

MY TURN



By
Carol Ellis

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES of long ago used to close with "A good time was had by all," which would also be quite appropriate to describe the July 4th activities around these parts.

A welcome addition to this year's festivities was the musical program performed in the park by "The Cornerstone Singers" and topped off by the closing fireworks at the end of the evening. The choral group consisted of about a dozen high school age young people from the Rio Grande Children's Home in Mission, Texas, located down in the southernmost tip of the state. (Just for the record, both Hispanics and Caucasians were represented in this group.)

They seemed to enjoy singing out their message. . . "Love of God and love of country". . . just as much as the audience enjoyed hearing them. It would be difficult to imagine any of these neatly dressed, fresh-faced, wholesome young folks involved in the type of disrespectfulness and violence which has been associated with public schools across the country in recent months.

The point is, these youngsters attend a private Christian School where old fashioned character, moral values, Christian philosophy, and, yes, even prayer is taught at the school. But in our public schools, it is common to find unwed pregnancies, sexual harrasment, gangs, weapons and drugs. Condoms are passed out in the classrooms and children are taught about homosexual habits as part of the curriculum. But prayer or the mention of God or the Bible are a big "NO, NO!" in schools across America. So how can we expect America to remain the great country it has always been? And why are we surprised when American students fail to perform scholastically as well as students from Asian countries?

None of this is the fault of the schools, however, because the schools merely reflect the attitude of the country as a whole. The American Dream is fast becoming the American Nightmare. When did we become so obsessed with greed and materialism? Everybody has an axe to grind. Everybody thinks someone else owes them something for a grievance, real or imagined. Everybody goes around with their hands in someone else's pocket. Such avarice breeds discontent and discontent breeds violence.

I am extremely thankful that I am not a teenager in today's society. I feel so sorry for our young people. They're under so much pressure from adults who want them to achieve great things, plus pressure from their peers to whom such achievements are a sign of weakness. Some of the high-achievers who don't want to be branded as "nerds" will pretend to be dumb in order to fit in with the group. With all these mixed signals, is it any wonder that youngsters are killing themselves and each other in record numbers?

A recent comparative study of Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese and American students showed that American kids do better in the lower grades than the Asian kids. By the sixth grade, all the students were about even, but the Asians passed American kids in a rush after the seventh grade. When offered to have a fairy grant one wish, the majority of Chinese children wished for educational success, such as a chance to go to college, while the majority of American kids wished for toys, money and other material goods. Only ten percent of the American children made wishes for academic achievements. Yet we will spend \$400 billion this year on education. Pouring more money down this bottomless pit won't solve the problems.

I offer for you here "Carol's Five Point Program" to get our nation's schools back on the right track without spending an extra cent of money:

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Bovina's July 4th Is Well-Received

People in Bovina went "all out" in this year's 4th of July celebration. The townspeople held a parade, raffles, contests and a fire works display.

The parade saw numerous floats and participants. Cash prizes were given out to the best entrants in each category. They were, as follows; In floats, Charles Oil and Gas Co. took first place and won \$40. The PTA Helping Youth Grow won second place and \$25 and the Baptist Church took third place and won \$10.

In the horse category, a total of \$75 was awarded to the winners. Dee Ann Jones won first place and \$40, the mini ponies took second and \$25 and CJ and BB Small Ponies won third and \$10.

In the bikes, \$9 worth of free snow cones were awarded. First place went to Hawkins, which pulled a pig trailer behind his bike, second went to Trent Black and third went to Brandon Black. A clown entered the parade riding a lawn tractor and won, but hasn't claimed his prize. Organizers urge the winner or anyone who knows the winner to please come forward and collect the prize. Charles Oil and Gas entered the only motorized car and received a prize.

Arla Waters said the "Anything Goes Game" was "a lot of fun". Five teams competed throughout the day for a total of \$500 in prize money. The teams were, Dutton, Stormes, Widner, Charles Oil and Gas Co., and Sparklers. First place and \$275 in prize money went to the Widner team. The team included, Larry and Debbie Widner, Wes and Charolotte Cockerham and Daryl and Carrie Hawkins.

Second place and \$100 went to the Stormes team, third place and \$75 went to the Charles Oil and Gas Co. team and fourth place and \$50 went to the Sparklers. "I know everyone watching had a lot of fun," Waters said.

The FFA Chapter held a raffle for 80 lbs of hamburger meat, donated by Excel. The winner was M.H. Carson. The fire department raffled off a trip to either Sea World or Old Mexico. Daryl Kirkpatrick won the trip and has a year to make his choice of either destination.

The Little Miss Bovina and Miss Bovina contest was held and four girls took home the honors. All girls were winners, Lori Smith

explained, all 27 participants received trophies for entering.

