

Bull Town Bulle- tins



By
Bill Ellis

MANY OF OUR readers are acquainted with Jack Patterson, longtime resident of the Rhea Community.

And if you know him very well, you know that the transplanted Georgian is extremely fond of hunting and fishing.

"Someone was talking to me the other day, and stated that many folks the age of Ona (Mrs. Patterson) and myself aren't nearly as active as we are. They wanted to know what our secret was," Patterson told us this past week.

"I told this person that I guessed that we're still so active because Ona works hard, and I fish hard," he explained.

To say that Patterson enjoys hunting or fishing would be putting mildly. Very mildly.

Jack came by to share a photograph of himself and his 16-month-old great grandson, Clay Shamblin, who lives in Amarillo with his parents, Donny and Karri Shamblin.

In the picture, Jack is holding a 23-inch brown trout that he swears was caught by the young great-grandson. The fish is almost as big as the youngster.

This happened on Labor Day weekend on Clay's first fishing trip with Grand-dad Jack, to the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico.

"I can't believe I let the child get that old before taking him fishing," Patterson stated, with his trademark laugh.

Jack is one of those individuals who plans to enjoy himself. Maybe that is part of the reason that he's still as active as he is, not having slowed his pace to speak of.

Jack was a driving force in the movement to stock Parmer County with pheasants, which gave local hunters, as well as hundreds of others from as far away as Dallas and the Houston area, the chance to hunt this popular game bird every winter in the county.

Pheasant hunting became a source of income from tourist dollars for the two-week, three-weekend season in December.

But something has happened to the pheasants in our area, and Patterson says he is at a loss to explain what it was. But one thing's for sure, he says: the birds weren't hurt by "overkill" by the hunters.

In 1982, Patterson invited a busload of hunters to come to the Rhea community from as far away as Austin. Before the group called it quits on that beautiful December day, every member of the party had a bird, and virtually everyone had shot their limit.

Then, a year or two later, Patterson said he noticed in the spring and summer that there was a good flock of pheasant hens, around 20-30, nesting out in his wheat field. There were seven or eight pretty cock-pheasants, and this made him optimistic about a nice crop of young pheasants, and a good hunting season.

"They always did well in the wheat. They make their nests out in the field, and the skunks and other predators can't find them," Patterson explained.

But by hunting season that year, it was evident that not only had there not been a good "hatch" of young birds, but that almost all of the grown birds he had watched earlier in the year also had died out.

"I think they were hit by some kind of disease. And we just can't seem to get the bird population back to where it was in 1982," he explains. "The game officials try to say they don't have the cover and feed they need, but that isn't the case. I haven't changed my way of doing things, and they just don't make it," he said.

Hopefully the pheasants will someday make a comeback. They're beautiful game birds, and this area had seemed well-suited for them until the last 10-12 years.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: "If you have a job with no aggravation, you have no job!"

Dorothy Stowers Captures 3rd Week's Football Prize

The contest judging was easy this third week.

Only three contestants picked 13 winners. Since there are three weekly prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, we had only to sort them out with the tie-breaker score of Dallas 34, Arizona 20.

Dorothy Stowers won first prize in a squeaker over Eufemia Torres.

Stowers guess was Dallas by 28-20, which was 6 points off.

Torres guessed Dallas 35, Arizona 14, which was 7 points off. Stowers wins by one point.

J.T. Roach was a solid 3rd place winner with his tie-breaker guess of Dallas over Arizona by 27-10, seventeen points off. This is the second week in a row Roach has won 3rd place. (Last week he finished in a tie for 3rd.)

Dimmitt's loss to Tulia, Friona's loss to Springlake-Earth, and Denver's loss to San Diego seemed to be the most popular "misses" this week.

Coming on strong with 12 correct picks this third week were: Darla Mehroff, Jerry Sherbon,

Richard Grisham, Galen Hromas, Mike Read, A.M. Wilson, Virginia Steele, Kay Roach, and Stacy Roach.

Only six entries picked 11 winners out of the 14. Everyone else stumbled a little this week as upsets took their toll.

Currently leading for overall winner at 37 total points are Mike Read and J.T. Roach.

However, there are a lot of people chasing hard. With ten more weeks to go, no doubt the lead will change hands several times.

A complete listing of the standings can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Blade.

Weekly prizes of \$10, \$7.50, & \$5 are awarded, ending with a \$100 prize for overall point total winner.

Complete contest rules and this week's entry blank are also printed elsewhere in the Blade.

Join the fun and competition. Entries must be at the Blade office, or postmarked, by 5 p.m. each Friday.



WEEK THREE WINNER....Dorothy Stowers receives her \$10 top prize from Jeff Steelman, of First Bank, a contest sponsor. She won the third week's contest by picking 14 winners and being closest on the tie-breaker. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Open House Is Set At Bovina ISD

Bovina ISD will host an "Open House" on October 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Ridgelea School and from 7-8 p.m. at the elementary, middle school and high school campuses. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

The school is also asking for volunteers to serve on the district level school improvement committee or on a campus level committee. These advisory committees provide an opportunity for parents, community members and members of the business community to work together with teachers and administrators in planning for improved student academic performance.

A primary objective of the district level committee for this year will be to help prepare the District's Student Code of Conduct required under the new discipline laws. If you would be interested in serving either at the district level or on a campus level, please contact the school at 238-1336.



BOVINA REUNION...Bovina High School's Class of 1973 held a reunion on July 2 in Amarillo. Those attending were (back row, l-r) Ben McCain, Ronnie Nuttall, Mike Ware, Kim Rundell, Jeff McCormick, Randy, Monk, Weldon Beardain, Eddie Pesch, Danny Parsons, Widdy Gromowsky and Joe Bazzaldua. Front, l-r: Debra Sorley Beauchamp, Honey Mast Gist, Gail Dixon Blain, Brenda Stanberry, and Ruth Ann Hough Parker. Also attending, but not pictured were Dale Johnston and Patti Mills Gencarelli.

