

South Plains College Sets Country Caravan

Country Caravan, the eighth edition of South Plains College's summer country music traveling shows, will feature for the first time this season a Nashville-style brass section and a gospel quartet.

This year's edition also features the largest contingent of vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers in the show's eight-year history, stage director for the road show and SPC assistant instructor in speech.

Five veterans are returning to the show. They are John Hartin, general director of the show, lead guitarist and an eight-year veteran of the road show; Tim McCasland, instrumental director and multi-instrumentalist, SPC bluegrass music instructor; and Randy Ellis, bass player, supervisor of the sound system and SPC sound technology instructor. Students returning to the show are Darrell Thrash of Levelland, saxophone and vocals; and Kathy Tutt of Muleshoe, vocalist and dancer.

Newcomers include Debbie Adams of Bentonville, Arkansas; Ann Allison of Gorman; Metta Amos of Lamesa; Denise Ehlers of Tahoka; Joe Van Valentine of Ropes, all vocalists and dancers; Randy Beck of

Levelland, trumpet and dancer; Alex Torrez of Floydada, drummer; Joe Mendez of Levelland, trombone and dancer; Mitch Word of Levelland, trombone and vocals; Todd Collins of Lubbock, vocals, dancing, mandolin, fiddle, guitar and harmonica.

Allison also will be featured on keyboards. The Caravan Cloggers, a dance troupe, will perform four dance segments.

Country Caravan, a 90-minute show, spotlights both current country music hits and standard classics in a three-month tour throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The road show will kick off the 1984 season May 21 with a performance in Sundown. The show schedule will include stops May 24 at Slaton, May 25 at Crosbyton, May 26 at Floydada, May 28 at Smyer, May 29 at Plains, and May 31 at Morton.

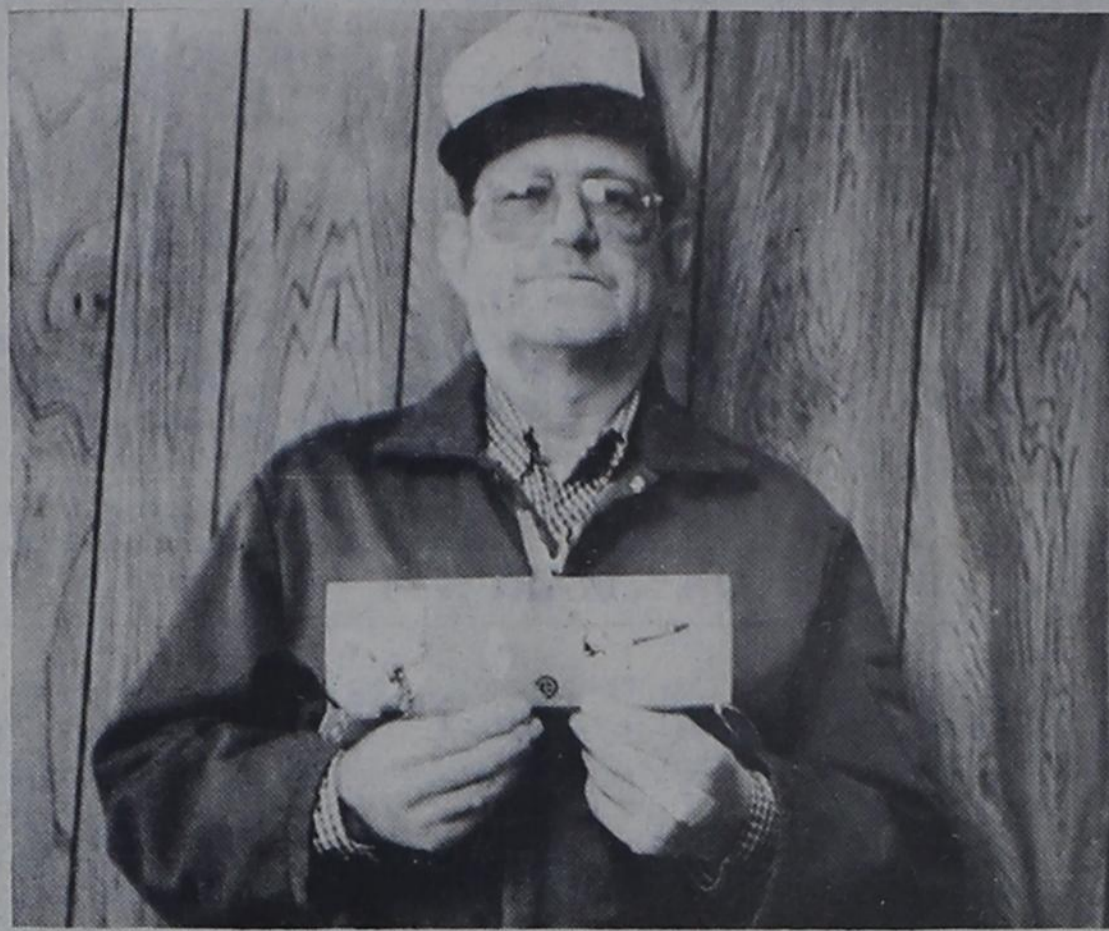
The June schedule of performances will be June 1 at Littlefield, June 2 at Brownfield, June 3 at Anton, June 7 at Fort Sumner, N.M., June 8 at Friona, June 9 at Hereford, June 14 at Seminole, June 15 at Andrews, June 16 at Lamesa, June 18 at Ropes, June 21 at Abernathy, June 22 at Shallowater, June 23 at Sweetwater, June 28 at Jal, N.M., June 29 at Artesia, N.M., and June 30 at Alamogordo, N.M.

Final two performances will be July 3 at Roswell, N.M. and July 4 at the SPC campus in Levelland.

"This year we are going to include more gospel numbers in the show and add a Nashville brass sound," explained Mrs. Ellis, the show's stage director for the second year. "During two days of auditions, we screened performers first for vocal ability in lead and harmony. Harmony will be extremely important this year with the addition of a gospel quartet. We also looked for instrumental capabilities, stage presence, personality toward an audience, general 'aliveness,'" she said.

What's in store this season for Country Caravan audiences?

"Pure entertainment," says Mrs. Ellis. "Everything we do in the show, planning which song goes next, where the dances fit in, is geared toward the audience's enjoyment," she said. "We want to include the top 40 country hits and the standards that people can readily identify with in a fast-paced, flexible format."



RECEIVES CARD....Shown is Bobby Englant with a card he received in the mail from astronaut Owen K. Garriott, of the Spacelab. Bobby was one of the 10,000 people to contact the Spacelab as it traveled miles above, with his amateur radio.

Bobby Englant Hears From Astronauts

Bobby Englant was one of the many people who was able to contact the Spacelab as it crossed over our

part of the country. He received a card with a picture of the spacelab and astronaut, Owen K. Garriott.

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF APRIL 2-6
MONDAY--Pizza, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, crackers and milk.
TUESDAY--Goulash, blackeyed peas, carrot sticks, cornbread, strawberries and bananas and milk.
WEDNESDAY--Nachos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, banana pudding and milk.
THURSDAY--Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, brownies and milk.
FRIDAY--Tuna fish sandwiches, pickle slices, pork and beans, potato chips, pears and milk.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending March 14, 1984 in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
 WD, Bovina Gin Co., Charles Oil Co., SE 60 ft. lot 3, Blk. 58, OT Bovina
 WD, Michael Haseloff, Irene Stephens, lot 1 and W 25 ft. lot 2, Blk. 4, Mimo Farwell
 WD, Marie Roden, Jon Mack Roden, lots 7 and 8, Blk. 45, OT Friona
 WD, Frank S. Truitt, Jr., Joe Trevino, E 1/2 of lots 11 and 12, Blk. 86, OT Friona
 WD, T.L. Kent, Davis Lee Christian, W 1/2 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 34, T6S;R3E
 WD, T.L. Kent, Bobbie Lou Foster, 160 ac. of Sec. 18 and 155.65 ac. out SW/pt. Sec. 18, T14S;R3E
 WD, Duane White, Sam White, Jr., N 1/2 Sec. 18, T14S;R3E.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 James Grover Dixon, Jr. and Paula Kathleen Evans.
 Ray A. Gerzon and Patricia M. Sharick.
 John Don Carr and Julia Delinda Shipp.