Kadi Smith, 3, won in the 2-3 year old category. Yvonne Espinosa, 5, won in the 4-6 year old category and Morgan Clayton, 7, won in the 7-10 year old category. In the Miss Bovina contest, 16 year old, Darla Stormes won the honor.

The Chamber of Commerce held a raffle for various items. 100 gallons of gas went to Virginia Rhodes, Meagan Whitten won a swing set, a gas grill went to Erma Brown, Sugar Britches porcelain doll went to Elton Venable and the lawn mower went to A.L. Nuttall.



LITTLE MISS BOVINA WINNERS....Pictured (left to right) are the winners of the Little Miss Bovina Pageant, held July 4. They are Kadi Smith, Morgan Clayton and Yvonne Espinosa.



MISS BOVINA....Darla Stormes won the honor of Miss Bovina during the July 4 pageant.

Summer Reading Program Slated

The Bovina Elementary School is holding a summer reading program. The program will start Monday, July 12 and ends Friday, August 6.

This year's program will include reading contests and prizes for most books read. Also, the last day will include a skating party at Rollerworld and lunch at McDonald's Restaurant for those who have good attendance during the program.

The schedule will be as follows: If you were in first or fourth grades last year, you will come from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. If you were in the fifth grade or in the second grade last year, you will need to come

from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

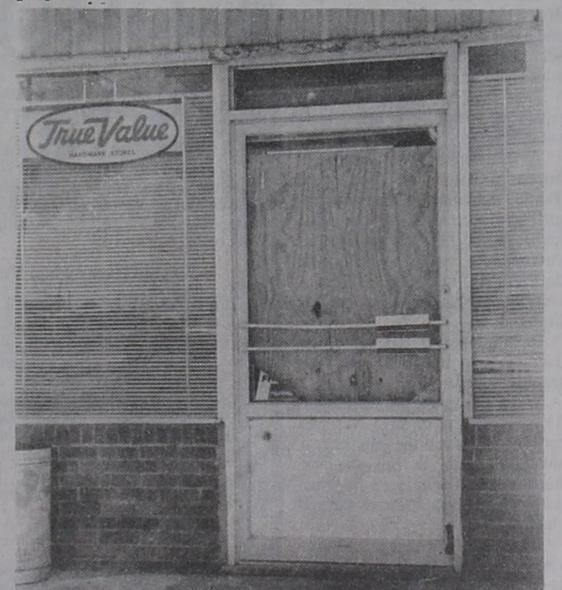
If you were in kindergarten or in the third grade last year, you will come from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

There will be no lunch or breakfast served during the summer program, but arriving on time is a must due to the times allotted for each group. The library will be open from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. so that the students can check out books.

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NEW DOCTOR....Parmer County Community Hospital recently welcomed new physician, Dr. Tony Orme and his wife, Merlene, who works in billing in Home Health. They moved from Lindsey, Oklahoma. They have three children, Shawn who lives in Dallas and is an attorney, Shannon who lives in Richmond, Virginia and works for a firm that designs X-ray equipment and Scott, who is a junior at Harvard.



BURGLARIZED....Dudley's Auto Parts Store was broke into July 4. Only change was taken and the suspect is still at-large.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Rhonda Holden
Bovina has recently welcomed a new family to the town. Manuel and Collette Torres just completed moving into their new home on Boyce Street. Manuel is the new officer with the Bovina Police Department.

The couple moved from Amarillo for his job with the police department. Collette will be starting her job with the Frion:

Texas Federal Credit Union next week in Friona. Collette worked for the Amarillo Federal Credit Union for 17 years before this move.

Collette is looking forward to a small town and spending more time with her 11 year old daughter, Kristie Buckley. The couple is hopeful that the smaller schools will provide the individual attention that a larger town cannot provide.



Manuel and Collette Torres and Kristie Buckley

FFA Sets Car Wash

The Bovina FFA chapter is having a car wash today from 9:00 this morning until mid afternoon. The students are earning money for their trip to the State FFA Convention in Corpus Christy next week.

For the cost of a donation, the students will wash the inside and

outside and vacuume the vehicles. The car wash will be held at the Bovina Fire Department.

The students will be leaving for the state convention Monday, July 12. Some of the FFA members will be receiving awards while they are in Corpus Christy.

Manuel recently graduated from the Police Academy and Jailer Academy. This is his first position as a police officer, but he has been in the security business before attending the academy. He was a sergeant in a patrol division for a security company and worked as head of security for One Medical Square in Amarillo. In addition, he worked full time for St. Anthony's Hospital as a Radiology Technician.

