

Bull Town Bulletins



By
Bill Ellis

REMEMBER THE OLD days before central heating systems, and even before natural gas?

If you are a product of the 1930s or before, then you no doubt recall that our homes got pretty cold in the wintertime, in spite of everything you could do.

In the early days in this area, most of the people used wood stoves, which as their name implies, required wood for fuel. Then there were coal stoves. Maybe they were the same stoves--I'm not that much of an oldtimer.

But I do remember while attending grade school at Oklahoma Lane School, watching our custodian, old Bob "Tuck" Tucker, loading the coal into the school's big furnace, and then as a follow-up, having to empty out the ashes.

No doubt, many a father, older son, and such custodians, can remember having to get up early in the morning so they could get the fire going in the family's stove, or the school's, or church's, or whatever.

The thing about the wood and coal stoves is that you let them die down at bedtime, for safety purposes. That meant that you'd be retiring to a bedroom that was already a mite on the chilly side, and that by daybreak would be more than a little bit frosty.

That's where the hand-made quilts made by our mothers and grandmothers saved the day. I recall that I would have at least two big, heavy quilts, besides the blanket and sheets. My theory was that when I had enough cover that it was a big effort to turn over in the bed, that was about right.

Today's generation of quilters are keeping the tradition going as far as making quilts. They are making some beautiful, colorful quilts, but it's doubtful that many of these will ever be used for more than a decoration, where in former days, this item was considered a dire necessity, to get through the Panhandle winters.

We gripe and moan about our utility bills during the cold, winter months, but those who can remember having to go outside on a frosty morning to get wood or whatever and start up their stove probably don't consider this too high a price to pay.

There is another thing about those homes I'm remembering today. In our modern homes we feel really put-upon if we don't have a bathroom just off our bedroom--and being on the downhill side of 50, this is a feature that Ye Editor is prone to enjoy more all the time.

But you don't have to be a real old-timer to recall the days when you not only didn't have your bathroom just off the bedroom, but it wasn't even attached to the house. As a matter of fact, most times it wasn't even close.

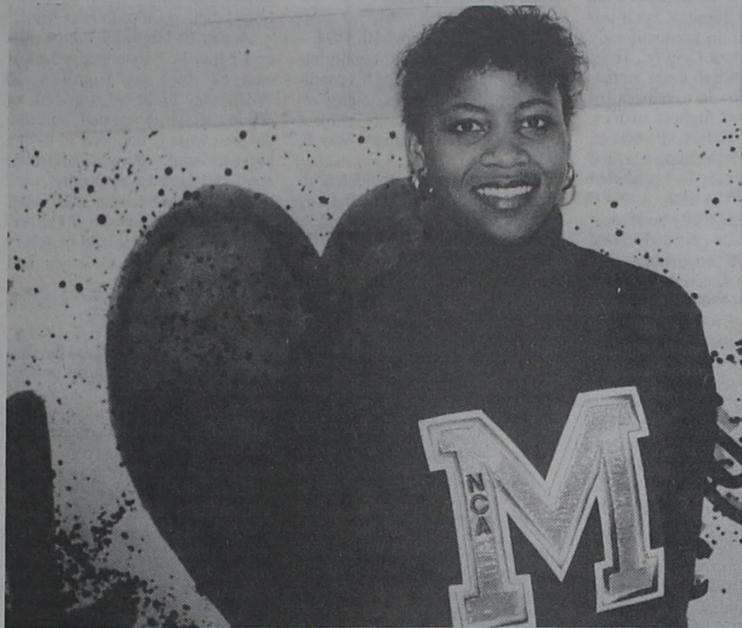
That was another nice chore that you really looked forward to on those frosty winter mornings, or the late winter nights. Ye editor had enough personal experiences with the outhouses to recall that for the most part, you'd put off going just as long as you possibly could.

The temperature inside these facilities would be just about the same as the outside reading. Slick catalog pages were more in vogue than Charmin Care. If you've never had to bare your bottom in a freezing outhouse, what can I say?

