

Bull Town Bulletins



By Bill Ellis

THE UIL, as most people may know, is the state's organization dealing with sports/academic rules and regulations for the state's secondary schools.

This group is in charge of deciding who will be in which district or conference. They collect all of the data on school enrollments, and armed with this, they decide how many conference 5A schools there will be, how many 3A, and so on down.

Based on the configuration of some districts for the current biennium, we are prone to wonder if the organization's initials might stand for "Unusually Idiotic Leagues (groupings)."

For instance, the UIL decided in its latest dictum to place Friona in a district that included Dalhart (240-mile round trip); Perryton (380-mile round trip); River Road (150-mile round trip) Sanford-Fritch (220-mile round trip) and Tulia (120-mile trip).

These four new district members (excluding Tulia, which has been in Friona's district more times than not), bring a whopping additional miles to district teams of 990! That is an average of 250 miles for each of these round trips.

Friona is actually the least-affected of the teams from this area joining 1-3A. Muleshoe and Dimmitt are also pulled into this "close circle of teams." Just add an additional 60 miles to each of the above round trips for either of these.

Dimmitt and Muleshoe will travel roughly a total of 1230 miles for their games with the four northern teams. That comes out to an average trip for four district games of 308 miles.

Multiply this by two for the basketball season; about the same for track, and no telling how much for academic UIL meets, and you can see that a lot of vehicles in this area will need to be traded off—possibly before the two-year donneybrook is over.

What the UIL did in its infinite wisdom was to eliminate an entire district of 3A teams. Four teams from two old districts were combined with two other districts, making two eight-team setups.

By bringing in four new regional class 3A teams for district play, the UIL automatically eliminated three or four teams many of these schools had been playing in non-district games.

It's a good thing these two districts only had three non-conference games, because due to everyone being in the same district, the non-district schedules make the district trips mentioned above seem fairly close.

Littlefield met Springtown (Dallas metro area) at a neutral site of Sweetwater. That way, each team only had to drive about 300 miles round trip.

Friona managed to find non-district games against Stinnett (West Texas), just 270 miles round trip, and Shallowater, a mere 90 miles each way. Also playing Littlefield in non-district, this gave the Chieftains and their fans an average trip of 190 miles for their three district games.

Dalhart found a couple of far-flung non-district games, and then opted to have an open date rather than go to Alpine.

We had intended to also state the mileage for Bovina's 1996 games, but after doing Friona's, the Mustang schedule doesn't look quite so bad.

What's with the UIL? Are they a bunch of sadists who want several students, athletes and/or fans killed in wrecks coming back from a 390-mile district game? Are they getting kickbacks from the oil and gas companies? Or are they just a bunch of inept

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Mrs. Virginia Steele Stakes-Out First Place In Weekly Contest

Virginia Steele came the closest in picking all fourteen games correctly with her eleven picks this week. The weekend's football surprise winners, Georgia, Minnesota, Carolina and Indiana, surprised even the most experienced of players of the Bovina Blade Football Contest.

Virginia received a \$20 check for her victory this week. When notified of her first place rating, she was very happy. She beat-out six people that correctly picked ten of the winning games.

The Dallas 7-Buffalo 10 score was critical in naming second and third place winners. Stacy Roach earned her place in second place and a check for \$10. Her tie-breaking guess was only fourteen points off.

A.M. Wilson got a check for \$5 and the bragging rights for third place. His tie-breaking guess was fifteen points off.

Those contestants that also picked ten games but lost in the tie-breaking decision were either hoping for a more victorious Dallas or a more exciting game.

Susan Kerby was seventeen points off. Frances Johnson was eighteen points off. Jason Kerby was twenty-

four points different. Although he did pick Dallas 24-Buffalo 28, Phillip Johnson was still off by thirty-five points.

If Dallas keeps losing, we might have to start picking a different tie-breaking game.

Those that were in the single digit standings this week with nine correct scores were: Rick Anderson, Jo Blackwell, Michelle Gonzales, Daniel Hernandez, Doug Johnson, Carmen Porras and Deborah Raymond.

Also, Mike Read, J.T. Roach, Kay Roach, Janie Sherbon, Ken Sherbon, Jan Smith, Dorothy Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Linda Sudderth, Elizabeth Torres and Eufemia Torres.

The total for the pace-setter after three weeks is steadily growing. Ken Sherbon is still the leader this week with 34 as his total. A.M. Wilson is trailing at 33.

There are ten more weeks of competition left. That's \$350 that will be given away to the lucky players-not to mention the grand prize of \$100!

A list of most of the contestants' grand total scores can be found elsewhere in this paper. A total list is at the Bovina Blade office.



WITH A HANDSHAKE AND A SMILE...Sherley Grain's Lori Stormes takes time congratulate this week's football contest winner, Virginia Steele who correctly picked eleven out of fourteen games.

Mustangs Streak to Perfect Start At 3-0 By Clobbering Claude 38-6

Are the 1996 Mustangs for real? Well, just take a look at the record and the statistics and enjoy while it lasts.

