those who attended a "reunion" recently in Amarillo for premature or sickly babies who had received special care at the NICU unit at Northwest Texas Hospital. Those attending were April Radford and her mother, April; Aaron Wiseman and his mother, Debbie.

After almost 15 years in business in Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gee have closed Gee's Cleaners, and are in the process of moving to Snyder, to be near their

children.
Following a successful scrimmage against the Clovis Junior Varsity, in which the Mustangs outscored their opponents, four to one, Bovina will launch its 1982 football season Friday night at Happy.

Funeral services for Mary Marie Capps, 59, were conducted at the Bovina Church of Christ Monday afternoon. Cecil Bunch of Clovis and Arthur Judd, local minister, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Jones of Amarillo celebrated their 25th anniversary with a reception at their home. The event was hosted by the couple's children.

5 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 2, 1987
Verne Jacoby is the new band

director for the Bovina Schools. He and his wife, Andres, live on the south edge of Clovis out of the city limits.

Funeral services for Phillip Brian Jesko, 24, were held Saturday, August 29 in the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe with Rev. Berry Bradley, pastor, and Father Frank Davied of Littlefield, officiating.

The Bovina Mustangs will visit Happy for their season opening football game on Friday.

There are eight new teachers in the Bovina School system this year, according to superintendent of schools, Bob Owen.

A new year for the local 4-H Club is beginning in Bovina and the first meeting will be September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag Barn.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS....Members of the "Fair on the Square" committee include (front, left-right) Ed Brake, John Miller, Roy Landry, Margaret Tucek and Harold Hooks; (middle row) Diane Brake, Irma Bazaldua, Dale Davis, Carey Adair, Judy Woodall and Candace Norris; (back row) Gary Houlette, Judy Evans, Bobby Griffin, Gary Marable and Roger Short.

Fair On The Square Planned In Canyon

Members of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce are predicting a crowd of more than 5,000 for their first annual Fair on the Square. The event is planned for Saturday, October 3, with "something for everyone" during the day-long activities.

According to Project Chairman Ed Brake, Canyon will soon become known as the "Buffalo Chip Throwing Capital of the World." Proceeds will go to the Canyon Chamber of Commerce and their charities, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education and the Save the Courthouse Fund.

All activities will be on the Courthouse Square. Vendors from the entire area as well as local artists and craftsmen will sell their wares from over 300 booths around the Square. Antique and gift items will also be sold by a variety of dealers. Food items, with everything from snow cones to barbecue, will be available at booths on the south side of the square.

Entertainment will be non-stop, beginning at 9 am, on three stages set up around the square. Approximately 18 entertainment groups will perform, including a two-hour set by a popular country band.

Brake predicts that one of the highlights of the event will be the Politician's Buffalo Chip Toss. All politicians who hold an office governing this area will be invited to participate. After the chip toss, the politicians will have an opportunity to buy microphone time and address the audience.

Other planned activities include the non-politician's Buffalo Chip Throwing World Championship Competition, Texas Ironman/Ironwoman Hay Hauling Contest, and a 5K/1 Mile Run. A baked goods competition and cakewalk will round out the day's activities.

The event is planned to coincide with West Texas State University's homecoming activities. Officials at WTSU and members of the Fair on the Square committee feel this will benefit both.

For more information or to reserve booth space, please call the Canyon Chamber of Commerce office at 655-7815 or Ed Brake at 655-8776.

Immunization Clinics Are Scheduled

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for September.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. Clinics will be held in Hereford at the Texas Department of Health Office, 205 West 4th Street, Suite B, on September 3, 11, 17 and 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Bovina will conduct the clinic at the Bovina Medical Center, 509 Avenue I on September 14 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Commissioners Pass Budget

The Parmer County Commissioners held a brief public hearing last Monday before approving the annual county budget.

No community members attended except for county officials. The vote was 3-2 in favor of the

budget. In favor were commissioners Robert White and Tom Ware plus County Judge Bonnie Clayton, who broke the tie. Opposed were commissioners Ernest Anthony and Raymond McGehee.

Anthony and McGehee said they voted against the budget because it included pay raises for the county commissioners plus higher travel allowances. They didn't want to accept two raises.

"Most of our taxpayers, especially the farmers, will have a cut in pay this year. I didn't think the county employees needed a raise in this regard," Anthony added.

All of the elected county officials and employees received three per cent across the board pay increases.

The travel allowance was raised from \$300 to \$400 per month for the commissioners. This hike was made because several taxes, such as Social Security and withholding, are now taken out of the total. So the \$400, with taxes, is designed to get closer to the \$300 that was without the taxes.

The new tax rate for the county was set at .3113 cents per \$100.00.

Church To Sponsor Studies

St. Ann's Catholic Church will be starting a program of studies for:

1. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church;

2. Those who have fallen away from the church and would like to "come home; and

3. Any Catholic who would like to "brush up" on their faith.

The program, called "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (R.C.I.A.) will start in September. Anyone wishing to participate or who would like more information, may call 238-1511 or leave a message.

