

MY TURN



By
Carol Ellis

WE'RE GETTING TO BE real uptown folks around here. We have two full-time doctors, a Physicians Assistant, and two dentists. We have top of the line EMS equipment and personnel. And now we have a nifty new helicopter pad with medical air service from both Lubbock and Amarillo.

Perhaps there will be a time in the future when our hospital will again be delivering babies and performing surgery locally. It seems a shame to send people elsewhere when we have such nice facilities here.

No one ever really wants to go into the hospital, but it is great to have it here when we need it. Some of us may have to check into the hospital for heat stroke very soon if they don't get that 161 degrees changed on cablevision's channel six temperature reading. We've had 161 degrees for the high AND low temperature around here for the last two weeks.

I had to avail myself of the local medical hospitality about a year ago, so I have some first hand experience to pass along to any of you who may be facing a hospital stay.

The first thing they do is invite you to get into one of those ugly gowns that opens down the back. You should always ask very sweetly if they'll leave you a spare gown just in case you should happen to spill your lovely lunch upon it. Then as soon as the nurse is out of the room, put the second gown on backwards over the first one. That way your backside won't be exposed to the immediate world.

Upon entering the hospital, you are no longer in charge of your own body so you might as well accept it. You will be thought of as a human pin cushion. Sharp instruments of all types will be stuck into your personage. To avoid some of the pain, you should try to develop a tough leather-like skin ahead of time.

One good thing about your hospital stay is that you won't have to try to remember if you took your pills or not. Someone else will remember it for you.

When your visitors start telling you how good you look, it's time to start worrying. You can save yourself a lot of anguish by just not looking in the mirror.

Hospital personnel are always overly interested in your bathroom abilities. This lends itself to all sorts of possibilities for a chuckle or two, such as lemonade in the specimen cup. Let your imagination have free reign and you can come up with some good ones.

Nurses are never too busy to come into your room, drag you out of bed and make you take a walk down the hospital corridor when that is about the last thing you really want to do. The solution to this problem is to bribe the janitor into putting the "wet floor" sign just outside the door of your room. When they finally catch on to your trick, you can then bore your nurse to death by relating all the gory details of your last three operations. If you haven't had any operations, make up some. Your jaunts down the corridor will become much shorter.

Before you leave home to go to the hospital, hunt up one of your children's old gruesome Halloween masks and pack it in the bottom of your suitcase. Wait until the night shift has settled in and the lights are low. Then when someone tiptoes in to take your vital signs, let 'em have it. The janitor will be back with that "wet floor" sign before you know it.

When you get tired of eating chicken broth and those little squares of jello, remember... the pizza place delivers.

Lately we've been worrying about what President Billary is going to foist upon the country in the form of a national health care program. Russian comic Yakov Smirnoff says they'll probably design it after the Russian health program. "It is free for everybody. But you get what you pay for."

New Ambulance Is Ready For Use

Larry Mitchell, paramedic and director of the City of Bovina's EMS Department wishes to express his deepest appreciation to the Bovina City Council, along with the rest of the community, for approving the purchase of Bovina's new ambulance.

The new ambulance is a 1992 Ford diesel that the city purchased from Road Rescue, Inc. of Dallas for \$61,750.00. Mitchell stated that the ambulance was a demo and would have cost approximately \$75,000.00 brand new.

The new ambulance was equipped with new radios, and Larry stated that the vehicle has a great deal more storage and space than the old ambulance.

Financing for the new ambulance will come from the county, the Hospital District, and the city--along with the revenues

generated from service. Mitchell again wanted to thank the Women's Study Club for raising the money necessary for the down payment.

Mitchell is the manager of Terra, Inc. He stated that the entire crew is made up of volunteers. Those on the ambulance crew include Mike Beauchamp, Penny Dutton, Bill Gist, Honey Sue Gist,

Suzan Hughes, Michelle Johnson, Johnny Martinez, Sharlet McCormick, Donna Mitchell, Kory Mitchell, Larry Mitchell (paramedic and director), Mike Prather, Christi Riddle, Billy Smith, Don Spring (paramedic), Laverne Thatcher, Steve Venable, Belinda Ware and Donna Ware.

The above listed volunteers are divided into three separate crews that stay on-call 24 hours a day one week at a time.



NEW SET OF WHEELS.... Larry Mitchell, paramedic and director of Bovina's EMS Department, stands proudly next to Bovina's most recently purchased ambulance. The new smooth riding vehicle adds space and storage to better equip Bovina's volunteers.

Bovina School District Welcomes New Employees

Tommy Cathey, Superintendent of Bovina I.S.D., welcomes the new 1993-1994 school year with three newly appointed principals and ten newcoming teachers to his educational staff.

Sue Nuttall was named the new High School Principal. She has worked for the school system since 1980. Having taught fourth grade for nine years, she is being promoted to the secondary office from the Elementary School Principal position that she held for five years.

Brenda Wilson was named the new Junior High Principal. She is starting her seventeenth year with Bovina I.S.D. She is being promoted from teaching Junior High Gifted and Talented.

Darla Sealey was named the new Elementary School Principal. She has been teaching at Bovina for five years as a fifth grade teacher and recently received her masters from ENMU.

Others joining the Bovina Schools team include Carmen Blanton, previously from Fort

Morgan, Colorado. She recently received her masters in counseling from ENMU and will be joining the staff as Bovina's new counselor.

