

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



A YEAR LATER, memories of June 2, 1995 are quite sufficient. We don't need a replay. The only chance for rain that we've had in the past seven months resulted in tornadoes touching down all around this area, and barely enough moisture to wet the dirt in the rain gauge.

There has been great interest in tornadoes since our big event of one year ago. A score of television programs have cropped up, a TV movie on the Fox network, and a big hit Spielberg movie.

The movie "Twister" features a scene where cows fly through the air and we think they picked that up from Bill's *Friona Star* headline which read "The Day The Cows Flew Over South Friona," the Terry Sharrock story.

You may recall that, back in April, the ABC television program "Prime Time Live" featured a segment on the Texas Panhandle Tornadoes. The good old boy and I assisted the program directors with information and photos of the tornado damage in this area. One of our friends, Kay Casey Pepple, who lives in Jackson, Tennessee (the home of our famous Uncle Austin Ellis) said she saw the program, noticed the *Friona Star* being pictured, and then saw the names of Bill and Carol Ellis listed on the credits.

"Hey," Kay exclaimed to her husband, "Did you see that? I think that is 'my' Bill and Carol Ellis."

Kay then wrote to us about her experience with one of the many tornadoes which have visited Wichita Falls in the past. I wonder why anyone lives in that town. It seems to get flattened by a tornado with surprising regularity. Here is Kay's story:

"In April of either 1963 or '64, we were in Wichita Falls when the tornado hit and tore up several areas of town, including a hit at the air base where it destroyed all the old hospital buildings, some training aircraft, etc.

"I watched the tornado form on a bright, sunny day in an open field. At first, it looked like a whirlwind. We were living in a trailer park, and, of course, Carl was on base, three floors underground, so I was left to fend for myself. The next door neighbors yelled for me to go with them to the trailer park owners' storm cellar, so I did. We watched the tornado until it looked as if it were going to hit us, and then we dove into that cellar. It took five men to hold the door closed due to the suction outside.

"Anyway, after the noise died down, we went out and found not even a trash can was turned over. We watched the tornado progress toward the air base, picking up everything in its path.

"The SAC base commander had not deployed his B-52s. They were all still sitting on the ground with nuclear war heads fully armed. Later he was quietly relieved of duty. Luckily, the tornado had lifted just before it got to the B-52s."

Wow! Kay's story is enough to make your heart jump right into your throat. If that tornado had hit those bombers, it could have been the end of the North American Continent.

Now we are facing the possibility of another disaster of a different kind, which could be almost as devastating as last year's tornado. Our fields, crops, pastures and lawns are burning up from the drought and water is being rationed. So why are we seeing fireworks stands popping up all over Parmer County? If shooting off fireworks is banned within the city limits, as it usually is, then folks will be heading out to the country to shoot them. How smart is that?

Several counties in this area have banned fireworks from being sold within the county. Sure, it makes a good fund-raiser for various civic groups... but this year, the danger of fire is just too great.

Our County Commissioners should immediately call an emergency meeting and ban all sales and shooting of fireworks in Parmer County. PLEASE!

1st Baptist VBS Is Set June 3-7

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Bovina will be held June 3-7.

On Sunday, June 2, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. is pre-registration and family night.

Monday-Thursday, June 3-6, VBS classes will be from 9-11:30 a.m. On Friday, June 7, VBS classes are from 9-10:30 a.m. From 10:30-12:00 noon, there will be student recognition ceremony followed by family lunch on the playground.

VBS classes are available for ages 3-years-old through 8th grade. First Baptist VBS is open to all children.

Miniature Herefords In Bovina

Hereford cattle are no strangers to Parmer County.

Out at Tony and Dottie Neal's place there are a couple of little strangers.

They look like the big Herefords, but are only miniatures, a breed that has been quietly developing for about 20 years.

The bull and heifer miniatures develop to a hip height of 38" to 46", compared to a standard Hereford bull hip height of 63".

According to a copy of the Miniature Hereford Newsletter, one of the first things that was noticed while developing the small Herefords was the cow calf weaning ratio.

The smaller the cow, the higher the ratio (calf weight percentage to cow weight at weaning time.)

A bulletin from Texas A & M states that the national average weaning ratio is 35 to 40 percent. With proper mating a 65 or better ratio can be had with Miniature Herefords.

A & M also states that the total nutritional intake is directly proportional to the body weight. If true, two 600 pound cows may be maintained with the same feed intake as one 1200 pound cow.

When considering the cow calf ratio and the nutritional intake, the obvious result is that 25 per cent or more beef can be produced from a given pasture with smaller cattle.

The average rib-eye area is usually stated as being about one square inch per 100 pounds of live body weight. In some of the small Herefords, a one and one-half inch per rib eye per 100 pounds of body weight is found.

This 50 per cent increase indicates a larger per cent of higher priced cuts and a better cutout.

The Neals say that the little cows are excellent foragers, equally at home on rugged rocky land as farms and pastures. They are hardy and require no special care.

All the miniatures are registered with the American Hereford Association and each pedigree is checked free of dwarfism.

They purchased their bull and cow from Point of Rocks Ranch in Fort Davis, Texas, which is billed as "The Home of the Original Miniature Herefords".

Dottie Neal said that there were maybe 500 of the little animals in the U. S., but more and more breeders are turning to the miniatures. They mature quicker, are very efficient, and produce more and better meat than their larger counterparts.

The Neals, owners of Mill Iron Miniature Herefords, have received inquiries via their Internet computer address from as far away as Australia.

For more info you can give them a call in Bovina at 238-1575, or tap into the Internet at <http://earth.myriad.net/milliron>.

Small cows for sale on the Internet. What will they think of next?

DRIVE SAFELY! Children Are Out Of School!

