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DON'T FORGET...
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Saturday Night.
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Up an Hour!



Deaf Smith Electric Hosts Over 1500 at Annual Meet

Members, family and guests of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative who attended the annual meeting Tuesday at Herford's Bull Barn, enjoyed some fine food, music, and door prizes.

The beef, chicken and fish buffet, catered by Danny's Hens and Fins of Lubbock, was served to the 1,562 attendees. Music was furnished by the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Co-op president Steve Louder told the audience that DSEC had reduced sales of 25% in 1999, that the co-op invested \$2 million in a new

plant and still enjoyed a margin of \$2 million for the year.

DSEC employees were given a standing ovation by the guests present for their performance and dedication to duty in restoring power during the 1999 snow storm which caused power outages for 9,000 customers.

Members present also received checks for their portion of the \$750,000 in capital credits returned to members.

Directors re-elected to the co-op's board were: Donald Wright, Clarence Martin and Clark Andrews.

Yearbooks On Sale Fridays

The 2000 Bovina Schools yearbook will be on sale every Friday morning from 8:10-8:40 a.m. at the school.

Yearbooks are \$20 each and will be delivered in May. Reserve your copy in advance.

Saddler Injured In Scuffle

A Sunday evening 911 call about a domestic disturbance resulted in a minor injury to Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler.

The call from the 900 block of 3rd Street concerned a lady whose ex-husband had been threatening her during the day. The subject, Robert Tapia, was trying to break into the house, according to the caller.

Chief Saddler responded and was attempting to handcuff Tapia when the scuffle ensued. Saddler sustained a sprained ligament in the right shoulder blade area. He transported the subject to the Parmer County jail and then was treated and released at Parmer County Hospital.

Tapia, now of Farwell, posted bond and is awaiting trial.

Kindergarten Registration April 3-7

Pre-registration for the 2000-2001 kindergarten class will be available Monday through Friday, April 3-7, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A child must be five years old on or before September 1 for the 2000-2001 school year.

You will need to bring the following information to the Primary office:

Child's birth certificate, child's social security card and immunization records.

A copy will be made of the above and the originals returned to you.

Call 250-3935 for any further information.

Kinder

Pre-inscripción para el ano escolar 2000-2001 Lunes a Viernes Abril 3-7, 8:30-3 p.m.

El niño tiene que haber cumplido 5 años para el día 1 de Septiembre para el ano escolar 2000-2001 triaga la siguiente informacion:

Acta de nacimiento, numero social del niño, tarjetas de las vacunas.

Se hara una copia y se la regresara la original.

Si tiene preguntas habla 250-3935.

Hospital Salutes Employee Honors

Bill Neely, administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital, pointed out a number of employees who had distinguished themselves recently.

"We at Parmer County Community Hospital are proud of our dedicated employees who strive to provide quality medical care to our community," Neely said.

"This is evidenced by the recent attendance by our physicians, nurses and staff during an in-service on burns presented by Cynthia Hester, RN, and Timothy Harnar, Burn Center Texas Tech University Medical Center.

"Being a dedicated employee does not stop there. Being concerned about the environmental safety of PCCH, Sterling Graham traveled to Lubbock to attend continuing education classes where learning new techniques will help to continue to provide the employees and patients at PCCH with an environmentally safe facility.



WELCOME TO BOVINA...The Downes family will soon be new residents of Bovina as Michael Downes takes over as Bovina ISD Superintendent. Welcome to, l-r, Misty, Michael, Brianne, Sandi and Matthew Downes.

Trustees Hire Superintendent: Michael Downes of Memphis

The Bovina School District Board of Trustees made it official on Monday, March 27.

At a 4 p.m. reception in the school cafeteria, Michael Downes, high school principal at Memphis, Texas, was introduced as the new superintendent of BISD. Downes had been officially hired earlier during a 2 p.m.

special board meeting after the required 21-day waiting period.

Downes, 39, graduated from high school at Vernon. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 1987 and Master's Degree in 1993, both from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

He served in teaching

assignments in Lefors and Quanah and was both middle school and high school principal in Center Point, Texas.

He became principal of Memphis High School in 1997 and has served until now in that capacity.

Downes has been in Bovina most of this week, but will finish out his term at Memphis. He hopes to be in Bovina a couple of days a week for the rest of the school year.

Downes and his wife, Sandi, have three children; Misty, 17, Matthew, 15, and Brianne, 9. Sandi Downes is a teacher but her recent employment has been as a diagnostician. She hopes to return to teaching eventually.

Reception Honors Local Doctors

Parmer County Community Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary members joined together in celebration of "National Doctors' Day" with a reception honoring the medical staff.

Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary gave red roses to members of the medical staff. Bill Neely, hospital administrator said, "we are very pleased to join with our Auxiliary Members in expressing our appreciation to the medical staff for their outstanding service to our community."

Doctors' Day has been celebrated in March since 1933 and commemorates the discovery of ether for painless surgery.



CO-OP DIRECTORS...Clarence Martin, Donald Wright and Clark Andrews, l-r, were re-elected to the board of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative at the co-op's annual meeting in Hereford this week.



Bull Town Bulletin
By Bill Ellis

I HOPE THAT BY NOW you have discovered that in the past month or two, the picture quality of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade has improved considerably.

This is due to a couple of factors, but mainly that we began to use a "digital" camera to take our news pictures.

Ye Editor, in what might be termed a bold move by those who know me, bought a digital camera about a year ago, but it was several months before we got up the nerve to use it.

I suppose the delay must have been a feeling on my part that a camera that didn't even require film couldn't possibly do the job that we have always trusted our cameras developed by Mssrs. Eastman and Kodak to do. How could it?

Well, I can't explain how it can, but if you will examine the photos in this issue, you will no doubt agree that things are going quite well in our photo department. In addition to the improved quality, we have been able to cut down on the expense of film, developing, printing, etc.

I can well remember times when our main pictures were lost to the "darkroom ghosts," due to someone switching the developer bottle with the "fixer," etc. The most dreaded words to a publisher on paste-up day are "I can't imagine what happened to this roll of film..."

I was thinking back this week on how photography has changed, just in the time that I have been involved with cameras, just over 50 years or so. Like many of our readers, Ye Editor's first camera was one of the old Kodak "box cameras," which, as its name implies, looked like a plain black box, only with a viewfinder.

At Texas Tech's School of Journalism we used the camera that recorded most of Life Magazine's dramatic pictures from the front lines during World War II.

The "Press 25" camera used negatives which measured four by six inches. The negatives were loaded in "film holders," in the dark. You had to carry an extra bag if shooting several pictures. When I came to Friona, we were still using one of these cameras. Although the camera weighed about 20 pounds, you got pictures that would knock your eyes out.

And, with the jumbo negative, you could have enlarged the pictures to the size of a room wall, if there had been paper that large, and it would still have been sharp.

It is hard to believe that in the last 35 years the film size dropped, first down to 2-1/4 inches, then to 35-millimeter. Each drop in film size was accompanied by a loss of quality, unless you were a "pro," which I have never considered myself.

For example, both of my sons, Stan and Rick, are much better photographers than their dad. Most of the time I have had folks willing to take the pictures that understood the technical points more than I did.

