

"MY
TURN"

By
Carol Ellis



IT'S A FACT! Gardens have weeds and if you don't get rid of them, they'll choke out the good plants and take over completely... just as special interest groups in America are currently choking our democratic society as we have known it for the past 215 years.

When our founding fathers wrote about rights for individuals, they certainly did not have in mind any homosexuals, atheists, white-supremacists, abortionists, death-row inmates, animal-rights activists, gun-control lobbyists, un-wed mothers, the NAACP, the Teamsters Union, or the ACLU. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and others wrote about the will of the majority and the two-thirds quorum. There was never anything said about giving small minority groups the power to secure political sanctions in order to subsidize their so-called "rights." It now seems that any one who has a grievance, no matter how outlandish, can simply form an activist group, cause a public disturbance to get media attention, hire some lobbyists, and they're off to the big time.

Don't you think there is a definite connection between the decline of education and family values and the subsequent rise in crime, drugs and violence which threaten to destroy our society? Surely if we got down to counting noses, the decent citizens of America, the grass roots family folks, the middle-class workers who pay the most in taxes, would comprise more than a two-thirds quorum of the two hundred fifty million population of the country. Perhaps the "silent majority" is too busy working hard and raising families to get involved in political opposition. Maybe we are just afraid to speak up. I have seen audiences on talk shows come to blows over such issues as gay rights, abortion, welfare payments, and gun control. I don't know anyone who would enjoy being in the middle of such violent confrontations.

Liberal leftist wierdos have taken over American culture in recent years to the point where art in America now portrays an ugly, degenerative, pornographic, destructive, anti-American ideology. At the head of this movement is John Frohnmayer, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. The NEA has done a fair amount of good in the past, bringing theatre, museums and dance companies to smaller cities, thus making culture more available to the average citizen. But under the leadership of "Art Czar" Frohnmayer, decency in art has flown out the window. Our tax dollars are currently funding exhibitions and performances which are so vile that I would not attempt to describe them here in this column.

The conservative Eagle Forum movement is currently circulating a petition to eliminate tax funding for the NEA and calling for the termination of John Frohnmayer as Chairman. Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman Phil Crane are among those leading the effort to abolish the NEA completely.

I, personally, have always been vitally interested in the cultural arts and hate to see the NEA completely defunded. If Frohnmayer were fired and the NEA given a strict budget for a period of, say, five to seven years, it would be sort of like putting it on probation. If, in that period of time, there were no improvement in the quality of decency in the funded projects, then it ought to be completely abolished at the end of that time period.

If you would like to notify your congressmen of your opinions on this subject, we will have copies of some petitions at the newspaper office for you to look over, copy, sign, mail, or whatever you choose. Let's make an effort to pull some of these destructive weeds out of our garden.

Chamber's July 4th Plans Progressing

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has announced that plans for the Fourth of July parade are getting underway.

For the "young at heart," they plan to have a bike contest. You can decorate your bicycle and if

you want, yourself as well.

They also plan to have a clown contest. There cannot be a parade without clowns! "We'll have a contest for the best clown throughout the parade," a spokesman said.

Businesses and churches are encouraged to participate, decorate a float, hang a sign on a vehicle or just load up a flatbed. "Show off the wheels you love the most by entering your antique cars, restored vehicles, show off your tractors, combines or anything else you may want," the spokesman added.

All civic groups are invited to participate such as the senior citizens, church groups, youth groups, cheerleaders, band, Fire Department, EMS members and police. Enter your horses, or your entire roping club or riding club.

The chamber plans to have four groups of contestants. There will be a bike contest, clown contest, wheels contest and also businesses, clubs and float contests.

Arla Waters, who is in charge of the project, said you don't have to spend hours making a float. If you want, just make a few signs and hang them on your pickup and load up the little ones or what have you, and join the fun! It doesn't have to be extravagant.

If you're interested in participating in the parade, contact Mrs. Waters at First Bank, 238-1442 or at home at 238-1525.

The parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. on July 4 and will start on Main Street, go down Third Street to Avenue G past the park and on into the football field.

Area Farmers Ready For Dry Spell

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

The total for the month of June-20 calendar days-is .37 inch more than the combined rainfall received locally in the previous eight months. In that span, a total of 4.42 inches were recorded, with .01 inch for February and .00 for April.

TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low
Saturday, June 15	88-57
Sunday, June 16	87-57
Monday, June 17	88-59
Tuesday, June 18	91-59
Wednesday, June 19	92-63
Thursday, June 20	89-60
Friday, June 21	86-60

Moisture: .01 June 16; .65 June 17; .38 June 19; .01 June 20.

Rummage Sale June 29

St. Ann's Society will hold their annual rummage sale, Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall.

There will be many items for sale that you will find useful, such as clothing of all sizes, household items and many others.

Funds will go to St. Ann's Church. If you would like more information or if you have items you wish to donate, you may contact Martha Schilling at 238-1477.

FFA Members Have Project

The Bovina Future Farmers of America are selling raffle tickets for sixty pounds of hamburger meat purchased from Excel to be raffled off July 4th at the football field.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and you may contact any FFA officer to purchase your tickets. The tickets will also be available the day of the raffle at the football field.

Proceeds from this project will go toward helping the FFA delegates go to the state convention in El Paso, July 10-12.

For more information, contact any FFA officer or Ella Jo Stormes at 238-1222.