Mark McAlister of Melrose, New Mexico, joins Bovina High School as the new Ag teacher. He received his BA from ENMU in 1992.

Peggye Arnold of Clovis will be in charge of Junior High Reading. She received her BA from ENMU in December 1992.

James and Denise Russell join the Bovina family from Freeport, Texas. Mr. Russell will be the new football coach and Mrs. Russell will be teaching first grade. Donald Syamken of Cotulla, Texas, will be Bovina's new basketball coach.

Other newcomers include Joanne Fox (kindergarten), Marci Butler (kindergarten), Ron Dyer (fifth), and William Shelley (band director). Each have recently graduated from ENMU. The Bovina Blade welcomes our newcomers to the local school staff and look forward to the 1993-1994 school year.

Parmer County Shows Good Sales Tax Receipts Increase

Parmer County's three municipalities received checks this month from state comptroller John Sharp, and all three noted increases from the comparable period in 1992. The overall gain for the period was 13.07 per cent.

Bovina showed the biggest gain. The City of Bovina received a check for \$3,513.24. This was a tidy increase of 35.69 per cent over the \$2,589.03 that the city received at the same time a year ago.

For the calendar year, Bovina has now received \$17,775.55, which is

up 9.44 per cent increase over the yearly total of \$16,241.22 the city had received at the same point in time in 1992.

The City of Friona's check amounted to \$11,731.08. This was a 1.16 per cent increase over the total of \$11,596.47 the city received for the same month of 1992. Friona has now received \$75,196.98 for the year, and is lagging by 3.54 per cent for the calendar year. At this point in 1992, Friona had received \$77,958.20.

Farwell's August check was for \$5,235.70, up by 33.37 per cent from its 1992 amount. For the calendar year, Farwell has received \$32,861.78, and this is up by 15.43 per cent.

Farwell now receives 1.5% in sales tax, compared to an even one cent for both Bovina and Friona.

Parmer County's three cities have received payments from the state comptroller for a total of \$125,834.31 to this point for the calendar year. This is up by 2.58 per cent over the same time in 1992, when the cities had received a total of \$122,666.59.

The August increase indicates a continued growth in the state's economy, Sharp stated.

"Employment in Texas has continued to rise from last year. The service sector led all other industries by adding more than 59,000 jobs over last year. As the national economy recovers, increased consumer spending has caused sales tax rebates to increase."

Mustangs Scrimmage Saturday

Bovina High School's Mustangs will have their first scrimmage of the season at Texico, N.M. at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 21.

The second scrimmage will be at Clovis the following Thursday, August 26 against the Clovis sophomores, also at 6 p.m.

James Russell is the new coach of the Mustangs, and he says he is excited about the prospects of having a good season.

Workouts started for the Mustangs on August 6. There are 12 returning players for the team from 1992.

enough to fund the many grant requests made each year by local governments in the Panhandle, so the process has become very competitive.

Successful applicants are determined by a point system set up by a two-tiered scoring procedure. Half of the score is determined by a committee of government-appointed, locally elected officials known as the Regional Review Committee. The other half is determined by TDHCA staff.

All of the factors used in the scoring process are based on a predetermined set of criteria, and the applicants vying for the funds will have been made aware of which factors will be used in advance of the preparation of their applications.

To the extent possible, the applicants will take advantage of every scoring opportunity possible in order to improve their chances of being selected as one of the fortunate few which will receive the grant funding.

One of the primary objectives of this program is to improve public facilities to meet basic human needs, principally for persons of low and moderate income. To that end, the city must show that at least 51 per cent of the persons which benefit from the proposed project will be persons whose income is 80 per cent or less of the median income in Parmer County.

Since the sewer project will benefit the entire Bovina community, that threshold percentage of 51 per cent must be determined for the whole community in order to meet eligibility requirements.

The analysis of census data for the City of Bovina shows the

low/mod income percentage as 54.70, so the city is eligible to apply; however, in order to receive the highest possible score and the best chance of getting funded, the city needs to take an additional step.

Though the census-based method is a valid means of deriving this income percentage, it tends to over-estimate the actual numbers. So TDHCA allows for applicant communities to conduct their own surveys to determine this percentage.

This method is more involved but is much more accurate. This method involves a brief survey, taken door-to-door, of all the households in Bovina. The survey includes nine questions and takes about two to three minutes to complete.

If the city can show that the beneficiaries of the project would be over 60 per cent low to moderate income, then the application will automatically receive 40 additional points.

Given the pressing situation involved with the sewer treatment plant, the City of Bovina has decided to apply for TCDP funding this year. The city will conduct this city-wide survey. City staff will survey from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 1993. Since this is such a large task, the city will welcome volunteers to assist them in this area.

The city would appreciate the full participation and cooperation of all the households in Bovina as they endeavor to provide better facilities and conditions for their citizens.

Any individual or group wishing to help with this survey should contact Doris Strawn, city secretary, at City Hall, phone 238-1116.



NEW SERGEANT AT ARMS AT B.H.S.... Sue Nuttall, new high school principal, and Celia Quintana, discuss preparations for school to begin during one of Bovina Schools' pre-season teacher in service days.



SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS.... Tommy Cathey, superintendent of Bovina I.S.D., and Darlene Miller, secretary, gear up for the new 1993-1994 school year. Mr. Cathey expects student enrollment to grow to approximately 570, but the official count won't be made until after school starts August 19th.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 13, 1958

Bud Crump was admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona, Sunday evening. Friends report that he is suffering with a complication of a cold. He is expected to remain in the hospital several days.