For him, being a police officer was a dream and something he always saw himself doing. Also, many members of his family have been involved in public safety. His brother, Johnny Ray Torres, is a DARE Officer with the Fritch, Texas Police Department. He has several cousins who serve in various positions in public safety, from Amarillo to Dalhart where he was raised and where his family still lives.

Collette's father was in the service, so they moved often as she was growing up. Her parents now live in Amarillo and she has relatives in Farwell. She is excited about her new job and the town. She explained that she has already been involved in the community and is starting to get used to living in a small town.

Kristie says living in Bovina is "alright". She is looking forward to making new friends this new school year. Her mother says she's glad that her new job is a lot less stressful and will give her more time to spend with her daughter.

When off duty, Manuel enjoys many athletic activities such as basketball and softball. Both Collette and he are involved with softball teams that are currently competing at a state level. Over this weekend the couple are in Amarillo playing in a co-ed softball tournament.

They also enjoy other sports. Manuel said that Collette is a great bowler and loves the game. She enjoys watching him play ball, too. "We just do everything together," he said.

Beauchamp Services Held Friday

Funeral services for Thomas W. Beauchamp, 71, were conducted at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina on Friday, July 9, with Rev. Davis Edens of Lubbock and Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Beauchamp passed away Wednesday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born in Silverton, and married Janie Foust August 28, 1940 in Clovis, N.M. They moved to Bovina in February of 1951.

He was a veteran of World War II, having been awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals for his service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bovina, and was a farmer.

Survivors include two sons, Garry Beauchamp and Mike Beauchamp, both of Bovina; one daughter, Karen Kirkpatrick of Bovina; one brother, B.A. Beauchamp, Jr., of Sudan; two sisters, Gladys Blind of Gnadenhutzen, Ohio and Elouise Robertson of Farwell.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1991.

Eight grandchildren also survive: Jennifer, Corey, Kimberly, Angela, Richard, Lori, Tony and Gina.



TOM BEAUCHAMP

Pallbearers were Billy Foust, Kirk Whitworth, Durward Workman, Todd Workman, Michael Coble, Roger Robertson, James Clayton and Derwin Beauchamp.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmie Clements, Gene Ezell, J.T. Hammonds, Rouel Barron, O.H. Jones, M.M. Treinen, J.B. Barrett and Dickie Clayton.

The family suggests memorials to the Bovina Cemetery Assn., Drawer KK, Bovina, Tx., 79009, or to the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.



Villarreal Is Buried On July 3

Funeral services for Domingo Villarreal, Sr., 61, were conducted Saturday, July 3 at Templo Bautista in Friona, with Rev. Raymond Delgado and Rev. Antonio Rocha officiating.

Villarreal passed away July 1 at Parmer County Community Hospital, of natural causes.

He was born in Sinton, Texas, and moved to Bovina in 1962 from Laredo.

Villarreal worked in the maintenance division of the Excel Corp. He married Gregoria Ramirez January 16, 1958 in Stanfield, Arizona. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Hector Villarreal of Amarillo; Domingo Villarreal, Jr. of Bovina; Rene Villarreal of San Antonio and Roberto Villarreal of Dumas; three daughters: Leticia Ramirez of Uvalde, Elma Villarreal and Michelle Villarreal, both of Bovina; two brothers, Pedro Villarreal, Jr. and Lucio Villarreal, both of Plainview; two sisters, Beatrice Villarreal of Plainview and Arsenia Lopez of Lubbock.

Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were Rudy Gonzales, Jr., Rudy Gonzales, Sammy Lopez, George Ramirez, Jr., Raymond Thomashide, and Larry Villarreal.

Ex-Resident Passes Away

Florence Lee, 80, of the Houston area passed away Monday in a Houston Hospital. She died after a lengthy illness.

Florence lived here in Bovina with her family many years ago and graduated from Bovina High School in 1933. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sisk and her brother and sisters are; Flossie Rhinehart of Bovina, Lucy Thomas of Friona, Zelma Jones of Yuma, Arizona, Cecil Sisk of Woodland Park, Colorado and Steve Sisk of Amarillo.

Florence's husband, Melton, preceded her in death. She is survived by her three children, Dianne Hutton of Illinois, Clifford Lee and Donald Lee of the Houston area.



CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVELER...Robert Tierney poses with his horse and pack mules as he paused for breakfast Tuesday at Barbara's Restaurant. Tierney is in the midst of a 2,000-mile trip from California to Tennessee. He is attempting to raise money to build a ranch for disabled children in Tennessee, and is taking pledges during his ride.

Cross-Country Rider Hopes To Help Kids

By BILL ELLIS

Robert Tierney, 51, a former rancher and fire chief in Washington state, made a trip through Parmer County last week. Tierney was not your average tourist.

