

IN FED CATTLE



BY BILL ELLIS

WHAT A REFRESHING sight it was last week to see rain clouds that actually performed. Last Thursday's rain was a little on the "fast" side, but Friday night's shower was a sight to behold.

The moisture received will assist the already-planted corn, and perhaps assist where farmers had not yet planted.

The amount of moisture received wasn't necessarily enough to cause wells to be shut off, but it helped, nonetheless, and if nothing else, it restored our faith that it CAN still rain in the country. For awhile there, we thought this might equal the time when "it never did rain."

WE DIDN'T KNOW IT when we wrote out column last week about the president's visit to Amarillo, but the delegates to the District 27-1 Lions Club convention at Amarillo also got to see President Ford.

Ford was scheduled to stop at the Hilton Inn following his speech at the Amarillo Air Terminal, prior to going to Canyon for his speech at West Texas State University.

His trip organizer, noticing the big Lions convention, had the bright idea—Why not have Ford stop off at the Lions' banquet, which would be in progress during his arrival.

So, the president "made the scene" at the Lions' affair, which was attended by approximately 350 Lions and their wives from the district.

Bovinians who were present for the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. C. N. (Big Nick) Treinen and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bonds.

That would add a little "punch" to your convention, we would suppose—having the president of the United States casually drop in. Ford made a "non political" speech of about five minutes, we understand.

According to what we hear, the security at the Hilton Inn was every bit as tight as it was at the Amarillo Airport. We were in and out of the Hilton earlier in the afternoon to get out special press credentials, and we did notice a number of "official looking" men, plus several police officers in uniform.

THE DEMOCRATIC and Republican primary date of May 1 looms closer and closer, and the campaign activity is beginning to pick up in the three county and district races, plus the commissioner races within the county.

There are races for County Sheriff, District Attorney, County Attorney, and commissioner races in Precincts 1 and 3 (Frona and Oklahoma Lane-Farwell).

Also, this year for the first time, voters in the primaries will be able to vote for their choice in the presidential race.

Actually, voters will vote for presidential delegates, rather than voting for the presidential candidates themselves, but this will be spelled out on the primary ballots.

We expect to publish both ballots in next week's edition, so that voters will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the ballot prior to going to the polls on May 1.

ONE "HANG-UP" we have heard a number of times this year is that several folks want to vote for Ronald Reagan, yet they want to vote in the locally contested races. The only catch is that if you vote in the Ford-Reagan race, you'll have to vote in the Republican primary, and forego the Democratic races.

And that may be what a number of folks elect to do, if they want their primary vote to count for the former California governor, whom we personally think makes more sense than anyone else running for president.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN had difficulty getting an education, but what do you expect from a guy who didn't play football, basketball or baseball?

Parmer Stumbles To Third Place Seven County Feed Yards Show Stunning 52% Drop



EASTER EGG HUNT...Christopher Balls, left, and Rusty Venable compare "finds" after the annual community Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon. Sponsored by the Lions Club, some 150 pounds of candy eggs were "vacuumed up" by over 200 youngsters on C.E. Trimble's pasture just outside the Ridgelea Addition. Christopher is

the son of Mrs. Chris Balle and Rusty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Radford Venable, all of Bovina. Warmer-than-expected weather following chilly temperatures Saturday was most welcome by the large crowd of parents and grandparents accompanying the hunters.

Parmer County's seven feed yards registered a stunning 52 per cent decrease in fed cattle last year, dropping the county from the second place state ranking it had enjoyed in previous years to third place behind Deaf Smith and Castro counties.

According to figures compiled by the Agriculture Development Department of Southwestern Public Service Co., Parmer County fed a total of 424,825 cattle in 1974 and a total of 203,704 in 1975, some 221,121 less. Nine of the top 10 1974 counties showed a decrease last year with Randall and Hale counties dropping out of the top 10, replaced by Lamb and Lubbock counties.

Deaf Smith County retained its No. 1 status among the leading cattle feeding counties in the state, feeding a total of 485,000 head in 1975, down 18,045 from the 1974 mark of 503,045.

Castro, third in '74 with 347,193, ranked second last year with a total of 274,800, down 72,393.

The SPS report covers the 45,000 square mile area served by the electric company, including 30 counties in Texas, four in eastern New Mexico, three in the Oklahoma Panhandle and one in southwestern Kansas.

Overall, fed cattle production in 1975 was down 19.6 per cent. A total of 3,280,443 cattle were fed in 1975 compared with a total of 4,082,142 in 1974.

Feed lot totals have declined for the past two years, after hitting a peak in 1973 with a total of 4,962,763.

Accompanying the decline in cattle feeding has been a drop in feedlot capacity. Since the peak of '74, feedlot capacity has declined 5.1 per cent and the number of feedlots with 1000 and over capacity has declined from 191 in 1971 to 148 at the beginning of this year.

Despite the decline in area cattle numbers, Sam Thomas, SPS agricultural development manager, is optimistic about the long-term future of the cattle feeding industry.

"The experiences of the past two years bear a strong similarity to the 1963-'64 period when the profit picture was so bad it seemed that cattle feeding development was dead. The more recent experience has been complicated by higher costs of grain and feeder cattle, but the enthusiasm, dejection, despondency and elation that comes from the feed yards follows a very familiar pattern," commented Thomas.

"I am in hopes that fed cattle numbers will increase at a 15 to 25 per cent annual rate, unless there is a compensatory reduction in fed cattle numbers in other areas," he added.

Parmer County's seven feed yards include Bovina Feeders, Inc., Parmer County Cattle Company, Cattelotown, Inc., Far-Tex Feedlot, Frona Feed Yard, Inc., Paco Feed Yard and Hi-Plains Feed Yard.

Below is a list of the state's top 10 cattle feeding counties. Listed in parenthesis is the 1974 rating.

	1974	1975
1. Deaf Smith (1)	503,045	485,000

2. Castro (3)	347,193	274,800
3. Parmer (2)	424,825	203,704
4. Hansford (10)	155,000	155,100
5. Swisher (4)	196,254	155,000
6. Sherman (6)	178,800	152,400
7. Moore (9)	157,000	142,600
8. Lamb (-)		130,350
9. Hartley (8)	162,704	129,233
10. Lubbock (-)		120,000

Absentee Vote For Primaries Ends Tuesday

Absentee voting for the May 1 primaries will continue through Tuesday at the County Clerk's office in Farwell.

Residents planning to be out of the county on May 1 are urged to cast an absentee ballot.

Printed in both English and Spanish, the Democratic ballot is crowded this year with contests in more than the usual number of races.

Of primary interest on the ballot are the delegates which will be sent to the Democratic national presidential nominating convention; the U. S. Senate, where there are four candidates; for Railroad Commissioner, where there are eight candidates; and in the Parmer County races where there are more than one candidate for the District Attorney, County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and County Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

On the Republican ballot, delegates will be selected for the national convention, three candidates are in the race for U. S. Senator, and five amendments are on the ballot.

R-A-I-N?

Would you believe RAIN?

Parmer County received its first beneficial, or measurable, moisture in almost seven months last week with some hail reported at every location. The damage, although slight, to wheat crops was more than offset by the benefits to non-irrigated farm land and even the irrigated land.

The "rainy spell" began Monday night of last week, however, the Oklahoma Lane and Lazbuddie areas received the only rain in Parmer County at that time with amounts ranging from one-half to one inch. Some farmers in the OL community reported, however, that the rain fell in a period of about 10 minutes and that "it rained so hard that most of it ran off the land."

A fast-moving squall line of clouds moved across the eastern New Mexico and Panhandle area Thursday morning, dumping rain in most sections of the county. Bovina registered from one-half to

three-fourths of an inch with a flurry of pea-size hail; Oklahoma Lane farmers reported another inch of moisture with pea-size hail; and farmers in the Pleasant Hill area west of Bovina reported almost an inch of rain with larger hail. Parmer County was placed under a severe thunderstorm alert for several hours when Cannon Air Force Base reported it had been struck by a severe hail storm.

The rainfall lasted about an hour locally, and was accompanied by some pea-sized hail. It was not thought that the hail did any appreciable damage.

Although only scattered showers were predicted Friday, a slow-falling rain began late that evening with Bovina recording another

one-half inch along with Oklahoma Lane and Pleasant Hill.

Temperatures fell to a low of 39 degrees Friday night, with chilly temperatures hanging on Saturday. However, Easter Sunday turned into a warm, sunny day.

Although the total amounts received in most communities weren't exactly in the deluge category, farmers welcomed the moisture which should aid in pre-watering and planting activities currently underway.

In many instances, the rain came too late to save the dry land wheat and barley crops, but should be beneficial to the irrigated crops.

So the dry trend hopefully is beginning to be broken, and farmers and gardeners will tell you it isn't a minute too soon.

OL NATIVE

Margaret Porst Services Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret (Verner) Porst, 38, of Riverside, Calif., were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Dr. Cliff Ennen, pastor, and Rev. Bob Roberts, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Cemetery in Clovis.

Mrs. Porst, the Deputy District Attorney in Riverside, died Sunday, April 18, in Methodist Hospital at Lubbock.

Born in Clovis, Mrs. Porst was reared in the Oklahoma Lane Community, was graduated from Bovina High School, Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Beverly School of Law in Beverly Hills, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee. Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Dora Verner of Farwell; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Meeks of Farwell and Mrs. Lavon Jones of Lubbock; and three brothers, Eugene Verner of Ghana, West Africa, Ray Verner of

Oklahoma Lane and Charles Verner of Mineral Wells. Pallbearers were Donald Christian, Frank Edwards, Herman Gerles, Wendol Christian, Troy Christian and Don Gerles.



MARGARET PORST

SUNDAY

DST Begins 6-Month Run

The regular schedule for Daylight Savings Time will take effect again this year, with long days beginning a six-month run on April 25, when most Americans will turn the clock forward one hour (remember the spring forward, fall back system).

New legislation in Congress was blocked this year with the 1966 Uniform Time Act going into effect again, providing for DST from the last Sunday in April through the last Sunday in October.

In January 1974, at the height of the Arab oil embargo, provisions of the 1966 law were suspended after Congress concluded that energy could be saved through year-round observance of DST.

However, before long lawmakers heard the protests of farmers and rural parents who sought the early-morning daylight hour, and standard time was returned in October 1974.

In 1975, the nation had eight months of DST and the Senate Commerce Committee approved a bill decreasing eight months of DST every year, beginning in February. However, the legislation failed.

Backers of extended DST have cited Department of Transportation studies that found fast time can save a slight amount of energy, hold down street crime and

probably reduce the number of car accidents.

The hoopla raised in Congress, however, has little effect on the average citizen. Most people seem to feel that about the time they regulate their systems to one time standard, along comes a change, one way or another.

