

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago--Aug. 10, 1955
Golden Wesley Horton, 54, was killed Tuesday afternoon when he fell some 110 feet from atop the nearly-completed section of Friona Wheat Growers Elevator in Friona. He was helping construct an addition to the elevator when the accident occurred. Horton had lived in this area for more than 30 years and he had been a farmer most of that time.

35 Yrs Ago--Aug. 11, 1965
The brakes on a pickup driven by Jesus Marioan Perez failed to hold and the Perez vehicle crashed into plate glass windows at Super Saweway on Main Street Monday afternoon.

Bull Town Days shaving permits went on sale here by members of Bovina Roping Club. Six thousand visitors are expected for this week's annual Bull Town Days celebration.

C and H Irrigation Supply is a new Bovina business, opened recently by Chester Rogers.

Darrell Read has been hired as head basketball coach and assistant football coach this year.

30 Yrs Ago--Aug. 12, 1970
Rain, totaling as much as three inches west of Bovina in the Clarence Jones-John Lorenz areas, fell Sunday night.

An art auction by Galley Alley will be a new attraction at Bull Town Days this year. A gun fighting group

Ex-Resident Of Bovina Dies In Okla.

Archie Raymond McCutchan, a former longtime resident of Bovina, passed away Sunday, August 6, 2000 in Talihina, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church in Talihina on Wednesday, August 9, with Ron Brannan, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Whitesboro Cemetery, under direction of Clayton Funeral Home.

McCutchan was born June 18, 1913, in Tipton, Oklahoma, to Joseph Franklin and Minnie Rauh McCutchan. He married his wife Lois September 9, 1933, in Texas. He had lived in the Talihina area for about twenty months. He was a former longtime resident of Bovina.

McCutchan was a retired farmer and rancher, and was a member of the Assembly of God church.

Survivors include his wife Lois of the home, a son, Wayne McCutchan of Whitesboro and three grandchildren, Ronnie Wayne McCutchan and Gary Don McCutchan, both of Talihina, and Freddie Ray McCutchin of Poteau, Oklahoma.

Also surviving are three brothers, Everett, Kenneth and Elbert, and a sister, Beulah; six great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Minnie McCutchan.

from Amarillo will stage a mock gun fight in downtown Bovina during the Bull Town Days celebration. A pickup-car collision at the intersection of Highway 60 and Third Street resulted in approximately \$900 damage on Monday. Involved in the accident were Ed Ross of Bovina and Thomas Marshall of Canyon.

25 Yrs Ago--Aug. 13, 1975
Sufficient boneless beef round-enough for 2,000 hungry Bovina Bull Town Days visitors, will go on the grills tomorrow in preparation for the focal point of the four-day community celebration on Friday.

Sonny Jones and Tony Neal, representing Parmer County Cattle Company, qualified again this year for the Second Annual World Championship Feedlot Team Roping Contest to be held in Elko, Nevada.

Ted Stallings of Bovina, in his first time to compete on aerobatics (stunt flying), won a third place in the Sportsmanship division of the International Aerobatic Club's 1975 championship tournament at Fond de Lac, Wisconsin.

20 Yrs Ago--Aug. 13, 1980
Dr. Alfred Bolch has accepted the role of parade marshal for the Bull Town Days celebration to be held on Saturday.

Two local brothers, Chet and Daryl Hawkins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins, won first place spots in the largest junior rodeo on the High Plains circuit held in Melrose, New Mexico last Saturday. Daryl won the bull riding event and Chet won in bareback bronc riding.

15 Yrs Ago--Aug. 14, 1985
The 25th annual Bovina Quarterhorse Show will be held this week at the Roping Arena in Bovina.

Cool "mountain showers" fell for several hours and temperatures have been much cooler.

Postmaster Laura Bartlett said there is no "news" on the threat by the Grace Commission which has recommended the closure of the Bovina Post Office.

The 24th Ellison family reunion was held in Nogal Canyon with seventy-two people attending.

10 Yrs Ago--Aug. 11, 1990
Heavy rains and hail caused considerable damage to crops between Bovina and Friona on Friday of last week. Some cotton here was completely destroyed when high winds caused the small hail to strip the cotton and its fruit was literally washed down the rows.

