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WELCOME

visits santa....Jason Lusk, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lusk of Bovina, is shown visiting with Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer when Santa made a stop in Bovina recently. Santa will make a return visit, and stop at all of the homes in the area on Sunday evening, Christmas Eve.

Mother, Is There A Santa?

Mother, is there a Santa Claus, is there really one?
Mother if there is a Santa Claus, How does he really come?
I've never seen a reindeer fly And magic is make-believe.
How they could go around the world, I really can't conceive.

Mother, if there was a Santa Claus...
If his reindeer really flew,
If he could fly around the world
And bring nice things to you...
How could he go down chimneys
With the gifts flung on his back?
Why even one red bicycle
Would not fit into his sack.

Santa Claus, my child, is a mixture of these things:
Our love for one another
And the joy that giving brings.
Christmas was the birthday
Of the Christ Child long ago.
The star and angels in the sky
Were sent to let man know.

Giving gifts goes back to Bethlehem
And all the things that were...
The shepherds and the wise men,
The frankincense and myrrh.
Santa Claus is love, my darling,
Dressed up in red and white.
He is charity, goodwill toward men,
A symbol of God's might.

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes, Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated. The bird of dawning singeth all night long; And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad; The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike, No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm; So hallow'd and gracious is the time.

Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 1

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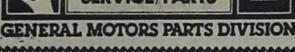
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Local Ambulance Is Well Equipped

Because of the generosity of businesses, civic clubs, indiviuals in the Bovina area, citizens can boast of one of the best equipped ambulance services in this part of the state.

Initially the Volunteer Fire Department supplied the vehicle and all basic equipment required by the state for the operation of an ambulance. Since that time the service has acquired additional equipment to make their operation easier, more efficient, and more comfortable for the patient.

Dick Richards, president of the Ambulance Service, stated "Without the cooperation of the people of Bovina, we would have been unable to provide the kind of care we

Blade To Skip Issue

Blade subscribers are receiving a larger than usual special holiday issue of the newspaper this week, containing special Christmas greetings from area business establishments, special news features, and letters to Santa Claus from Bovina area youngsters.

The Blade will not publish on its regular date next week (December 27), to enable its staff to be with their families during the holiday week.

believe is necessary. When the extrication kit which was ordered recently arrives, we feel our ambulance will be fully equipped to serve the people of this area. We want to express our gratitude to all of you."

Those who have made contributions to the ambulance fund include: Ralls Ambulance Service, Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, Parmer County Commissioners, Bovina Wheat Growers, Charles Oil Company, Sherley Grain Company, Funk Seed (Ralph Roming), Riverside Chemical Company, First State Bank, Agri-Sprayers, Dudley's Auto Supply, and Bond's Oil Company.

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Also, Slim Barron, Billy Whitecotton, Bovina Supermarket, Farm Bureau, Deaf Smith REC, Sherrill Lumber, Crop Care, Inc., Daryl Kirkpatrick, Bovina Blade, Bovina Study Club, and all those who contributed to the Christmas Card Project this year.

Bovina Ambulance Service, which began operation on November 1, has made sixteen runs, carrying eighteen persons to area hospitals. An additional training class for personnel and anyone else interested has been scheduled to begin in early January.

Reflections From The Blade

20 YEARS AGO-DEC. 17, 1958 More than 100 persons, including members and guests, were present Friday night last week when the Farwell Lodge No. 977 AF&AM celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeter and family over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Moss, Brad and Betty, all of Dallas. The guests arrived Friday evening.

A number of friends gathered Friday afternoon in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Woltmon, for a surprise visit. Mrs. Woltmon, 91, is reported to have enjoyed the visit and gifts the ladies presented to her.

15 YEARS AGO-DEC. 18, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison returned recently from Aruba, which is an island off the coast of Venezuela.

Mrs. Joe Mack Dutton was honored with a come and go bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinner entertained several couples with a dinner party Friday evening at their

Spanish Baptist Mission has planned its annual Christmas program for Tuesday evening, December 24, at 7 p.m. at Mission Church.

10 YEARS AGO-DEC. 18, 1968 Theft of approximately \$60 is being investigated here, according to City Marshall Ronald Mitchell.

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held its Christmas party last week when the group had dinner in Clovis. Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble were host to the Couple's Bridge Club in their home Wednesday night.

The Guadalupanas' fiesta was held December 12 at St. Ann's in Bovina beginning with mass at 7:30

++++ 5 YEARS AGO-DEC. 19, 1973 Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney of Bovina will be feted with a reception at their home west of Bovina Sunday on the occasion of their golden

wedding anniversary. Members of the Thrifty Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Douglas for that organization's annual Christmas

The Bovina 4-H Club met Saturday night at The Salt Company. Those attending played games and then went caroling. They also gave gifts of fruit and cookies to shut-ins in

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bartlett of Bovina were in Oklahoma City recently attending performances of the World Championship Finals Rodeo there.

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the pine cone

Legend has it that a pine tree sheltered the Christ Child during the flight of the Holy Family from Herod's soldiers. As the family huddled 'neath the tree, the pine dipped its branches to hide them - until the soldiers passed

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Yuletide . . . good times, good friends and warm feelings. We wish you

all these and thank you for your valued friendship and support. Have a happy!



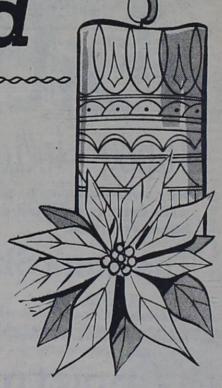
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We Will Be Closed Monday, December 25; Also Monday, January 1

The People And Businesses Whose Names Are Listed Here Have Cooperated With Project Christmas Card By Contributing The Money Usually Spent For Cards And Postage To A Special Fund.

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Of Bovina

Bank Announces Three Promotions

The Board of Directors of the First State Bank of Bovina, at their last directors' meeting promoted Stephen N. Sherrill to Vice President-Cashier. At the same meeting, Mrs. Henry Minter was promoted to Senior Assistant Vice President. Also, Mrs. Eldon Thatcher was promoted to Assistant Vice President.

Stephen Sherrill was reared in Bovina and attended public schools here. He is a graduate of West Texas State University of Canyon.

He has been associated with the bank for more than three years and he has been taking banking courses through the American Institute of Banking. Steve has just completed a course in Bank Investments. He has had top grade in each course. Sherrill helps to supervise all banking operations as well as a lending officer and he is the Security Officer.

Since returning home from college, Sherrill has been very active in civic work. He is currently president of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, has been Bull Town Days Chairman, and has been active in Little League Baseball.

Mrs. Ernesteen Minter is the wife of Henry Minter, and the mother of Gary, Lary, and Sandi Sides,

Mrs. Minter has been at the bank for six years. She has various banking duties as secretary, note payment teller, as well as window teller. She also works with Certificates of Deposit. Through the



LUNCH MENU

WEEK OF JANUARY 3-5, 1979 WEDNESDAY-Corn dogs, cheese wedges, carrot sticks, French fries, cornbread and butter, peach cobbler, and Borden's milk.

THURSDAY-Burritos, peanut butter, cabbage slaw, crackers, peach halves, and Borden's

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years, she has been a farm wife, and a cotton gin manager.

Mrs. Laverne Thatcher is the wife of Eldon Thatcher and the mother of Wayne Thatcher. She has been with the bank for more than eight years. Laverne was out of the bank for several months last year and surrendered the title that was re-awarded her. She enjoys serving the public in Bovina, and the local bank is proud of her banking career. She is chief window teller and she helps with the supervision of bank operations.

Mrs. Mike Spears has been employed at the bank to replace Mrs. Cindy Williamson who is moving to Brady, Texas. Mrs. Spears attended Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, and she is the wife of Mike Spears and the daughter-in-law of Wayne Spears.

Other personel in the bank include Mrs. Mark Gunnels and Mrs. Galen Hromas who works part time as a teller, proof machine operator, and does general banking duties.

Mrs. Judy Hromas is the wife of Galen Hromas and the mother of Darin and Matt.

Mrs. Deala Gunnels is the wife of Mark Gunnels and mother of Dale and Tana. She has been employed at the bank for the last several months. She has had a number of years as a legal secretary.

Mrs. Jane Kassahn, Vice President, is the wife of Jack L. Kassahn. She is the mother of Jim and Jan Kassahn. She performs all duties in the bank. She has 27 years of banking experience. Jane is a graduate of Intermediate School of Banking, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

Jack L. Kassahn, President, is a graduate of Texas A & M University with nearly thirty years of lending experience. He has worked for the Farmers Home Administration and Plainview Production Credit Association. Jack has been an officer of a commercial bank since 1959. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

At the meeting, the Board of Directors increased the surplus by sixty thousand dollars. The Capital of the bank will now be \$240,000.00, and Surplus \$320,000.00. The capital and surplus of the bank has had an increase from \$225,000.00 to \$560,000.00 in the past seven years. Kassahn stated that this has been

necessary because of inflation.



BANK EMPLOYEES PROMOTED. Pictured above are the three employees of the First State Bank of Bovina that received promotions that were announced this week. Left to right: Ernesteen Minter was

promoted to Senior Assistant Vice President. Stephen Sherrill was promoted to Vice President-Cashier, and Laverne Thatcher was promoted to Assistant Vice President.



ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE....Zenon Barnable Viernes, 25, of Elida, New Mexico, died as a result of a late evening accident on Tuesday, December 12, just outside of Bovina at the intersection of Highways 60

and 86. The driver of the second car, Andrew D. McCasland, 38, of Clovis was seriously injured. D.P.S. Trooper Gribble is shown examining the car that Viernes was driving.

Teams Split Games Against Muleshoe

The Mustangs, Fillies, and both J.V. teams played Muleshoe here Tuesday night, December 12, and split the four games played 2-2.

The Mustangs put on a good display of basketball by beating the Mules 52-47. Del Ray Sudderth and Roy Shelby both contributed 14 points for the Mustangs.

The Fillies fared worse though, losing to the Muleshoe girls, 34-45. Elyese Moody put in 10 points for the Fillies, and Sandi Sides hit the bucket for eight points in the losing

The Mustangs J.V. also lost to the Muleshoe J.V., 21-60. The high scorers for the Mustangs were Lee Reyna with 11, and Ricky Shepherd and Richard Lowe with four points

The Fillies J.V. won the second of the two games Bovina won with a 44-39 victory over the Muleshoe J.V. girls. Connie Shelby tossed in 16 points for the Fillies, and Juanita Serna contributed 13 points.

MUSTANGS 13 Muleshoe Del Ray Sudderth 14; Mike Read 2; Ruben Salazar 11; Roy Shelby 9; Harvey She, herd 14; Ronnie Cary 2.

FILLIES Muleshoe Sandi Sides 8, Denise Read 2, Elyese Moody 10, Kim Naegle 4, Belinda Shelby 5, Laura Widner 2, Karen Schillings 3.

MUSTANG J.V. 4 11 Muleshoe J.V. 16 30 Lee Reyna 11, Richard Lowe 4, Ricky Shepherd 4, Ricky Jamerson

FILLIES J.V. 15 Muleshoe J.V. 4 10 Tana Nix 8, Juanita Serna 13, Donda Griffin 6, Connie Shelby 16.

Ambulance Course Set

The Bovina Ambulance Service announces an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training course. The course will consist of eighty hours of classroom work and forty hours of in-hospital training.

The course will be held in Bovina each Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-11 p.m. It will begin on January 8, and will continue for ten weeks. No pryor training will be necessary for people interested in

Cost for the course will be \$22 for tuition and approximately \$18 for the books for the course. If you are interested or need further information please contact Rev. Dick Richards at 238-1124, office; or 238-1674, home. Don Springs at 238-1659, store; or 238-1552 home. Or the city hall at 238-1116.

Taking the training will in no way obligate you to serve on the ambulance crew. If you would like to serve on the crew, upon completion of the course, you need to write a letter to that effect and the Service will place you on a waiting list if you

are accepted.

Santa Sets Visit

Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, Kris Kringle or St. Nicholas, will arrive in Bovina on Friday, December 22, while on his annual pre-Christmas journey through surrounding towns, according to word received here by Bovina civic organizations.

The easily-recognized, jolly old gentleman will be in downtown Bovina at approximately 3:30 p.m. He has been able to fit his visit here into his very busy schedule and it is known his reindeer are ready for the trip, with the irrepressible Rudolph

No landing facilities are available in the downtown section, so members of the Fire Department will meet Santa Claus outside of town and escort him to Main Street in the fire turck, where he will distribute candy to the children and visit with them for a while.

Children and little tots can meet and talk with Santa because school buses will pass the spot where he will be stationed as they proceed from the schools to their home bound The favorite of children worldwide

St. Nick will make his visit here under the auspices of the Bovina Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Conversations with Santa's assistants at the North Pole during the week confirmed that he will accept delivery of letters addressed to him that had been sent to this newspaper by area children.

Santa will pick up the letters in person for his careful attention before he begins his night-time journey on Christmas Eve.



Happy and Holy Holiday Season to all of our good friends. We hope the season finds you peaceful and comfortable.

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HD Club Has **Xmas Party**

lub met Monday night, December l in the beautifully decorated home Helen Potts. This was the club's nnual Christmas Party.

Beth Thompson and Billie Vaughn f Friona gave an informative Cecelia, Retta and rogram on "Creative Gift Wrap- and Carol DeLeon. ing." Inexpensive and elaborate nethods of wrapping and trimming ackages were shown.

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Velvet rose corsages were resented to these special guests: aura Jacobs of Farwell, Beth Thompson and Billie Vaughn of Friona and Mardee Grissom of

Laura Jacobs, Parmer County Extension Agent, gave a program on "Holiday Cooking." She made Festive Cheese Balls, Bacon Pinwheels and Chocolate Fondue. These along with candy made by Martha Schueler, German Fruit Cake and Vi Coffee were the refreshments. Miss Jacobs was given a necklace and earrings from

New members present were

The Rhea Home Demonstration Wynelle Ruszenas, Nita Dale and Judy Schlenker. Other members present were Helen, Judy and Krita Potts, Malinda Schlenker, Sarah Dean, Ona Patterson, Ruth Drager, Sue Smith, Gay Taylor, Martha, Cecelia, Retta and Donna Schueler

Gifts were exchanged and it was decided to discontinue having secret pals for this year and everyone bring a \$5 gift for exchange at the 1979 Christmas Party.

