

Good News in Bovina For the Past 40 Years

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MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



EXACTLY HOW GOOD were those "good old days" that we talk so much about? Some experts say that we all use "selective memory" when it comes to nostalgia. In other words, we conveniently forget about all the "not so good stuff" that was connected to our good old days.

Remember the '50s when father knew best and mom stayed home with the kids and baked cookies? It was a great time to grow up, but there was old Nikita Khrushchev storming around threatening "We will bury you!" and people were scared to death that the Commies were going to drop the H-bomb on us. School children participated in bomb drills. Folks built home bomb shelters in their backyards and every town had a community shelter stocked with blankets and food.

In the 40s, we sent a lot of folks off to war and not all of them came back. We were just coming out of the big Depression and folks were worried about going to "the poor house," whatever that was. There were ration books, no nylons, no sugar, and not enough gas or tires.

In the 30s there were not enough jobs, money, or food and the average life expectancy was 58 years for men and 61 years for women.

Would you go back to the good old days when dirty clothes were scrubbed on a rub-board after first bringing the water in from the well and then boiling the wash water in a pot on the wood-burning stove? I can imagine cranking those heavy wet items through a wringer was a character-building experience, too.

I'd like to go back to the days when you drove up to a gas pump and a nice fellow would come out to service your car. He didn't just fill it with gas and clean the windshield. He'd look under the hood and make suggestions about the need for oil, replace a damaged hose, a frayed fan belt or a dirty air filter. Then he'd give you some green stamps. The good old boy and I furnished our first apartment by redeeming green stamps.

On the other hand, I wouldn't want to go back to riding around on those awful tires we used to have. If you traveled any distance at all, you'd have to stop and fix a flat. Cranking up those old Model Ts was probably not a real big joy either.

Talk about air pollution due to the fumes from our cars... how about the air pollution before there WERE any cars? There must have been a lot of horse manure out in the streets. Was riding in a buggy behind a horse a really ethereal experience?

I'd like to go back to the days when you selected a roast from the butcher and asked for one that was well-marbled with fat, because that was what made it tender and flavorful. On the other hand, I wouldn't want to go back to the days before doctors performed heart bypass surgery and transplants.

Drive-in movies meant dead car batteries in the winter while trying to keep warm with the car heater, and it meant tons of bug repellent in the summer as you kept the car windows open while trying to capture a little cool breeze. But today we can see just about any type of entertainment we desire right in our own homes.

The Saturday night bath in a galvanized tub in the middle of the kitchen floor must have been an event to look forward to all week! Again, it meant a trip out to the well, heating water on the cookstove and, according to my good old boy, you wanted to be the first in line for the bath. The water was cold and dirty by the time it was the second kid's turn.

I wouldn't want to go back (Continued on Page 6)



BIG TREES...The Schrader family, Jerry, Beverly, Erma, and Carl, visit Big Trees State Park California, home of the famous giant sequoia trees.

Erma & Carl Shrader Tell Of Their California Visit

On May 31, Carl and Erma Schrader left Bovina for Neligh, Nebraska, to join their son Jerry and his wife, Beverly, Schrader.

On June 4, the four left Omaha and flew to Murphys, California, to visit Carl's daughter, Mary Taylor and her husband Bob, in their new home. The gold rush town of Murphys is called "The Queen of the Sierra."

They went to Big Trees State Park, home of the giant sequoia trees, which were thought to be sacred by the native Americans.

In 1850, A. T. Dowd stumbled over them and made their existence known to the world. Along with the two magnificent groves of sequoias, the park features over 6,000 acres of pine forest on both sides of the Stanislaus River.

That evening, the Taylors served a traditional Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner since this was the first time in 37 years that they had all been together in California.

They took a one-day trip to Yosemite National Park, then left for Walnut Creek, California, to visit Erma's daughter, Ella Bishop,

for the weekend.

Erma's granddaughter, Leigh, and husband, Marty Richardson flew in from Chaska, Minnesota; a grandson, Larry Rawls, came from San Jose, California; and a granddaughter, Theresa McLean and husband Rick, and great granddaughter, Ashley McLean, came from Pleasant Hill, California to visit.

On Saturday, June 8, they went to Bear Peak, an observation point from which they could see the cities of Berkeley, Oakland, and Marin, plus the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and Fisherman's Wharf.

Erma was greeted with a surprise birthday party on Sunday, June 9, by her family and friends.

After returning to Murphys on Monday, they visited Angels Camp, home of Mark Twain's Jumping Frog Jubilee, toured the region, and had a fishing trip in the Sierras at Alpine Lake. Carl's grandson, David Taylor, came from Turlock to visit.

On Friday, June 14, they returned to Nebraska and spent several more days visiting family and friends before returning to Bovina.

Bovina ISD PreRegister Scheduled

Bovina ISD will hold pre-registration for all students in grades Pre-K through 12 on July 30 & 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. both days, in the high school library.

Returning students may pick up schedules, see the nurse for immunizations, and pick up free/reduced lunch applications.

New students must bring their social security card, immunization records, birth certificate, and any previous school records to enroll. Parents are required to attend with their children to sign all necessary paperwork.

School will begin on August 15. School hours are the same as last year. Classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

New teacher in-service day is Friday, August 9. In-service for faculty and staff will be August 12-13-14.

Saturday Night Live FCA Party

The last meeting for the summer for youth, "Saturday Night Live", is scheduled for July 27.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored event will be held at the First Baptist Church from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

There will be volleyball, food, and fun for the youth, who are invited to meet, eat, and compete.

Bovina Boosters Kick Off

The Bovina Booster Club has begun preparations for their annual football program.

Spirit ads are available for \$10 and can be purchased from any member. The ads must be paid for when placed.

The next meeting of the Booster Club will be Tuesday, July 30 at 8 p.m. in the high school library.



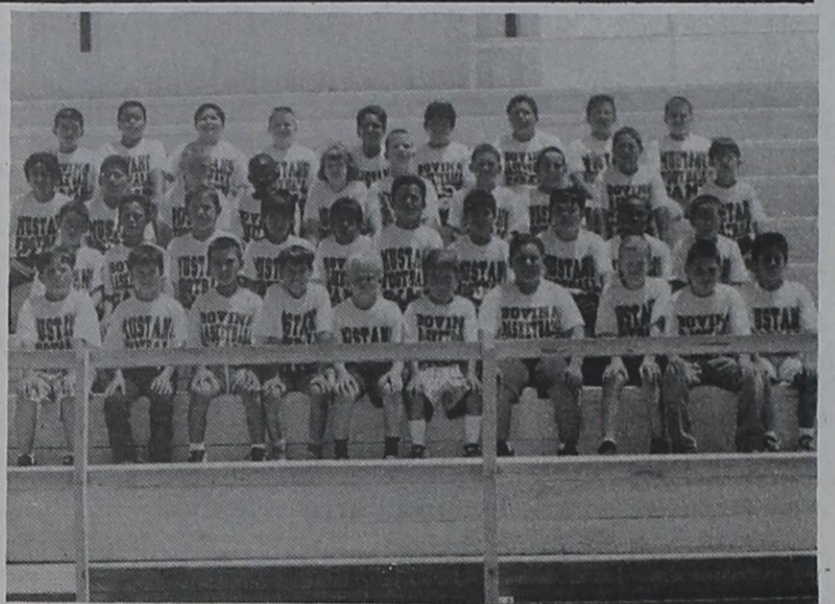
AAU....Kasi Birdsong, daughter of Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong, was a contestant in recent AAU competition in San Angelo. She participated in the high jump, was the youngest contestant in the competition, and placed tenth.