This is just another of the early-day experiences that today's generation of young people won't even get to "enjoy." But, like our fathers' and grandfathers' stories about how far they had to walk to school, we thought they at least ought to hear about it.

I'm sure that my readers who are my age and older could add a number of other things to what we've mentioned here. For instance, there were cows to milk and chores to do.

Ah, yes, the good old days. At least we all were much slimmer and much healthier then. But that's about the only advantage we can think of offhand. You sure didn't have to wonder about which TV channel you were going to watch on a particular evening!



READY FOR PARADE...Bovina High School cheerleader Donna Griggs is scheduled to perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City this Thanksgiving.

Burnett, Steele Pace Entrants

Hattie Burnett and Virginia Steele continue to wage a heated battle for the overall led in the Bovina Blade Football Contest, with three weeks remaining (including the current weekend).

Going into this weekend's games, Mrs. Burnett was leading the standings with a score of 106, and Mrs. Steele was right behind her at 105.

Scott Sherrill is a strong third place with a score of 103, and Mike Read is next at 102. Jackie Morgan of Friona is in fifth place with a score of 101.

Contestants are vying for the grand prize of \$100 to be awarded at the conclusion of the annual contest.

In the weekly contest, Lisa Hromas and Mike Read were the only contestants to correctly pick 11 games, and they claimed first and second place money for the week.

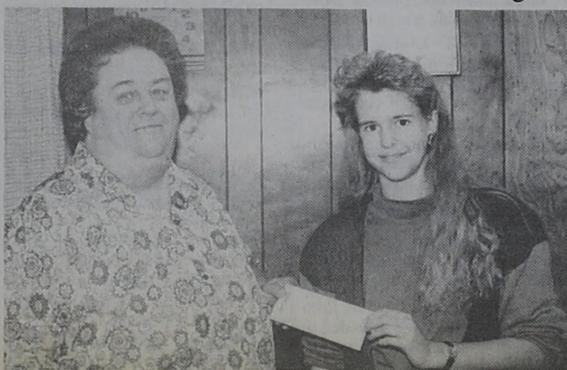
Lisa missed the Dallas-Houston tie-breaker score by just seven points to take the \$10 first prize. She missed Floydada-Littlefield, Notre Dame-Tennessee and Arkansas-Texas Tech.

Read missed the tie-breaker score by 11 points for the \$7.50 second place money. He mis-fired on Floydada-Littlefield, Notre Dame-Tennessee and Denver-L.A. Raiders.

Seven contestants correctly picked ten games, and of this group, J.R. Bates of San Antonio missed the tie-breaker score by only four points for the third place money of \$5.00. Bates missed Tullia-Dimmitt, Houston-Texas, Tennessee-Notre Dame and Denver-L.A. Raiders.

Also picking ten games were J.T. Roach, Erith Hawkins, Hector Robledo, Matt Howell, Chuck Teague and Dorothy Harris.

Picking nine games were Jamie Stanberry, Scott Sherrill, Ellice Martinez, Charles Steele, Virginia Steele, Dave Murphy, Hattie Burnett, Will Bell, Teresa Cary, Wendy Stanberry, Kenny Sherbon, Danny Harris, Carl Harris, Joe Harris, Mary Jane Wilson, John Johnston, Donnie McDonald, Cheryl Howell, Lori Bales and Daniel Hernandez.



CONTEST WINNER...Lisa Hromas, right, is presented her first-place check by Virgie Cary of Bovina Pump Co. Lisa picked 11 games right for the week.

Mustangs Fall To Swifts By 24-7

Bovina High School's Mustangs suffered a 24-7 setback at Nazareth last Friday.

The loss was doubly hard to swallow, since it marked the second year in a row for the team to get to its final game of the season with a shot at making the playoffs.

The team got off on the wrong foot, when after a shanked punt Nazareth had the ball at Bovina's 38 yard line. The Swifts drove in for the go-ahead touchdown and led, 7-0.

Bovina showed its resolve, when it came back on the very next series to drive for the tying touchdown. The Mustangs got a break when Naz roughed their punter, to keep the drive going.

