

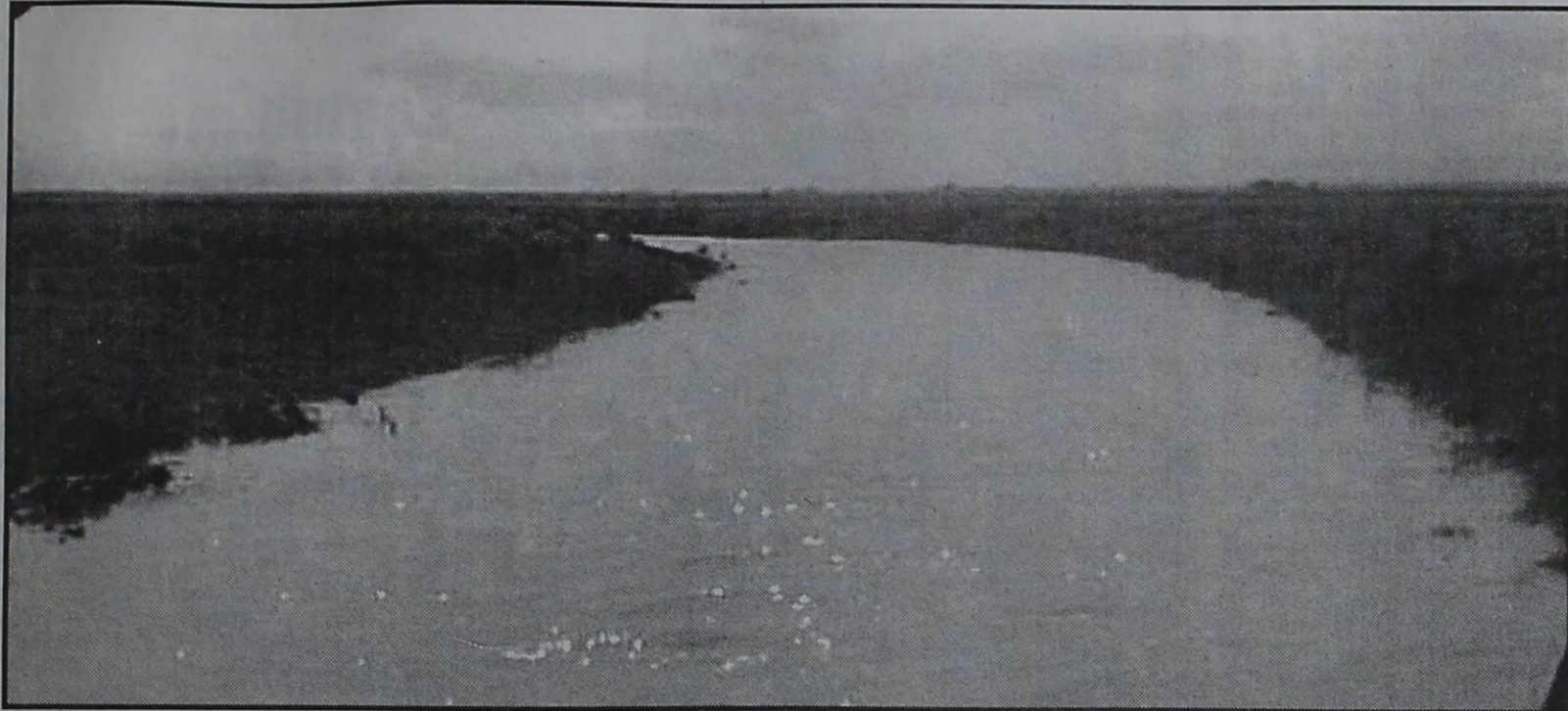
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TEN PAGES

Good News In  
Bovina  
For The Past  
45 Years!



PARMER RIVER...The Frio Draw, usually a dry low-place in the land where it crosses Parmer County, ran constantly on Wednesday of this week after a couple of nights of heavy rain, much of it to the northwest into New Mexico. This photo was taken from the bridge across FM 1731, eight miles north of Bovina Wednesday afternoon. Up to seven inches of rain was reported across the state line.

## LOCAL SOLDIER SPEAKS

# Korean Vet Reflects On The "Forgotten War"

With our nation observing the 50th anniversary this week of the beginning of the Korean "Conflict," we sought out some of the guys who saw service in Korea.

Korean vets sometimes have referred to Korea as "The Forgotten War," coming on the heels of World War II, when many of their brothers served.

So we are attempting to make amends for this, at least on the local level.

It's been almost 50 years since Harry Johnson served in the Korean War. But as he

looks through his picture albums he recalls names and events as though it was yesterday.

Pictures of T-Bone Hill and Poke Eye Hill. In the distance is Old Baldy. Pictures from Harry's forward observation post looking down on valleys and rice paddies used by the Chinese.

And pictures of Harry and his Army mates from Texas, Alabama and Georgia engaged in chow time or shaving or braving the below-zero temperatures that typified Korean winters.

He said a couple of guys in his company had Brownie cameras. They took pictures, then sent the film to Japan for developing when someone went on leave. He also remembers that during his 8-months on the Korean front, his name never came up for leave to Japan.

Harry Johnson was born in Oklahoma in 1928. When he was about two years-old his family moved to Parmer County and settled near Bovina. Harry and his brother Kenneth still live and farm on the old family place.

Harry was inducted into the Army in November, 1950. He joined a busload of Panhandle recruits for Fort Sill, Oklahoma for basic training. They helped fill out the 45th Division of the Oklahoma National Guard that had been called up for Korea. He landed with the 180th Infantry Regiment at Inchon, Korea in December, 1951.

They went right away to the front. Harry says the Chinese always fought at night. "During the day," he said, "we didn't do anything. Mostly observe and take care of equipment."

He recalls a day when his company was in a valley stringing barbed wire across rice paddies. The Chinese saw the activity and started artillery fire on Harry and

the troops. "It was the closest I came to dying during my time there," he said.

Another time he and his squad were on a sweep of Chinese bunkers. He captured "three or four of them" when they came out of their bunker with hands raised.

He said that they captured Chinese bunkers and then used them because they were so well made. "The Chinese really knew how to dig," he recalled.

Unfortunately it was one of these Chinese bunkers that took the life of his friend Harold Crook. Harold and Harry were boyhood friends in Bovina and went into the service together.

Crook was assigned to the 179th Infantry Regiment. The routine in Korea was for a company to stay on the front line for two weeks, then be replaced for two weeks.

On June 15, 1952, Johnson's company was being relieved by Crook's company on Hill 191. As they passed on the road down the hill, Harry asked members of the replacement company if they had seen Crook. They said Crook was with them but Harry never saw him on the way down.

Harold Crook was killed that same night, June 15, 1952. Harry says Crook was in one of those Chinese

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## Cannon F-16 Fly-By Planned on Fourth

Plans for Tuesday's July Fourth celebration have been finalized. Lots of activities are being planned by Chamber volunteers.

The parade on Tuesday morning will award prizes for bicycle and tricycle decorations--1st place, \$15; 2nd place, \$10; 3rd place, \$5.

The best entry in the parade will receive a \$25 prize.

Booths in the park after the parade will include: duck pond, ring toss, snow cones, golf game, T-Rex inflated toy, fishing booth.

Dinner in the park brisket plate will be served for \$3 per plate beginning at 11:30 a.m.

A Fly-By of Cannon Air Force Base F-16s will take place at 7:15 p.m. over the city park area.

Activities begin at the football field at 8 p.m.. Music by local groups is planned (if you are interested in performing call Wayne Erwin at 238-1708.)

Recognition of veterans will be observed at 9 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at dark.

For additional information call Stan Miller or Suezey Smith.



CHANGING OVER...Dudley Hughes, left, will retire after 32 years as owner of Dudley's Auto Parts store. His son Kevin has taken over the business and will also do some auto repair services at the location. ron carr photo

## It Can Still Rain! Area Gets Up To Five Inches

The local area finally received some beneficial rainfall this week, although the amounts varied from five inches all the way down to just .3 of an inch.

Harry Johnson said he had received only .3 inch at his place, although amounts were generally higher than this. J.B. Barrett and Mike Beauchamp reported .8 and .9 inches from the mid-week offering.