Meeting Set Thursday For LL Coaches

George Powell, Little League Commissioner, has called a meeting of all Little League coaches at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) in Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

The summer baseball program, sponsored by the Lions Club, is slated to begin within the next several weeks.

"We still need at least two coaches to complete our roster," says Powell, urging anyone willing to coach a team to contact him prior to the meeting, or to attend the meeting tomorrow night.

TFWC Slates 79th Convention

"Hands Up," a national volunteer effort to halt crime will be the subject of a crime prevention seminar during the 79th Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at the South Park Inn in Lubbock, April 27-30, announced TFWC President Harriette Williford Whatley today.

Darrell Joy, Director of Training, Texas Crime Prevention Institute, Southwest Texas State University and Fred McWhorter, Regional Coordinator, South Plains Association of Governments will conduct the seminar. The meeting will assist representatives of clubs throughout the state in carrying out "Hands Up" crime reduction campaigns in their communities.

"Hands Up" is a cooperative endeavor between the General Federation of Women's Clubs and

the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, U.S. Department of Justice. As an official member of GFWC, the world's largest organization of women, the Texas Federation has already demonstrated extensive participation and support of the national campaign.

Keynote speaker of the convention will be Sarah McClendon, noted Washington news correspondent and columnist. She will address delegates Thursday (April 29) at 7 p.m. on the topic "You and Government." Mrs. Don L. Shilde, North Dakota, GFWC Second Vice President will speak on membership and Mrs. William R. Ross, West Virginia, GFWC Chairman of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, will lead a workshop on Federation-sponsored projects focusing on this problem.

Clubs making outstanding contributions in their local communities will be recognized in ceremonies Wednesday (April 28) at 9 p.m. at the Patio West of the South Park Inn. Community Improvement Project contest winners will be announced by Mrs. Claude Riley, Victoria, and the awards presented by George Gray, III, Assistant Territorial Counselor for Sears' Southwestern Territory.

Mrs. W.V. Wheeler, Albany, will announce winners of the Shell Environmental contest and Joe Horkey, President of the Horkey Oil Co., Lubbock, will present the awards. The CITGO Business for Beauty contest winners will be announced by Mrs. Howard Weant, Falfurrias and presented by Charles M. Hartwell, General Manager, Exploration and Production Division, Cities Service, Midland.

Mrs. Floyd Shumpert, Kaufman, will announce the name of the TFWC Outstanding Clubwoman and Gibson Discount Centers will present the winner's club a check for \$500.00. Nominees for the Outstanding Clubwoman must demonstrate leadership ability and lead a successful project during the two-year administration.

Jimmy Yells Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Yell of Bovina announce the birth of their first child, a son, at 1:10 a.m. Friday, April 9, at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

Named Floyd Lane, the new arrival weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

Yell is employed by Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., at Rhea. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Englant of Bovina and Mrs. Elsie Hall of Montgomery, Ala. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Bessie Webb of Bovina, Hugh Webb of the Retirement Ranch in Clovis, W. B. Simmons of Montgomery, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Englant of Bovina.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES
John Allan Cockerham and Pamela Jan Wilcox.

agri-facts

By John Ricci

Have farmers done anything for you lately? Probably not. At least, not since your last meal. Figures developed by researchers with the USDA indicate that American farmers' production last year was high enough that each man farming produced enough to feed 57 people. In the European Common Market countries one farmer produced enough to feed 23 other people, the average of all developed countries was less than half the productivity in the U.S. and in Russia the average farmer produced enough to feed only about 8 others. Not only is the American productivity important in keeping us all well fed (most too well) it's also significant in that it allows 96 out of every 100 people to work in areas outside food production. That makes possible the production of the wide variety of goods and services which constitute our unparalleled living standard. Keep it up farmers!

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In a shell

by Lou Nuttall

The United Farm Workers Union, which you will remember created a certain amount of havoc in California the past few years and just last summer in south Texas, is still strongly pursuing its ultimate goal—organizing farm workers and getting farm labor covered under the federal labor law.

Legislation that could permit unions on the farm is now pending in both houses of Congress. If such legislation is enacted, God help the farmer—we know the government will turn its collective back on agriculture!

The Farm Labor Research Committee has mailed out questionnaires to farmers and is attempting to organize a lobby mechanism to head off any such legislation. (It might not be a bad idea to write one's Congressman and Senator, either.)

Just a few items the legislation, if passed, could do: permit harvest-time strikes, permit product boycotts, compel a farm owner to bargain with a union agent on behalf of employees who don't want to be represented by that agent, compel farm owners to permit paid union organizers to operate on their private property, subject farms to huge monetary penalties for infractions of highly technical negotiating rules, require recruiting and hiring of all employees through union-operated hiring halls, force farmers to open their financial records to union leaders during contract negotiations, prevent firing of incompetent or undesirable employees and make the farmer subject of feather-bedding and other make-work practices which have ruined other industries.

Seems to us that if farmers have to cope with labor unions, in addition to serving as political footballs kicked around by the White House, Congress and other unions, they (the farmer) are going to have to "throw in the towel." And if farmers do that, agribusinessmen are doomed. Maybe we are too farm-oriented, but if that happens, what good can come of it for the rest of the country? It's getting more and more difficult to

envison a bright future for the American farmer.

Farming has never been easy, regardless of what our "elite" big-city dudes espouse from New York's skyscrapers and Washington's hallowed halls on the Potomac!

We realize labor unions were a vital force in bringing about humane working and decent living conditions for the American laborer during this country's industrial revolution—but, unions have long since become pawns of the powerful, and too many times that power is connected with organized crime.

Regardless of what union organizers tell farm labor, we can't see that they have such a bad life. At least in this part of the country, and we imagine elsewhere, the farmhand's life is better than the existence he would have in the big city.

Would imagine that around here the average farmhand draws somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7,000 salary per year (which is what the union men will focus upon). What they will fail to mention is the following: his living quarters are furnished, his utilities paid, a vehicle and gas furnished; he is covered by insurance and Social Security, most are allowed garden plots, most are allowed to grow beef, poultry or pork for their own use, and most receive some sort of annual bonus, either in cash or crop form, according to the employer. A large number of farm employees, either legally or not-quite-so-legally, are on the dole through an infinite variety of government agencies. When all of those benefits are added onto his salary, and some things are hard to put a dollar value on, the average farm hand is making in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per year.

Some of the intangible benefits, which will be totally ignored, are that during certain seasons of the year every member of the family can be earning "good" money, and a farmhand isn't tied to a time clock. That certainly has to be one of the "bonuses" of working on a farm.

However, by the time some slick union flunky works his hypnotic spiel on a group of farm laborers, John Farmhand, firmly convinced he is being exploited in a fashion more horrible than the slave in pre-Civil War times, will fall meekly into that union trap. Unless—something is done to stop this legislation—quickly!

Nothing like a rain to put people in a better frame of mind. Not that we had that much rain here, but since it was the first measurable amount since way last September, it was just like a kid waking up on Christmas morning and finding the ground covered with snow!

Heard a weather saying we hadn't heard before: if it rains on Easter Sunday, it rains for seven Sundays. Well, we got close, anyway.

One of our neighbors wants Detroit to recall his new car. Had a fight with his wife and when she was going home to her mother, the car wouldn't start.

Rodriguezes

Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rodriguez of Bovina announce the birth of a daughter at 3:40 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

Named Ginger Michelle, the new arrival weighs seven pounds, nine ounces.

The couple has a son, Michael Nick, two.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gulley of Clovis and Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez of Bovina. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Emiliana Martinez of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Redwine of Muleshoe and Mrs. Berty Gulley of Wichita Falls. Great-great-grandparents are Mrs. Minnie Redwine of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Pena of San Angelo.

Rodriguez is employed by Sherrill Lumber Company in Bovina.

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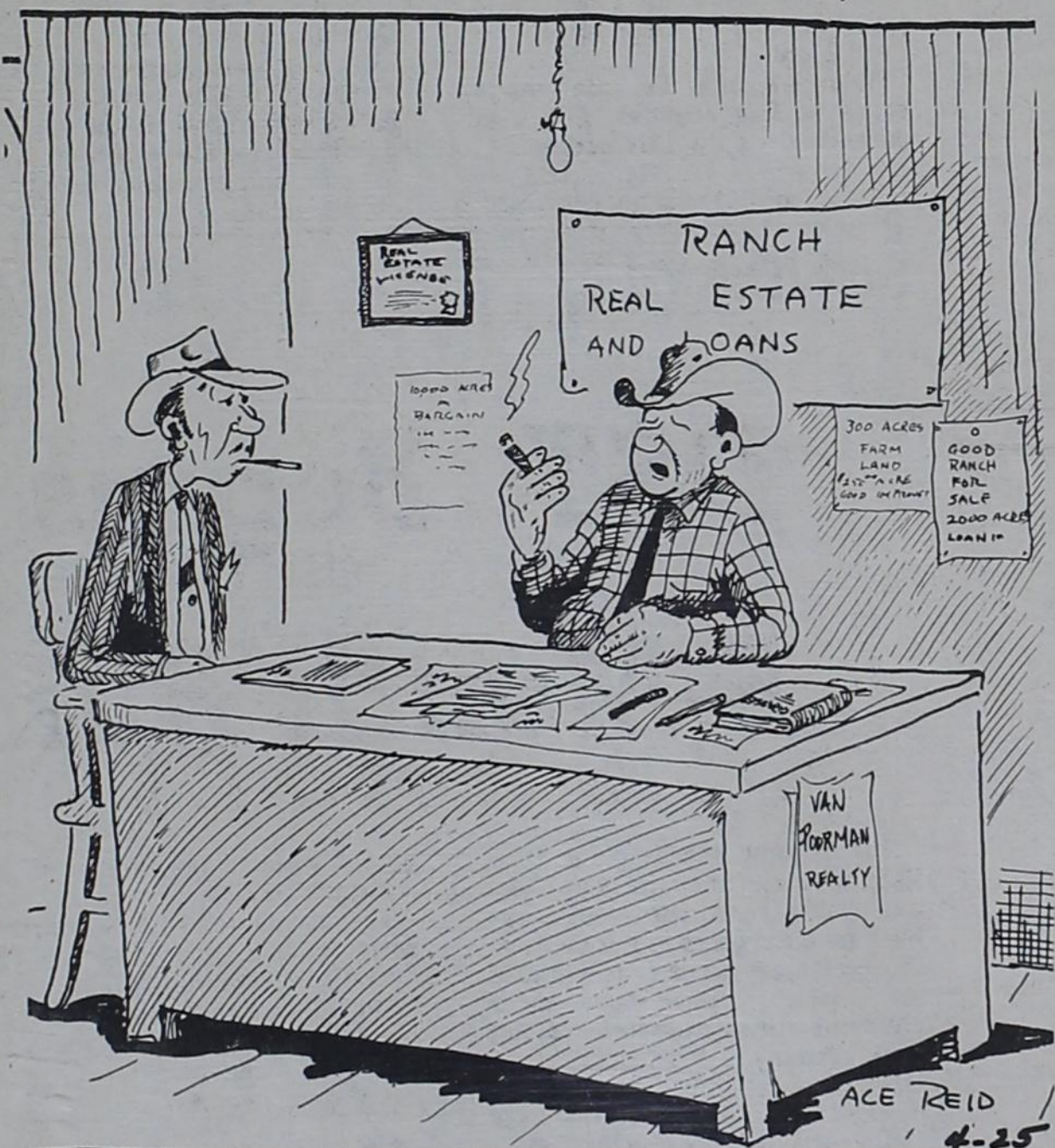
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BOVINA, TEXAS

Evanna Johnston, Dan Nelson Wed In Home Ceremony



MR. AND MRS. DAN NELSON

Miss Evanna Johnston and Dan Nelson exchanged wedding vows Saturday, March 20, at the home of the bride's parents with Cecil Bunch, minister of the Bovina Church of Christ, reading the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Johnston of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Nelson of Roswell, N.M.