A halfback pass, from Corey Kirkpatrick to Hector Guevara, got the touchdown, and Angel Porras' PAT kick tied the score at 7-all.

The tie score turned out to be the halftime score. Bovina tried a reverse pass that was underthrown and Nazareth made an interception.

In the third quarter, Bovina held the Swifts on their first drive. But they turned the ball back over on their own 11 when they fumbled, and Nazareth had an easy drive for the lead. The fumble came on a regular handoff play.

Naz earned their third touchdown, with a drive which ended in a one-yard touchdown run by T.J. Garza and a 21-7 score.

Then in the final quarter, the

Ponies went back to pass, dropped the ball and Nazareth recovered. That led to a 25-yard field goal by Garza for the final margin.

"Our defense actually held them to two touchdowns. We gave them ten points. You can't do that with a good team and expect to win," said a dejected Coach Rock Stanley.

The Mustang mentor pointed out that Bovina limited the Swifts to just 216 total yards when they were averaging 344, and to 24 points when they were averaging 39.

Guevara and Izzy Marrufo led the defense with 13 tackles apiece, and Jimmy Bonham, freshman linebacker, added ten tackles. Guevara ended the season with 114 tackles in nine games, 12.6 per game. "He likes to hit people," Stanley said about the 5-8, 149-pounder.

"The kids did their best, just like they have all year. We improved considerably this season on yardage and points scored. We just needed a few more points in critical situations," Stanley said.

C-C Tells About New Farm Promo.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting on Friday, November 1. They discussed the spaghetti supper to be held Sunday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

Also discussed at the meeting was the idea of creating an informative program geared toward the farmers of the Bovina school district.

This program would enable farmers to bring farm equipment they would like to sell, have a free lunch, hear speakers and farm agents talk to farmers about soil erosion, watering and other helpful information to help to educate them in different areas of farming.

According to Suzan Hughes, reporter for the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, this program will hopefully begin in January, 1992.



GAME ACTION...The Bovina Mustangs (dark uniforms) are shown in recent action. The Mustangs were edged out of post-season play by Nazareth's win last week.

Donna Griggs Set For Parade

Donna Griggs of Bovina High School will be among 500 select NCA All-American Cheerleaders to perform in Macy's 65th Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

This annual parade will be nationally-televised on the NBC network at 9 a.m. (EST) and will feature the "NCA All-Americans" in a performance with the theme of "Salute to America." The cheerleaders will be positioned in the line of march as a "human" American flag, and upon entering Herald Square, will perform a cheerleader-gymnastic routine. With 400 members, the NCA All-American Cheerleaders will be the largest performing group at the Macy's Parade.

The "NCA All-Americans" are award-winning cheerleaders and All-American Cheerleader nominees from 44 states and 335 cities who participated in NCA camps across the nation this past summer.

This performance is under the direction of Mike Miller, executive director of the NCA Superstar dance program, and Kevin Jones, associate director of the NCA cheerleader program. This marks the third appearance of the cheerleaders in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Results Of BISD Student Survey Told

In the Spring of 1991, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, in conjunction with the Public Policy Resources Laboratory at Texas A&M University, administered a survey to students in the Bovina Independent School District.

A total of 187 secondary students and 111 elementary students completed the survey. Eighteen of these surveys were excluded from analysis, because the students did not report their grade level or age, or because they were identified as exaggerators by claiming to use a non-existent drug or by reporting overly excessive drug use.

In the survey of secondary students, a majority reported of having experimented with alcohol at some time. Some students admitted having come to school drunk and there

was a significant link between conduct or attitude problems and drinking. The percentages of students who had driven a car while under the influence was over twice the statewide average.

While most students reported that their parents disapproved of teenage drinking, a significant number reported that they did not know how their parents felt about this issue. Parental attitudes do affect whether or not a student uses drugs and the parents have the greatest responsibility to be involved in this problem. When asked where they would go for help if they had a drug problem, students indicated they would go to friends, relatives, or parents, but seldom to school nurses or teachers.