Instrument Report Ending March 21, 1984
 WD, C.N. Treinen, Roy Lee Stowers, Tract out Part Sec. 21, T7S;R2E
 WD, Pamela Sue Baker, Marie Roden, lots 7, 8, Blk. 45, OT Friona
 WD, Noel Davis, William Doris and William Dave (Buske Farms), NW 1/4 Sec. 16, Harding Sub.
 WD, Wanda Jones Norton, William Doris and William Dave (Buske Farms), NW 1/4 Sec. 16, Harding Sub.
 WD, Edwinston Clark, William Doris and William Dave (Buske Farms), NW 1/4 Sec. 16, Harding Sub.
 WD, Tom B. Jarboe, Patricia A. Hand, lot 6, S 15' lot 7, Blk. 9, Staley Add., Friona.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Kenneth Edwin Barrow and Rosemary Poloso.
 Elvin R. Graham and Brigid Kerry Richardson.
 Regdon L. Woods and Julie Kenova Duffy.
 Randy Ortiz and Amanda Louis Perez.

REFLECTIONS

....From The Bovina Blade

25 YEARS AGO--MARCH 25, 1959
 Janice Richards, Bovina Fillies' all-state forward, is a member of Dowell's Dolls, Amarillo AAU basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis White returned home last week from a ten day vacation in Arizona. They were guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelley and Tim, in Tucson and also visited with Mrs. Stella Barnes in Phoenix.

J.H. Steelman was released from Farmer County Community Hospital in Friona Sunday morning. He had been confined there for almost six weeks following a severe stroke.

20 YEARS AGO--MARCH 25, 1964
 Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Adams hosted a reception honoring her father, V.F. Roberts of Littlefield, on his 85th birthday Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy this week acknowledged a letter from Sheryl Moore, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore of Bovina.

Several students of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell were entered in the National Federation of Music Festival Saturday at Lubbock.

15 YEARS AGO--APRIL 2, 1969
 Members of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department entertained their wives at a dinner Saturday night in Bovina Restaurant.

Miss Teresa Page will be the honoree at a bridal shower Monday, April 14, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Billy Smith.

Linda Riley threw the discus to second place at the Idalou girls track and field meet Saturday.

10 YEARS AGO--APRIL 3, 1974
 A change in the ownership and management of Birkelbach Machine and Pump Company was formally announced this week by Kenneth Cary, new manager of the company.

Lewis McDaniel, local manager for the Southwestern Public Service Company in Bovina for the past six years, has been appointed the local manager of the company's office in Crosbyton, according to Jake Webb, district manager for the electric

company in Hereford.

5 YEARS AGO--APRIL 4, 1979
 The Bovina High School Thespians travelled to Farwell last week and came home with the first place trophy in the one-act play division.

Bovina's Senior Citizens have kicked off a fund drive, with hopes of raising \$25,000 for a new club building.

Joe Jones was injured while fighting a fire at the Clawson building last week. He suffered pulled muscles and a pinched nerve in his neck. He was hospitalized in Muleshoe.

School Corner

By BOB OWEN
 We have a group of our students who are presently involved in an activity that is worthy of our recognition. This is our one-act play cast and their fearless leader, Margaret Durben. Their play is a district winner and has won the right to participate in the area contest tomorrow in Petersburg. They have put in many hours of preparation time and it has paid off for them. If you saw them perform in Farwell last week you would be as proud of them as I am.

This is a UIL Contest and falls into that area of "extra" that Mr. Perot seems to want to ban. I personally believe that this activity is of extreme educational value. The people involved not only have to research the era from which the play comes, but they also have to research the character they are portraying. If you have ever participated in this activity you can appreciate the work that has gone into it.

Let's all get behind Margaret and her one-act play cast as they go to represent Bovina in the area contest. Regardless of the results of this next contest this group has already done a commendable job of which we all can be proud.

Break a leg!!!

Volleyball Tournery Set

The Body Connection is sponsoring a volleyball tournament this weekend, Thursday, March 29 through Saturday, March 31 at the Bovina High School Gymnasium. The tournament will begin on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Deadline for the entries was Monday of this week. The public is invited to attend the tournament.

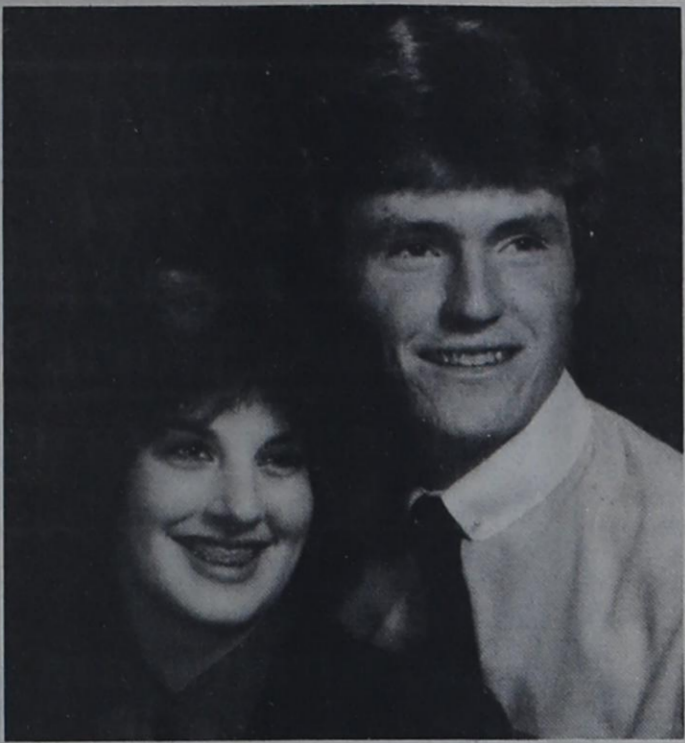
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RHONDA WEBB and KENNY CARRELL....Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Webb of Clovis, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Carrell of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Rhonda and Kenny. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, May 26 at 7 p.m. (New Mexico Time) at the Kingswood United Methodist Church, Main and Yucca Avenue, Clovis, N.M. Kenny and Rhonda will both be attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock and will reside in Lubbock. No invitations will be sent locally, but friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

Bull Town Bulletins....

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sells for about \$18.00, but only about \$1.30 of the total proceeds ends up in the farmer's pocket!

Here are some other examples which show HOW UNDERPAID the farmer is in relation to the total selling price of the product he grew. In the first column is the name of the finished product, followed by the current retail price and the approximate price that the farmer received.

Product	Retail Price At Store	Farmer Receives
1 Loaf of Bread	50¢	4¢
Bag of Corn Flakes	1.75	18¢
1 Bottle Salad Oil	2.99	90¢
Dress Wool Suit	\$200.00	\$7.00
1 Can of Shortening	2.69	81¢
1 Lb. Margarine	50¢	11¢
10 Lbs. Potatoes	2.30	57¢

THE NAME QUITAQUE--About the time we think there will be a lapse in the misspelling of Quitaque, then in pop some of our customers with spellings that are new and different. A few days ago Don Taylor had a letter from New York addressed to him at "Claritague" Texas, and James Cathey had a letter from Dallas that spelled the town a little like it is pronounced--"Kittyguay."