Former Bovina resident Diane Lumbrera, 32, was indicted by a Parmer County grand jury on three counts of capital murder on Tuesday, according to District Attorney, Johnny Actkinson.

5 Yrs Ago--Aug. 12, 1995
Members of the Bovina High School Flag Corps for the 1995-96 school year are Monica Perez, Tammy Stormes, Rachel Espinoza, Brandie Munoz, Melissa Nicholas, Stephine Villareal, Vickir Ortiz and Kathy Rodriguez.



MUSTANG PRACTICE began this week. Bovina will compete in the 1A division this year after 4 years in 2A. Top, receivers line up for passing drills. Below, coach Hector Guevara directs traffic as the Mustang defense takes shape. ron carr photos

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of August 13-19, 2000.
Aug 13 Freda Lloyd, Christopher Dopp
Aug 14 Ruby Robledo
Aug 15 Cathy Riley, Elois Saddler
Aug 16 Dr. Jim Guest, Michelle Johnson, Danielle Cockerham
Aug 17 Bonnie Clayton, Josh James, Larry Hammonds
Aug 18 Melissa Taylor,

Eddie Don Lide, Cheryl Langlinais, Haylee Jo Hughes, Mallie Mason
Aug 19 Brooke Charles
For any changes or corrections, or to add a name to our birthday list, call 238-1523 (leave message) or write Drawer B, 79009.

Elementary Lunch Menu Aug. 14-18

Monday-nachos, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, tossed salad, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday-chicken nuggets, cheeseburger, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, french fries, veggies, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday-frito pie, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday-sub sandwich, cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, potato chips, fries, veggie, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Friday-corn dogs, pepperoni pizza, potato puffs, baked beans, tossed salad, carrot sticks fresh fruit, choice of milk.



UP HERE, SEE?...Mustang senior Jason Stone, right, and an unidentified Mustang get pointers on passing techniques from new Mustang coach Wesley Weems during the opening week of workouts. ron carr photo



HEAT TAKES A TOLL.....Head coach Bruce Scroggins tells a Mustang player to go to the shade after he got dizzy during the heat of the workouts this week. Bovina has a tentative 3-way scrimmage with Eunice, NM, and Clovis JV on Saturday, August 19. ron carr photo

Notice

On August 15, 2000, the Parmer County tax office will no longer register or title boats.

Since we are not on line with the Parks & Wildlife Department, the process was complex and time consuming.

We felt the customer would be able to receive their titles and registration faster if they went through the Parks & Wildlife Department.

Doris Herington
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Cotton News

(from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.)

U.S. agriculture is struggling and the quest to find a magic mix of old policy and new ideas has begun in Washington and in coffee shops across the nation.

No matter where you go it appears growers have remarkably similar take on current farm programs: Flexibility-good; Safety Net-bad.

The challenge for all commodities is trying to find the right mix to balance the equation and improve the downside protection available to growers.

Into that void have come several ideas that deserve more thought and careful consideration. None are necessarily new by strict definition, but instead rely on a few new wrinkles that make them much more feasible than they might have been in the past.

The political reality is that any change, be it raising loan rates outright or through a mechanism such as "Flexible Follow" that raises a growers loan rate based on the voluntary idling of a percentage of their acreage, will have to both gain approval in Congress and be paid for by initiating new federal spending or reallocating existing budget resources.

Increasing loan rates for all commodities and providing a higher price floor for growers is one idea receiving a lot of attention from growers nationwide.

Plains Cotton Growers supports increasing loan rates as a viable alternative for strengthening the safety net as long as such a change is enacted under a "marketing loan" structure that provides reasonable down-side protection and method of marketing the crop in a timely, efficient manner.

The good news is that the Freedom to Farm bill's "marketing loan" structure makes higher loan rates a potentially useful tool for producers. This structure provides growers the ability to capture a reasonable minimum price and sell their crops without fear of losing valuable markets to other countries.

With a marketing loan there is no incentive to forfeit a commodity to the government to receive the

intended benefit and therefore create a long-term supply problem. Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) bridge the gap between the base loan rate and a market price below that level to keep crops moving into market.