Sheriff Gives Warnings Of Scam Artist

Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams issued a warning this week about a known "scam artist" who has been making contacts recently in the county.

According to Williams, the "scam" is usually regarding paving, roof work, etc., and in most cases the perpetrator is dealing with older citizens. He was making rounds in the county since July 15.

"We have investigated this individual, and he has convictions on record in other areas. All of our residents need to be cautious in this regard, and if they have anyone of this nature, please call our office and check before they sign any contract, or more important, before they pay money up front," Williams said.



FOOTBALL CAMPERS....The first part of July found these Bovina youngsters participating in the annual football camp conducted by the Bovina coaching staff.



TRACK CAMPERS.....Gordon, Zane, Johnathan, Jose, and Raymond, l-r, were grinning, jumping, and running this summer as they participated in the summer track camp conducted by the Bovina coaching staff.

Bull Town Buckaroo Rodeo Set

The Little Buckaroo Rodeo, in conjunction with Bull Town Days, has been scheduled for Friday, August 9, at 5 p.m.

The rodeo will be held at the Bovina Roping Arena. All awards to participants are being given by First Bank of Bovina.

Age categories are: 5 & under, 6-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19. Events are barrels, poles, flags, and goat tying.

There will also be games such as a stick horse race, and ewe, calf, and steer riding.

Deadline for entry is Wednesday, August 7. Entry fee is \$1.00 per event.

To enter, or for information, call Janice at First Bank, 238-1442, or Glen London at 265-7237 or 238-9909.

Bicycle Thefts Solved

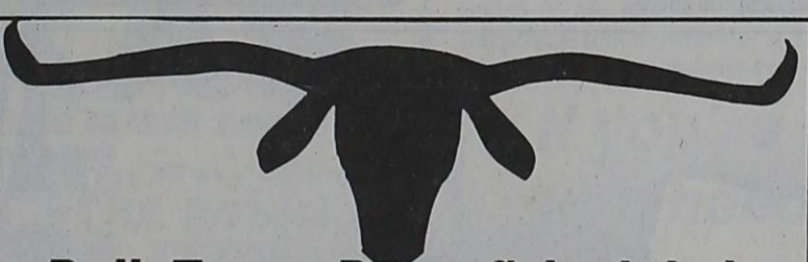
According to Police Chief Leon Saddler, five bicycle thefts were reported last week in Bovina.

The five bicycles had a total value over \$1,500. Saddler said they arrested four juveniles in conjunction with the thefts. The bicycles were recovered.

The youths were remanded to a probation officer in Muleshoe.

A person classified as a juvenile is age 10 to the day of their 17th birthday. Persons 17 and over can be charged as adults.

Chief Saddler also reported that recently a state and nationwide fingerprint database for juveniles has been instituted. Juveniles who commit crimes are now fingerprinted and their fingerprints are input into the computer system for future reference.



Bull Town Days Scheduled

It is time to think about Bovina's Bull Town Days.

The Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the annual event for August 10.

The Chamber of Commerce will cook hamburgers from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will also be a Coke wagon.

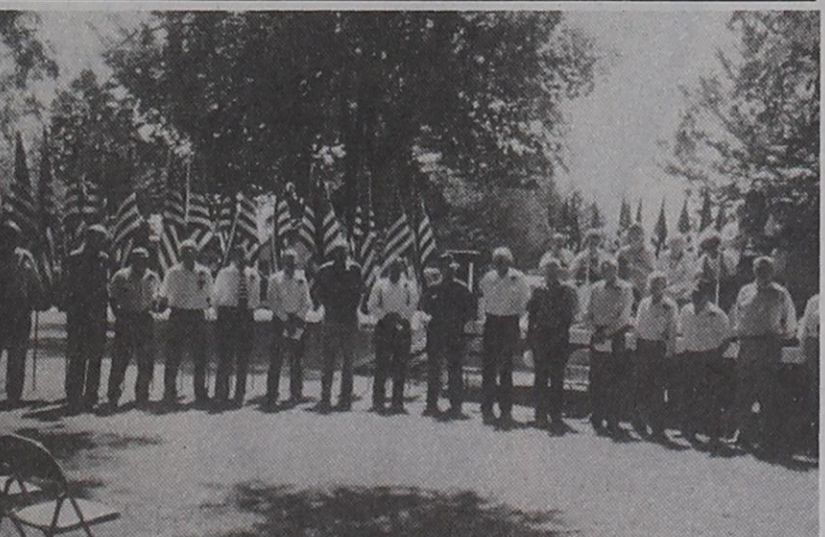
Food booths of any kind are encouraged, as well as game or craft booths. There will be no charge for booth space.

At this time, there is a parade, little buckaroo rodeo, and dance have been scheduled.

Suzan Hughes is parade chairman and says they need floats and entries. Contact Suzan for information.

There will also be many children's activities scheduled.

Anyone interested in helping with Bull Town Days, or anyone who would like a booth, can call Mary Steelman at 238-1252, or Brian Galloway at 238-1324.



VETERANS HONORED....At a Sunday memorial service on June 30, twenty-five local veterans were honored. Patriotism, flags, and hymns highlighted the services as Reverend B. L. Davis delivered the morning message. (Photo courtesy of Doris Sides.)



KEEP THE PARK CLEAN....City employees ask that you use the park, enjoy it, but keep it clean too. See this week's Out Here column.



FLAGS IN THE PARK..... Reverend and Mrs. B. L. Davis are flanked by a row of U. S. flags as Reverend Davis conducted a memorial service recently in city park honoring area veterans.

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Bovina ISD is accepting bids for the purchase of cafeteria foods and supplies, milk and transportation supplies (gas, oil). Interested bidders should contact:

Sue Nuttall, Supt.
 Bovina ISD
 Box 70
 Bovina, Texas 79009
 (806) 238-1336
 (806) 238-1578 FAX

Bids will be considered at a special board meeting on Aug. 1, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Last date to submit bids is July 29, 1996.

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CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for ReflectORIZED Pavement Markings in Parmer County. Covered by Project No. 600281001 will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside, Austin, Texas, 78704 until 1:00 p.m. on August 14, 1996 and then publicly opened and read.

A list reflecting the highways and limits along with applicable specifications relative to the Contract is available for inspection at the office of:

JoAn Gilley, Contract Administrator
 135 Slaton Road
 Lubbock, Texas 79404

and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division (CMD), Riverside Annex, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. (512) 416-2496.

The estimated costs for this project is \$130,927.