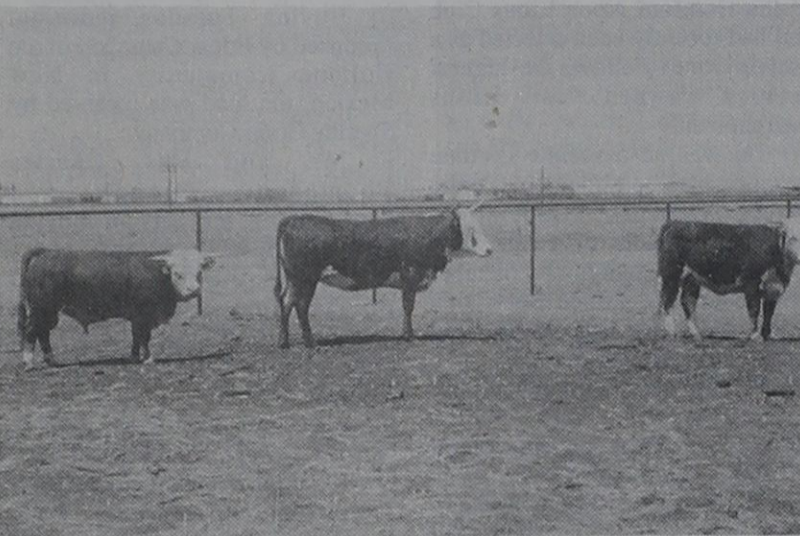


Tornado Warning Tips Are Given

Bovina's Fire Chief, Richard Bonham, came by the office Tuesday morning and wanted to let the senior citizens know that help is available for those who need shelter in a basement or cellar in case of a storm.

If you think that you are one of those who would like for someone to come for you, please call City Hall and give them your name and address. Then, if bad weather or threatening tornado weather should occur, someone will be contacting you and will come for you.

Fire Chief Bonham said when the alarm rang on Saturday, the streets were full of onlookers and many people followed the "spotters" out into the country as they were trying to keep a lookout for the storms. You are asked to please not follow the spotters because you need to seek shelter when the alarm rings.



MINI-HEREFORDS.....Two Miniature Herefords flank an old pet Longhorn at the farm of Dottie and Tony Neal. The Neal's hope to raise, breed, and sell the small cows. See story.

Clovis Man Held In Burglary Spree

By RON CARR

A 35-year-old Clovis resident, Ray Chavez, was arrested in Bailey County last Sunday for a series of almost 50 burglaries in a four-county area.

The arrest included two juveniles, 12 and 14 years-old that were alleged accomplices.

According to Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams, Chavez burglarized nine Parmer County residences and attempted another.

The attempted burglary ultimately led to his arrest. A female Parmer County resident returned home to find a strange car at her house. The driver, Chavez, asked directions to another residence on the pretense he was lost.

The lady called the Sheriff's office and gave them a description and a composite drawing was made.

In a search of his files, Sheriff Williams said that he found a "perfect match" to the drawing. Chavez has a long criminal record, including a stay in the state penitentiary for involuntary manslaughter.

Chavez is accused of 12 Bailey County burglaries, and approximately 21 burglaries in Curry and Roosevelt Counties. All the burglaries were in rural areas.

When Chavez's sister-in-law was detained in Clovis after she pawned a ring that was taken in a burglary, she told authorities that she got the ring from Chavez and gave them valuable information about his whereabouts.

Sheriff Williams, assisted by other law enforcement agencies,

"staked out" Chavez's residence, waiting for him to come back to Texas. Though they had his identity, they had no evidence and needed to "catch him in the act".

For deputies from Bailey, Curry, and Parmer County, the stake-out paid off last Sunday, May 26, when Chavez drove into Texas.

Unknown to him, a Texas Department of Public Safety airplane took off from Friona's Benger Airport to monitor his movement. The air surveillance was accompanied by a half-dozen county and state law enforcement vehicles.

Shortly before 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning, Chavez entered a Bailey County residence and burglarized it. As he drove off, the law officials surrounded his car and arrested him.

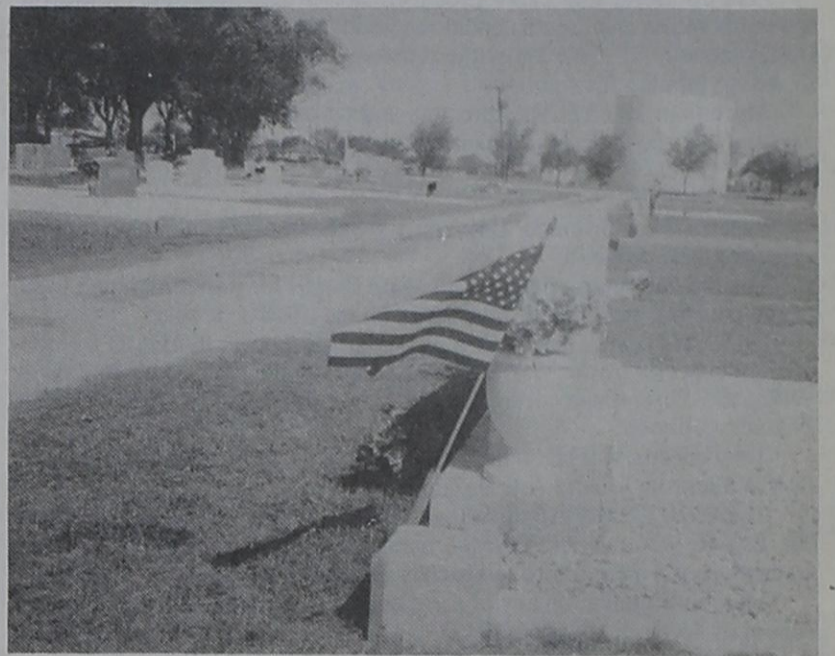
Sheriff Williams said that Chavez usually kicked the doors in and took guns, VCRs, TVs, jewelry, or money.

They also tied him to the burglaries through footprints and fingerprints found at the scenes of the burglaries.