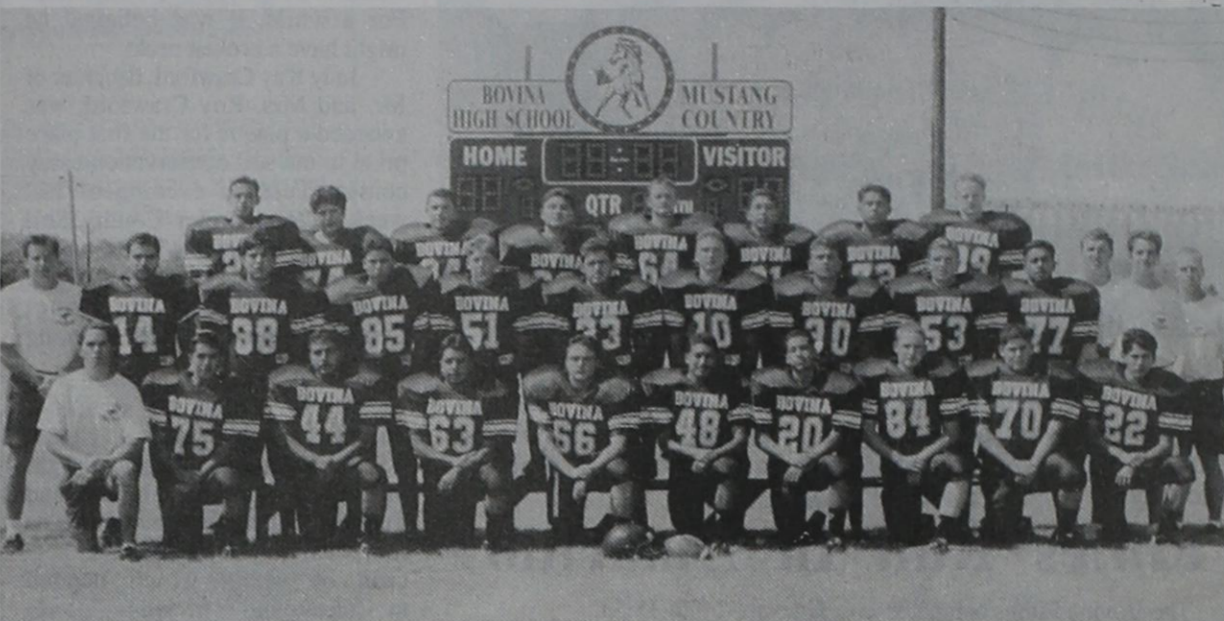
Bovina ISD: Linking The School & The Community

By Sue Nuttall
Superintendent

One of the goals of the State Board of Education of Texas is that parents will be full partners in the education of their children. This is also one of our goals at Bovina ISD.

Research and common sense tell us that parents play a key role in the success of their children at school. One of the ways parents can help their students and our school is to serve as representatives on our district committee for school improvement, or on a campus level committee. We also need community members and business representatives to serve.

The district committee's role, according to state law, is to assist in developing, evaluating, and annually revising the district improvement plan. The committee is involved in establishing and reviewing goals, major instructional programs, and staff development. Increased academic achievement of students and a reduced dropout rate are primary objectives. This year, the



THE 1995-96 BOVINA MUSTANGS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.....

First row, l-r, Coach Bruce Beets, Erik Galvan, Hector Larrea, Bernardo Cervantes, Jose Vitolas, Martin Reyna, Adan Perez, Jim Prather, Santiago Serna, Manny Quintana. Second row, l-r, Coach Bobby Ortiz, Cruz Marrufo, Francisco Nieto, Luke Steelman, Will Bell, Roberto Perez, Tony Beauchamp, Albert Larrea, Jason Kerby, Pablo Martinez, and manager J.T. Roach. Third Row, l-r, Jerry Rocha, Lupe Rivera, Joe Villarreal, Juan Martinez, John Stormes, George Villarreal, Jessie Fuentes, Jay Grisham, and coaches Mike Royce and Michael Todd.

Blood Drive Is Set Here October 3

We are all aware that before someone can receive blood, someone special must give blood. Bovina blood donors have always shared in this special "Commitment to Caring."

In order to keep a safe, reliable blood supply for the Panhandle, Bovina along with Coffee Memorial Blood Center, would like to invite you to join them in a "Commitment to Caring" by attending the Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 3 from 5-7 p.m. in the Bovina Ambulance Center.

This is your opportunity to help the community by being a volunteer blood donor. The success of these blood drives depends on your participation. Please give this matter your most serious and immediate attention. Your blood donation is a vital part of your community's lifeblood.

committee will also be responsible for putting together a "Student Discipline Code" to reflect changes in the new law.

The responsibilities of district committee representatives will require time and commitment. Members must be able to regularly attend committee meetings, effectively communicate with the constituents they represent, and to participate in team training with the committee.

If you would be interested in serving as a representative, whether as a parent, community member, or business member, please contact the school and give us your name.

There will also be an opportunity to sign up as a candidate for the committees at the "Open House" night October 3. Parent/community surveys will be available for your input also.

We invite all parents and community members to visit our schools and meet the teachers during our Open House from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Ridgelea School and from 7-8 p.m. at the elementary, middle school, and high school campuses.

J. Villarreal Student Of The Week

Joe Villarreal was selected as student of the week at Bovina High School.

He is a junior and has attended Bovina schools since the eighth grade when the family moved here from Amarillo.