But a few months ago, Ron finally opened the box on our Sony Mavica, and began to experiment with it. Then Momma Carol learned how to work with the pictures on the computer and print them off. We were amazed when the first experimental photos were better than what we were getting with film-guzzling cameras.

For several years, we kept a Polaroid camera at the office, in case we had a "photo op" that happened past our usual film deadline. Carol and I, being raised by Depression-age parents, were recalling the times when we had to "start a new roll of film" after we thought we were through shooting for the week. Then we would scour the community looking to see if we couldn't find something with which to finish off the roll. ("Waste not, want not!")

With no film in the "digital," this is no longer necessary. If things keep changing and improving like they have in the past ten years, I'm afraid that someone may decide that having an editor and/or a publisher is no longer necessary!



PROOF POSITIVE...After Carol Ellis' column about the escalating gas prices last week, Katherine Brand of Friona submitted this photo of her cousin, Ruth Lloyd Smith, formerly of Friona, now of Lubbock. She was about 20 years old when the photo was taken, while she was a college student in Austin in about 1938. Ruth is the sister of the late Buddy and Fred Lloyd of Friona and the late Travis and Buck Lloyd of Bovina. Notice the types of gas available: "Buckeye Bronze" and "East Texas!" Oh, for those good old days! Thanks, Katherine.



BROOKFIELD HONORED...Price Brookfield, standing at right, is being honored this weekend as one of the top Panhandle's 100 Athletes of the Century at Amarillo. Shown with his siblings, Edith Fleming, left, of California, the late Mary Richards of Bovina and his late brother, Floyd Brookfield of Friona, whose wife Lauretta still lives here. Janice Richards of Bovina and Leon Richards of Hereford are nieces and nephew of the honoree.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 30, 1960
George Trimble, former Bovina farmer and businessman, lost three fingers and part of the palm of his left hand last Wednesday in an accident with a pump.

LaVonda Newbrough, sponsored by Bovina Restaurant, was crowned Miss Bovina Tuesday evening in Bovina School Auditorium. Second place winner was Judy Roach, sponsored by Sherley Grain Company. Third place went to Marilyn Brandon, sponsored by Wilson Supermarket.

Bovina

Track Results

Bovina track teams competed in meets in Hereford and Hart the last two weeks. The boys ran in the JV division. Results are:

HEREFORD: Discus: Yancy Graves, 3rd, 110' 00"; Oscar Lugo, 10th, 70' 02". Shot put: Yancy Graves, 1st, 38' 10". Triple jump: Jake Steelman, 1st, 34' 05". 200m dash, Jake Steelman, 6th, 27.04.

HART: 300m hurdles, K'Leigh Scroggins, 1st, 50.35. Shot put: Yancy Graves, 2nd, 38' 10"; 110m hurdles, Jake Steelman, 1st, 17.85; 300m dash, Jake Steelman, 3rd, 46.5; triple jump, Jake Steelman, 2nd.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 31, 1965
The 39ers Birthday Club had a party in the home of Mrs. Odie White for Mrs. Robert Read Monday night of last week.

30 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 1, 1970
Severe weather in the form of a late March blizzard swept into the area Friday afternoon about 5 p.m. causing unusual damage and inconvenience and claiming at least two lives.

25 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 2, 1975
Bovina will be represented at the Little Dribbler State Tournament by two teams this year--the junior division and senior division all-star crews.

In what is becoming almost a tradition, stormy winter weather took what is hoped to be the final swipe at the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico Friday, dumping some two to four inches of wet snow and dropping temperatures into the low teens.

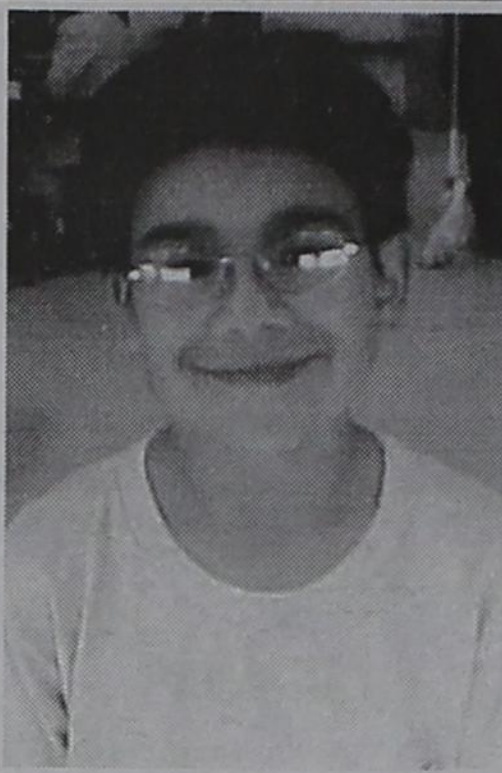
20 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 2, 1980
High winds this week caused much damage. A storage building belonging to Sherrill Lumber Company was demolished. Vandalism cost REC \$70,000 when a transformer was shot ten miles north of Bovina.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 27, 1985
Chosen as Man and Woman of the Year at this year's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet were Rev. J.L. Bass and Terry Thomas. The teacher award went to Phyllis Steelman and top youth awards went to Misti Boozer and Tommy Hutto.

Marie Pesch and Mindy Neal of the Bovina Fillies' track team went to the Abernathy Track Meet and placed fourth as a team. Daphe and Randy Barrett won first place in the father-daughter competition at the Winter Park (Colorado) Equitable Family Challenge. They will advance to the national finals in Vail, Colorado the last week of March.

10 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 4, 1990
Those in the group who took the Emergency Care Course in Bovina with Don Spring leading were: Stella Ortiz, Audelia Serna, Johnny Martinez, Mike Prather, Martha Garner, and Laverne Thatcher and for recertification as EMTs were Mike Beauchamp, Scooter Russell and Barbara Lowe.

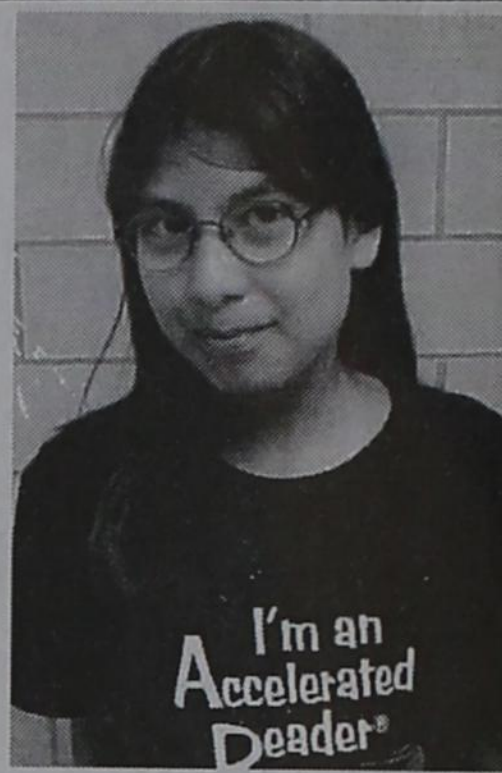
5 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 1, 1995
The Bovina varsity boys track team finished third in the team standings this past weekend in Hart. Three varsity girls basketball players have been recognized for their outstanding play during the 1994-95 season. Amber Willard, a sophomore, was selected to the 7-A All-District Basketball Team. Named to the Honorable Mention list were Sally Noriega, senior, and Lisa Hromas, sophomore.