The couple exchanged vows before an arrangement of yellow and white roses, gladioli, carnations and stephanotis with greenery and yellow and white ribbon streamers, flanked by spiral candelabra holding yellow tapers and adorned with yellow satin bows.

Miss Jimmie Clements of Bovina, pianist, presented traditional wedding selections and accompanied Mrs. Jon Lin Riddle of Bovina and Dennis Johnston of Bovina, brother of the bride, as they sang "More," "Walk Hand in Hand" and "There Is Love."

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride selected a formal gown of white silk organza over bridal taffeta designed with a fitted empire bodice. Her V-neckline was formed of Chantilly lace and enhanced by organza ruffles in white and pale yellow with the wrist-length, closely fitted sleeves falling to lace cuffs with ruffles. The slightly gathered skirt fell to a Chantilly lace band with a flounced hemline in white and yellow organza. Her fingertip veil of bridal illusion, edged in lace and trimmed with floral lace appliques, was attached to a matching Camelot cap covered in lace.

The bride carried an orchid tipped in yellow and surrounded by yellow and white roses, daisies, stephanotis and greenery with yellow satin ribbon streamers. Carrying out tradition, she wore a pearl necklace for something old; something new was her gown; and something borrowed and blue was a garter belonging to the bridegroom's mother.

Mrs. Kelly Jo Barnett of Muleshoe, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmatron was Mrs. Kim Rundell of Bovina. The bride's attendants wore

formal gowns of yellow daisy-imprinted organza over yellow with sheer yellow organza capes and Southern Belle hats trimmed with yellow daisies. They carried bouquets of daisies, stephanotis and greenery with yellow satin streamers.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Terry Nelson of Roswell, N.M., brother of the bridegroom, was groomsman.

Miss Deniese Johnston of Bovina, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Scotty Johnston of Bovina, the bride's nephew, lighted the candles. Kevin Barnett of Muleshoe, the bride's nephew, was ring bearer.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Johnston selected a formal gown in a rose shade with pearl trim around the V-shaped neckline and on the cuffs of the sheer sleeves. She wore matching accessories and a white orchid corsage.

The bridegroom's mother selected a formal gown in peach knit chiffon with matching accessories and a white orchid corsage.

At the reception following the ceremony, the serving table was covered with a white lace cloth over yellow and trimmed with clusters of daisies at each corner with the bride's bouquet serving as the centerpiece. The three-tiered cake, decorated with daisies, was separated by angels and topped with the traditional bride and groom figurine. Cake and yellow fruit punch with an ice ring of strawberries, Mandarin oranges, mint leaves and cherries, was served from crystal appointments. Coffee was served from a silver service. Members of the house-party were Mrs. Buck Ellison, Mrs. Polly Mills and Mrs. Rex Beardain Sr. Mrs. Dale Johnston of Amarillo and Mrs. Dennis Johnston of Bovina, sisters-in-law of the bride, presided at the serving table.

For a wedding trip to Houston and Galveston, the bride wore a dress with yellow and white stripe bodice designed with V-neckline and long sleeves and yellow flared skirt. She wore matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses, white orchids and satin streamers.

The bride, a 1974 graduate of Bovina High School, attended

Texas Tech University at Lubbock and is employed in the business office of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Goddard High School in Roswell, attended Lubbock Christian College and will be graduated May 14 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a degree in aviation.

The couple will reside at the Briarwood Garden Apartments, C-6, in Durant until after graduation.



VIVIAN TRIMPL



JERI MORE



BECKY CULP

Spring Fashion Fair Set In Muleshoe

"Spring Fashion Fair" is the theme of a clothing program set for Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe.

Tips on sewing, quick and easy ideas on recycling clothing, accenting with accessories and the "Simplicity spring style show" highlight the one day event, according to County Extension Agent Jana Pronger.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring the event in cooperation with the Family Living Committee of Bailey, Cochran, Lamb and Parmer Counties.

Speakers will be Vivian Trimpl,

home economist for Viking Sewing Machine Company; Becky Culp, area Extension Service clothing specialist, Amarillo; Dicky Perkins, buyer with Gabriel's Department Store; and Jeri More, home economist for Simplicity Pattern Company.

An added attraction for the clothing program is a series of exhibits by merchants from the four-county area of Bailey, Cochran, Lamb and Parmer counties. Door prizes also will be presented.

"This is an excellent opportunity," says Miss Pronger, "for persons to take advantage of advice from clothing experts."

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS-

James H. Boyle, Friona; Thelma Coffey, Friona; Mrs. Raymond Delgado and baby boy, Farwell; Mrs. Jackie Stowers and baby boy, Friona; Lillian Guess, Farwell; Mrs. Bobby Hammock and baby girl, Hereford; Dora Mejia, Friona; Mrs. Joe Guerra and baby girl, Friona; Zonah Bass, Friona; Juanita Leal, Bovina; Mrs. Doug Autrey and baby girl, Farwell; Patricia Wright, Friona; J.W. Gammon, Friona; Lucy McCown, Friona; Johnny Bandy, Friona; Boye Taylor, Bovina; Lucy Annie Scott, Friona; Terry Jesko, Muleshoe; and Ismael Ramirez, Friona.

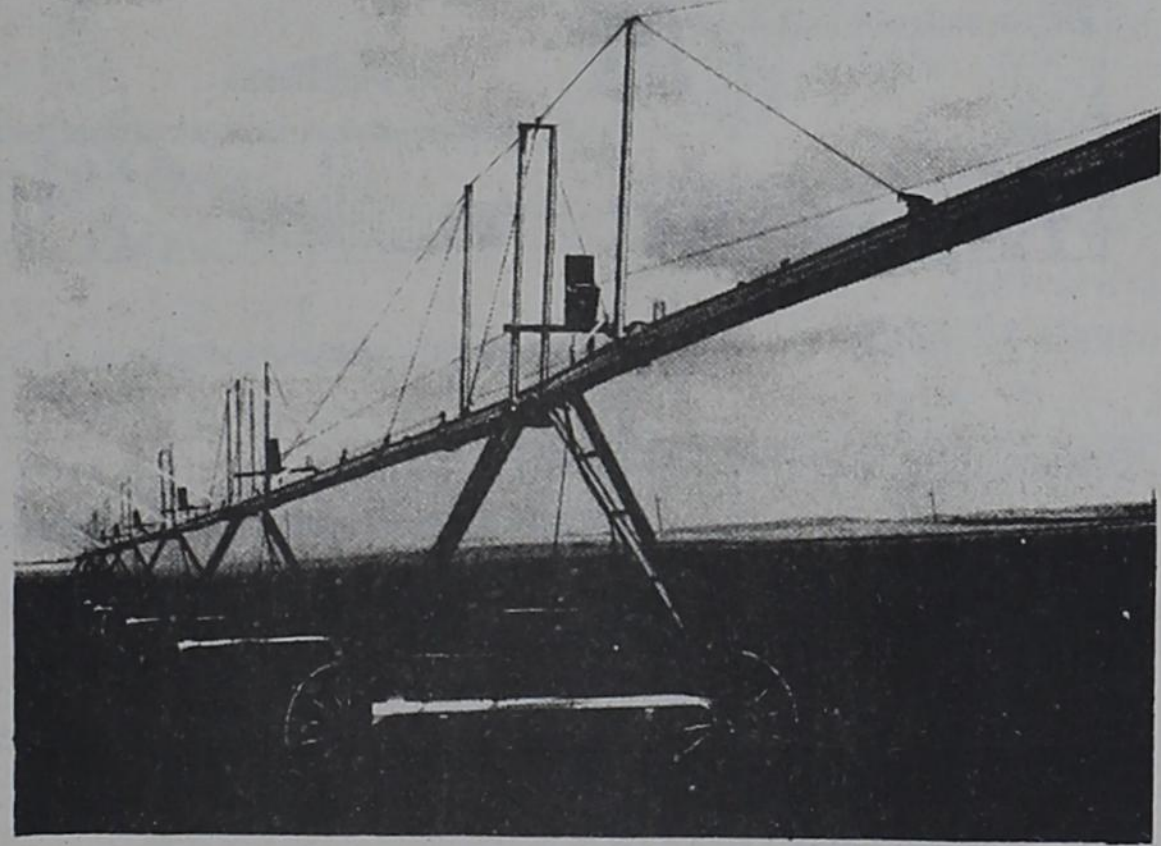
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- *U.S. Navy, World War II, 1944-1946
- *Married Maribeth Bilderback, June 23, 1945, Has Two Children
- *Farmed In Lamb County, 1946-1947
- *BBA Degree - January 1950, Texas Technological College
- *Employed By General Motors, 1950
- *Farmed In Parmer County, 1951 - 1961
- *Lived In Muleshoe, Texas 1952
- *MBA - Accounting, 1962 - Texas Tech University
- *Dr. Of Jurisprudence, 1965 - University Of Texas
- *General Practice Of Law In Friona, Texas Since 1965

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Gromowsky-Grimsley Vows Read In Spring Setting

Miss Jyl Gromowsky of Bovina and Jayson Grimsley of Friona exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the home of the bride's parents. Cecil Bunch, minister of the Bovina Church of Christ, read the double ring vows.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William Gromowsky and Mr. and Mrs. David Grimsley.