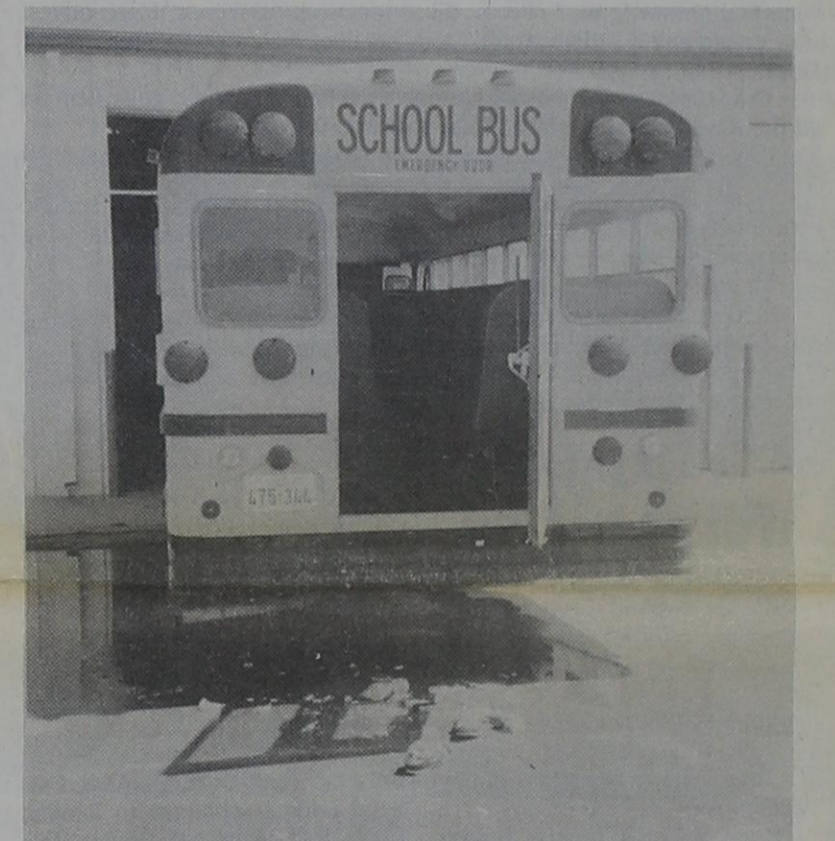
Williams said they had staked out his house in Clovis for five days before he finally came back to Texas.

The sheriff advised county residents to increase their vigilance in watching out for their neighbors, especially in rural areas.

Any suspicious vehicle should be reported to the sheriff's office immediately. Williams says the main information they need is the color and tag number



MEMORIAL DAY HONORS.....Flags flew in Bovina Cemetery last Monday as the holiday to honor our war veterans was observed. The citizens and employees of the City of Bovina should be proud of the way the cemetery is maintained. Over the holiday weekend, the many flowers and flags, plus the manicured gravesites were a credit to the community.



HOUSE CLEANING?.....How about bus cleaning out at the maintenance building for Bovina's school bus fleet. All you need is a broom and waterhose. Open the back door and hose it inside from the front. Don't be surprised at some of the weird things that wash out the back though. Tennis shoes and food wrappers seem to be a popular item.

Seminar Scheduled On Diabetes Care

If you have diabetes, or if you help care for a diabetic patient, you are invited to attend a seminar in Friona on Thursday, June 6, at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Parmer County Community Hospital and its medical staff, in conjunction with the Baptist-St. Anthony's Medical Center in Amarillo, will conduct the seminar, which is free of charge.

All area individuals with diabetes, and their families are urged to attend. Several specialists will be on hand, and will take part in the discussion.

Topics to be discussed, along with the speakers, are as follows: "Medications," by Luain

Packard, RPH, CDE; "Nutrition," by Diane McCorder, RD, CDE; "Stress Management," by Mike Perry of pastoral care; "Self Blood Glucose Monitoring," by Ronda Richardson, RN; "Diabetes Education," by Naomi Garcia, RN, and "Foot Care," by Cindy Vanbeber, RN, BSN.

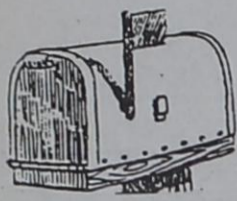
There will be ample time for discussion and questions, according to a hospital spokesman. Those attending are asked to bring their home glucose monitor, if they have any questions regarding its use.

Pre-registration is not necessary, but it would be appreciated if you will let the local hospital know if you plan to attend. Call 247-2754.



WRECKING THE KITCHEN?...Remodeling has begun on the kitchen at the school cafeteria. A local crew removed all the stoves, tables, and appliances from the kitchen beginning Friday, May 24. The cafeteria not only serves meals to Bovina students, it is the center of activity for various banquets, including the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, sport banquet, and other local meal functions.

Cost of the project has been estimated at almost \$300,000 and the contract requires that work be completed before August 15, the first day of the 1996-97 school year. The Bovina Blade will keep you posted on progress throughout the summer of 1996. The summer meal program will be held across the street in the Home Economics building while the cafeteria is being remodeled.



DRAWER B 79009

Scraps of interesting information that end up in our Drawer B, 79009

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will focus on strategies to overcome hard financial times during the group's June 14-15 meeting in Corpus Christi.

"It's no secret that cattle producers are struggling against powerful economic forces and drought conditions," said association president Chaunce O. Thompson, Jr. "We know the problems, most of which are not new, so we are looking for solutions".

More than 200 TSCRA directors and committeemen are expected to turn out for the meeting, which will be held in the Marriott Bayfront Hotel.

Eastern New Mexico University's School of Music tunes up its summer music program.

The annual Summer Choir and Band Camps for junior high and high school students will be held June 23-28 on the ENMU campus.

Grab your lawnchairs, pack a picnic, and head over to ENMU for two outdoor concerts by the 1996 ENMU Summer Band, directed by Dr. David Wilborn. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and Thursday, July 18.