AARON RAMON
3rd grade-Mrs. Bellar



YURI SALAZAR
5th grade-Mrs. Bryant



HORTENCIA LARA
4th grade-Mrs. Deen



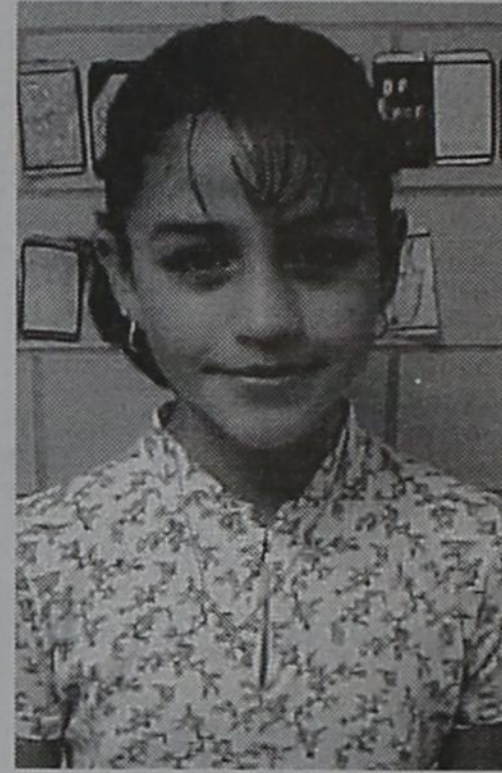
100 Point Readers In Bovina's Elementary School Program



CARINA LANDAVERDE
4th grade-Mrs. Deen



NICOLE FUENTES
4th grade-Mrs. Deen



HILDA QUINTERO
5th grade-Mr. Martin

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of April 2-9, 2000.

- Apr 2 Kristi Steelman
- Apr 3 Ted Blair, Roel Robledo
- Apr 5 Joyce Read, Dickie Clayton
- Apr 6 Krysta Cockerham
- Apr 7 Tommy Hall
- Apr 9 Rose Ann Cantu

To add a friend or relative, or to make any additions, deletions, or corrections to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write to Drawer B, 79009.

Aphids Are Present In Co. Wheat

According to Extension Agent Cherinell Riley, she has received reports of Russian wheat aphids (RWA) being found in some area wheat fields. The Russian wheat aphid is 1/16" long, lime green, has short antennae and no prominent tailpipes (cornicles). A projection on its abdomen gives the RWA a "double tail" appearance.

Russian wheat aphids inject a toxin while feeding causing white and purple streaks lengthwise on leaves. Heavily infested plants will appear flattened and leaf edges will roll inward, making the entire leaf tube like. RWA prefer feeding on the young tender uppermost leaves of the wheat and may vector viral diseases.

RWA cause more damage to stressed wheat. Here on the High Plains the RWA overwinters on warm season grasses such as sprangletop, buffalo and grama grass. The Texas Ag Experiment Station scientists have developed economic thresholds for RWA infesting wheat in late winter and spring. The thresholds are based upon the cost of control and market value of the wheat. For every one per cent of the tillers infested there is a 0.5% yield loss.

Sampling and economic threshold: while walking across a field randomly select 100 tillers from different sites. Be sure to not bias the count (avoid looking for damage). Examine each tiller and record the number infested. A tiller with one or more RWA is considered infested.

For more information on Russian wheat aphids or chemical control options contact the Parmer County Extension Service at (806) 481-3300.

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ENJOYING THE EVENING at the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative annual meeting in Hereford this week were longtime Bovina residents Amy and Arnold Hromas. Arnold said he has lived in the Bovina area since 1919 and that he didn't come to Bovina, but Bovina came to him. Their son Galen is Bovina's mayor.

ron carr photo

POISON PREVENTION

Accidental poisoning is one of the leading causes of child death in America. Last year, over 3000 accidental poisoning deaths were reported -- many of them children. National Poison Prevention Week was established to alert the American people of the dangers of accidental childhood poisoning and encourage learning preventive measures.

Join with us in observing National Poison Prevention Week, March 19-25. By following a few common-sense rules, we can all do our part to reduce accidental childhood poisoning. Always keep harmful substances out of reach of children. Learn first-aid treatment for poisoning -- or keep a first-aid book or chart handy. And finally, educate young children about the dangers of playing with all harmful substances.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, especially where children are concerned. National Poison Prevention Week reminds us to safeguard our children from accidental poisoning -- a killer that can be beaten.

PARMER COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Don Spring, Pharmacist Rx

It's Time To Register Your Child In

Life In Christ Academy

Tuesday, April 4
Open House & Registration
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. est.

If you're looking for a Christ-centered preschool program for your 3 and 4 year old children, then Life In Christ Academy is the place! Our teachers and staff provide a full preschool program, hands on activities, field trips, weekly chapel and just an all around fun place to learn! Come and see what Life In Christ Academy has to offer your family!

Early Bird Registration: \$30

Includes a one time \$5 activity fee and \$25 towards Aug. tuition
To register, children must be 3 years old and potty trained on or before Aug. 31.
Must also bring immunization records.

For more information, contact Edie Kalbas: (806)825-3357 or St. John Lutheran Church office: (806) 825-2409



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Out Here

By Ron Carr

"Warning: The Person Next To You May Not Be A Christian!"

Lanis Graham is angry. And she's not the only one.

It is the kind of anger and frustration a person feels when common sense and logical thinking don't count.

It is the kind of anger one might feel when an opponent gets by with cheating when you are playing by the rules.

It is the kind of frustration the rest of the class feels when the teacher's pet gets all the breaks.

Lanis sent me a short memo attached to an Amarillo newspaper article. I'll paraphrase her comments:

Dear Ron,

"I read an article in the Amarillo paper Thursday that grabbed my attention. The title was 'Voters OK school prayer referendum.' It was regarding the non-binding referendum, 'Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting

J.D. Terry Is Buried

Graveside services for John D. "Jay" Terry, 76, of Ralls, were held Tuesday, March 28, at the Bovina Cemetery, with Jeff Procter, minister, officiating. Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Terry passed away Saturday, March 25, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

He was born April 28, 1923, in Paris, Texas. He married Ethel D. Livingston February 21, 1951, in Hobbs, New Mexico. She died November 16, 1988.

Terry lived in Bovina from 1972 to 1988, when he moved to Lubbock. He had lived in Ralls the past two years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a retired farmer, and was a member of the Bovina Church of Christ.

Survivors were three daughters, Georgia Goggans of Winnsboro, Connie Strong of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Ann White of Amarillo; two sons, Edward Terry of Muleshoe and Eugene Terry of Farmers Branch.

Also, three sisters, Edna Lovelace of Lubbock, Mable "Chock" Stone of Ralls and Bonnie Shoemaker of Ralls. Ten grandchildren and seven grandchildren also survive.

events?"

Lanis goes on to say that "Statewide, 94% said Yes and 6% said No. What puzzles me the most...is that our government insists on listening to this 6% instead of the 94%!"

Now here is the anger part: "Who in the world are the 6% talking to that the rest of us need to be talking to? I'm ready for my voice to be heard and believe me my voice travels extremely well--ask my kids or my basketball girls!"