His parents are Zeferino and Mary Villarreal. Grandparents are Rita and Zeferino Villarreal Sr.

Twin siblings Matthew and Christy are in the fourth grade, while older sister, Gina, graduated from BHS in 1995.

Villarreal is a standout on the Bovina Mustangs football team, where he plays both fullback and



BOVINA BUST...Shown confiscating the 52 marijuana plants at a residence on 1st Street are, from left, Deputy Tracy Bridges, Chief Deputy Bryan Thurmond, and Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler. The marijuana plants were surrounded by a stand of corn in an attempt to hide them.

Bovina PD Confiscates Local Marijuana Patch

At 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, a search warrant was issued by Judge Hutto for a residence at 302 1st Street in Bovina.

There Bovina Police and Parmer County Sheriff's deputies found 52 marijuana plants growing in the back yard.

The resident of the address, 46-year-old Billy Wayne Chisom, was arrested about a block away as he drove home.

According to Chief Leon Saddler, the plants were 6-8 feet tall. The tops of the plants had

been tied and pulled down to keep them from showing over the fence, and corn had been planted to further hide the marijuana field.

Chisom was arraigned by Hutto and bond was set at \$5000. He was transported and jailed in Farwell. According to police, Chisom is presently out on bond.

The marijuana plants were dug up by authorities. Department of Public Safety narcotics officials from Lubbock took the plants to DPS's Lubbock lab, after it was cut up and bagged.

Thurs. Windstorm Damages Property

It looked a lot like the "Dirty 30s" Thursday afternoon, according to some longtime residents.

A tremendous windstorm swept a cloud of reddish dust in the forefront, and hundreds of yards high, and the gale-force wind caused considerable damage to local property.

Perhaps the main damage was done to Bovina's Allsup's store, where the north end of the building's roof was raised about a foot. Some of the bricks from the store's wall were blown into the store, and items were blown from the shelves.

Allsup's had to close the business almost immediately, and at the Blade's press time it was thought that the store would have to be closed for at least a few days, and perhaps longer, depending on the extent of the damage to the roof. It was reported that steel beams were raised about a foot by the wind.

Reports were that several windows were blown out around town. The Blade will have a full report, along with photographs, next week.

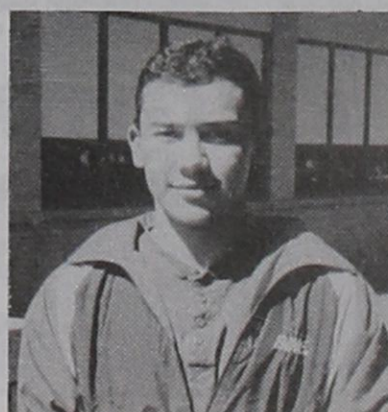


linebacker.

He is also on the student council and a member of the one-act-play drama group.

He plans to attend college, probably WTAMU, but hasn't decided on a major.

He was nominated for the weekly honor by teacher Linda Lewis and coach Bobby Ortiz. They stated that Villarreal has "a great attitude...good athlete...is respectful...puts in extra time to improve his English grade, and works hard to be a better person".



JOE VILLARREAL



JV CROSS COUNTRY...back, l-r, Jessica Viernes, Monica Perez, Tricia Kessler, Jackie Gonzales, Leslie Wilkins. Front, l-r, Brandie Munoz, Elia Marrufo, Paula Borquez, Kristie Buckley. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Fillies Run In Amarillo

The Bovina Fillies competed in the Amarillo Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 23. This was their largest meet so far, with over 225 runners in each race.

The varsity girls were paced again by senior Carmen Campos. Campos earned her second medal of the year as she placed 24th, with a time of 14:14.

Three other Fillies runners placed in the top 100: Maria Fragoza-43rd-14:38, Lori Beauchamp-84th-15:11, and Melissa Cantu-95th-15:23.

Other varsity runners were: Alex Dopp-133rd-15:45, Stephine Villarreal-139th-15:50, and Marcy

Guevara-140th-15:53.

The junior varsity team was again led by freshman Leslie Wilkins, who placed 81st with a time of 16:15. Other JV runners were: Monica Perez-115th-17:05, Jackie Gonzales-132nd-17:32, Kristie Buckley-133rd-17:34.

Also, Kasey Bell-154th-17:40, Paula Borquez-179th-18:02, Amy Venable-184th-18:10, Brandie Munoz-197th-18:24, and Jessica Viernes-206th-19:15.

The middle school and high school teams will compete in the Plains Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 30.

FB Contest Standings

Here are the point totals after three weeks of play in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

- 37--Mike Read, J.T. Roach
- 35--Susan Kerby, Virginia Steele
- 34--Richard Grisham, Kay Roach, Eufemia Torres, A.M. Wilson.
- 33--Hattie Burnett, Dee King, Stacy Roach Jerry Roach,
- 32--Denise Anderson, Cameron Charles, Jay Grisham, Darla Mehroff, Ella Jo Stormes, Scott Sudderth.
- 31--Jerry Birdsong, Phillip Johnson, Al Kerby, Jr., Donnie McDonald, Cory Mehroff, Dave Miles, Dorothy Stowers, Glenden Sudderth, Del Ray Sudderth.

30--Jo Blackwell, Jeanne Kerby, Joshua McDonald, Joe Olvera, Roy Lee Stowers, Janie Sudderth.

29--Will Bell, Gilda Garner, Tyson Kerby, Jason Kerby, Don Spring, Dean Stanberry, Blake Sudderth, Francisco Torres.

28--Travis Lockmiller, Deborah Raymond, Tammy Stormes, Christen Stowers.