Helen Potts was given a notice that she will receive a set of drinking glasses from the Club imprinted with "Helen Potts-Farm Wife of the Year." A beautiful wall plaque was given to the president, Cecelia

Prairie Acres Shampoo Chair Fund. A community family Christmas
Party will be held Thursday,
December 21 at 7 p.m. at the Rhea
Parish Hall. Gag gifts for adults and
childrens' gifts should all be \$2 or under. Christmas goodies are to be brought by each family.



The club voted to donate \$25 to the GRADUATES....Stella Washington of Muleshoe graduated from Eastern New Mexico University last Friday with a degree in sociology. Her daughter, Brenda Griggs, is a Bovina resident. Mrs. Washington is a wife, mother of nine, grandmother of sixteen and has three great-

Hospital Report

Tom Jarboe, Friona; Mary Ruth Baird, Hereford; Dora Valadez, Friona; Ben Cantu, Bovina; Bearl Broyles, Friona; Leticia Marlow, Farwell; Phillip Veazey, Friona; Mitch Gill, Sundown; Calvin Cook, Bovina; Susie Cunningham, Friona; Donna Haseloff, Farwell; Juanelle Jordon, Hereford; James Cooper, Friona; Kevin Phelps, Clovis, N.M.; Vanessa Hudson, Friona; Thelma Bull, Dimmitt.

DISMISSALS-

Audie M. Lewis, Ricky McDonald, Beverly Caswell, Tom Jarboe, Shirley Jarrett, Tom Munoz, Linda Osborn and baby girl, Hazel Kay Kendrick, Armondo Fuentes, Mary Ruth Baird, Dora Valadez, Leticia Marlow, Phillip Veazey, Mitch Gill, Calvin Cook, Antonia Baca, Melba Allen, Pablo Aguirre, Ada Houser, Ben Cantu, Bearl Broyles.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL-

Dick Rocky, Susie Cunningham, James Cooper, Vanessa Hudson, Juanelle Jordon, Thelma Bull, Donna Haseloff, Kevin Phelps.



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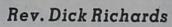
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> Mensaje-11: 30 a.m.-Union De Pre Preparacion-5 p.m. Miereoles Estudio De La Biblia-7: 30 p.m.



I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play,

and wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men! I thought how, as the day had come

The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head: There is no peace on earth," I said, For hate is strong

And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men." Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead; nor doth He sleep! The wrong shall fail

The right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men!" HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, 1807-1882

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We want to say "thank you" for all of your expressions of love and concern shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Von's brother, Earl. Thank you for your prayers, sympathy cards, flowers, food and for all other acts of

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen

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Chapter Initiates New Members The Iota Eta Chapter of the Delta Howard, Karolene Inman, Edith

Kappa Gamma Society met on December 2 in Friona's Federated Club House.

The meeting was called to order by chapter president, Leota Hardgrove. Christmas decorations were the setting for the program, "A Time To Build."

Two new members, Jean Patschke and Billie Carlyle, were initiated into the chapter by installing officers, Fay Reeve, Karolene Inman, Leota Hardgrove, Lois Miller, Thelma Coffey and Rosemary Melton.

Escorts for the initiates were Edith Martin and Judy Howard. Songs, "The Delta Kappa Gamma Key" and "Symbols" were pre-sented by Patricia Owen, Joyce Hargrove and Elizabeth Phillips.

Hostesses for the dinner meeting were Vera Beil, Ethel Benger, Bettye Jarboe, Lora Mae McFarland, Tommie Mercer and Jo Witten. Dinner music was played by Jo Witten.

Friona members present were the hostess and Mary Bavousett, Wana Brewer, Katherine Caudill, Thelma Coffey, Iona Cook, Margaret Duggins, Elizabeth Gore, Leota Hardgrove, Juaenine Lambert, Rosemary Melton, Jeanne Moseley, Valoris Osborn, Carmaleet Truitt, Fay Reeve and Cheryl Weatherly.

Attending from Farwell were Frances Boling, Hattie Coffer, Joyce Hargrove, Patricia Owen, Judy

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The next meeting will be in Bovina on January 11. A White Elephant Sale will be held.

DURING HOLIDAYS

Texas DPS Predicts 79 Traffic Deaths

The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety today warned that the upcoming Christmas and New year holiday periods could be the deadliest in recent years.

Colonel Wilson E. Speir said that while traffic deaths statewide have been running about eight per cent over last year, death counts for the 1978 July 4th and Labor Day holiday weekends ran 40 to 45 per cent over

Based on these trends, Speir estimated that 44 persons will die in Texas traffic during the Christmas weekend from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22, through midnight Monday, December 25. He said another 35 deaths are likely in the New Year period from 6 p.m. Friday, December 29, through midnight Monday, January 1.

At the end of preliminary holiday

reported in the Christmas period and 30 during the New Year holidays.

Speir said all available DPS troopers will be on duty, and they and local officers will be working to keep traffic moving safely.

"I have asked our personnel to place special emphasis on removing drunks and reckless drivers from the streets and highways," the DPS

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director added. "We will continue to work with the news media to keep motorists posted' on unusual traffic conditions, and to advise them on where and why serious holiday accidents are

occuring," Speir said. He noted that if present trends continue through the end of December, the state's traffic death toll will reach or exceed 4,000 for the first time in history. A record, 3,698

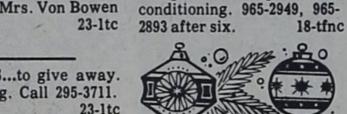
If you come upon an accident, you are asked to leave the victim in the car

unless there is danger to the person from fire or noxious gas. If you can make them comfortable, do so, but wait for the ambulance crew to remove them. You

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Fillies Capture Third In Friona Tournament

The Bovina High School Fillies captured third place in the Friona Invitational Tournament in action December 14, 15, and 16. The Fillies won their opening game against Tulia, 46-34. In their second game of the tournament, the Fillies lost to Stratford, 31-47. In their third game, which was for the third place trophy, the Fillies looked like the team they really are, and throughly trounced the Canyon J.V. 62-32.

The Mustangs, who were also in the tournament, came home after two disappointing losses. The Ponies first loss was to the tournament winner, Tulia, 49-68 The Mustangs lost their second game, which put them out of the tournament to Stratford, 53-59.

In Junior Varsity action, the Fillies J.V. also won third in the Springlake-Earth J.V. Tournament. The Fillies won their first game against the Sudan girls, 31-15. In the second game, the Fillies lost to the Farwell girls in an exciting overtime game, 37-38. The game for third place in the tournament was against the Hart J.V., and the Fillies won, 59-47.

The Mustang J.V. also played in the Springlake-Earth J.V. Tournament, where they won one game and lost two. The Mustangs won the first game against the Sudan J.V. 43-40. In their second game, the Mustangs dropped one to the

Springlake-Earth J.V. 20-36. The Mustangs second loss of the tournament came at the hands of Amhearst, 32-42. FILLIES

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Club Has **Xmas Meet**

Members of the Thrifty Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party last week in the home of Mrs. H.H.Kelso.

The group spent the afternoon visiting, revealing secret pals, and opening Christmas presents.

During the business meeting, one new member, Sid Lloyd, was accepted, and officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Ola Epperly, president; Artie Faye O'Hair, vice president; Louise Douglas, secretary-treasurer; and Mona Smith, reporter.

Refreshments were served to several guests: Louise Douglas, Montie Turner, Ruby Jones, Charlene Jones, Laverne Rice, Sid Lloyd, Erma Bradshaw, Charlsie Eubanks, Ola Epperly, Nettie Charles, Mona Smith, Lola Grissom, Pearl Grissom, Ella Dixon, Minnie Kelson and Artie Fave O'Hair.

Winners

Are Named

The Bovina Lions Club announced the winners of the 1978 Christmas Home Decoration Contest. The winner of first place, and the \$25 prize money, is Roberto Martinez. Mr. Martinez's home is located at 1106 Avenue D.

Second place went to Bret Whitten of 902 Sherwood. Whitten will receive \$15 for his second place

Third place was won by Patti Sherrill of 920 Sherwood. Patti will receive \$10 for third prize.

Congratulations to the winners and please drive by these homes some night and see why they were picked as this year's winners. The Lions Club is to be congratulated for a job well done and for their contribution to the Christmas spirit around the community.

O.L. Sets **Xmas Party**

The Oklahoma Lane Community will hold its annual Christmas Tree on Sunday night, December 24, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Oklahoma Lane Community Center.

This will be the 54th year for the Christmas program to be conducted for the community.

Anyone wishing to donate is asked to contact Harold Carpenter.

School Gives Weather Info.

Bovina residents are encouraged to tune either of the radio stations listed below regarding information on weather conditions affecting school opening-closing and bus

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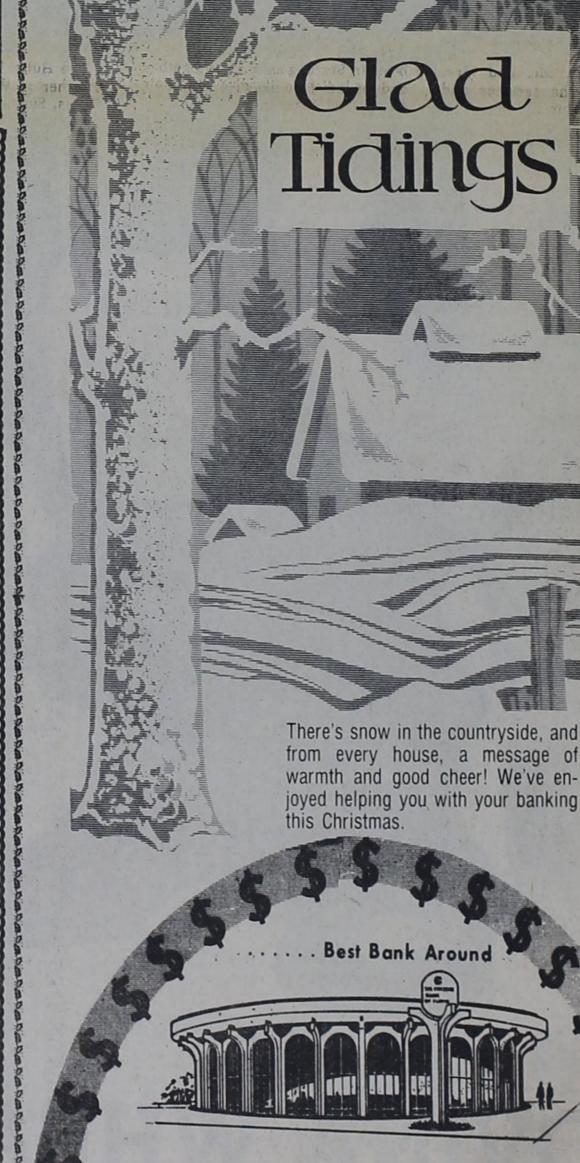


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Midland, Dana Harris of Clovis,

Gene, Vi, Latoya and Tommy Hutto

of Bovina, Donna Beth Lide, Jay and

Furne Harris, also of Bovina,

Grandma Hutto of Littlefield, and

the hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Ed

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Due to an error in the mailouts to

the Catholic people of this area, and

also in the Friona area, the priest

has asked that I print their

Christmas schedule in the Scoops, so

Christmas Schedule

St. Ann's-Bovina, Sunday, De-

cember 24, Midnight Mass; Monday,

St. Teresa's--Friona, Sunday,

Monday, Christmas Day, 10:30

Sunday, December 31, St. Ann's,

Monday, January 1, St. Ann's

Sunday, December 31, St. Te-

resa's, Friona Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 1, St. Teresa's

Blade subscribers are receiving a

larger than usual special holiday

issue of the newspaper this week,

containing special Christmas greet-

ings from area business establish-

ments, special news features, and

letters to Santa Claus from Bovina

The Blade will not publish on the

regular date next week, December

27, to enable its staff to be with their

The next issue will be January 3.

I talked with Dorothy Stowers

CHRISTMAS BERRY JELLY

Need a last-minute stocking mon stick in a cheesecloth bag

stuffer or small gift that shows and add to the mixture. Bring to a

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hours to track it down in the powdered pectin and bring to a

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families during the holidays.

New Year's

December 24, night Mass at 10 p.m.

Procession with infant.

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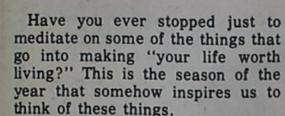
Mass at 10:30 a.m.

youngsters.

December 25, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

here it is:

Hutto and son, Bud of Clovis.



To be an American is something to be proud of in spite of taxes! The privilege of attending the church of our choice...to choose the vocation or profession we desire...just to be able to be "free." This is America.

At this time of the year we should pause and give thanks for all our blessings...to have eyes that will see to read what we are writing ... ears that will hear the ring of the phone or the buzz of the doorbell...hands that will move at our direction...legs that will carry us next door...these along with countless other things that can't be bought should make us ever so grateful.

We think, too, of the privilege of living in Bovina with people who care...who are interested in us...who help us and encourage us...all these things go into the making of "life worth living."

May your joys, happiness, good fortune and opportunities be exceeded only by an extra abundance of good health throughout the coming year.

News around town--

Brenda Griggs of Bovina was telling me how proud she was of her mother, Stella Washington of Muleshoe, who graduated from Eastern New Mexico University last Friday with a degree in sociology. Mrs. Washington is a wife, mother

nine, grandmother of 16, great-grandmother of three and now a college graduate!....Our Congrat-

Funeral services for Earl Bowen, 65, were held Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Wellington. Bowen died last Wednesday after a lengthy illness following surgery about a year ago.

He is survived by his wife and two children. He was the brother of Von Bowen of Bovina. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen attended the services and returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Lorene Jefferson entered the Clovis hospital Wednesday and was released Friday. I saw her at the Beauty Shop Saturday and she seemed to be doing pretty good. It's hard to tell about her because she is always such a pleasant person.