I heard you too Lanis. Just for grins I checked with County Clerk Colleen Stover about the prayer referendum vote in Parmer County. There were 1,120 "yes" votes and 21 "no" votes.

Lanis wanted to know who to call or write to have the "yes" voices heard. I guess you could write State Reps Teel Bivins or Pete Laney, but the truth is it is not a matter that can be legislated by the state lawmakers.

It is an issue now because two families--one Catholic and one Mormon--filed a lawsuit in 1995 in the Santa Fe (Tx) school district to have public prayers banned at high school football games. Santa Fe is a community of about 10,000, located 40 miles southeast of Houston.

The families who filed the lawsuits alleged that allowing

Lung Assn. Memorials

Have you recently lost a loved one to lung cancer, emphysema or other lung disease?

The American Lung Association of Texas can dedicate a memorial in the name of your loved one. Your memorial gifts will help the Lung Association to prevent lung disease and improve the care of those who suffer from it.

You can also dedicate your gift to a loved one who has decided to quit smoking or in honor of a special birthday or anniversary. For more information on how to dedicate a memorial in the name of your loved one, please contact the American Lung Association of Texas at (800) LUNG-USA.

students to lead prayers at home football games violated the First Amendment by creating a "pervasive religious atmosphere."

What I'm wondering is whether either of those two families ever actually heard one of the prayers the students offer at home football games.

The prayers were usually delivered by a student council member, or an honors student or any other student who could be convinced to do it.

The prayers, most written in advance to preclude stage fright from leaving a blank, were simple and direct: "Thank you for what we have, keep the players from getting hurt, and go with the fans that have to drive home after the game."

The simple entreaties offered before high school football games can hardly be accused of creating a "pervasive religious atmosphere."

In offering me a counter to the prayer issue, someone argued that since Satanism is a religion, would we allow a Satanist to offer a prayer before a game.

My answer is, "Yeah, why not?" Let's get a Satanist on the PA system, give him or her the one minute to pray (or chant), and let the fans decide whether they want to convert to Satanism.

State Attorney General John Cornyn is arguing the Santa Fe lawsuit before the United States Supreme Court this week. No doubt he will point out the 94% "yes" vote.

The separation of church and state argument gives a lot of non-well-meaning people something to do. Pilgrims came to America to be able to practice whatever religion they want and escape the Church of England.

The Constitution, which many politicians seem to pay little attention to these days, says simply that there cannot be a church which "the state" requires you to attend. There cannot be a state-sponsored religion.

As far as I know, there still isn't one. As far as I know the kids who offer the prayers before a high school football game don't offer Baptist, Methodist or Catholic prayers.

As far as I know, no fan in the stands is forced to bow their heads during a prayer nor are they required to be at attention during the National Anthem.

As far as I know, it is not difficult for the average citizen to avoid religion or patriotism or even pizza parlors every day.

Amanda Bruce is a senior at Santa Fe High School who opposes the prayer at games. She was quoted thusly in a news article: "People need to think about the person sitting next to them who may not be a Christian."

I honestly thought that is what a Christian should hope for. That the person next to them would not be one so they could deliver the message and convert the heathen and go ye therefore, etc.....!

A prayer at a football game does not impose on anyone's rights, nor does it pose a threat or impose a concept.

As Lanis and many others in Texas argue, it's about time lawmakers and judges have the courage to listen to the 94%, reinstate the right to pray at a high school football game, and confirm the rights of the 6% to stay home and watch vampire movies on Friday night.



WTRTC GENERAL MANAGER Tom Hyer is shown at the podium during the co-op's annual meeting in Hereford. ron carr photo

Concert Assn. Sets Final 2000 Number

The Hereford Community Concert Assn. will hold its final concert of the 1999-2000 season Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium.

If memberships are purchased for next year's season at this concert, tickets for the Amarillo Little Theater will be \$5.00. Otherwise, these tickets are priced at \$8.00.

Adult memberships are \$25 per year; student memberships are \$15; family memberships are \$60; and single family memberships are \$35. Call Johnnie Walters at 265-3375 or Nancy Edelman at 247-3497 for further info.

Featured in the April 8 concert is soloist Robert Trentham. His program is entitled "In Thinking of America," and has also been entitled "Songs of the Civil War."

The program's music and dialogue were compiled by Trentham and the concept was inspired by the lives of his ancestors who fought on both sides of this great American conflict.



ROBERT TRENTHAM

He had the honor of performing this program as the featured entertainment for the 15th annual Gettysburg Civil War Heritage Days. Trentham is a native of Southern California, who makes his home in New York City.

Trentham has performed with regional theater and opera companies throughout the country, including the Santa Fe Opera, Lake George Opera Festival, Brooklyn Philharmonic, Light Opera Works of Chicago and the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players.

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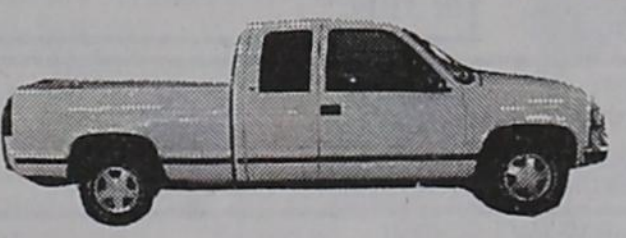

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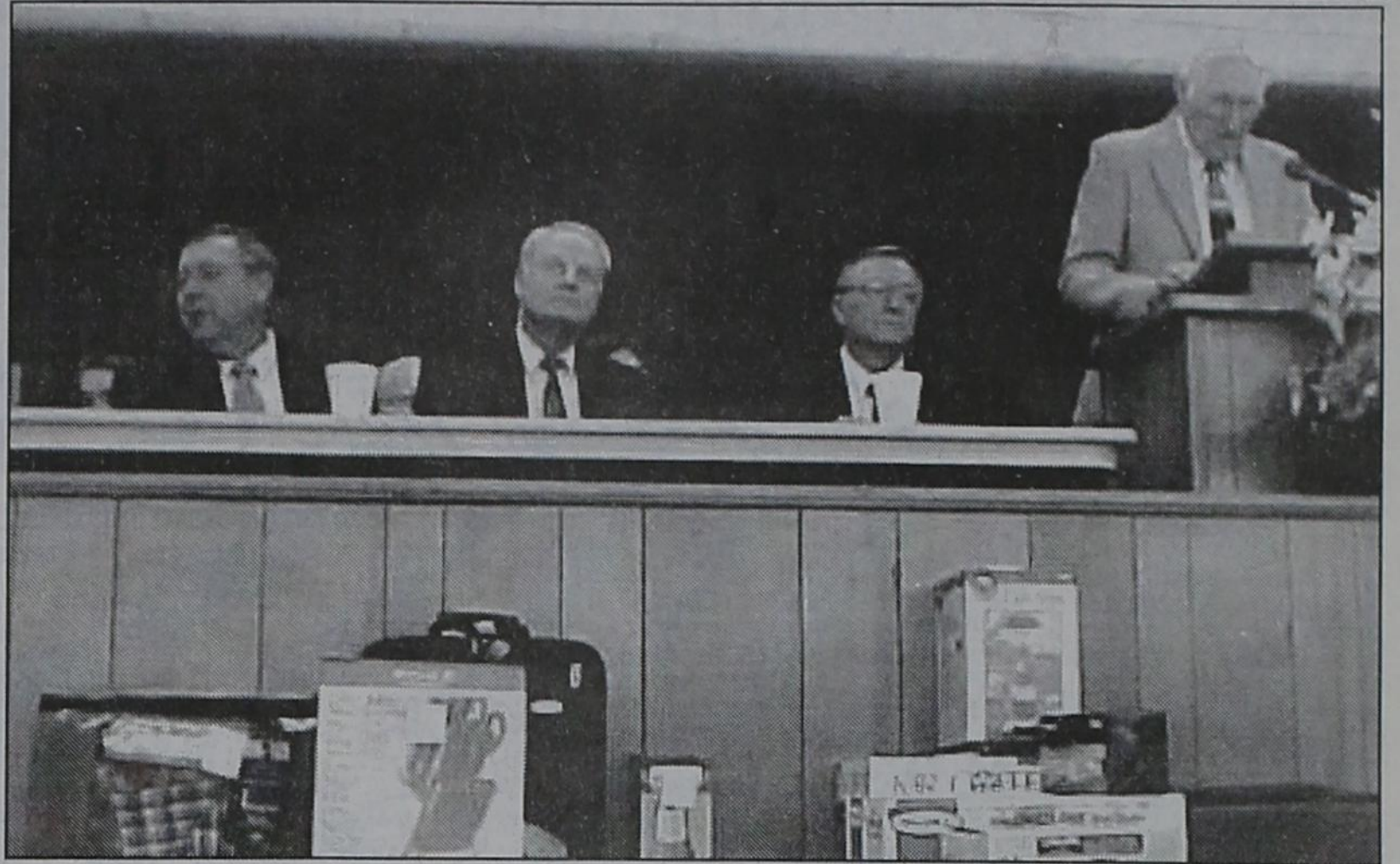
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THE FRIONA TABLE at the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting included, from front, the Clarence Monroes, Floyd Reeves, Wesley Barnetts and Jayson Grimsleys. ron carr photo