The concerts will be on the lawn between the School of Music and the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts Building.

The 1996 ENMU Alumni Band Weekend takes place June 20-22 on the ENMU campus. All ENMU band alumni, regardless of year of graduation, and their family and friends are invited to attend.

More information on any of these events is available by contacting the School of Music at (505) 562-2377.

How about a Wolf Dog? The Wolf Brand Chili folks have an active public relations department. Their release this week says Americans eat more than 50 million hot dogs every day, which are enough to circle the globe more than 15 times in one year.

With the popular hot dog summer months approaching, the Wolf Brand folks created the "Wolf Dog", a marriage of the all-American hot dog and chili.

The cooks at Wolf Brand recommend saddlin' up hot dogs with a favorite Wolf Brand chili; original, Lean Beef, or Jalapeno, and adding some red onions, grated cheese, diced tomatoes, jalapenos, black olives, sour cream and a little cilantro---thus creating the authentic Texas "Wolf Dog".

Did you know that NASA has approved hot dogs as a regular item on all the Apollo moon flights, Skylab missions and shuttle flights? The "Wolf Dog" sounds a little messy for a spaceship.

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, area farmers, concerned about their summer crops, are asking if it's time to pull the plug on watering wheat, says Dr. Brent Bean, an Amarillo agronomist.

"In most cases it would be a mistake," he said.

According to Bean, summer crops, especially corn and grain sorghum can tolerate stress early in the season without significantly affecting yield. If the corn plant has a well defined root growth, it will tolerate limited water up to the six leaf stage.

D. Waters Buried At Amarillo

Donald Ray "Don" Waters died Friday, May 24, 1996. Services were held on Tuesday, May 28, at Temple Baptist Church in Hereford with the Rev. Jim Bozeman, retired pastor, and the Rev. Kyle Streun, pastor of First Baptist Church of Olton officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo.

Mr. Waters was born in Allison. He graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1950 and served in the Navy aboard the USS Lanning for four years.

He farmed for two years near Happy before moving to the Hereford area, where he farmed until 1960. He has worked for Hereford Farm Supply from 1960 until 1963 and had been employed by Hereford Butane Inc. since that time.

He married Carolyn Briscoe in 1955 at Happy. He was an active deacon for Temple Baptist Church since 1960, was involved in the church's training department and served as Sunday school teacher for the youth department, nursery director and Sunday School director.

He had been a 32-year member of the Hereford Noon Lions Club and had recently been selected as a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest service award in Lions International.

He was an associate lifetime member of Department of Public Safety Officers Association; associate member of Texas State Troopers Association; and member of Concerns of Police Survivors, National Rifle Association and American Legion Post 192.

He has served on the county committee of High Plains Underground Water Conservation District from 1992 to 1995.

He coached Little League baseball for 11 years and had served on the Little League executive board for several of those years; he was named coach of the year in 1974.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard Lloyd Waters.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Teresa Joan Grimsley of Valliant, Okla.; two sons, Dwayne Ray Waters of Denton and Kenneth Don Waters of Bovina; three brothers, Charles Waters of Happy, Keith Waters of Stratford and Glenn Waters of Shallowater; and nine grandchildren.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-JUN 13 1956

Francis Whitesides, son of the late S. A. Whitesides, received the Doctor of Optometry Degree June 8 from the Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nations of Crosbyton visited the weekend of June 2 in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Horn. They drove to Bovina Saturday morning and returned to their home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hammonds and daughter, Carole, visited briefly Wednesday, June 6, in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Hester of Brownfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hammonds returned to Bovina Wednesday evening, leaving Carole to visit in the home of her grandparents. She plans to return about June 17.

35 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1961

First 1961 wheat was delivered to Bovina Tuesday morning. Produced by Edgar Campbell of the Hollene Community in New Mexico, the load was received by Sherly Grain Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, science and homemaking teachers in Bovina High School, have resigned.

Bovina Auto Service and Bovina Auto Parts, Inc. new combined businesses here, will observe their grand opening Saturday.

Mrs. A. K. Snodgrass, mother of Mrs. George Douglas and Mrs. Owen Patton, departed last week on a six-week tour of Spain, Holy Lands, Switzerland, and Italy and other points of interest in Europe.

30 YRS AGO-JUN 15 1966

Wheat harvest for 1966 is underway. Premium first loads were delivered to Bovina's two elevators Saturday and Monday. Weather permitting, combines are expected to be rolling in several fields across the area by the end of this week.

This area received more rain Friday afternoon and night. The moisture total varied from .2 to half an inch across the area.

Donnie Elgin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Brock, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech on Saturday, May 28.

Elton Venable's recent trip to Winkler, Manitoba, Canada, brought a harvest of antique buggies and cutters (sleighs) to Bovina. Venable, who has feelers out over the country for antiques of any kind, heard of the "Prizes" in Winkler and went to investigate. He found six buggies and three cutters at different places around Winkler. Most of them were in barns where farmers had kept them after the advent of the automobile.

25 YRS AGO-JUN 16 1971

A rain storm struck here Friday afternoon breaking a month's long drought. The storm, which was accompanied by high winds, produced only a small amount of hail and the damage to crops was considered nil.

Phil Sorley, employee of Agri-Sprayers, Inc., received second and third degree burns to the face and shoulder in an accident Monday morning at Agri-Sprayers landing strip west of town.

David Dixon was in Austin this past week participating in the University Interscholastic League State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Playing a trumpet solo, he received a II (excellent) rating in the state meet. He was accompanied to Austin by Bryant Harris, Bovina school's band director.

Betty Kesler, a 1970 graduate of Bovina High School, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Seward County Junior College in Liberal, Kansas.