County Leads Area In Cotton Yield

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

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

Parmer County edged out Castro County in the yield department, as the neighboring county produced 779 pounds per harvested acres. Hale County, at 702 pounds per acre, was the only other area county to top the 700-pound mark in the yield department.

Parmer County's bale production was figured at 83,100, which was about 4,000 bales over the number determined in early January in a telephone poll of gins by the Friona Star and Bovina Blade.

Although the 83,100 bale total fell just 4,500 shy of the all-time bale record established by the 1981 cotton crop in Parmer County (87,600 bales), it made its mark as the top-producing cotton year locally, as far as records are available. The previous high production year was in 1962, when 789 pounds per acre were produced.

The 1962 and 1990 crop totals were very similar. In 1962, a total of 79,200 bales were produced on 48,000 harvested acres, for the 789-pounds-per-acre average. 1990 ended with the 83,100 bales from 50,100 acres and the record-breaking 796 P.P.A. figure.

The all-time bale record year of 1981 (87,600) came from a harvested acreage of 83,000. This was 66 per cent more harvested acres than yielded cotton for the 1990 crop.

High Plains cotton production accounted for approximately 20 per cent of the total 1990 United States cotton crop. This is a seven per cent increase of the High Plains' 13 per cent share of the U.S. crop in 1989.

The top ten counties in the state in terms of total bale production are located on the High Plains. The top counties in the state in terms of pounds per acre were not given. Those top-ranking according to bales were:

1990 UPLAND COTTON, TEXAS HIGH PLAINS

Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

County	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	480# Nt. Wt. Bales
BAILEY	93,200	73,200	445	67,800
BORDEN	25,800	25,300	355	18,700
BRISCOE	36,800	35,600	456	33,800
CASTRO	54,700	50,500	779	82,000
COCHRAN	126,200	81,400	347	58,900
CROSBY	196,600	192,600	406	163,000
DAWSON	231,000	222,700	476	220,800
DEAF SMITH	4,300	3,000	544	3,400
DICKENS	35,400	34,000	346	24,500
FLOYD	173,600	168,000	556	194,500
GAINES	293,200	238,100	635	315,100
GARZA	36,200	35,900	424	31,700
HALE	207,200	201,600	702	294,800
HOCKLEY	248,200	180,700	385	145,000
HOWARD	87,800	87,200	467	84,800
LAMB	175,000	163,600	611	208,400
LUBBOCK	264,000	251,600	486	254,700
LYNN	241,000	234,600	401	195,900
MARTIN	113,300	107,800	498	111,800
MIDLAND	31,200	29,900	433	27,000
MOTLEY	32,300	30,700	281	18,000
PARMER	53,600	50,100	796	83,100
SWISHER	61,400	58,900	645	79,200
TERRY	237,000	163,300	478	162,600
YOAKUM	124,700	54,800	625	71,400
TOTALS/AVERAGE	3,183,700	2,775,100	510.4 (weighted)	2,950,900

July 4th Worship Is Slated

The fourth annual July 4th community-wide worship service will be held in the City Park Sunday, June 30 at 10 a.m.

This service will include special music. The Scouts will present the flag. They will be taking up an offering for the community Benevolence Fund. They will also have worship services and all veterans will be recognized and honored.

Everyone in the community is urged to attend the services and bring a picnic lunch for your family.



CLINIC OPENS...Dr. Natasha Shah, attending physician at the Bovina Clinic, is shown with her clinic nurse, Christina Crutchfield, discussing a patient chart. The clinic opened June 17, and Dr. Shah will be here Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Libby Procter is the receptionist. To make an appointment, call 238-1260, or call the hospital at 247-2754.

Expansion At Excel Imminent

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

An informal ground-breaking ceremony on Wednesday of this week officially kicked off the project, which will more than double the company's present cooler capacity from 4,000 head per day to 8,000 head.

"The benefits of the expansion will be to improve product quality and lessen the burden placed on employees," said Randy Highsmith, construction engineer for Excel.

Highsmith said that the project will add 65,000 square feet of space to Friona's Excel plant. It will require 3,000 tons of refrigeration, 4,500 electrical horsepower, and a new railroad spur.

The new addition will be attached to the south side of the original plant, which was completed in 1967.

The first phase of the project will be the site work--preparing the site. Several things will have to be moved, including a small building,

Parade Planning Underway

The Fourth of July celebration is getting underway as Bovina folks prepare their cars, floats and, of course, a parade wouldn't be a parade without a band!

All high school and junior high band members are asked to contact Steve Thomas, band director at 238-1195, as soon as possible to arrange their activities for the parade.

Also, Mr. Thomas would like to make everyone aware that there are a number of instruments and band uniforms missing from the school's inventory.

He is asking everyone who has had a child in band in the last ten years to please look through their closets to see if they may still have some of these items, but may have just forgotten about them.

Talent Show Set

The Chamber will sponsor its 2nd annual Talent Show July 4th at the football field. Entry fee will be \$10.00. Cash prizes will be given for first-place winners in age divisions, other prizes for 2nd and 3rd.

Deadline to enter will be July 2. For more information and entry forms, call 225-4850 or 238-1169 or come by First Bank in Bovina.

a large storage tank for edible tallow, and a railroad siding. Highsmith indicated that it should take about 30 days for the work to prepare the site, then foundations would be dug.

"We should have the building itself up by about October 1," said Guy Hunter of Plainview, project manager.

Completion of the new facility is targeted for March 1, 1992.