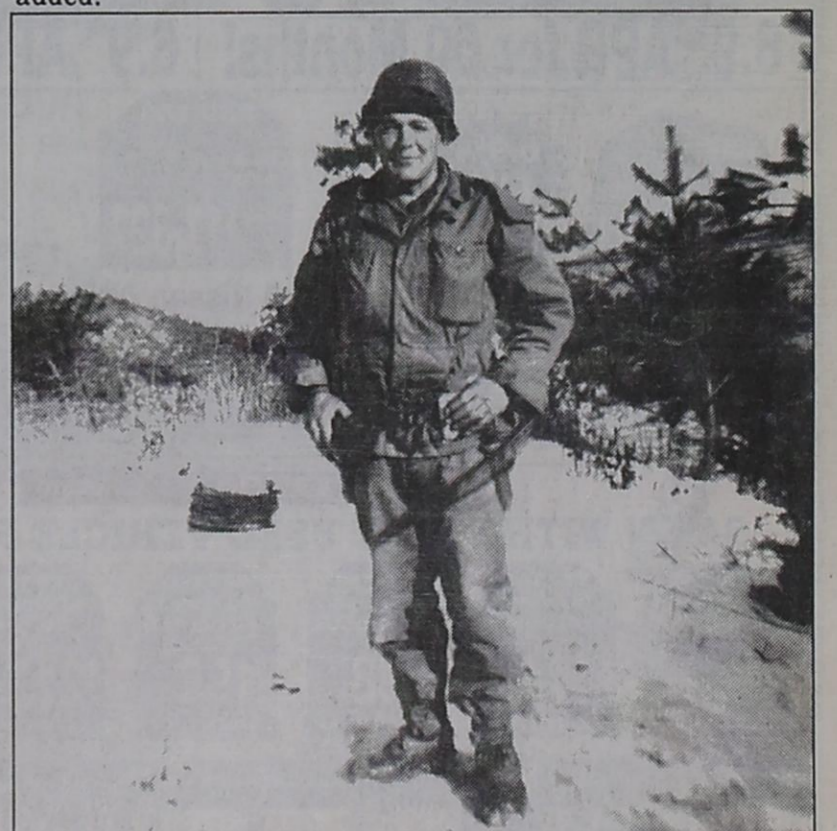
"This has been a most unusual wheat crop year--not much quantity, quality or price," Johnson said.

Reports from the Pleasant Hill area indicated two to three inches of rain, while the Rhea community got four to five inches.

Joe Allen, manager of Sherley-Anderson's Rhea elevator, said he measured 5.5 inches of rain on the two-night (Monday and Tuesday) rains.

"Three inches is about the least amount I have heard about (for the Rhea area). It went into the ground about right. This would have been much better 30 days ago, but better late than never," Allen said.

Farmers in the Rhea area are waiting for fields to dry, so they can decide upon whether to try planting milo, Allen added.



KOREA'S ICY COLD is still a vivid memory for soldiers like Sgt. Harry Johnson, shown here as a 23-year-old sergeant in the snow of the Korean conflict. Johnson and his fellow soldiers defended the T-Bone hills in Korea. ron carr photo

## HAVE YOU EVER

wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? History books have not told us a lot about what happened during the Revolutionary War. While we are enjoying our nation's most patriotic of all holidays on Tuesday, July 4th, might be a good time to consider for a moment the sacrifices of the patriots who had the vision of freedom for a new nation. The Fourth of July is more than just picnics in the park, baseball games, boating, eating watermelon and watching fireworks. Patriotism is something to be proud of. Here's why:

Five signers of the Declaration of Independence were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; and another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 signers fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. What kind of men were these?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay off his debts, and died a few years later, broke and in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals and renegade soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. His home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. Of course they were considered rebels by the British, but these were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave us a free and independent America. We didn't fight just the British. We were all British subjects at that time and we were fighting our own government. Too many of us take our liberties for granted. Freedom is never really free. Our country's patriots paid a heavy price. Let us honor them!

## "MY TURN"

by Carol Ellis



HARRY JOHNSON visits the grave of his friend Harold Crook during the week of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. Crook is buried at Bovina Cemetery. Harry was part of the military honor guard at Harold's funeral in 1952. See story for info. ron carr photo



# BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**45 Yrs Ago--June 29, 1955**

From the first *Bovina Blade* Edition: Editor Dolph Moten wrote...Bovina needs a sewer system. The town is growing, but not nearly as fast as it could be and should be. One of the things holding it back is the lack of a sewer system. Without a sewer system, it is much harder to borrow money for any kind of a building, either business or residential. This cuts down considerably on the amount of building that is being done here.

Frank Truitt is pictured with the caption: Frank Truitt is making sure he got his money's worth out of the slaving 4-H girls as they did chores to earn money for their club. Sweeping off the walks are Kay Leake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leake; and Sondra Rhinehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rhinehart. The club girls netted over \$23 in their work Saturday.

**40 Yrs Ago--July 6, 1960**

James Taylor, operator of a blacksmith-welding shop here, was pinned under a heavy piece of farm equipment Friday afternoon and received a broken heel bone.

R.T Harbour of Bovina entered Veterans Hospital in Amarillo for a knee operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kaufman and son visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tritch recently. The Kaufmans are former residents of Bovina. They now reside in Fontana, California.

**35 Yrs Ago--July 7, 1965**

Mrs. Bessie Webb's home was the scene of a family reunion Sunday in which all ten of her children were present for the first time in fifteen years. The family had a picnic dinner in the backyard and during the afternoon some of the Webb boys played music for the group.

Two representatives of Bovina Assembly of Order of Rainbow for Girls were awarded the Grand Cross of Color last week at the annual State Assembly in Dallas. They were Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, mother advisor of the

Bovina Assembly and Linda Langston of Farwell.

**30 Yrs Ago--July 8, 1970**

Seventeen girls from Junior Department of First Baptist Church spent three days at the Llano Altos-South Plains Camp near Floydada last week.

Mrs. Nola Reed was honored with a party by the 39'ers Club last week when the group met for a hamburger supper.

Bovina's City Council scheduled some 12 blocks of streets to be paved and agreed to pass an ordinance designed to rid the town of abandoned cars at a meeting Thursday night.

**25 Yrs Ago--July 9, 1975**

Kim Langer, a Mezzosoprano student of Mrs. Dolson Palmer of Hereford, was presented in a vocal and piano recital Saturday evening at Mrs. Palmer's home. Members and close friends attended.

Scattered showers Sunday and Monday in the Bovina area deposited up to one and one-half inches of rainfall with minor hail damage reported by area farmers.

The local women's softball team overpowered the Clovis Patriots, 24-9, in a recent game at Texico bringing the Bovina fems up to a 3-2 mark for the season. Next game will be at 8 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the ball park here.

**20 Yrs Ago--July 9, 1980**

The Bovina Jaycees were the champions in the Pee-Wee League with a 9-1-1 season record. Jim Black was coach.

Kirt Garrison was awarded the President's Honor Scholarship, out of 350 students from five states. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garrison.

A break-in was reported in the vo-ag shop at Bovina High School where \$800-\$900 was taken in fireworks.

**15 Yrs Ago--July 3, 1985**

George Jackson of Lubbock was taken by ambulance to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday evening last week when he stopped to help motorists who, it turned out,

were involved in a fight. Jackson is Virgie Adams' son-in-law and is married to the former Martha Adams.

More than 400 high school juniors and seniors participated in the 23rd annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar, June 17-21, at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Attending the seminar from Parmer County were Deann Curtis of Farwell, Brad Moyer of Friona and Marie Pesch of Bovina.

**10 Yrs Ago--July 7, 1990**

Five members of the Bovina Chapter of the FFA will attend the 62nd annual Texas FFA convention in Lubbock, July 11-13. The attendees will be Lupe Gomez, president of the local chapter, Art Hunter, chapter advisor, and Shane Branson, Andy Stormes, and Ralph Serna.

Manuel Porras, son of Carmen Porras of Bovina, will participate in the Texas 6-man All-Star football game in Stephenville, July 21 at 8 p.m. in Tarleton State University's Memorial Stadium.

**5 Yrs Ago--July 1, 1995**

The 55 year class reunion of Bovina High School was held on June 3 at First Bank. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blalock, Donoleta Hawkins, Jim Wiman, Wanda Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Potts, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Bates, Elton and Marie Venable, and Mr. and Mrs. Neyland Hester.