An arrangement of yellow and white gladioli and daisies, yellow tulips, iris and daffodils and baby's breath centered the mantel and was flanked by seven-branch candelabra holding yellow tapers and entwined with greenery, daffodils and baby's breath. An arrangement of daffodils, baby's breath and yellow votive candles graced the piano. Daffodils and baby's breath in a bud vase, along with the bride's book, was at the registry table.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride selected a formal white chiffon gown designed with a three-tiered skirt attached to a fitted bodice with long, fully gathered sleeves, all defined with rows of lace. Her chapel length veil of chiffon was edged in matching lace and attached to a lace-covered headpiece.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet of yellow and white sweetheart roses, daisy mums, daffodils, baby's breath and sprengeri fern.

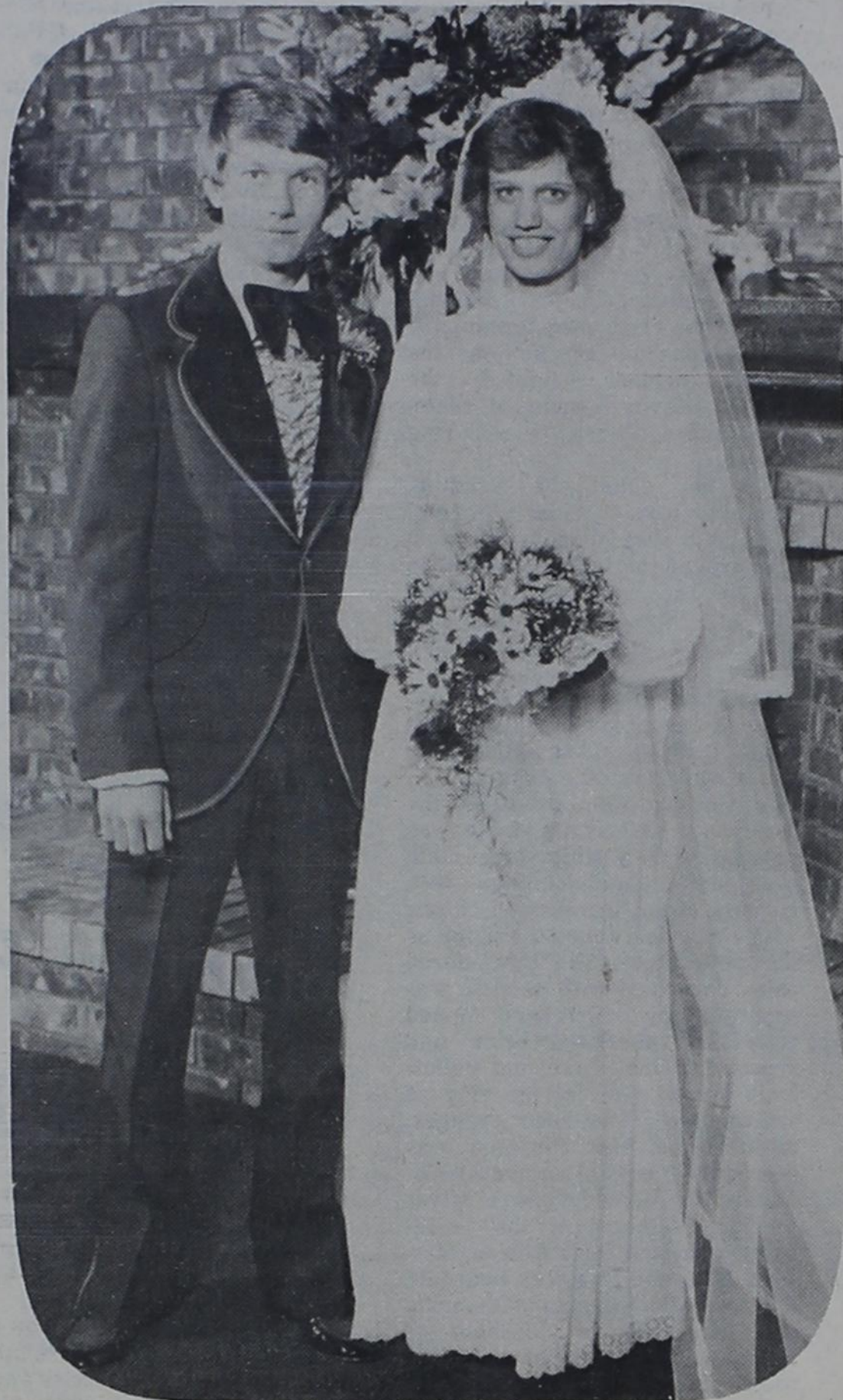
Carrying out tradition, the bride carried a handkerchief belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Jefferson of Bovina, for something old; something new was her bridal ensemble; something borrowed was a pearl and ruby ring from her mother; and she wore the traditional blue garter.

Mrs. Steve Smith of Sudan, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a formal gown in yellow crinkle voile designed with a square neckline, butterfly sleeves and tiered skirt, all defined with rows of white lace. She wore a Southern Belle hat trimmed with a cluster of daffodils and daisies and carried a colonial bouquet similar to that of the bride.

Jimmy Grimsley of Friona, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Widdy Gromowsky of Bovina, brother of the bride, was usher.

Miss Holly Grimsley of Friona, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. She wore a yellow and white pinafore-style dress with a cluster of daffodils and daisies adorning her Southern Belle hat and carried a basket of daffodils. John Charles Smith of Sudan, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Miss Shea Woodard of Friona lighted the candles. She wore a yellow princess-style gown.

Teresa Buske of Friona played traditional wedding selections and accompanied Libby Procter and Sherry Atwell, vocalists, as they sang "Whither Thou Goest."



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For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Gromowsky selected a formal gown in ivory and beige cutwork with the matching jacket trimmed in fringe. She wore matching accessories and a corsage of yellow daffodils.

The bridegroom's mother selected an apricot shirtwaist gown with pleated skirt. She wore matching accessories and a corsage of yellow daffodils.

At the reception following the ceremony, the serving table was covered with a white cutwork and embroidery cloth over celery linen. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with clusters of daffodils. Cake, yellow punch, coffee, nuts and mints were served from crystal and silver appointments by Kenna Moore and Stephanie Wiseman. Mrs. Rhonda Rhodes presided at the guest register. Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Zelbert Rury of Clovis, Mrs. Polly Mills of Bovina, Mrs. Ross Terry of Friona, Mrs. Thomas Rhodes of Bovina and Mrs. Rene Snead of Friona.

For a wedding trip to Taos, N.M., the bride selected a blue denim knit

pants suit with a red shell and a corsage lifted from her bridal bouquet.

The bride is a 1975 graduate of Bovina High School and attended Lubbock Christian College. The bridegroom, a 1973 graduate of Friona High School, also attended Lubbock Christian College. The couple will make their home in the Friona community.

Out of town guests included Juanell and Jenny Gullett, Mrs. Theo S. Grimsley and Kathy Gullett, all of Olton; Pat Shafer and Connie of Muleshoe; Bobby and Kenna Moore of Lubbock; Marie and Leroy Dooley of Blue Springs, Kan.; Mrs. Rury and Steve of Clovis; John Bandy of San Angelo; Ann Gromowsky of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Wiseman and April Wilson of Canyon; Tina Isaac, Miss Rhodes and Riley Armstrong, all of Lubbock.

Pre-nuptial courtesies honoring the couple included a rehearsal dinner, hosted by the bridegroom's parents at a Clovis restaurant; a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Rhodes; a brunch and plant shower in the home of Mrs. Clyde Woodard; and a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Gary Snead.

Mrs. McCain Listed In SP Who's Who

The 1976-'77 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will list 41 students at South Plains College in Levelland.

Nominees were selected by faculty and students and evaluated by a campus committee before being approved by the national Who's Who committee.

Students named to Who's Who have demonstrated scholarship ability, with sophomores maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, participation and leadership in both academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to SPC, and potential for future

achievement.

Students from Parmer County included in the 41 honorees are Mrs. Christie McCain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble of Bovina; Gayla Self, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Self of Friona; and Deborah Smith of Lazbuddie.

Shower Set Saturday For Sara DeLeon

Miss Sara DeLeon of Mineral Wells, bride-elect of Joe Lewis Calderon, also of Mineral Wells, will be feted with a bridal shower from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Pete DeLeon of Bovina.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Tom Beauchamp, Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. Zefferino Villarreal, Mrs. Durward Bell, Mrs. John Baca, Mrs. Garry Beauchamp, Mrs. George Cervantez, Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Andy Garza, Mrs. George Turner, Mrs. Ronnie Sudderth and Mrs. Mike Beauchamp.

Miss Williams To Be Feted

Miss LeeAnn Williams, bride-elect of Kyle Jones of Bovina, will be feted with a bridal shower Thursday, April 29, in Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Farwell. Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 that evening.

Hostesses will be Mrs. C.C. Naegle, Mrs. A.M. Wilson, Mrs. Joe Helton, Mrs. Glen Phillips, Mrs. Jerry Meeks, Mrs. Donald Christian, Mrs. Mina Sheets, Mrs. Dickie Chandler, Mrs. Troy Christian, Mrs. Marilyn Edwards, Mrs. Bob Anderson and Mrs. John Getz.

Sr. Citizens Social Set Next Week

The Bovina Senior Citizens will meet Wednesday of next week in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church for the April social, according to Mrs. Jerry Ware, president of the organization.

A luncheon will precede the afternoon of entertainment, which will include games of "42", dominoes and group singing.

All senior citizens in the community are invited to attend.



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City Sales Tax Checks Mailed

Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling \$11.9 million to 516 cities and towns Thursday as payment for their April city sales tax rebates.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
May is Mental Health Month. During this month Bellringer workers will be going house-to-house to collect for this very worthy cause.

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\$87.4 million to the 845 municipalities collecting the one-cent sales tax so far this year, compared to \$80.4 million remitted during the same period last year.

"Both city and state sales tax collections are growing far faster than inflation alone," the Comptroller said.

He noted that 1975 city sales tax collections totaled \$263.9 million, nearly 10 per cent more than the \$240.8 million collected in 1974; and state sales tax collections in 1975 totaled \$1.266 billion, 12.5 per cent more than the \$1.126 billion collected in 1974.

Bullock attributed the increases mainly to increased consumer

spending and improved collection procedures by the Comptroller's Office.

"Because tax collections are running so high, I've been able to project that state government can easily get by another two years without a tax increase," he said. "And with careful planning, we might be able to avoid new taxes for years to come."

Cities with less than \$500 net payment receive checks during the next disbursement period, or whenever the total surpluses \$500. Bovina was credited with \$460.73 and Farwell credited with \$189.67. Friona received a check for \$1,931.42.

HP Bookmobile In Rural Area Next Week

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in the rural communities of Parmer County Thursday and Friday of next week, according to Lorene Sooter, librarian.