27--Becky Johnson, Frances Johnson, Mike Raymond, Jamie

Stanberry, Linda Sudderth, Robert Tapia.

26--Mona Contreras, Chris Jones, Celeste Olvera, John Stormes.

25--Doug Johnson

24--Josh Kerby, Johnny Martinez, Daniel Hernandez.

23--Rick Anderson, Leonor Fuentes, E. Martinez.

22--Greg Hromas, Melanie Stanberry.

20--Matt Hromas, Darren Hromas, Mike Olvera, Jerry Sherbon.

19--Kenny Sherbon.

18--Tomas Fuentes, Jr., Judy Hromas.

17--Flossie Rhinehart.

14--Joseph Olvera, Travis Stanberry.

13--Carol Ortiz, Jill Timms.

12--Joe Black, Ben Israel.

11--James Grisham, Mike London, Ruben Villanueva, Frances Willard, Tyler Walling.

10--Chad Clayton, Galen Hromas.

9--Trent Black, Robert Olvera, Stevan Perez, Mona Quiroga, Amanda Smith, Levi Steelman, Matthew Villarreal.

8--Curby Brantley, D'Lynn Jamerson, Becky London.

7--Arlie Petty.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 YRS AGO--OCT 5 1960

What was first believed to be a serious injury felled Ronnie Glasscock, 13, Wednesday afternoon at school during a football scrimmage session. Glasscock received a sprained neck. For a while, it was believed he might have a broken neck.

Judy Kay Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crawford, was awarded a plaque for the first place prize in the soil conservation essay contest Tuesday evening of last week at the Parmer County Soil Conservation Banquet in Friona.

Mrs. Art Mast was hospitalized Thursday afternoon at Parmer County Hospital. She is suffering from influenza.

30 YRS AGO--OCT 6 1965

Area farmers viewed light moisture in the area Monday and Tuesday with mixed emotions. The rain was wonderful for their new crop of wheat which needed moisture to aid in coming up to a good stand. On the other hand, the wet spell brought to a halt grain sorghum harvesting operations.

Mrs. Mary Frances Mazurek, 72, a resident of Bovina for the past nine years, died Friday afternoon at her home.

Capitalizing on a fierce, determined defense and recovered fumbles, the Bovina Mustangs picked up their first win of the 1965 football campaign with an 8-6 decision over Meadow there Friday night.

25 YRS AGO--OCT 7 1970

Brooks Davis of Bovina took high score for the final night in the bull riding contest at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque last week.

Mrs. Bob Fillpot and her father, Shelby Jersig of Clovis, were in Columbia, Missouri over the weekend for the formal presentation of a portrait of Mrs. Fillpot's great-grandfather and Mr. Jersig's grandfather.

Miss Ellen Remnsnider suffered a heart attack Sunday at the Bovina restaurant and was taken to Parmer County Community Hospital. She is listed in fair condition and visitors are welcome, members of the family say.

20 YRS AGO--OCT 1 1975

A large number of prowlers and "minor" burglaries have been reported in Bovina the past several weeks, according to City Marshal Mike Reilly. The marshal said that in at least one instance, residents have entered their home while prowlers were inside.

The first load of 1975 milo was delivered to Sherley Grain Company in Bovina Thursday of last week by Bill Bradshaw, who farms north of town, according to Earl Whitten. The milo tested 15.90 moisture.

James and John Kelley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kelley of the Pleasant Hill Community, recently

showed their steers to championships in the Junior Livestock Show at the Eastern New Mexico Fair at Roswell.

15 YRS AGO--OCT 1 1980

Mary Jane Wilson was the winner in this week's football contest when she picked 12 of the 14 games listed.

The Bookmobile program is terminated after several years of serving in the four county area.

George Amador, 19, was injured seriously in a car-truck accident four miles east of Bovina on Highway 60.

Homecoming events are scheduled for this week and queen candidates are Karen Hughes, Pam Spring, Janette Soliz, Laurie Miller, and Deborah Collins. King candidates are Gabriel Guevara, Ricky Shepherd, Richard Shepherd, Harvey Shepherd, and Lynn Read.

Jo Linda Hodnett, daughter of Larry and Judy Hodnett, celebrated her sixth birthday with a party in Barbara Charles' kindergarten class.

10 YRS AGO--SEP 25 1985

Jamie Kunselman and Russell Wright, cousins, celebrated their third birthdays Saturday in Amarillo. They had dinner at the Calico County Restaurant, attended the Ice Capades, had cake and Cokes at the Wright's home and supper at the Pizza Hut in Hereford.

Officials at City Hall have requested that customers come by the office for their refund checks after October 1.

The refund is for money collected for police protection prior to the ruling by the state attorney general that this monthly fee was not legal.

5 YRS AGO--SEP 29 1990

Local residents were treated Wednesday to a spectacular view of a helium research balloon as it floated aloft across the area at heights of up to 25 miles.

A group of Bovina people have been contacted about their EMT tests and all were notified that they passed the exam. They are Missy Johnson, Angie Riley, Penny Dutton, Susan Hughes, and Bill and Honey Sue Gist.

Don Spring and Larry Mitchell taught the classes.

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YOUNG FISHERMAN...Jack Patterson of the Rhea community is shown with his great-grandson Clay Shamblin and a 23-inch brown trout he caught on his first fishing outing in northwest New Mexico. Clay is the son of Donny and Karri Shamblin of Amarillo.

Local Soccer Teams Win

Bovina has four soccer teams competing in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) in Clovis. The teams began play on September 23 and all four teams won their matches.

The Under 6 Colts are coached by Kelly McClaran. They won their game 3 to 1. Team members are: Ross McClaran, Dalton Cockerham, Kelsi Birdsong, Trent Quintana, Kami Rundell, James Lara, Micah Mayfield, and Josh Johnson.