J.T. Roach, son of Jerry and Kay Roach and valedictorian of the eighth grade class at Bovina Middle School, earned a summer vacation at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. His aunt and uncle, Liz and Lane Gober of Victoria, Texas, gave him the vacation gift.

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# Out Here

By RON CARR

## "Remodeling America's War Rooms"

"The Pentagon said today that....."

"The Pentagon has announced a new....."

"The Pentagon is accused of releasing Linda Tripp's private personnel files....."

In spite of what they say on national TV, the Pentagon can't talk. If it could it would probably make more sense than most human government spokespersons.

If you have ever vacationed in the Nation's Capital chances are that soon after yet another family breakfast at Denny's, dad said "let's go see the Pentagon."

Then once you get there, there isn't much there to look at. A monstrous, ominous five-sided mountain of concrete which by its very looks seems to say: "Stay away from here."

With the 50th anniversary of the Korean War this week, the July 4th celebrations next week and the anniversary of D-Day on June 6, it seems like a good opportunity to look at the symbol of our American military might.

The Pentagon, where 25,000 people work, has been under renovation for 7 years. The total renovation, begun in 1993, is expected to take a total of 20 years, or around 2014.

True to government form, the original estimate of completion was 10 years. Now it is 20. The renovation cost is guesstimated to be \$1.2 billion. Who is gonna' bet the farm on that figure?

On average there are 600 construction workers on the remodel job each day. They are working on the five-sided building (a pentagon has five sides) in sections. When work starts on each section, 5,000 employees and their equipment are moved to rented office space in northern Virginia. (The Pentagon is actually in Virginia, across the Potomac from D.C.)

The Pentagon was completed in the winter of 1943. History says it was designed on a napkin and refined over a weekend, built in 16 months and cost \$83 million (over \$900 million in today's dollars.) 15,000 men worked three shifts, seven days a week to build the mostly concrete structure. In those war-days, steel was needed for the war.

Here are some other facts that may boggle your mind. I saved them from a U.S.A. Today feature printed back in January:

\* It has 17 1/2 miles of corridors laid out in five rings around a central courtyard.

\* Designers put in 41,492 reinforced concrete columns and 15 ramps. By using concrete, they saved enough steel to build a battleship.

\* More than 15 million pounds of asbestos insulation will be removed and hauled to landfills in Pennsylvania.

\* When the Pentagon opened there was one telephone for every three workers. Today, there are 25,000 computers, as well as fax machines, copiers, coffemakers and other electrical contraptions that did not exist in 1943.

\* Over the years, workers jerry-rigged 16,000 miles of wiring into ceilings and under floors without leaving a record of what carried what. As a result the Pentagon has not met local building codes since 1953.

\* During the Persian Gulf War, a burst pipe sent 7 million gallons of water into the basement where Air Force commanders were monitoring combat operations.

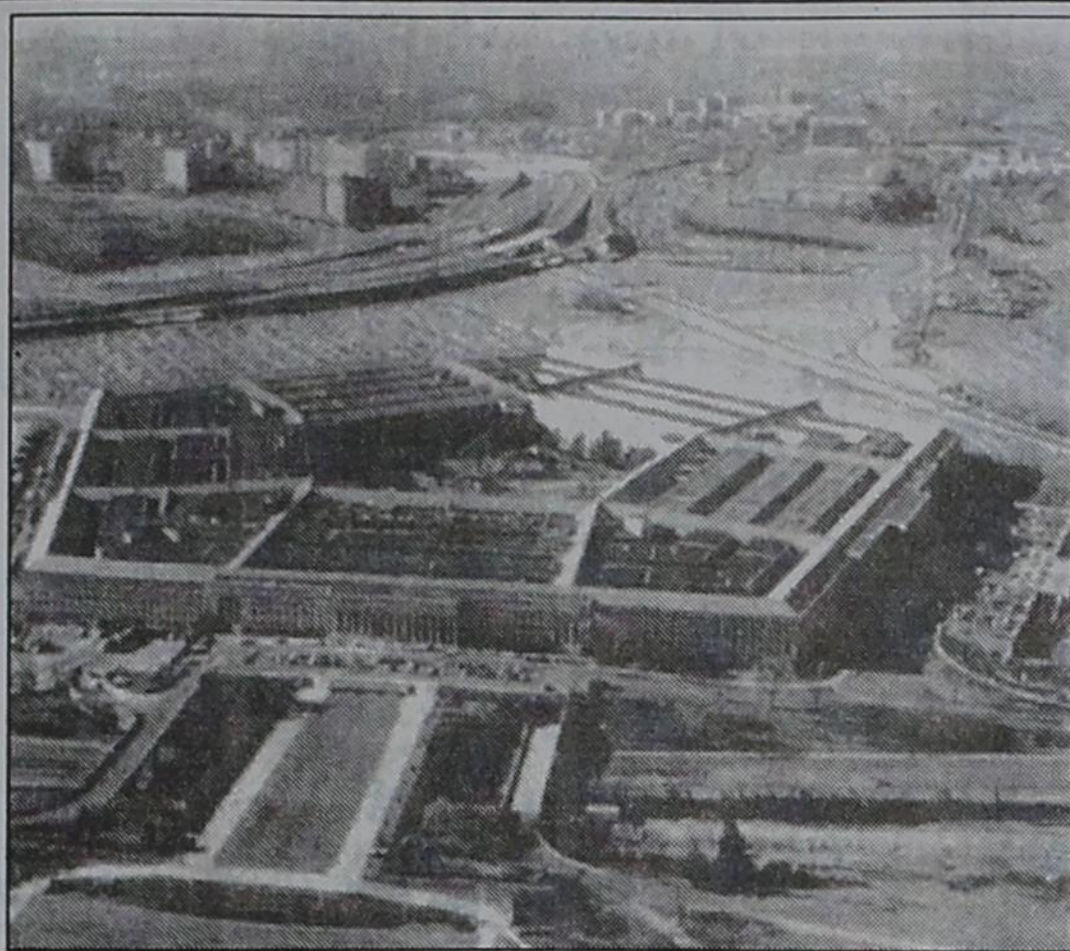
\* There are 230 restrooms and 691 water fountains.

\* The building and courtyard cover 34 acres (the White House grounds are 18 acres.) The helicopter pad has 12-15 flights a day.

\* All 7,748 windows are being replaced with energy-efficient, double pane windows. Some are resistant to bomb blasts.

\* The heating system was still coal-fired until the early '80s. The new system runs on fuel oil and natural gas.

\* When a truck got stuck in mud during the original 1940s construction, workers



PENTAGON--WASHINGTON, D.C.

left it there and built around it. Renovation workers operating a pile driver in the basement hit the eight-cylinder engine block of the truck.

\* Last but not least, the Ground Zero Snack Bar, located in the center of the interior courtyard, is so-named because during the Cold War, Soviet missiles were aimed at that point.

About the only thing left standing during the remodeling will be the concrete pillars and exterior walls. The rest will be gutted, dismantled and rebuilt. Lots of jokes are made about the Pentagon and their \$700 screwdrivers or \$10,000 toilets.

Most of the jokes people make about the Pentagon and politicians and Washington are deserved.

But for this occasion, I won't make any jokes about the Pentagon. Or the impeached philanderer-in-chief.

I won't make any jokes because I have talked with a few veterans this week about their experiences in Korea and Vietnam and other wars.

Joe Bob Mann was on a ship in 1969 that was sliced in half by a bigger ship and lived to tell about it. Ed White drove trucks up and down icy hills in Korea hauling men and bullets and wondering whether he might slip off the side of the mountain.

Harry Johnson went to Korea from Bovina. Harry runs Sherley Grain Elevators now. This week as he shared his experiences with me, he

### German Festival Set

The 28th Annual Nazareth German Festival will be held Saturday July 8. Activities begin at 10 a.m. with an Arts and Crafts Show in the School Cafeteria, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.

A German Sausage Meal, including German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad and fruit, bread, apple crisp and German chocolate cake will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$4 (children 12 and under). Frozen sausage will be available-2 pounds for \$5.

Activities on the Community Hall grounds beginning at 11 a.m. include a children's barrel train ride, tractor pull, face painting, hi speed baseball throw, kids games and a basketball shoot-out with prizes.

At 5 p.m. the gates will open at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark, east of town for "Suds 'n Sounds", an outdoor concert that will kick off with local bands performing. Admission is \$15.