On Thursday, the bookmobile will be at Oklahoma Lane from 9 to

10 a.m., at the Rhea Community from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., and at Hub from 1:45 to 2:45 that afternoon.

On Friday, the bookmobile will stop at White's Elevator from 10 to 11 a.m., at Lazbuddie from noon until 1 p.m. and at Clay's Corner from 1:15 to 2:15 that afternoon.



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Perhaps the mention of Job and Elijah particularly in the very last chapter reminds us of the constant need for courage, patience, endurance and prayerful perseverance in living for the Master. This kind of practical Christianity needs to be practiced in our world today.

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Ten Accidents During March

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 10 accidents on rural highways in

Parmer County during the month of March, according to Sergeant W.E. Wells, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in two persons killed and eight persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first three months of 1976 shows a total of 30 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 23 persons injured.

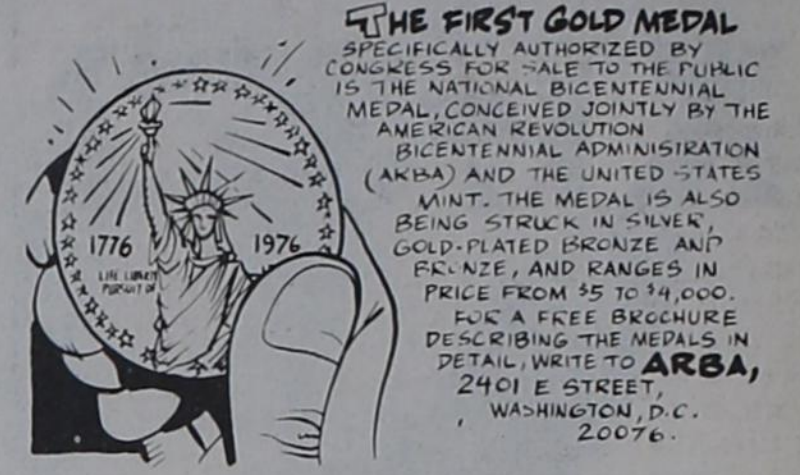
The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for March, 1976, shows a total of 448 accidents resulting in 15 persons killed and 261 persons injured, as compared to March, 1975, with 446 accidents resulting in 17 persons killed and 217 persons injured. This was two more accidents, two less killed, and 44 more injured in 1976 at the same period of time.

The 15 traffic deaths for the month of March, 1976, occurred in the following counties: two each in Childress and Parmer; and one each in Baylor, Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Wise, Hansford, Hardeman, Hutchinson, Potter, Swisher and Wilbarger.

Political Calendar

This newspaper has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following persons, subject to the May 1 Democratic primary:

- COUNTY SHERIFF**
Charles Lovelace (Incumbent)
Bill Denney
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
154th Judicial District
W. Doyle Elliott
Jack Young (Incumbent)
- COUNTY ATTORNEY**
John Black
Johnny Atkinson (Incumbent)
- COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**
Hugh Moseley (Incumbent)
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER**
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Ceel Atchley (Incumbent)
Wendol Christian
- ARCHIE TARTER**
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Bill Clayton



COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

REPORT of Benna Felts, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from Jan. 1, 1976 to March 31, 1976, inclusive:

JURY FUND, 1st Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 874.71
To Amount received since last Report, Ad Valorem 566.62	
To Amount transferred from other Funds, since last Report, From Gen. 2,000.00	Plus 2,566.62
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "A," 1,380.00	Less 1,380.00
Balance	\$ 2,061.33
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2d Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 1,066.18
To Amount received since last Report, Ad Valorem 566.62	Plus 566.62
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "B," 750.00	Less 750.00
Balance	\$ 882.80
GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3d Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 81,923.26
To Amount received since last Report, Ad Val & Sundry 42,701.21	
C.D.'s Cashed in 100,000.00	
Int. on C.D.'s for 90 Days 1,625.00	Plus 144,326.21
SALARY: Fees of Office 29,070.09	Plus 29,070.09
SALARY: Disbursements & FICA 40,920.06	Less 40,920.06
GENERAL: C.D.'s Purchased 100,000.00	Less 100,000.00
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "C," 47,902.42	Less 47,902.42
By Amount transferred to other Funds, since last Report, To Social Sec. 10,761.65	Less 10,761.65
To Jury 2,000.00	Less 2,000.00
Balance	\$ 53,735.43
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND 4th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 1,412.02
To Amount received since last Report, Ad Valorem 566.62	566.62
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "D,"	NONE
Balance	\$ 1,978.64
RIGHT OF WAY FUND 5th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 21,379.59
To Amount received since last Report, Ad Valorem 12,532.23	
C.D. Cashed in 100,000.00	
Int. on C.D. for 90 Days 1,625.00	Plus 114,157.23
CD. Purchased for 1 Year 60,000.00	
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "E," 7,622.14	Less 107,622.14
By Amount transferred to other Funds, since last Report, To: F/M 40,000.00	Less 40,000.00
Balance	\$ 27,914.68
LATERAL FUND 6th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 16,291.27
To Amount received since last Report, By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "F,"	NONE
Balance	\$ 15,225.95
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND 7th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 4,640.90
To Amount received since last Report, PURCHASED:	
C.D. \$5,000.00 for 90 Days	
C.D. 5,000.00 for 180 Days	
C.D. 5,000.00 for 270 Days	Less 15,000.00
To Amount transferred from other Funds, since last Report, From Gen. 14,803.69	Plus 31,497.22
From F/M 16,693.53	
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "G," Dec. & March Reports 20,259.35	Less 20,259.35
Balance	\$ 878.77
FARM TO MARKET FUND 8th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	31,073.59
To Amount received since last Report, 115,382.92	
To Amount transferred from other Funds, since last Report, From Right of Way 40,000.00	Plus 155,382.92
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "H," 96,744.80	Less 96,744.80
By Amount transferred to other Funds, since last Report, To: Social Sec 11,400.00	Less 16,693.53
Dec/Mar Reports 5,293.53	
Balance	\$ 73,018.18
REVENUE SHARING FUND 9th Class	
Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 1975	\$ 3,512.29
To Amount received since last Report, From Gov't. 26,182.00	
C.D.'s Cashed in 62,307.36	
Interest on C.D.'s 334.57	Plus 88,823.93
C.D.'s Purchased 56,821.43	Less 56,821.43
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "I," 35,514.79	Less 35,514.79
Balance	NONE
RECAPITULATION	
JURY FUND, BALANCE	\$ 2,061.33
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, BALANCE	882.80
GENERAL COUNTY FUND, BALANCE	53,735.43
PERMANENT IMPR. FUND, BALANCE	1,978.64
RIGHT OF WAY FUND, BALANCE	27,914.68
LATERAL FUND, BALANCE	765.32
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND, BALANCE	878.77
FARM TO MARKET FUND, BALANCE	73,018.18
REVENUE SHARING FUND, BALANCE	NONE
	161,275.15
LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND	
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. Permanent School Fund:	670,900.00
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. Available School Fund:	24,000.00
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. General Fund	100,000.00
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. Right of Way	60,000.00
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. Revenue Sharing	12,501.80
C.D.'s For Parmer Co. Social Security	15,000.00
Voter Registration (Special Account)	38.94
Loan due to Friona State Bank	15,000.00
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'Piggy Bank' Full

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that the 65th Legislature could find at least a \$737 million cash surplus on the table when it convenes in January, 1977.

He said the surplus will more than likely be swelled to \$827 million by the addition of \$31 million from a pending franchise tax case and possibly as much as \$59 million from the extension of federal revenue sharing beyond Dec. 31, 1976.

Because of the surplus, Bullock projected the Legislature will have available total major fund revenues of \$11.0 billion when it writes the state budget for the 1978-79 biennium.

"The piggy bank is full," Bullock said. "That would represent a 31 per cent increase, or \$2.6 billion more than the \$8.4 billion that was spent from major funds during the 1976-77 biennium, ending Aug. 31, 1977."

The Comptroller's new revenue estimate for the 1976-77 biennium is \$309 million higher than the January estimate.

He attributed the higher projection primarily to these factors:

-Increased spending by Texas consumers in the final quarter of

1975, as shown in statistics that became available in February and March. Higher consumer spending sharply increased estimates of all consumer taxes, particularly the sales tax and motor vehicle sales tax.

-Improved enforcement, expanded audit programs and quicker deposit in the collection and handling of state taxes by the Comptroller's Office.

-Continued increases in oil and gas prices, combined with a lower rate of decline in oil and gas production.

Bullock said the estimate could grow or shrink, depending on the outcome of many circumstances. "We're looking 41 months down the road," he said, "and in some respects that's like looking into a crystal ball."

The time has come, Bullock said, "to set some money aside for a rainy day. The move for economy in state government is underway. This estimate is no excuse for every agency to trash tight budgets and start dreaming about sugar plums."

He said careful planning "could mean Texas will need no new taxes for years to come."



CORNBALL BLEVINS IN THE LAMB COUNTY LEADER-NEWS.

...Guess I've been subscribin' to our Suburban Journal for about the last 25 years. Just couldn't see how I could start my day without it. I really enjoyed "The Plainsman," written by Chas. A. Guy—but he's long since quit.

This newer set of staff writers, however, are something else. I can't make up my mind whether they get paid by the column inch or just get carried away by their own rhetoric. Their excessive use of adjectives, somehow, remind me of federal spendin'.

For the most part, by the time I've worked my way through all the descriptive phrases and excessive verbiage of the news stories (just tryin' to get the facts, ma'am) I'm

plumb tuckered out! I guess it's some kind of proof of education and a degree or so in journalism. But it's kind of hard on the intellect of a hayseed tenth-grader to keep up with the gist of the story.

For instance, this past week, we read of threatening, skulkin', potentially deadly, dancin', menacing tornadoes, dartin', bobbin', and skippin' around the poor little, cowerin', terrified, cringin', threatened city of Post. We were given a count of sightings, verifications, suspicions and reportings of these dangerous, stalkin', sneakin', oversized dust-devils.

I had to go to work before I could finish the story, without learnin' if any damage was done, whether people were injured, and-or who they were.

And Hector-Louise, fellows, I've got friends and kinspeople in that community! They could have been bruised, beaten, battered, mangled, lacerated, skinned, broken, and bled to death, before I could have gotten through decipherin' that maze of journalistic excellence!

I'm about ready to limit myself to our local publication, and get my national news via TV. There's about enough readin' in our paper to make me drowsy, then I'll be able to doze right through the news casts.

Seems that ought to save wear and tear on my mind and eyesight, both. That, besides havin' a lot less to worry about.

Services Held Monday For E. Christian

Funeral services for Everette Christian, 65, of the Oklahoma Lane Community were held Monday afternoon in the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim Ed McGuire officiated, assisted by Rev. Oran Smith.