The Under 8 Mustangs are coached by Denise Anderson. They won their game by 6-1. Team members include: Zane Anderson, Cody Jamerson, Kamber Royce, Justin Ware, Christian Hernandez, Skyla Cockerham, Guy Warren, and Billy Sherbon.

The Under 8 Colts are coached by Kim Rundell. They won by a score of 16-1. Team members are: Charlie Rundell, Brandon Black, Javier Cervantes, Yvonne Espinoza, Sonia Murillo, Ryan McClaran, and Dusty Riley.

The Under 10 Mustangs are coached by Wanda Royce. They won their game by a squeaker of 1-0. Team members are: Matthew Royce, Trey Widner, Jeffrey Casas, Kasi Birdsong, Kody Hawkins, Brandon Edwards, Dustin Lara, Gorden DeLaRosa, Miguel Munoz, Jonathan Chisom, Raymond Chisom, Emigdio Flores, Alex Espinoza, and Troy Turner.

"The teams did an excellent job Saturday, considering that this is the first time most of the kids have played soccer. If you are in Clovis on Saturday, try to come out to the soccer field and cheer them on", said a spokesperson for the teams.



J.T. ROACH

Managers Are Team Players Too

By Crystal Leal
BHS Student Reporter

A manager is an important part of school athletics. A manager is an organizer and scheduler, who makes sure things happen on time and with no mistakes.

James Turner (J.T.) Roach is the head manager for both the varsity and junior varsity football teams. He is assisted by Jonathan Estraca and Michael Wilkins.

J.T. is the son of Kay and Jerry Roach. Sister Stacy is in the 7th grade.

J.T. served as a manager when he was in the 7th grade, and was selected as head manager this year.

"I like this job because it gives me a workout too, by lifting equipment and running around", says J.T.

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Looking Up!

By RICHARD GRISHAM

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) reminds us, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Well, I do not know if some of the transients we get through Bovina are angels or not, but many of them definitely are "stranger!"

Back in July, a man stopped by the church driving an older motor home with a horse trailer full of junk behind him. He was dressed as a cowboy, with worn boots, dirty jeans, a western shirt, and a well worn hat. Bright blue, lively eyes shone out of his tanned, white-bearded face. He looked and smelled a lot like Moses must have after forty years on the back side of the desert with a bunch of sheep!

Probably in his later fifties, and with a perfervid penchant for talk, this stranger had already cornered our summer youth director, Bruce Beets, in the church office for an hour and a half. To my surprise, when Claude Moore introduced himself and took off his cowboy hat, he had on a Jewish skullcap which covered the back of his graying blonde hair! Was this a blue-eyed angel or an Anglo/Jewish cowboy?

As he let up on Bruce and began to bend my ear, I soon found out that Mr. Moore believed in British-Israelism, the fallacy that the ten lost tribes of Israel are the ancestors of the Anglo-Saxon peoples of Britain (i.e., Manesseh) and the United States (i.e., Ephraim). Otherwise he sounded evangelical and orthodox in his faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. But I was not about to argue with him because he would have still been here now, in the middle of September, if I had!

Claude did not ask for a handout, he just wanted Bruce and I to know that God's name is not the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!

September 30--Wanda Headlee, Carolyn George.

October 1--Brenda Kirkpatrick, Denise Anderson, Gilda Garner.

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October 3--Carolyn Pruitt, Starlia Clayton.

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anglicized "Jehovah," but rather "Yahweh." "And Jesus should be called 'Yeshua,'" he insisted, "which is his rightful Hebrew name meaning Savior." For a transient British-Israelist, Anglo-Saxon, Jewish cowboy, he certainly knew his Bible well, and quoted passage after passage from both the Old and New Testaments. Although a unique character and askew on some of his theology, I certainly admired Claude for his great zeal for the Lord. He had already visited thirty-two states, and hopes to make the other twelve, stopping as often as possible to share his convictions with anyone who will listen. He reminded me again that God's name is holy.

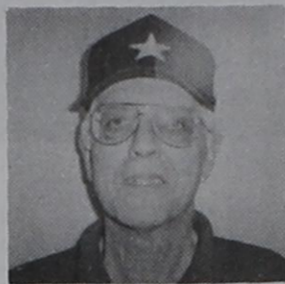
On the other hand, Dean Henshaw, a bicyclist, did want some help. He called me from Parmer County Spraying west of town. "I want to talk to a born-again brother," he insisted. (Seems that my Methodist colleague, Neely Landrum, was unavailable at the time. Why do I get all these blessings?) Anyway, this fellow said he would be at the church in twenty minutes.

A man of fifty-two, with black straggly beard and a grungy baseball cap, he had all his worldly possessions on the back of his bike. Seems he was riding from California to "no-where-in-particular." He needed a place to spend the night cause he was really tired. So, to get him out of town and on his way, I loaded him, bike, stuff and all, into my van and took him to a Friona motel. (Why not share my blessings with folks in the neighboring community?)

On the way, Dan told me he used to be involved in the "gay" community in San Francisco (which made me a tad nervous), "but I received the Lord as my Savior twelve years ago! I played the piano in a 'gay' church one time," he said, "but decided the Lord would not honor that." Giving me a big grin through missing teeth, he said he would be sure and play a prelude for my church when he comes back through. Seems he does an impassioned version of "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior." "You won't even have to take a love offering," he assured me. "I do it just to give to the Lord."

He had also had a "near death experience" four years ago when a drunk driver he was hitchhiking with, rolled the car in which they were riding. "That's when I really got to know the Lord," Dean said! The one gem he did leave with me was the statement, "We never grow in our salvation until we are willing to be honest with ourselves."