Bring your lawn chairs, shades, coolers and your favorite beverages. No glass containers, please. Coolers will be checked.

Performing bands include, Insufficient Funds, Prairie Dogs and Southern Thunder. Performances begin at 6 p.m.

This year the headline band will be The Great Divide. You can dance on a 3,000 square foot dance floor and a concession stand will feature German sausage sandwiches and more.

Proceeds from this event benefits the Knights of Columbus Charities and the Nazareth Community Hall.

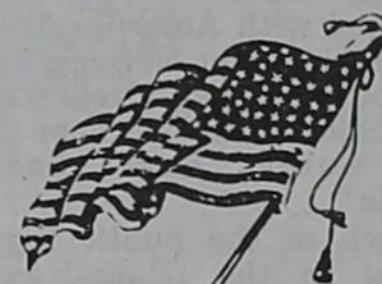
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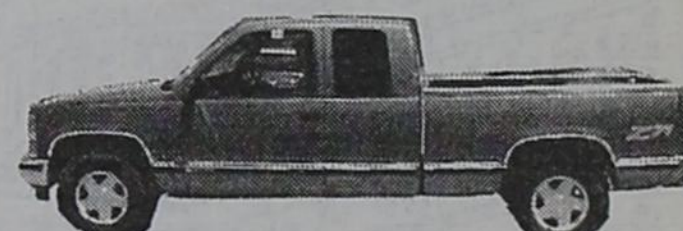
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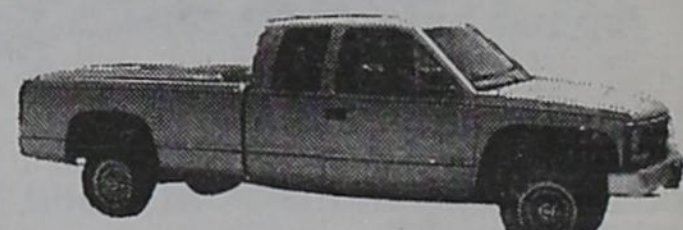
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Look While It Lasts!





# Parmer County Graduates Receive \$850 Scholarships

Eighty-nine area high school seniors have received special recognition and \$850 to pay for college as part of the Class of 2000.

The Celebrate 2000 Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarships are a result of a cooperative effort between the Amarillo Globe-News and the Amarillo Area Foundation. The project will mean more than \$75,000 in scholarships being awarded to area students.

This one-time event commemorates the millennium, said Gareth von Netzer, publisher of the Globe-News.

Leslie Reyes of Friona and Blake Clements of Bovina were local scholarship recipients.

"I think it's great any time you help almost 90 graduating high school seniors pursue higher education," von Netzer said. "This has got to be considered a success."

The Globe-News raised \$25,000 from its Celebrate 2000 partners: Amarillo National Bank, Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems, Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corp. and Southwestern Public Service Co.

The Amarillo Area Foundation placed \$50,000 in the scholarship fund, according to Jim Allison, foundation president and executive director.

"I'm very happy we partnered with Amarillo Area Foundation," von Netzer said. "Without the help from the four major partners, none of this would have been possible."

Each of the public high schools in the Globe-News circulation area chose one student to receive the \$850 scholarship. This resulted in 58 schools from the Texas Panhandle and 31 public high schools in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico being eligible.

Celebrate 2000 Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship recipients received a letter notifying them of the honor.

In addition, the students were recognized at their



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individual high schools during honors assemblies.

"This is a good way to commemorate the year 2000 and serve the community in this area," Allison said.

The students will receive \$425 the fall semester. If the recipient maintains a certain grade point average, the remaining \$425 will be awarded the spring semester. "This is enough to really make a difference," Allison said.

A committee composed of the high school counselor, high school principal and a member of the local community chose the recipient.

Certain criteria had to be met before being considered for the award. The students had to possess a certain grade point average, leadership skills and favorable letters of reference.

The committee looked at a students' financial need, but not necessarily chose students based on income.

Celebrate 2000 is a project of the Amarillo Globe-News and its partners to commemorate the year 2000 by celebrating the past and looking toward the future. The Celebrate 2000 Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarships are one of the many initiatives and projects of Celebrate 2000.

"This is one way the Globe-News and Celebrate

2000 can reach out to the community. There is not a better investment than education, investing in our future," said Jo Tyler Bagwell, marketing director for the Globe-News.

Celebrate 2000 has supported other projects throughout Amarillo and the Panhandle.

Bagwell said, "One of the highlights was seeing Martin Luther King Jr. Park come together with help from Celebrate 2000. The city has done such a great job there."

She said another highlight was the gift of the Millennium Monument floating globe to the community. The monument is located between City Hall and the Amarillo Civic Center in Centennial Plaza.

Celebrate 2000 also helped complete the Panhandle War Memorial at Veterans Park.

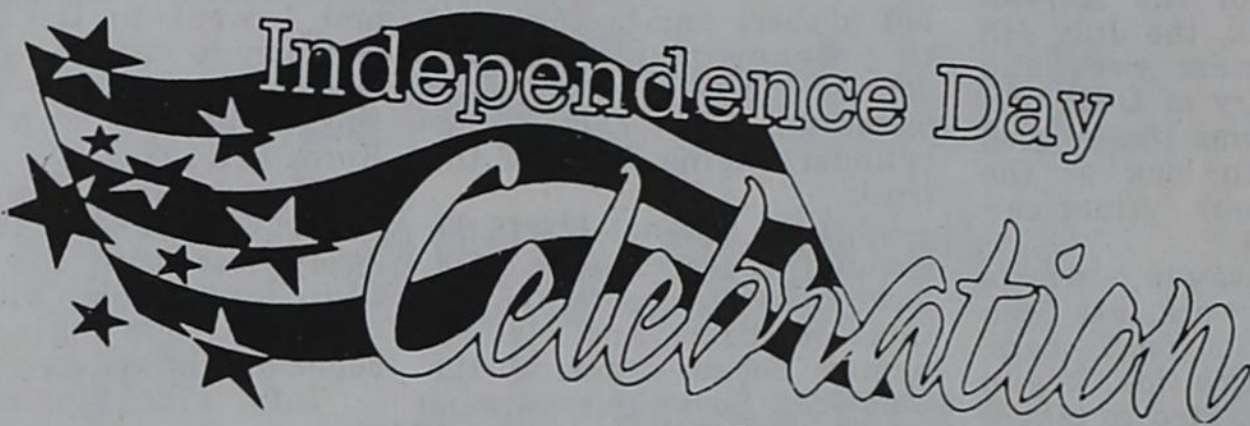
Other projects have included the recognition of 100 sports legends and 100 history makers. The recognition included special sections and news coverage as well as special events for the sports, legends and history makers or their families.

Bagwell said Celebrate 2000 will continue to have an impact with civic beautification projects in ten communities throughout the Globe-News circulation area.