Only a Cashier's Check or Money Order or Teller's Check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for \$2,700 is considered acceptable. This proposal guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument or may be drawn on a non-bank and payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

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Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-AUG 8 1956

Approximately \$4500 worth of remodeling is being done on a wooden frame building located at the south end of Bovina High School's football field. The improvements will change the former classroom building into a "nice" field house for the athletic team.

The much planned and discussed curbs and gutters for Highway 60 are being put in. Construction on the improvements for the main route through Bovina began the middle of last week.

Sixteen new barrels of storage space are being added to the Sherley Grain Company's storage space, Harry Johnson, employee of the elevator, announces. The barrels will be 24 feet across. The addition will increase the elevator's storage capacity by almost one-third, or one million bushels. Construction of 200,000 bushels of storage space for Bovina Wheat Growers is scheduled to begin the latter part of this week. The new building will be located between the present concrete structure and the office.

35 YRS AGO-AUG 9 1961

Construction began this week on installation of water and sewer lines in an area west of south Eighth Street and south of Highway 84 in Bovina. The facilities are being installed for Ridgelea, Bovina's proposed housing development.

The "Golden Triangle" is the name that Roy Cowsert, mayor of Hereford, has proposed for Deaf Smith, Parmer, and Castro counties. These three counties are "the garden spot of the nation", Cowsert told a gathering at a recent meeting of the Hereford Rotary Club, and "much can be accomplished through a combined effort in promoting the area."

30 YRS AGO-AUG 10 1966

A hail storm Sunday afternoon in some areas around Bovina "wiped out" several hundred acres of cotton and vegetables and severely damaged the grain sorghum crop. The storm, which was accompanied by high winds and more than an inch of rain, evidently started west of Bovina in the Pleasant Hill area.

Preparing for a new schedule in a new district, the Bovina Mustangs began practice for the 1966 football season Monday afternoon. The team will be preparing for its first year of competition in Class A.

25 YRS AGO-AUG 11 1971

Rain, the good soil-soaking, farmer-pleasing, slow-falling kind, totaled two and one-half inches here Saturday night.

A new track for Bovina Schools is one of the goals of the

Bovina Mustang Club members who were collecting contributions from individuals this week. A total of \$950 had been raised by Monday afternoon. Cost of the track is expected to be about \$5,000.

20 YRS AGO-AUG 11 1976

Lou Nuttall, news editor and editor of the Bovina Blade since 1970, has resigned the position effective Monday, August 23. After a vacation, she plans to "probably help my husband during corn harvest," but has made no future plans.

A gala grand opening sale begins tomorrow at Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, as the business celebrates moving into its beautiful new quarters on the Dimmitt Highway.

15 YRS AGO-AUG 12 1981

Funeral Services for Charlie Gray, 97, were held at the Bovina First Baptist Church. He died August 9.

The twentieth annual Ellison family reunion was held in the Nogal Canyon August 1-2.

Carol Ware and Deborah Whitecotton were among 1,800 students qualified for the deans' honor rolls in the six colleges during the first term of the 1981 summer session.

Bovina residents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stowers are parents of twin sons, Ronnie and Donnie, born July 22.

10 YRS AGO-AUG 20 1986

Calvin F. Cook, 81, of Bovina, was listed in critical condition Saturday, resulting from the injuries he sustained when he apparently turned in front of another vehicle while turning into a truckstop in Clovis.

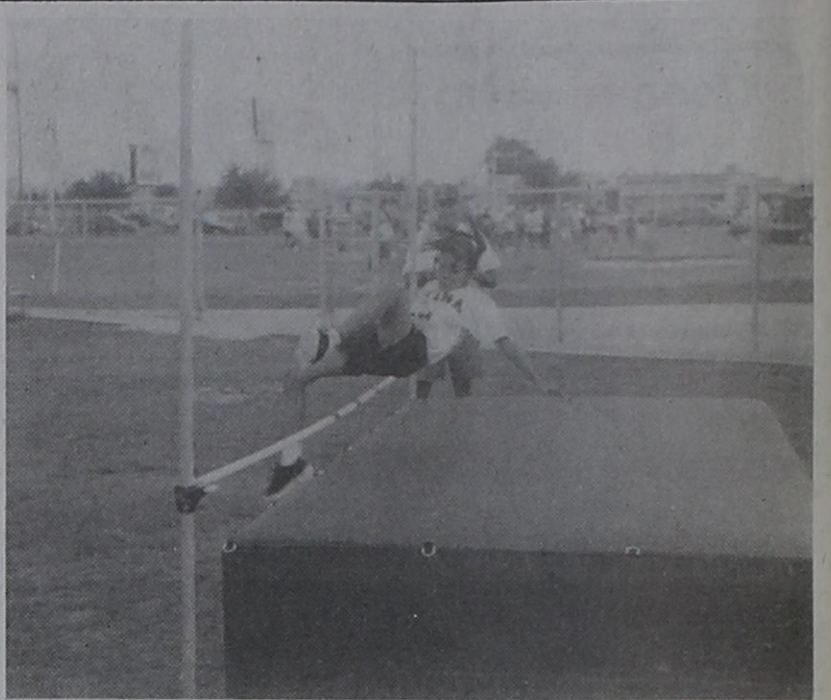
Maesie Flynn and her sister, Grace Parr of Friona, have recently returned from a trip to Alaska.

5 YRS AGO-IUG 17 1991

With a turnout of only about 12 per cent of the voters, local and county voters went to the polls last Saturday to cast their ballots in what was termed "one of the most confusing issues" that voters have faced in quite some time.

Andy Stormes, 17-year-old son of Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes, and Shane Branson, 17-year-old son of Glen and Martha Branson, competed in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association competition.

Phil Langston, local administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital for Preferred Management Corp. is being transferred back to Oklahoma. He is being replaced by Bill Neely, a native of Lake Whitney, who comes to Friona from Lindsey, Oklahoma, where he worked with the hospital there.



EASY DOES IT..... Learning the basics of the high jump during the summer track camp is Veronica Herrera. She cleared the bar and managed a soft landing.

ARE YOU PUTTING ME ON?

 A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

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Happy Birthday Bovina

Week of July 28-Aug 3
 Jul 29-Virgil Tritsch, Jay Be Barrett, Martha Guyman, David Cruz

Jul 30-Gabe Garner
 Jul 31-Phyllis Steelman, Sara Sorley, Derrick Saddler
 Aug 1-Clyde Blalock
 Aug 2-Jack Turner
 Aug 3-Mac Glasscock, Skyla Cockerham, Michael Jansen

To add friends or relatives to our Blade birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

Two-a-Days Scheduled

Bovina's Athletic Director and Head Coach Bobby Ortiz has scheduled the beginning of the Bovina Mustangs two-a-day workouts.

Ortiz says the workouts will begin on Wednesday, August 7. Workout sessions will be at 8 a.m. and after a break, the second workout will be at 10:45 a.m.

THANK YOU

We want to thank you all for the nice things you did for us during the loss of Jim's brother, Charles Russell of Hereford. We thank you for your calls, cards, flowers, memorials and prayers. We appreciated it so much.

Jim and Scooter Russell

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Out Here

By RON CARR

The opinions expressed within the confines of this column are not necessarily those of the newspaper management. Or anyone else, for that matter.