Off to their best start since most anyone can remember, the Mustangs dominated a favored Claude Mustang team on both sides of the ball as they scored their third victory 38-6.

Senior running back Joe Villarreal once again led Bovina with 21 carries for 239 yards. After three games, Villarreal has amassed 500 rushing yards in 62 carries.

A total of six Mustangs carried the ball against Claude. The other players with times carried and yards were: Robert Perez, 4-61; Albert Larrea, 10-86; Martin Reyna, 3-24; Manny Quintana, 2-70; and Tony Beauchamp, 7-40.

Villarreal scored three touchdowns on runs of 4, 50, and 78 yards as Bovina built a 19-0 halftime lead. Larrea, Quintana,

and Perez each scored touchdowns and Perez added a two-point conversion.

Claude was threatening to get back into the game in the third quarter, but Tony Beauchamp intercepted a pass at the Bovina 10 to squelch the drive.

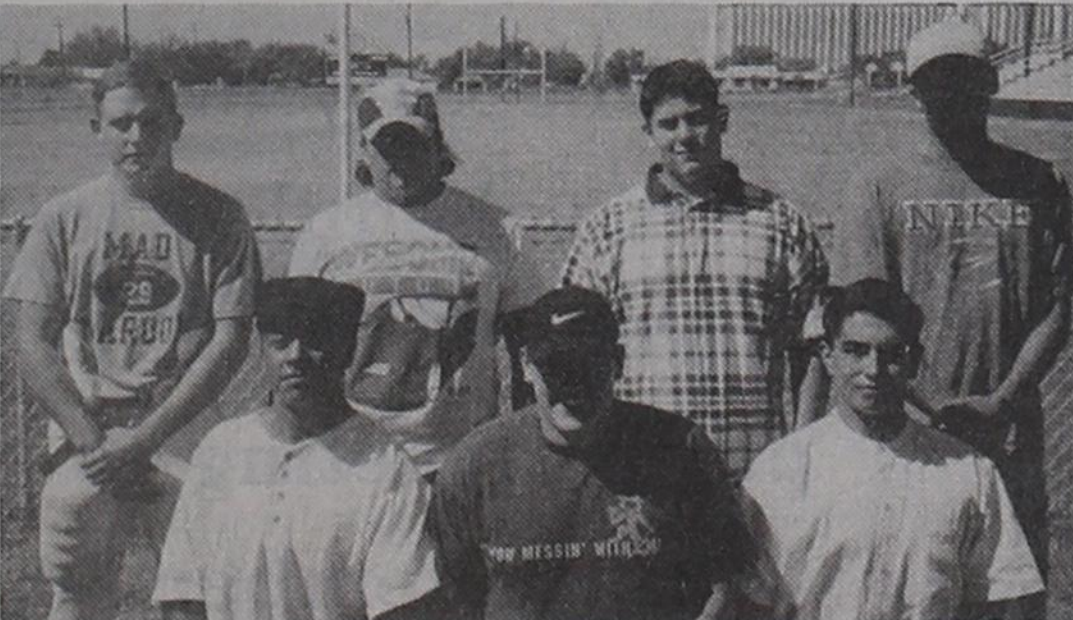
Then Bovina scored three touchdowns in a span of 7:08 to put the game out of reach.

The Mustang defense has turned in three stellar games also, holding their three opponents to a total of only 372 yards, an average of 124 yards per game allowed.

Bovina earned 30 first downs to Claude's 14, added 104 yards passing, and did not punt in the ballgame.

Bovina's running backs have accumulated 1046 yards on 139 carries in three games, a 7.25 yard per carry average.

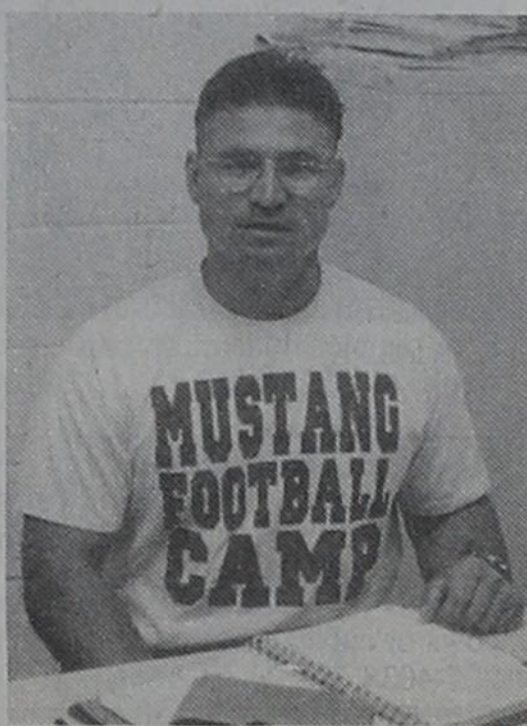
They have scored 100



OPENING HOLES.....Bovina coaches honored the entire offensive line as offensive players of the week in the game against Claude. Front, l-r, Pablo Martinez, Derrick Saddler, Eric Galvan. Back, Jim Prather, Lupe Rivera, Santiago Serna, and Luke Steelman. (Photo by Ron Carr)



BIG TIME MUSTANGS.....Pay-N-Save assistant manager Bonnie Scaff shows off the stack of HomeTown Stars cereal featuring the Varsity and JV Mustangs on the box. (Photo by Ron Carr)



ISRAEL CARRERA I. Carrera is Teacher of the Week

A new teacher at Bovina ISD is Israel Carrera. He teaches Physical Education for grades 2-5, coaches junior high football, and assists with high school football.