Recently Carolyn and Prentes

Pruitt have had pheasant hunters spend some time with them.

Last week Prentes's sister and her husband of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Robinett were with them for nearly a week and the Gary Coxes were with them during the first weekend of hunting season.

Carolyn said the men had good luck and they all enjoyed a good

Last Thursday, R.T. Harbour received a "pretty Christmas" from a thoughtful group of R.A. boys of the Baptist Church.

They came to his home and brought a Christmas tree decorated with 20 little gingerbread characters that the children had made and stuffed.

He wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to: Scotty Riley, Kirk Scott, Chad Clayton, Frank Wilson, Kendell Webb, Chris Zehner, Bud Venable, Jarrett Dale Turner, Randy Stone and also the ladies who accompanied the boys, Mrs. Kathy Riley and Mrs. Sandra Clayton.

An Elida man was killed Tuesday night, December 12, in a two-car collision at the intersection of Highway 86 and Highway 60 near

The dead man was identified by Texas State Troopers as Zenon Bernable Viernes, 25. He was pronounced dead on

arrival at Clovis High Plains Hospital.

Also injured was the driver of the other auto, Andrew D. McCasland, 38, of Clovis. He was transported by Bovina ambulance to Clovis High Plains Hospital. Last reports were that his condition was unstable.

I talked with Louise Christian who was telling me about their family get-togethers at Christmas time. She came from a family of ten girls and one boy, so for the past 16 years they have celebrated in a very special way. The brothers-in-law and her brother, Sterling have a get together and the ladies do likewise with their sisters and sister-in-law.

This year they celebrated with a Mexican food meal and exchanged gifts last Friday night.

Sterling Donaldson hosted the party for his brothers-in-law and those attending were: Harold Carpenter, Frank Edwards, Joe McWilliams and Charlie Hromas of Farwell, Clyde Sparks and J.C. Boone of Clovis, Jess Terry and

Arnold Hromas of Bovina.

The ladies met at the home of Ruth Boone of Clovis and those attending were: Maybelle Edwards, Tressie Sparks, Margaret Terry, Ruth Jucker, Dorothy Donaldson, Beulah McWilliams, Amy Hromas, Gladys Hromas, Avis Carpenter, Louise Christian and their host, Ruth Boone.

Sounded like they had a wonderful

The Bovina School Tax Office will be closed December 25 and 26 and also January 1 and 2. Please keep this in mind.

James Little, Director of Bands for the Bovina ISD has announced the scheduling of the Band Concert to be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening, December 21, in the school auditorium. Groups to perform include the Fifth Grade Band, the Sixth Grade Band, the Junior High Band and the High School Concert Band.

Admission for the concert is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students 3-12 and there will be a pie and coffee time following the concert and the charge will be 75 cents.

The public is invited to attend. ++++

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Estes announce the birth of their twins, a boy and a girl, born in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

A son, Arron Luke, born at 10:43 a.m. measured 191/4 inches long and weighed six pounds and ten ounces, and a daughter, Krista Gayle, born at 11:01, was 181/2 inches long and weighed six pounds and two ounces.

Grandparents of the infants are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Marcilino Baraza of Ackerly, Texas.

By the way, the Esteses only have two children and both of them had a set of twins each. I wonder how often that happens?

The other set belong to Billy and Suezy Smith of Bovina...Arlene and Darlene.

The Hutto family had Christmas together at the Ed Hutto home in Clovis, Sunday.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Hutto, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hutto and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rucker and daughter, all of Tulia. Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Hutto and son Keith of Dimmitt, Doyce Hutto of Littlefield, Twyla, Terry and Jason

Lusk, Nancy, Kim and Blake of

Bovina, Tammy, Robert, Tracy,

Santa

Letters

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I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me a bike and a surprise. I will tell you.

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me Spark plugs BB

I want a walkie talkie, Stretch Armstrong, Spider-

man that has his arms

down, Star War collection,

Battlestar Galactica, Milky

the Cow. Gobble the Goat.

I wish I had a baby burp, so can you bring me one and a watch? I have been good

P.S. Please bring something for my little sister Belinda.

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My name is Alan and I am 21/2 years old. I have been a

good boy so please bring me a train set and a guitar.

Please bring all the other

little boys and girls some-

thing also. Tell Rudolph

Thank you Santa.

Dear Santa,

Santa Claus.

Dear Santa.

hello for me.

Libby Marshall

Love,

Jeffery Perez

Gabriel Ramos

Consuelo Garza

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Alan Hromas

Dear Santa.

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gun and a bike.

Dear Santa,

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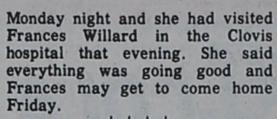
mace and sugar together in a large onds and stand upright to cool. saucepan. Tie cloves and cinna- Yield: about 4 half-pints.



skim. Pour jelly into hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/8-inch head Mix apple and lemon juices, space. Adjust dome lids and red hots, water, food coloring, bands. Invert jars for a few sec-



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The Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, December 27, at the "Spot". This will be a luncheon and will start at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

The father said, "Junior, one more bite like that, and you'll leave the

The lad responded, "One more bite like that, and I'll be through." ++++ Merry Christmas and Happy New

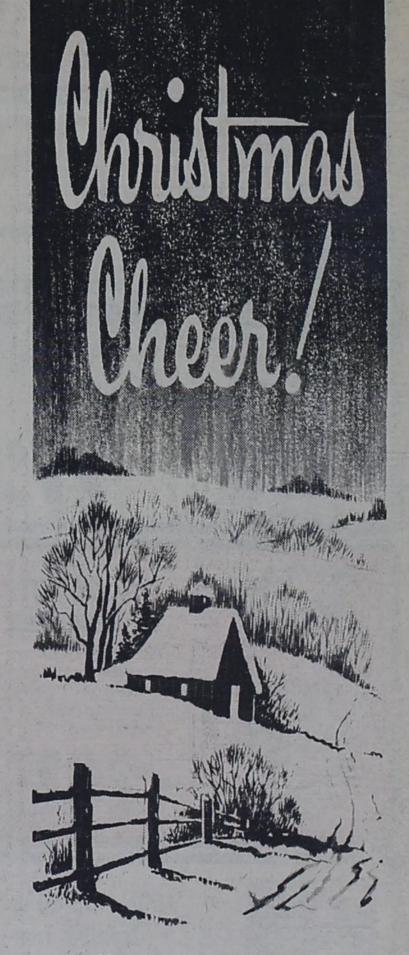
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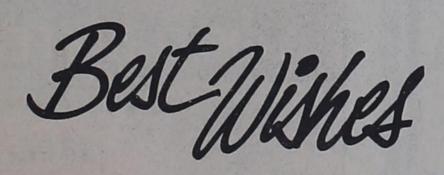
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Section Two

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Newsmakers For 1978 Are Given

Residents Help Make '78 News

JANUARY

The American Agriculture Move-ment staged a Tractor-Cade in Clovis. "It was a friendly movement. No blockades or picket-ing was planned," said Ralph Roming, spokesman for the local

Jessie Stone won the annual "longest tailfeather contest" with a 25¼ inch tailfeather. He received a check for \$15 from the Bovina Gin. Jessie's brother Wayne was the 1977

Jessie's brother Wayne was the 1977 winner.

The City of Bovina declared war on stray dogs in an effort to control the problems caused by dogs roaming the streets. The first step was to vaccinate and tag all owned dogs in the city. The second step was to issue citations to all owners who allowed their dogs to roam free. Step three provided for the elimination of the unowned, stray dog population. "Crazy Frills," a five-year-old filly owned by C.E. Trimble, was voted Best Sprinter of the Year for the fall session at Sunland Park. The filly was also named Best Thoroughbred Filly or Mare and Best 870 Horse.

Jackie Hoffman and Bill Caldwell were united in marriage in a

Jackie Hoffman and Bill Caldwell were united in marriage in a ceremony Tuesday, December 27, 1977, at Lubbock.

The Bovina High School Fillies, who stood at nine wins and six losses at the Christmas break, are being sparked by a balanced offensive attack, and an equally tough defense, according to mid-season statistics released this week by Coach Joel Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jennings announced the birth of a son, Drue Scott in the Clovis Memorial Hospital at 7:44 a.m.

Mike Spears announced the opening of an insurance agency, representing the John Hancock Insurance Co., in the Bovina Blade building, 100 Third Street.

January 15 through 21 has been ammed National Lavee Week The

Insurance Co., in the Bovina Blade building, 100 Third Street.

January 15 through 21 has been named National Jaycee Week. The Bovina Jaycees run projects 52 weeks of the year to reach their chapter goals and objectives.

The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department answered four calls during the first week of January.

The Bovina High School seniors presented their Senior Class Play, "Hillbilly Weddin'," in two performances on Thursday, January 19, in the Bovina High School auditorium.

April Wilson and Gary Gober were united in marriage Saturday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church here in Bovina.

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wins over Lazbuddie and Adrian in action on January 3 and 6.

The Horn Insurance Agency formerly became the Horn-Clayton insurance Agency with the addition of Dickle Clayton as a new partner. Bovina High School graduate, Don Cumpton was named as the new head coach and athletic director at Hereford High School Cumpton is head coach and athletic director at Hereford High School. Cumpton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cumpton of Bovina. Prior to this move, Cumpton was head coach at Muleshoe, where he led the Mules to a District co-championship.

Representatives from the local American Ag Movement set up picket lines across the Santa Fe Railroad tracks east of Bovina in an attempt to call attention to their farm strike.

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The Bovina Jaycees kicked off their Little Dribblers program with the distribution of player applications. The Jaycees announced they will run both the girls and boys programs at the same time this year.

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Services for Charlie Jefferson were held Wednesday, January 18 at the Bovina Church of Christ. Burial was at the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

William Gromowsky was appointed by County Judge Paul Fortenberry to fill the unexpired term of Charles Jefferson.

Local American Agriculture Movement members traveled to Washington, D.C. in an effort to get their message across to Congress. The local members left in two groups, the first staying for one week and then being replaced by the second group. second group.

FEBRUARY

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A grain dust explosion occurred at
the Parmer County Cattle Co.,
Sunday afternoon, leaving one man
with serious burns. The blast was
the result of the use of a cutting
torch being used by maintenance
crew in the basement of the feed
plant. Carl Wilson received first and
second degree burns to his face and
hands.

hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Barty Jack Bartlett announced the birth of their second child, and first son, Cole Jack. The infant weighed in at 5 pounds, 3½ ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Cathie Trimble and Kenny Sharp were united in marriage at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina.

Ken Horn was elected to the Tri-County Independent Insurance Agents Association as a director of the board.

Bovina received its first snow of



CHAMP, AGAIN....Joan Carson exhibited the grand champion steer at Bovina's junior livestock show for the fourth straight year, and then won her second county title in three

years at the Parmer County show at Friona. Joan is shown with E.C. Hagelgantz of Big Country Ford, Clovis, buyer of the animal.



DREAM REALIZED...A three-year goal was realized by the Bovina Fillies track team last May in Austin, when the girls captured the

the season, some three inches, last Tuesday. More than three inches fell again later in the week.

Rev. Jesse James (J.J.) Terry observed his 50th anniversary as minister and pastor for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Services were held for E.H. Moody, 70, who passed away at the Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Mr. Moody had been a resident of the home for 1½ years and a resident of the area for 33 years.

Services were held for Jesse Walling, 62, who passed away after suffering an apparent heart attack. Services were held at the Bovina Church of Christ. Mr. Walling had been a Bovina resident for 38 years.

Kirtus Garrison, Shawn Klimek, Laura Widner, Annette Stevenson, and Jo Beth Monk were all inducted into the National Honor Society at an assembly at the Bovina High School.

Services for Mrs. Opal Perry, who

Services for Mrs. Opal Perry, who died at the Clovis Memorial Hospital February 6, were scheduled to be held in Abilene. Mrs. Perry was a retired school teacher with 11 years of service in the Bovina school system. The 1976 Mustangs annual was dedicated to Mrs. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Robledos of Bovina announced the birth of their

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Robledos of Bovina announced the birth of their first child, a son, on February 4 in El Paso. The infant, named Javier Jude, weighed eight pounds and was 22 inches long. Denise Read was named as the

Denise Read was named as the 1978 basketball queen, and Gerald Shelby was named as the 1978 basketball king. Candidates for queen were Sandi Sides, Kim Naegle, Pat Shepherd and Belinda Shelby. Candidates for king were Del Ray Sudderth, Mike Read, Pat Ware and Ronnie Cary.

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who now sport a 16-9 record, are tied for second with Springlake-Earth in District play.

The Bovina Chamber of Com-

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce announced plans to actively solicit a full-time doctor for the ommunity. A fund drive to secure funds to be used in an effort to find a doctor were planned.

The annual Bovina 4-H and FFA Livestock Show was held with approximately 162 animals being judged. Sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club and the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, cash prizes and trophies and ribbons were prizes and trophies and ribbons were

awarded.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell
announced the birth of their fourth
child, a son, February 13. The boy
Kevin Neil, weighed six pounds,
fourteen ounces and was eighteen

inches long.

The Bovina High School Fillies won their first game from the Vega Longhornettes, 46-45. This was the

Class A state championship, edging Spring Hill of Longview, 47 points to 46. On the victory stand are (left to right) Coach Joel Nelson, Laura

first time in twelve years that a Bovina girls team has won over the Vega girls. It was also the first loss of the season for the Longhornettes. Bovina dominated the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at Friona by carrying away two of the three Grand Championships. Joan Carson won the Grand Champion Steer division, and Tim Garner won the Grand Champion Sheep division. Bovina showmen qualified more animals, 49, for the auction than any of the four communities in the county.

MARCH
The City of Bovina's fire protection increased by one-third with the delivery of a new fire truck. Mayor Tom Bonds and Fire Chief Pat Kunselman took delivery of the 750 gallon Howe Fire Pumper mounted on a Chevrolet chassis.