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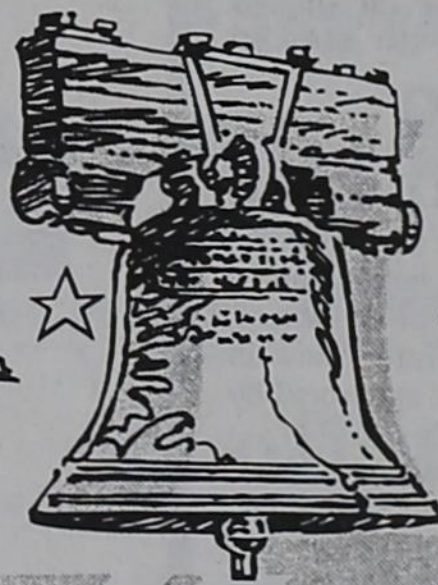
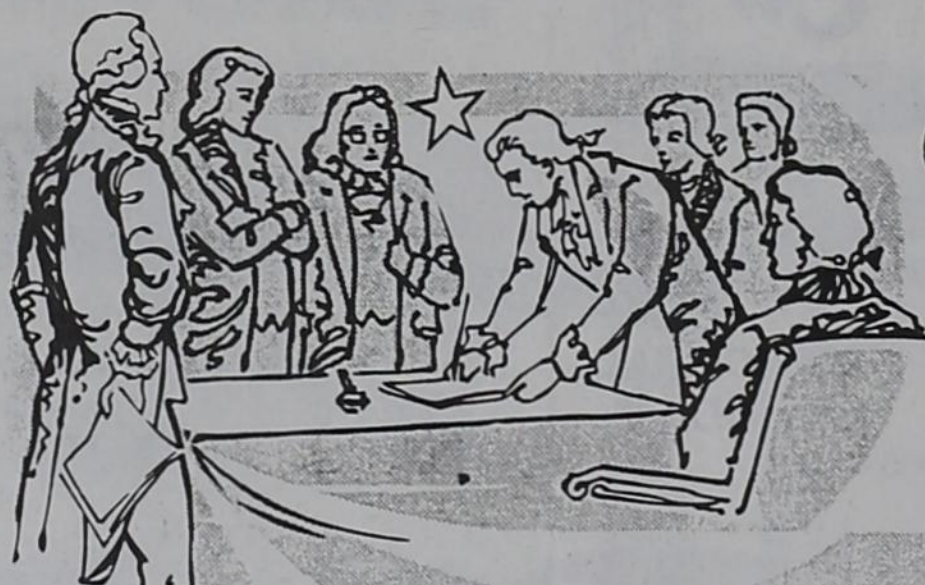
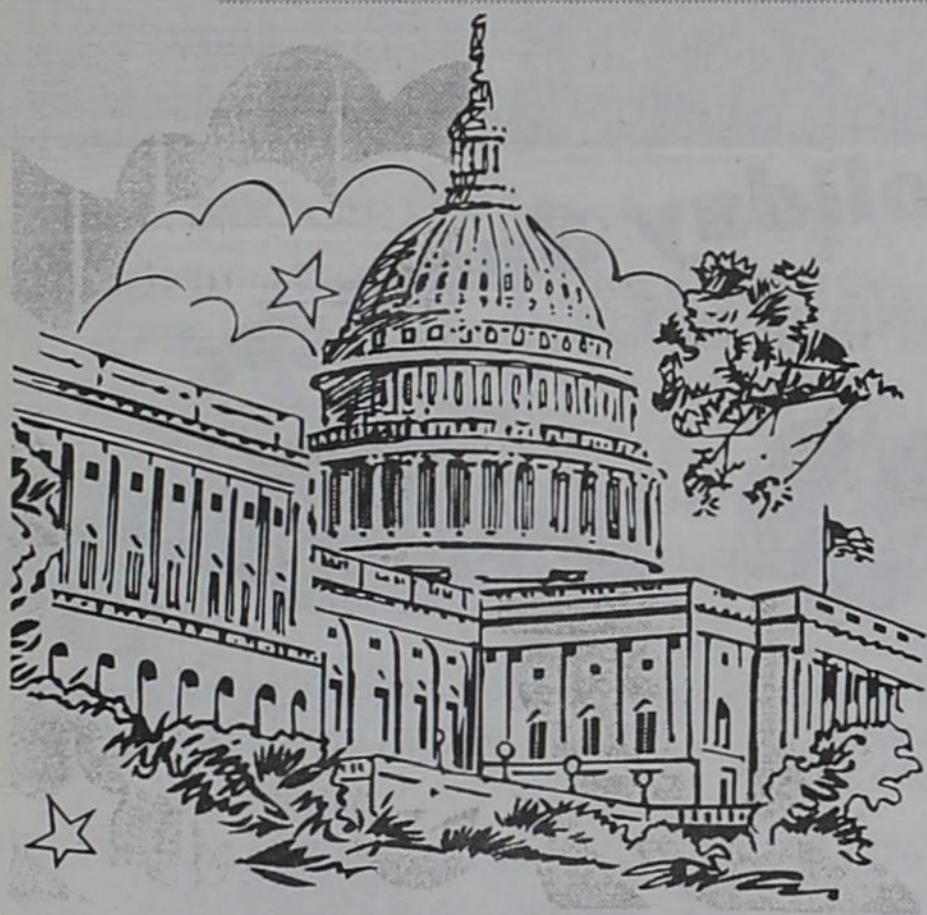
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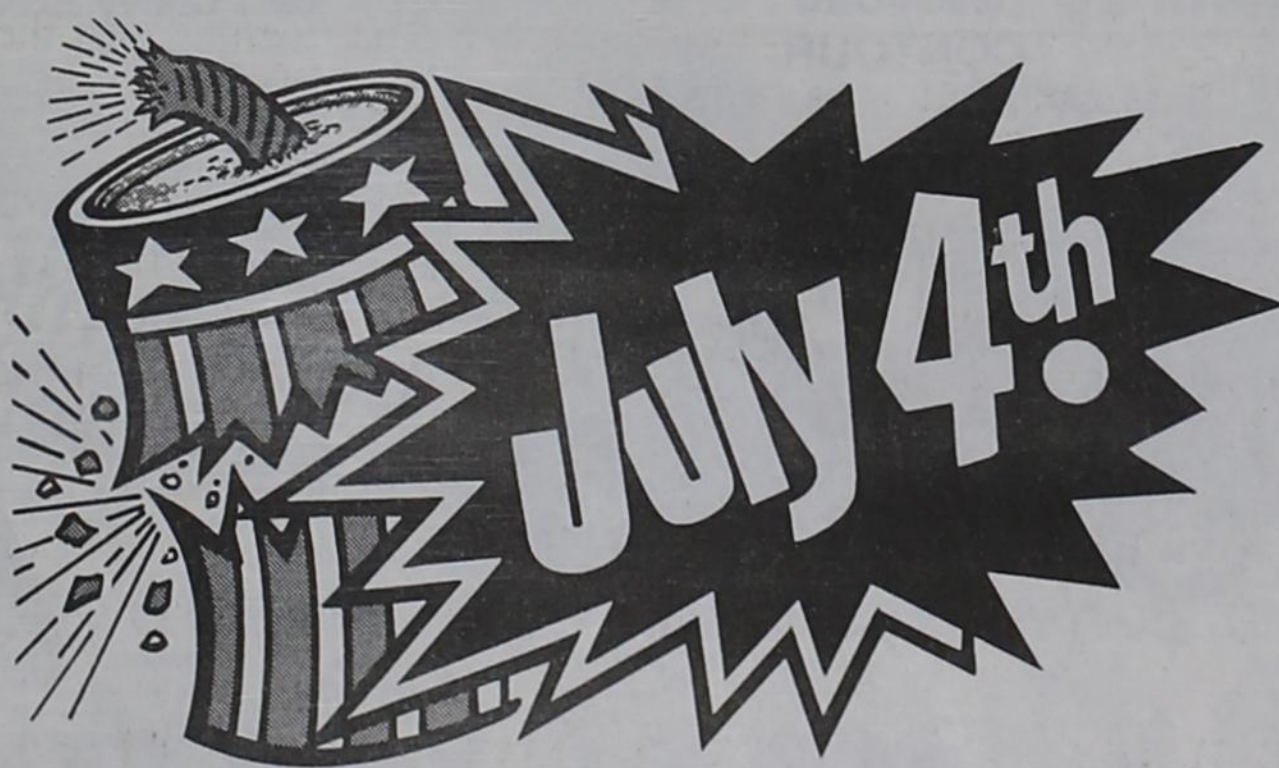
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# Eradication Zone Assessment Notices To Be Mailed Soon

Assessment notices for the Northwest Plains eradication zone, which includes Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro, Bailey and Lamb counties, for the 2000 growing season will be mailed by August 21.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation bases assessments on information provided by growers to the Farm Services Agency by the final certification date for their area, July 15 in the NWP.

The assessment for 2000 in the NWP is \$5 per acre for dryland and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton.

Growers who believe the information on their

statements is incorrect need to contact FSA and make sure the information the agency has is accurate.

If those records are in error, growers should have FSA update their records and send the Foundation a correction. Growers must ask the agency to send the correction, or the Foundation will not know about the changes.

The due date for paying the assessment is September 21 in the NWP. Failure to pay on time will result in late fees in the amount of 1.5 percent of the balance being charged to the grower's account.

A 2 percent discount is available of the assessment is paid in full by September 6.

As an example, if the assessment is \$2,000 growers may deduct \$40 from their bills if they pay by September 6.

Growers who forget to deduct the discount or don't wish to figure it, who pay early, will receive a refund, if the amount is for more than \$10, later in the year.

The continuing drought and general unpredictability of the weather mean some growers may not be able to produce a crop.