During the construction phase, the project is expected to employ around 100 people. Some of the workers will be brought in from outside the area, but a number of local people should also be employed.

Blood Donors Listed

The Bovina Ambulance Crew and the United Methodist Women would like to thank all of those who participated in the annual blood drive held recently.

Eighteen people showed up to donate blood, which was a few short of the goal of thirty, but with summer here and several people out of town on vacation, it was a pretty good turnout.

Those who participated were Kristopher Cowger, Eloise Dixon, Andres Garza, Donald Dean Hastings, Lawrence A. Kriegel, Larry G. Mitchell, Robert Wesley Read, Jeffery V. Steelman and Pauline L. Caldwell.

Also, Penny Lanelle Dutton, Ashlee D. Gee, Susan Kerby, June G. McMeans, Donna G. Mitchell, Mike Prather, Genaro Ruvalcaba, Liliana G. Ruvalcaba and Steve F. Venable.

The Ambulance Crew and the Methodist Women would like to thank all of you for your unflinching generosity. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Lions Sell Fireworks

The Bovina Lions Club will be sponsoring the fireworks stand, next to Bovina Pump Co. again this year. The stand will be open June 25 until July 4.

From June 25 through July 3, the stand will be open from 6-11 p.m. and on July 4, the stand will open from 2 p.m. until midnight.

The Lions Club would like to invite everyone to come on out and get their fireworks early. See you there.

City Will Enforce Permits

Bovina City Hall would like to remind residents that if you have any plans for additions or new building on your property, that you need to check with the City for your building permits and to check on how your property is zoned, before you start building.

On Your Payroll

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Washington, D.C. 20510

Cong. Larry Combest
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Washington, D.C. 20515



ATTEND MEETINGS....Bishop Matthieson of Amarillo, Matilda Baca of Friona and Father Darryl Birkenfeld of Hereford attended the four Spring Deanery meetings held April 16-19 in Amarillo.

Local Members Attend Spring Deanery Meeting

The Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held their Spring Deanery meetings in Amarillo, April 16-19.

The theme for all four meetings was "As You Sow." Father Darryl Birkenfeld of San Jose Church in Hereford was the keynote speaker at all four meetings. He spoke on "Recycling Both Spiritually and by Stewardship of the Land and Earth Resources." He stated that sowing spiritually is like planting seeds, you have to prepare the seed bed if you want to plant, so to build a better spirituality, we have to explore nature because it is a gift. Creation, humans, living and Sabbath were the four guides for stewardship.

Matilda Baca, D.C.C.W. vice president, attended the four meetings in the absence of Alta Mae Hartman, D.C.C.W. president, who was in the hospital at that time.

Bishop Matthieson was the main celebrant at the four Liturgies.

Tuesday, April 16, the Borger Deanery meeting was held in Dalhart. Belinda Roberts of Stratford, president, called the meeting to order. The offertory gift was given to the seminary bursar. Many recycled items were on display. Ms. Roberts reminded all those present that the Borger Deanery is the host for the Fall D.C.C.W. Convention to be held in Dumas, October 19-20. Perryton has extended the invitation for the 1992 Spring Meeting.

Wednesday, April 17, the Hereford Deanery meeting was held in Bovina at St. Ann's Parish

Hall. Matilda Baca, president, called the meeting to order. The offertory gift was divided equally between the Problem Pregnancy Center in Hereford and the seminary bursar. Elections of officers were held. New officers are Romelda Friemel of Hereford, president; Amparo Becerra of Kress, vice president; Martha Paetzold of Hereford, secretary; Linda Ramaekers of Nazareth, treasurer; Pam Landis of Happy, historian; Helen Kleuskens of Umbarger, aud.

Matilda Baca, outgoing president, was appointed parliamentarian by the new president.

The installation of new officers was held at the conclusion of the meeting. Msgr. Blum, St. Anthony Church, Hereford, conducted the ceremony with Matilda Baca assisting. Hereford has extended the invitation for the 1992 Spring Meeting.

Thursday, April 18, the Amarillo Deanery meeting was held in Amarillo at the Vietnamese Church and Parish Hall, with St. Laurence being the host. New officers were elected. They are: Ida Morales of Amarillo, president; Nancy Koons of Canyon, vice president; Florence Helms of Amarillo, secretary; Mary Stalter of Amarillo, treasurer; Joan Clements of Amarillo, historian; Mary Ann Bixenman of Amarillo, aud.; and Mary O'Brien of Amarillo, parliamentarian.

The installation of officers was conducted during the Liturgy by Matilda Baca, D.C.C.W. A big "thank you" was extended to the ladies of the Vietnamese

Church for their outstanding work. The offertory gift was given to Father Darryl Birkenfeld, for Ministry in the Diocese. All the ladies were reminded to keep the silent auction in mind for the Fall Convention, to be held in Dumas. St. Mary's in Amarillo has extended the invitation for the 1992 Spring Meeting.

Friday, April 19, the Pampa Deanery meeting was held at St. Francis Church. Alice Kuehler, president, called the meeting to order. The offertory was given to the WTSU Newman Center Building Fund. The election of officers was held. The new officers are: Paula Breeding, president; Sue Wills, vice president; Audiene Bilgri, secretary-treasurer. The ceremony was conducted by Matilda Baca, D.C.C.W. vice president.