No Vehicles or Animals
Put Trash in Barrels
Park Closed at 10:00 P.M.
Fine Up To \$200 Violation

On July 4, the Friona Noon Lions Club organized a nice, laid-back, celebration at City Park for our country's 220th birthday.

We started cooking burgers and fries at 6 p.m. One of my jobs was to keep the French fries cooking for the approximately 400 people we served that evening. And to pick up trash.

There was homemade ice cream (I had two helpings), soft drinks, raffles, games, and entertainment.

It was a nice quiet celebration, with a lot of friendly people, and as usual I didn't win anything in the raffles.

What I did notice is what a nice thing it is to have a city park in small towns like Friona and Bovina where citizens can gather for community celebrations.

Who owns the city park? You do. Of course, it is owned and maintained by the city, but you, the

taxpayers, pay for it, so it is yours.

With that ownership goes not only responsibility, but obligations.

The park in Bovina has many wonderful trees, playground equipment, and picnic tables. But the rules at the first of this column say that you are not allowed in the park after 10:00 p.m. It could cost you \$200 if they catch you there, eating a bologna sandwich at midnight, quietly minding your own business.

Does anybody know why you can't be in the park after 10 p.m. in a little bitty burg like Bovina? In the big city it is easy. No one goes to a city park after dark out of concern for their lives.

But in Bovina? Isn't it a shame that we have to put up a sign that says put your trash in barrels? Shouldn't that just be lesson number one in life?

Friona's park doesn't have a curfew, probably because it is well-lighted and is across the street from the police station. So maybe Friona doesn't need to worry about clandestine activities taking place late at night in the park.

The Friona Heritage Society is to be commended for its work in bringing the old Depot to be the featured centerpiece of the city park. It was moved ten years ago next

month. The job took a lot of personal effort, not to mention contributions, to accomplish.

The Chamber of Commerce, especially the Women's Division, has been instrumental in maintaining and expanding the park. From the depot, to the gazebo, the new playground equipment, and the lighting and flowers, the city park is a credit to you citizens that have worked very hard.

But, as usual, I have a few questions.

I went to a lunch for Texas House Speaker Pete Laney at the Depot a few days ago. It is a great place to have lunches and socials.

Someone told me that when the depot was moved to the location, the original windows were all intact.

Window glass, in the old days, was not quite as clear as modern day glass. It had a tendency to be "wavy."

But, alas, I am told that since the old Depot has been in City Park, windows have been broken so that today only two or three of the old wavy windows remain.

As soon as the new playground equipment was installed, someone scratched graffiti into the plastic. Words have been carved into the back of the old depot railing.

And, so I am told, the gazebo has been used from time to time as a bathroom. Now come on, people.

Every man and boy in Parmer County has used the outdoors as a bathroom, but inside the gazebo?

Take your kids home if they need to use the bathroom while playing in the park. Don't teach them to use the gazebo.

On my weekly visit to Bovina last Monday, I took my kids Zach and Megan along. We decided to have lunch in Bovina's City Park.

It is a nice park, full of lots of trees and shade, a couple of picnic tables, and playground equipment.

The kids and I took our bologna, bread, chips, and drinks for lunch in the park. Except for a few flies, it was a nice place to spend the noon hour.

While the kids played on the merry-go-round and slides, I sat at the table and looked around.

I picked up a large cardboard Cheetos can, two Gatorade bottles, and about a dozen of those styrofoam fountain drink cups off the ground and put them in a trash barrel.

On one of the swing sets, someone had wound the swing chains of the four swings around and around the very top bar, and the

swings were not accessible for use.

There is a tall water faucet in the park. But when my kids tried to turn it on, it didn't work. The reason is probably obvious. People who turned it on, didn't always turn it off.

I didn't pick up all the trash, and the park wasn't a big mess, but I can only imagine what goes through the minds of the city employees who have to spend time cleaning up after people that could, if they were human, clean up after themselves.

The Friona Park, while it does not have as many trees as Bovina's, is a pretty, functional, more historical place.

Both are social green spots that have a big part in small town America.

So why is it so difficult to put trash in the barrels? It is a lesson in life that should be taught to children. Put your trash in the barrels, don't litter, and most of all don't do "damage" to city property.

In Friona, the Heritage Society, the Women's Division, and the City employees have put countless hours into the design and construction of the park, not to mention a lot of money.

Too bad it only takes the selfish actions of a few persons in Bovina or Friona to destroy the whole effect.

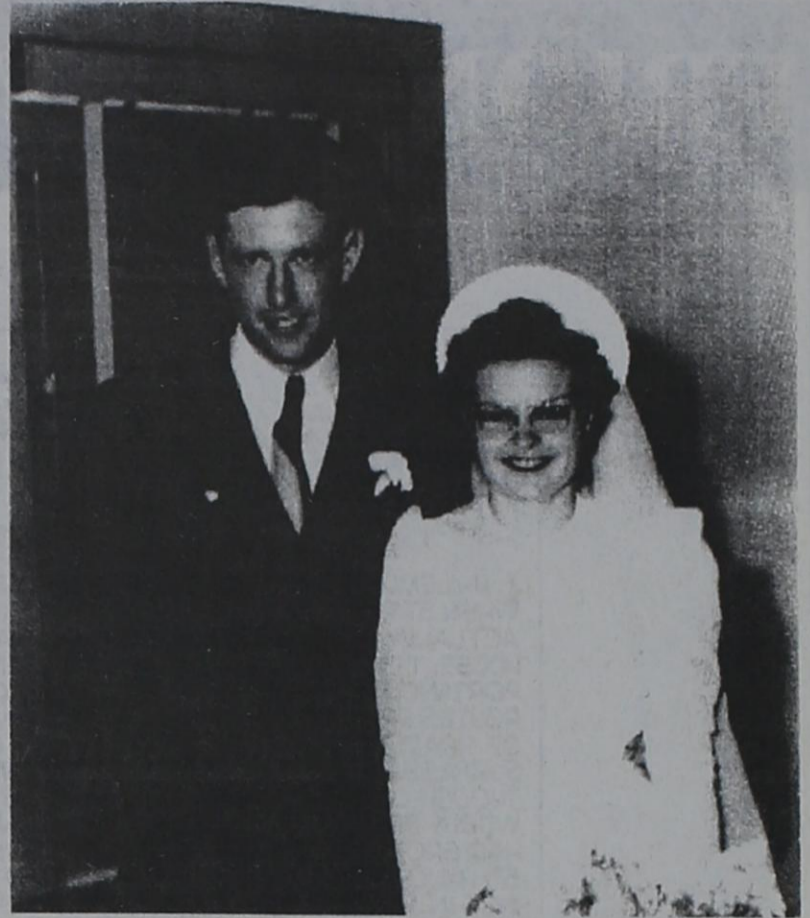
You know who you are. Get over it. Don't litter or mess with the city parks.

Cannon AFB Hosts Bands August 3

Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis is preparing for the BIG BATTLE-that is the BATTLE OF THE BANDS.