Carrera coached at Eustis, Kaufman, and Gainesville prior to coming to Bovina.

He earned his teaching degree at East Texas State University.

1996 Mustang Players Featured On Boxes

If you have noticed a few familiar faces at your breakfast table lately and you can't quite put a name to the faces, maybe they are the members of the 1996 Bovina Mustangs.

It's not a Wheaties box, but the meaning is still the same. Our "Hometown Stars" are being featured on a corn flakes box that can be found for \$4.99 at Lowe's Pay 'N Save on Highway 86.

Manager Brian Galloway said, "It's the hottest thing in Bovina. Everyone wants one. I have people coming in and buying 15 and 20 boxes each."

Brian added that he did not expect such a positive response from the cereal and only ordered the minimum 144 boxes that went on sale Monday. Tuesday, his

inventory was running pretty low. More boxes are on their way and will be available soon.

If you are asking yourself how this all got started, it is pretty simple.

Brian went to an Affiliated Foods Show in Amarillo. The company, Carlisle Cereal Company, was giving out their brochures and the next thing Brian knew, we had our Mustangs in Pay 'N Save.

The Booster Club has already contacted Brian about putting the Bovina basketball team on an upcoming box. The club plans to sell advertisements to be printed on the side of each box. Prices are not set at this moment but Brian said it will be a good fundraiser.

Former Bovina Man Manages Robot Band

From the Amarillo Globe-News

Delbert Morris, formerly of Bovina and son of Virginia Steele, was recently in the Amarillo Globe news because he is involved with a band of "fuzzy, furry critters."

The Woolly Bully Robot Band is raising eyebrows in the region.

Their manager, retired highway patrolman Delbert Morris, said he expected it.

"It's just something you've got to see to believe," Morris said. "They're just cute as bugs. They're kind of fuzzy-looking, dog kinda-looking characters, gray, with great big red mouths and floppy ears."

Say again? "Yeah, they're these fuzzy, furry critters," Morris said. "Most of the crowds just love them."

Morris said the electronic creatures—two guitarists and a keyboard player—twist, turn, tap time and even sing when music is played.

"They're hooked up with wireless mikes, too," he said. "I can fix them where they'll sing along with the music or I can talk through them, either one."

"Once you get the crowd conversing with them and paying attention to me, well it gets kind of exciting," Morris said. "We've never had a bad performance."

Morris said he acquired the band members—usually called Jim, Joe and Jan—after a friend saw an exhibit at an electronics fair in Las Vegas this summer.

"We just kind of knocked it around and came up with the idea," he said. "Just out of the clear blue—let's do it."

Since then, Morris said, Woolly Bully Robot Band has begun packing in crowds.

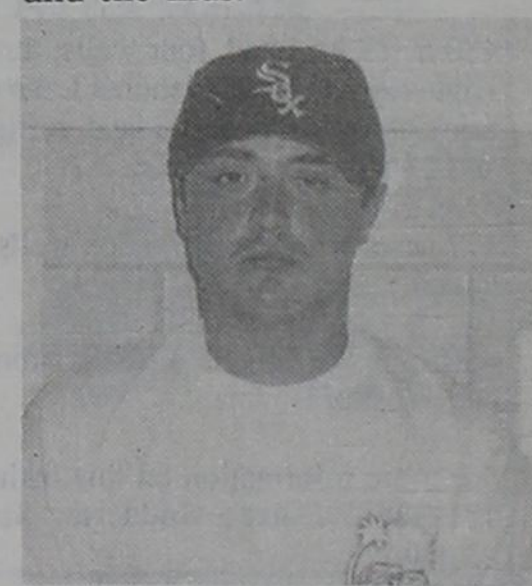
"People want to know when the next party is, most of the time," he said. "We really have a lot of fun."

Morris and his band perform at a monthly dance for Tulia junior high students and are commissioned for children's birthdays, company

parties, graduation celebrations, you name it, he said.

"If a business wants just one to play, we'll do that," Morris said. "Or we'll set up the whole band if they're having a grand opening or something like that. Grow-ups just sit and watch them."

"When we have the kid dances, half the town shows up just to watch the robots and the kids."



JOSE VITOLAS J. Vitolas is Student of the Week

Sophomore Jose Vitolas is featured as this week's student of the week.