We still contend that Quitaque is more difficult to spell, and certainly harder to pronounce than Nacogdoches (Editor Victor B. Fain of the Daily Sentinel please take notice) but both places will have to take a back seat forever to the lake up in Massachusetts we read about a few years ago. The lake is located near the town of Webster, and it is named Lake CharGoggagoggmanchaug-gauggagoggchaubunagumama. This is an Indian name which means "You fish on your side, I'll fish on my side, and nobody fishes in the middle."

Couple Has Baby Boy

Wayland and LaWanna Beavers are parents of a baby boy, Wayland Dean, Jr., born March 21 at 1:16 a.m. at the Clovis High Plains Hospital. The infant weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents of the baby are Pauline and Robert Beavers of Bovina and Connie and Ronnie Stone of Danville, Arkansas.

Thogal Stanberry of Bovina is the baby's great-grandfather.

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Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Training Union-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting-7:30 p.m.

Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church

Rev. Wyatt Carpenter

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Service- 7 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Rev. Bob Reid

Sunday School-10:30 a.m.
Texas Time;
Morning Worship-11:30 a.m. Texas Time;
Church Training-7 p.m. Texas Time
Evening Worship-8 p.m. Texas Time;
Wednesday Night Meeting-8 p.m.

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church

R. Joel Ware

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study-6 p.m.

Pentecostal Holiness Church

Christian Life Center Services-Sunday Morning
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.
Evening-6 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday-7 p.m.

Bovina Methodist Church

Wesley Brown

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
M.Y.F.-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Choir Practice-Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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Classes-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Devotional and Classes-8:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.

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St. Ann's Catholic Church

Mass-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
CCD-After Mass Sunday
Confession: Sunday, 8-8:25 a.m.

Mission Bautista Belen

Rev. Guadalupe Silva

Escuela Dominical-9:45 a.m.
Mesaje-11:30 a.m.-Union De Pre Preparacion-5:30 p.m.
Miercoles Estudio De La Biblia-7:30 p.m.



Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

Last Saturday had to be the best day, weatherwise, that the area has experienced all year! It was gorgeous. Sunday wasn't quite as good, and Monday, a little rain, dust and wind...but we can't complain...just need rain, badly.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Jimmy and Dorothy Ware of Maude, Texas have been in Bovina visiting Jimmy's mother, Jerry Ware. Jimmy and Dorothy's daughter Lisa and her friend Kay Foster were also with them. The Wares' daughters, Linda who is a student at Tech, and their daughter Jerri who works at the Re-Hab Center in Roswell, met their parents here in Bovina and the family enjoyed a good visit together.

Congratulations to Wayland and LaWanna Beavers who are parents of a new baby boy, Wayland Dean Jr., who was born March 21 at 1:16 a.m. at the Clovis High Plains Hospital in Clovis. He is the couple's first child.

Billy Don Read underwent surgery last Friday to remove a growth from his vocal cords. Friends say he is getting along real well.

Irma Nabors, her daughter Tammy and friend Sonya Mayfield went during spring break to San Marcos and visited the Southwestern Texas University. They also visited in Houston with Irma's daughter Margaret Nabors who is audit manager for Author Young Company.

Week before last Irma was in Oklahoma City visiting with another daughter Sharon and Dave Sherrill and their children, Candace and Todd. Irma was telling me that during the past weekend, her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and

Stephen Stevenson of Bovina, drove to Oklahoma City and visited with Sharon and family.

Kelly Jamerson and his sons, Lance and Casey, were in Bovina visiting with Kelly's parents, Lawrence and Erra Jamerson. Kelly's wife, Gwen, spent time visiting with her mother at Morton. Kelly and sons came Thursday of last week and stayed until Sunday.

Erra Jamerson and her sister Sandra Ware attended funeral services for their aunt, Laura Martin, of Sudan last Saturday.

The aunt died after a lengthy illness.

Kenny Estes of Lubbock and his friend Judy Miller of Longview were in Bovina over the weekend visiting with Kenny's relatives, Suezy and Billy Smith. They came last Friday and stayed until Sunday evening.

Alan Ray and Belinda Wilcox and family of Garden City, Kansas, came to Bovina over the weekend and visited with Alan's mother, Bethal Wilcox. Mrs. Wilcox was telling me that their little 14-month-old son would be having surgery on his throat May 2. Mrs. Wilcox didn't think it would be too serious. They enjoyed a good visit. Alan and family came on Friday and left Sunday.

Gladys and Woodrow Wright drove to Dallas where her brother, Eugene Varner, underwent heart surgery. Gladys said he had two by-passes and was getting along great. He went into the hospital on a Monday and got out the next Sunday. Her sisters and their husbands were also with her and Woodrow. They all live in the Wichita Falls area.

Orby and Darcey Hawkins of Lubbock and their children visited over the weekend with Orby's parents, Erith and Lavoida Hawkins.

James and Sandra Clayton and their children, Mark, Joanna, Ted and his friend Peggy White of Clovis went recently to Dallas. They took in Six Flags and visited in Arlington with Sandra's sister Diane and Barry Lane and their family.

Robert and Emmagene Calaway have returned recently from a week in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Emmagene said they had wanted to do some fishing but that the weather was too cold. They did enjoy taking the hot mineral baths. They went to New Mexico March 14 and came back March 21.

SMILE:

A little boy of six was invited to lunch at a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated, the food was served, and they started to eat.

The little boy was puzzled. He had been trained to say grace at the table. With his boyish frankness he asked, "Don't you say a prayer before you eat?"

The host was uncomfortable, and mumbled, "No, we don't take time for that."

The boy was quiet for a moment, then said, "You're just like my dog--

Conservation Is Theme Of Program

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) is redoubling efforts to help customers prevent waste of electrical energy.

The SPS program supports the "State of Texas Residential Energy-Cost-Control Program" announced by Texas Governor Mark White last week in Lubbock. Goal of the program is to help Texans control residential utility costs.

State of Texas and local government agencies, energy suppliers such as SPS, and community organizations are joining the statewide, voluntary, cooperative program. Staff members of the Governor's office and of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) are coordinating the effort. The PUCT regulates electric utilities in Texas.

"The most effective way to control costs of energy in a home," said Gary Gibson, SPS vice president, marketing and administration, "is to avoid waste of energy. We at Southwestern Public Service Company have always encouraged our customers to use all of the electricity they need--but not to waste it."

"We're hoping that the new Texas Residential Energy-Cost-Control Program will help us spotlight that message."

Gibson noted that the State of Texas will promote the program. Texas Governor Mark White will be featured in the promotional effort.

As a complement to the state's advertising, Gibson said, "SPS is developing special public service announcements that will offer tips on using electrical energy wisely, and on avoiding waste of energy."

"We're also offering various programs on energy-cost-control. The presentations will be available to civic groups, schools, senior citizens, church groups, etcetera. For instance, the SPS speakers' bureau has prepared a new program on conservation. Its theme, 'Wrapping Up Your Home,' emphasizes proven methods of saving energy."

SPS home economists and marketing representatives also will present informational programs on preventing waste of energy, Gibson said.

Customers who see the SPS presentations will be given "energy-cost-control packets" containing "draft stoppers" that fit behind electric outlet covers and prevent air infiltration. The conservation "starter kits" also will contain shower-water "flow restricters," Gibson said.