Cotton is a perfect example of how efficient this system can be. Recent experience is corn and other grain crops shows the same balance between protection and marketing that has made the marketing loan structure so beneficial to the cotton industry.

With that in mind the recent action by two members of the House of Representatives can be taken a lot more seriously. A bill offered by Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-North Dakota) and David Minge (D-Minnesota) would raise loan rates across the board for all current program commodities.

Under the proposal cotton would go from the current rate of \$51.92 cents up to \$61 cents per pound, corn would go from \$1.98 to \$2.43 per bushel, soybeans would go from \$5.26 to \$5.50 per bushel, and wheat would go from \$2.58 to \$3.40 a bushel. Other commodities would see similar increases.

So far the idea of raising loan rates has not been a partisan issue with everyone looking at its feasibility. Although some appear to have difficulty grasping the basic difference between a marketing loan and loan structure that was in place 25 or thirty years ago, others are seriously studying the possibility as well as any side effects that might come with such a policy change.

Researchers at the International Textile Center (ITC) at Texas Tech University are busy putting the final touches on a handful of equipment upgrades that will further boost the facilities research capabilities.

At the top of the list are new ring spinning frames that will yield better results and allow further investigation into the use of short staple cottons in ring-spun textile products.

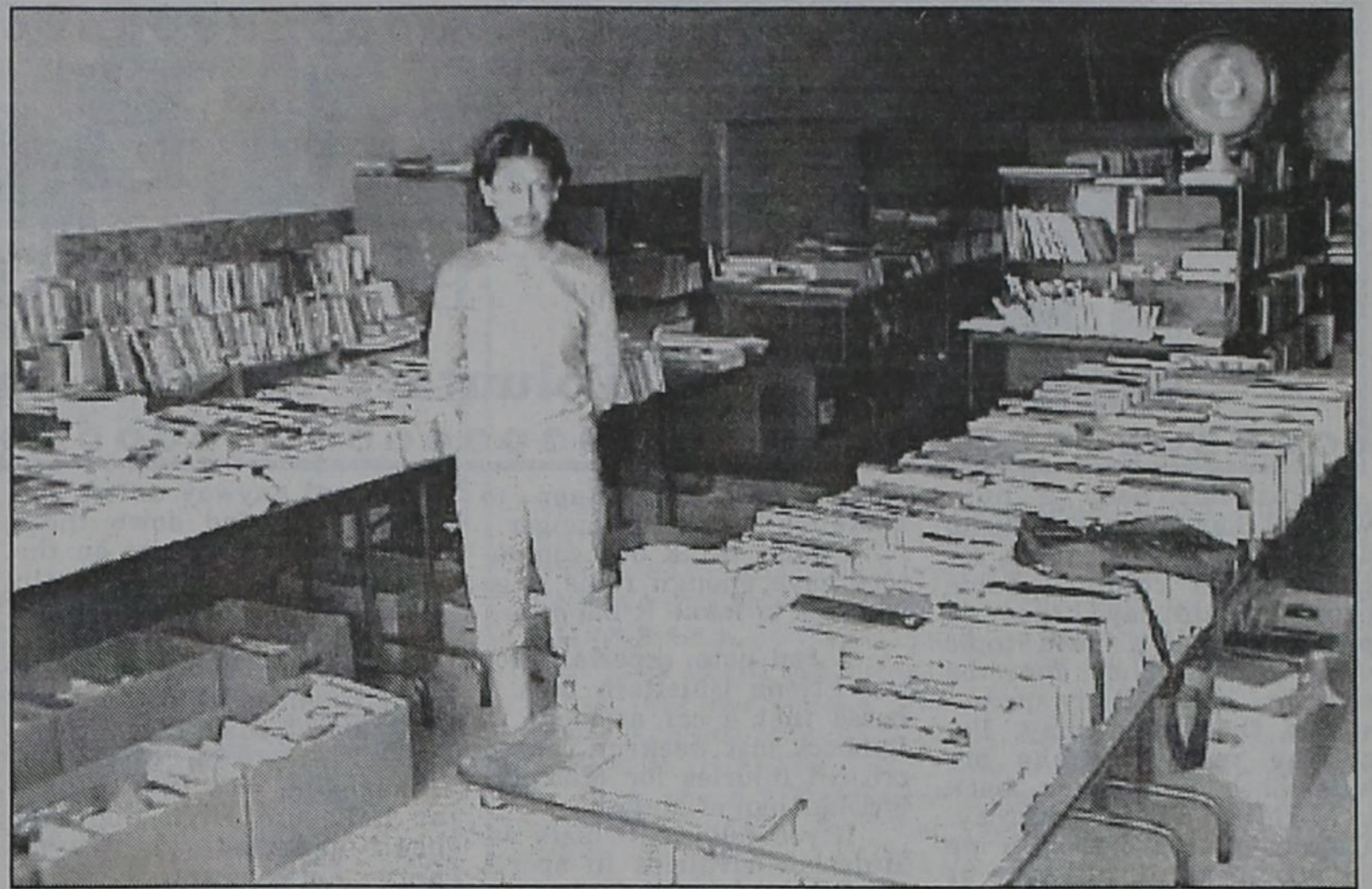
The new frames will complement state of the art open-end spinning equipment already in place at the ITC. Other pieces of equipment