Mrs. Ovid Lawlis was in charge of the Royal Service Program last Wednesday evening when members of both circles of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Bovina First Baptist Church met in the church annex.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ray Hutto, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sorley and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kimbrough and daughter, spent the weekend at Conchas Dam in New Mexico, fishing and water skiing.

30 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 14, 1963

Masonic Lodge Hall was the scene of a salad luncheon and work day for members of Rainbow Assembly Monday.

Open house will be observed Sunday afternoon at a new home constructed by Fleming and Son of Friona at the intersection of Highway 86 and Ninth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Horn and son and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sides and family are vacationing in Corpus Christi.

25 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 14, 1968

Wedding vows will be exchanged Saturday, August 17, at 7 p.m. in First Baptist Church of Bovina by Miss Tonya V. Ivy and Dale Gober.

There will be a class reunion for the 1962 class of Bovina High School, Friday, August 16, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of First State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris recently returned home from a two week's visit with their children in Fort Worth, Dennison and Oklahoma City. They also visited his mother in Caddo, Oklahoma.

St. Ann's Society will sponsor a bake sale Friday beginning at 2 p.m. at Dilger's Cleaners.

20 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 15, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradford of Bovina announce the birth of a daughter on Saturday, August 4, at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

Alan and Galen Carson, sons of Marion and Dixie Carson of 902 Ninth Street in Bovina, kept the

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Carson reputation for adventure alive this summer with a trip on the Mississippi River.

15 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 16, 1978

The sounds of whistles, yelling, groans and enthusiasm filled the air Monday as the Bovina Mustangs opened their 1978 football workouts.

10 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 24, 1983

Kevin Hughes was involved in a one-vehicle accident and suffered cuts and bruises. He fell asleep at the wheel. He was taken to Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Bovina Fuel and Supply, Inc. opened its doors for business this week and new owners are Gaylon Rhodes and Don Murphy.

A good number of runners took part in the Bull Run during the Bull Town Days events.

Bud, son of Radford and Kay Venable, entered the Deaf Smith County Hospital for surgery and his condition is good.

5 Yrs. Ago--Aug. 24, 1988

Bandy's Restaurant has recently opened their doors for business on Highway 60. The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for them this week.

The Bovina Mustangs continue to learn the basics of six-man football, as the time for the season opening game approaches.

The Lloyd Gobers had a close call as they were returning home from taking their son to the airport in Lubbock. Frances suffered a heart attack and was transported by helicopter to the Lubbock hospital. They feel very lucky as she was treated for ten days and released.



BRANDON CALDWELL, son of Bruce Caldwell of Lubbock and Darlene Foster of Midlothian, Texas, has recently joined the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Caldwell attended school nine years in Bovina and went to high school in Lubbock. His grandparents are Bedford and Pauline Caldwell of Lubbock and Don and Juanda Murphy of Bovina.



ON VACATION...George, Jr. and Angel Villarreal are pictured while having an enjoyable vacation with their parents, George and Nickie Villarreal. The family was away from home a week. They went to Disneyland and Universal Studios and visited with family members on the way to California and back through New Mexico.

1993 Bovina Mustangs Football Schedule

Varsity				
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	
Aug. 21	Texico (scrimmage)	There	6:00	
Aug. 26	Clovis (soph. scrim.)	There	6:00	
Sept. 3	Vega	Here	8:00	
Sept. 10	Lorenzo	There	8:00	
Sept. 17	Springlake-Earth	There	8:00	
Sept. 24	OPEN			
Oct. 1	Lubbock Christian	Here	8:00	
Oct. 8	*Nazareth	There	7:30	
Oct. 15	*Hart	There	7:30	
Oct. 22	*Farwell	Here	7:30**	
Oct. 29	*Kress	There	7:30	
Nov. 5	*Sudan	Here	7:30***	

*District **Homecoming *Parent's Night

Jr. High & Jr. Varsity

Date	Junior High Opponent	Jr. Varsity Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2		Vega	There	6:00
Sept. 9		Kress	There	6:30
Sept. 16	Springlake-Earth	Springlake-Earth	Here	5:00
Sept. 23	Lazbuddie		Here	5:00
Sept. 30	LCJH	LCHS	There	5:00
Oct. 7	Nazareth		Here	5:00
Oct. 14	Hart	Hart	Here	5:00
Oct. 21	Farwell		There	5:00
Oct. 28	Kress	Kress	Here	5:00
Nov. 4	Sudan	Sudan	There	5:00

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Villarreal Report On California Vacation

George and Nickie Villarreal and their children, George, who is eleven, and Angel, who is ten, returned home August 7 from a fun trip to Disneyland in California. The family left early on August 2 and drove to Lancaster, California, where they spent their first night.

They then drove to Universal Studios and spent some time there. George said that one of the most interesting parts of their trip, was at Universal Studios. They were able to see how "Back to the Future" and "Back Draft" movies were filmed. They also viewed several plays.

As they traveled on to Long Beach, they saw sights along the way and spent time there visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Zamozo. Gabriel is Nickie's cousin. George Jr. was entertained by his cousin there as they toured some interesting sights in the area.

The Zamozos live only about four blocks from where the Rodney

King riot took place. They also were near the Queen Mary ship and took the sights in there. They toured sights along Long Beach and saw some of the rap singers. Dr. Drex was among several they saw.