Southwestern Public Service also will offer "walk-through audits" of homes the company serves. The "walk-through audits," by either SPS personnel or volunteers from local community groups, will help residential customers identify energy-loss trouble spots in their homes.

start right in eatin'."

Have a nice rainy week and thanks for helping with the Scoops...Scooter.

Baby Shower Is Scheduled

There will be a baby shower for Amber Saunders, daughter of Johnny and Carol Saunders and granddaughter of Eugene and Molly Griffin, Saturday, March 31 from 2:30-4 p.m. in the home of Suezy Smith.

Hostesses are Sandra Clayton, Mary Steelman, Carolyn Pruitt, Suezy Smith, Shirley Garrison, Nita Dale, Marilyn Nowell and Glenda Ritchie.

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS--

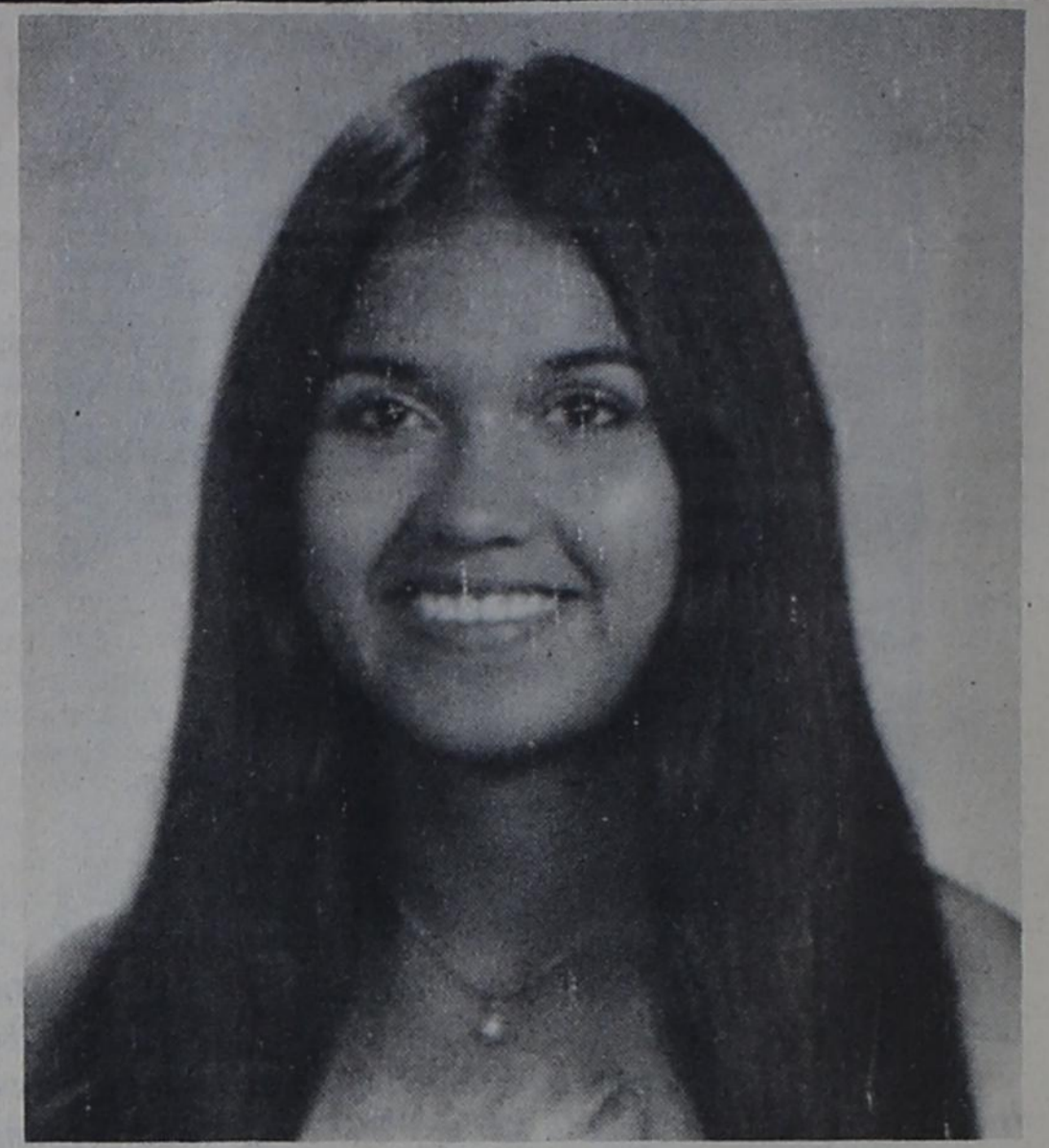
Rosa Maria Chavez, Friona; Donalita Hawkins, Bovina; Nora Martinez, Friona; Martha Underwood, Friona; W.D. Buske, Friona; Ruby Gonser, Friona; Elvira Gonzalez and baby girl, Friona; Melissa Sherrill, Bovina; Stella Varner, Friona; Fabian Flores, Jr., Friona; Herschel Johnson, Friona; John Leroy Collier, Friona; and Eugene R. Coffman, Farwell.

DISMISSALS--

Julia Garrett, Vivian Meyers, Paul Jones, Kathy Villa and baby boy, Rosa Maria Chavez, Donalita Hawkins, Nora Martinez, W.D. Buske, Ruby Gonser, Elvira Gonzalez and baby girl and Fabian Flores.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL--

Stella Varner, Herschel Johnson, Pearl Johnson, Martha Euler, Martha Underwood, Kristi Meyer, Melissa Sherrill and Weedy Coffman.



LORENA VASQUEZ....Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Vasquez of Clovis, New Mexico announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lorena, to Michael DeLeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gil DeLeon of Bovina. Wedding vows will be exchanged April 14 at 3 p.m. C.S.T. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Clovis, New Mexico. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Club Sets 1984 Projects

The Bovina Roping Club met on Friday of last week and elected officers for 1984. They are Erith Hawkins, president; Joe Jones, vice president; Rouel Barron, secretary-treasurer; Terry Stull, ring steward; and Don Bandy and Gene Scott will be in charge of the concession stand.

The club will hold another meeting April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the First State Bank Community Room and urges all

who are interested to attend. They are hoping to be able to paint and fix up the arena. Jones said donations toward the project would be appreciated.

The club hopes to have enough interest so they can have roping twice a week and have team roping and calf roping.

Three men were appointed to buy stock: R.T. Harbour, Don Bandy and Terry Stull.

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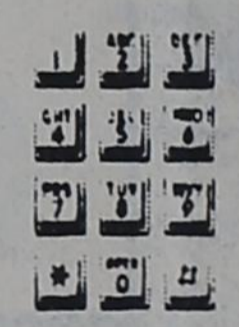
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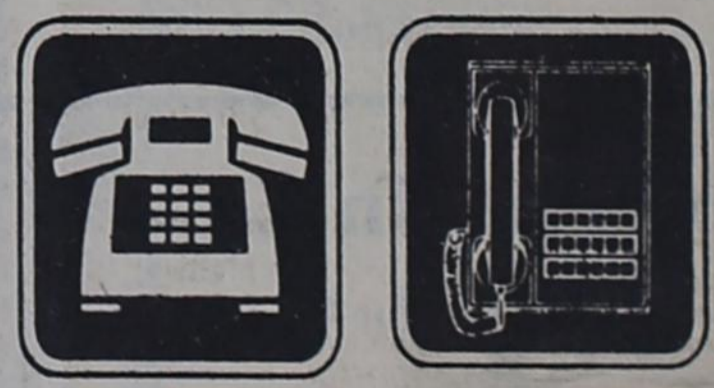
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Paul and Ola Lee Jones 35-1tc

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CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our appreciation to the wonderful people of Bovina for all acts of kindness to our family during the loss of our dad, A.G. White. For your prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards, gifts and love, we thank you so much.
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The Bovina Blade is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the party primaries May 5, 1984:


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Dudley Hughes

New Credit Program Told By Dudley's

Dudley's Auto Parts, the True-Value Hardware dealer for the Bovina area, has announced the implementation of a new service for their customers. Dudley's announces the "Cotter Charge Card," which offers customers a number of advantages. The new charge card is free, with no annual fees. If the account is paid within 25 days, there will be no interest charged. Otherwise, for amounts carried over, a low installment payment can be arranged. Dudley Hughes, owner, says he feels the new program will benefit his customers. Applications for the cards are now available at Dudley's. The company's present open-account charge program will be terminated on June 1. Any balance remaining at that time can be transferred to the Cotter Card if the customer wishes.