Commission reports were given at the four meetings. A letter, written by Alta Mae Hartman, D.C.C.W. president, was read at the meetings by Mrs. Baca. In this, she encouraged all to try and send their president or a delegate to the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Dallas, September 15-19.

FB Church Sets VBS July 15-19

The First Baptist Church will have their Vacation Bible School, July 15-19. Registration for the school will be held Saturday, July 13 at 8 p.m. in the City Park. They will also be having a hot dog supper that night.

The Bible School will be for children, ages 3-12 years old, and the school's hours will be from 9-11:30 a.m. The teachers will have the trailer running to pick up the children as usual, so plan to attend Vacation Bible School and you'll really be in for a treat!

For more information, contact the First Baptist Church at 238-1632.

Two Local Boys In HPJRA

Andy Stormes, son of Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes, and Shane Branson, son of Glen and Martha Branson, are members of the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association.

The boys participated in a rodeo in Melrose, New Mexico in the bull riding competition, this past Saturday. Stormes placed second and Branson third. Their next rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at Muleshoe. They will be in Portales on June 28 and Lubbock, June 29.

Stormes and Branson are selling tickets for a trip for two, air fare, motel accommodations and two free passes each to the National Rodeo Finals in December at Las Vegas, Nevada. The tickets are \$1.00 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket, you may contact either boy.

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

35 YEARS AGO--JUNE 13, 1956

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

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

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

30 YEARS AGO--JUNE 14, 1961

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

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

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

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

25 YEARS AGO--JUNE 15, 1966

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

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

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

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

20 YEARS AGO--JUNE 16, 1971

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

Phil Sorley, employee of Agri-Sprayers, Inc., received second and third degree burns to the face and shoulder in an accident

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Monday morning at Agri-Sprayers landing strip west of town.

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

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

15 YEARS AGO--JUNE 16, 1976

John Ransom of Bovina, an employee of Charles Oil Company, was critically injured in a freak accident about 2:30 p.m. Thursday on FM 2290, 1.2 miles north of Bovina. Ransom was coming into Bovina driving a small tank truck which carried drip oil used in irrigation motors. Apparently something underneath the truck was burning and law officials theorized that Ransom smelled the fire and jumped from the truck which was going an estimated 50 miles per hour. The man struck the pavement sustaining critical head injuries.

10 YEARS AGO--JUNE 24, 1981

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

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

5 YEARS AGO--JUNE 15, 1986

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

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

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS
OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
AUGUST 10, 1991

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 42 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the newly created county education districts to hold elections to exempt from ad valorem taxation a percentage of the market value of the residence homestead of a married or unmarried adult. The percentage exempted could not exceed 20% of such market value, and the amount exempted could not be less than \$5,000. The amendment would also authorize county education districts to hold elections to exempt from ad valorem taxation not less than \$3,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of a disabled person or a person sixty-five years of age or older. Finally, the amendment would authorize elections in county education districts for the taxation of certain tangible personal property exempted from ad valorem taxation by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the voters of a county education district to adopt certain exemptions from the district's ad valorem taxation for residence homesteads and to provide for the taxation of certain tangible personal property."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 5 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to pass general laws authorizing Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successor to issue and sell up to \$300 million of general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students. The maximum net effective interest rate to be borne by the bonds would be set by law. The amendment would also authorize the legislature to provide for the investment of bond proceeds and to establish an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds and provide for the investment of such fund. Bonds authorized under this amendment would be paid from the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year that is not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, less any amount in an interest and sinking fund established at the end of the preceding year that is pledged to the payment of the bonds or interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide educational loans to students."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que aparecerán en la boleta el 10 de agosto de 1991. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING VISION CARE

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IN TEXAS

Surprises Mark Swarming Season

Africanized honey bees migrating to the United States from Mexico provided a couple of surprises for swarm watchers this spring.

Lots of Africanized honey bee swarms hit South Texas in a short period of time and lots of people called to report them.

In traps, under a trailer house, near a corn field, on a school yard, at a railroad station, in parks and up trees, about 50 Africanized honey bee (AHB) swarms landed indiscriminately in South Texas between April 15 and June 1.

As the spring swarming season ends, officials believe the final count may be 60 confirmed AHB

swarms. The first migratory AHB swarm in the United States was detected last October near Hidalgo.

"We are surprised by the number of Africanized honey bee swarms so quickly," said Dr. Anita Collins, who leads the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Honey Bee Research Lab in Weslaco.