First, there was his mode of travel: horseback, with a pair of pack mules.

Then, there was his motive: attempting to raise money to establish a ranch where disabled youngsters can spend a part of each summer.

Tierney lost a leg in an accident involving a horse and a bull three years ago in Washington. Since then, he has developed a keen desire to help youngsters, who might be worse off than himself.

He is collecting pledges as he goes, and one of the highlights of his stops in Parmer County was to be at Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona. "I have been feeding my horse and mules Hi-Pro feeds--corn, barley and oats," he said.

Tierney is a member of a Kiwanis Club in California, and this club is serving as a sponsor for his project. He left San Diego on May 23, and expects to arrive in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee by mid-August.

He spoke to the Hereford Kiwanis Club last Thursday.

In addition to the pledges, Tierney is receiving donations to help with the expenses of crossing the country. He was given places to stay, through the cattle-growers associations in Arizona and Texas, plus donations of feed for the horses.

Tierney got into Clovis two weeks ago Friday, right in time for the tornado-hailstorm that wet him and his pack animals down considerably. Tierney was taken in by Dean and Bobby Stagner of Clovis, who kept him for the weekend and helped get his things dried out.

His animals were kept at Clovis Livestock Company, where Charlie Rogers, manager, also made a nice donation to his project. That Monday night he bedded his horses down at the Friona Roping Arena.

Tierney needs to raise \$75,000 for his youth ranch, and has \$15,000 pledged so far.

He has had a plot of ground offered, 150 acres, at a fair price, and a pair of architects donated their services in designing the ranch, which will be built from scratch.

"The land has plenty of timber which we could use. It hasn't been cut in 40 years," Tierney said.

As an example of the children he hopes to help with the ranch, Tierney mentioned a nine-year-old girl who recently lost both arms and legs and her hearing. Jessica suffered from an immune deficiency, and a simple case of chicken pox caused her to lose her limbs.

In helping this type of child, Tierney also hopes to help the parents as well.

When the ranch is operational, Tierney expects to have facilities for boys, girls and the parents in a separate group. In this manner, parents will be able to interact with other parents of disadvantaged children.

He pointed out that the divorce rate for parents of disabled children is 90 per cent, due to the extremely high stress rate involved.

The national average cost of sending a youngster to summer

camp is \$500 per week, but Tierney hopes to make his "ranch camp" available for \$150 per week.

He has developed a sponsoring organization, and has already secured some corporate sponsors, such as Southwest Airlines, Pepsi Cola, Anheiser-Busch, and others. "We have folks from all walks of life involved in the organization," Tierney said.

Tierney had a 17-year-old boy, Patrick Christensen, (who observed his birthday on the road), accompany him on horseback from San Diego to Clovis. But at this point, the youth chose to call it off and was to return to California.

At this point in time, Tierney

was just about halfway through his 2,000-mile trip.

He said that his animals had done extremely well. He started his journey with 13 animals, but has sold some as the trip progressed.

Last weekend, Tierney was expecting to be in Amarillo for the July 4th Rodeo. He planned to visit the American Quarterhorse Assn., and American Quarterhorse Museum and seek further sponsor-endorsements.

So, if you felt uncomfortable due to the summer heat these past two weeks, pause a moment and consider this cross-country traveler. Just a straw hat to protect him from the sun's rays--and an inner force driving him onward.

Happy Birthday Bovina!

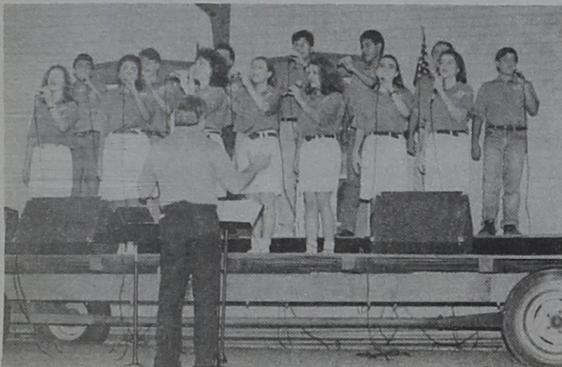
July 12--Dorothy Harris.
July 16--Sandy Guest, Nannie Rhodes.

July 17--Jeri Been.
(Editor's note: If someone in your family is having a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)



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Reminiscing About My Early Cooking Interest

By CARLA McKEOWN
What a delight to open my mailbox last week and find a letter from Mrs. Johnnie Scudder of Spur. I do enjoy hearing from everyone who reads the column.