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LLOYD NABORS

Nabors Is Participant In School

Lloyd Nabors, Bovina area operator of a custom harvesting business throughout the harvest season, recently completed an advanced Custom Harvesting School conducted at the North American headquarters of Massey-Ferguson in Des Moines, Iowa.

The intensive three-day course, including lectures, workshops and group discussions, emphasized effective pre-season maintenance procedures to eliminate problems before they occur, as well as trouble shooting measures during the harvest, and adjustments to minimize grain losses.

Another key topic during the school was the Massey-Ferguson Harvest Brigade, which has provided mobile parts and service to custom cutters since the harvest of 1944.

Massey-Ferguson is the world's largest tractor manufacturer, second in combines, and a world leader in multi-purpose diesel engines.

4-H Club Film Set

The Bovina 4-H Club will sponsor a showing of a film on trap shooting. James Craig of Farwell will be in charge.

Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend. It will be shown at 8 p.m. Monday, April 2 in the High School Auditorium.

Fillies Take 3rd In Meet

Bovina Fillies' track and field team came up with a good performance at the Dimmitt Relays last Saturday, scoring 99 points and placing third overall.

Marie Pesch was the team leader, winning three individual events and anchoring the second-place 400-meter relay team. Miss Pesch accounted for 34 points.

She won the shot put event, the high jump with a 5-0 effort, and the 100-meter low hurdles in 17.06.

Sonya Mayfield won the 200-meter dash for the team's other gold medal.

Bovina's 400-meter relay team and 800-meter team each placed second. Members of both teams are Sonya Mayfield, Terisa Shepherd, Mindy Neal and Marie Pesch.

Mindy Neal placed second in the triple jump; Terisa Shepherd was second in the 100-meter dash and Miss Mayfield was fourth in the triple jump.

Other point-makers were Misses Neal in the long jump, fifth; Corina Munoz, sixth in the 800-meter run and Donnell Garner, sixth in the discus.

The mile relay foursome (Robbie Stowers, Mindy Neal, Juana Guevara and Sylvia Guevara) placed sixth.

Boys Have Good Marks In Meet

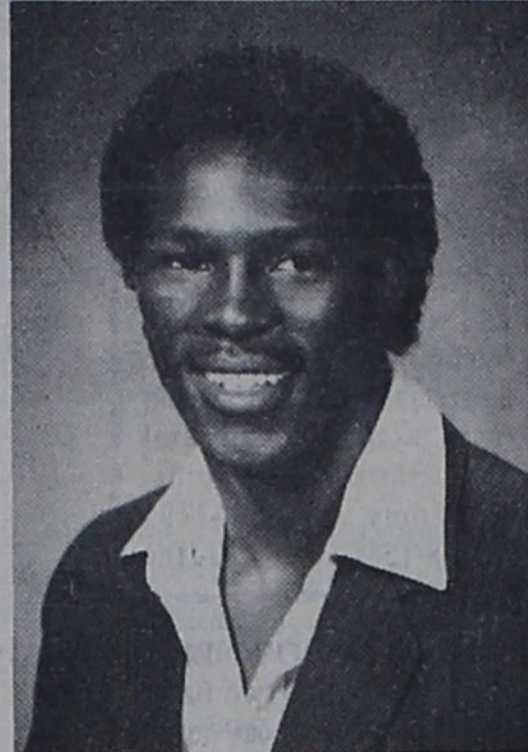
The Mustangs' track team had some good individual marks in Dimmitt's Invitational Meet last Saturday.

Ray Duran placed second and Jimmy Radford in the two-mile run, their best showing of the spring.

Richard Shepherd placed second in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes, and Danny Silva was fifth in the 200.

Silva ran a 53.0 400-meter, his best time of the season.

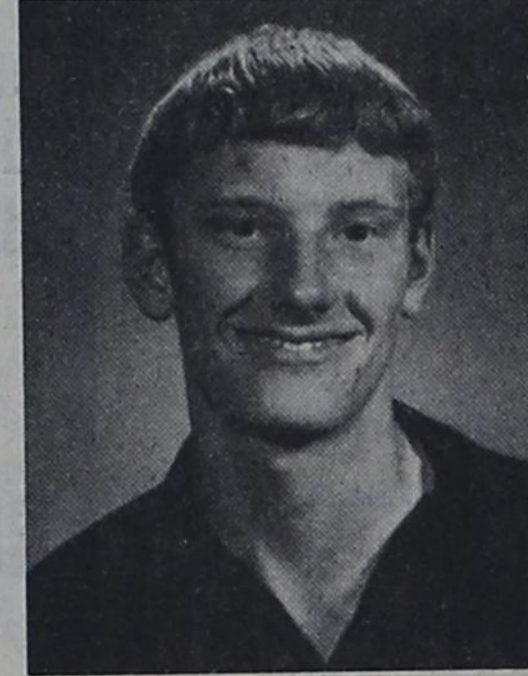
Next outing for the team will be at Sudan April 7.



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Fillies, Mustangs' Cagers Are Honored

Members of the Bovina Fillies and Mustangs' basketball team have been given post-season honors, according to Coach Marks Lanham.

Marie Pesch has been named all-district, and the district's "Most Valuable Player." The sophomore performer also was honored by being placed on Amarillo's Super Team, and Lubbock's All-South Plains Team.

Sonya Mayfield, Fillies' starting forward, was also named to the all-district team.

Richard Shepherd was named all-district and the district's "Most Valuable Player" (second straight year); All-South Plains and to Amarillo's Super Team.

Michael Shepherd was named all-district, and was honored as "Freshman of the Year" by Amarillo's Super Team.

Blake Scaff was also selected all-district.

It's A Girl For Couple

Orby and Darcey Hawkins of Lubbock have a baby girl, LaToya Kinoo, born March 8 at 4:50 p.m. at Reese AFB Hospital in Lubbock. The infant weighed nine pounds, seven ounces and was twenty-two inches long. She has an older brother, Erith III, who is two years old.

Grandparents are Erith and Lavoida Hawkins of Bovina; Pat Morris of San Diego, California; and Mr. and Mrs. John Kesner of San Diego, California.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnam of Friona.

Booster Club Meets Monday

The Booster Club will be meeting for their regular meeting April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

During this time the Booster Club members will be planning the band banquet and will be electing officers for the new year.

Everyone is urged to mark the date on your calendar and meet with the Booster Club next Monday evening at 7:30.

Rites Held Tuesday For Wreck Victim

A Rosary was held Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona for Juan Ruiz-Guero, 36, of Bovina, with Father Sherry, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, officiating.

Ruiz-Guero died as the result of a two-car accident at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, March 25, on U.S. 60 near Bovina.