WTRTC CO-OP OFFICERS...Presiding over the annual meeting were, l-r, vice-president Pat Robbins, secretary/treasurer Ernest Flood, co-op manager Tom Hyer and president Floyd Schueler. ron carr photo

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Widespread rainfall on the Texas High Plains has been more of a missing link than a regular occurrence since about this same time in 1999. Beneficial rains over the last few days have been a rare and wonderful experience for all of High Plains agriculture. At the very least the rains make forecasts for the 2000 cotton crop look more achievable. Prior to the 1"-3"-plus rainfall amounts tallied across most of the area this week, growers were stuck in a state of limbo between needing to complete important pre-plant cultural practices and wondering whether or not it was going to be worth the effort in the face of excessively dry

conditions. Even now prospects can be termed little better than marginal over much of the area, but at least there is something to work with and a feeling that maybe this crop has a chance to get off to a fairly decent start with the arrival of couple more inches over the next 6-8 weeks. Dry conditions are no stranger to the Texas High Plains, but growers will no doubt be ready to stick seed in the ground when the time comes. Senate passage of crop insurance reform sets the stage for a conference committee report that should provide for sweeping changes

to Federal Crop Insurance program. Over the past decade there have been several attempts to pick around the edges of the program without any real benefits making their way to growers. The contents of the House approved "Agricultural Risk Management Act of 1999" and the Senate's "Risk Management for the 21st Century Act" should see agreement on several important changes that will directly benefit growers. Among the changes that will likely be part of any conference report are increased subsidy levels for all levels of coverage, some modification to the manner in which Actual Production History (APH) yields are calculated and improvements in management and program integrity with more coordinated record-keeping procedures and increased penalties for program abuses. The House-Senate Conference Committee is scheduled to begin deliberations very soon. House conferences will probably be selected early next week and the committee could begin meeting immediately afterward.

Agriculture means a lot to the economy of the Texas High Plains. Recognizing that fact is not always easy when most of the news we get from local media outlets focuses on other important areas of the economy such as Texas Tech or the medical community. But when all is said and done agriculture, the economic engine that brought people to this area in the first place, is still the foundation on which everything else rests. Recognizing agriculture's importance has never been a problem for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. The Lubbock Chamber has always been supportive of agriculture and continues to embrace the issues that make a difference for producers of food and fiber on the High Plains. Given the prominent role cotton plays in the area it is not surprising to note that some of cotton's top agenda items are also priority one of the Lubbock Chamber. This past week members of the Lubbock Chamber traveled to Washington, DC to visit with legislators and discuss Lubbock's needs for the future. High on their list were cotton and cotton issue's. Among the issues the Lubbock Chamber has embraced include development of permanent normal trade legislation that would boost the usage of U.S. cotton. The Lubbock contingent met with area Congressmen Larry Combest, Charlie Stenholm and Mac Thornberry and Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm. In addition the group met with representatives of the National Cotton Council to hear an update on key cotton issues. Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett, who also currently serves as Chairman of the Lubbock Chamber's Agriculture Committee, was a member of the contingent that traveled to Washington.

Plateau Wireless Furnished Door Prize At New Mexico Ag Expo

The New Mexico Ag Expo, sponsored by Allsup's Convenience Stores, gave their stock trailer door prize to Dorothy Bilberry of Clovis, New Mexico on Monday, March 13. Plateau Wireless sponsored the door prize for the 2000 Ag Expo. Bilberry was one of thousands of Ag Expo spectators that filled out an entry form at the trade show February 22-23 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds in Portales. "This is one of the best shows we've ever had," said Nancy Gentry, chairman of the NM Ag Expo. "It was definitely the largest show in terms of vendors and spectators." Plans are already under way for the 2001 show. Debra Peacock, of PBI Parlor Systems, has been elected chairman of the 2001 New Mexico Ag Expo. "We will continue to provide the latest in agricultural technology through exhibitors, demonstrations and seminars," said Peacock. "And of course we are always looking for something new to bring in spectators." Peacock has been a member of the Ag Expo committee for the past three

years. She has organized the courtesy ambassadors during that time. Next year's show will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27-28 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. For more information contact the NW Ag Expo, contact the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce at 800-635-8036 or www.portales.com.



DOOR PRIZE WINNER...Clay Bracken (right) of Plateau Wireless and Chase Gentry (left), executive director of the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce, present Dorothy Bilberry of Clovis, with the Ag Expo stock trailer door prize, sponsored by Plateau Wireless.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environ's") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environ's tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environ's rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environ's customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environ's rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environ's of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environ's rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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JACOB'S TOIL
SINCE JACOB'S FLOCKS HAVE BECOME LARGER THAN LABAN'S, LABAN IS NURSING FEELINGS OF ENVY AND HATRED TOWARDS JACOB NOW....

OH, JACOB! JACOB! HOW LARGE ARE THY FLOCKS!
YES! THE LORD HAS SEEN FIT TO SMILE DOWN UPON THAT WHICH IS MINE!

WHERE GOEST THOU, MY HUSBAND?
I GO TO SPEAK WITH THY FATHER LABAN!
WHERE IS LABAN?
HE IS AT HIS HOUSE, JACOB - BUT HE WILL NOT WANT TO SEE THEE!
HOW NOW?! WHY IS THIS?