Mrs. Scudder, who sent in the following recipe for Deep South Pecan Pie, is someone with whom I can truly identify. In her letter, she describes herself as a "recipe nut." I'm sure my husband, Tony, has used that term many times as he witnesses me sorting the thousands of recipes in my collection. Or when he steps over the dozens of cookbooks that have overflowed the bookshelves and are stacked in the kitchen floor.

Another thing Mrs. Scudder and I have in common is the fact that we've been cooking since we were young girls. She wrote that she started cooking when she was ten years old and hasn't stopped yet.

I really don't remember exactly when I started cooking. I remember helping my mother in the kitchen. As a very young child, I was allowed to stir the chocolate chip cookie dough before the flour was added. After the flour, it was too stiff for my little arms to handle.

According to my Junior Girl Scout Handbook, I received my "Cook" badge when I was eleven years old. I don't remember everything I had to cook to earn the badge, but the requirements include measuring liquid, dry and solid ingredients, planning menus, baking a cake, and preparing foods such as vegetables, fruit desserts and a main dish.

I also completed cooking- and food-related requirements for the "Backyard Fun," "Outdoor Cook" and "Troop Camper" badges.

My first cookbook was appropriately titled "My First Cookbook" and was published by the Imperial Sugar Company in 1959. I still have that cookbook as

well as a newer version that was published a few years ago. With my mother's help, I made such recipes as Tasty Tuna Casserole and Yummy Carrots.

Home Economics classes in the eighth and ninth grades continued to encourage my cooking interest. I cooked foods at home every weekend to earn extra points in class. Some of the foods I learned to cook in Home Ec class have become family favorites that we still cook today.

The following pecan pie recipe is from Mrs. Scudder, and the others are recipes that I added to my collection in my early cooking days.

DEEP SOUTH PECAN PIE

(From Mrs. Johnnie Scudder of Spur)

- 1 cup white corn syrup
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 unbaked pastry pie shell

Cook the corn syrup and margarine together until it is as thick as honey. Beat together the eggs, sugar and salt. Add the egg mixture to the syrup mixture gradually; beat well. Add the vanilla and pecans to the syrup mixture. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pastry pie shell. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake until the pie is light brown or well set.

The following two recipes were from my eighth grade cooking class. I turned in reports with comments from my mother after I made the recipes at home. On the Coffee Ring, my mother wrote, "I thought this breakfast ring was very good, and the whole family enjoyed it." About the Party Mints, she wrote, "The mints were pretty and

had a light, delicate mint flavor."

COFFEE RING

- 2 cans refrigerated biscuits
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 to 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Remove the biscuits from the can, and dip the uncooked biscuits into the melted butter. Then, dip the buttered biscuits into the sugar and cinnamon mixture. Grease a tube or bundt pan. Place the biscuits on their sides, touching each other, in the pan. Bake for 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Remove the pan from the oven and place the Coffee Ring on a serving platter. Combine the powdered sugar, milk and vanilla to make a thick glaze. Drizzle the glaze over the Coffee Ring. Serve hot.

PARTY MINTS

- 2 egg whites
- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint flavoring
- 2 drops of red or green food coloring

Set aside 1/2 cup of the powdered sugar, mix the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Beat on low speed of an electric mixer until well mixed; then, beat on high for 7-1/2 minutes. Add the reserved 1/2 cup of powdered sugar and knead the mixture until smooth. Form mints with molds or by hand and allow to dry for 30 minutes to an hour before serving.

The following recipe is from "My First Cookbook."

- ## TASTY TUNA CASSEROLE
- 1 bag potato chips
 - 1 can cream of mushroom soup

Ag Census Underway

A drive to round up report forms that have not been returned by farmers and ranchers in the 1992 Census of Agriculture has been started by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

According to George Pierce, assistant chief of the Census Bureau's Agriculture Division, "...the completeness and accuracy of the census depends on each individual filling out the census report form." Just as important, he says, is the time element; a true picture of the nation's agricultural industry cannot be presented until the forms are returned.

Agricultural producers received their forms last December. Most have completed and returned them.

The census is the only source of comprehensive, consistent agricultural data for each county in the nation.

Advance reports for all counties, states and the nation will be published starting this fall.

Friona Pool Sets Weekly Family Night

The Friona Municipal Swimming Pool will hold a family night every Monday from 6-8 p.m.

In addition, swimming lessons and pool rentals are available. Lessons are \$35 for ten lessons. To sign up, call 247-2347.