Young showmen from Parmer County received a total of \$66,343.42 for their efforts at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, a tabulation by show officials rewarded.

vealed.

Karen Schilling, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Leon Schilling of Bovina,
won the basketball free-throw
competition held at the District
playoffs in Nazareth. Miss Schilling
advanced after 19 out of 25 tosses
and will attend regional competi-

Six candidates have filed for four Six candidates have filed for four positions in the city elections. Robert Roland Lusk is the only person to file for the Mayor position, and Alvan Don Bandy, E.B. Caldwell, Robert Calaway, Dale E. Gober, and Larry Webb have all filed for the three positions on the city council.

Approximately 120 persons tended a recention for D tended a reception for Dr. A.W. Gadhia. Dr. Gadhia is interested in becoming the new doctor here at the Bovina Clinic.

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New officers and directors were announced by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. They are: Steve Sherrill, president; Tom Bonds, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Roming, recording secretary; Mrs. Jack Kassahn, manager; Paula Whitecotton, director; Eugene Griffin, director; Mike Spears, director; Sonny Roach, director; and Mike Beauchamp, director.

385 persons were served at the St. Ann's Catholic Church annual German Sausage Dinner. A total of 1300 pounds of sausage was made and smoked for the occasion.

With only one member gone because of graduation, the Bovina Fillies track team began preparations for the upcoming track season. The Fillies placed fourth at the state meet last year, and they hope to

Widner, Belinda Shelby, Pat Shepherd, Denise Read, Sandi Sides, Diane Gilbreath and Fonda Griffin.

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bring back the State Championship this year.

Eleven students from the Bovina FFA and 4-H groups placed in the Houston Livestock Show. Those placing were Mike Read, Richard Lowe, Blake Sudderth, Scott Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ricky Mayfield, Laura Widner, Ronnie Cary, Ronnie Ward and Thad Rains. Carol Ware was selected by the Bovina Women's Study Club to be the delegate from Bovina at the 1978 Girls State. Pam Rhodes was selected to serve as alternate.

Bovina High School's Pat Shepherd, a senior, was one of the girl basketball players chosen to play in the Golden Spread High School All-Star game.

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Five Bovina High School basketball players were named to the All-District teams. They were: Sandi Sides, Diane Gilbreath, Belinda Shelby, Ronnie Cary and Gerald Shelby. Those receiving positions on the Honorable Mention team were: Kim Naegle, Denise Read, Elyese Moody and Pat Shepherd.

The Bovina High School Fillies track team won their first meet of the season when they won the Friona Invitational Track Meet with a total of 123 points. Tulia took second with 86 points. The Bovina Chamber of Com-

merce and Agriculture honored its selections of Man and Woman of the Year, and Outstanding Boy and Girl

of the Year at their annual banquet. Karla Mills was named as the Outstanding Girl, and David Murphy received the Outstanding Boy of the Year award. Don Murphy was named as the Man of the Year, and Yvonne Stevenson was named as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.

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The Bovina High School Band received a Division II (excellent) rating in concert performance and a Division I (superior) rating in sight-reading at the UIL District 16 Competition Festival in Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tabor celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a dinner at La Villa Steak House in Clovis on Sunday, March 19.

The Fillies track team made it three in a row by winning the Deaf Smith County Relays and the Twin City Relays. The Fillies are undefeated this season.

The Bovina Jaycees Little Dribblers program came to an end, at least play here in Bovina. The All-Stars in both Major and Junior Divisions will be participating in playoff series in hopes of advancing to the National Tournament in Levelland.

Levelland.

The Fillies track team did it again, as they won their fourth straight meet. The Fillies set five new meet records on their way to winning the Gas Capital Relays at Jal, N.M. Pat Shepherd set new marks in the shotput and discus events, and the 440, 880, and mile relay teams all set new meet records.

APRIL
Dale Gober and Larry Webb were
elected as new members of the
Bovina City Council. E.B. Caldwell
was re-elected to his post on the
Council. Robert Roland (R.R.) Lusk
was elected Mayor in the city
elections.
Gaylon Rhodes and Herb Howell
were elected to serve on the Bovina

were elected to serve on the Bovina Independent School District School Board.

Miss Judith Marcia Wade and W. Timothy James were united in marriage on March 11 at Kingswood United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones announced the birth of their first child, Carol D'Ann. The baby girl was born at Clovis Memorial Hospital on March 30 at 12:08 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was twenty-one inches long.

Big Nick's Traders, the 1977 District 4 Champions, placed second in the annual April Fools Tournament in Clovis, N.M.

The Bovina Fillies track team continued their undefeated season by winning the AA-A-B Division in the Amarillo Relays. The win makes it five in a row for the Fillies.

The Bovina Supermarket observed its sixth anniversary in business with a promotional sale. Seth Ralston was named as the new Parmer County Extension Agent effective in May, Mr. Ralston is a former assistant county Extension agent for Castro County. The Bovina Little Dribblers All-Stars advanced to the District tournament by winning over the Farwell All-Stars.

The Fillies made it six in a row by (Continued on Page 2)

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and Woman of the Year" at the annual Bovina Chamber of mmerce banquet last March were

Don Murphy and Yvonne Stevenson. The two award-winners are holding their plaques, and Mrs. Stevenson also received a dozen red roses.

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winning the Olton Track Meet with 106 points. The nearest team was Slaton with 53 points.

Jose A. Bazaldua and Deon A. Harkey, both of Bovina, were announced as two of the 935 West Texas State University students who will receive degrees during Spring commencement exercises.

commencement exercises.
Services for Frank Hastings, 96, a
6-year resident of Bovina, were
held at the First United Methodist
Church in Bovina with the Rev.
James Putnam officiating.
The Class of 1978 announced its
honor graduates this week. They
are: Karla Mills, valedictorian;
Suart Klimek, salutatorian; Diane
Gilbreath, Charles Price and Don
Putnam.

April Gober, a senior elementary education major at West Texas State University, was among 53 students initiated into Kappa Delta Pieducation honor society at West Texas State University, Canyon.

Setting five District 3-A records in the process, Bovina High School's Fillies stormed to the district title on their own track. Exhibiting great strength and balance, the Fillies amassed 179 team points during the meet.

Bonds Oil Company became the

Shamrock Oil and Gas distributor

for the Bovina area.

The Bovina Blade received a third place award in "General Excelence" competition Division II (1,500 and under) at the Press Association

Panhandle Press Association awards banquet.
Billy S. Johnson, Bovina High School FFA student, was the local leader in the corn yield contest sponsored annually by Funk's Seed, it was announced this week by Ralph Roming, local Funk dealer.

The Fillies track team ran their The Fillies track team ran their streak to eight-in-a-row by winning the Region 1-A track and field championship at Odessa. It was also announced that Bovina would host a State Qualifiers Meet, only girls who had qualified for the state meet in Austin, are eligible to participate.

MAY
"A million dollar rain" was the way bankers and agricultural observers described the welcome spring showers which began falling in the Bovina area on May 2.
Ralph Roming was named as Bovina's delegate to the state meeting of the American Agriculture Movement, which is to be held at Fort Worth.
Congressional candidate Kent Hance was in Bovina to speak to the

Bovina Jaycees at their regular noon meeting.
The Junior class play, "Deadly Ernest," was presented at the Bovina High School auditorium.
The Bovina High School "Flying Fillies" track team captured the Class A Texas State Championship ha Austin. The Fillies won the championship by virtue of their good team depth and without the benefit of a single first place finish. Team members were: Laura Widner, Denise Read, Sandi Sides, Diane Gilbreath and Fonda Griffin.
Jack Patterson and Glenden Sudderth will meet in a June 3 Democratic runoff. Vernon Estes received the nomination for the GOP.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreag Wilson

received the nomination for the GOP.

Mr. and Mrs. Kregg Wilson announced the birth of their third child, a girl, on Thursday, May 4 at 2;45 p.m. The girl, Mandy Ann, weighed six pounds, six ounces and was nineteen inches long.

The City of Bovina has announced that all cows, pigs, and poultry of any sort will have to be moved outside the city limits of Bovina by May 29, in accordance with a new crdinance passed at the last City Council meeting.

Andy Garza, Bovina's water and sewer superintendent, was injured following an accident involving chlorine gas which he and another city employee were installing in a

chlorine gas which he and another city employee were installing in a city water well.

Bovina High School's outstanding athletes for 1977-78 were honored at the Athletic Banquet at the school cafeteria. "Best All-Around athlete" awards went to Sandi Sides and Gerald Shelby. The "Filly Award" went to Diane Gilbreath and Pat Shepherd. The "Mustang Award" went to David Murphy.

Ben and Christie McCain graduated from West Texas State University on May 13. Ben received his Bachelors of Science, and Christie received her Bachelors of Science degrees.

Rev. Jerry Rockwell, a native of Pampa, has been called as the new pastor of the Bovina First Baptist Church.

Church.
Betty Whitecotton and Terry
Sherrill were united in marriage
May 20 at the First United Methodist
Church.
The Bovina High School Mustangs
baseball team won the Regional
Baseball title at Midland with a 9-8
win over Junction. This is the first
regional title ever for the Mustang
tam.

Stuart Klimek, Bovina High chool student, won the Parmer

Contest. Stuart received \$50 for his essay.

Twenty-three Bovina High School seniors will receive their High School diplomas during commencement ceremonies on May 26.

Mrs. Malinda Schlenker, 90, was honored with a birthday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Spring.

Robin Harrington, a summer intern from Texas Tech University, began her internship at the Bovina Blade.

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May 29.

Services for Odus Moore, 85, of Bovina, were held at the First United Methodist Church. Mr. Moore had been an area resident for

14 months.

A tornado struck the barn of Wayne Schueler of Rhea during severe storms on May 26.

JUNE

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Jack Patterson won the Democratic nomination in a June 3 runoff against Glenden Sudderth for the County Commissioner's race.

The Bovina Girls Little Dribblers won the National Championship at the tournament in Levelland. The team was sponsored by the Bovina Jaycees.

Bovina received a total of two inches of rainfall on June 2, according to Greg Hromas, official weather observer for Bovina.

An unidentified body of a man was found in a tallwater pit two miles west of Bovina. Sheriff Charles Lovelace said it appeared the man had been dead for about six days. (The body was later identified as James Videll Kaulay of Anadarko, Oklahoma.)

Services for Dillard Morris, 47, were held at the First Baptist Church in Farwell. Morris, a one time farmer in the area, was engaged in farming in the Muleshoe area.

Calvin Talley, who farms in the Pleasant Hill area brought in the first load of barley to the Sherley-Anderson Grain elevator here in Bovina.

Rev. Dick Richards was named as

Sherley-Anderson Grain elevator here in Bovina.

Rev. Dick Richards was named as the new pastor of the First United Methodist Church here in Bovina. Richards and his family are moving to Bovina from Ralls, Texas, where he previously served as pastor.

A group of citizens presented, a petition to the Bovina City Council at their regular meeting. The petition

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TAKING OATH..... William Gromowsky, center, was appointed to fill out the unexpired commissioner's term left vacant by the death of longtime commissioner

Charlie Jefferson in January. Shown giving the oath is County Clerk Bonnie Warren, while Katherine Gromowsky looks on.





STRIKE SYMBOL....Bob Wilson, one of the hundreds of farmers who survived a weekend of terror at McAllen in early March, points to the American Agriculture emblem

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on his cap. "Next to the stars and stripes, this emblem is the most important to the group who went to McAllen," Wilson said.



Joy to The World

May you love and be loved this holiday season, may you give and receive. Above all else, it's time for sharing! Christmas is the most wonderful season of the

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It's Yuletide Season ... here's a hearty wish for the best holiday ever! Fill it with good times, high spirits, and lots of friends. It's been our pleasure to serve you. Have a happy!

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TOP YOUTH....Named outstanding boy and girl at Bovina High School by the Chamber of Commerce for

1978 were David Murphy and Karla Mills, shown with the plaques they received March 16.



A Joyous Christmas! May you be blessed with a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Dairy Freeze

1978 Newsmakers....

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opposes the new city ordinance to ban all junk cars and livestock.

Wallace Price, Bovina High School principal, resigned his position here to accept a principalship with the Lipan I.S.D. in Hood County near Dallas.

The wife and daughter of former Bovina coach J.C. "Truck" Lusk, were killed in an automobile accident June 17. J.C. Lusk and son Reo, 9, remained in serious condition with head injuries at Providence Hospital in El Paso.

Loy Christian and Joe McLellan were united in marriage June 4 at the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church.

Joel Nelson, girls basketball and track coach at Bovina High School, was named to the prestigious track council at the annual meeting of the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association in Abilene. As an added highlight, Coach Nelson was presented his state championship ring during the annual banquet sponsored by the association.

R.D. Looney, a Bovina native, was named as the News Editor for the Bovina Blade.

Gaylon Rhodes was named as the 1978 Bull Town Days chairman. Steve Sherrill was also named as the assistant chairman.

JULY

The First Baptist Church of Bovina celebrated their 75th Anniversary Sunday, July 2.

Services were held for Travis Lloyd, 65, who died following an extended illness. Mr. Lloyd had been a resident of Bovina for 31 years.

A performance of "Texas, Cradle of Giants" was put on here at Mustang Stadium. The show was sponsored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Play began in the newly formed softball league. Ten teams have formed the league and will play over the next six weeks.

The Bovina Supermarket-Agri-Sprayers team won the Little League Championship after a two-game series with the First State Bank-Lawlis team.

The produce harvest got underway with approximately 10-15 semi-trucks leaving loaded each

A new restaurant opened here in Bovina, "The Bell and Kettle" owned and operated by Keith and Nancy Knight and Jean Wiseman, will serve a limited menu for the time being.

Cecil Bunch, pastor of the Bovina Church of Christ, resigned his position to go to Sherman, Texas to work in a church school.

George and Louise Douglas celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the home of Wendol Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dyer announced the birth of their second child, a son, on July 6. The baby boy, Aaron Brent, was six pounds, twelve ounces at birth.

Phillip Shelton was announced as the new pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Shelton, now in the Air Force, is stationed in Clovis, N.M.