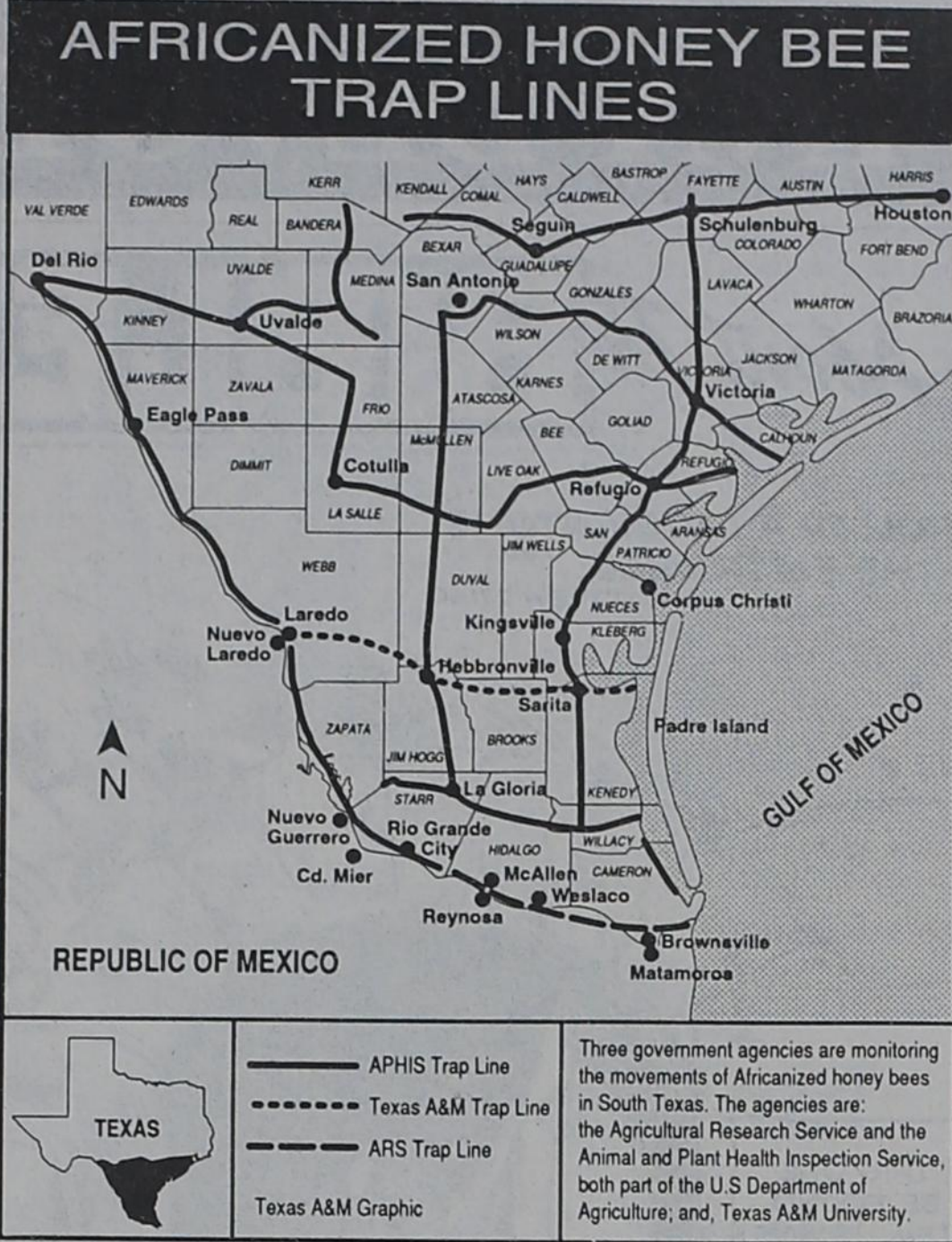
"What surprised me was that we had such a big response from the people calling in to report swarms," noted Elba Quintero of Harlingen, AHB program coordinator for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

About 60 per cent of the AHB swarms found so far this spring were reported by the public. The remainder were captured in a web of more than 1,200 traps strung across South Texas from the Rio Grande to San Antonio.

Most of the bees have been found along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Eagle Pass. About 70 per cent were found in two counties—Hidalgo and Starr.

"It seems the bees have come up the central mountains (of Mexico) and down the rivers from there to the Rio Grande rather than up the Gulf Coast," Collins said. "They have taken a more inland route."

Collins noted that Mexico had a relatively mild winter followed by a wet spring, both favorable for honey bee populations.



"Depending on the weather, we may see continued activity (in South Texas) at a lower level through the summer," she said.

"There still are a lot of flowers blooming," said Collins, who oversees the USDA's Agricultural Research Service trap line from the Gulf Coast to near Mission.

She said ARS will continue to monitor its trap line monthly. APHIS traps—strung along various routes from the Rio Grande to San Antonio—are checked every two weeks. The Texas A&M University trap line from Laredo to the coast south of Corpus Christi also is checked every two weeks.

A second swarming season this year is expected in the fall, scientists said.

Dr. John Thomas, Texas Agricultural Extension Service entomologist, believes the migratory pattern will move up the Rio Grande and along the Gulf Coast.

"If you look at where they have been found this year, you see that they follow the water," Thomas said. "That's what they have done

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June Notes Examine Texas Bond Rating

"Steady economic growth combined with efforts to strengthen our financial performance, such as the 'Texas Performance Review' to streamline state government, has Wall Street regarding Texas as one of the best places in the country to invest money," State Comptroller John Sharp said as he released an in-depth analysis of the state's bond rating.

"We are once again on solid ground, having recovered from the drop in our bond rating in 1987," Sharp said in the latest edition of 'Fiscal Notes.' "Now we need to use our improving economic status to build the state we want to live in for years to come."

According to the June "Fiscal Notes," Standard and Poor's annual assessment of the state's economy and finances again gave Texas an AA rating for the state's general obligation bonds, citing "low and manageable debt ratios, an improving and diversifying economic base and continued improved financial performance."

The AA bond rating is one notch below the premier AAA rating

enjoyed by the state between 1962-1986. According to the Texas Bond Review Board, for every \$1 billion in bonds issued by the state with an AAA rating, taxpayers will save upwards of \$40 million in interest payments over an AA rating.

Sharp said that, although bond-rating houses have been generally impressed with the strength and diversity of Texas' economy, they have not yet upgraded the state's credit rating.