If they destroy all hostable material-any part of the cotton plant- and certify the crop as failed with FSA by July 15, they will not be charged an assessment.

Destruction of hostable material and keeping the fields clean is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding. If growers who failed their crops have not kept fields free of cotton plants after July, they will be charged the full assessment.

For more information contact the Foundation at (915) 672-2800.

## GTE Sells Local Phone Service

Local telephone services for more than a quarter-million Texas phone customers, most of whom live in rural or small communities, including Bovina and Friona, will be upgraded under an order signed on Thursday by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, agreed to buy 313,800 phone lines in 197 local exchanges scattered throughout west Texas, east Texas and the Texarkana area, from GTE Southwest. The sale is expected to close on September 1.

"I am delighted with the leadership Valor has shown to address the needs of Texas phone customers," said Commissioner Brett Perlman. "It's a real shot-in-the-arm for rural phone service."

In addition to maintaining at least the current level of service for customers, Valor plans to introduce the following improvements to its system when the sale is closed:

- Upgrade central office facilities to provide Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) such as caller ID, call waiting, three-way calling, call forwarding, call return, call blocker and automatic redial.
- Provide CLASS to all exchanges within 18 months.
- Introduce High-Speed Internet access or Digital

Subscriber line (DSL) service to at least 10 exchanges within 18 months.

• Deploy DSL within 15 months to any exchange with at least 75 DSL requests from Valor subscribers requesting it.

• Guarantee Internet service to every local exchange within 18 months.

"Valor's commitment to quality rural service is in the public interest," said Commissioner Judy Walsh.

Valor has agreed to pay GTE \$942 million, slightly more than \$3,000 per access line.

"I'm very pleased Valor will be the third-largest local phone company in the state," noted PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. Only Southwestern Bell and GTE surpass Valor's local customer base in Texas.

Valor has agreed to notify all customers of the opportunity to obtain DSL services and will also advise local community leaders. The company also will continue the current discount rate for providing broadband services to school libraries and hospitals.

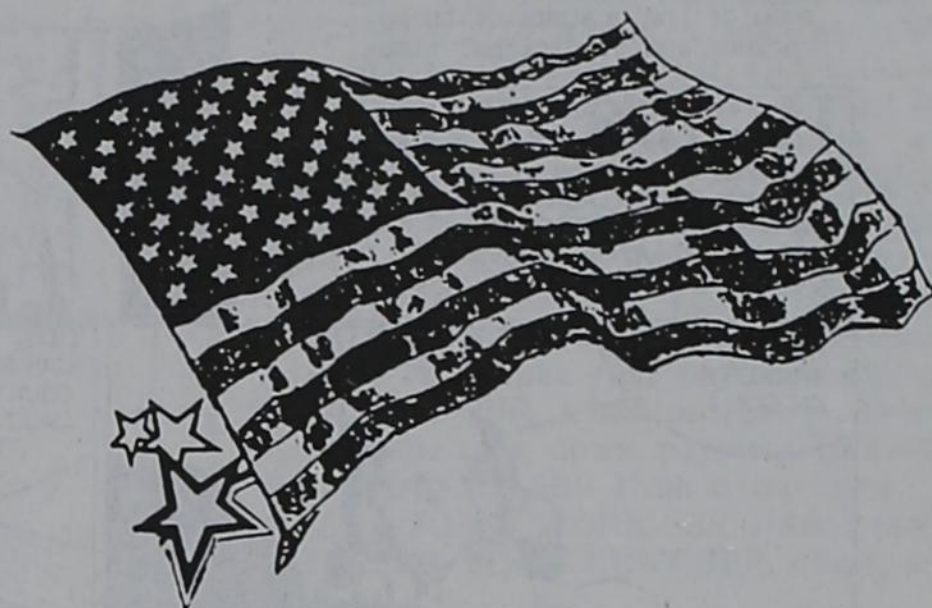
All 320 GTE employees will keep their jobs at current salaries and received comparable benefits. Valor also has committed to increase its work force by at least 10 percent within 18 months.

## Blood Drive Set For Saturday

The Fourth of July holiday will bring picnics, vacations, fireworks and a shortage of blood donors. The need for blood never takes a holiday and The Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo is asking everyone for their help in keeping the blood supply at a safe level for those who need the gift of life.

The Blood Center will have a pre-Fourth of July Blood Drive at the 1915 Coulter location in Amarillo. The drive is Saturday, July 1 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Monday, July 3 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All donors will receive a T-shirt, hot dog and the most fantastic feeling of having helped their friends and neighbors in the Panhandle community. Questions? Call Linda Guthrie at 806-358-4563.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$197,800.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$7,500.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas will hold two public hearings on the proposed annexation of the following properties:

Western Addition Block 3 Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29  
 Western Addition Block 2 Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35

The first public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of Friona City Hall, 623 Main, on Monday, July 10, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

The second public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of Friona City Hall, 623 Main, on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at 12:00 noon.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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Any questions concerning the surplus property should be directed to Chief Deputy Gary Blair at 806/481-3303 or 481-3304. A copy of the specification is on file at the County Judge's Office. The vehicle may be seen at Transmatic Wrecker Service in Clovis, N.M.

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# Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

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When you have news items

Flossie Rhinehart's daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Don from Glenrock, Wyoming, were in Bovina for most of last week. They were here for Lucy Thomas' funeral. Flossie said they had a nice visit and enjoyed having them here for so many days.

Ona and Jack Patterson of the Rhea community have had lots of company in the last week. Jack's sisters, Mae and Polly Dunn, and his cousin Birdie Graves, all from Georgia, were here visiting. Mae's daughter, Nancy Dunn of Bovina, visited in their home also.

The Pattersons' daughter, Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo, and her son and his family, Donnie and Kerri Shamblin and Clay and Cas, came to visit. Cas is just a few weeks old and everyone was very excited to see him.

The Pattersons' granddaughter, Kara Fisher of Memphis, and her sons Zack and Kord came to see the family too.

One night Jack, Ona, Mae, Polly, Birdie and Nancy went to Clovis for the Cowboy Camp Meeting at Ned Hoak Park. Ona said they really enjoyed it.

Billy and Suez Smith's granddaughter, Robin, 7, of Hereford was named second runner-up in the recent Hereford Little Miss competition. Her parents are Kevin and Crystal Smith. She has an older brother, Cutter.

Jo Linda Hodnett has a new and exciting job in Littlefield at the Maximum Security Detention Center. She will teach all levels of science to inmates. Her training should begin in the near future and then she will start teaching in the fall.

Former Bovinan Edward Isaac suffered a severe stroke Sunday, June 4. He and his wife Helen ran Isaac's department store for years here and now have Branding Iron Cowboy Outfitters store in Lubbock.

His daughter-in-law, Murvat, who is married to Eddie, said Mr. Isaac is doing better each day of his recovery. He is a patient at Covenant Hospital.

While checking on Mr. Isaac, I got news about all the Isaac children. Eddie and Murvat, who live in Lubbock, have a four month-old daughter, Sarah. George and Caroline live in Orlando, Florida and have two daughters, Emily and Erica. George manages the Disney World Hilton there. Tina is a student at Kansas University finishing-up her PhD.

Anne Corn just returned from visited cousins in Shonwald, Germany. She stayed with her cousin, Otto Ploss. While there she attended the 75th birthday party of another cousin, Walter Ploss. She said the party was great and she got to see several former high school friends.

She and her cousins were able to visit their home town of Asch. After World War II they were forced to leave their homes and land there. She said her parents' home was no longer standing but some of her cousins' parents' homes were still there.

The weather in Germany is usually rainy and cool but Anne said it was really hot and sunny most of the time.

She said the sky was "as blue as the Texas sky." Most homes there do not have air conditioning because of the mild weather, but Anne said it was really unusually warm.

Rita Villarreal and her daughter, Norma, who lives with her here in Bovina and friend Joy Melton (Stan Miller's mom) of Clovis, recently returned from a trip to Harrogate, England to visit Rita's son, David, who is in the Army there. David and his wife Linda have an eight-month-old daughter, Tory. This was the first time Rita and Norma got to really visit and love on little Tory. She and her parents came to Bovina last October when she was only three days old when Rita's husband, Zeferino, passed away.

Rita, Norma and Joy visited with David and his family for about two weeks. They went to Dublin, Ireland for a day before returning to Bovina.