20 YRS AGO-JUN 16 1976

John Ransom of Bovina, an employee of Charles Oil Company, was critically injured in a freak accident about 2:30 p.m. Thursday on FM 2290, 1.2 miles north of Bovina. Ransom was driving a small tank truck which carried drip oil used in irrigation motors. Apparently something underneath the truck was burning and law

officials theorized that Ransom smelled the fire and jumped from the truck which was going an estimated 50 miles per hour. The man struck the pavement sustaining critical head injuries.

15 YRS AGO-JUN 24 1981

According to Guy Austin, president of Grain Producers International, which is a cooperative of area farmers who are looking into the construction of an alcohol plant in this area, the plant could well be one of the biggest boosts in agricultural, industrial, and economical fields to come to Texas in a long time.

Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona received word that they are one of the nursing home facilities in the state which has been named a superior facility. According to sources associated with the Texas Department of Health's Long Term Care division, the Friona facility was one of seven to receive the award.

10 YRS AGO-JUN 15 1986

Joe Jones is the new manager of Agri-Sprayers. He replaced Claude Nowell as manager two weeks ago. Joe has been employed at Agri-Sprayers since January 1980 and has been in the spraying and fertilizing business for almost twenty years.

Eddie Don Lide has been hired as field representative and spray manager for Agri-Sprayers.

5 YRS AGO-JUN 22 1991

The area received just over an inch of rain during the last week, bringing the total for the month of June to 4.79 inches.

Parmer County's 1990 cotton crop was definitely one of the best on record according to final figures released this week by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc (PCG) of Lubbock.

In fact, the county's 796-pounds per harvested acre ranked it tops in the 25-county area served by the PCG in terms of yield per acre.

Construction is getting underway on the \$11,000,000 expansion project at Friona's Excel Corp. plant.

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Tornado - Take Action

Tornadoes can strike any time, any place. Keep alert to changing weather conditions and listen to National Weather Service bulletins for weather information.

If a **WARNING** is issued or you see a tornado, immediately take shelter in a basement or an interior ground floor room. Stay away from windows.

If you are outside, lie flat in a ditch or ravine and cover your head with your arms. Do not stay in or under your car or mobile home, since both are easily moved by tornadoes. Do not try to outrun a tornado or drive away from it in your car.

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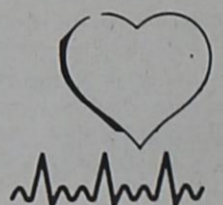
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Out Here

By RON CARR



He said his name was Francis of the Heart of Mary.

He said he was a mendicant, sworn to vows of poverty, and that he had been "walking" for five years.

Maybe you saw him walking east through Friona and Bovina on Thursday, May 2.

Connie Dodson called me at the Star and said, "Have you seen that religious guy that looks like Moses walking through town?"

We always appreciate hearing

Ex-Frionan Was Buried

Funeral services for Dorothy Watson, 79, were conducted on May 9 in Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Watson was born and raised in Friona, and was the daughter of the late Ella Floy (Knode) and T. J. Crawford.

Mrs. Watson passed away at Northwest Hospital in Tucson May 5 following an extended illness. She was a former Tucumcari, N. M., resident. She was born January 20, 1917, in Friona.

Her husband was a mathematics teacher in Tucumcari Public Schools for a number of years. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dave Watson of Tucson; and Dr. Charles Watson of Houston, and three sisters, Mary Katherine Cox of Arlington; Helen Atkins of Rockwall, and Jean Crawford of Andrews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dunn Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Bob Miller, minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery.

from people around town about interesting news possibilities.

Connie told me there was a guy with a long beard, full length robe, sandals and a backpack walking east.

About that same time, our editor Bill Ellis came in and said he had seen a guy in long beard, dressed like Moses, heading east on Highway 60 near the east Allsup's.

With my colleagues at the paper urging me on, I grabbed my camera and pad and went in search of Moses.

I drove past Allsup's, Hi-Pro, and the roadside park and didn't see him. I figured he may have stopped to rest, or perhaps he was imaginary.

Kept driving east and sure enough I spotted him. He was already out past the airport, trucking on to Hereford. He was not a slow walker.

Sure enough he had on a thick wool robe, ankle-length like a monk, with a hood and heavy sandals.

He was on the north side of the highway, walking against the traffic. I drove past to the next cross-over, made the U-turn, and stopped on the shoulder.

He was heading toward me, maybe 100 yards away, as I got out of the car. Then it dawned on me that I was out in the middle of nowhere, about to confront a stanger dressed like Moses.

It flashed through my mind that he could have a sword or machine-gun under that robe. Maybe he didn't like people, especially people who stopped him on the highway.

As he approached I waved and tried to look friendly. My camera and pad were still in the car.

I told him I was with the local newspaper and was curious about who he was and where he was

going.

He agreed to talk for a while but he didn't want any pictures taken.

He was a young man. In spite of the long beard, he was well groomed, looked healthy, and was not grimy or dirty like you might expect.

Eventually I found out he was 33 years old, was born and raised in Oregon, had a university degree in civil engineering, and had in fact worked as a civil engineer for three years before giving it all up to walk among the poor in poverty.

When I questioned the long heavy robe on such a warm day, he said that was a part of his vow of suffering and poverty.

He said that he ate his meals by foraging in supermarket dumpsters or the occasional meal from a church along the way. He pointed out that it was a disgrace the amount of food that is thrown away in America every day that could be used to feed the hungry.

When I asked his name he said Francis of the Heart of Mary. Pressing him for his real name, he said he didn't use it any more. He smiled though and said that he did have an ID in his backpack with his real name because he is sometimes stopped by "small town police" and questioned, so he needed an ID. Even peace and poverty has some regulations.

He shuns publicity, and once avoided a TV crew by hiding out in a convenience store restroom.

When I asked if he would be offended if I offered him a little money for food, he quickly told me that he did not accept or use money.

He enquired if I had a Texas map. I didn't but offered to drive him back into town to get one. He informed me that he did not ride in vehicles of any kind. Had not been in a vehicle in five years.