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1-7 ounce can tuna

Crush enough potato chips to measure 3/4 cup. To crush, put the potato chips in a plastic or paper bag and crush with a rolling pin. Grease the inside of a 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. In a small bowl, mix mushroom soup and salt with the milk. Blend well. Drain the tuna and arrange in the bottom of the casserole dish. Pour the soup mixture over the tuna. Sprinkle the crushed potato chips over the top of the soup. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

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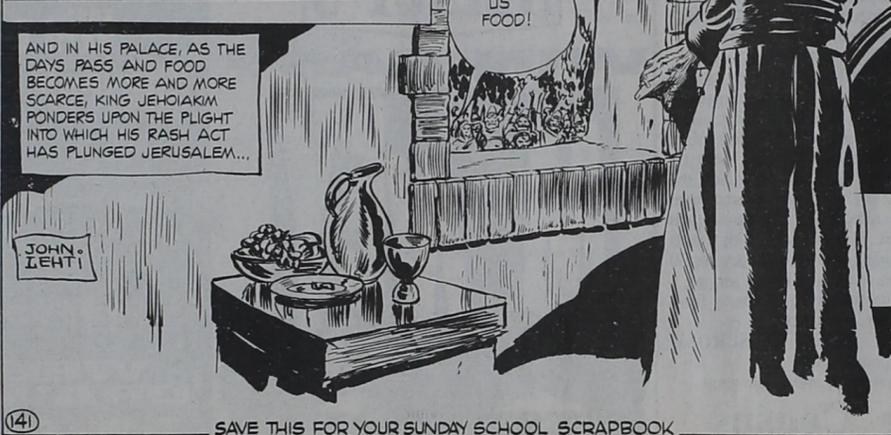
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July 4th activities were a huge success, thanks to the many who made it possible. Several of our former residents were back in Bovina for the weekend and many enjoyed a good time being together. The weather cooperated fairly well. Only the hot winds were with us but everyone had a good time. . .

NEWS AROUND TOWN. . .
Charlie and Isabelle Gilbreath had all of their family with them during the weekend. Their son, Chuck, and family from Bovina; their daughter, Diane, and Don Maynard of Amarillo; another daughter, Debbie, and Eddie Michaels and son, Justin, of Amarillo; their son, Dale, and Tracy Gilbreath and daughter, Kaitlyn, of Crosbyton and Gilbreath's son Jim, of Bovina and his fiancée, Suzanne Reid of Sudan. Dale and Tracy's twin sons, Korbin and Kyler were in Oklahoma with their other grandparents. The family took in the activities over the holidays and enjoyed a good visit and cookout.

Lisa Schilling of Eules, Texas was in Bovina over the weekend

My Turn....

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1. Put dress codes and decorum back in the schools. When people, either kids or adults, are dressed neatly they have less tendency to act up and misbehave. Kids today dress sloppy and treat each other with extreme cruelty. Good manners and discipline build self-respect and sensitiveness for the feelings of others. Since these things are not being taught at home, they must be taught at school.

2. Let's nurture them and let them be little children for a little while longer. We put too much pressure on the little ones to get involved in a hostile world too soon. Pollution, endangered species, global warming, rain forests, AIDS, abortion, political problems....these should all be left to discussions in the higher grades. Let the little ones feel safe and secure. Frightened children will not grow into adults who can solve the world's problems.

3. Over-emphasis on sports has led to a "jock mentality" which pervades this entire country. A recent "Peanuts" cartoon depicted Patty giving a school report on the four seasons which she named as "baseball, football, basketball and hockey." President Clinton recently presented "lifetime achievement" awards to some of the country's famous sports figures, praising them for their "embodiment of the best values of America." These talented athletes become role models for our children while exhibiting great ability at garnering unbelievable salaries for themselves. Team loyalty doesn't exist as long as a bigger, more exorbitant salary is available somewhere else. This does NOT embody the best values that we should be teaching to our nation's youth. Let's put sports back into proper perspective.

4. We must stop giving in to every special interest group that decides to use the school as a springboard for their "cause." They do not have the welfare of the children at heart and the school should not be used as a political forum. This is the reason we no longer have prayer in schools but we do have books about "Cindy Has Two Mommies."

No group or individual should be allowed to sue the school for any reason. Lawsuits have taken away the teachers' ability to retain discipline in the classrooms. The slightest disciplinary action ends with threats of lawsuits. This teaches the children that they do not have to be responsible for their actions.

5. Put God and Country back into the school curriculum, prayer back into schools, and teach Bible verses to children in the lower grades. Nothing builds character quite as good as memorizing the Gettysburg address and the Ten Commandments. The old "separation of church and state" argument is a bunch of crap. Because of a small handful of atheist activists, America's freedom of religion has been taken away. In addition to the three R's, children need to be taught the three P's: pride, prayer and patriotism.