The Bovina area received about one inch of rain over the weekend, according to Greg Hromas, Bovina's official weather recorder.

Mike Read, Jim Rhodes and Thad Rains all recently attended the 50th Anniversary convention of the Texas Future Farmers of America in San Antonio. Mike Read received his Lone Star Farmers degree while

The Bovina Independent School District announced the hiring of a new High School principal, Mr. Mark Gunnels. Mr. Gunnels comes to Bovina after serving for five years as principal at Clarendon.

Two Bovina residents were injured in a two-vehicle accident. Ralph Ramon and Richard Morris, both of Bovina, were working with the Texas Highway Dept. on Highway 60 east of Bovina when struck by a vehicle driven by a Clovis woman.

Bull Town Days plans are taking shape according to Steve Sherrill, assistant chairman of the project.

The Mustang Drive-In came under new ownership when Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zachary sold the business to Mrs. Mary Mendoza.

The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department announce they will raffle off the 1954 Ford Fire Pick-up during Bull Town Days. Funds will go toward paying off the debt on the new fire truck.

A new feature in the Blade began with the premiere of "Scooter's Scoops." The article will feature local news and events and will be written by Scooter Russell.

AUGUST

Three Bovina firemen recently attended the firefighting school at Texas A&M University. The course was one in basic firefighting skills. Those attending were Andy Garza, Andy Martinez and James Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hernandez were the proud parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Sue. The baby girl was born in Littlefield and weighed six pounds, ten ounces at birth.

Mary Roberts of Bovina recently celebrated her 83rd birthday at a party in her honor at the home of her daughter, Virgie Adams.

Tim Jones, 21, of Oklahoma Lane was found slumped over the wheel of the tractor he was driving in an unconscious condition. An ambulance was called to the scene, and Jones was transported to the Farwell Clinic for treatment. Jones died enroute to the clinic.

The Bovina Mustangs will begin

workouts for the 1978-79 football season this Monday, August 14.

Reports of from 2 to 4 inches of rain were received from all around the area following storms that produced high winds, hail, and some damage in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melugin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13.

Bull Town Days kicked off activities here Thursday, August 17, with the beginning of the Jaycees 3-2 Softball Tournament. The 1978 Bull Town Days featured many of the activities that have become associated with the festivities, such as the Chuckwagon Breakfast, Old Timers Reunion, Barbeque, and Horse Show.

Registration for the 1978-79 school year will start on Friday, August 25. Classes will begin on Monday, August 28.

The sound of whistles, yelling, groans, and enthusiasm filled the air as the Bovina Mustangs opened their two-a-day practices for the 1978-79 season. Thirty-six boys showed up for the start of practice sessions.

The Agri-Sprayers softball team won the 1978 Lions Club Softball Tournament, losing only one game

during the tourney. Debbie Whitecotton was named as the 1978 Bull Town Days Queen at ceremonies at the Bovina City Park during B.T.D. activities. Wendy Sherrill was first runner-up and Karen Schilling was second runner-

Over 1150 people were served at the B.T.D. barbeque. Hot, sunny weather provided an ideal setting

for the 1978 B.T.D. celebration. Dannie McKay, 22, of Bovina, was found dead in a burned pickup near Seminole, Texas. Foul play is suspected in the death.

A new minister for the Bovina Church of Christ was announced. Lee Clark was named to fill the post vacated by Cecil Bunch.

A school tax increase was announced by the Bovina I.S.D. Board of Education. The increase will be approximately 30 per cent over last year's figures.

Two persons were arrested in the

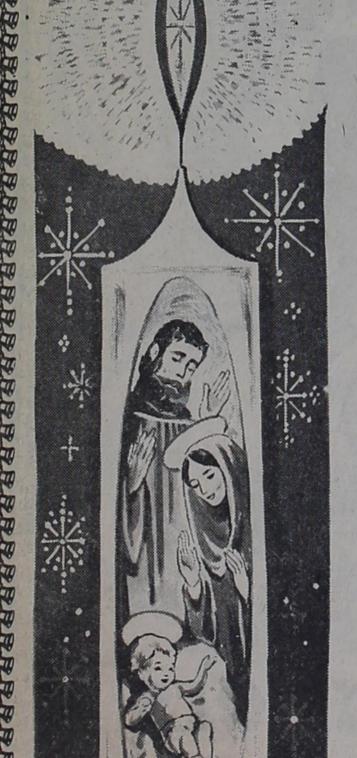


TOP ATHLETE Gerald Shelby, four-sport star for the Bovina Mustangs, was named winner of the

"Best All Around" award for boys sports for 1977-78. Making the presentation is coach E.C. Jenkins.



Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous season.



May the peace of Christmas abide with you-

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TOP GRADUATES....Karla Mills, seated, was valedictorian, and Stuart Klimek was salutatorian for the 1978 graduating class at Bovina

High School. Twenty-two seniors received their degrees ceremonies May 28.



And Now Again it's Christmas! We wish you Happiness and Good Fortune in the Coming Year!

Bovina Jaycees

1978 Newsmakers...

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death of Dannie McKay, of Bovina. Both are in custody at the Lea County Jail in Lovington, N.M. Mr. A.G. White recently celebrated his 98th birthday at the

Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

SEPTEMBER

Football season kicked off with the Mustangs playing the Hale Center Owls. The Ponies lost 15-0.

The Bovina Businesses Football Contest began for its nineteenth year. Out of the 157 contestants, Emmett Tabor emerged as the winner of the first week's competition. Tabor is a two time winner of the contest.

The community of Bovina took a giant step in starting an ambulance service for the Bovina area. The Volunteer Fire Department voted to order supplies needed to certify an ambulance at their last meeting.

The first load of corn was delivered to Sherley Grain Company by Kent McClaran on Wednesday, September 6. The first load tested 25.2 percent moisture and had a test weight of 56 pounds.

An emergency care course was slated to begin about September 21. All interested persons were asked to enroll. This was one of the first steps taken to obtain an ambulance service.

Daniel Hernandez was the winner of the second week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

Rodney Hromas, formerly of Bovina, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University.

The Bovina Chapter of the F.F.A. announced their officers for the 1978-79 school year. Mike Read, president; David Steelman, vice president; Pam Rhodes, secretary; Thad Rains, treasurer; Jim Rhodes, reporter; and Lynn Read, sentinel. The Bovina Mustangs tied the AA

River Road Wildcats in their second game of the season. The Mustangs now have a 0-1-1 record. Laura Ellis, daughter of Blade

publisher Bill Ellis, was named as the 1978 Maize Days Queen, in Friona. Miss Ellis is a senior at Friona High School.

The Bovina Chapter of the F.F.A. received honors on the state and national levels at a meeting in Littlefield.

Also honored at the meeting were David Steelman, who was elected President of the District, and Lawrence Widner was appointed as the District Supervisor.

The Parmer County 4-H club elected officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Donna Beth Lide, president; Mark Clayton, vice president; Tracy Moore, secretarytreasurer; Gall Turner, reporter; Becky Webb, council delegate; and Robbie Moody, alternate council delegate.

Floyd Damron was the winner of the third week of the Bovina Businesses Football contest.

OCTOBER

The 14th Annual Freeze Contest got underway here at the Blade. Contestants were urged to send in

their forecast of the first killing freeze of the year.

The Bovina High School Mustangs fell to the Boys Ranch Roughriders in football action, 21-7. The Mustangs are improving with each game and hope to be ready for district competition. The Ponies now

sport a 0-2-1 record. Plans are being made for the Homecoming game against the Lazbuddie Longhorns. Candidates for Queen are: Kim Naegle, Denise Read, Belinda Shelby, Sandi Sides, and Arlene Smith. Candidates for King are: Mike Read, Randall Ritchie, Ruben Salazar, Richard Villarreal, and Pat Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierceson Adams celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with friends and relatives at the First State Bank Community Room, here in Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Kerby Jr. announced the birth of a son, Jason Kyle, on Wednesday September 27. Jason Kyle weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces, and was 20 inches

week of competition in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest with 13 out of 14 correct.

Tommy DeLeon won the fourth

Homecoming game against the Lazbuddie Longhorns, 20-14. The game was the first win for the Ponies, who now have a 1-2-1 record.

Kim Naegle and Richard Villarreal were named as the 1978 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harbison celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Gilbreath.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beauchamp announced the birth of a baby girl on October 8. The girl, Lori Diane, weighed six pounds, 111/2 ounces. She is the second child for the couple. Their first daughter, Angela Michelle, is two and one-half years

Lou Ann Hromas was the winner in the fifth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

Bovina has a new Deputy Marshal. John Vaughn, formerly of Amarillo, has taken the position here in Bovina and will begin his duties on October 15.

Jim Kassahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kassahn of Bovina, was named as the new head of the Ranching Heritage Association. Jim is a director of the First State Bank. here in Bovina.

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Dale Gunnels was the winner of the sixth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

The Mustangs traveled to Sunray to take on the Bobcats, and came away on the losing end of the 48-17 contest. The Mustangs now have a 1-3-1 record.

The Bovina Jaycees held their annual Halloween Carnival, and according to reports, the turnout was good. Various booths and contests were hosted by different clubs and organizations.

Daylight Savings Time ended October 29. Residents changed back to standard time by moving their clocks "back" one hour.

The B.H.S. Mustangs won their first game of district play here when

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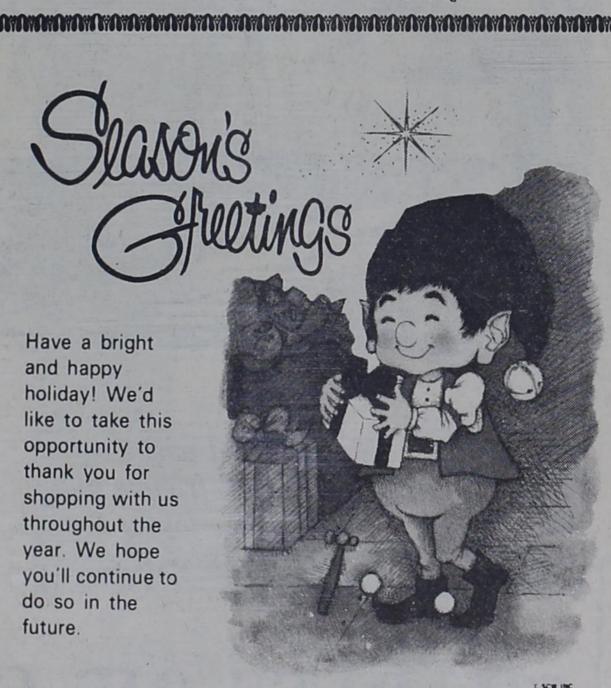
GIRLS' WINNER....Chosen as the "Best All Around" athlete for girls sports at Bovina High School last

spring at the all-sports banquet was Sandi Sides, shown receiving her plaque from girls coach Joel Nelson.



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Rose Mary Marque won the seventh week's competition in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Nick Rodriquez leads in the contest with a total of 69 correct.

NOVEMBER

The Bovina Ambulance Service held their "Open House" on the parking lot of the Bovina Supermarket. The event marked the beginning of the new service here in Bovina. Congratulations go out to all the members and supporters of the service.

Mike London and Owen B. Johnston tied for top honors in the eighth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

Both candidates for congressional race visitied Bovina in hopes of securing some last minute votes. Kent Hance and George Bush are running in what is predicted to be a very tight race for the congressional seat.

Gaylon Rhodes, of Bovina, was named to the Board of Directors of the Texas Plant Food Institute at it's recent convention in San Antonio.

The Bovina Mustangs ran their District record to 2-0 by defeating the Farwell Steers, 10-0. The coaches named the whole team as

Outstanding players of the game. The Bovina High School Fillies Volleyball team won the District 3A title by beating the Farwell Steerettes seven out of eight games. Jack Patterson was elected to the County Commissioners Court in the election, November 7. Kent Hance was also elected to the congressional seat being vacated by George Mahon.

The American Agriculture Movement held a meeting here in Bovina to organize plans for the 1979 A.A.M. events. Another tractorcade to Washington D.C. is being planned. Wendy Stanberry won the Freeze Contest with her November 6 prediction. This was the day we received our first killing freeze.

Flossie Rhinehart won the Bovina Businesses Football Contest with 11 out of 14 correct. Nick Rodriguez still leads the contest with a score of

The Bovina Mustangs stretched their district record to 3-0 when they beat the Springlake-Earth Wolverines 26-0. The Ponies now have a 43-1 season record.

Cold, wet weather set in on the Bovina area, and has hampered harvest efforts. Most of the corn crop has already been harvested, but the cotton will have to stay in the fields until the weather changes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mason announced the birth of a daughter, Nacole Dawn, Wednesday, November 8. The baby girl weighed six pounds, two ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Wes Cockerham was the winner of the tenth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Wes correctly predicted 11 of the 14 games. Harry J. Charles took over the lead in the contest with a score of

The B.H.S. Mustangs are one step closer to the District 3-A title after their win over the Kress Kangaroos, 13-10. The Mustangs are tied with Vega for the District crown with 4-0 records. The Mustangs and the Longhorns will meet here to decide the championship.

The area received it's first snowfall of the winter Thursday, November 16. The snow amounted to about .25 inches of moisture.