CARD OF THANKS

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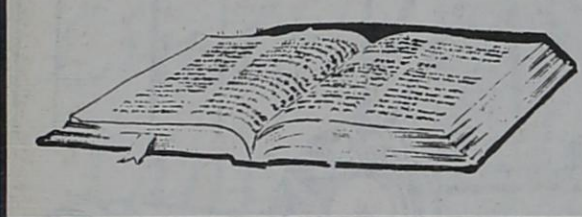
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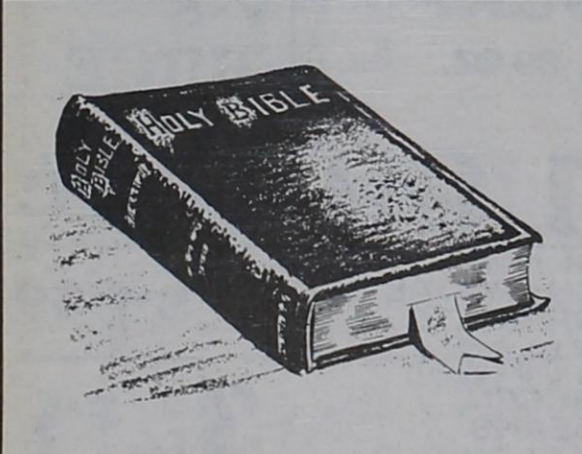
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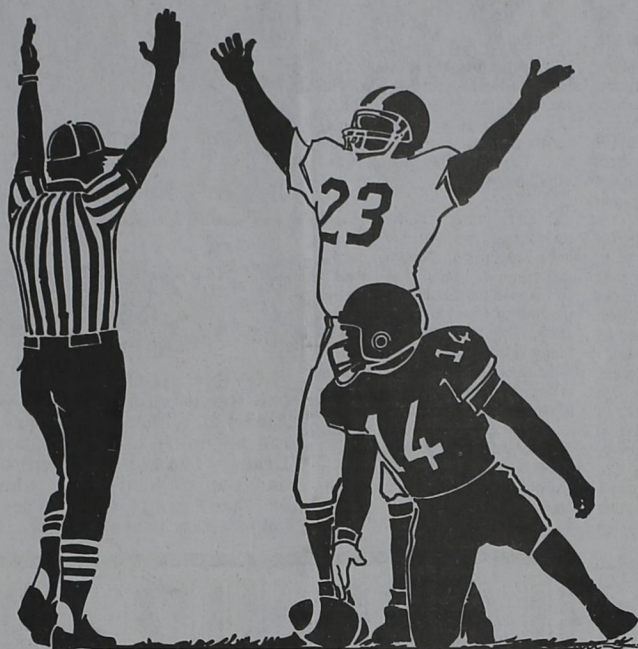
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Looking Up!!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

The political conventions are over. Both political parties have emphasized change. The Democrats want to change Presidents; the Republicans want to change Congress. But what will it really take to change America for good, to restore her spiritual foundations and secure her future?

Politics and politicians attempt to change national policy. But the purpose of the gospel of Christ is to change people! I believe with all my heart that America's greatest need is not political reform but spiritual revival and awakening!

America's First Great Awakening occurred during the decade of 1734-1745. Under the preaching of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield, mass conversions to Christ happened during a time when skepticism was prevalent, immorality was rampant, and drunken debauchery seemed the norm.

So powerful was the Spirit of God that it is estimated that in 1741-42 alone 50,000 persons in the Colonies, one fifth of the New England population, made decisions for Christ, including a large number of clergymen! If it had not been for the First Great Awakening, it is doubtful that the colonists would have had the moral fortitude, patriotic fervor, or spiritual impetus to win the Revolution against Great Britain.

The Second Great Awakening hit America like a tidal wave following the Revolution just before 1800. During the two decades following the War for Independence, Americans again became spiritually complacent and Christianity waned. Thomas Paine's "Age of Reason" treatise attacked faith, and he, along with Voltaire in France, predicted the death of the Christian religion within thirty years! These two, along with Deist such as Thomas Jefferson, scoffed at Christians.

Society immersed itself in immorality. Gambling and licentiousness became the order of the day. Alcoholism saturated the populace while murder and rape drastically increased. Profanity prevailed. No where was this more true than on the American college campuses where agnosticism reigned.

Ironically, the Second Great Awakening began on college campuses. Hampton-Sidney College in Virginia experienced spiritual revival in 1787 when three students covenanted to pray together for a moving of God's Spirit. Within one year, two hundred students were won to faith in Christ! In 1795, Timothy Dwight, Jonathan Edwards's grandson, became president of Yale University, a stronghold of infidelity. As Dwight prayed and preached, over one-third of the student body came to faith and repentance by 1802. Revival camp meetings also broke out along the American frontier, especially in Kentucky, with as many as 25,000 people in attendance! Churches

sprung up across the frontier, many receiving converts by the hundreds. One church with 170 members baptized 421 new converts during one revival meeting alone! American society was transformed. The Revival of 1800 triumphed over infidelity and skepticism, and God blessed America anew.