Burial was in the Sunset Terrace Memorial Gardens in Farwell under direction of a Clovis funeral home.

Mr. Christian died Saturday morning at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

A long-time resident of Parmer County, Mr. Christian was born January 28, 1911, in Cold Springs, Okla. He was married to the former Fern Gaines on Aug. 25, 1930, in Frederick, Okla. Mr. Christian was employed by Tide Products Co. in Farwell.

Survivors include his wife; six daughters, Mrs. Billie Kittrell of Lawndale, Calif., Mrs. Bobbie McFarland of Farwell, Mrs. Laverna Johnson of Costa Mesa, Calif., Mrs. Bernice Norton of Farwell, Mrs. Barbara Clancey of Clovis and Mrs. Belva Bowers of Lindsay, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Jones of Lubbock, Mrs. Rosa Nix of El Monte, Calif., and Mrs. Ann Smith of Albuquerque; and 19 grandchildren.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Eugene Guyer Services Held

Funeral services for Eugene E. Guyer of Lubbock were held Monday morning in Ford Memorial Chapel of First Baptist Church there with Rev. I. D. Walker, associate minister, and Rev. J. T. Bolding, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Guyer, 61, was married to the former Marzalla Combs, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Combs and the late Oscar Combs of Bovina. He died at 7:45 p.m. Friday in Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A native of Plainview, he lived there until entering the U. S. Army during World War II. He was married June 18, 1938, in Plainview and had lived in Lubbock 31 years. Mr. Guyer had been employed by ARA of Lubbock as parts manager.

He was a member of First Baptist Church where he was in the Timothy Sunday School class.

Survivors include his wife; two

daughters, Carole Lanha and Sherry Odorizzi, both of Lubbock; a sister, Edith Marcus of Plainview; and three granddaughters.

Pallbearers were Q. B. Taylor, Arnold Maeker, Dan Johnston, Harold Jones, Maurice Snell and Lancia Green.

Bible Women Subject Of UMW Study

"The Women in Jesus' Life" was title of the program presented by Mrs. Bruce Caldwell at a meeting of the United Methodist Women Tuesday of last week. Hostesses for the luncheon preceding the program were Mrs. Henry Ivy and Mrs. O. H. Jones.

Mrs. Bedford Caldwell assisted in the program, setting the stage for the trip back into time. Mrs. Bruce Caldwell conducted the program in interview form, talking to four women who had met Jesus. The four women were represented by Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, Mrs. George Turner, Mrs. Oakley Stevenson and Mrs. John Dixon.

Mrs. Mike Beauchamp, accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Estes, presented two solos and led the group singing.

In the business meeting, led by Mrs. Ivy, the group voted to purchase 30 Cokesbury Hymnals for the Westgate Nursing Home in Hereford. Reports were given on the annual meeting and Mental Health Month. An invitation from the Farwell UMW was read.

Others attending were Mrs. Joe Fowler, Mrs. Jerry Ware, Mrs. Rouel Barron and Mrs. Dean Hastings.



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Form 64p (State) (3-76) PUBLISHER'S COPY State Bank No. 1980
Consolidated Report of Condition of "First State Bank of Bovina" of Bovina in the State of Texas and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on March 31, 1976.

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mil.	Thou.
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7				903	1	
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			240	2	
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E			100	3	
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E			582	4	
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E			None	5	
6.	Corporate stock						None	6	
7.	Trading account securities						None	7	
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4				2 150	8	
9.	a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10			3 533		9a	
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses					107		b	
	c. Loans, Net						3 426	c	
10.	Direct lease financing						None	10	
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises						85	11	
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises						None	12	
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies						None	13	
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding						None	14	
15.	Other assets	G	7				4	15	
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)						7 490	16	
		LIABILITIES			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mil.	Thou.
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	A			3 340	17	
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	B+C			3 021	18	
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C			14	19	
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			504	20	
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C			None	21	
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C			None	22	
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A			27	23	
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)						6 906	24	
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A		3 681		a	
	b. Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C		3 225		b	
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4				None	25	
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money						None	26	
27.	Mortgage indebtedness						None	27	
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding						None	28	
29.	Other liabilities	H	9				None	29	
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)						6 906	30	
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures						None	31	
		EQUITY CAPITAL							
32.	Preferred stock a. No. shares outstanding			None			None	32	
33.	Common stock a. No. shares authorized			2400			240	33	
	b. No. shares outstanding			2400			215	34	
34.	Surplus						129	35	
35.	Undivided profits						None	36	
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves						584	37	
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)						7 490	38	
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)						7 490	38	

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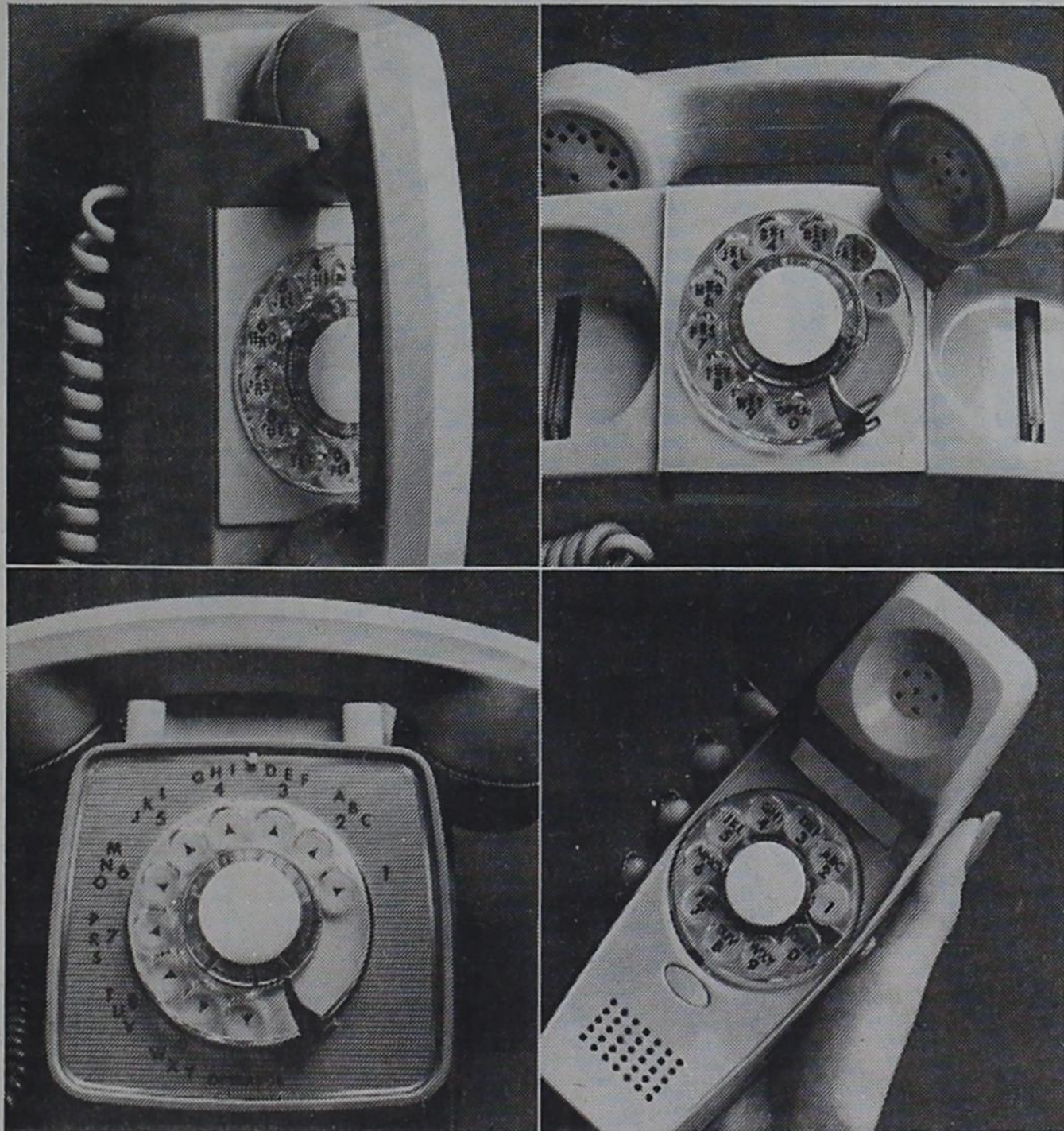
1.	Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date:							
a.	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)					732		1a
b.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)					2 080		b
c.	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)					3 293		c
d.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)					100		d
e.	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)					6 540		e
f.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)					None		f
g.	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)					None		g
2.	Standby letters of credit outstanding					None		2
3.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more:							
a.	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more					100		3a
b.	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more					None		b

I, Jana Sides, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly {SWEAR AFFIRM} that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct-Attest: Jana Sides
Robert E. Wilson
James H. ... } Directors.

State of Texas, County of Parmer, as:
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Announce Changes In LD Schedule

Several changes in the schedule of the girls Little Dridders and in the rosters of the 13-14 division were announced this week by Mrs. Randy Barrett, chairman of the LD committee. "We apologize for having to make these changes, but they were necessary because of several conflicts on the school calendar," Mrs. Barrett said.

The schedule which appeared in last week's Blade will remain the same except for the opening date, which was set for tomorrow (Thursday) and the final date, which was set for Tuesday, May 4.

The new schedule calls for the opening date on Friday with teams one and two in each division playing at 6-7-8 p.m. Teams two and three in each division will play Friday, April 30, at the same times. The opening date was postponed because of the FFA banquet with the final games changed because of the annual athletic banquet at Bovina High School. Playoffs, if necessary, will be held Thursday, May 6, according to Mrs. Barrett.

Rosters for the three teams in the 13-14 division are as follows:

Team 1-Debbie Whitecotton, Belinda Shelby, Jo Beth Monk, Melissa Allison, Karen Schilling and Annette Stevenson. Coaches are Toni Barrett, Dianna Naegle and Denise McCormick. Sponsors are Chemical Enterprises and Shirley Grain.

Team 2-Juanita Serna, Gayle Powell, Ginger Glasscock, Pam Spring, Denise Read and Arlene Smith. Coaches are Nancy Rundell, Cathie Trimble and Kelly Klimek. Sponsors are Aero Farm Chemicals and Bovina Supermarket.

Team 3-Laura Widner, Kim Naegle, Tana Nix, Kathy Williams, Tamra Read and Gracie Espinoza. Coaches are Darlene Caldwell, Diarl Roming and Pat Shepherd. Sponsors are Hawkins and Read Quarter Horses and Don's Medicine Chest.

In the 9-10 division, Scarlett Livingston has been added to Team 2 and Juanean Cox and Vickie Tamaz to Team 3. In the 11-12 division, Lisa Schilling has been added to Team 3.