Funeral services for Ruiz-Guero will be held in Durango, Mexico. Born September 13, 1947 in Durango, Mexico, he had lived in Bovina for two months, moving there from Pampa. He married Margie Rocha on June 11, 1975 in Roswell, New Mexico. He was a shipping clerk for the Swift Company. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margie; two sons, Javier Ruiz of Durango, Mexico, and Johnny Anthony Ruiz of Roswell, New Mexico; one daughter, Arjelia Ruiz of Durango, Mexico; three sisters, Julia Ruiz and Mayalia Ruiz, both of Durango, Mexico, and Maria Ruiz of Dallas; seven brothers, Francisco, Rojello and Margarito, all of Durango, Jose, Jesus, Cadlo and Gerrado, all of Dallas; and his mother, Manuela Guero of Durango, Mexico.



MARIE PESCH



SONYA MAYFIELD

Bovina OAP Takes First

The Bovina High School Drama Department took first place at district in the UIL competition in Farwell last Friday with their one act play, "As You Like It."

Rebecca Hodnett received an award for "best actress." Tammy Nabors, Rande Cupit and Jesse Gonzales received honorable mention, all-star cast.

The cast members were: Rebecca Hodnett, who played Rosalind; Mark Clayton, played Orlando; Kevin Smith, Silvius; Sonya Mayfield, Phebe; Jesse Gonzales, the jester; Tammy Nabors, Rosalind's sister; and other members were: Ted Clayton, Charles Johnson and Homer Renteria.

Margaret Durben is head of the Drama Department.

The group will be traveling next week to compete in area contests at Petersburg.



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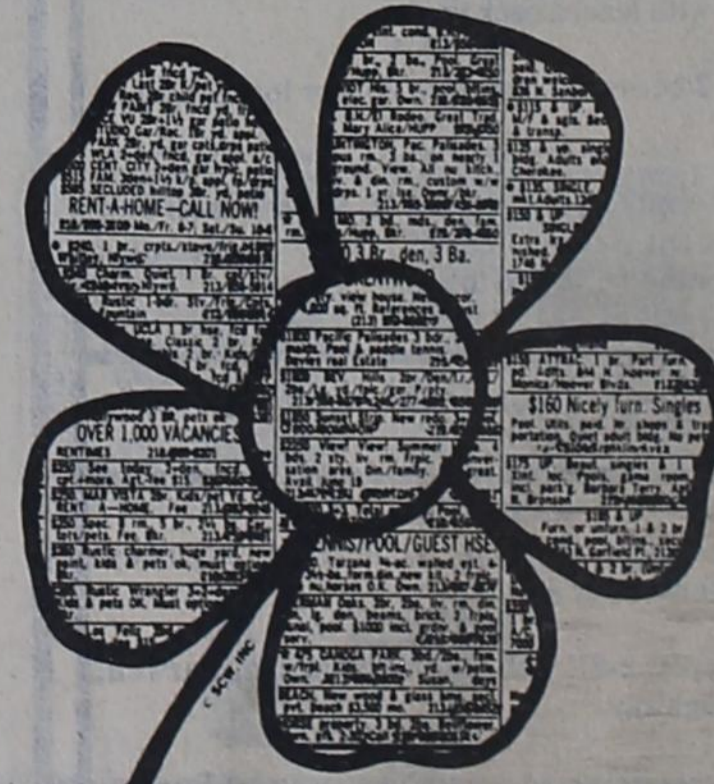


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Thomas M. Richards

George Mahon served the 19th Congressional District for 44 years; Kent Hance replaced him; the man to replace Hance is Thomas M. (Tom) Richards.



The Richards Family: Christy, Polly and Tom

The Thomas M. (Tom) Richards for Congress campaign is rolling along toward a May 5th victory faster than a blue norther can roar through West Texas in January.

Richards, his wife, Polly, and their 10-year-old daughter, Christy, already have been in every town and city in the 19th District at least twice during the campaign.

"And most of them more than that," said Richards, who is seeking the Democratic Party nomination.

Tom heads in one direction in the morning and Polly goes in the other—meeting people, shaking hands and listening to the voters.

Then, when school is out, Polly often doubles back to Lubbock, picks up daughter Christy and it really becomes a family affair.

"This has been the greatest experience of my life," said Tom, "because only in campaigning do you have the opportunity to actually meet people, look them in the eye and listen to their problems. You get to make new friends you'll never forget, and you get to see old friends you may have lost track of temporarily."

There's no doubt the Tom Richards campaign has stirred the people and there's no wonder that people are increasingly saying he is the front runner in the Democratic primary.

That came about because early last fall, when he made the decision to run, he first got into his old suburban and drove from Odessa to Hereford, stopping at every point along the way to visit with folks to seek out their opinions and asking if he should run.

"When that first tour was completed," Tom recalled, "Polly and I were extremely gratified at the response we got."

"It seemed to us that people wanted a Congressman who would listen and would *always* be available and who would be young enough to stay in Congress time enough to achieve some seniority."

Running for Congress didn't just happen over night, he recalled.

"I'm a native of this part of the country and grew up farming and ranching over in Cottle County. I'm still active in farming and ranching and in the oil and gas business.

"This area has been good to me and to my family. I owe it something and for many years I have sought a way to pay it back. I decided that becoming the 'hired hand' for *all* the people of the 19th District would afford me the opportunity to pay back in some small manner what it has been my good fortune to enjoy," he said.

In this official announcement statement Tom made this statement: "I'm not a professional politician nor do I ever intend to become one. If elected I will give up my law practice and devote full-time to being a Congressman."

Tom Richards Talks Issues

Thomas M. (Tom) Richards has not been afraid to talk issues and the truth as he has gone from county to county and city to city in his campaign for Congress.

Five generations of his family have lived in West Texas, and he is uniquely qualified in this race to see who will replace Kent Hance in Congress.

Here is how Tom feels about some of the more pertinent issues and problems:

- **WATER:** Five generations of my family have watched our part of West Texas change from cattle country to the greatest agricultural area in the world. The changes have brought miracles, but they have cost heavily in water use. We must search for new ways to preserve and rebuild our precious water for our children and grandchildren.

- **ENERGY:** We must provide tax breaks and other incentives for new oil exploration so that we never become dependent on foreign oil and gas. I believe that de-regulation of natural gas must be implemented immediately.

- **FEDERAL DEFICITS:** Congress is going to have to get serious about deficit spending. We simply are going to have to learn to say "NO" when bloated and over-staffed bureaucracies hold out their hands for more funds.