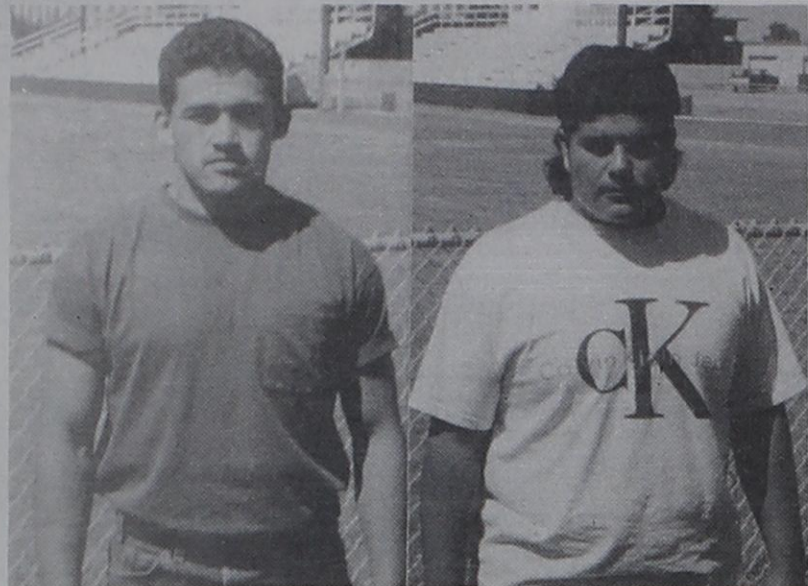
He has attended Bovina schools since third grade. He is the son of Jose and Bertha Vitolas.

Vitolas participates in football and track. He was nominated for student of the week by teacher Rick Jackson.

Jackson commends Vitolas for his cooperation and leadership traits in helping other students during the algebra homework class.

Jackson says "His ability to explain the math concepts we are studying to other students in Spanish helps those students to better understand the lessons. Because of his help, the test grades of these students are improving. And I hear he is unstoppable on defense."

BIG D.Tony Beauchamp was defensive player of the week in the game against Claude as the Mustangs won 38-6. (Photo by Ron Carr)



HOME TOWN STARS....Robert Perez, left, and Lupe Rivera were defensive and offensive players of the week in the game against Whiteface on September 13. (Photo by Ron Carr)

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Do-Dos, who don't consider the human factor (let alone how the athletes will perform in the classroom the next day after one of those 390-mile basketball trips.)
But how about Coach Bobby Ortiz's Mustangs, who go into their homecoming game against Smyer Friday with a sparkling 3-0 record. This is our 36th season to cover Chieftain games, and 24th writing up the Mustang games, and off the top of my head, can't recall a year when both schools had winning teams.
Winning is a lot more fun than losing, especially if you have a four to six-hour trip back home!

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 26, 1956
Mrs. D.C. Looney, Mrs. Floyd Rector, and Mrs. Dick Rockey are the official delegates to the national and state Home Demonstration convention which is being held in San Antonio this week.
E.L. (Jack) McCutchan and his six-year-old son, Keith, were admitted to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo Monday morning. Surgery to graft bone from McCutchan's hip into his son's right arm took place Tuesday morning. Keith fell Easter Sunday morning and broke his arm. It has not mended correctly.

25 Yrs Ago-Sept. 29, 1971
Miss Barbara Griffith, a Bovina High senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Griffith, was crowned football queen during halftime ceremonies of Friday night's football game between Bovina and Lazbuddie. Queen candidates were Heidi Corn, Darlene Murphy, Nena Spicer and Debbie Sorley.
Somewhere in the country there is a man with a new wardrobe that may be planning to take a trip in his new finery. For the second time this month, Issac's Department Store has been burglarized.

10 Yrs Ago-Oct. 1, 1986
Seventh grader, Corey Kirkpatrick, son of Daryl and Karen Kirkpatrick dislocated his knee last Thursday in the last play of the Junior High football game with Hale Center.
Scotty Burton of Levelland has recently been hired as a policeman of the City of Bovina. He will be on the job October 6.

5 Yrs Ago-Sept. 28, 1991
Tom and Julie Ziegler, owners of the Yankee Cafe of Bovina, sponsored a drive on behalf of Donna Griggs, a member of the NCA All-American Cheerleaders, to attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York.
Mike Read is the winner for the football contest this week, picking 13 of 14 games correctly. The top football standings for the ending of the third week are: 33-Virginia Steele; 31-Jackie Morgan; and 30-Mike Read and Scott Sims.

30 Yrs Ago-Sept. 27, 1961
Jimmie Charles was first place winner in last week's Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest. Charles picked nine of 10 teams, missing only the A&M-Houston tie. He nosed out Glenn Hromas, who had the same record, on the tiebreaker score. Mrs. Allen Cumpton was the third place winner.
Lady Luck smiles sweetly on the Bovina Mustangs in the second half at Amherst Friday night as they hung on to preserve a 22-16 come-from-behind win over the fast, talented Bulldogs.