WT A&M University Offers Equine Camps

The Equine Industry Program at West Texas A & M University will offer six horsemanship camps this summer.

The three-day camps are designed to provide high-quality instruction to individuals of varied riding skills and horse knowledge. They are planned to give anyone nine years old and above the opportunity to ride and to learn more about horses and horse care.

Rebekah Bachman, instructor of agriculture with WTAMU's Equine Industry Program, will teach the horsemanship classes. Dr. Lance Baker, assistant professor of animal science, and Dr. John Pipkin, associate professor of animal science and director of the Equine Industry Program, will also assist with the instruction.

The University will offer Beginning-Intermediate (Western) camps June 5-7, June 24-26 and July 8-10. These camps will focus on learning and improvement of basic horsemanship skills and techniques.

A Beginning-Parent/Child (Western) camp will occur June 20-22 and will focus on beginning to intermediate skills and knowledge for parents and their children.

An Intermediate-Advanced (Western) camp will be July 11-13, focusing on advanced maneuvers and training techniques.

The final offering will be a Beginning-Intermediate (Hunt Seat) camp August 1-3. This camp will provide the basics of hunt seat riding and the fundamentals of

jumping.

Camps will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, and lunch will be provided every day. The second evening of each camp is reserved for a cookout. Camp activities include daily riding sessions, lectures, games, and videos.

The camps each cost \$125 per person except for the parent-child camp, which costs \$200 for the couple. A deposit of \$50 is required with application. Horses and tack are included in the fee.

Pre-registration is required at least a week prior to the start of each camp. Participants should arrive between 7-7:30 a.m. on the first day of each camp to finish the registration process.

For more information or an application, call the WTAMU Horse Center at 806-655-9213.

McBroom of Lazbuddie is SPC Grad

Patrick Neal McBroom of Lazbuddie was one of 757 students who received associate degrees on May 10 during South Plains College's 38th commencement exercises.

McBroom received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Law Enforcement Technology.

"This ceremony signifies the completion of two years of study and many hours of work and preparation," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president.

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AN OFFICER NAMED ASAIAH

ASAIAH WAS AN OFFICER IN THE COURT OF KING JOSIAH, WHO CAME TO THE THRONE OF JUDAH WHEN HE WAS BUT 8 YEARS OF AGE. ASAIAH COMES TO NOTICE BECAUSE HE WAS SENT AS PART OF A SPECIAL ENVOY BY KING JOSIAH, WHEN JOSIAH WAS 18 YEARS OLD, TO FIND OUT IF THE LORD GOD WOULD DESTROY THE KINGDOM BECAUSE THEIR FATHERS HAD GOTTEN AWAY FROM WORSHIPPING GOD! THE KING HAD REPENTED FOR THE "SIN OF HIS FATHERS" EVER SINCE THE DAY HE HAD READ IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW THE AWFUL PROPHECY IN DEUTERONOMY (DEUT. 29:25-28). THAT KING JOSIAH WAS "DEAD SERIOUS" WAS SHOWN BY THE FACT OF HIS CHOOSING ALL HIGH OFFICERS IN HIS COURT FOR THE ENVOY AND HEADING IT WITH THE HIGH PRIEST HILKIAH (1 KINGS 22:14). THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS ENVOY WERE SHAPHAM THE SCRIBE, ACHBOR, A MOST TRUSTED OFFICER OF THE KING, AND AHKAM, THE SON OF THE ROYAL SCRIBE SHAPHAM AND A PRINCE OF JUDAH. THE ENVOY WENT TO THE PROPHETESS HULDAH, WHO WAS HELD IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM. SHE WAS THE WIFE OF SHALLUM, KEEPER OF THE KING'S WARDROBE. HULDAH AGREED WITH THE PROPHECY OF DEUTERONOMY BUT ADDED A PROPHECY OF HER OWN, WHILE ASAIAH AND THE OTHERS UNDOUBTEDLY STOOD AGHAST WITH SHOCK. HULDAH TOLD THE ENVOY THAT BECAUSE KING JOSIAH HAD BEEN SINCERE IN HIS REPENTANCE THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM WOULD NOT BE IN HIS TIME! SO, FOR ASAIAH AND THE REST OF THE ENVOY THERE WAS AT LEAST SOME GOOD NEWS TO BRING HOME WITH THE BAD NEWS FOR THE KING!



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LORI CHRISTINE PHILLIPS and BRANDON CHAD RENNER....Dewayne and Debbie Phillips of Farwell and Conrad and Susan Renner of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Lori Christine and Brandon Chad. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows August 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Farwell. The bride-elect is a graduate of Farwell High School and is currently employed by Bender Honda Nissan in Clovis, New Mexico. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Friona High School and attends West Texas A&M University, Canyon. He is employed by The Hot Tub Store.

A. Cooper Services In Gruver

Anna Rose Barlow Cooper, 88, died Tuesday, May 28, 1996 in Gruver.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, at United Methodist Church with Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor of First United Methodist in Tulia, and Rev. Fernand Couture, parish priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Spearman officiating.

Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Mrs. Cooper was born in Booneville, Mo. She moved as an infant with her family to Ochiltree County. She married Guy Cooper in 1928 at Perryton and they moved to Gruver.

She was a homemaker and a member of Gruver United Methodist Church, Gruver China Painting Club, and the Diligent Dozen Sewing Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1965; and by a daughter, Faerie Cooper Hintergardt in 1983.

Survivors include two daughters, Fern Bell of Bovina and Betty Owens of Tulia; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gruver United Methodist Church; or to Camp New Dawn, HCR 1, Box 31, Happy, Texas 79042.

Lutherans Plan Special Activities

Dr. Oswald C.J. Hoffman, honorary Lutheran Hour speaker of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will be the featured speaker during church services on June 2 at St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat as part of their 75th anniversary celebration.