The influence of drug education programs may be reflected in some of the student's attitudes. A majority responded that the use of such drugs as cocaine, crack, marijuana, inhalants, and ecstasy would be considered very dangerous. Less than half perceived that the use of alcohol would be considered very dangerous.

The survey among elementary students reported lower percentages of experimentation with alcohol and other drugs than the percentages among secondary students, but still suggested some relatively high numbers. A significant number again indicated that they were not sure how their parents felt about their consumption of alcohol. A positive note was that over half of the elementary students still felt that alcohol was very dangerous.

The value of the survey is found in indicating general attitudes and tendencies. Illegal use of alcohol is shown to be a continuing problem among the students in this city.

Phone Number Is Omitted

This issue of the Bovina Blade contains a supplement promoting the Disney Channel for Mission Cable Company.

The printer inadvertently omitted the local 800 number, which is 1-800-288-7234. The local office can also be reached at 247-3271.

Chamber Sets Dinner Event

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

There will be a donation fee of \$5.00 for adults with those under 12 will be served for \$2.00.

BHS Student Council Reports Busy Month

The Bovina High School Student Council was very busy during the month of October. Among those activities that the council members were involved in were: District High School Workshop, Red Ribbon Week and the monthly faculty birthday party.

The District I High School Workshop was attended by twelve Student Council members which included Melissa Rodriguez, Wayne and Darla Stormes, Donna Griggs, Rodney Shepherd, Grace Uriegas, Lilliana Ruvalcaba, Myriam Robles, Leticia and J.J. Arias, Don Estridge and Darren Hromas.

Mrs. Judith Jennings also accompanied the group to the Westley Community Center in Amarillo where the workshop was held. The keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Lu Pulcheski, who is a high school principal from San Antonio, Texas. The theme for the workshop was "We Can." The day was spent discussing activities to stimulate the leadership qualities in high school Student Council teens. Ms. Pulcheski delivered a very positive and effective message to those students who attended the workshop.

The S.M.I.L.E. committee of the Student Council, which is a national drug and alcohol awareness organization, set up a table in front of the cafeteria on October 26, where brochures and parent/teenager contracts were distributed to the high school and junior high students. The reason for this was also to promote Red Ribbon Week in the high school and junior high. Red paper balloons were also made with the message, "Say yes to life...no to drugs!" These balloons were placed on the lockers of the students from sixth-twelfth grade.

The S.M.I.L.E. committee will also be trying to incorporate a yearly anti-drug campaign by having various activities for the entire school throughout the remainder of the year. Those members on the S.M.I.L.E. committee are Grace Uriegas, Ione Molinar, Donna Griggs, Don Estridge, Cindy Quintana, Lilliana Ruvalcaba, Myriam Robles and Melissa Rodriguez.

The monthly faculty birthday party was celebrated on October 30 at 8 a.m. in the cafeteria. Those faculty members who celebrated birthdays during the month of October were: Martha Morris, Carolyn Widner, Gilda Garner, Judith Thiemann, Darla Sealey, Kathy Rundell, Denise Anderson, Christine Cupit, Yolanda Ramon and Carolyn Pruitt. Certificates were also given to each

of them in appreciation for their hard work on behalf of the Student Council.

The birthday committee is comprised of Stephanie Rackley and Cindy Quintana. The Student Council also wishes to give a special thanks to Kathy Riley for the help she gave in making the cake for the birthday party.

The Executive Student Council has also been busy figuring the Student Council budget for the 1991-92 school year. The following budget has been written and approved for this school year:

Beautification, \$500; convention, \$1,300; dances, \$300; Homecoming awards, \$45; Homecoming King and Queen awards, \$28; Homecoming flowers, \$50; S.M.I.L.E. (Student Myth Info, and Learning Experiences), \$50; Star Serve/Student Attitude Projects, \$100-\$125; recycling, \$75; teacher appreciation, \$75; scrapbook, \$150; film, \$100; safety projects, \$75; candy machine (payment has not yet been included); budget total for 1991-92, \$2,913.