They left Thursday morning for Disneyland and spent the day there. They came by Barstow and Needles on their way home and George said at 9 p.m. that evening it was one hundred and twelve degrees.

They traveled back by Albuquerque and spent the night there with Nickie's aunt and uncle and went to the Rio Grande Zoo.

George said the family had a perfect week's vacation with no problems and the weather was nice. He said it was very expensive but worth it. He said while at University Studios they ordered four hamburgers, fries, Cokes and barbecued beans and it cost \$38. They returned home on August 7.

Looking Up!

By Richard L. Grisham

I heard on the news that "Dr. Death," otherwise known as Jack Kevorkian, has struck again, aiding another victim to commit suicide with his "death machine."

This menace to society has now been responsible for about 16 or 17 people who he has helped to kill. And all of these victims' lives have been terminated in the name of "death with dignity." Euthanasia, also known as "mercy killing," has once again been brought into the public spotlight.

In our society, life has become too cheap! Thanks to the ease of abortion and the daily murder of hundreds in crime-ridden America, it is no wonder that euthanasia is now accepted by many to be a viable alternative to those whose "quality of life" is no longer considered up to par.

But both abortion and euthanasia come out of the pagan backgrounds of history that allowed the angry gods of mythology. Today these two threats to life are touted by the secular humanistic view that man is the center of his own destiny and there is no life after death.

The humanistic, pragmatic view that life must measure up to some man-made standard or quality in order to be worthy of existence is both godless and sinful.

Although our president, Bill Clinton, claims to be Baptist, as do I, I thought Pope John Paul II put our president to shame in Denver by standing up and speaking out for the right and sacredness of human life. Bully for the Pope!

If death did indeed "end it all," perhaps "mercy killing" and suicide would be an acceptable alternative to great sickness, horrible suffering and terrible problems. But according to the Bible, God's Word, death is not the end.

The Scriptures also teach that a human being is, unlike an animal who is euthanized to be put out of its misery, created in the image of God. Man has a soul and spirit to consider.

Jesus spoke of both a heaven or a hell that will be the destiny of those who die! Read the story of the rich man and Lazarus starting in Luke 16:19. In the life after death, the tables were turned on these two men. Suddenly it was the rich man who was tormented and begging, not Lazarus, who found comfort and peace in heaven!

There is no "death with dignity" for those without Christ! Playing God, like Jack Kevorkian, is taking on an awesome, holy responsibility. Only God has the

foreknowledge, wisdom and omniscience to be the competent keeper of life and death. Jesus states in Revelation 1:18, "I hold the keys of death and hades." David, the psalmist, reminds us that our times are in God's hands (Psalms 31:15).

Some of the most important decisions in life are made in its waning years or hours, even amid the plight of great suffering. How about the thief on the cross next to Jesus, who in his dying moments cried out for the Lord to remember him? Jesus answered, "Today you shall be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

This man, and multitudes of people since him, have made their peace with God upon their deathbed. What if those last few hours of life had been taken away? They would have not only lost a few hours of physical life, but also eternal life to come.

I do not believe that anyone should wait until the last moment of life to settle things with God. But I do believe that death with dignity involves much more than how much one suffers or how long one lingers on the verge of death.

As a pastor, I have sat beside the bed of several folks with a terminal illness. Often their suffering has been great. But so also has their victory, as they have prayed and placed their lives and destinies in the hands of a loving Lord in whom they had total trust!

Many, in spite of the physical agonies they have endured, have found great peace of heart and mind in these waning days of their life. Some have even died with smiles on their faces, knowing as they took their last breath that they were entering into the very presence of God.

I remember as a young man, watching my Grandma Goar for two weeks, as she lay on her death-bed after a stroke. She struggled greatly in those last days, but I always sensed that she felt and knew the presence of the Lord.

She had shared previously about her own grandmother who died shouting, "Can't you see them? Can't you see them?" as the angels came to her bedside to take her home. I have no doubt that Grandma Goar must have seen those same angels as she died with a wisp of a smile on her lips.

Now that's what I call true "death with dignity!" As the Apostle Paul so eloquently wrote, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worthy to compare with the glory that will be revealed" (Romans 8:18). Keep looking up!

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Questions & Answers On Agriculture Issues

By Dr. Richard Bohling
Dear Dr. Bohling, can you please outline a method for making pre-harvest yield estimates for corn, and if so, how accurate is it?

The method I prefer and consider most accurate involves making an estimate of the average number of ears per acre, kernel rows per ear and kernels per row. Start by selecting several sites in a field and measure off 1/1000 of an acre. For 30-inch rows, that distance would be 17 feet, 5 inches. Within that 1/1000 of an acre, count the number of ears. Generally, that's equal to the number of plants per acre.

Once you have that number, select every fifth ear to determine the average number of kernel rows per ear and kernels per row. Then, multiply the number of ears times the average number of kernel rows times the average number of kernels per row. That gives you an estimate of kernels per 1/1000 acre. Divide this number by 90 (this number represents the average number of kernels per 1/1000 acre to equal 1 bushel).

For example, if you find 25 ears with an average of 16 rows and 40 kernels per row, estimated yield equals 178 bushels per acre (25x16x40 divided by 90=178). As for accuracy, it's important to obtain representative ear samples. You'll probably be within plus or minus 20 bushels at harvest. The determining factor is kernel weight, which varies with weather conditions and hybrids. Using this yield-estimate method, you'll tend to over-estimate yields in a poor growing season and under-estimate yields during a good growing season.