Dr. Hoffman served as the international Lutheran Hour speaker from 1955 to 1988, when he was named the honorary speaker. He has received numerous honorary degrees, served as college professor in various languages and supervised the Department of Public Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from 1948 to 1963.

From 1977 to 1988 Dr. Hoffman served as the president of the United Bible Societies, the world association of national Bible Societies. Throughout his ministry, he was recognized for outstanding service from the United States Department of Defense for his service to U.S. military personnel.

St. John Lutheran Church is located directly off Highway 84 in Lariat, Texas between Farwell and Muleshoe. Church services on June 2 will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. with a period of fellowship immediately following. For more information, please contact the church at (806) 825-2409.

Bovina Girl Graduates With Honors

Amanda Conant of Bovina met the requirements for an Associate Degree in business administration at Clovis Community College.

Commencement activities honoring the graduates took place May 10 at Marshall Auditorium. Conant graduated with honors indicating that she earned a grade point average of 3.5 or greater.



CARRIES TORCH.... Paul Hamilton (center) is shown carrying the Olympic Flame during the torch's path through North Texas last week. Waiting to receive the flame is Mike Kleinstub, right, of Channel 4, Amarillo. (Photo courtesy The Hereford Brand)

Hereford Resident Runs Olympic Torch

A Hereford man, Paul Hamilton, was among the select list of people chosen to take part in the Olympic Flame relay last Monday, and called it the experience of a lifetime.

Hamilton, an employee of West Texas Services/West Texas Rural Telephone in Hereford, was chosen to take part in the event. Hamilton, who has served in the Hereford Fire Department for 23 years, was nominated by the fire department to take part in the event, as a "community hero," and was chosen to represent Hereford by the Hereford's United Way organization.

He had served as a member of Hereford's EMS for 15 years, with certification as an EMT/SS. He served as a city commissioner two years. He has been involved in the United Way, the Boy Scouts, YMCA, Kids, Inc, the Special Olympics and Kids, Inc.

Paul's wife Dee is advertising manager at Radio Station KPAN in Hereford.

"It was the most amazing thing I ever saw," Hamilton said following his turn carrying the torch. He carried the Olympic Flame for 7/10 of a mile through Grand Prairie. His portion of the run started at 11:50 a.m.

"I had my picture taken so many times I couldn't even count them. Spectators wanted to touch me or touch the torch. Just anything to be a part of this historic event," Hamilton told a Hereford Brand reporter.

Hamilton and the 20 other runners in his group were loaded on a bus at a McDonald's Restaurant in Grand Prairie. From there they were dropped at designated spots along the route.

Every runner was closely guarded. "There was a cop on a motorcycle with every runner at all times," he said. Also, each runner was accompanied by an escort runner on their portion of the run.

The Hereford runner passed the torch to Mike Kleinstub, sportscaster on Amarillo's Channel 4 television. So, you may have

gotten a glimpse of him on the TV coverage.

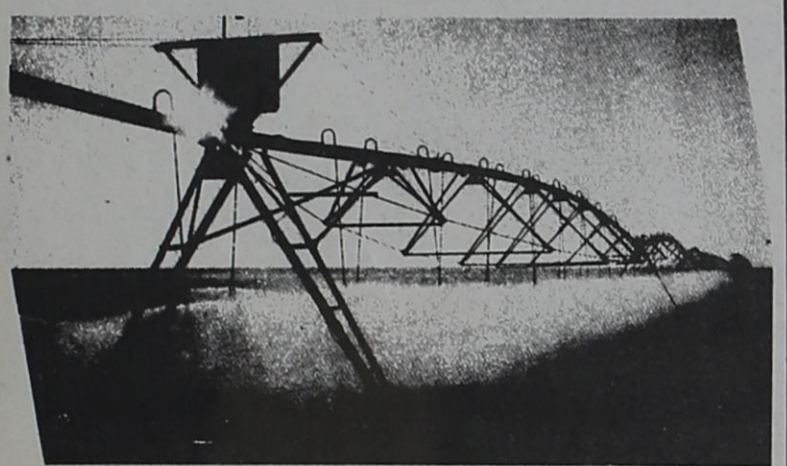
Hamilton was assigned a number by the torch officials. It was 24063. The "24" indicated that it was the 24th day of the run, and the "63" meant that he was the 63rd runner to carry the flame that particular day.

Hamilton is a telecommunications technician at West Texas Services. He has held the offices of secretary, lieutenant,

captain and currently assistant chief of the Hereford Fire Department.

He was named "Fireman of the Year" by the members of the HFD in 1991. He also is serving on the by-laws committee of the Panhandle Assn. of Fire Departments.

He was named the state and national "Firefighter of the Year" in 1995 by the American Legion, and is the city/county coordinator for the "Make a Wish" foundation.