20 Yrs Ago-Sept. 29, 1976
Several lambs valued between \$500 and \$700 were killed recently at the Ag farm by dogs after midnight. Other animals had legs broken and will no longer be of any use as far as for show animals. These animals belong to Bovina youths who buy and care for these animals for showing purposes.
The Bovina area was visited the first of the week by a late-season rain that dumped up to an inch and more of rain on the area's farmland. A cold front also brought the season's coldest readings, with thermometers falling below 40 degrees in the area Tuesday morning.

35 Yrs Ago-Sept. 28, 1966
First bale of Bovina cotton was ginned at 2:30 p.m. Saturday by Bovina Gin Company, which paid the grower, Charles Hawkins, 50 cents per pound.
Out of the 184 entries in the Bovina Business Cotton Bowl Football Contest, first-timer Tommie Hamilton was the first place \$5 winner, the only one correctly naming eight.
Otis Spears, Bovina Schools Superintendent, said the Bovina schools are now faced with overcrowded conditions. The total enrollment is 715, up 54 from the same period of 1965.

5 Yrs Ago-Sept. 28, 1991
The home of R.C. Davis Jr. was burglarized on September 24, according to Sheriff Bill Morgan. According to Morgan, the house had not been ransacked except for the mess that was made in removing the items that were stolen.
Kathy L. Williams, of Bovina, was named to the dean's honor roll during the second summer session for 1981.

30 Yrs Ago-Sept. 30, 1981
Degrees were conferred on 294 West Texas A&M University graduates at an August 15 commencement ceremony.
The graduating class represented three countries, five states, and 52 cities and towns in Texas.
Among the graduates was Virginia Noriega of Bovina who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in General Business.

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A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's office.
The equipment to be considered on trade-in is a 1993 Caterpillar 140G.
Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.
The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 12-2tc

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Happy Birthday Bovina

Area birthdays for the week of September 29-October 5
Sep 29-Stephanie Wines, Barbara Cockerham, Suzan Hughes, Paul Jones.
Sep 30-Carolyn George, Wanda Headlee.
Oct 1-Brenda Kirkpatrick, Denise Anderson, Gilda Garner.
Oct 2-Don Teague, Judy Ramon.
Oct 3-Carolyn Pruitt, Starlia Clayton.
Oct 4-Scooter Russell, Jay Barret, James Grisham, Elsa Galvan.
Oct 5-Tonya Koelzer.
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The City of Bovina conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 4.79 percent on September 23, 1996.

The City of Bovina is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 30, 1996 at 8:00 p.m.

FOR ELECTRICITY

Deregulation: Is It The Right Answer?

You may be hearing that some big industrial groups are proposing radical changes in the electric utility industry. They are proposing that electric consumers should choose where they buy their electricity and are suggesting their rates are too high. Most of these large companies are located in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and other large cities.

If you asked a room full of people if they would like to have a choice, many would probably raise their hand. But how would choice and competition in the electric industry affect you and me?

A brief look at the history of the electric utility business may help us answer that question. Some of you still remember years ago when city folks had a choice of where they bought their electricity. However, beyond the city limits there was darkness. Most utilities were not interested in serving sparsely populated rural areas. It was not profitable. This is why you see member-owned electric cooperatives primarily serving these areas today. It makes you wonder, will competitors really be standing in line to serve the needs of rural Texas tomorrow?

These large companies point out that other industries (airlines, natural gas, railroads and telecommunications) have been deregulated and so should the electric industry. It is true that these industries have been

deregulated, but are you and I better off?

Experts are challenging the safety and reliability of the airline industry since deregulation. Some of the new carriers that have sprung up have questionable safety records. It seems as though there are more choices when flying from Austin to Dallas, but it's more expensive to fly to smaller communities these days, if you can reach them at all.

A lot of people still do not have natural gas as an energy option since deregulation, especially in rural areas. Where natural gas is an option, there is only one choice of supplier. I also have not noticed that my rates have decreased.

It's hard to say how deregulating the railroads has affected us. With all the mergers and consolidations it appears that there is actually less competition. That does not seem like a good thing. We used to have passenger rail service where I live. That service has been discontinued since deregulation.

Long distance telephone rates for large companies may have gone down since deregulation, but most of us see possible savings of only a few pennies a month. One thing did change about my telephone service, however, I had to get an unlisted number. Now I can enjoy my dinner in the evenings without being interrupted by the many long distance companies who were

promising me big savings if I switched.

Roughly 70 per cent of any electric bill is made up of the cost of generating the electricity consumed. The other 30 per cent of the bill covers the costs of getting the electricity from where it is made to the consumer, safely and reliably. Cooperatives work hard to hold down the 30 per cent of the costs that they directly control.

Electric cooperatives in Texas supported legislation passed in 1995 that cover lower generation costs. Co-ops are just now beginning to see the benefits of these lower generation cost that we can pass along to our customers. However, cooperatives are concerned that if the industry is restructured further, our customers might not ever see the full benefits of this new wholesale competition.

Electric cooperatives have always put their customers first. If there is a way to provide electric service better and/or cheaper we want to do it. At a recent statewide meeting, electric cooperatives in Texas passed a resolution. This resolution says that cooperatives oppose any electric industry restructuring scheme that does not benefit all our member-consumers. This resolution contains ten criteria (things like safety, reliability, convenience and appropriate consumer protection) that should be met before any new laws are passed.