Rita's son Richard, who is also in the Army and has been stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen, Texas is in Bovina. Richard and wife Elida and sons Patrick and Rick are about to move to Germany for the next three years. They will leave July 7.

News of the other Villarreal children are as follows. Johnny lives in Clovis with his wife Emma. Eddie and his family live in Edinburg, Texas. Rita and Norma are going to see them in July. Zeferino, Jr., who has four kids, lives in Bovina.

George and wife Vickie have a daughter, they all live in Bovina. Their son, George, Jr. and wife Ruth live in San Antonio and have a new baby daughter, Jazmyne Nicole, who was born June 22. They have a one-year-old daughter, Precious Rose.

The other three Villarreal daughters are all married. Dora and Joe Shipp live in Canyon. They have three kids, Jennifer, James and Sam. Lisa and Ramiro Navarro live in Bovina with their three children, Rachel, Rita and Juan. Anna and Tim Winn live in Monahans with daughters, Savanna and Destiny.

## Sheriff Yerger Resigns

Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger submitted his resignation, effective immediately, Wednesday, June 28.

Sheriff Yerger was defeated in the Republican primary election by Friona Police Chief Randy Geries. His term as sheriff was set to end on December 31, at which time Geries would take over the Sheriff's job since he is unopposed in the general election.

Yerger has accepted a position as head of the police academy at Weatherford College in Weatherford, Texas. He is in the process of relocating to that area.

County Judge Bonnie Clayton said that Chief Deputy Gary Blair will be the interim head of the Sheriff's Department. A county commissioners meeting is set for July 10 at which time commissioners will make an official decision on the sheriff's position for the remainder of the year.

LaQueta Garner's mother, Bernice Chaney, 89, of Plainview, has been a patient at her local hospital since last Saturday. She is improving and is doing better.

Keith Garner is still having problems associated with his almost-head-on pick-up accident last year. He has been using crutches more than his cane lately and is waiting to hear more from doctors.

Pat and Pat Kunselman hosted a birthday party for her mom, Doris Wilson of Clovis, Sunday, June 18. Mrs. Wilson turned 93 on June 19.

Family and friends attending the party included Pat and Pat's son and his family, John and Tami Kunselman of Spearman and daughter Jamie and her fiancée Chuck Grayson; and John and Tami's daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Cody Coleman of Amarillo.

Also, Mrs. Wilson's nieces and husbands, Stephanie and Lyndon Foster of Lazbuddie; and Lori and Don Carter of Amherst. Pat and Pat's daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Leland Jennings of Dimmitt and their children Drue and Chad of Bovina also attended.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 2-8, 2000.

Jul 2 Martha Schilling, Edna Woelfel, Christy Thatcher

Jul 3 Shannon Wilburn, Liz Kessler

Jul 6 Janie Sudderth

Jul 7 Sharlet McCormick

Jul 8 Sue McClaran

For any changes, corrections or to add a name to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write to Drawer B, 79009.

## Treatment In Sprinkler Irrigated Fields Explained

Sprinkler-irrigated fields present a special challenge in eradication efforts because the water can wash insecticide off the plants, diminishing its effectiveness.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has developed guidelines to maintain the program's efficiency with the least amount of interference to the producer's operations.

If a crop has reached pinhead square and trap catches indicate the need for a field to be treated, growers who use sprinkler irrigation systems will be given two options, said Charles Allen, Foundation program director.

Growers will be first asked if they are willing to shut off their irrigation units for 24 hours, which would allow the insecticide to adhere to the plant leaves and allow it to do its work, Allen said.

If growers would prefer to leave their units running, the position of the pivot or lateral-move boom will be marked with a stake at the time of application, he said. Two days after application, the pivot or boom's position will be marked again, and the cotton that was irrigated by sprinkler would be re-treated.

This allows growers to irrigate continually while still effectively reducing weevil population, Allen said.

Growers with questions about these procedures should contact their district offices or call Foundation headquarters.

## Ex-Bovinan's Services Held

Funeral services for Sandra Lee Reyes, 53, a former resident of Bovina, were conducted last Thursday, June 22, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Quail Creek, Amarillo, with Charles Greene, minister, officiating.

Mrs. Reyes died June 15 in Amarillo. She was born in Detroit. She graduated from University of California at Los Angeles nursing school and was a medical transcriptionist.

She moved to Amarillo from Bovina in 1985. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, and volunteered in the ministry for a number of years.

Survivors include a daughter, Angela Balli of Friona; and a son, Thomas Reyes of Amarillo.

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## All-Stars Named For Kids Inc. Tournament

The annual Kids, Inc., all-star tournament will be held in Friona this year. The dates are July 6, 7, & 8 at Friona's baseball fields.

Kids, Inc. leaders Kevin and Verna Patton say that there should be 4 or more teams in both the Bronco and Mustang league all-star tournament.

All-star selections for 2000 were:

Mustang All-Stars: Brett Anderson, Trent Hutson, Aaron Hand, Jared Boyd, Sawyer Reed, Eric North,

Andrew Diaz, Gerald Padilla, Richard Monreal, Alex Gurley, Cassidy Gilliam and Megan Hoon. Mustang coaches are Thomas Reed, Byron Boyd and Robin Baize.

Bronco All-Stars are: Hayden Patton, Zane Anderson, Julian Rivera, Antonio Monreal, Kelby Monroe, Caleb Miller, Nathan Hoon, Pedro Ramos, Omar Hernandez, Bobby Silva, Javier Rivera, Sean Lookingbill. Bronco coaches are Curt Miller, Kevin Patton and Alan Monroe.

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**HARRY JOHNSON**

**Korean Vet Reflects On The "Forgotten War"**



SEOUL, KOREA..Harry Johnson in the war-torn ruins of Seoul, South Korea in 1952.



THE VALLEY below Harry Johnson's forward observation point in the T-Bone hills of Korea. (The photos that accompany this Korea story were provided by Harry Johnson from his personal collection.)



Harry Johnson of Bovina meets up with J. D. Johnson of Friona in a trench in Korea.



SGT. JOHNSON, 1952

**Fireworks Safety**

Obey local fireworks laws this July 4. Some cities prohibit personal fireworks use, and due to widespread drought, many counties are discouraging personal fireworks use this year. If fireworks use is permitted in your community, observe these safety guidelines:

- Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Discuss safety procedures with children.
- Read labels and carefully follow directions.
- Never use fireworks inside.
- Never aim or throw fireworks at others.
- Never try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction.
- Keep a bucket of water handy.
- Light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from buildings, dry vegetation and flammable materials.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health.

**Harry Johnson Recalls War...**

(Continued from Page 1) bunkers when a high-velocity artillery shell hit and buried him in the bunker.

In an ironic twist, Harry arrived back in Bovina before his buddy Harold Crook's body was shipped home. He was in Crook's military funeral in Bovina. Crook is buried in Bovina Cemetery. Harry still regrets not being able to see his friend on his last day of life.

Also, Harry remembers that Harold Crook's daddy never accepted his son's death too well. "He said he didn't believe it was really Harold in that box."

Harry Johnson returned to his home in Parmer County after Korea and took some truck driving and custom harvester jobs. He says he got tired of living out of a truck or staying in beat-up old motels.

In January, 1955, he went to work for Sherley Anderson Grain Elevators in the office in Bovina. Today, 45 years later, you can still find Harry in the Sherley Grain offices following the stock market and grain commodities on his computer or making a fresh batch of popcorn in the customer lounge.

He asked us not to write too much about him or make such a big deal out of his Korea experience. We appreciate the opportunity to share the stories of all our veterans. Thank you Harry!

Stop by and have some popcorn and say thanks to Harry Johnson for his service to the country and to the community.

(Editor's note: we plan to follow up with other Korean veterans. If you are a vet, or know one, please contact us.)



SGT. JOHNSON in the depths of a Korean winter outside his bunker.



THE MEMORIAL at Harold Crook's gravesite at Bovina Cemetery

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**Dudley's Auto Parts Sold After 32 Years**

Dudley's Auto Parts' first advertisement appeared in the February 21, 1968 edition of *The Bovina Blade*. Thirty-two years later Dudley Hughes' son, Kevin Hughes, will take over the business this Saturday, July 1.

Kevin is the third generation of the Hughes family to own a business at this location in Bovina. Dudley's father, Billy "Shorty", built the building around 1961-62 and had a coin operated laundry, Live Longer Laundry, there.