I noticed Mr. Henshaw wrote his permanent address on the motel information sheet as being Jackson, WY. I did not ask him why he was taking the long route home. Who knows, maybe he is just another one of those less recognizable "angels unawares."



Out Here

By RON CARR

A few days ago, a \$180 million military AWAC plane crashed in Alaska just after takeoff. All 24 crew members died as the plane plowed through several hundred trees.

The cause of the crash? Geese. Investigators determined that several geese were sucked into the engines, causing power failure and, subsequently, the crash.

If geese can destroy a \$180 million plane, maybe we are missing a potent military secret. We could buy a lot of geese for \$180 million.

Instead of sending troops to Haiti, or Bosnia, or Iraq, let's just buy several million geese, sneak them into these countries, and let them mess up the military.

It would benefit everybody. Geese farmers would get rich, soldiers would not have to fight, and the goose in the White House would finally have some troops to lead.

Only problem is that some animal rights group would probably file a lawsuit that would drag on for centuries and make more lawyers rich, too. Oh, well, it was just a thought.

Were my eyes deceiving me, or did I see Arafat and the PLO, and Israel signing another peace treaty on television this week.

Why do they waste their time (and ours) signing all those treaties, then go home and kill people all over again?

I have never figured out what they are so mad about. Maybe all that heat and sand make them crazy.

If you look at Israel on a world map, it is about as big as downtown Lubbock, yet they wield enormous world power.

I say let's just keep them off TV, don't invite them back to the U.S.A. to sign any more worthless treaties, and let them fight until someone wins, without any world attention.

Except, Yasser Arafat should be allowed to come over to pick up his award for the "10 Worst Dressed" list.

Maybe he's mad because his mother named him Yasser. I would be. It's just a thought.

Here in Texas, it became legal this week for relatives of murder victims to watch the killer be executed.

That, of course, assumes that a murderer is executed sometime during their lifetime, after all the appeals are filed.

I haven't had to make that kind of decision and hope that none of us ever do. But I just don't think I want to watch anybody be executed.

Not that I am against the death penalty. There are mean, crazy killers that probably need killing. I just want somebody else to do it and leave me out of it. It's just a thought.

Over in Farwell (how do you pronounce Farwell anyway?), they are cracking down on people that live in Texas and have their cars registered out-of-state, like in New Mexico.

If you have a residence in Texas, you are required to have a Texas drivers license and Texas vehicle registration.

When you move to Texas from another state, you have 90 days to get registered in Texas. I moved back to Texas from Oklahoma and you don't even want to know what their registration laws are.

Anyway, if you are trying to beat the Texas laws by keeping your cars registered in New Mexico, better not do that.

The law can stop you if they think you live here and register there. Its easy money for the city, but tougher on your pocketbook. It's just a thought.

After a long, long absence, I have started back to school. Well, not really as a student, even though I probably need it.

Thanks to Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Birdsong, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sealey, Coach Royce, and the other teachers, for allowing this old guy to wander about the hallways at Bovina schools.

Yes, you will see a lot of school news in the Blade. We will try to dig up some interesting news about the kids and teachers.

I have wandered around the

football field during practice and observed these "kids" doing their best to compete.

Let's remember that even though they put on pads and play, they are still kids that need encouragement and support from us grown-ups.

Yes, they are learning reading, writing, arithmetic, and computers.

From what I can see, they have even learned to eat the food in the cafeteria, something I haven't gotten the courage to do yet. Just kidding folks!

School is where its all happening, but I will accept news from anybody in Bovina. In fact, I encourage it.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of October 2-6
MONDAY--Frito pie, chili, cheese, crackers, salad, beans, cake, fruit and milk.
TUESDAY--sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spears, chips, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY--spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, bread sticks, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY--chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY--hot dogs, chili, fries, pickles, fruit, cookies and milk.

And thanks to all the friendly people here that have helped me learn my way around Bovina. Everything would be perfect if you would send me news, pay your subscription, and buy an ad. It's

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 Final thought: The lion and the lamb shall lie down together, but the lamb won't get much sleep. See Ya!