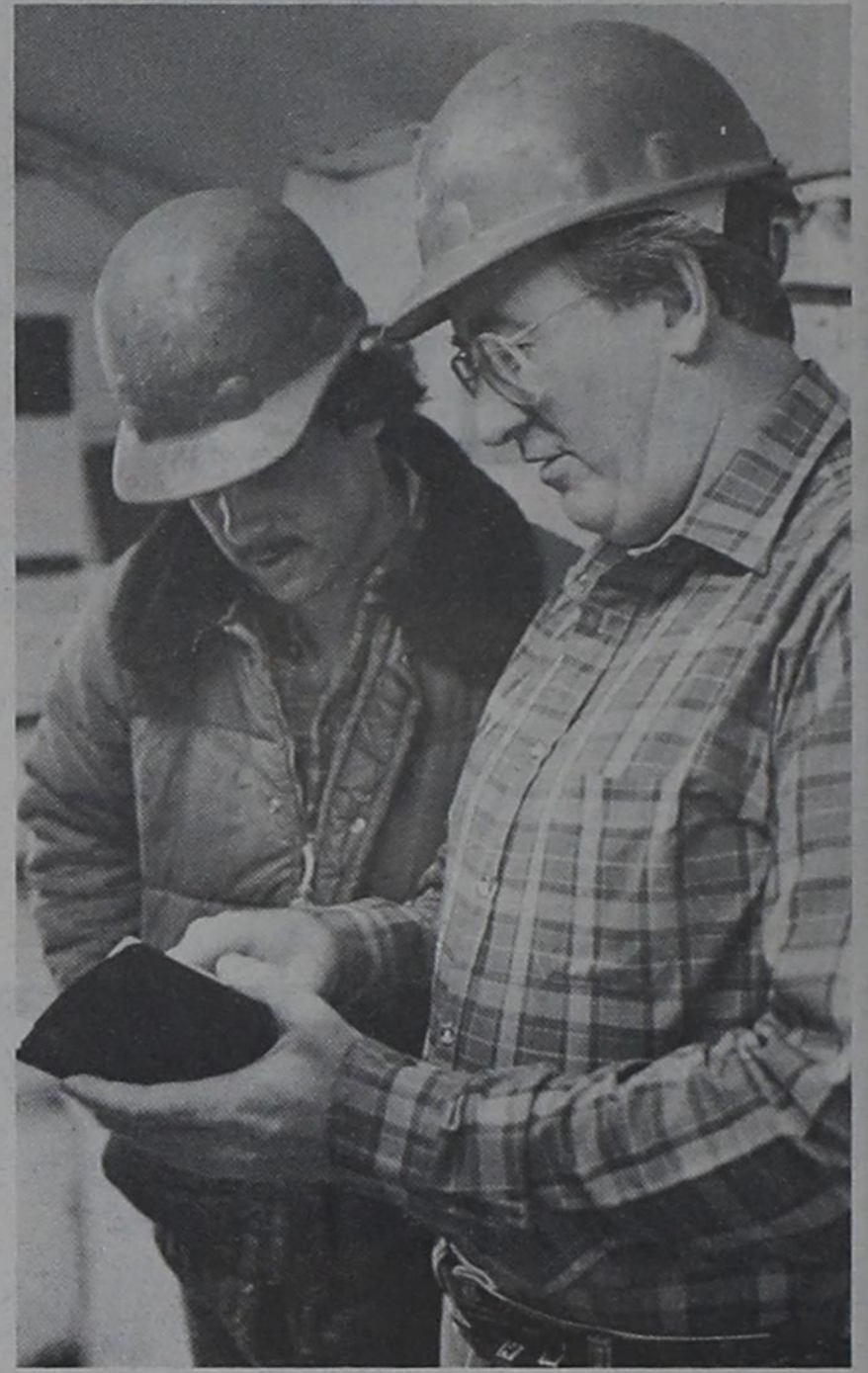
- **AGRICULTURE:** Farmers want to be let alone to make a living, not to rely on charity. I'll lead efforts to find more and better markets and to get a workable farm program, whereby producers will be assured of fair prices for their production.

- **SOCIAL SECURITY:** Our parents and grandparents made this country great. I will work to make sure all of our senior citizens get a fair return on what they paid into the system.

- **NATIONAL DEFENSE:** The United States must never be second in defense. Our very lives depend on it. At the same time, I will lead the fight to eliminate waste and overpayment by the Department of Defense.

- **TAXES:** I don't believe in higher taxes. You never solve a problem in government simply by throwing money at it.

- **ECONOMY:** The pocketbook issue is a key issue. Things seem to be getting a little better. There are more jobs now. I will work to maintain our economic growth and for a more stable economy so the average citizen can better plan his budget at home.



Those Who Know You Best

Somebody once said a person is without honor in his own country, or, put another way, those who know you best may know you too well!

Not so for Thomas M. (Tom) Richards.

Consider this letter from Mrs. Roy Jones of Paducah, who was Tom's high school English teacher in Paducah.

"Dear Tom,

I was excited when weeks ago I read in the paper of your intention of running for Congress.

"I clipped the item and stuck it in my 1958 Zephyr (school yearbook) beside your picture and intended to write you a note right then, but I procrastinated.

"Then, the other day your Mother confirmed your intentions, and I promised to electioneer for you! I'm real excited, and I surely want you to win for I think you'll be a fine voice in our Nation's capitol.

"Who knows—you may be the first of my students to become President! That's not all joke, tho' I'll probably not be living to gloat 'I knew him when. . . ' unless you go awfully fast.

"Work hard, stay honest and clean, learn all you can, take God for your partner, keep the common touch and expect to win—as I expect you to.

"Love to you and Polly and Christy."

Sincerely,



Tom Richards Is No Stranger to Farm Work

Thomas M. (Tom) Richards will actively seek a seat on the powerful House Agriculture Committee when he goes to Congress.

"There's no doubt that this committee's activities are of vital interest to everyone in West Texas," Richards said.

"I want to get to the heart of where the action is in a hurry, because I want to express the views and concerns all of the people of this District have to other committee members and make our collective voices heard."

Richards pointed out this current session of Congress is going to attempt to write a new farm bill.

"We don't know what Congress will come out with this year, but there are bound to be mistakes and changes that will need to be made. If the new bill is not fair to us in West Texas you have my word that I will lead the changes next year that will give us some relief and some help," Richards pledged.

Tom said he "really appreciates her support. It means so much to me, and I just wish she lived in the 19th District so she could vote for me.

"But," he added with a laugh, "I can assure her I won't be running for President. All I want to do is be Congressman for all the people of this District for as long as they will have me.

"I don't have any political aspirations beyond that, he concluded.

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Politics Is A Family Affair

Polly

"I had no idea what I was getting into," laughed Polly Richards, looking back over the early days of her husband's campaign for Congress, "but I'm loving every minute of it."

Polly had always been a very active homemaker before Tom decided to "make his run", but she had never been extensively involved in politics.

A native of Wichita Falls—her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baber still live there—Polly graduated with honors from high school there and then attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth before transferring to Texas Tech in 1962.

She was graduated with a bachelor of science in education and made the Dean's Honor List.

That transfer to Tech came after she and Tom were engaged. They met on a "blind" date one summer when both were home from school.

After graduating she taught elementary school in Waco, Kenner, La. (where Tom worked for Shell Oil) and then in Lubbock.

But that didn't keep her from being very active with the Tech Museum and Ranching Heritage Center, the YWCA, serving on the Civic Ballet board, working with the Heart Association, the Cancer Society, Easter Seals and the United Way.

She was active in the Junior League 11 years and currently is a sustaining member of the League.

Polly said the greatest thing about the campaign is getting out and meeting people and hearing what's on their minds.

She is extremely supportive of her husband, and, naturally, believes he's going to make a good congressman.

"Tom has a sincere quality about him that comes

through when people talk to him. He honestly wants to help people. I saw that the first time I met him," Polly recalled.

With pardonable pride, Polly declared "Tom Richards will make one of the best public servants West Texas has ever had. He was born to want to be helpful to others, and that's his greatest quality."

Well said, Polly!

Christy

Don't be surprised if you call the Thomas M. Richards campaign headquarters late in the day and a pert young voice answers the phone.

That's 10-year-old Christy Elaine Richards (Christy for short), the candidate's daughter.

Christy, voted "best personality" by her 4th grade peers at Murfee Elementary School and vice president of the Student Council (she's now in 5th grade), tells Dad, "I've already won two elections, you better work hard so you can catch up."

She likes snow skiing and bike riding, but right now her main interest is going campaigning.

"That girl," her Father said, "never meets a stranger, and she will give them a five minute speech about my campaign anytime they will listen. She really enjoys handing out campaign literature in front of Furrs Cafeteria in Lubbock and Plainview."