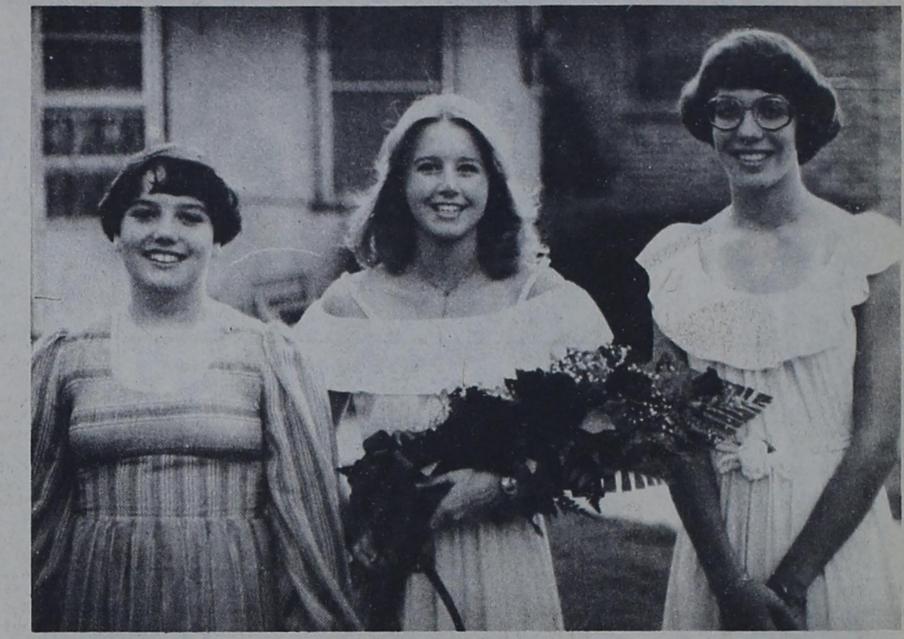
The Community was saddened at the news of the death of Esther Trimble. Mrs. Trimble was on vacation in London, England at the time of her death. Services were held at the United Methodist Church here in Bovina. The Rev. Dick Richards officiated.

A.M. Wilson was the winner of the eleventh week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. A.M. correctly predicted 13 out of 14.

The B.H.S. Mustangs fell to the Vega Longhorns, 36-0, in football action. The loss put the Ponies in second place in District 3-A, behind Vega. The Mustangs are to be congratulated for their fine season, especially since they were picked to

finish near the bottom of the district. The Bovina High School Fillies basketball team opened their 1978-79 season with a loss to the Friona Squaws, 25-29.

The first bale of cotton was ginned at the Lawlis Gin on Monday,



ROYALTY....The Bull Town Days Queen and her court are shown above following the announcement

of the winner on August 17. Debbie Whitecotton, center, was named queen, with Wendy Sherrill, left, as first runnerup and Karen Schilling, second runnerup.

November 27. The cotton was delivered by Don Williams. There had been 30,435 bales ginned in Parmer County at this time in 1977.

Wendy Stanberry won the twelvth week of competition in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. H.J. Charles still led the contest with 115 correct.

Services were held for Phillip Schueler, 20, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rhea on Monday, November 27. Schueler died as a result of an auto accident

The Bovina High School Fillies won their first game of the season with a 51-47 win over the Muleshoe girls. The Mustangs won their opener against Lazbuddie, 58-52.

Funeral services for Leonard Dopp, 70, resident of Bovina since 1956, were held Friday, November 24. Services were held at the Bovina Church of Christ with Lee Clark, officiating.

DECEMBER
Harry J. Charles was named as
the winner of the 1978 Bovina (Continued on Page 6)



FIRST BALE....Don Williams, left, delivered the first bale of cotton in Bovina to Lawlis Gin on November

27. Shown with Williams is ginner Billy Harbison.



Santa Letters

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Dear Santa,

I hope you had a good year. We been real good this year. We work real hard and do our chores and mind mother and daddy. Charles wants a fishing rod and reel. Scott wants what ever you bring hime. Sandra wants a cookie shooter. Billy wants a credit card and calculator. Sharlet wants a game called Perfection, and we want lots of things in our stockings. Love,

Sharlet Charles Scott Sandra Billy

Dear Santa

I would like to have a bike, but not a 10-speed. I want to thank you for your reindeers and I love you. I have been a good girl.

> Love, Nita

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a Battlestar Galactica collection and a Shoots-away and I won't be in Bovina. I will be in Minnesota and I want a trampoline and a Operation. Christopher Lee

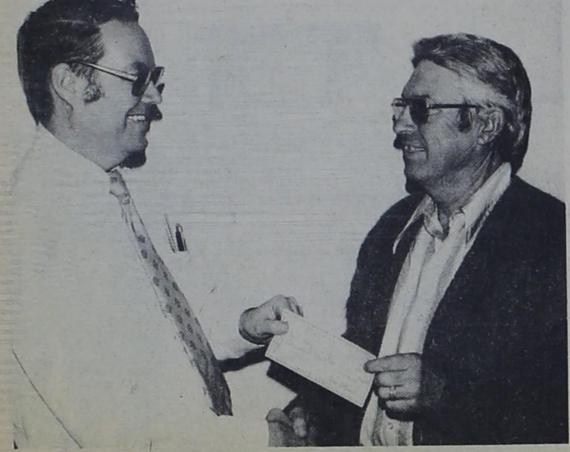






HOMECOMING....Kim Naegle, center, was crowned as the Homecoming Queen for 1978 at Bovina's Homecoming Game

October 5. The queen and her court are(left to right) Belinda Shelby, Arlene Smith, Miss Naegle, Sandi Sides and Denise Read.



TWO-TIME WINNER....Harry J. Charles, right, is shown receiving his check as grand prize winner in the Bovina Businesses' annual football contest. Publisher Bill Ellis

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presents Charles his check. He became the third contestant to win the contest twice, having won earlier

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Businesses Football Contest. Charles won the contest with a score of 126 points. This is the second time Charles has won the contest, and he joins Emmett Tabor and Allen Cumpton as a member of the "Two-Timers" club. Kay Williams won the final week's contest with 13 out of 14 correct.

Eight Mustang football players were named to the District 3-A All-District and Honorable Mention teams. They were: OFFENSE: All-District: Richard Lowe, Ruben Salazar, and Ronnie Cary. Honorable Mention: Mike Read and David Steelman. DEFENSE: All District: David Steelman, Richard Lowe, Pat Ware, Ruben Salazar and Ronnie Cary. Honorable Mention: Randall Ritchie, Mike Read, Doug Roming, and Ronnie Cary.

The Mustangs and Fillies both lost in cage action against Nazareth. The Mustangs came back to beat the Lockney Longhorns and now sport a 2-1 record. The Fillies lost to the Lockney Lady Horns 40-38, and now have a 2-2 record.

Bovina's City Manager, Clayton Williamson, resigned his post effective at the end of December. Williamson will be moving to Brady, Texas to take a similar position there.

Letters

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I been looking forward for

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bottoms. I want some house

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Also all suits of football.

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Patricia Parson

Dear Santa Claus,

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The second snowfall of the season came Wednesday night, December 6. The snowfall amounted to about .4 inches of moisture. Temperatures were some of the lowest that many ever remembered since 1943.

The Bovina Lions Club will again sponsor the annual Home Decorations Contest. Cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be given.

The Bovina Wheat Growers purchased the station at the corner of Third Street and Highway 60 that until recently was Bonds Oil Company. Tommy Bonds sold the wholesale business to Charles Oil Company and the station to the Bovina Wheat Growers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heard announced the birth of their second son, Andrew Scott. Andrew was born at Deaf Smith Memorial Hospital in Hereford. He weighed six pounds, 10½ ounces and was twenty inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 17. A reception honoring the couple was held at the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

The Bovina High School Fillies won the Springlake-Earth Invitational Tournament by winning three games in a row. The Fillies recorded wins over Amherst, Hart, and Lazbuddie.

The 1978Pheasant season opened Saturday, December 9. The season opened with cold weather and snow on the ground. Many hunters had good luck despite the weather.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me blocks and baby rash.

Tammy Taylor

Dear Santa.

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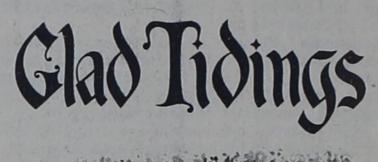
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May this Christmas gladden the hearts of all with the true meaning of the season.

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Tidenberg Tells About Love Of Mission Work

James and Parilee Tidenberg and their children are an outstanding example of family ministry, privately and in the church-family

Native Texans, James grew up in Bovina, and is the son of Hilary and Gladys Tidenberg. Parilee went to school in Brownfield. The couple met and married during their college days at Hardin-Simmons University. Their first child, Pal, was born in 1957, and twin sons, Jim and Tim were born during Tidenberg's seminary days at Southwestern in Fort Worth in 1960. He received his bachelor of divinity in 1962.

Rev. Tidenberg had been preaching since high school days. He pastored the Y.L. Baptist Church near Muleshoe while attending high school and while in Hardin-Simmons pastored Guthrie and Dumont Baptist churches in King County. While attending seminary in Fort Worth, he pastored Bethesda Baptist Church in Burleson.

In 1962 the family was sent by the Southern Baptist Convention to Tanzania to serve as general evangelists. During this time, Tidenberg taught in the language school at Dar es Salaam and also served as church development advisor. In this position he strengthened his administrative skills as director of the community center and Asian evangelism, director of the language school, chairman of the personnel committee and chairman of the Baptist Mission in East Africa.

In 1970, the Tidenbergs were appointed to Kenya to work with the Kenya Baptist Convention and James continued his mission in church development.

At a recent meeting of the Amarillo Southern Baptist Association in Amarillo, Tidenberg's report was entitled, "My Mission is Missions." He has been increasingly involved through the years in this aspect of mission work, the founding of churches with the goal of their eventual independence.

Parilee Tidenberg works closely with her husband in convention matters and in the various fledgling churches making up the Kenya Baptist Convention.

In Nairobi, Tidenberg served as editor of church development materials at the Baptist publications house and had duties also as treasurer of the KBC and as church development advisor for Kiambu Baptist churches.

A year or so after the birth of their youngest daughter Trisha the family came back to the states on leave. During that time, Tidenberg was missionary in residence at Hardin-Simmons, but they returned to Kenya in 1975 and the missionary resumed his duties as director of evangelism, stewardship and of the Baptist Convention of Kenya. He is also treasurer of KBC.

The church development thrust in Kenya dose not invision replicas of American churches, Tidenberg said.

"We come to build and organize churches as the foundations of all mission work - evangelizing, teaching, healing - but we expect the people of Kenya to put their own brand on their churches."

Tidenberg admits that the business aspects of mission work may be lacking in the one-to-one intimacy of classroom encounters, or the "heroics" of medical ministry, but, he said, "I'm satisfied

to plant trees under which I may never rest."

"No one," he declared, "can deny the strategic importance of a mission of missions."

All mission work, Tidenberg said, "is one begger telling another begger where he can find bread." And the beggers need a place to discuss the matter, he concluded.

The basic objective of all Southern Baptist mission endeavor, in Kenya and elsewhere, he pointed out, is to make local church units strong and independent,

"We try to plant the New Testament conviction - and hope that it will grow in the native idiom, in personal understanding and expression."

And, Tidenberg added, "We will build and expand to the best of our ability, but we will be constantly on guard not to force expression of belief before understanding.

The Tidenberg family will share Christmas in Texas for the first time since their furlough in 1974 at Hardin-Simmons.

Pal is a senior at West Texas State, but she has spent only one Christmas away from Kenya. This year, however, her parents are missionaries in residence until February at First Baptist Church in Amarillo. Her twin brothers are freshmen at Hardin-Simmons, and Trisha is a first grader at Woflin Elementary.

Pai Tidenberg is a true Dear Santa, 'missionary kid.' She was two when I am eight years old and I have been a good boy I want a big bike but I Please bring me some the family moved to Africa. She have been a good boy this this year. Please bring me a don't want a 10-speed bike. I new clothes. speaks fluent Swahili. She calls

When she graduates this June she is considering going back for a two-year journeyman stint as a nurse. She hasn't decided for sure but the Tidenberg missionary line just may be extended into another of the many varied and useful options open to all seeking to serve in their hands and hands and hands and hands and hands and hands and hands are hands and hands and hands are hands and hands are hands and hands are hands and hands are hands are hands and hands are hands are hands and hands are hands ar own unique way.



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BOVINA NATIVE.....James Tidenberg, who has been a Baptist missionary in Africa since 1962, is sold on the idea of mission work and the good that it accomplishes. He

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and his family are spending Christmas in Texas for the first time since 1974. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Tidenberg, former Bovina residents, now live in Clovis.

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Dear Santa, Please bring me a Star Wars set.

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Dear Santa, Please bring me a motorcycle and a six million dollar man.

> Love, Santos

Dear Santa. Please bring me a baby that a way and some boots. Lisa Gomez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and some dishes.

Rosa Tavares

Dear Santa, Please bring me a cow truck and a stretch monster and a six million dollar man.

Donnie

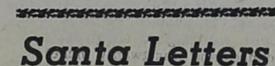
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Manuel

Dear Santa,

Nancy Rodriquez

Please bring me a C.B. Love, radio and 2 motorcycles. **Gary Winegeart**



Dear Santa. dishes and some boots.

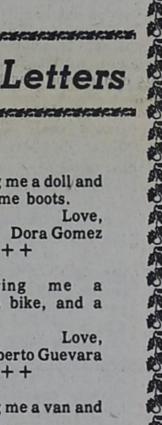
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Please bring me a Steve Austin and an Incredable



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Bovina Resident Recalls Hardships Following WW II

By SHIRLEY GORMAN

Civil rights was the battle cry of the concerned people in America during the 1960's - even to the point of violence erupting on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout America and in the streets and schools of American cities.

The war in Vietnam was also heavily and violently protested in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Today the battle cry seems to be the human rights issue - even to the point of President Carter and concerned leaders of the world protesting other governments violating the human rights of its people. But one cannot but wonder where all the concerned people were at the close of World War II when 50,000 Sudeten Germans were evicted from their homeland.

It does indeed seem impossible that such an atrocious crime could have been perpetrated upon those people whose only crime was that they were Germans and that they had supported Adolph Hitler in 1938 when he promised that Asch, a city in Czechoslovakia, would become part of Germany.

But the Sudeten Germans, like the rest of the free world, realized -- almost too late -- that Hitler wanted all of Czechoslovakia as well as other countries in Europe. Thus after the famous Yalta Conference divided Europe, giving Czechoslovakia to the Russian Communists, the Sudeten Germans became displaced persons forced to abandon all their possessions and roots for an uncertain future.

But in spite of the hardships, deprivations and violations of civil as well as human rights, the Sudeten Germans did survive to build a new life for themselves. One survivor is Anne Corn, who lives in Bovina, and teaches mathematics and is in charge of the library at Farwell High School.