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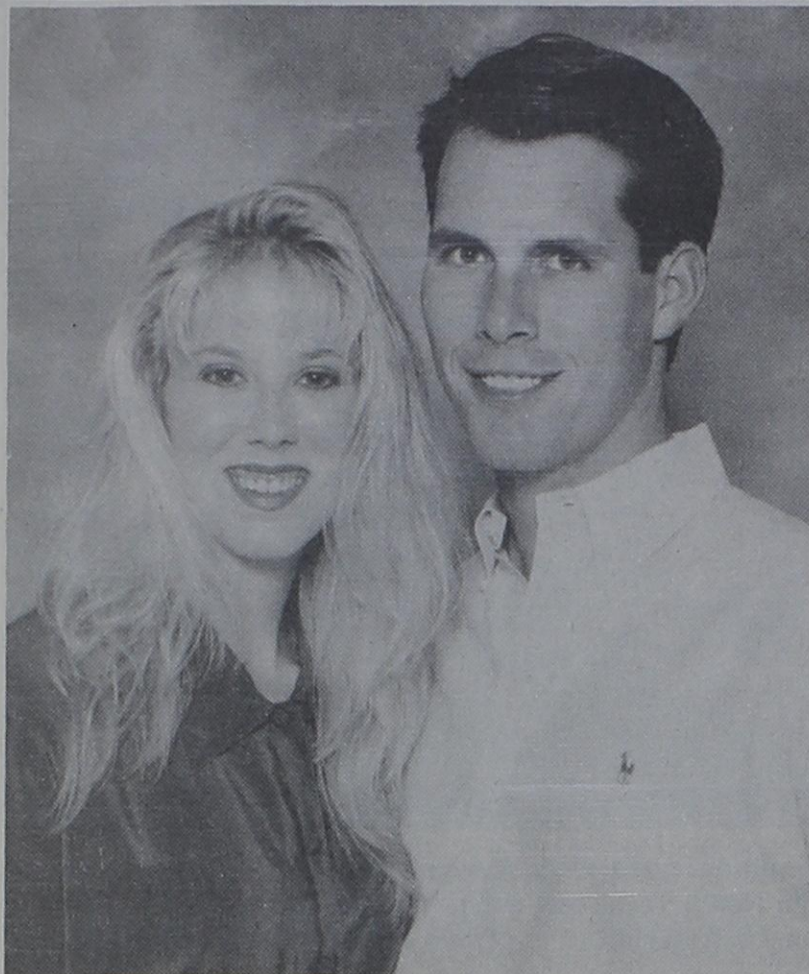
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 By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Our Memorial weekend was a "wild one" with hard rain and hail and tornadoes dancing all around. Sunday, we had one of the worst dust storms we'd had in several weeks. Tuesday morning, the chill factor was twenty-nine degrees and the temperature forty-one, according to the Amarillo stations, so we've had all types of weather.

Bovina did receive seventy-seven hundredths of an inch of rain. The hail caused damage to trees and shrubs and also fruit trees. It was small and didn't last long, so we were lucky.

 We express our sympathies to Kenneth Waters, whose father passed away. He was Donald Ray Waters, 64, of Hereford and died of cancer. He was survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and three brothers. He was preceded in death by a son. Services were held in Hereford at the Temple Baptist Church on Tuesday of last week.

 Pat and Pat Kunselman had their family visiting over the weekend. Rick and family came from Kileen; Arty and family from Spearman; and Vickie and her family from Flagg.

 The family attended graduation ceremonies at Dimmitt for grandson, Dreu, who graduated from high school in Dimmitt. Also with the family was Pat's aunt, Ruby Wilson and her mother, Doris Wilson.

 Sam and Shirley Garrison drove to several cemeteries over Memorial Day weekend and visited

fifteen relatives' graves. They went to Pampa, Canadian, Perryton and Lakeview.

 They also traveled to their daughter, Samie's home, which is located north of Mobeetie and visited with Samie and Steve Corse and their son, Davis.

 They celebrated Samie's birthday with a cookout and had a lot of fun.

 Daryl and Karen Kirkpatrick and son, Corey, drove to Cimarron and attended high school graduation ceremonies of their nephew, Zadock. His mom is the former Deborah Kirkpatrick of Cimarron and his grandmother is Lily.

 We had a nice visit with Mace Cochran, who has been back at her home in Bovina for a couple of weeks. She spends about half of her time at her home at Zapata.

 Jerry Ware had a good time with her granddaughter, Jerry Hobbey, and her two children, Caleb and Michael from Roswell, New Mexico. They came on Friday and left on Sunday.

 Justin and Delilah Lemons of Fort Worth were in Bovina recently visiting with Delilah's sisters, Esther Steelman and Gilda Garner, and their families.

 Justin is studying to become a preacher and is attending the seminary in Fort Worth. The Lemons' daughter, Rachel, was also with the family.

 Gwen Clements was telling me that her father-in-law, Jim

Clements of Muleshoe, had been in the hospital over a week and came home from the hospital on Monday of this week.

 Gwen has him at her home in Bovina and will be taking care of him until he recuperates.

 Carissa Cailiouett and children, Donnie and Ja'Que came from Ulysses, Kansas to be with Carissa's parents, Bobby and Irma Jo Englant. Also visiting were the Englants' daughter, Devanee and her husband, Galen Cogburn of Canyon and their son, Andrew. The family attended graduation ceremonies in Bovina while here.

 Oma Lee George and daughter, Sue Barrett, flew to California a few weeks ago and visited with Oma Lee's sister-in-law and her husband, Sue and T.D. Rochelle.

 While there, Oma Lee said her nephew took them sightseeing through some of the places that had been burned at Oakland and near the University of California at Berkeley. Said they saw where large homes had burned but that people were rebuilding.

 Jim and Joy Melton flew to Houston in recent weeks and visited with Joy's brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Kinny Hussey of Toronto, Canada.

 Joy said Joe and Kinny came to Houston to babysit a grandchild while the parents spent time at Padre Island.

 Joy said she had not seen her brother in two years and her sister-in-law in ten years so it was good to visit with them. Joy grew up in

Canada and married Jim, who was in the military so that is how she became a resident of this area.

 Recently Buster and Mearle Morgan attended the Morgan family reunion held at the Embassy Suites in Abilene with about sixty-seven people attending.

 All of Buster's and Mearle's immediate family were there. Gary and Deanne Cooner and daughter, Amy, Randy and Reneise Morgan of Dimmitt and Ricky, also of Dimmitt.

 Also with the family were Mearle's sister and her daughter, Hazel Hawkins and daughter, Arlene Atkins of Waco.

 SMILE: A New Yorker, pointing to a hillside field, complimented the New Englander on his corn.

 "How do you plow that field?" he asked. "It looks pretty steep."

 "Don't plow it," the farmer answered. "When the spring thaws come, the rocks roll down and tear it up pretty good."

 "Well, how do you plant it then?"

 "Don't plant it really," said the farmer. "Just stand in my back door and shoot the seed with a shotgun."

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