Christy's natural talents lie in music. She has been in several local musical productions at the First Methodist Church, is a member of a Youth Choir, and takes classes in ballet, tap, jazz and twirling.

She is also a member of the Future Problem Solving team at her school.

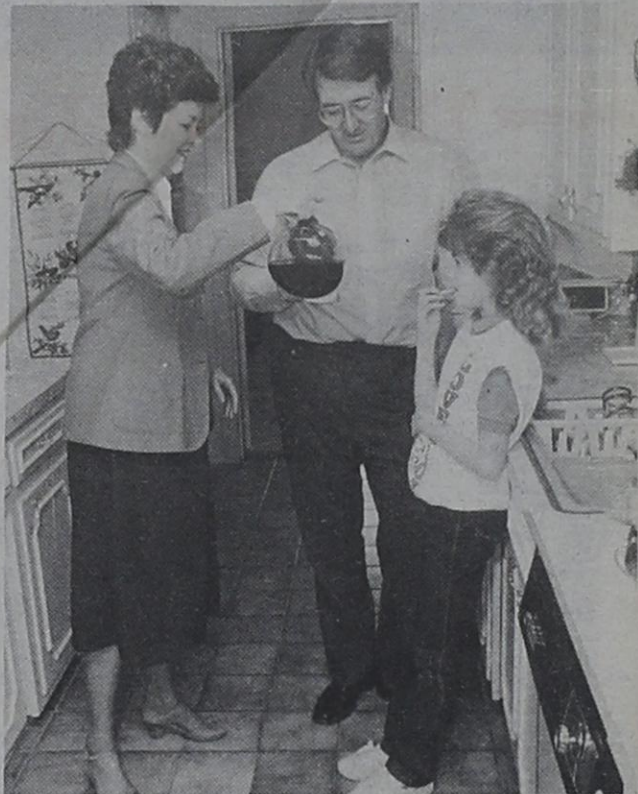
Better look out Tom—she may be ready to challenge you for Congress one of these days!

Decision To Run Made By Family

From the moment the possibility arose that he might want to run for Congress Thomas M. (Tom) Richards consulted his family.

"I didn't talk to another person about it until Polly and Christy and I sat down back last fall and first discussed it together, Tom recalled.

He found not only enthusiasm from the family but full-fledged promises to help—and sure enough, the campaign has become a family affair.



"I wasn't about to get into the race without their complete endorsement, and I didn't have to ask twice," he recalled.

Tom's mother may have been the only one in the family who wasn't too surprised.

"I guess he's a born politician," said Mrs. Ruth Richards of Paducah.

She said "Tom never gave us a bit of trouble growing up, and he was always very popular."

She said proudly "he would get 100 per cent of the votes in Paducah today, I do believe."



Growing Up

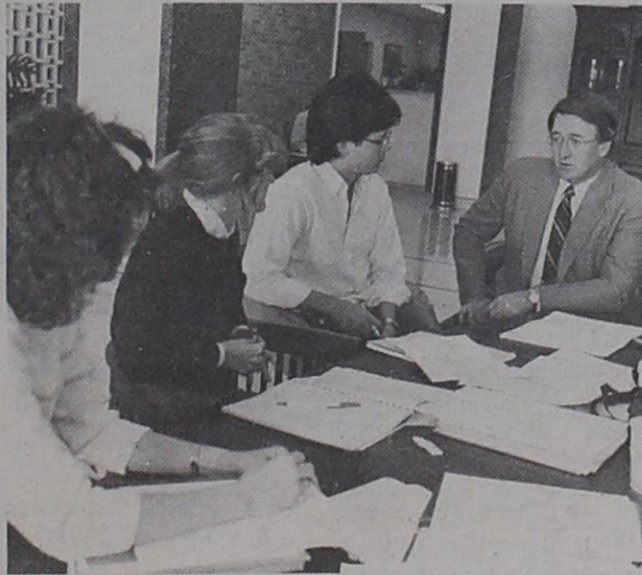
While Thomas M. (Tom) Richards was growing up and during his high school years he not only lettered in five sports—he was an All-State end in football—he also worked after school and on weekends.

"The first job he had, as I recall," said his mother, Mrs. Ruth Richards, was as a life guard at the swimming pool in the summers.

"He got paid 50 cents an hour," she said.

Tom also worked sacking groceries in Hanks Brothers Food Store.

During the summer months he also worked on highway crews and worked cattle on the Richards' ranches in Cottle and King Counties.





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Thomas M. Richards

Thomas M. (Tom) Richards Is Five Generations Strong In West Texas!



Four of the cowboys in the picture above were ancestors of Thomas M. (Tom) Richards. This picture, taken around the turn of the century, was on the

Richards ranch not too many miles east of Lubbock. Tom Richards is a part of this country's heritage.

Richards' Family History Is Colorful

Although Thomas M. (Tom) Richards himself has never before run for public office, the tradition of this fifth generation West Texan's family has deep roots in politics.

Thomas Jefferson Richards, Tom's great-great grandfather became one of Cottle County's leading ranchers back in the late 1860's.

Quoting from an early history of the area, "Mr. Richards was a Democrat and took a warm interest in politics . . . he is held in high esteem over this region, and they are regarded as public spirited citizens."

His brother-in-law was a veteran of the Confederate Army and served as Cottle County treasurer before the turn of the century.

Thomas Jefferson Richards (how could he not be politically minded with a name like that!) was described as "for many years a towering figure in the cattle industry who built up a fortune from very small beginnings."

Tom's father, M. B. Richards, said family history has it that when the legendary Quanah Parker would travel with his Comanche raiding parties into the Llano Estacado (South Plains) they would always stop by the T. J. Richards spread.

"The story is that my great-great grandfather would always cut a couple of cows out of his herd and give them to the Indians when they spent the night," Tom recalled.

The Indians were always hungry so even back then the Richards family began its tradition of helping out people. That's the tradition that Tom carries to this day.

Since that first Richards came to West Texas the family has continued with the cattle and farming business and always has taken an active interest in public and civic affairs.

"This is the first time I have ever sought public office, and if I am successful I can promise you right now that I will stay your Congressman until I retire or the voters retire me."

"I meant those words then and I mean them even more now," Tom recalled recently.

"I want to work for the people. That's the job I want and I don't want to go to Congress with some axe to grind or just so I can add it to any list of accomplishments I may have had in my life.

"And I'm certainly not on an ego trip!" he stressed.

Thomas M. Richards A Native West Texan

Thomas M. (Tom) Richards was born August 22, 1940 in Paducah. His parents, M. B. and Ruth Richards, still ranch and farm in Cottle County and Tom, before the campaign got hot, usually

spent a couple of days a week back on the ranch helping out.

He married Polly Ann Baber of Wichita Falls in 1962, and the couple has one daughter, Christy, 10.

Tom is a graduate of Paducah High School, where he was an all-star end on the football team. After high school he attended and was graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in finance.

He received his law degree from Baylor University and practiced law with Shell Oil Company in New Orleans before becoming first assistant district attorney in Lubbock in 1967.

He resigned to enter private law practice and still maintains his farming and ranch interests. He has pledged to give up his law practice if he is elected to Congress.

He and his family are members of the First Christian Church in Lubbock.

During his high school and college years Tom was not only a star athlete, lettering in five sports, but also was class president and continually on the honor roll.

At Baylor he was president of his senior class, on the board of governors, on the Dean's honor roll and on the Law Review staff.

When Tom and Polly moved to Lubbock he became very active in civic affairs including membership in the American Businessmen's Club, Lubbock Heritage Society, Texas Association of Taxpayers, the President's Club at Tech, the Red Raider Club, Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Associations, Lubbock Lions Club and a former member of the Southwest Rotary Club.