Okay folks, chew on that for awhile and then go write letters. We do still have freedom of speech!

visiting with her parents, Leon and Martha Schilling. Lisa is employed as an International Tariff Representative for American Airlines.

Nelline Spicer and her sister, Adelle Anderson of Forny, attended homecoming, which was held in Boswell, Oklahoma and Nelline said several members of her family were there for the 53rd reunion.

The ladies drove back to Forny, and shortly after their arrival, they received word that their brother, Jim Bob Gordon, had suffered a heart attack and had had surgery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Nelline's brother, Lonnie, of Forny rode with them to Tennessee where they visited with Jim Bob and family. He is recovering nicely, according to Nelline.

Jack and Ona Patterson have returned home recently from spending twelve days in Chattsworth, Georgia and during this time they attended a class reunion in Murry County, where Jack grew up. The school began in 1926 and closed in 1956. He said they really enjoyed visiting with former classmates but he said, "He felt sorry for all those kids who had got so old and ugly!"

The Pattersons also visited their families there. Jack came from a family with 19 children and fifteen lived to be grown. There are eleven who still live in Georgia. Ona has two brothers and three sisters living in the area.

Bobby and Irma Jo Englant spent several days with all of their family at the Robins Resort located at Osage Beach, Missouri. This is located near the Ozark Lakes and Irma said it was beautiful. The Englants' daughter, Carissa, and Don Caillouet and children, Donnie and Ja'Que, came from Ulysses, Kansas.

Another daughter, Devanee, and Galen Cogburn came from Canyon and their son, Bobby Wayne, and Kelly and son, Nicholas, came from Menomonie, Wisconsin.

The family had fun swimming, riding the wave riders, miniature golfing, riding go-carts, a trip on a tour boat and much sightseeing.

They went to Missouri on Saturday, June 26 and returned Sunday, July 4th.

Leslie and Rose McCain visited with family members in Littlefield in recent weeks and also visited in the Methodist Hospital with Bovina people, and members of their families. They saw Tom Beauchamp, Gene Lowe, Virgie Adams and Bedford Caldwell.

Rouel Barron had a hip replacement and was in Amarillo's High Plains Baptist Hospital for five days. He said this was "number three" and hopefully the last hip replacement. He is getting along fine.

Elmer and Veda McKay had company over the weekend. Elmer's cousin and his wife, Arthur and Juanita Phillips of Amarillo, and the McKays' friends, Joan Bryant and sons, Nathan and Daniel of Clovis, were here.

Nancy Harden and daughters, Ashley and Allison, are in Bovina visiting for a few weeks. Nancy is the daughter of Joe and Sue Fowler and she and the girls flew in from San Diego. Nancy's husband is a pilot for American Airlines.

On Monday of this week the family drove to Floydada and visited with Sue's mom, Eula Gross. During their stay in Bovina the girls attended Ceta Canyon Camp.

Jessica and Kristen Stowers,

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The Bovina Senior Citizens met June 30 for their regular business. They covered their business, then visited and played games.

Those present were Clifford and Julia Leake, Ethel Johnson, Erma Bradshaw, Maesie Flynn, Hattie Burnett, Anna Lee George, Joe Looney, Minnie Kelso, Dorothy Ellison, Edna Scott, Jerry Ware, Howard Ellison and Bessie Trimble.

"Thank you all who helped make the quilts," a spokesman for the group said.

daughters of Roy Lee and Dorothy, spent a month visiting their sister and family, Robbie and Mike Mersiosky, and son, Brent, at Georgetown, Texas.

The family took in all the exciting things to do and see in San Antonio and also went to Austin for fun things. They had a good time jet skiing at Marble Falls. The girls flew for the first time when they came home on Saturday and thoroughly enjoyed it.

SMILE:

Politics is a lot like religion. Except in politics, it's your opponent who confesses your sins. Have a nice week and hope for rain. . . Scooter.

Bovina Burglaries

The 4th of July holiday was fairly quiet for the Bovina Police Department, but not completely uneventful.

Dudley's Auto Parts, located at 300 Hwy 86, was broken into Sunday morning, July 4. Leon Saddler, Bovina Police Chief explained, that someone called the police department after seeing someone breaking into the glass front door of the business. The call was made at 1:10 am and Officer Torres of the BPD was the first to respond, followed by Saddler, two sheriff deputies and a state trooper.

Saddler explained that they thought the individual would still be in the building, but the burglar left the auto parts store unseen with only a few rolls of change. Fingerprints and tissue samples were taken at the scene and have been sent to crime labs in Austin and Lubbock.

Saddler said he called in the State Troopers to expedite the process and help solve the case faster, since they have more officers and equipment.