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Annual Children's Clinic Set Saturday

The 20th annual Oasis Shrine children's clinic is scheduled Saturday at the Hereford Medical and Surgical Clinic. The clinic is under the direction of Dr. A.T. Mimms of Hereford.

The event will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the registration of Shrine Nobles and their wives at the Hereford Civic Club Center in the lobby of the old Jim Hill Hotel.

Registration of children will begin at 8 a.m. at the Southwestern Public Service building at the corner of Fourth and Lee Streets. All children must pre-register with their own doctors before being registered for the day-long clinic.

Forms may be obtained from Dr. Mimms at the Medical and Surgical Clinic, from private physicians or any Shriner.

A noon meal will be catered by the Noon Lions Club of Hereford at the Hereford High School cafeteria for the children and their parents. All those who participated in the clinic are welcomed at the meal.

The clinic is held each year to determine any medical deficiencies in children who might not ordinarily be able to pay for complete examinations. Last year, a total of 106 children registered for the clinic and 103 were examined.

Following the close of the clinic, doctors and Shrine Nobles will meet at the Hereford Country Club to receive reports on the children examined. Dinner and dancing will follow the report session for Shriners, doctors, clinic personnel and their spouses.

Physicians who will be present for the clinic include: Dr. James E. Loveless of Lubbock and Dr. William McKay of Amarillo, orthopedics; Dr. Don Ryan of Denton, speech and hearing; Dr. Jerry Miller of Dallas, radiology; Dr. Robert Leachman of Houston, cardiology;

Also, Dr. Maurice Dyer of Amarillo, pediatrics; Dr. J. Franklin Howell of Amarillo, ophthalmology; Dr. Willard Sellman of Dallas, plastic surgery; Dr. Norman Wright of Amarillo, otolaryngology; Dr. Jerold Gormley of Amarillo, oral surgery; and Dr. Louis A. Finney of Amarillo, neurology.



Keeping fingers crossed to ensure against disaster, comes from the superstition that making the sign of the cross will avert bad luck.

SCS Report

Not everyone loves a mystery. For instance, why are farmers and ranchers in the Great Plains destroying windbreaks and shelterbelts to control wind erosion?

The Great Plains Agricultural Council is sponsoring a symposium in Denver, Colorado, April 19-22, 1976, to explore reasons and issues for the destruction of windbreaks and shelterbelts planted as far back as the dust bowl days.

In June 1976, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) reported that "Support for continued use of windbreaks in the Great Plains is diminishing," and that many windbreaks and shelterbelts, some established with government cost-sharing, are being destroyed. Changes in farming systems, shifts in land use, and other factors may be involved, but farmers, foresters, scientists and conservationists will discuss the possibility that many of the plantings

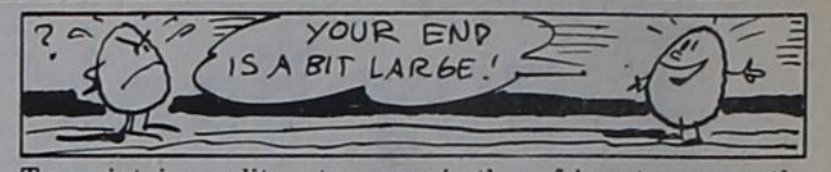
are being needlessly destroyed.

Dr. Ralph Bohannon, director of the Kansas State University Extension will introduce the topic. Mel Davis, administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D.C., will summarize the problem.

Farmers Bryce Nedig of Madison, Nebraska; Mrs. Leon Silkman of Burlington, Colorado; Charles Robbins of Florence, S.C.; and James Gochenauer, Calahan, Colorado, will address the symposium. University and USDA people from the ten Great Plains states will also appear on the program.

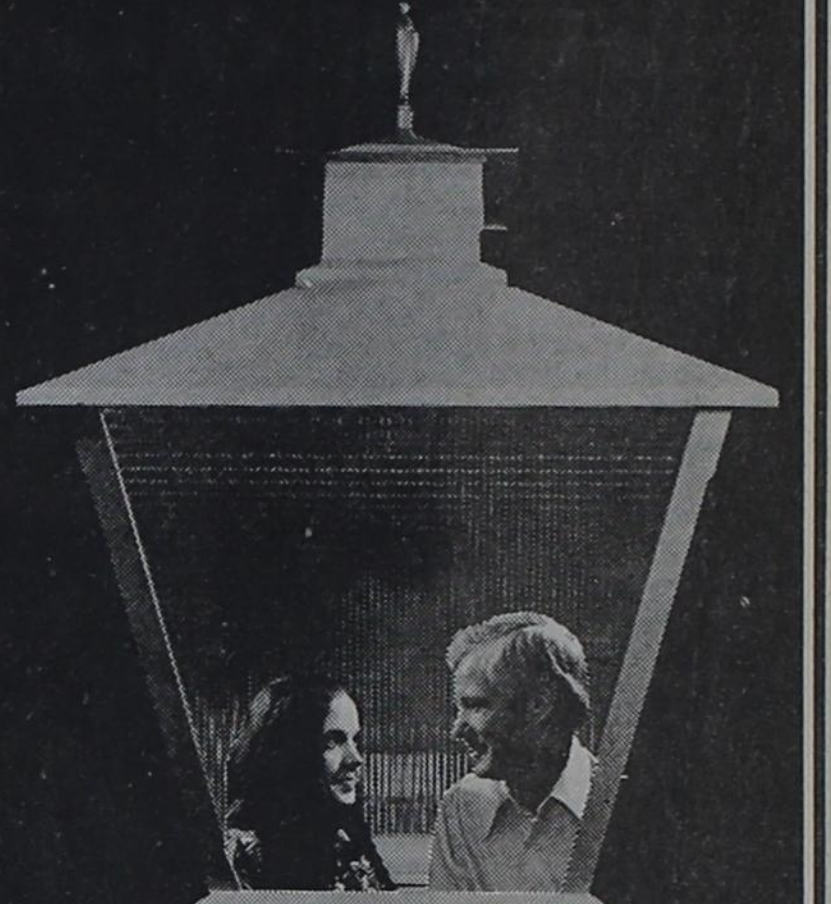
The symposium is expected to respond to the GAO report by outlining actions and studies to promote the value of windbreaks for their protective benefit to people, land, livestock and wildlife on the Plains.

For information about windbreaks and trees for Farmer County contact the soil Conservation Service



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Gas Farmers Urge Utility Session

The Board of Directors of the 16-County Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association met in Plainview on April 8 and laid plans to secure a special called session of the Texas Legislature to do something about the utility problems facing every farmer and every housewife in Texas.

Luke Miller, President of the Board, appointed a committee consisting of T. C. Measles, Tullia; Jay Boston, Hereford; Willie Green, Olton; Charles Wood, Lubbock and Larry Hausmann, Dimmitt to set up area meetings, probably to be held in Dimmitt, Plainview and Lubbock, and to secure speakers and make all arrangements.

Ray Joe Riley reported that a study was being made by researchers of Texas A & M on the impact of increased natural gas prices on all phases of agriculture, and that the results of this study would be available for the area meetings.

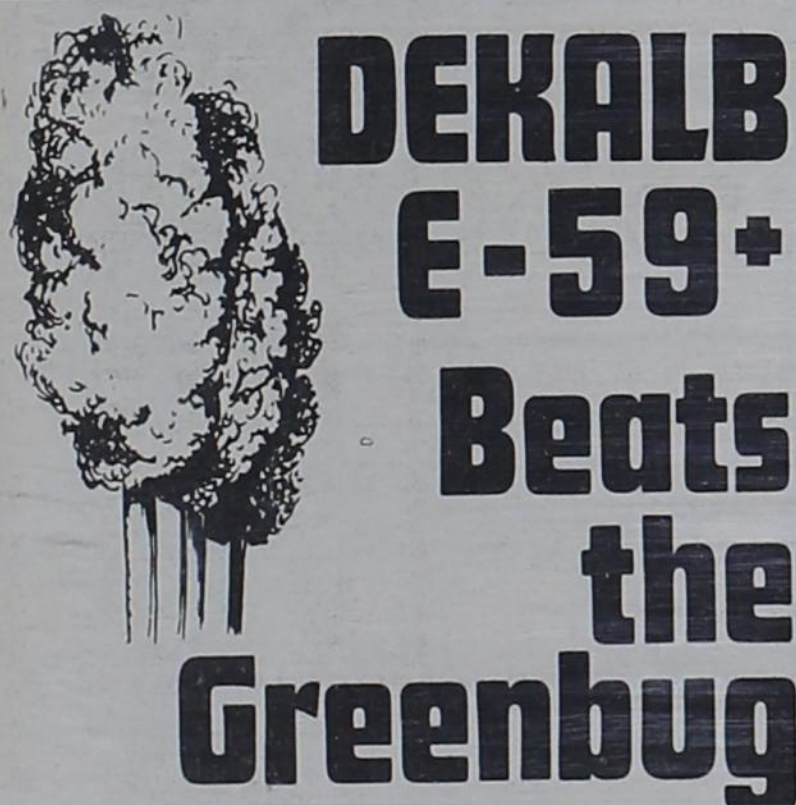
President Miller reported that growing out of the meeting between the Executive Committee and Senator Kent Hance and Senator Max Sherman in Hereford on March 23, Senator Kent Hance had already called on Governor Dolph Briscoe to call a special session of the Legislature to try to do something about the spiraling

prices of natural gas and all utility bills, and particularly about the pass-through billing which many feel is being seriously abused by the utilities.

Boston pointed out that Carl King and the Association's attorney, John D. Aikin, had an appointment with Governor Briscoe Saturday, April 10, to point up to the Governor the need for the session and the need to do something about the increased price of natural gas being charged to farmers.

Many of the farmers in Pecos are not able to pay \$1.85 for natural gas, and they are therefore pulling their pumps and motors and selling them, and Riley pointed out that "It would not take many more months of the kind of increases that we have been experiencing to put us in the same category with the Trans-Pecos area farmers."

Miller encouraged all the Board members and each county organization to contact the Governor and Representatives and Senators, urging a special session of the Legislature on utility bills.



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IN PHONE BILLS

New FCC Policies Indicate Rate Hikes

Telephone customers throughout the United States face the threat of substantially higher phone bills if the Federal Communications Commission continues its present controversial policies, L. Gray Beck, president of General Telephone Company of the Southwest declared last week.

"The controversial new policies of the FCC permit non-utilities to provide telephone equipment for interconnection with the nationwide telephone network and to provide intercity private-line telephone services," Beck pointed out. "The effect of these two types of so-called 'competition' authorized by the FCC is to reduce the subsidies traditionally provided to basic telephone service by the revenues from long-distance calling, business communications services, and various optional services."