Dear Mr. Bohling, how can I estimate my maturity date and yield potential during a year of late planting?

Because the number of days from silking to physiological maturity is fairly constant (60 days plus or minus five), you can estimate maturity date once silking date is known. Record the date when you reach 75 per cent silking. You'll need to start looking for silks soon after you see tassels. Under normal conditions, you'll see

an additional 20 to 25 per cent of the plants silking each day after you see the first silks appear. Once you have the 75 per cent silking date, add 60 days plus or minus five (add fewer days for early maturing hybrids and more days for fuller season hybrids) and that will give you the estimated date of physiological maturity.

If you compare that date with the average frost date for your area, you'll know the risk your crop may encounter this fall. As for your yield prospects, they vary from year to year. A rule of thumb is, if your silking date is two weeks later than normal, you can expect a 25 per cent yield reduction; if three weeks late, a 40 per cent reduction. Corn will likely yield less with late silking regardless of whether you escape frost damage. In addition, the crop will have a higher moisture content. Unfortunately, these problems are compounded if you do experience an early frost.

Dear Mr. Bohling, with all the warm weather, do you see any value in using a soybean fungicide?

There are about six major fungi that can reduce soybean yields when you have warm, humid weather. They are: Septoria brown spot, Cercospora leaf blight, purple seed stain, anthracnose, pod and stem blight and stem canker. The most critical time is from pod fill to maturity. If these diseases are prevalent, foliar fungicide sprays can increase yields by 10 to 15 per cent. The sprays also can help increase seed quality and reduce the potential for diseases the following year if you should have to plant beans on beans. Most likely, the main reason producers are asking these questions now is because soybean prices have gone up. There's a check list available that you can use to determine the economic threshold for treatment. Check with your local university or county extension agent or agricultural dealer.

Dear Mr. Bohling, why do the thresholds for corn and rootworm beetles differ between first-year corn and continuous corn, and how does plant population affect threshold levels?

The threshold level for corn rootworm beetles in first-year corn is lower than that for continuous corn because you generally find more females in first-year corn. Therefore, there's a greater threat for more eggs in first-year corn and for increased root damage from larvae the following year. For example, the threshold level in a corn field that has 20,000 plants per acre is .7 beetles per plant in first-year corn and 1 beetle per plant in continuous corn.

Plant population affects threshold as it relates to the number of beetles per acre. Basically, in continuous corn, the threshold is approximately 20,000 beetles per acre. Therefore, when you have 20,000 plants per acre, the threshold is 1 beetle per plant. At 28,000 plants per acre, it's .7

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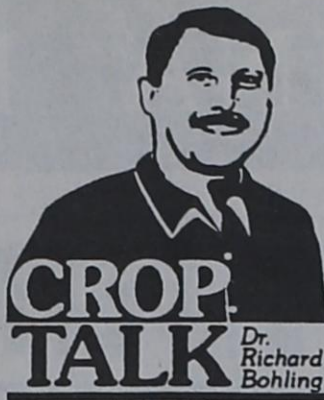
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beetles per plant (20,000 beetles per acre divided by 28,000 plants per acre=.7 beetles per plant). In first-year corn, the threshold is 14,000 beetles per acre. Therefore, if your population is 28,000 plants per acre, your threshold level is .5 beetles per plant (14,000 beetles per acre divided by 28,000 plants per acre=.5 beetles per plant).

If you have questions for Dr. Bohling, write to him at: Crop Talk, P.O. Box. 20421, Kansas City, Missouri, 64195, or call 316/764-3739.

Miller Reunion Is Held On Homestead

The family of Ira and Grace Miller celebrated another family reunion August 6, 7 and 8 at the Miller homestead and home place of John Claude Miller, located thirteen miles southeast of Friona.

The Millers raised nine children and the only two surviving are Maesie Flynn of Bovina and Grace Parr of Friona.

Three generations have lived on this homestead and besides Ira and Grace, one son, Claude, lived with his family on it and now his son, John C., who is Maesie's and Grace's nephew, is living there.

On Friday evening, August 6, registration and visitation began along with country singing that evening.

Saturday morning, the get-together got underway with a cowboy breakfast which began at 7:30 a.m. and at 9 a.m., the pee wee track meet was held. From 10

a.m. until 10:30, a silly style show was enjoyed.

At noon on Saturday, the family gathered for a family picnic and from 1 until 2 p.m., the family took a tour of the Miller farm and watched home movies of their late parents.

At 3 p.m., the family drove to Palo Duro Canyon where they rode the Sad Monkey Train and that evening, attended the production of "Texas."

On Sunday morning, the family began breakfast at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m., had the family worship time together followed by lunch. After lunch, they again enjoyed watching home movies.

There were 64 people in attendance and they came from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Carolina, New Mexico, Kansas and Missouri.

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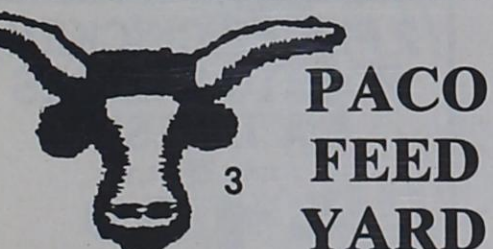
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COTTON IS HIGH....The cotton crop in the area is looking exceptional for the most part. Shown is a typical field in the area, well-loaded and progressing nicely. If we get any kind of cooperation from the weather from here on, our crop prospects appear to be good.