Electricity is not optional for our customers. It is an essential part of the quality of life that we all enjoy today. Cooperatives want to make sure that the electric utility industry is not radically changed simply because other industries have been deregulated or because of promises of lower rates.

If you are a cooperative member-consumer you have a stake in this debate. You might want to ask yourself--will all Texans really get more choices and lower rates if they change the electric industry?

Mike Williams, President/CEO Texas Electric Cooperatives, (representing 86 electric cooperatives in Texas) including Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Cannon Schedules Air Show

The public is invited to come to Cannon's Air Force Base Power Expo '96 slated for October 6.

The show will feature performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds--the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team, an aerial review by members of the Confederate Air Force flying World War II aircraft, a parachute demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Academy's "Wings of Blue" parachute team, and much, much more. Come watch as stuntman Lee Oman performs daredevil wingwalking feats on Jim Franklin's WACO "mystery ship" and Dr. Ray Vetsch performs aerial acrobatics in his SU-26.

There will also be a flightline full of aircraft from around the nation on display, including Cannon's own EF-111A Ravens and F-16 Fighting Falcons, and lots of food and souvenir booths.

The show starts at 9 a.m. on Cannon's flightline--so come on out and meet the men and women of the world's best fighting force. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call Cannon's airshow hotline at (505) 784-4213 or Cannon's Public Affairs office at (505) 784-4131.

Vendors Are Needed For Xmas Bazaar

The Cannon Air Force Base Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for December 7 and 8, is already being organized and prospective vendors are encouraged to secure booth spaces as soon as possible.

One of the region's biggest events of its kind, the annual bazaar features between 150 and 200 vendors selling a wide range of holiday cheer, from art and hand-crafted knick-knacks to furniture, toys and countless other gift items.

Individuals and businesses interested in participating in this event should call (505) 784-2826 or 784-2563.



FASHIONABLE.....Young ladies who participated in the Parmer County fashion show model their creations which were made under the direction of the Parmer County Extension Service. Participating from Friona were Lauren Buske and Andrea, Amy, and Amanda Geries. From Farwell were Tara Schilling, Karissa Foster, Khallie Foster, Jade Mahaney, and Leesa Patterson.

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The educational-regional bee will be held on April 5 on the campus of the university in Canyon where approximately 40 county champions will compete for the 1997 district title and the opportunity to participate in the Scripps Howard National event in late May in Washington, D.C.

Directors in each county will select the date of their eliminations and are asked to report the winners'

names to the newspaper no later than March 22. The director for Parmer County is Kevin Wiseman, principal of Friona Junior High School.

Rules state that any student who will not be in a grade higher than the eighth or older than 16 by the end of the current school year may participate in the Spelling Bee.

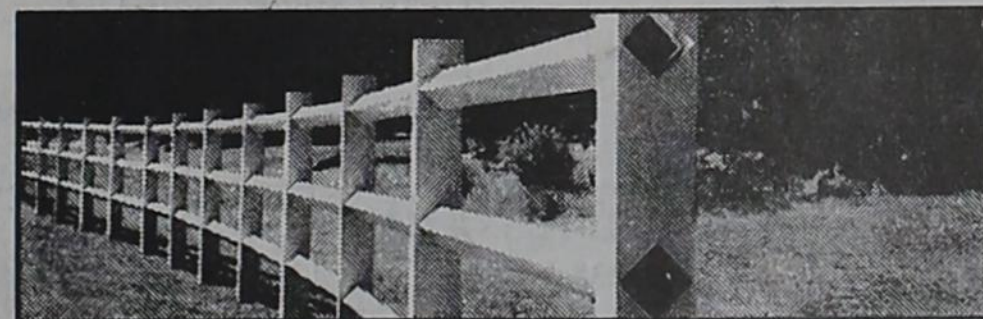
The AGN-WTSU event has two levels of competition. The Junior Bee is for students in grades five and below; the Senior Bee is for students in grades eight and below. County bee directors are free to combine the two contests if they prefer. However, each county is eligible to send a junior winner and a senior winner to regional. Normally the juniors do not compete; the exception being if he/she wins the county title.

All county champions will be guests of the sponsors on April 5, beginning with a luncheon on the WTA&M campus. There will be prizes for all contestants.