"Some of the best bands from New Mexico, Texas, and other surrounding states display their talents and showmanship during this event," Jeff Gardner, organizer of the battle said. "We also have great classic cars and motorcycles, giant flea market with lots of bargains, a crank it up car stereo contest, food drinks and good company. It is an event for families and singles alike."

The event opens at 8 a.m. with the battle of the bands starting at 2 p.m. Thirteen bands and 4,000 spectators participated last year. Bands wishing to enter should contact Schirete Zick, 27SV/SVXA, 101 W. Eureka Avenue, Cannon AFB NM 88103 or call 505-784-4723.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...Horry and Doris Poindexter will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house August 11. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Miller United Methodist Church hosted by their children and grandchildren. They were married August 11, 1946 at the Friona United Methodist Church which at that time was a "Basement Church." Cards may be sent to: HC 64, Box 8, Miller, South Dakota, 57362-9507.

TULIA LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INC.

Monday, July 22, 1996 Receipts 1701 Head

Compared to last week's sale good stocker calves sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Feeder steers and heifers sold fully steady. Packer cows and bulls traded steady to 1.00 lower.

HEIFER CALVES	STEER CALVES
22 mx 393# - 54.00	15 mx 489# - 60.00
39 mx 482# - 55.75	23 mx 576# - 62.50
27 mx 561# - 55.50	15 mx 414# - 64.00
46 mx 534# - 55.75	18 uf 585# - 60.75
28 mx 480# - 55.00	3 mx 348# - 70.00
14 mx 511# - 54.25	

FEEDER HEIFERS	FEEDER STEERS
3 mx 648# - 57.00	61 mx 744# - 62.25
3 mx 665# - 57.00	34 x bred 676# - 61.00
35 mx 593# - 55.50	26 mx 834# - 61.00
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Senator Phil Gramm Takes Ag Com. Seat

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm will take the Agriculture Committee seat that was left vacant by the departure of U.S. Sen. Bob Dole.

"Bob Dole's decision to leave the Senate made it possible for me to take on additional work on one of the Senate's key committees," Gramm said. "I appreciate having this unexpected chance to work directly on issues that affect the lives of Texas farmers and ranchers at a time when our state is being devastated by drought."

"My first and most critical mission on the Agriculture Committee will be to make certain that Texas agricultural products have every bit of assistance that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is capable of providing," the senator said.

"The federal government can't make it rain, but USDA has a

budget of \$63.08 billion of taxpayers' money and a mission to help farmers. I intend to make sure that help starts flowing faster and that it gets to the people who need it now, not sometime in the sweet by and bye.

"I mean to do everything in my power to make rural Texas not just a good place to live, but a good place to make a living again," Gramm said.

Sen. Gramm has previously served on the agricultural appropriations subcommittee. He currently serves on the Senate's Finance, Banking and Budget committees, and will retain those committee memberships. His appointment to the Agriculture Committee becomes effective following Senate ratification, which is expected to occur quickly.

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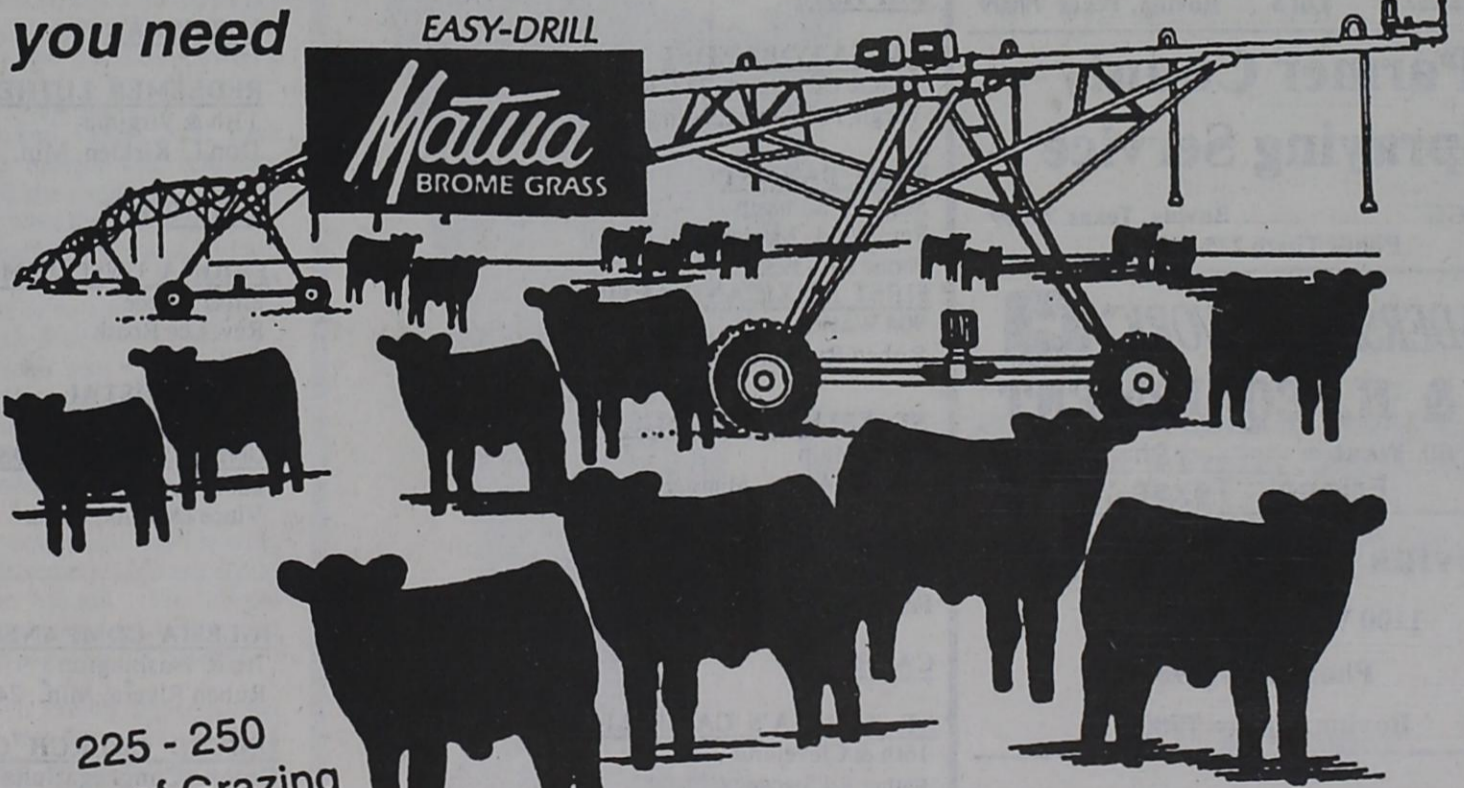