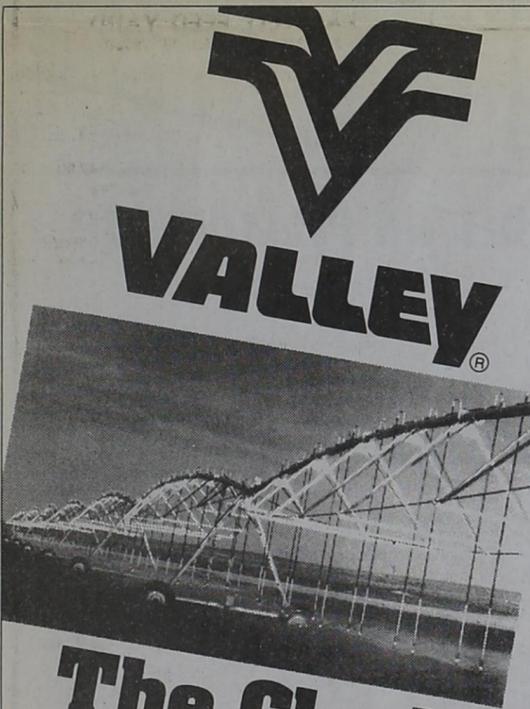
Otherwise, the holiday weekend "went smooth", Saddler said. He reported only two individuals were picked up for public intoxication. "It (calls to the police department) picked up about 10:00 pm, but it wasn't bad at all," he said.

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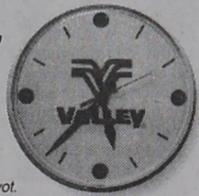


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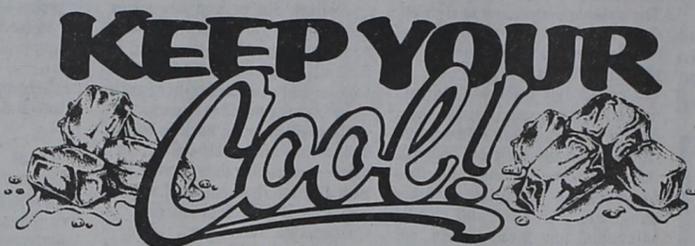
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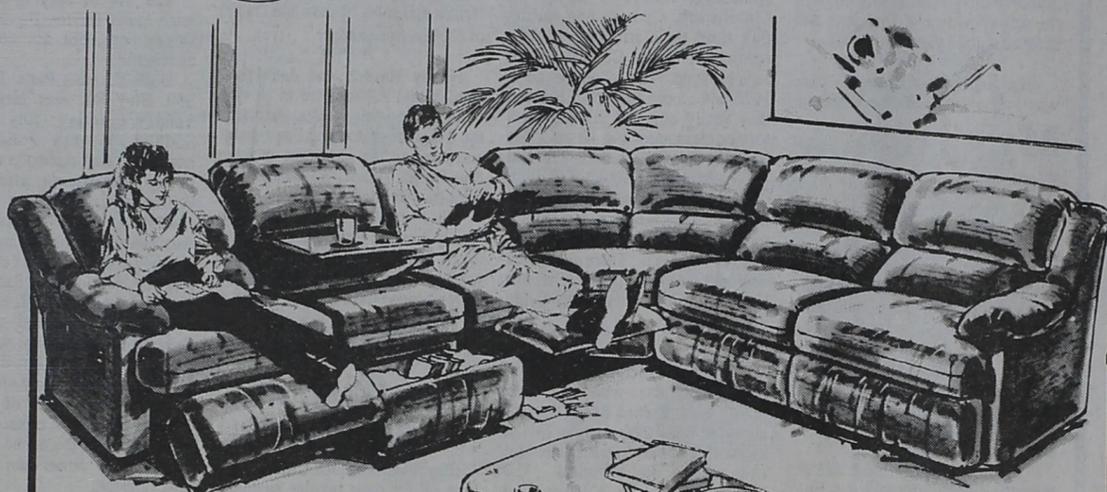
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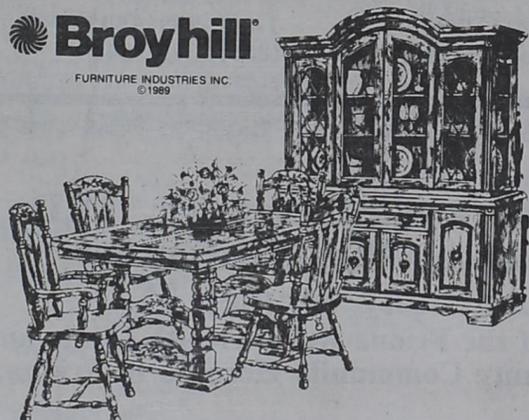
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