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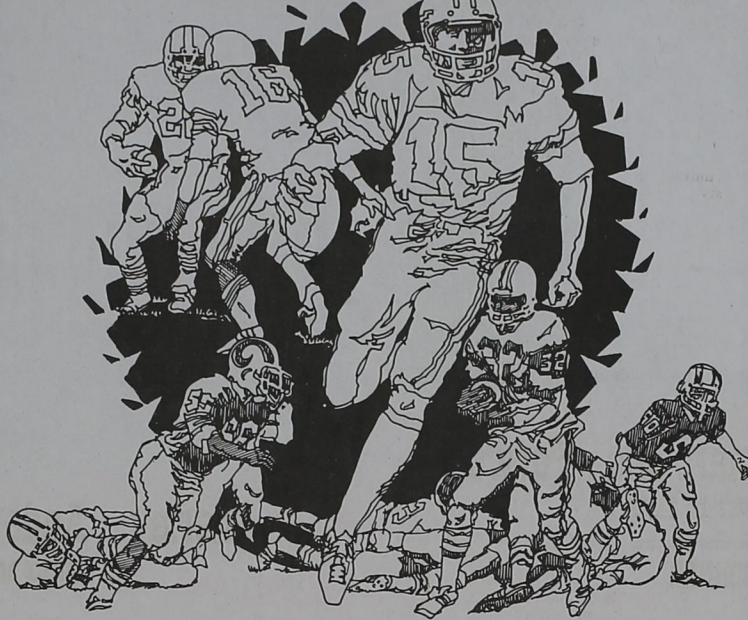
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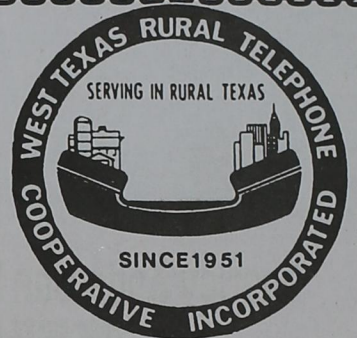
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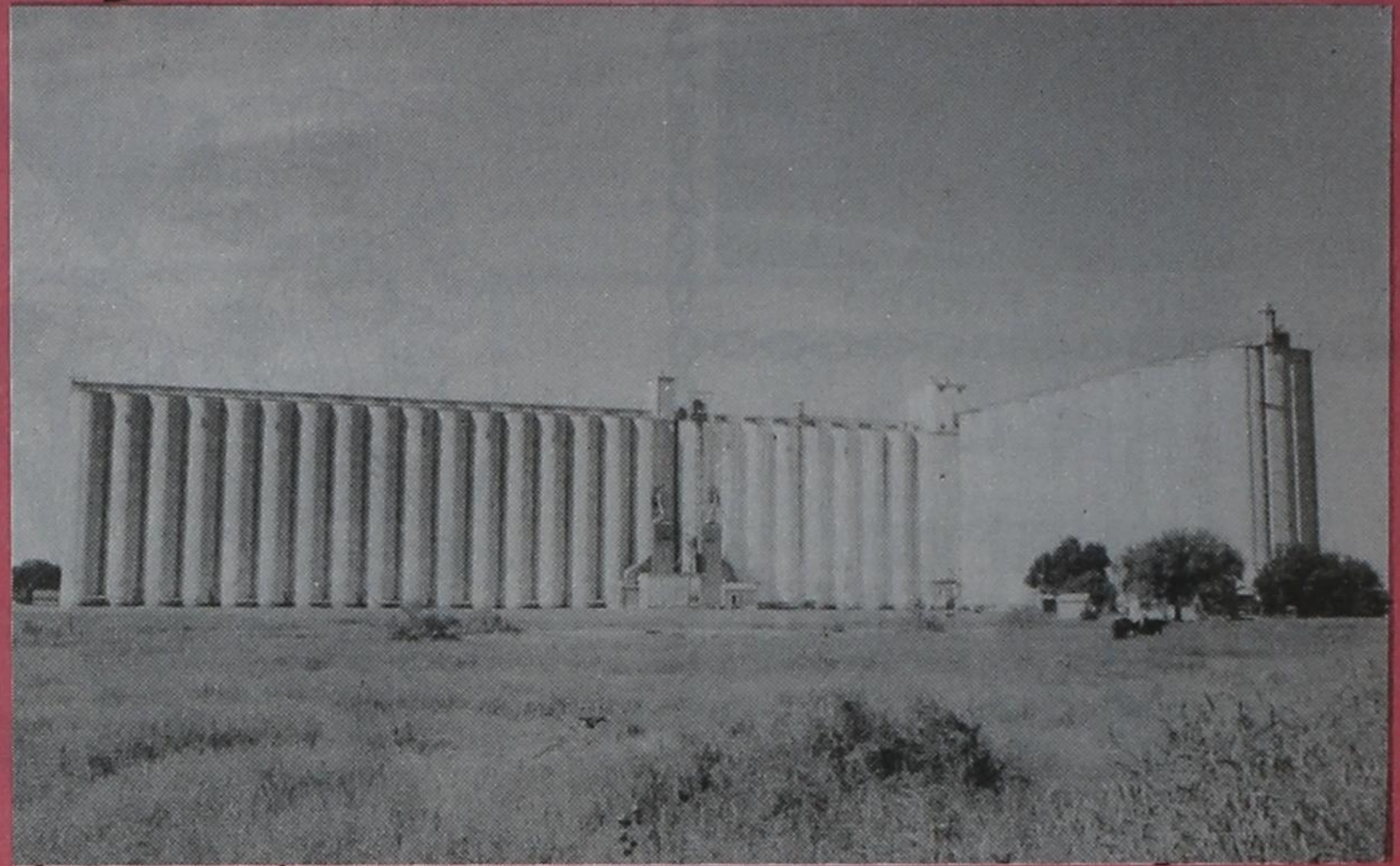