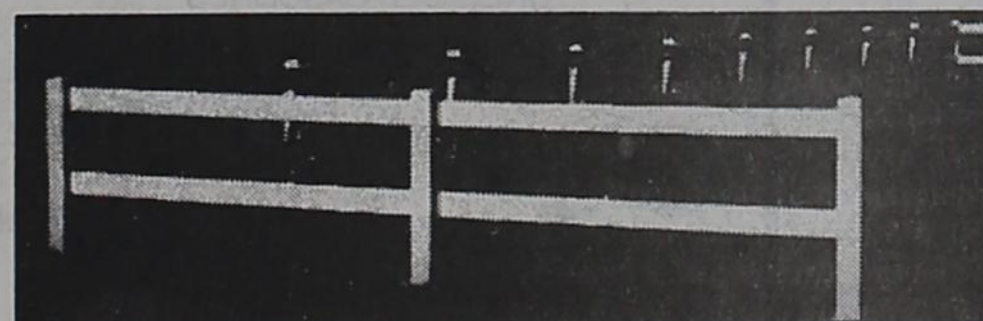
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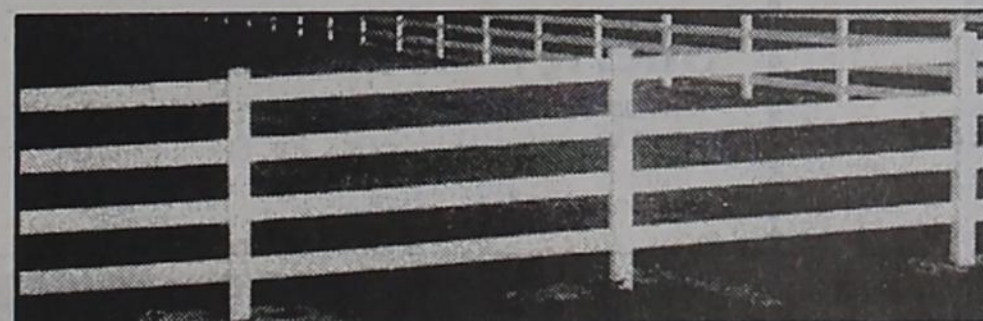
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33-A.M. Wilson.
32-Donnie McDonald,
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31-Denise Anderson, Mike Read and Susan Kerby.
30-Galen Hromas, Dave Miles, Deborah Raymond, Mike Raymond, J.T. Roach, Stacy Roach.
29-Rick Anderson, Cameron Charles, Doug Johnson, Frances Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Josh Kerby, Jerry Roach, Kay Roach, Jan Smith, Dorothy Stowers, Eufemia Torres.

28-Jerry Birdsong, Darren Hromas, Judy Hromas, Lisa Hromas, Matt Hromas, Carmen Parras, Christen Stowers.

27-Michelle Gonzales, Al Kerby Jr., Jeanne Kerby, Jason Kerby, Tyson Kerby, Travis Lockmiller, Dean Stanberry, Roy Lee Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Linda Sudderth, Ruben Villanueva, George Villareal and Frances Willard.

26-Will Bell, Jo Blackwell, Martin Gonzales, Daniel Hernandez, Becky Johnson,

Ellice Martinez, Johnny Martinez, Glendon Sudderth, Janie Sudderth, Scott Sudderth and Robert Tapia.

25-Gilda Garner, Jerry Sherbon, Ella Jo Stormes, Blake Sudderth and Francisco Torres.

23-Flossie Rhinehart and Jess Stowers.

22-Joshua McDonald.

21-Danny Harris and Jamie Stanberry.

19-Dorothy Harris, Walter Kessler, and Elizabeth Torres.

18-Ruby Jones, Deena Lucero, Adam Mejia.

The remaining contestants range from four correct to seventeen. A listing of the standings can be found at the Bovina Blade office.

E. Ortiz Graduates At ENMU

Estella Ortiz of Bovina, was among 155 summer graduates at Eastern New Mexico University.

Ortiz earned a bachelor of art degree in elementary education.



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Billy and Suezzy Smith drove to Coleman, Texas last weekend and moved Suezzy's parents, Herman and Edna Estes back home to Bovina. The Smith's two son-in-laws, Justin Brozek and Stan Miller, both of Bovina went to Coleman and helped. Also, friends of the Estes helped to load boxes.

They will be living in Jim Owen's house on Highway 86, that Billy and Suezzy purchased recently for them. They will be in the hotel on Main until the house is ready.

They are happy to be back, according to Suezzy, so give them a call or drop by to let them know we're glad to have them home.

Tom Rhodes is a patient in the Friona hospital and has been for over three weeks. Tom is 97 years old and his condition is serious.

Teen Marshall had a bout with salmonella and was hospitalized in the Friona hospital. Her granddaughter Libby said she would get out of the hospital probably Tuesday. I talked with Libby on Monday of this week. She became ill on Saturday.

Scott Johnson was on harvest and injured his back. He was hospitalized in Friona and they were running tests on Monday.

We express our sympathies to Sid Lloyd, whose twin brother, Bill, passed away. He was Bill Kelley of Childress. We were unable to reach Sid but understood he was survived by daughters and grandchildren.

Sid and Bill's birth names were Alma Faye and Elmer Ray but they were called Sid and Bill all their lives.

Our family from Spearman and our daughter, Tracy, and her friend Chrissy and her son Nickolas, of Colorado met us at Eagle Nest for four days of camping in the pretty Cimarron Canyon. It rained a little every day and night but the fishing was fair. We had twelve of our family and friends with us.