"The bond raters in New York have been a little squeamish due to the downturn in the national economy," Sharp said. "To ease investors' nerves and earn their confidence, Texas has to demonstrate its determination to meet high standards of fiscal stability, including the recommendations of the 'Texas Performance Review' which are scheduled to be released around July 1."

Sharp has guaranteed that the recommendations of the "Texas Performance Review" will save the state a minimum \$1.6 billion.

Earlier this year, Sharp traveled to New York City to meet with officials of the major bond brokerage firms and Wall Street investors. Subsequently, the Comptroller outlined a five-step plan in "Fiscal Notes" to get Texas back to AAA status.

It calls for building a sizeable "rainy-day" fund; diversifying the state's revenue base; controlling spending; promoting state efforts to diversify the economy and developing a long-term capital budgeting plan that includes effective debt management.

While Texas still enjoys a relatively low per capita burden for state debt payments, the debt service paid from general revenues has almost quadrupled since 1986-87.

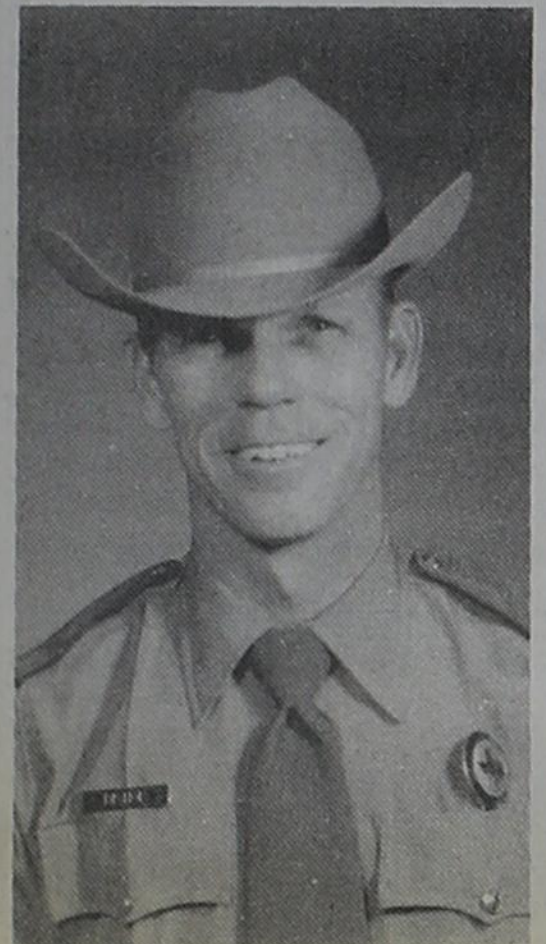
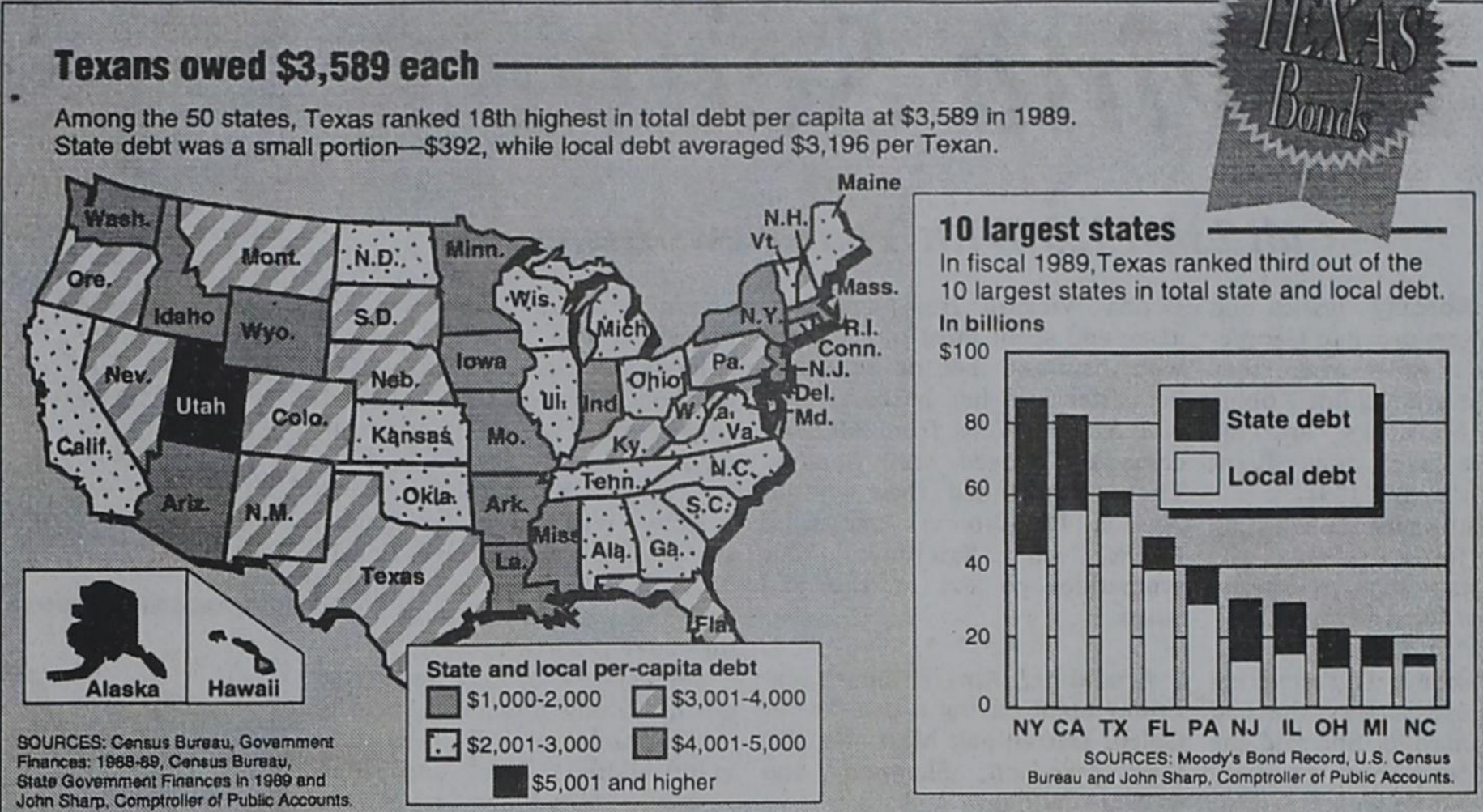
"As of March 31, Texas had a total of \$7.6 billion in state bonds outstanding and ranked 38th among all states--ninth among the ten largest states--in tax supported debt per capita," Sharp said.