Mrs. Corn was but a girl of 15 when her whole world crumbled around her. She is the daughter of Elsa and Christian Swoboda, who today live in Schonwald, Germany. She and her husband, Charles have three

children. Heidi and her husband Doc Shelby live in Abilene. Doris is married to Royce Grissom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grissom of Bovina, and they live in Amarillo. Son Eddie is married to Gwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Christian of Bovina, and they now live in Farwell.

But before everything changed, the Swobodas lived in the town of Asch, Czechoslovakia, a city of approximately 24,000 population near the German border.

"Even though we lived in Czechoslovakia my family and others like us shared the German language and heritage," Mrs. Corn said. "Naturally there were frictions and problems because of that," she

Mrs. Corn explained that Asch had been a part of the Austrian-Hungarian empire prior to World War I. But at the close of the war it was lumped in with the country now known as Czechoslovakia.

Mrs. Corn explained that her father did fight as a German soldier and spent a year as a prisoner of war of the English. However, the POW camp was located in Germany. In a sense he managed to escape the full impact of the terrible aftermath of the Yalta Conference, but in another sense the escape was only temporary. For Anne and her mother the circumstances were anything but good as they were in the midst of the startling changes after the war right from the very beginning.

The Yalta Conference gave Czechoslovakia and Asch to the Russian Communists who immediately set about confiscating all businesses, property and almost everything of value that the Sudeten Germans could not carry away. The Germans were limited to 50 pounds of belongings each.

The then prosperous Swoboda family owned land and five grocery stores and the main family home which had been their home since the 1880's.

But in 1945 -- when Anne was 15 years old -- the orders were sent out to all Sudeten Germans to "get out." If they were willing to work for their ★ ★ withou the ris



MOTHER'S DIARY....Mrs. Anne Corn, Farwell High School mathematics instructor and librarian, is holding her mother's diary which relates among other things, what happened when the Russian Communists took over Asch, Czechoslovakia and the surrounding area, forcing 50,000 Sudeten Germans to become displaced persons. Mrs. Corn says that someday she wants to translate the diary into English so that her children may be able to read what her mother wrote.

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new masters they were allowed to stay, but according to Mrs. Corn, it was not an option they felt they could take.

Each Sudeten German was allowed to carry only 50 pounds of possessions, no more. They were assigned to displaced persons camps until transportation trucks were available to take them into Germany. Anne's mother stayed behind in order to salvage some of the family possessions, but Anne was forced to flee across the border,

without permission, rather than run the risk of being picked up and forced to take part in a work detail.

"It was quite common for the Communist soldiers to just pull the young children away from their homes and families and send them away to work camps for undesignated periods of time," Mrs. Corn explained. "My mother was always afraid that that would happen to me."

At that time Anne's father was already a POW of the English.

It was a difficult decision for Anne and her mother to make-but it was made necessary by the times. Thus Anne slipped across the border-a walk of approximately eight miles-to seek refuge with a German farm family. The border was heavily patrolled with armed guards and the danger of being caught was always present.

Due to the conditions it was impossible to carry more than one item at a time across the border. "The ones who escaped that way were always hiding from the armed patrols," she said.

It was difficult for Mrs. Swoboda to send Anne away like that, but she did so for the greater safety of her young daughter. But in spite of the hardships and bleak outlook of the future, Mrs. Swoboda kept a diary, which Mrs. Corn now has. The following excerpt from that diary was translated by Mrs. Corn from the German language to English.

This excerpt was taken from the

events of May, 1946. "Finally it is also time for me to become a displaced person. My orders came this morning by mail. I have to be at the meeting place which used to be a restaurant in former days. I shall have to hurry and take leave from my home, the good old German city of Asch. How I dread saying goodbye to my dear mother. She has to leave her home in which she has lived since 1880. She has become more ill in the past few weeks. And yet she is always the strongest one for her children's sake.

"(From May 19-22) We (the Sudeten Germans) were detained in a camp. The camp was made up of many wooden buildings and each had 300 beds in it. There were no facilities of any kind for all the people from babies to age 90. Food was almost nonexistent. Before we came to camp we were disinfected in a most demeaning manner. Our baggage - which consisted of 50 pounds only - was weighed again and examined. We were made to sign over all our checking and savings accounts. We had to deliver the keys to our house or apartments, also any jewelry we had such as wedding bands.

J'In order to go through this ordeal we stood in line 9-5 outside the barracks. And it was raining cats and dogs. Back in the barracks we were treated as political prisoners. We each had a number and were isolated from the outer world all together. After having been there five days, which was short, I was lucky in that respect, we were loaded up on trucks and taken to the train station where we were loaded on to the box cars. Forty people were put in a car. The box cars were then closed from the outside and the train did not move for 24 hours. No facilities again. After 24 hours like this and with no food our train finally pulled out and we were taken to West Germany where Anne met me.

"After all this even to come to West Germany with nothing at all was happiness beyond al description".

Mrs. Corn explained that the Red Cross helped her to locate the train in which her mother was riding. But several months had passed before they were finally reunited at the farm house in Germany. Months later Swoboda was released from the POW camp and he and his wife and daughter were finally together again, living in two upstairs rooms of the same farm house that sheltered Anne during the early months of the war's aftermath.

She said a few Sudetan Germans were allowed to remain in Asch, including her grandmother who was old and sick at the time; but she was not allowed to remain in her home. She was forced to leave the home she had had since 1880 and to seek lodgings elsewhere. Mrs. Corn's aunt, who was married to a Swiss Citizen, was also allowed to stay. The grandmother because of her illness, was allowed to stay with Mrs. Corn's aunt.

"We were also forced to wear yellow arm bands to set us apart from everyone else," she explained.

In spite of the danger, Mrs. Corn made several trips back across the border, both to visit her dying grandmother and to salvage a few of the family possession. Today she still has a few pieces of the crystal they managed to save.

One day the dreaded event happened and the young girl was caught making an illegal entry into Czechoslovakia and the town of Asch. All of the proceedings were conducted in the Czechoslovakian language, including the trial and sentencing. "We did not even

understand one word of what was going on," she said.

"I was placed in a cell with nearly 30 other people and was assigned to the work detail at the old folks home. Food was very scarce. Other Sudeten Germans who spoke out against the Communists were thrown into cells next to ours and we could hear them being beaten and punished," she continued.

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Mrs. Corn, who says she is not a "food oriented" person explained that she coped by "living one day at a time." Often her grandmother would come and wait for Anne to walk from the jail to the old persons home in hopes of exchanging a word, a glance or even a smile or ray or hope

Then one day after nearly four weeks of confinement and being forced to work in the home, Mrs. Corn says she and a few others were boarded onto a jeep and driven to the border where they were turned loose. "At first we really did not know what had happened," she said, "It was such a shock."

Another shock came when Mrs. Corn's grandmother died with none of them at her side. "My aunt came to the border and shouted to us that she had died," she said.

"My parents received a special three-hour permit to bury my grandmother," she explained. "They walked to the border, about eight miles, and when they arrived they found that no undertaker would help them because they were Germans. Finally they paid a man to dig the grave and located a simple casket which they loaded into a wagon for the journey to the grave in

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Christmas — time to pause to greet old friends and new, time to draw close to those we love. It's our fond hope that all our patrons will enjoy the best of the holiday season!

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(Continued from Page 8) the cemetery." The elderly woman

"Everything was so scarce at the end of the war, especially jobs," she said.

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"I really do not know how my mother kept her sanity," Mrs. Corn said. "To lose everything and to have to start all over again like that was so hard for her," she continued. "They did not have any social security benefits because they had been in business for themselves," she added. "They had to work for 20 years before they qualified for it." The Swobodas are now retired.

While living on the German farm Anne also attended high school which was 16 miles away. She walked two miles to the train station, rode 13 miles on the train and walked another mile to get to the school. That was Mrs. Corn's routine for five days a week. Classes were usually conducted from 8 to 5.

Mrs. Corn graduated from high school in 1947. Later she went to Munich to attend the university. The city had been heavily damaged during the war and dormitories were nonexistent, she said. "I lived in the ruins of an old castle and traveled home by train once a month." she said. "My mother always sent me

"I did not realize then the sacrifices my parents made in order for me to go to school," Mrs. Corn

Later, Swoboda exchanged his cobbler's trade for a job rebuilding a factory. However, after the work was completed, in a year, he was laid off. He had been helping to set up the machines in the cloth mill.

Eventually Swoboda went to work in a china factory, one of many around Schonwald. "China has to be

fired at a high temperature in ovens heated by coal," she explained. "The work of stoking the hot ovens

almost killed my father," she said. My parents also worked as caretakers of office buildings," she added. "After almost five years they found easier work in an exportimport packaging plant."

Mrs. Corn attended the university for two years, receiving a certificate which qualified her to act as an interpreter for the Allied forces still in Germany. Anne worked as an interpreter for a while before immigrating to the United States in

She obtained her Bachelor of Art degree in mathematics from Eastern New Mexico University in 1962. "I took 128 hours in five semesters," she said.

In 1976 Mrs. Corn received a Master of Education degree from West Texas State University. She once was a graduate assistant in the math department at WTSU and taught math at Bovina High School for six years. She has been at Farwell for the past six years.

The post war indignities, now more than three decades old, have affected Mrs. Corn, who said she "values knowledge and skills above everything else because they cannot be taken away from you like material possessions can."

She attributes the survival of the Sudeten Germans to "not having placed too much emphasis on material things and having a strong faith in God. We also always believed in hard work," she said.

Perhaps the early experiences have made Mrs. Corn a better teacher. The possibility certainly exists, she says, adding, "I think I try to help my students be more aware of what is going on around them. It is also so important to be politically aware of what is happening in your country."

Since math is a very basic subject and because of its rigid inflexibility



HAPPIER TIMES Anne Corn, who was eight at the time, her cousin Otto Ploss, and her mother, Elsa Swoboda, are pictured enjoying a summer at the Baltic Sea. The family enjoyed happier times until the Russian Communists con-

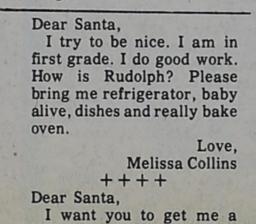
fiscated all the property of the Sudeten Germans living in Asch in 1945. The Swoboda family was forced to leave their homeland carrying only 50 pounds of their

Mrs. Corn says she cannot really bring the happenings in the world to bear on the subject. "But as the librarian I can reach many students and try to help them to learn more about the world they live in," she

Mrs. Corn is not bitter about what happened long years ago nor does she blame anyone. "I think though that because of what happened when I was 15 I have a deep feeling that no

one should tolerate indifference to humanity. It is so important to be aware and to care about your fellow man," she said.

For Mrs. Corn and the rest of the Sudeten Germans, the displaced persons of World War II, the ordeal is over and they have restructured their lives to fit a changing world. But it is doubtful that the city of Asch and the 50,000 people who were literally left homeless will ever be truly forgotten.



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O Holy Night

A Christmas Prayer: Let us rejoice for the Prince of Peace is come again, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.

First United Methodist Church



DRESSED FOR CONFIRMATION... Anne Corn is pictured at age 14, all dressed up for her confirmation. Things changed drastically for Mrs. Corn's family following World War II when they were forced to leave their homeland and migrate to Germany with only a few pounds of their personal possessions.

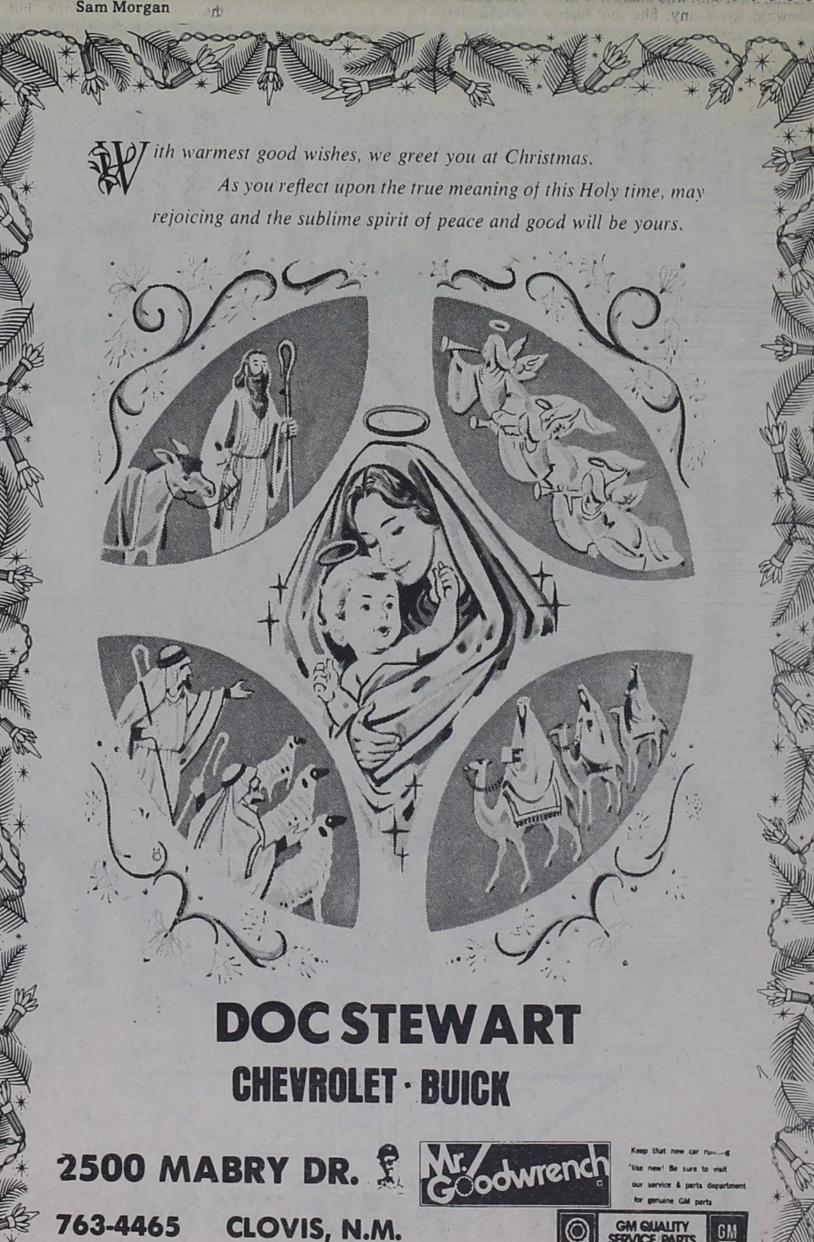


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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

goal post. Thank you Santa Claus.