Temperatures

Date	Hi-Low	Monday, August 16	92-63
Friday, August 13	89-61	Tuesday, August 17	90-64
Saturday, August 14	90-64	Wednesday, August 18	90-65
Sunday, August 15	89-66	Thursday, August 19	90-64

Don't Cuss A Farmer With Your Mouth Full

By MIKE BARNETT
 It's not nice to cuss a farmer with your mouth full.

The sooner American consumers learn that lesson, the better off they, and the farmers that put food on their table, will be, according to one who makes his living from the land.

After all, this opinionated South Texas farmer says, the general public gives very little thought to where their food comes from. "Everybody takes their food for granted," he relates. "The people that are killing us are in the cities...the people who's children think milk comes from a carton."

Q.M. Priday would like to see a change in the public's attitude toward a beleaguered agricultural industry. This fourth generation cotton and grain farmer seeks not sympathy, but understanding and support for his profession. Public mistrust of agriculture has been bred, he maintains, by a national media that would rather deal in controversy than in fairness. Misinformation, he says, is being presented to young children through public schools. And mismanagement of government resources, he feels, has resulted in a bureaucracy out of control.

He says his beloved profession is suffering unfair attacks from all sides. The farmer gets blamed for everything from poisoning the food supply to destroying the ozone layer, he says. And according to Priday, these outside influences are putting the family farm in jeopardy. Environmentalists, the media and Congress increasingly determine how farmers can farm, this San Patricio County farmer maintains.

What's missing from the equation is common sense. And unless common sense is restored, he says, the family farm is likely to become a thing of the past.

Priday would like to set the record straight.

For example, one thing the consuming public doesn't understand is that farmers are not out to poison the food supply or the environment, he says. And consumers are justifiably concerned, he adds, because of sensationalism and misrepresentation by the national media.

Farmers will not pursue profit by misusing pesticides to control crop diseases and insects, he stresses. Their families, after all, are involved in the operations.

"My contention has always been, that my wife goes out there and runs cotton module builders in the summer. My boy's running tractors, my oldest son, runs the spray rig. Do people think we're so stupid that we're out there using methyl parathion for deodorant?" he asks.

Then again, there's a basic misunderstanding about pesticide use.

"It's funny," Priday says. "The same people that don't want you to use a pesticide on a crop will run around the house after one fly with

a can of Raid, and spray it all over."

But the misunderstandings don't stop with food safety. Another perception is that farmers are feeding at the public trough, siphoning billions of taxpayer dollars to support a lavish lifestyle.

"Everybody thinks that the \$58, \$60 billion expense or allocation for the USDA comes to me and my colleagues to buy a new Cadillac, when in fact the biggest percentage goes to food stamps, commodity programs for schools, and for university and various experiment station research," Priday says. "In reality though, as I told somebody not long ago, it's heck when your ambition is to have a good enough year to break even."

Priday reminds consumers that farming is not like a store. First, if a farmer loses a crop due to excessive wet weather or from drought, he can't just turn around and reorder. "Twelve months go by before we can recycle," he says. "We can't go back and reload and go back next month or next week like a store, who can call a warehouse and get a truckload of merchandise."

Second, farmers are price takers--they can't raise their price when expenses increase. "So we absorb the cost," he says.

Many of those costs, he charges, are being unnecessarily added by an out-of-control federal bureaucracy. Priday hints that government bureaucrats have two purposes. "They have no real interest in anything but perpetuating their bureaucracy and advancing their own career," he says.

This results in excessive government regulation, he says, which is "occupying us with administrative activities totally useless and not productive and wasting vast amounts of money. It is just ridiculous as we are trying desperately to continue surviving in an agricultural venture that is challenged on every side by inane and useless regulations."

Even with the dealings of zealous government regulation, food safety concerns and uncertain income, the American public enjoys bargain basement prices for the highest quality food.

"We've got the cheapest food in the world...and nobody knows that," Priday says. "Not many people give it much thought that we pay less of our earned income for food than any other country, probably on earth."

He doesn't think it will take a food crisis to reshape the public's attitude toward their food supply. He hopes consumer's stomachs will eventually lead them back to the land.

"People care about farming. They just don't understand about farming," he admits. "We simply want people to understand we're a fairly critical cog in the national well being."



25TH ANNIVERSARY....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corn of Farwell will be honored with a reception in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 29 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Farwell. Entertainment will be provided by the couple's children. Hosting the event will be their children, Clay, Christi, Charla and Clint Corn of Farwell. Corn and the former Gwen Christian were married August 25, 1968 in Oklahoma Lane. No invitations will be mailed locally. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL MCINTOSH



I want to mention and congratulate everyone around Prairie Acres who have a birthday in August: Hattie Turner, August 1, 1902; Roberta Walker, August 6, 1910; J.T. Gee, August 10, 1906; George Jones, August 12, 1911; Ben Israel, August 14, 1946; and Marvin Childers, August 15, 1912. Employees are: Beth Shelton, Sandie Samarron, Lupe Pena, Velma Escalante and Keith Harp.

We have some new things going on in our activity department. During morning newspaper reading, we have started having a "Speaker of the Day." Blanche Boyle was the first "Speaker," and she shared with us how she enjoys living at Prairie Acres. I'm sure she would love to share this with you, so next time you're here, you might ask her about it.