"Texas ranks 49th among all states in terms of state debt per capita, but when the debt being carried by local governments and authorities is added to state debt, Texas jumps to 18th among the states. In 1989, Texas' combined state and local debt per capita was \$3,589. State debt was a small portion--\$392, while local debt averaged \$3,196 per Texan," Sharp said.

Several of the state's most recent bond issuances have been to finance new facilities for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Sharp said the lack of long-term fiscal planning has caused a detour on the road back to AAA ranking and lower interest payments.

"A good part of our current state spending, including state bond issues, is being driven by stop-gap budget management, reacting to court decisions or our own short-sightedness during the boom years.

"Texas' agenda for the decade cannot be based on such short-term vision," Sharp said.



JIM BISHOP

Reception To Honor Jim Bishop

There will be a county-wide "Appreciation Reception" honoring Jim Bishop, who has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Highway Patrol, Trooper 3 for the past nineteen years.

Bishop is transferring to Pampa where he will be closer to his new wife-to-be. Bishop will continue working with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Although he has lived in Farwell the past nineteen years, he has served all of Parmer County.

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Society Meeting Report

St. Ann's Society met Monday, June 17 at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church for their monthly meeting.

Roll call was answered by each member telling what their dream vacation was. The new officers began their official duties at this meeting, with Martha Nell Schilling leading the group as president.

Ettie Jesko and Liz Jesko displayed the completed top for the quilt that St. Ann's members will raffle off during their annual turkey dinner. The Society members will begin quilting it the first of July. Chances will begin being sold in a few weeks.

The annual garage sale will take place Saturday, June 29 at the Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a wide variety of articles to be sold, including clothing of all sizes and household items.

The group also discussed and voted to resume their Prayer Chain for the month of July. Members will pray for special intentions every morning at 8:30 a.m.

Suzan Hughes was the Society's special guest for the evening. She specializes in handwriting analysis and her program featured her observations on all the member's handwriting samples. Her information was not only interesting, but was also amazing!

There will be no more monthly meetings of the Altar Society for the summer. Meetings will resume in September.

Quilting Fetes New Arrival

Erma L. Bradshaw had an "Old Fashioned Quilting" in her home June 10 for McKennsey Lee DeFever, who is now three weeks old.

McKennsey Lee is the first child of Dirk and Becky DeFever of Amarillo and she is the first grandchild of Larry and Dyalthia DeFever, also of Amarillo. She is the first great-grandchild of Erma L. Bradshaw.

Those present were Jerry Ware, Levearn Black, Idella Owens, Francie King, Dorothy Ellison and Hattie Burnett.

The family would like to thank all its friends for their work on the quilt.

A barbecue luncheon with all the trimmings was served, topped off with home-made ice cream, served by Dyalthia and Erma.

first-come, first-served basis. The booths cost \$15 each and your money must be received in order to reserve a booth.

Deadline for making booth reservations is Saturday, July 6. The cafeteria will be open at 11:30 a.m. that morning for you to set up your booth.

For more information, contact Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth, Texas, 79063, 806-945-2562; or Rose Mary Wilhelm, HCR 2, Box 14, Nazareth, Texas, 79063, 806-945-2583.

Prairie Acres To Begin New Service

Prairie Acres is proud to announce the opening of a newly designed area to provide special care for residents afflicted with Alzheimer's and related disorders. This new unit, located on the southeast hall, will be known as "Horizons."

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COMPETE AT STATE....Lazbuddie students, Frank Gonzales and Jessica Burch, won top honors in the academic U.I.L. meets and competed at state in number sense and accounting. They are students of Mrs. Thelma Coffey and Mrs. Marsella Jennings at Lazbuddie High School.

Lazbuddie Students Compete At State

Frank Gonzales and Jessica Burch, both students at Lazbuddie High School, won top honors at the district and regional U.I.L. academic meets and earned the right to compete at the state contest, held in Austin on May 4.

Gonzales, a junior at Lazbuddie, placed eighth in the state in the number sense contest.

He had won first at the district meet at Wayland Baptist University on March 22 and third at the regional meet at South Plains College on April 19.