LABAN HAS SEEN THAT THY FLOCKS HAVE INCREASED OVER HIS - AND HE LIKES IT NOT.
CAN THIS BE?
JACOB HATH TAKEN AWAY ALL THAT WAS LABAN'S - ALL HIS GLORY!
NOW LABAN'S SONS SPEAK AGAINST ME!

AND THERE IS LABAN AND BEHOLD - HIS COUNTENANCE IS TURNED AWAY FROM ME - IF HE IS ANGERED THUS AGAINST ME, WHAT THEN WILL HE DO TO ME AND MINE?!

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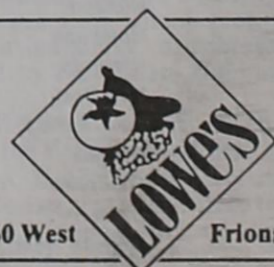


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BRING ON THE PRIZES.....Dorothy Looney, left, and Donalita Hawkins were part of the crowd at the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative meeting in Hereford.



THE FLYING J WRANGLERS entertained the audience at the DSEC annual meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn. The Flying J Ranch is located in Ruidoso, New Mexico.



WELCOME TO BOVINA....Bovina teacher Gladys Spring chats with new Bovina ISD superintendent Michael Downes during a reception last Monday.

Shower Set For T. McClaran

A baby shower honoring Trisha McClaran will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the home of Monica Procter, 500 Avenue D, Bovina. Selections are at Sears, J.C. Penney's and Wal Mart in Clovis. Hostesses will be Linda Dopp, Kathryn Gromowsky, Libby Holman, Kelly McClaran, Monica Procter, Michelle Johnson, Patti Johnson, Sharlet Johnson and Kay Ray.

Bovina Bits
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When you have news items

Local satellite guy Jack Turner married Jean Logsdon Facciolo Monday, March 20 at Navarro Mills, Texas. The couple and about thirty family and friends enjoyed the outdoor event which was surrounded with trees, grapevines and bluebonnets. Jack, Jean and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Vicki, stayed at Liberty Hills Park and fished at the lake for the rest of the week and returned to Bovina on Saturday. Welcome to Bovina Jean and Vicki!

Foster of Midlothian, is in Bovina this week keeping them company.

Amy and Arnold Hromas hosted a family dinner Saturday for her nephew and his wife, Wayne and Carmen Tucker of Titusville, Florida. The Wayne had a business meeting in Dallas so they drove to Bovina see family.

Wayne's sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Eddie Gayle Steelman, along with twenty-six aunts, uncles and cousins attended the celebration for the couple.

Ona Patterson was a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo over the weekend. She experienced what was thought to be several small strokes. Jack took her to Parmer County Community Hospital and then she later was transported to Amarillo.

Ona returned home Tuesday and said she is taking medicine and is feeling much better. The doctors said that she did not have a stroke and are expecting her to continue to improve.

Frances Willard just returned from a week long cruise with her daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Alton McCormick of Amarillo. The McCormicks were celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and took both their mothers on the cruise.

Frances and Alton's mother, Myrtle McCormick of Little Rock, Arkansas, enjoyed tours at ports in Honduras, The Grand Caymans, Belize and Cozamel. Frances, who is a scuba diver, was unable to dive because she had a cold but Terri and Alton were able to.

Blake Rundell married Holly Muennick March 11. He is the son of Kim and Kathy Rundell of Nazareth and Nancy and Tommy Ormon of Denver, Colorado.

His aunt, Twyla Lusk of Farwell, said the wedding was held at a small country church outside of Hondo. A reception and dance were held later. Blake is a spray pilot in Hondo and Holly attends college around that area.

Gary Morgan, the pastor of First Baptist Church, and his family spent time in San Angelo and Austin last week visiting family. Gary's parents, Bobbie and Sammy Morgan and Donna's parents, Linda and Sam James all live there.

The family started the 1000 mile round trip Wednesday evening. They spent time in San Angelo Thursday and on Friday Bro. Gary and his parents went to Austin to see his 93 year old grandmother, Lela Morgan, who is in a rest home. They visited with her for a few hours and then drove back to San Angelo.

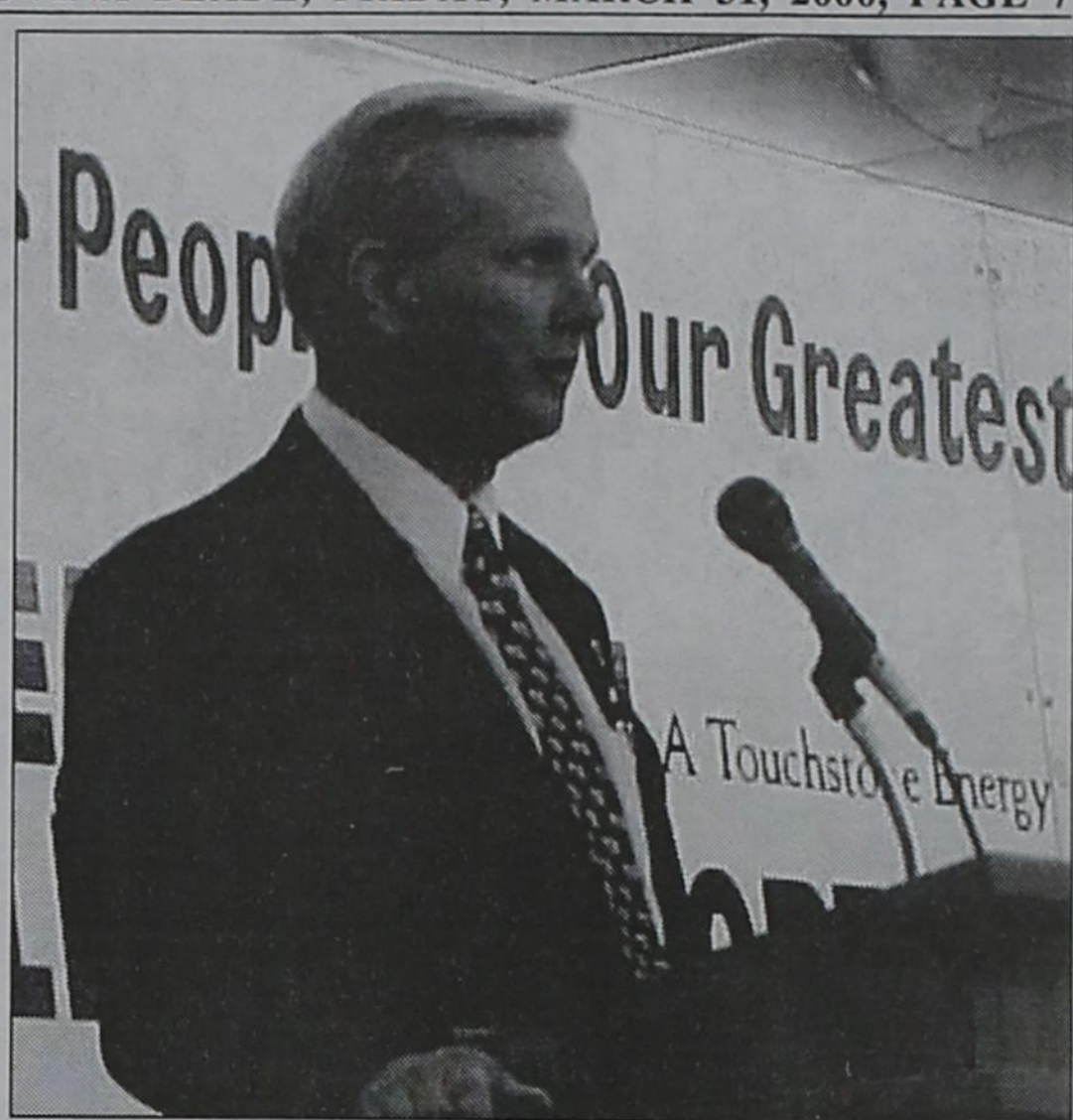
Donna's father, Sam, was in Alaska during their visit. He works for a contractor for the government that is moving a giant radar tower from Texas to Alaska. Bro. Gary said it's about ten to fifteen stories tall and it tracks incoming missiles and other things in outer space.