The night we came back to Spearman on Tuesday a week ago, was when the flood came about midnight with tornado warnings. We all "found a hole." The tornado

came within two miles of Spearman and went back into the clouds.

The reports of the floods in Spearman and Perryton were on Good Morning America and the national news. Many of the wheat crops are still under lakes of water. Some of the corn had fallen but not too badly yet. We had 3/4 of an inch of rain the next night.

When we left camp grounds a week ago Sunday, Jim and I went to Moriarty, New Mexico and visited our two brothers, Oliver Lee and Preston and their families. We were able to visit with seventeen members of the family in the two days we were there.

Our sympathies to Jack Patterson, whose sister died in recent weeks. She was Buelah Payne, 74 of Blue Ridge, Georgia. She fell sometime before that and broke several bones. She was survived by seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We were saddened by the death of Terry Hutto. He had an artery split and fill his legs and back with blood while working in his yard in Muleshoe. He called the ambulance himself and was taken to the hospital, where he later died. He was a pharmacist in Muleshoe and a fine young man. Our sympathies to his family, his wife and children.

Seems we have had several family members of our residents to pass away recently. Marilyn Rains' brother, Jim Fletcher, 60, of Houston suffered a fatal heart attack. The family said three years ago, Jim had bypass heart surgery.

Jim, his wife and son were on a business trip in Lexington, Kentucky when he died. He was survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren, also one brother and sister.

Asa and Lois Smith have been having fun during the past two weeks with their daughter, Sylvia Hand, who came from Great Falls, Montana. Sylvia's daughter, Lisa has been here from Lubbock with the family and also the Smith's other daughter spent time with them. They are Shirley Ware

of Bovina and Joy Stancell of Muleshoe.

We want to welcome Brother Gary Morgan, new pastor of the First Baptist Church and hope he and his family will be very happy here. They came from Missouri.

Congratulations to Don and Donna Teague, who have a new grandson. The baby's parents are Mark and Misty Teague of Arizona. I was unable to contact them but will have the details next week, if possible.

Corbin Holman celebrated his fifth birthday with a birthday cake and ice cream with his parents, Libby and Jay Holman and grandparents, Bubby and Linda Marshall, all of Bovina. The party was about 10 p.m. Sunday night and Corbin said it was the best party he had ever had.

Nelline Spicer's sister, Adele Anderson, suffered a couple of heart attacks recently and had to be hospitalized two different times at the Mesquite Medical facility.

Adele first had the balloon surgery and was sent home. A few days later she became ill and had to go back to the hospital. The vein had collapsed where the balloon surgery was done and while in surgery to put splints in the vein or artery to hold it open, she suffered another heart attack.

Adele's condition is much better and she has been released from the hospital. She will have to take it easy for sometime and Nelline flew to Dallas to be with her.

Shelby Rhodes underwent surgery to correct sinus problems on Wednesday of last week.

On the following Sunday, their grandson, Justin, of Lubbock was in Bovina with them at the First Baptist Church Fellowship honoring the new pastor when he fell

and broke his wrist. He will be in a cast six weeks.

Both Shelby and Justin are getting along fine.

We received some pictures from former resident Gary Sides, who lives in San Angelo. Gary is a pilot, who flies all over North and South America for GTE on a regular basis.

He sent us some photos that he took of Bovina from 29,000 and 41,000 feet. Everything is quite small, but we may try to print one of them soon, to see if you can recognize your town from 'way above.

THINK ABOUT IT: Remember to enjoy the little things in life. One day you may look back and discover that they were the big things.

Have a great week...Scooter.

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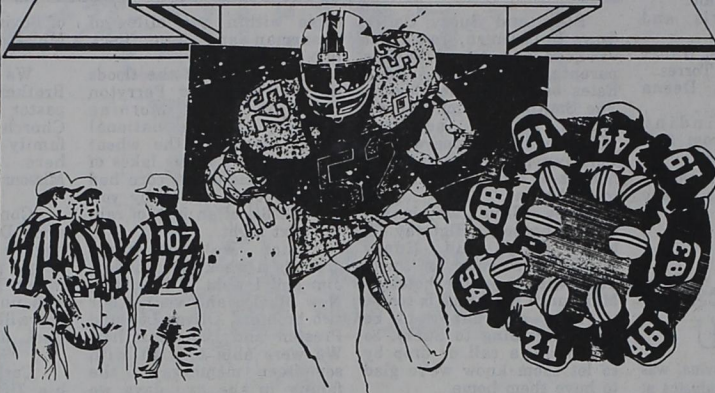
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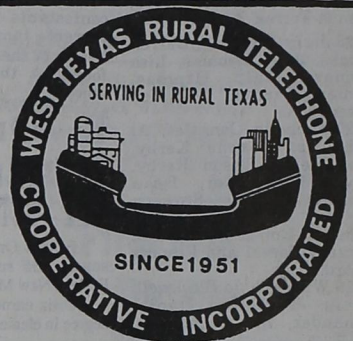
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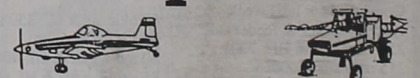
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