But by 1845, with prosperity abounding, the economy booming, and the frontier expanding ever westward, America again forgot God. Religious fervor ebbed. Then in 1857 a severe financial panic and crisis hit the nation hard. America was again brought to her knees (literally). On September 23, 1857, Jeremiah Lamphier, a Presbyterian lay minister, announced a weekly noon prayer meeting on Wednesdays at the Old North Dutch Church in inner city New York. Only one showed up at first, but five more businessmen straggled in late.

The second week the group had grown to 14, and on week three 23 met to pray. Then they began to meet daily at noon, until by the summer of 1858 every church in downtown New York and in most other cities could not contain the crowds of men seeking God! One reporter estimated that 10,000 men were meeting daily for noon prayer in New York City. In Philadelphia the same number (10,000) were converted to Christ in 1858.

Thousands flocked to hear Charles G. Finney preach as the emphasis on prayer continued. Trinity Episcopal Church in Chicago had 121 members in 1857; in 1860 1400. Out of a total U.S. population of 30 million, it is estimated that one million conversions occurred in the year of 1858! This Awakening continued and sustained America through the heartbreak of the Civil War. During the war years some 150,000 Confederate Soldiers came to faith in Christ.

In 1904-5 another great revival swept through America. Actually it began in Wales where a young coal miner named Evan Roberts, 26, began studying for the ministry. A Welsh preacher, Seth Joshua, prayed publicly, "O God, bend us!" Evan Roberts went forward, fell to his knees and prayed in great agony, "O God, bend me!" Roberts went back home and announced to his pastor, "I've come to preach."

A great moving of God's Spirit occurred, and the impact on Wales was phenomenal. It was reported that so many coal miners were converted and stopped using profanity that the mules who pulled the coal carts became confused and could not work! In America, the Revival of 1905 spread like prairie fire as evangelists, preachers, and Bible teachers returned from observing the renewal in Wales, their hearts on fire for God.

In Atlantic City, N.J., the local ministers reported that so many had been spiritually saved that out of a populace of 50,000 only 50 known adults were unconverted to Christ!

(Compare that to Atlantic City today!) As far west as Portland, Oregon, unprecedented revival broke out. Students by the hundreds across our nation committed their lives to ministry and world missions.

Many more smaller scale revivals and spiritual awakenings have happened in America during this century, but none have shaken and shaped the whole nation as did the Spiritual Awakenings of 1734, 1800, 1858, and 1905. The United States is long overdue another great moving of God! Spiritual darkness is deep, the forces of evil and power of sin strong. The hope of America is not the Republicans or the Democrats. GOD alone can bring about the spiritual change our nation needs. It can and will happen again if we will all start looking up!



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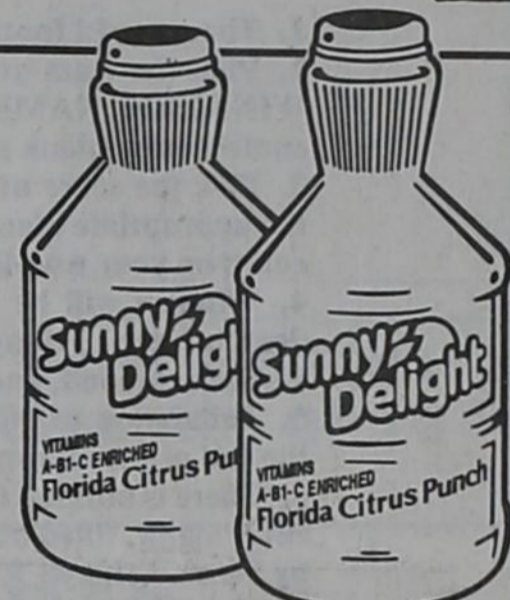


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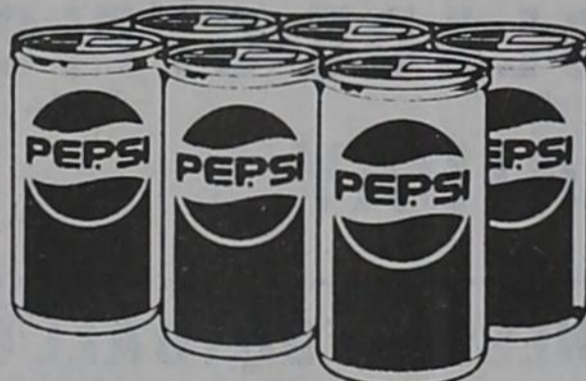
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