Bro. Gary, Donna and children, Sarah, Zachary and Jonathan then piled into the car and headed back to Bovina Saturday.

Larry and Judy Hodnett's grandson, Trevor, came to see them for the weekend. He spent the night with his aunt and cousin, Jo Linda and Jacob and then went to church with the family Sunday. His parents are Rebecca and Rusty Smallwood of Farwell.

Don and Juanda Murphy returned from a week long trip to Balingier. They visited with Don's mother, Mattie Murphy and his sister and her husband, Jean and Bill Byers and Juanda's brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Janice Patton.

The couple took their pontoon boat out to Lake Ivy and stayed a few days. Juanda said they had fun but the wind blew everyday. Their daughter, Darlene



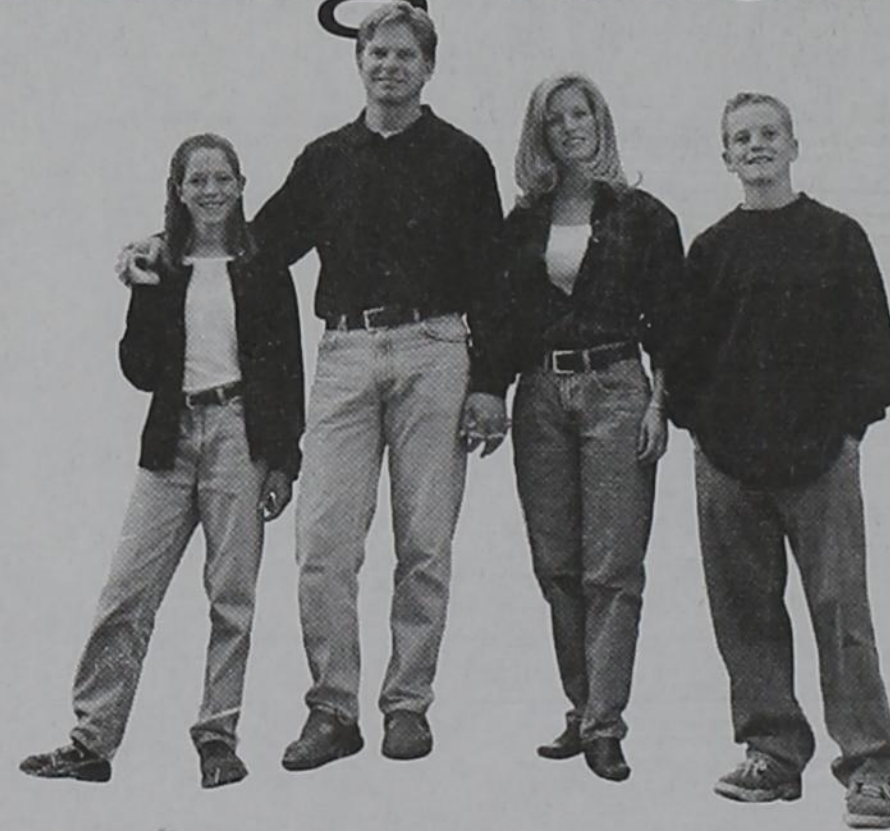
DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC CO-OP president and general manager Steve Louder welcomed 1,562 folks for supper last week at the co-op's annual meeting. DSEC distributed \$750,000 in capital credits to members.



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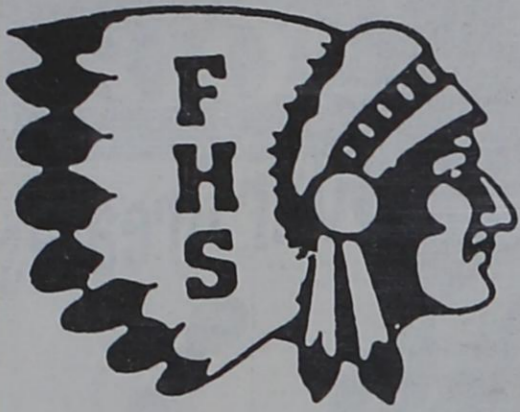
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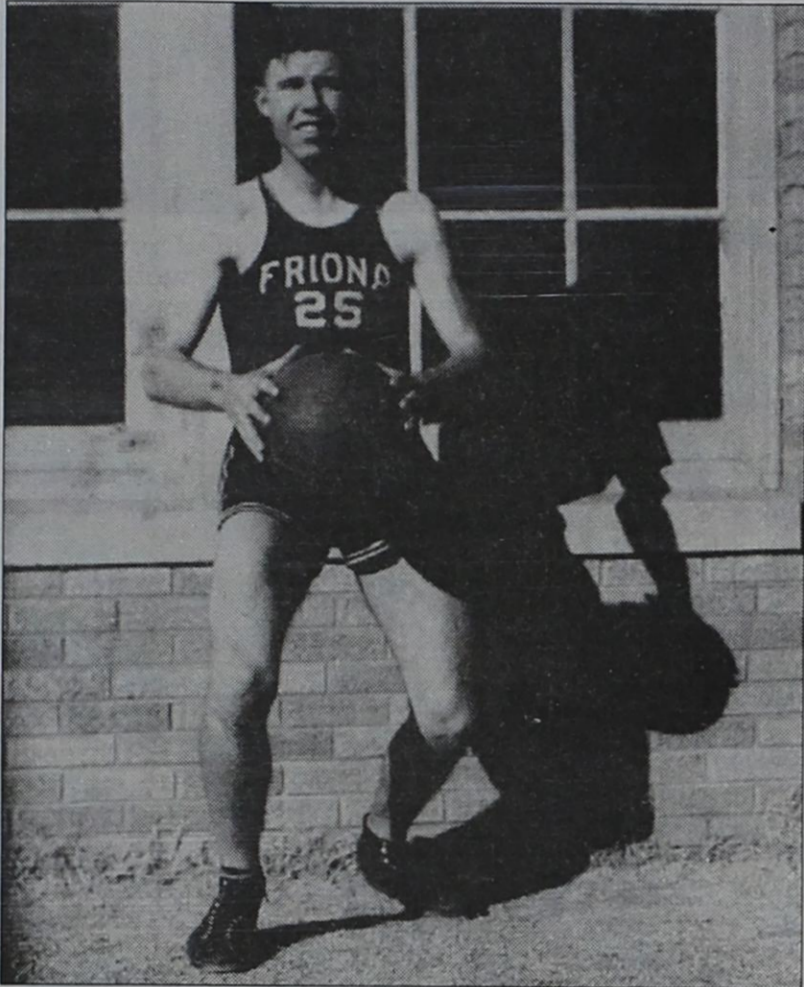
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SALUTING FRIONA'S PRICE BROOKFIELD- ONE OF THE PANHANDLE'S TOP 100 ATHLETES OF THE CENTURY

As Chosen by the Amarillo Globe-News



PRICE BROOKFIELD
His Senior Year at Friona, 1938

*As a Senior At Friona High School (1938) He Scored 540 Of His Team's 1056 Points.