The reduced size of the subsidies is expected to result in rate increases of as much as 60 per cent to residential customers and 50 per cent to business users of basic telephone service within 10 years, exclusive of inflation, the executive said.

The anticipated rate increases are indicated in a recent study conducted by Systems Applications, Inc., a telecommunications research organization. The study was sponsored by the U. S. Independent Telephone Association, whose membership includes the more than 1,600 independent (non-Bell) telephone companies across the country.

In keeping basic telephone rates lower than they otherwise would be, the subsidies reflect the stated objective of the Communications Act of 1934 to assure "Universal Service"—a phone in every home and office, at the lowest practicable cost to the consumer, Beck pointed out.

"Although the reduction in the subsidies will bring about higher phone bills for millions of residential and business customers, the effect obviously will be felt most severely by low income families and persons on fixed incomes," Beck observed.

Two types of "competitors" have arisen as the result of the FCC policies, he said. One group consists of the "interconnect companies" which sell or lease telephones, switchboards, and other kinds of equipment to telephone users for connection to the nationwide telephone network. The other group is comprised of the so-called "specialized common carriers" which provide private-line telephone service over high-traffic routes between selected cities.

The specialized common carriers can concentrate on these heavy traffic routes which are highly profitable, while telephone companies are required to provide a broad range of services not only on the high traffic routes but also the far less profitable low traffic

routes such as those service smaller communities and remote areas, Beck pointed out.

"We at General Telephone of the Southwest, the rest of the telephone industry, and unions representing many thousands of telephone people view the FCC policies as having an inhibiting effect on the growth of our industry and its ability to provide the public with its traditional high level of service in the years ahead," he asserted. "We therefore, believe that Congress should enact new legislation to reaffirm the stated objective of the Communications Act."

To meet this need, the "Consumer Communications Reform Act of 1976" (S-3192) has been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Vance Hartke (D-Indiana), a member of the Senate Communications Subcommittee. Representative Samuel Devine of Ohio, ranking Republican member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, has introduced generally similar legislation (H.R. 12844) in the House of Representatives. Other representatives have introduced similar bills.

In summary, the Act would: Reaffirm the long-standing national communications policy of "Universal Service"—the provision of high quality, low cost telephone service to the maximum number of people.

Reaffirm the authority of the various state commissions to regulate the interconnection to the telephone network of customer-provided equipment utilized in local telephone service.

Declare that regulatory policies which would authorize specialized common carriers to provide intercity private line services and other long distance services are contrary to the public interest if such authorization would result in unnecessary duplication of facilities and services.

Require that the FCC, prior to authorizing a specialized common carrier to provide intercity private line services, must assure that such authorization will not result in increased charges for local telephone service.

The legislation has the support of the GTE and Bell System companies, the U. S. Independent Telephone Association, various unions, the National Telephone Cooperative Association, and other industry groups, Beck reported. The goals of the Bill are also considered compatible with the recent legislative position taken by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which represents the state public utility commissioners throughout the country.

"We anticipate that many of our customers, once they learn how the FCC's policies will eventually raise their monthly phone bills, will add their support to this important legislation," Beck concluded.

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IN DIMMITT

All Star Teams Lose In Regional

The Bovina All-Stars in the 9-10 division won two and lost two games in the recent Little Dribblers Regional Tournament at Dimmitt, according to George Powell, coach of the all-stars.

The local lads downed Kress, 28-26, in the opening round of the tournament, scoring the winning basket with 16 seconds on the clock.

In the second round, Dalhart sank the winning basket in the final eight seconds of the game to take a 23-21 win over Bovina. The local all-stars then defeated Kress, 35-15, only to be eliminated from the tournament by Littlefield, 28-22.

Members of the 9-10 all-star team were Armando Espinoza, Justin Powell, Toby Dutton, Kevin Jameson, Mark Clayton, Jose Gomez, Bobby Robledo, Denver Redwine, Richard Shepherd, Hen-

derson Griggs and alternates Ricky McKay and Charles Falkenberg. Coaches were Powell and Billy Johnson.

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The 11-12 all-stars, coached by Daryl Kirkpatrick and Doug Campbell, were defeated by Littlefield, 44-17, in first round action. In the second round the local team downed Farwell, 48-23, however, were eliminated by Friona, 31-28, in the third round of play.

Members of the 11-12 all-star team were Scotty Johnston, Jeff Steelman, Jon Riddle, Dale Gilbreath, Charlie Trimble, Tad Mayfield, Greg McClaran, Ricky Shepherd, Edward Chisum, Shane Walling and alternates Daryl Hawkins and Victor Robledo.



SOFTBALL TEAM....Sponsored by Big Nick Machinery, Bovina has a team entered in the women's league this summer at Clovis. Team members include, bottom row from left, Cindy McCormick, Lila McDaniel, Pam McCormick and Debra Stanberry; middle row from left, Jo Donna Peterson,

Jeanette Ashley, Pauline Wines and Betty Vasquez; and back row from left, Mary Ransom, Effie Shepherd, Betty Shepherd, Pat Shepherd and Coach John Ransom. Absent from picture are Charlene Shepherd, Sonja Wilburn, Josie Alonzo and Coach James Shepherd.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Filly Tracksters Set For Region

Bovina's Fillies will send a team of seven girls to compete in nine events Friday and Saturday at the Region 1-A track meet at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Joel Nelson is coach of the team.

The Bovina fems piled up 143 points to win the District 3-A championship two weeks ago at the West Texas State University track in Canyon.

Representing Bovina High School at the regional meet will be Dianna Naegle in the triple jump, Sandi Sides in the 60-yard dash and triple jump, Pat Shepherd in the discus and shot, Lezli Williams in the 440-yard dash, Debra Gilbreath in the 220-yard dash and 100-yard dash, the 440-yard relay team of Naegle, Sides, Diane Gilbreath and Gilbreath, and the mile relay team of Naegle, Sides, Gilbreath and Gilbreath. Pam McCormick will serve as alternate in the relay teams.

At the district meet in Canyon, the mile relay event was the crowd-pleaser of the day with Kress nipping Bovina at the finish line, 4:05.6 to 4:07.2. The two times were the area's second and third fastest mile relay clockings this season with only Class AAA Canyon holding a better time in the event, 4:05.4. Based on those performances, Kress and Bovina will be the teams to beat at the regional

meet with both 3-A schools in a good position to advance to the state meet.

Kress also edged Bovina in the 440-yard relay at the district meet. In individual events at the district meet, Naegle placed first in the triple jump; Sides placed first in the 60-yard dash and second in the triple jump; Shepherd placed first in the discus and second in the shot; Williams placed second in the 440-yard dash; and Debra Gilbreath placed first in the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash.

Other District 3-A representatives at regional include Dawn Harwell and Sue Slutz of Vega in the high jump, Slutz and Diana Hartman of Kress in the long jump, Bobbie Washington of Hart in the shot, Eagle of S-E in the discus, Bonnie Foster of Farwell in the 440, Linda Robinson of Vega in the 220, Dana McClain of Hart in the 60, Slutz and Walls of Farwell in the 80-yard hurdles, Vega and Kress in the 880-yard relay, McCraw of Kress in the 100, Rosa Rivas of S-E and Annabelle Hinajosa of Kress in the 880.

Shepherd, a freshman last year, earned a trip to state with a second place finish in both the shot and discus. At the state track meet, she placed third in the shot and sixth in the discus.

SPECIAL RATES

Bicentennial Tour Being Planned

A special Bicentennial Tour for junior high and high school students, teachers and parents of students is being planned here, according to Mrs. Carolyn Reeves, Bovina High School English and speech teacher.

"We need a total of 40 people for the trip," Mrs. Reeves said last week. "Elementary students are welcome, too, however, we feel they must be accompanied by at least one of their parents while it will not be necessary for junior high and high school students to be accompanied by a parent," she commented.

The six day-five night special tour is being offered by American Airlines, according to Mrs. Reeves. The tour will include three nights in Washington, D. C., and two nights in New York City and will include visits to all historical points of interest in and near both locations.

The tour has been tentatively set for June 3-8. Cost for the tour will be \$276.76, which includes the round trip flight from Dallas, motel accommodations, admission to all bicentennial points of interest on the tour—everything but meals and the trip to Dallas, said Mrs. Reeves.

Some of the places to be visited on the tour include the White House, Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln

Memorial, other memorials in the Washington, D. C., vicinity, Valley Forge, the Empire State building and Statue of Liberty.

"We need to hear as quickly as possible from those who are interested in the trip so that we may make definite plans," said Mrs. Reeves. Anyone interested in the tour may contact her at school or at home.

School Menus

APRIL 26-30

MONDAY—Lasagna, buttered corn, lettuce and tomato salad, toast, peach cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY—Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans with cheese sauce, hot rolls, butter, fruit gelatin, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Corn dogs, carrot sticks, baked pork and beans, crackers, pumpkin pie, milk.

THURSDAY—Enchiladas, beans cabbage slaw, crackers, pear halves, milk.

FRIDAY—Bologna and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, orange halves, peanut butter cookies, milk.

SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

Two Bovina Teams In Clovis Leagues

Bovina has representatives in two of the three slow-pitch softball leagues just getting underway at Clovis this season.

A team of local women, sponsored by Big Nick Machinery, is entered in the women's league, and a men's team, sponsored by Big Nick-Bonds Oil Co., is competing in the industrial league.

Both teams, newly outfitted by the sponsors in maroon and white suits, are currently competing in a pre-season tournament. The pre-season event determines in which division of the leagues teams will compete. Regular season is scheduled to begin next week.

Big Nick-Bonds Oil, seeded fourth, has defeated Tequila Sunrise, 10-9, and Robby's, 16-6, and is slated to meet top-seeded Triangle-Citizens sometime Saturday.

The women played their initial game Monday night. The tournament has been delayed by recent rains in Clovis.

Members of the woman's team, coached by John Ransom and James Shepherd, are Debra

Stanberry, Betty Vasquez, Cindy McCormick, Pauline Wines, Jeanette Ashley, Betty Shepherd, Mary Ransom, Pat Shepherd, Charlene Shepherd, Effie Shepherd, Sonja Wilburn, Jo Donna Peterson, Pam McCormick, Lila McDaniel and Josie Alonzo.

Members of Big Nick-Bonds Oil, managed and coached by Wayne Spears and A.L. Nuttall, are Nuttall, Mike Spears, Mike Grissom and Ron Nuttall, all of Bovina; Jim Atwell, Dave George and Jackie Hight, all of Friona; and Pat Miner, Harold Ray Cast, Tommy Miner, Ron Hieronymus, Rick Switzer, Travis Denton and Gary Edwards, all of Clovis.

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