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A LETTER TO PHILEMON

PHILEMON WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE WHEN ST. PAUL WROTE TO HIM FROM ROME, PROBABLY IN A.D. 62. -- ACTUALLY, THE CHURCH IN COLOSSAE WAS IN PHILEMON'S OWN HOUSE. THE CITY, AT THAT TIME, WAS LOSING SOME OF ITS IMPORTANCE IN ASIA MINOR DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TRADE ROUTES FROM WEST TO EAST, HAD CHANGED THEIR SYSTEM OF ROADS AND THE NEIGHBORING CITY OF LAODICEA WAS SURPASSING COLOSSAE IN POSITION AND WEALTH, ALTHOUGH COLOSSAE WAS STILL FAMOUS FOR ITS FINE WOOL! BE THAT AS IT MAY A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HAD GROWN UP IN COLOSSAE AND OBVIOUSLY FROM ST. PAUL'S WRITINGS, THE CHURCH HAD ITS MEETINGS IN PHILEMON'S HOUSE. THE LETTER IS A BRIEF ONE, NOTING THE FACT THAT ONE OF PHILEMON'S SLAVES, BY NAME OF ONESIMUS, HAD RUN AWAY TAKING SOME OF PHILEMON'S MONEY AND MADE HIS WAY TO ROME WHERE ST. PAUL HAD CONVERTED HIM. PAUL SAYS HE WOULD HAVE GLADLY RETAINED HIM AS A FREE ATTENDANT BUT WOULDN'T TAKE THE LIBERTY WITHOUT PHILEMON'S CONSENT. SO HE SENT ONESIMUS BACK WITH THE LETTER SO PHILEMON MIGHT RECEIVE HIM AS A BROTHER CHRISTIAN AND FORGIVE HIM AS JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT US TO DO. PAUL, FURTHERMORE, PROMISED TO PAY ANY LOSS OF MONEY THAT THE NEW CONVERT HAD CAUSED PHILEMON (PHILE. VS. 18, 19). THE LETTER REVEALS THE EFFECT OF CHRISTIANITY ON SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS GENERALLY, THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND JUSTICE WHICH WERE DESTINED TO REORGANIZE SOCIETY!



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Carlene Jones, Ros Blankenship Are United In Church Ceremony

Carlene Jones and Ros Blankenship, both longtime residents of the Bovina area, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 8 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina.

Reverend Neely Landrum, Methodist minister, performed the wedding ceremony before a setting of votive candleabras and baskets of gladiolas, pink roses and spider mums.

Kathy Boozer, daughter of the bride, sang "Wedding Prayer" and "The Twelfth of Never," accompanied by Gwen Clements, organist.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by the groom. She wore a pink silk dress. The bodice was covered with an overlay of white lace accented with pearl buttons.

She carried a bouquet of pink tipped roses with greenery and baby's breath and wore white pearls, belonging to her daughter.

Donard Jones, son of the bride, and Lynn Blankenship, son of the groom, served as witnesses. Children of the couple preceded them down the aisle with the daughters carrying bouquets of pink roses.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

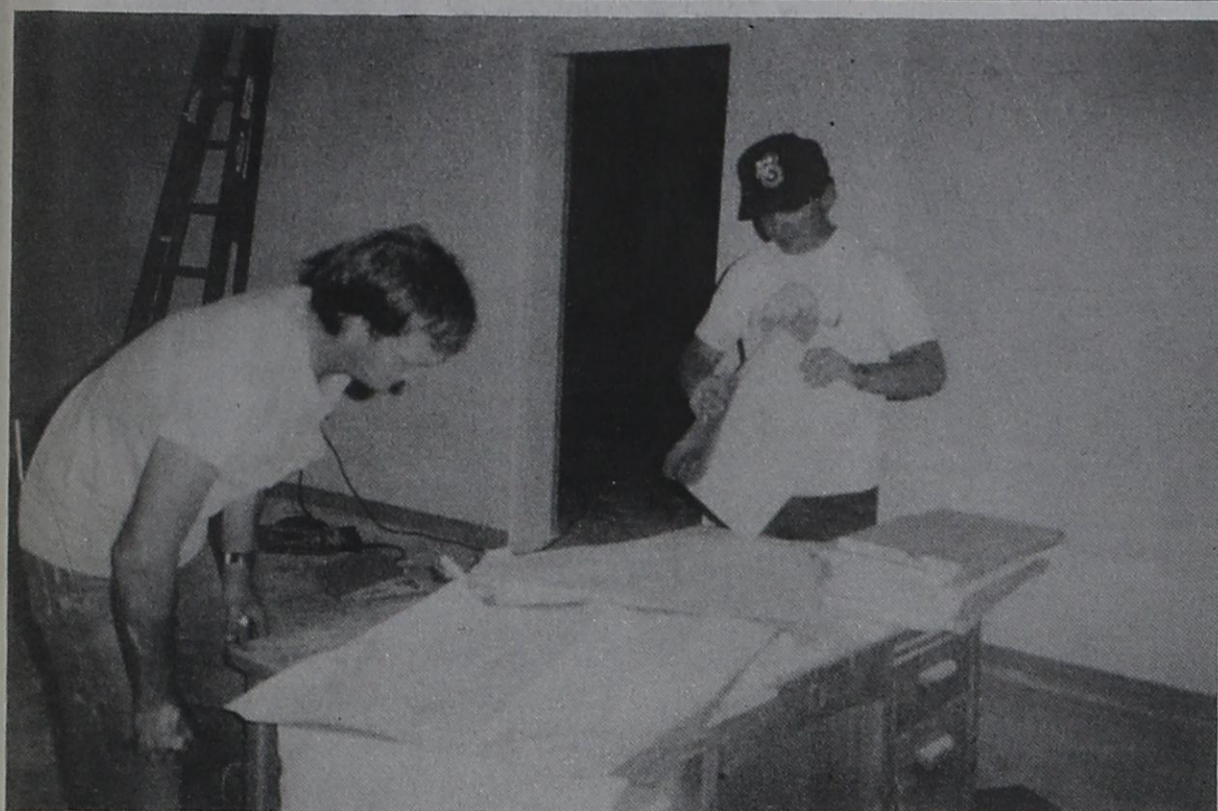
A white satin and lace cloth with pleats accented with pearl drops covered the serving table.

The two tiered wedding cake was decorated with white cream frosting with a cascade of pink iced roses, topped with a traditional bride and groom in a gazebo trimmed with white doves. Fruit



Mr. and Mrs. Ros Blankenship

punch was served with platters of fruit. Granddaughters of the bridal couple, Amy Boozer and Ramsey Bennett, served cake and punch. Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple is making their home in Bovina.



LET'S SEE NOW.....Where do these cabinets go? Work is progressing nicely on the cafeteria remodeling. Walls are up and the wood work on cabinets and doors has begun.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Luis Serna is going into the Methodist Hospital this week for angioplasty surgery. His family will be with him and he will only stay a couple of days before coming home.

Visiting from Houston were Karen Myers and her mother. Karen is Mark Clayton's fiance and was in Bovina for her wedding shower held last week.

Patsy Mejia underwent surgery in the last week or so at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She suffered a bout with pneumonia but her condition has improved and she will probably be released by press time.

Chris Alexander underwent surgery for the second time and her sister, Honey, said she will be going to Dallas in a few days for more surgery. Our thoughts are with her. Chris's mom is Rita Mast and her twin sister, Kathy, has been here with them from California.