*Led the Chieftains to a 23-6 Season Record in 1938. They beat Hereford twice, Dimmitt twice and Canyon, but lost the "county" title to Lazbuddie, 35-29, which cost Friona going to district.

*Starred for West Texas State, Leading the Buffs To a 28-3 Season Record in 1941-42, When they were one of the Top Teams In the Nation.

*Led the Border Conference in Season Scoring with a one-game high of 43 Points vs Texas Western (now UTEP).

*Was the Border Conference's Most Valuable Player in 1942.

*Chosen All-American by Converse, and Madison Square Garden All-American.

*Spent Three Years in the Navy Air Force.

*Eligible for College Play after the Service, Brookfield paced Iowa State to the Big Six Basketball Title.

*Played Professional basketball several years.

*Inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

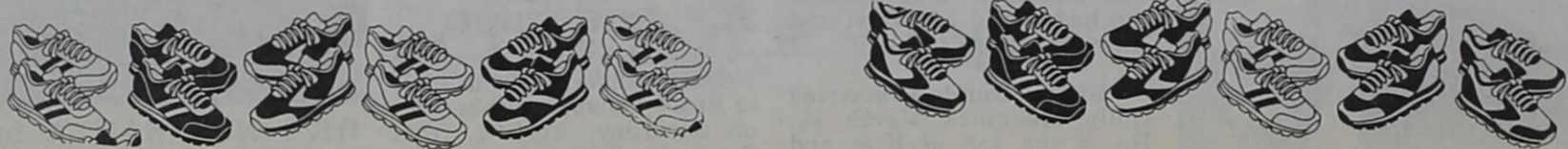
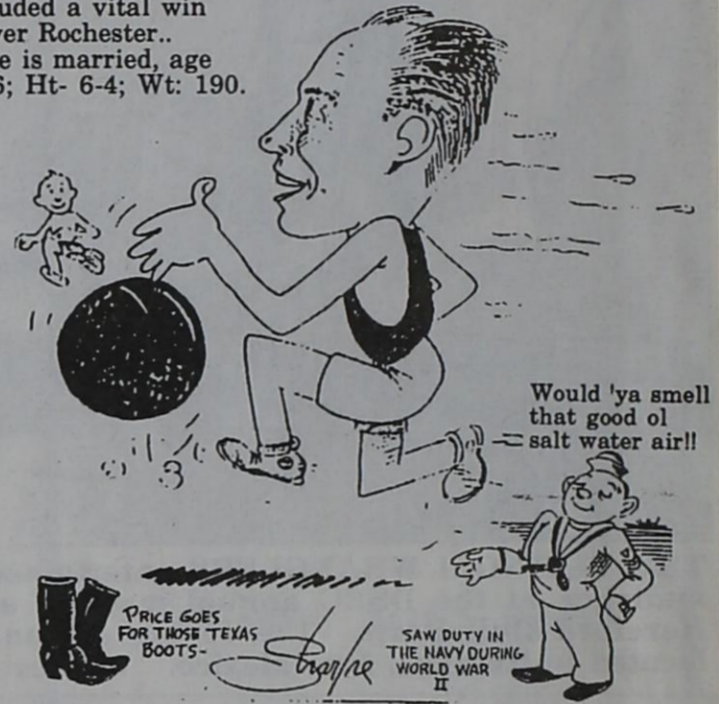
Price Brookfield--

Another Texas boy who made a name for himself while playing basketball at West Texas Teachers College, Price donned a Packer uniform early this season and was largely responsible for the team's success on an early swing through the East, which included a vital win over Rochester. He is married, age 26; Ht- 6-4; Wt: 190.

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Stanley Massey	50
Laverne Frost	35
Gilbert Baker	32

Total Team Pts, Vs Opp: 1067-594
Other Team Members: Vernon Weis, Ted Houlette, Jack Williams, J.T. Green. Coach: Jack Davis.

Price Brookfield Biographical Notes

*Career highlights: A college All-American at both West Texas State College and Iowa State University. Brookfield juggled his basketball career around Navy service during World War II.

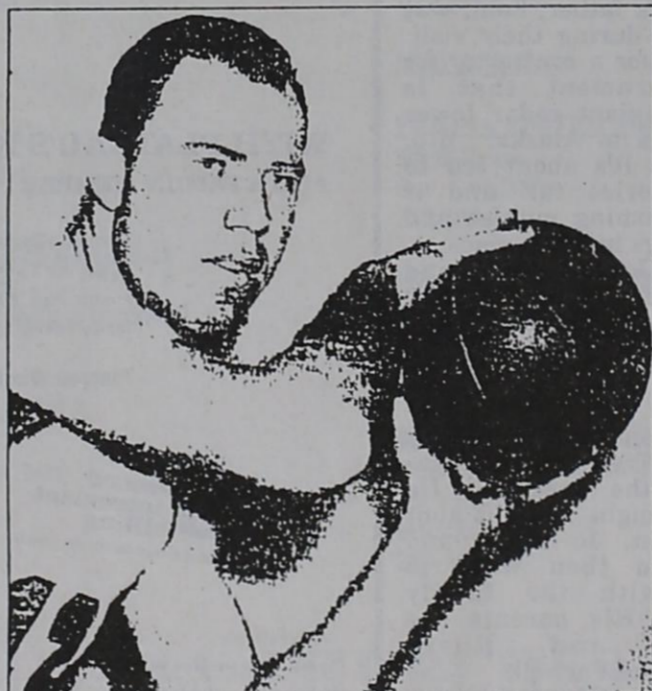
*He helped the Chicago American Gears win third place in the 1945 and 1946 World Tournaments, as well as the NBL Tournament championship in 1947. Also played pro ball for the Eber Seagrams, Anderson (Indiana) Packers and the Rochester Royals.

*Still has his name on seven W.T. records. Is currently WT's third-leading scorer all-time with 1,406 points, despite playing in an era of low scoring.

*The late Putt Powell: "I never saw a player who just demoralized the opposing team. He would connect with eight or nine shots in a row nearly every game."



PRICE BROOKFIELD is shown with his wife, the former Mary Lou Ellis.



The caption on this 1943 newspaper photo reads, "His Forte: Basket Bombing." It announced Price Brookfield's appearance with the Eber pro team against the Chicago Studebakers.



BROOKFIELD HONORED....Price Brookfield, standing at right, is being honored this weekend as one of the top Panhandle's 100 Athletes of the Century at Amarillo. Shown with his siblings, Edith Fleming, left, of California, the late Mary Richards of Bovina and his late brother, Floyd Brookfield of Friona, whose wife Lauretta still lives here. Janice Richards of Bovina and Leon Richards of Hereford are niece and nephew of the honoree.