Another thing we are doing is that we have started a new volunteer program. If you would be interested in sharing your time or if you would just like to donate to a good cause, please contact Debbie Sweatt, Phil Alexander or Dawn Widner.

Thank-You's this week go to: Martha Mars for bringing cake and

punch to the staff; St. Teresa's Catholic Church for having our monthly birthday party; and also that special group of ladies from the Bovina Methodist Church who donated their time and kindness all those years and have now donated some of their hair brushes, combs, picks, etc.

We also want to thank and welcome a new group of ladies from St. Teresa's Catholic Church for volunteering their time to do hair care once a month for us.

Camille Laceywell was voted as "Resident of the Month" and Elva Trevino is the "Employee of the Month." Congratulations!

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Meason Family Met Recently In Logan, N.M.

The Meason family reunion was held this past weekend in Logan, New Mexico with 65 members of the family present.

Pete and Margaret Meason of Bovina went to Logan for the reunion and Pete's seven brothers and sisters were there. They are: Stan and Kitty Miller of Mangum, Oklahoma; Laverne Martin of Stockton, California; James and Lee Meason of Muleshoe; Charles and Jo Meason of Lubbock; Marda Singleterry of Logan, New Mexico and Marcella Cave of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

The family took part in games of 42, Pollyanna and Wahoo. Awards to the winners were presented and Margaret said the family gathered Saturday and Sunday and several stayed up all night Saturday night playing games. Saturday evening's meal was catered by Dyer's Barbeque of Amarillo.

Another highlight of the reunion was the white elephant auction that was a lot of fun.

The reunion was held at the Logan Community Center. The Meason children were raised at Progress, Texas and their parents were Jessie and Hazel Meason. Jessie died in 1949 and Hazel in 1990.

The family had a lot of fun and Margaret said only one of their sons, Don and Cheryl Meason, and daughter, Nicole, of Pampa was able to be with them at the reunion.

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Local Group Enjoys Trip To Colorado

On Sunday afternoon, July 25, four adults and eight teenagers set out from the Bovina United Methodist Church for a five-day backpacking adventure in the Weminuche Wilderness near Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

The group was led by Steve Venable and Dennis Willard of Bovina, Robbie Carlyle of Texico, and Candy Dyer of Farwell. The youth who participated were Lori Beauchamp, Darren Hromas, Matt Hromas, Kevin Mitchell, Amber Willard and Mandy Wilson, all of Bovina; David Carlyle of Texico; and Aaron Dyer of Farwell.

The group backpacked through the beautiful Turkey Creek and

Fourmile Creek drainages in the wilderness north of Pagosa Springs. After the trip, everyone stayed in a cabin in Pagosa Springs owned by Arnold and Amy Hromas of Bovina.

The theme for the adventure was "Path to Adulthood" and everyone learned about the freedoms and responsibilities of becoming an adult.

This trip marks the seventh straight year that Steve Venable, pastor of Bovina United Methodist Church, has led a backpacking trip for teenagers.

The group returned to Bovina around 6 p.m. Saturday, July 31, tired but excited at what they had accomplished.



FIVE DAY BACKPACKING.... Pictured are four adults and eight teenagers from Bovina who backpacked five days in the Weminuche Wilderness

near Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Steve Venable, pastor of the Bovina Methodist Church, and also, Dennis Willard, led the youngsters on their backpacking adventure. This is an annual event and it is the seventh year for Steve to take the youngsters on this trip.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Take time to look at the pretty sunrises and sunsets this time of year. They are so pretty and many parts of the country can't see them as we can.

If you are like me, the mountains and trees are pretty but we Texans like to live where we can look across the country and see the horizon all around, and the starry nights are beautiful....We did have a little bit of a shower. Five-tenths of an inch of rain fell in Bovina Saturday evening.

George and Nickie Villarreal and children, George, Jr. and Angel, spent a fun week at Disneyland in California. They visited with relatives along the way and back. Said it was expensive but worth it! (See separate story.)

Pete and Margaret Meason went to Logan, New Mexico over the past weekend and attended the Meason family reunion with 65 members of the family present.

Among the group were all Pete's seven brothers and sisters and members of their families. The family had fun visiting and playing games. Pete's sisters, Kitty and Stan Miller of Oklahoma and Laverne Martin and her three daughters from California, visited a few days in Bovina with the Measons.

Joe Looney was in the office and she said her grandson, R.D. Looney, and his family will soon be moving back to the states. R.D. has been in Brazil, and the last three years in Germany working on big plane motors, Joe said.

His wife, Gail, will be undergoing heart surgery at a Lubbock hospital, August 26. The couple has two small sons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

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(Editor's note: if you know of someone having a birthday coming up, call the Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so members of the community may wish them a happy birthday!)



Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of August 23-27

MONDAY--barbecue, potato salad, beans, cowboy bread and milk.

TUESDAY--spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, corn, bread sticks, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--Frito pie, chili, cheese, salad, corn, crackers, rice pudding and milk.

FRIDAY--teacher in-service day.

The Henry Spicers and Henry's sister, who had been in Bovina for a week visiting from California, went to Wichita Falls for a couple of days visiting with Henry's brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Myma Spicer. Nellie Spicer said it was really hot in Wichita Falls. They tried to sit out and watch the meteor display but even between 10 and 12 p.m. it was still too hot to be out.

Correction: Manuel Saiz, son of Linda Pena of Bovina, has recently qualified for the Operations strand of the Job Oriented Basic Skills program and will report to the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, a year from now to begin his Navy training. He is presently working at Lowe's Pay-n-Save.