Friends reported that Doris Strawn fell and broke her arm while in Nevada. She was traveling with Bernice Hartzog and her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Kay Strawn, got to Nevada about the time the accident happened so they brought her back. She is spending time with daughter, Judy, in Canyon. Her friends said it was a clean break and she didn't have to have a cast, only a sling.

I had a nice visit with Millie Sloan, who is here from T or C, New Mexico. Millie lived with Tom and Bessie Lloyd many years ago in Bovina and still has lots of

friends here. She attended the Kelly reunion on Saturday, held at the Farwell Community Center with 49 people attending.

On Sunday, Millie attended the Lloyd reunion held at the Bovina Senior Citizens' building with 47 people in attendance.

She spent some time with the Billy Smiths and a few days with Dick and Pernie Free.

Dolores Romero Rodriguez passed away. She was Rita Villarreal's mother. She was 93 years old and had lived in Bovina with the Villarreal's for some time. She died in the Muleshoe hospital. She was taken back to Edenburg for burial. We extend our sympathies to Rita and the family.

Grady Sorley's brother, Garland, suffered a fatal heart attack recently. Garland Sorley lived in the Houston area. He suffered the heart attack at his home. Our sympathies to the family.

Visitors in the home of Phyllis and Eddie Gayle Steelman are Wayne and Carmen Tucker. Wayne is Phyllis' brother. They spent a few days in Bovina, then went on to Colorado to a conference and returned to spend another week before returning to Florida.

Wayne is an administrator in the Park Avenue Baptist Church in Titusville, Florida.

Mary Alice Merrell has just returned from a trip to Huntsville, a Christmas gift from her son, Doyle. She flew to Huntsville and spent several days with son, David, who works at the Diagnostic Unit there.

Mary Alice spent the night in

Lubbock with daughter, Karen, before flying to Huntsville.

Carlene and Ros Blankenship have recently returned from a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso. They stayed two weeks and during that time, attended the horse races, dinner theaters and said it was beautiful there, and rained every day while they were there.

Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong and daughters, Kelsi, Kammi and Kasi, have recently returned from San Angelo.

Kasi is their nine-year-old daughter who entered the high jump in the AAU (American Athletic Union). Stephanie said she was the youngest contestant in the meet and placed tenth.

Joe and Esther Steelman and sons, Levi, Luke and Jake, had a good time in recent days at Eagle Nest, New Mexico, staying at their trailer. Levi said they fished mostly and just had a good rest. He also said it was so pretty there because of the good rains.

Bobby Pierson was on two weeks vacation from the bank where she works and suffered a gall bladder attack and had to have surgery. She said she had the laser surgery and got along fine.

She first went to the Muleshoe hospital but was taken to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock for the surgery.

On Monday, the Bovina ambulance drove to Floydada and got Eula Gross and transferred her to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She is Sue Fowler's mother.

Tony and Dottie Neal have been busy moving their children around and she was bringing me up to date on what they have going for them. Daughter Mindy of El Paso will be moving to Dallas on September 5, to attend the Parker Chiropractic School.

The Neals' son, Byron, will get his master's degree in August in ag engineering and is presently working on the Texas State Water Development Board at the state capitol in Austin.

Their son, Cain, and his wife, Leslie, are seniors at Texas A&M at College Station. The couple owns a business that designs and stores web pages on the "Internet."

Cherlyn Pruitt's father passed away. He was Homer Stone, 62, of Marble Falls, and died from a heart attack on July 12.

He was survived by his wife, Deice; three children, Cherlyn of Bovina; Randy of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Becky Conn of Granite Schoals, Missouri; and six grandchildren.

SMILE: At a party, old Charlie suddenly discovered that his wallet was missing. He jumped up on the table and yelled, "I had over \$500 in my wallet and I'll give \$50 for its return!"

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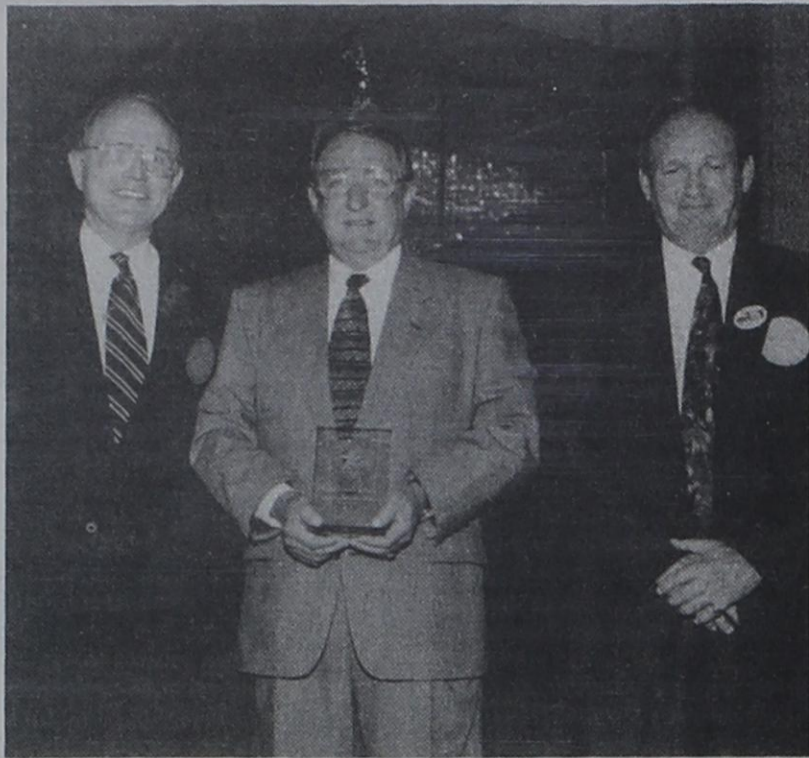
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HONORED.... Texas House Speaker Pete Laney (center), of Hale Center was honored as Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year. He is joined by Cullen M. Godfrey, president of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission (left) and John M. Brett, commission chairman (right).

Friona Man's Mother Is Buried Mon. In Dimmitt

Funeral services for Connie Lee Nelson, 51, of Dimmitt, were held Monday, July 22, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

She was born July 14, 1945 in Amarillo, Texas and died Saturday, July 20, 1996 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Nelson had resided in Deming, New Mexico before moving to Dimmitt in 1969. She married Stanley Nelson on August 2, 1964 in Dimmitt.

She grew up in Dimmitt and later moved to El Paso where she graduated from Bel Air High School in El Paso, Texas in 1963, had also attended Texas Western College in

El Paso where she met her husband. She was a licensed pharmacy technician and had worked for the Coleman Pharmacy in Dimmitt, Texas since 1986.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley N. Nelson; one son, Scott Nelson of Friona; three daughters, Lisa Morgan of Abilene, Laura Nelson of College Station and Leslie Nelson of Dimmitt; her parents, Johnny and Harriett Goodwin of Beaver, Oklahoma; one grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Huckabay of Dimmitt.