From Pete I love you Santa Claus. ++++

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy six years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle and anything else you think I might like. I love you. I will be in Pampa at

Micah Rockwell

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a baby burp and a boots. Could you bring a motorcycle for my brother Charlie.

Dear Santa,

I am Joanna Clayton. I am

seven years old. Santa I want a Barbie house and my Nana's house for some Barbee clothes and a easy bake oven.

Joanna Gay Clayton

I want an automatic I want a motor cycle and a My name is Michelle football passer and a Jr. car and a rocket and a truk. Dopp, I am 81/2 years old. Love, Would you please bring me Tony the biggest walking doll you have and doll clothes to go with her. Olivia the stretch octopus, and a playdough barber shop. Would you please bring Johnny Joe a tractor with a plow and a merry-go-copter, and a mother bear. Johnny Joe is 34 months old. Would you please bring Alexandria a snuggles doll with a blanket, a stroller and a boy bear. Alexandria is 19 months old. We all love you very much.

Michelle, Johnny

sum blouseis.

From Alice Telles

I want a moter cyel and a

baby that burps and a baby

buble and a ten speed coat

and a car and that is all. I

love you Santa Claus

Dear Santa I would like a rash baby and a baby bodums, and a baby that away and a barbe that her hair turns black and blond and a baby this and that. OK.

I love you Santa From Diana

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me Incredable Hulk, R-2-D-2, Luke Skywalker, Gobble goat, milking cow, pellet gun.

Larry Rocha

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a wacky tacky space hailmat and all of the Star Wars people and a skate bord and a strech

Denver Ross Riddle ++++

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this past year. If you can bring me Monkey, baby wet and care and ten speed.

> Love Penny Riley

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this

past year. If you can please bring me a bike and a typewriter and a cash register, baby wet and cer and a baby alive and a game

Twyla Stanberry

Dear Santa,

I want a doll that burps and sum boots and sum choc. A little bike for my Love, baby sistur.

Dear Santa,

I want a big bike and a doll that talks and walks. I will like sum shoes and sum socks and sum pants and

> Estella Lumbrera ++++

Dear Santa, I want a baby bubble and baby that burps and I want sum boots and a little stove that makes sum cake.

Your friend Love Isabel Maria

Dear Santa,

I want a three wheeler and a bee bee gun.

Roy Robledo

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and boots and I wanta doll. I love you be at Zapata. I will try to be Santa very much.

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a spieman and a Godzilla and a Art-2 D-2.

Gary Gene Collins

I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a chalk board and a baby come back. It is baby Jesus birthday at Christmas

> Love, Anna Flores

Dear Santa.

I won't be at home. I will good past this year. How are Love, you doing, I am fine. I want Emma Gome a Star bird and a battlestar galactica collection and a Star Wars collection and that all. Good by.

Jarrett Dale Turner and a digital derby.

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this

past year.If you can, please bring me a baby wet in care and a baby come back and a trampoline and if you want to bring me more toys you can and I will leave you something and I remember it was baby Jesus birthday.

> Love, Sheila Stanberry

Dear Santa,

Give me action space gun, Spider Man, and a figures and a rabbit hunt set and a Ini Racers and a Pontiac Trans Am and a L.C.D. digital watches and a walking tiny spaniel and a grand prix pin ball game Love, and 3 different rescue sets

David

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. If you can please bring me a BB gun with a scope, and a game called Ten Gun

Alley. And a pair of skees. I

will leave some milk and

Radford Oscar Venable

May the light of His love shine on you and fill your heart at Christmas. Everlasting thanks to all. Federal Land Bank Association Ernest Kerr, Mgr. Muleshoe, Carelean Hamilton Texas Office Assistant **Board Of Directors** Jim Claunch Arlin Hartzog James Glaze Morris Douglas Gordon Duncan

To rejoice in the glad message of the Christmas story . . . to treasure the blessings of home, family and friends . . . to know the rewards of giving . . . often richest when the gift is a smile or a greeting of warmth and cheer. May this spirit be yours this Christmas. FRIONA DIVISION

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se you Ch love you. Dear Sant I try to bring me I dishes, rea

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Merry Christmas

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
My name is Greg, I want a
stretch monster and some
hot wheels.
Little Larry wants some

Please don't forget to bring my aunt Ne-Ne and Pam something so they don't cry. I'll leave some cookies and juice on the cabinet for you.

Love, Greg McCormick ++++

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Dear Santa,
My name is Angela, and I
have been a good girl this
year. Would you please
bring me a car I can ride
and a Star Wars space ship.
Please don't forget to bring
my baby sister Lori a nice
toy, too. Thank you. We will
se you Christmas Day. We
love you.

Angela and Lori

Beauchamp ++++

Dear Santa,

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me Baby Rash, a bike, dishes, ready bake oven.

Love,
Susie Collins

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Dear Santa,
My name is Charles Stone. I am in the first grade. I would like a Stretch Armstrong, football, road grader, typewriter. Bring my sister Sunshine, a wet and dry doll, dishes and a stove. We will have cookies and milk for you. Have a nice Christmas.

Love, Charles Stone + + + +

Dear Santa,

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. How is Rudolph? Please bring me Gozella, football, motor-cycle, Steve Austin.

David B. Heart Branch B. Dear Santa, Inavertried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a Star Bird and a cycle, Steve Austin.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a ten speed and a operation game and a chalkboard.

Love, Marsha Shepherd

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Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this
past year. If you can please
bring me Dancerella and
Rash Baby.

Love, Shannon Henry ++++

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this past year. I want you to bring me a bike, a doll, a ball, a play horse, and a play house.

Linda Duran

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Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this
past year. I would like a
marching Mickey Mouse
and a baby that away and a
rash baby.

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this past year. If you can please bring me a game thats called Sorry and a trampoline.

Esmeralda Bazaldua
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Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this
past year. If you can please
bring me creapy aroler.
Remember by brother and
sisters.

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me clothes, chalk board, skates, blue max, baby come back.

Love,

Vanessa Shepherd

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me a gun, circue
truck.

Randy Stone ++++

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Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please bring me gobble goat, milking cow, laying egg. and a bike.

Ron Carl Wilson

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please How is Rudolph? Please bring me army men, machine gun, chalk board, lamp, marks-a-lot, Star Wars, tanks, pocket knife.

Love, Frank Wilson

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph: Please bring me motorcycle, football suit, Jaws-2, Superman,

Love, Jimmy Don Gilberth ++++

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Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me games, baseball
glove, farm equipment,
Stretch Monster.
Billy Scott Sudderth

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me R-2-D-2 and a
motorcycle.

Love,
Anthony Rodriquez
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Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me Stretch monster,
Santa doll, a truck and

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me a bike, baby bike,
baby rash, record player.
Love,

Cindy Gail Stanberry
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Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in
first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please
bring me mini-bike, 22 gun,
Stretch Armstrong, Jaws-2,
knife, record player, Spider
man.

Love, Gene Walker

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Dear Santa,

I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work. How is Rudolph? Please bring me doll clothes, record player and a bike.

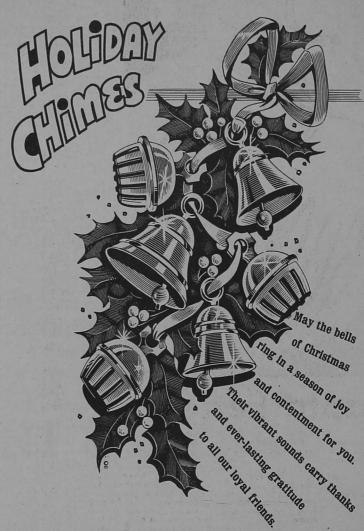
Love,

Jennifer Beauchamp

Dear Santa,
I try to be nice. I am in first grade. I do good work.
How is Rudolph? Please bring me Stretch Armstrong, Sorry game, base-

Love, Gabriel Ramos





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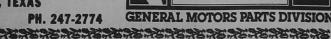
ake it a fun-filled holiday! Fill it with an abundance of love, laughter and warm hearts everywhere.

Best wishes for a cheery, blessed season to all. Our special thanks.

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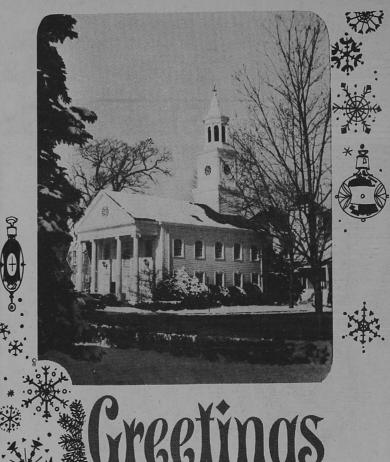




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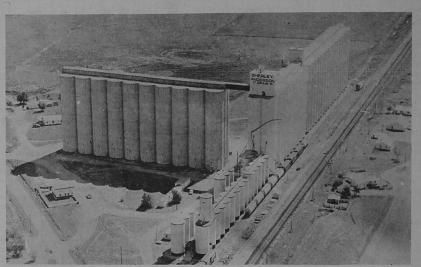
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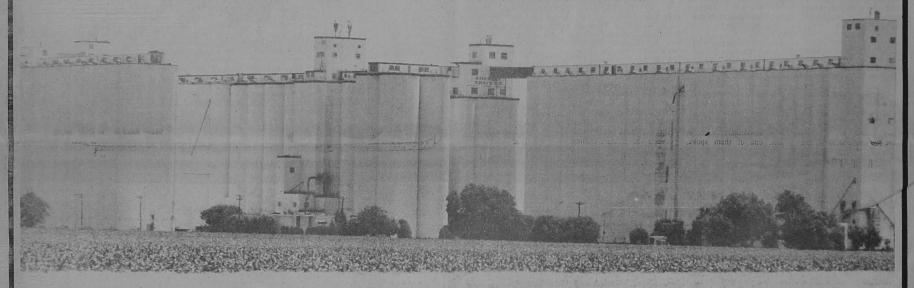


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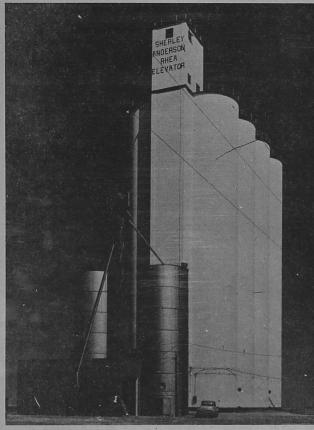
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The Story of the Sad Little Shepherd Boy

dreds of years ago, a little shepherd boy was feeling sorry for himself.

This little shepherd was feeling sorry for himself because he wasn't snuggled in his bed at home . . . instead, he was on a cold hillside on the outskirts of Bethlehem, trying hard to keep warm as he helped his father tend sheep.

Usually the boy's older brother went out in the evenings with the father; the younger boy had the much more pleasant task of tending the herd during the day. Then it was fun - he could run and play with the other shepherd boys or tell stories of marvelous deeds.

But, tonight the older brother was away on a visit and so the little shepherd boy had been called upon to fill in for his brother.

"Tending the flock at night is no fun at all," the young boy thought to himself as he drew nearer the fire to warm his hands. Besides, he was sleepy! By now he would have been sound asleep in his own bed at home, with his dog curled at the foot of the bed. As it was, he felt very sorry for himself, in-

The boy looked up at the stars, trying to remember all the names his father had taught him. He saw that one star was especially bright and thought, "I've never noticed that one before!" He called to his father, further down the slope. "What is the name of that star?" The boy's father looked toward the beavens and stood, gaz-

One night, many hun- ing, for many moments before he called to other shepherds at the edge of the flock. They were all puzzled by the appearance of the bright star and the little boy felt as though he had made a discovery. From time to time, he would look up from his father's flock to gaze at the star.

It was getting harder and harder to stay awake, however, and before long the boy was startled by a shout from one of the shepherds. The man pointed toward the heavens, where a dazzling light met their gaze. That light now became an angel before their astonished eyes!

The little shepherd was filled with fear . . . he had never heard of such a thing, much less seen it! Even the boy's father and the other shepherds were afraid. But, the angel reassured them. "Be not afraid," it said. "For behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." And the angel told the awestruck shepherds that they would find the Babe in a manger, wrapped in swaddling cloths.

Then, an even more wonderful sight - suddenly, there were hundreds of angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Then, as suddenly as they had appeared, the host of angels were gone. The shepherds stood there, dazed. At last, one of them spoke:



"Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." The others quickly agreed and set about toward the town of Bethlehem.

No longer sleepy, the little shepherd ran to keep pace with his father and the other shepherds. Cold and sleepiness were all forgotten as he helped to hurry the flocks down toward the little town. At last they came to the cave sheltering the newborn Babe. The shepherds entered

that humble cave as though it were a splendid temple, and the little shepherd boy did not have to be told to kneel when he saw the Infant, wrapped in strips of cloths and lying in a manger, just as the angel had told them. How beautiful the Babe was! How young the mother, smiling

so tenderly at her Child. How devoted her husband, looking after the mother and the tiny Infant.

Speechless at first, the shepherds began to talk all at once, describing to Mary and Joseph the vision of the angels. Only the little shepherd boy was quiet, gazing all the while at the Infant

Later on, he would tell his friends all about it. They would listen to the story of the angels and the Babe in the manger over and over, and never tire of hearing it.

And the little shepherd boy would never tire of telling that story ... and he would never, ever feel sorry for himself again!





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