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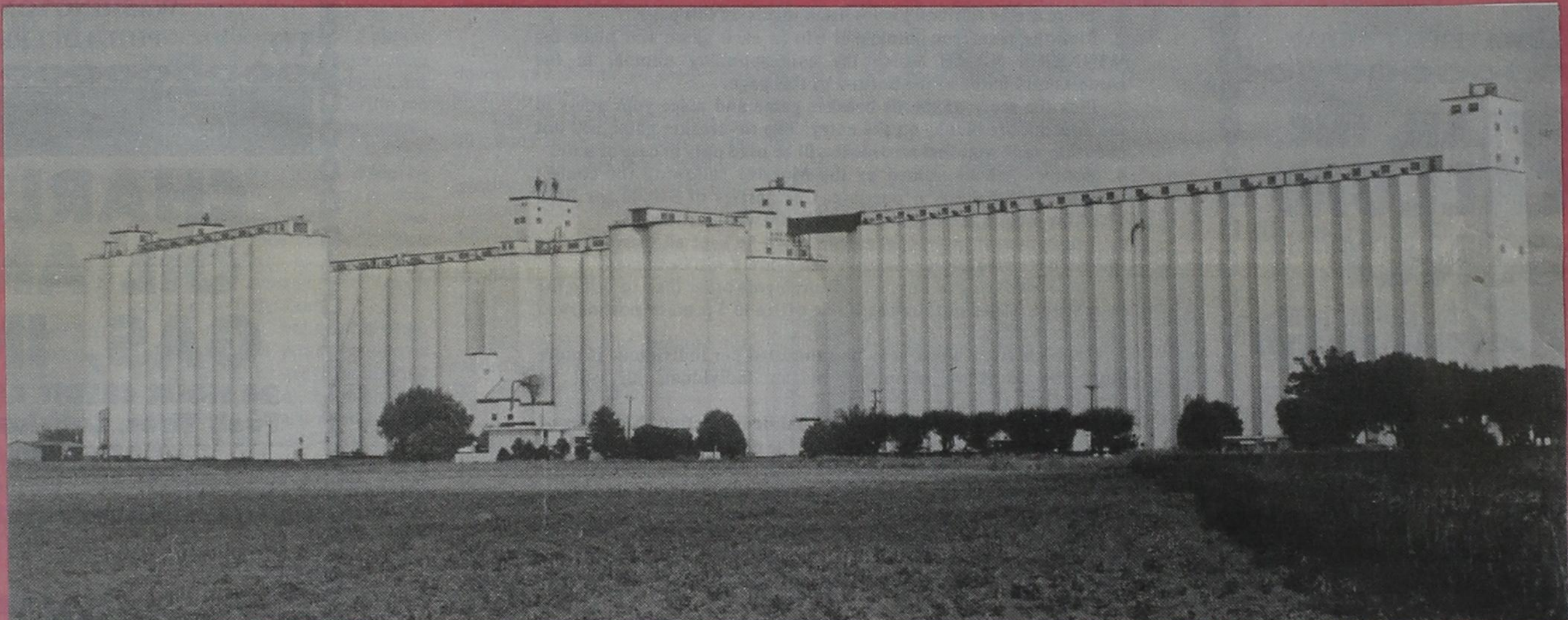
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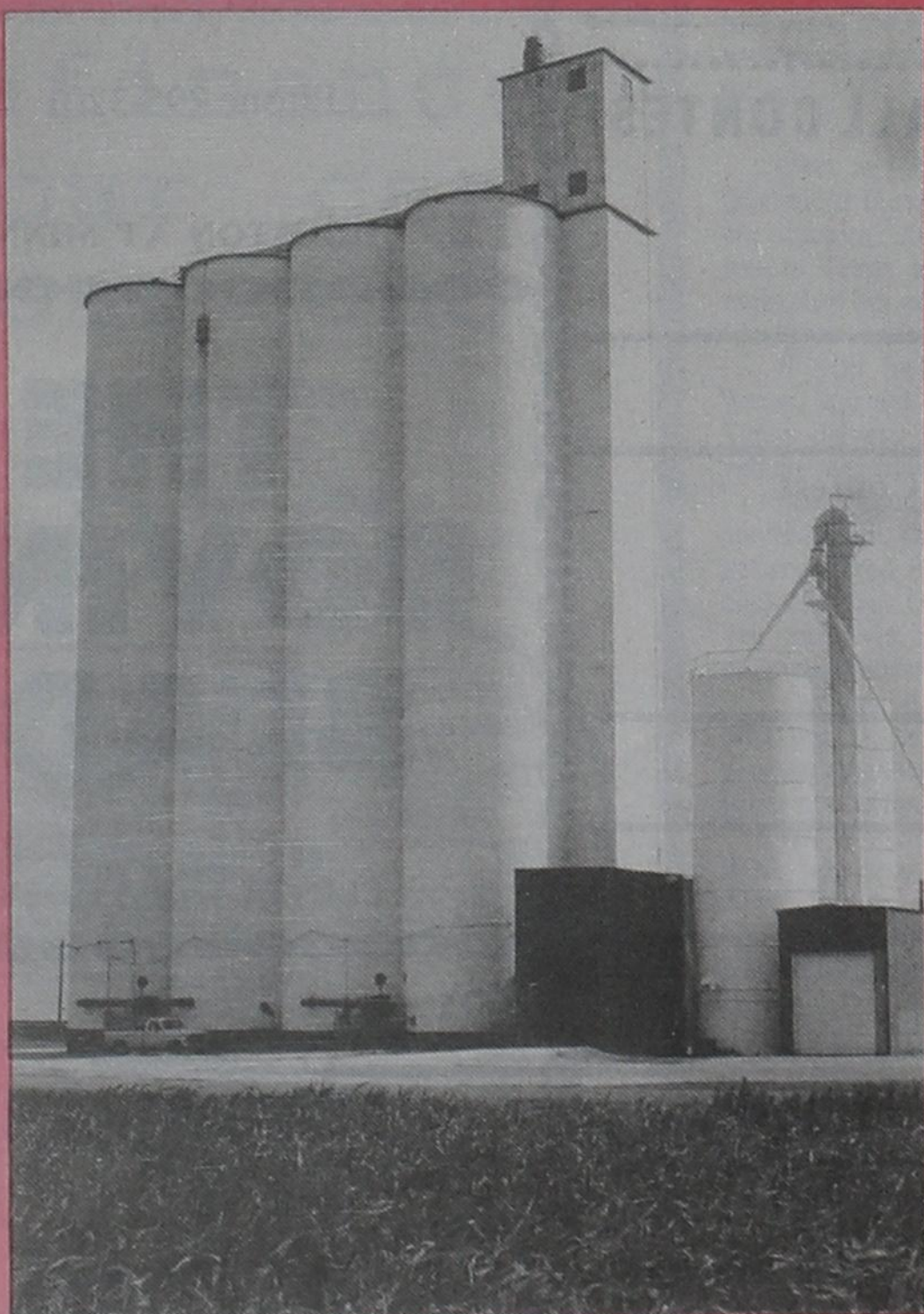
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