Also surviving are one brother, Dwayne Goodwin of Denver, Colorado and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Garland Coleman III, Butch Merritt, Glenn Merritt, Bruce Fuller, Carter Townsend and Sam Kirk.

The family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

Longtime Resident Was Buried In Friona July 22

John Rasmus Harris, 98, of Farmington, N.M. died Wednesday, July 17, 1996 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Harris was born December 1, 1897 in York, Oklahoma.

Services were held Saturday afternoon, July 20 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Farmington, with Rev. John Preston officiating. Interment was at the Friona Cemetery, Monday, July 22 at 10 a.m.

Harris became a christian at an early age and was a Southern Baptist. For 51 years he lived halfway between Muleshoe and Friona.

He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Farmington at the time of his death.

Survivors include one son, J. R. Harris and wife, Rosemary of Lake Havasu, Arizona; a stepson, Glynn Brashear and wife, Janie of Farmington; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Flora Patton Harris in 1960; and wife, Ruby Brashear Harris in 1984; and one son, Arnold Lee Harris in 1941.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Gary Harris, Mark Harris, Andy Brashear, and Mike Hodges.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brewer and Lee Colonial Heights Funeral Home.

Lazbuddie FD Receives Equipment

The Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department was honored Monday for receiving a life-saving heart defibrillator in a ceremony culminating their fund-raising efforts and a matching grant of \$2,500 from the Prudential Helping Hearts Program.

The Helping Hearts Program, a \$200,000 statewide and \$2 million nationwide matching grant initiative, enables volunteer emergency medical squads to purchase heart defibrillators. Approximately 84 volunteer squads across Texas will receive these units.

Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department is located on Highways 145 and 214 in Lazbuddie, with Terry Thomas as chief and David Stevens represented Prudential.

According to the American Heart Association, over 250,000 Americans who suffer cardiac arrest each year die before reaching a hospital. Use of a defibrillator by rescue workers in the field can more than double the chance of survival for a victim.

Defibrillators revive victims of cardiac arrest. Thousands of Texas residents, especially those located in suburban and rural areas, do not have access to this equipment because volunteer EMS units do not have the funds needed to purchase this vital equipment.

The Prudential started the "Helping Hearts" program to help volunteer emergency squads across the country purchase this equipment and has pledged \$2 million to volunteers across the country.

My Turn....

(Continued from Page 1)

to the days when people ruined their eyes while trying to read by kerosene lamps. Later, when you went to turn on the light, you'd trip over things while hunting for the cord hanging down in the middle of a dark room. But, of course, rural folks didn't even have this luxury until the late 1940s.

How about those trips to the outhouse on cold winter mornings? Which do you prefer, soft tissue or slick pages from the Sears-Roebuck catalog?

Remember when the family pet dogs and/or cats ate your table scraps instead of stuff from expensive little cans? The other day, one of the Olympic athletes from a small, poor country commented about how much food the American athletes wasted on their plates at every meal.

In the old days, if you were a liberal, people thought you were a Commie. Now, if you are a conservative, people think you are a Nazi.

Everything is relative to the time and place where we are in the present. Still, when it comes to reflecting on the past, I think the positive outweighs the negative by a long shot.

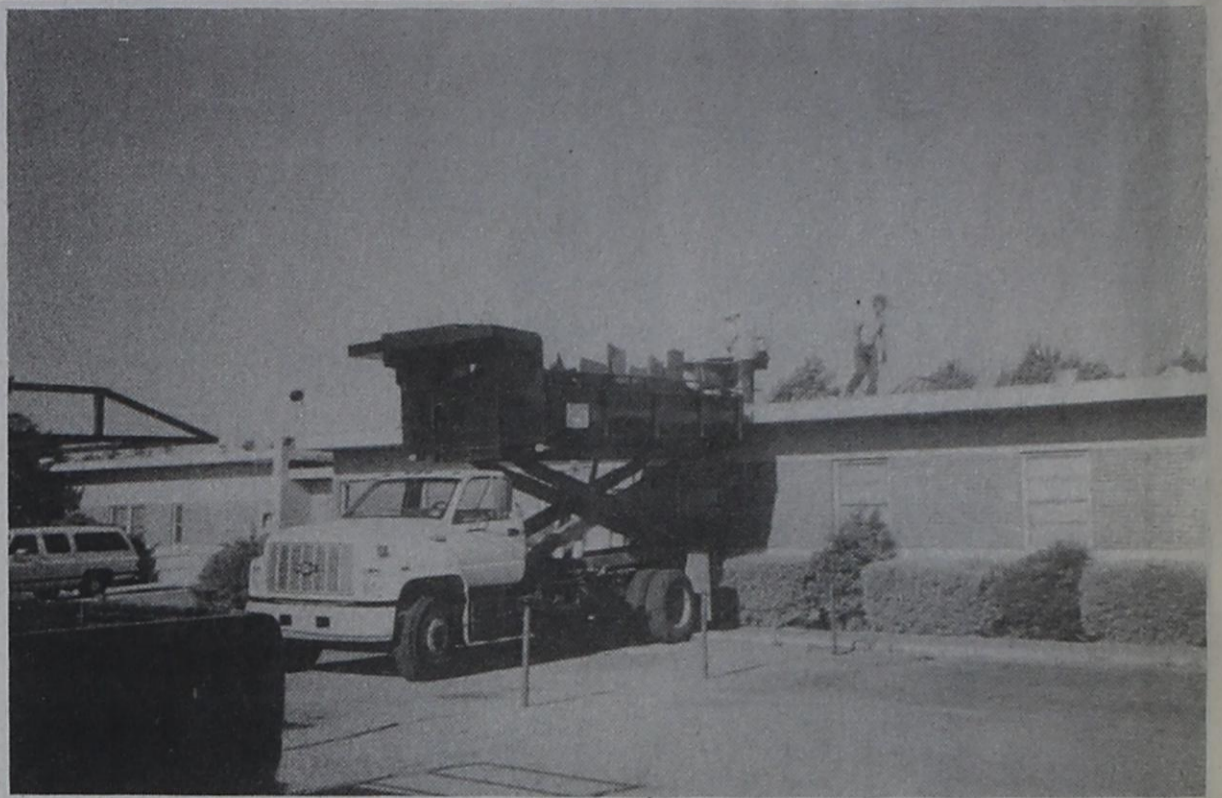
Museum To Offer Tour Series

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will offer Curator's Tours each weekday beginning August 5 and continuing through August 30. Tours will be from 3-4 p.m., led by PPHM staff members. A different area of the Museum will be highlighted each day.

Scheduled tours include "The Panhandle's Attic" each Monday by Bill Green, Curator of History; Pioneer Hall Murals each Tuesday by Michael R. Grauer, Curator of Art; Ethnology collection each Wednesday by A. J. Taylor, Curator of Archeology; "Lace, Lingerie, and Leg-of-Mutton Sleeves" each Thursday by Susan Denney, Assistant Curator of History; and Director's Choice each Friday (to include a variety of topics) by Walter R. Davis II, Director.

Some changes may occur in the area scheduled. If you need information on the tours or other Museum programs, you are asked to call 806-656-2244. The Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Admission is by donation and handicap facilities are available.

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