Dudley grew up in Farwell, the son of Billy Hughes, now of Clovis and Lilly Hughes, of Farwell. He has a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Gwen of Farwell who also had a parts store, Hughes Auto Parts, in Farwell; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jennette and Don Frieling of San Antonio.

Dudley moved from Clovis in January of 1968 and got the store ready for business. The announcement of his new business was on the front page of *The Bovina Blade*, February 21, 1968. It read:

Dudley's Auto Parts, located at the corner of Third Street and Highway 86, is open for business.

Owner of the new business is Dudley Hughes, formerly of Farwell.

The store is located in the east side of the building occupied by Live Longer Laundry, which has been undergoing remodeling the past few weeks.

Dudley's Auto Parts offers a complete line of auto parts.

It is the third new

business in Bovina to be opened within recent weeks. (The other two were Chuck's Aerial Spraying Service and the accounting firm of Williams and Merriman)

Dudley and wife Barbara, who married in 1981, have moved to Clovis and plan to spend their retirement relaxing. Barbara enjoys doing crafts and Dudley enjoys woodworking and playing the bass.

In his younger days, 1957-59, Dudley played and "jammed" with the studio band at the Norman Petty Studio in Clovis. He even played bass for the recording of the hit song, "Sugartime", and Buddy Holly played lead guitar.

His children are Kevin and Suzan of Bovina and daughters, Pady and Haylee; and daughter and son-in-law, Lokeene and John Dallas and children Justin and Jolene of Las Lunas, New Mexico.

Kevin says he and Suzan plan to keep the auto parts and hardware store the same with a few additions from his auto repair business on Highway 60, Kevin's Auto.

He's been trying to find someone to take over business in the old location. "I hate to see a business close in Bovina," Kevin added.

At his new location, Kevin will do state car inspections, windshield replacements, some car air condition servicing. Kevin will also continue with Plateau Cellular phone sales and be the drop-off point for Beaver Express shipping service which ships in the five state area.



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# Centrx Vista: Adds To Area's Economy

BY RON CARR

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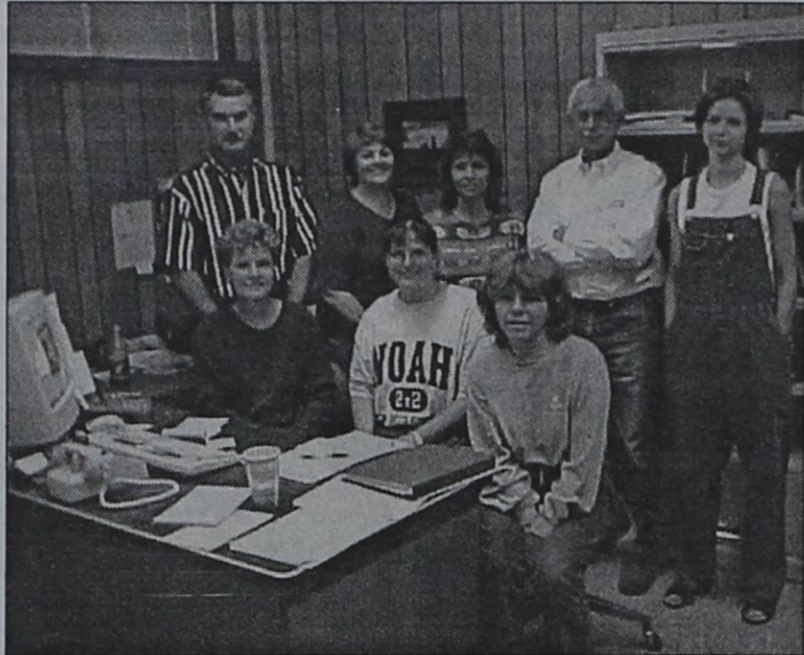
Actually Centrx Vista is two operations, both of which are divisions of Hi-Pro and parent company Friona Industries.

While Hi-Pro's Animal Health store is a retail outlet, Centrx Vista is wholesale. Centrx wholesales veterinarian supplies. On the other hand, Vista wholesales products primarily to retail dealers and handles such diverse retail products as chew toys for pets, bird house feeders and other animal feed and health items.

The company operates five warehouses located in Davenport, Iowa; Oklahoma City; Omaha, Nebraska; Grand Prairie and San Angelo.

The purchasing and accounting functions for the Centrx Vista company is handled in Friona. The Centrx Vista accounting office is located at 612 Euclid. The Controller, and manager, is former Friona resident Larry Johnston.

Johnston, a 1971 graduate of Friona High School, earned his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1975 and masters in 1977, both in Ag



CENTRX VISTA employees are, l-r, standing, Ted Procter, Sue Fiel, Sherrie Stanberry, Larry Johnston, Bree Lewis. Seated are Peggy Stowers, Monica Procter and computer consultant Chris Givan of Colorado Springs.

Economics. He oversees seven full-time and one part-time employee at the Friona office. For now Centrx Vista counts 124 employees company-wide.

Johnston said that the local computer software system is still being refined to handle the business volume.

The sudden rush of business after the company start-up in December caught the office off guard and resulted in a backlog of billing and invoicing transactions while installing the computer system at the same time.

Johnston said the state-of-the-art software system, purchased from a company in Colorado Springs, is a fully integrated wholesale accounting computer system. It operates on real-time online connections.

For example, he said if an employee in Omaha has a question concerning an order

or invoice, the Friona staff can pull up the same document on their computer and both parties are then looking at the same document in real time.

The software consultants from Colorado Springs were here for a month installing the software and are now conducting training for the Friona Centrx Vista employees.

The program allows for inventory control at the distribution centers as well as purchasing product for the company. Hi-Pro veteran Eldon Reeb is responsible for purchasing for the company.

Johnston says that business has been better than expected for the new Hi-Pro venture and anticipates that his local staff will also grow as the business expands.

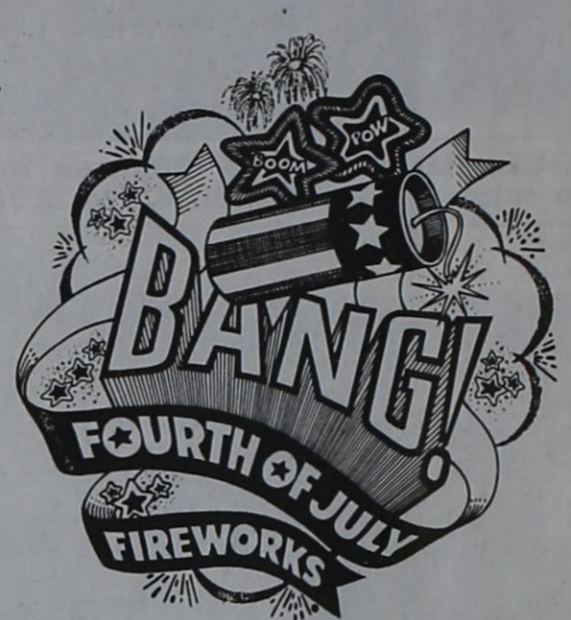
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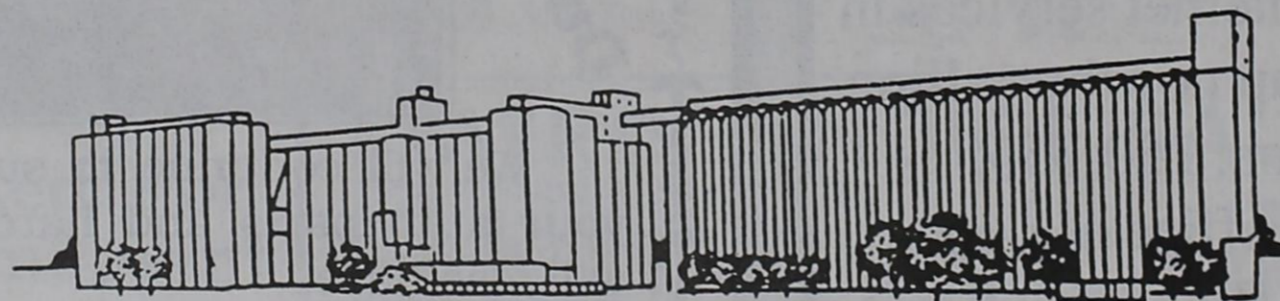
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