The Jobs Program is for individuals who are highly motivated and have the potential to succeed in a technical field.

Congratulations to Oakley and Yvonne Stevenson and great-grandparents, Earl and Lee Stevenson, on the birth of a grandson, Landon Nash Larson. His parents are Eddie and Annette Larson of Amarillo.

Landon has an older sister, Bailey Yvonne.

Mace Cochran had visitors this weekend. Her grandson, Mike Mason, and his fiance, Julie, of Wichita Falls, were in Bovina with her. Also visiting were Dickie and Bonnie Clayton of Bovina and Holly and Lynn Read of Lubbock.

Maesie Flynn was telling me about the wonderful time they had at the Miller reunion held on the family's old home place southeast of Friona. There were 64 in attendance.

One evening, they drove to Palo Duro Canyon and watched the production of "Texas." They also enjoyed home movies and being together at the place they grew up.

Erma Bradshaw and daughter, Ella Bishop of Oakland, California, have recently returned from a fifteen-day trip to Houston, where they attended Erma's grandson and Ella's son's wedding. They were guests at his home. Don Rawls and his wife, Pam, were married in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Houston.

Erma said the wedding was beautiful and the reception more like a family reunion and lots of fun.

Guests besides Erma and Ella were Don's sisters, Marty and Leigh Richardson of Oak Creek, California; and Rick and Teresa McLean and daughter, Ashley, of Pleasant Hill, California; his brother, Larry Rawls of San Rafael, California and his aunt and uncle, Dyalthia and Larry DeFever of Amarillo.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the Baja Islands.

The family gathered for breakfast before the couple departed for their honeymoon.

Erma said it was a lot of fun being a mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Don and Juanda Murphy returned from spending the weekend with visiting with Don's mother, who is in the nursing home at Ballinger, and also his sister, Jean and family, and spent the night in Abilene with son, Rodney, and his family.

Jean Wiseman had a good time in Houston with son, Michael, and his wife, Maria. She flew to Houston on August 2 and returned home August 9. Said it sure was hot and dry down that way.

Lynn Paladi's friends came by for a visit recently. They were Randy and Michelle, who live in Michigan. Lynn and Randy attended school together in Michigan. Lynn works for Agri-Sprayers and has been in Bovina since the first part of the year.

Margaret Charles visited her daughter, Harriet and Kent Glasscock in recent weeks. They

live in a Dallas suburb. Margaret said they have a new home and it was so pretty. They really had a nice visit.

Tom and Skeet Caldwell have just returned home recently from a visit with son, John, and family in Scottsdale, Arizona. They have a small baby girl, Louisa, and Tom and Skeet enjoyed being with them and getting acquainted with the baby. They had a good time but Skeet said it was very hot there.

THINK ABOUT IT: People who never make mistakes lose a lot of chances to learn something....Have a good, rainy week....Scooter.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the Fire Department for their quick response when our truck caught on fire Saturday afternoon. These guys are very efficient and we really appreciate them!

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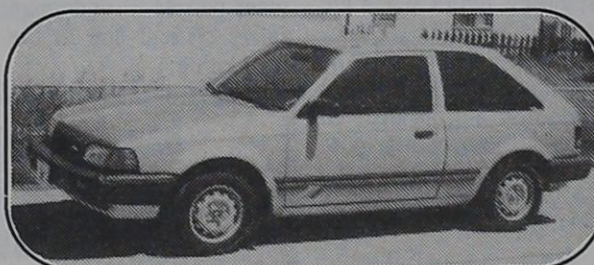
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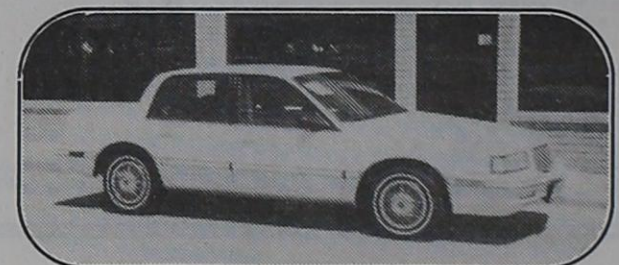
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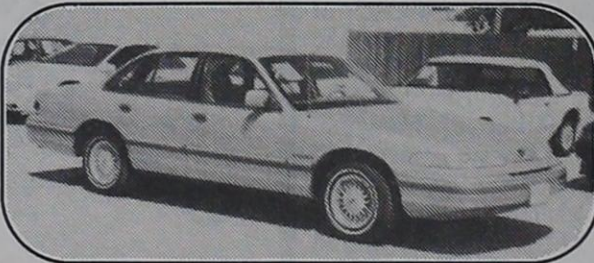
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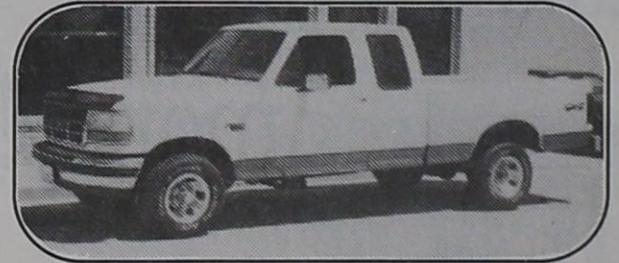
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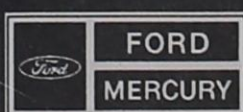
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