installed included new carding machines and draw-frames that will increase efficiency and speed up the turn-around times at the facility.

Also new to the ITC are: -A new miniature spinning system and miniature loom will allow testing of small fiber samples to determine fiber performance from field to fabric. The system is expected to be used primarily to evaluate potential end-use performance of new cotton varieties.

-Reallocations of the Southwest Research Center for Laundry and Dry-cleaning from Texas Woman's University to the ITC.

-A new Sun Protection Factor (SPF) Analyzer gives ITC researchers the ability to test the SPF properties of different textile products and finishing agents.



PLENTY OF BOOKS are still available at the Friona Library used book sale. Library intern Nieta Arellano, an FHS junior, is shown with a portion of the books available at the location on Main Street, next door to the Chamber office. The sale continues with discount prices on Monday-Wednesday next week. ron carr photo

Annual Feedyard Rodeo Set In Friona Aug. 18

Next Friday, August 18, will be an exciting evening in Friona, according to the Chamber of Commerce.

Six Parmer County Feedyards will be competing in the Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo at the Friona Riding Club Arena on West Highway 60.

The competition will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The teams will compete in six events: team penning, trailer backing, feedbunk race, team branding, manager's chip shot and team roping. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams and the winning feedyard will be awarded a traveling team trophy. Prizes will also be given to the winning team in each event.

Another feature event which is not limited to feedyard employees is the calf dressing contest. Teams of three people will try to put a

pair of jockey shorts on the back legs of a calf.

Businesses, organizations and friends are encouraged to put a team together and enter this unique competition. Entry forms are available at the Chamber Office. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Children ages 6-10 are eligible for the calf scramble which involves catching a calf and removing a ribbon from the calf's tail. Youngsters who return ribbons to the judges will win a prize of Friona Bucks \$15, \$10, \$5, depending on the color of the ribbon.

The Noon Lions Club will have a concession stand featuring hamburgers and french fries. Come early, have a hamburger, visit with friends and enjoy the rodeo.

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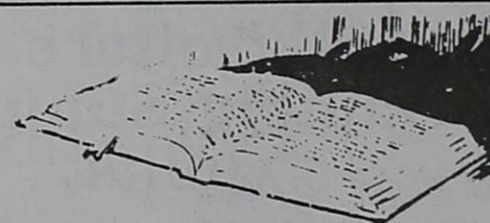
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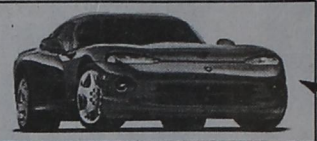
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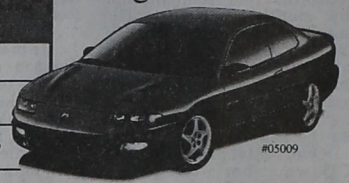
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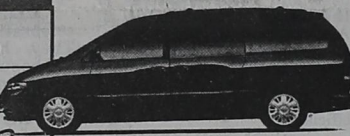
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