He was coached by Lazbuddie math teacher, Mrs. Thelma Coffey. She voluntarily worked with Frank for many hours after school and during her conference time in order to prepare him for the contest.

Miss Burch, a freshman at Lazbuddie, placed sixth in the state meet in the accounting division. She had won first at both the district and regional meets. Her coach was Mrs. Marsella Jennings, Lazbuddie's business teacher. Mrs. Jennings worked with Jessica nights and on weekends. Another accounting student, Gina Jarman, placed second at the district meet.

By qualifying for the state academic U.I.L. contest, both students will be eligible for U.I.L. scholarships upon graduation from high school. Lazbuddie school administrators commended the students and their teachers for their outstanding achievements.

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Roy Lee, Dorothy, Jessica and Christen Stowers drove to Georgetown, Texas recently where they met their first grandchild. Robbie and Mike Mersiosky are the parents of a baby boy, Brent Michael, born June 4, 1991.

They all had a nice time visiting and took a few extra days off, since this was such a special celebration for them all.

Erma Bradshaw is recovering nicely from eye surgery she had recently in Amarillo. She said she is to go back for a check-up pretty soon and should get a good report. We hope you continue to get those good reports!

In recent days, Dot Roach was put in a private room. According to her son, Jerry, her condition has greatly improved.

Jim and Scooter Russell went to Hereford Sunday and picked up their mothers, Mrs. West and Mrs. Russell, and good friend, Mrs. Lisenbe. They brought the three ladies back to Bovina with them to spend the day. They took them home later that evening and had a real good visit.

Robert and Emmogene Calloway have had company in recent days. Emmogene's aunt,



LOGAN MOORE, 12-year-old son of Margaret and Owen Moore of Lubbock, and grandson of Marie and Elton Venable, has been named valedictorian of the sixth grade at Bowie Elementary School for the 1991 graduating class. Logan maintained a grade point average of 97 for the past three years and received a letter of congratulations from President Bush, noting his outstanding accomplishments. Mr. Williams, Bowie school principal, presented Logan with a cross pin for being the "Outstanding Sixth Grade Boy."

Steer Tagging Date Slated

The annual county steer tagging for show steers will be conducted Tuesday, June 25, it was announced this week by Paul J. Smith, Friona High School vo-ag instructor.

The ear-tagging and validation will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon that day at the London Feed Yard near Hub.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL DELEON

As you may know, Prairie Acres has opened up a new unit for residents afflicted with Alzheimers and related disorders. This project is going as scheduled and we are very excited about it. We really feel like we can better meet the needs of these residents, which they deserve.

We are in need of an upright piano, if you know of one to be donated or sold, please contact Debbie Sweatt or Dawn Widner at 247-3922. We are going to put it in the new unit, because music seems to calm most people and one of our residents that will now be in this unit enjoys playing the piano daily.

We want to invite everyone to come by and see our new unit, "Horizon."

We have started something new, which is letting the residents vote for "Employee of the Month." This month's employee is Maggie Torres. The residents seemed to get a kick out of this, and the employee gets the privilege of knowing they were special enough to be acknowledged for this.

Orpha Wickard from Lubbock, came and spent most of the week with them and then on Saturday, her sister and her husband, Bill and Audine Wells from Midland came and stayed until Sunday. They all attended their cousin, Aweida Davidson's, funeral in Clovis on Saturday. Our sympathies go out to you and yours.

Arnold and Amy Hromas spent Friday night having a fish fry for Galen, Darren and Matt and also their grandson, Shannon, and Melanie Wilburn and their two children, Andrew and Stephanie of Hereford.

They also had granddaughters, Jody and Laurie Wilburn of Hereford, visiting for the day. They plan on doing a little visiting with various friends and relatives before the day's end.

Judy and Lisa Hromas and Judy's mother, Mrs. Edna Minyen of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, spent time in Wayne, Oklahoma, recently visiting with Judy's aunt and uncle, Floyd and Bessie Sutterfield.

While there, they also attended a Blantonview School Reunion in Purcell, Oklahoma. She said they really had a nice time visiting with Floyd and Bessie.

Howard and Minnie Kelso spent a rather quiet Father's Day. Minnie said they went to church then had lunch and later that

evening, they went for a little drive in the country.

Later that evening, they got a lot of phone calls from their children which made it a nice ending for the day.

Ruby Wilson and daughters, Loy Carter and Carolyn Foster, drove to Cortez, Colorado recently for a Frazier family reunion, which they have every two years.

Seventy-five or more members of the family attended. Pat and Pat Kunselman and their three grandchildren, Chad and Drew Jennings from Flag and Amber from Ft. Hood, attended and Doris Wilson also attended.

They all met with other family members at a restaurant in Cortez on the evening before the reunion and everyone had supper and visited.

The next day they gathered for a luncheon at the electric company, and enjoyed looking at old pictures and reminiscing. They also had a short program and enjoyed some music.

Ruby said the country was beautiful and people from all over were able to make it for the reunion. Folks all the way from Iowa, Dallas, Denver, Albuquerque and other places attended.

After church on Sunday, they always take the leftovers from their luncheon and gather at the park and have a picnic which she said was always a lot of fun. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to

stay for the picnic, as they had to head home but she said they had a wonderful time and is looking forward to the next reunion in two years.

Thanks for your help this week. Hope you all have a great week... Carrie.

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