The Student Council has recently bought a new candy machine for the high school which came to almost \$3,000. The machine has not yet been paid off, so the payment that would be made was left undecided and was not included in the budget.

D.C. Trip Is Offered Students

Students are invited to participate in an exciting and educational trip directed by Brenda Wilson and arranged and coordinated by American Student Travel. This five day, four night tour of Washington, D.C. will begin June 3 and continue through June 7. The trip will cost \$750 per person (or student).

The price of the tour is based on quad-occupancy, includes round-trip fare, all meals, quality lodging, evening activities, nighttime security, sight-seeing with professional guides/drivers, escort services, all admission fees and comprehensive insurance.

This is an educational trip for students and parents are welcome, too. Double occupancy for adults only costs \$830.

For more information regarding this trip, please contact Brenda Wilson at 225-4178 or 238-1317.

Reflections

.....from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 7, 1956

Texas agreed with the nation in returning President Eisenhower to his second term of office in the general election Tuesday, but it was a different story in predominantly agricultural Parmer County. Here, Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver, the Democratic nominees for the nation's two highest offices, took a clear-cut victory. It was not, however, an overwhelming one, and pre-election guesses had predicted the margin would be wide.

Bovina's \$25,000 city bond election Thursday was defeated. Final totals for the two propositions--one for water tax bonds and the other for sewer tax bonds--was 88-60 and 90-58.

Members of the Bovina Cemetery Association met with the city commission Monday night in the City Hall during a regular meeting of the commission. Purpose of the two groups getting their heads together was to discuss installing a two-inch city water line to the Bovina Cemetery, which is in southeast Bovina.

30 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 8, 1961

Hotter than the near-freezing weather was cold, Bovina's Mustangs stormed to a tremendous 72-12 win over the Vega Longhorns there Friday night.

Frank Hastings, pioneer Bovinan, has been paid a high tribute by fellow members of the Masonic Lodge here. In a program Friday night in the school cafeteria, he was honored for 50 years of continuous service in Masonry.

Plans for improvements of Highway 86 and FM Road 1731 in Bovina continue to progress slowly. Improvements include widening of pavements, curbs and gutters.

For the first time in seven years, Bovina Mustangs are holders of a district title. They earned the District 2-B banner in resounding fashion. They were never extended in blasting four district opponents.

25 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 9, 1966

Funeral services for Bud Queen, 79-year-old early day cowboy and railroad man, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bovina.

Mike Barazza was the big winner in the Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest this week, being one of six entries to

correctly pick ten winners. He was only three points off on the tie-breaker score, and as winner receives the \$5 first prize.

20 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 10, 1971

Hurshel R. Harding, county attorney, hereby announced his candidacy for re-election as county attorney for Parmer County, subject to the Democratic Primary May 6, 1972.

Area farmers are expected to dovetail their harvesting operations from one crop into another within the next few days or a week.

Bovina High School's Mustang Marching Band, 58 strong, will compete in the Region 16 Marching Contest Tuesday of next week at Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

15 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 10, 1976

Ronnie Cary has been selected

Breakfast Menu

Week of November 18-22
MONDAY--egg, biscuits, bacon, juice and milk.

TUESDAY--oats, toast, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY--sausage, biscuits, juice and milk.

THURSDAY--cinnamon rolls, juice and milk.

FRIDAY--cereal, juice and milk.

Happy Birthday

Week of November 18-23
November 18--Nancy Knight.
November 19--Jarrett Turner.
November 23--Steve Cockerham, Amos Steelman.

(Note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call the Blade office, 238-1523, in advance, so that we may list your birthday.)

from a group of sophomore students to represent Bovina on a statewide basis to be considered to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation in Chicago next April.

A pair of Highway Patrol officers based in Friona stopped a car east of town on Highway 60 Wednesday night on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, and discovered what is believed to be the biggest "haul" of marijuana ever confiscated in Parmer County.

Jan Kassahn of Bovina is one of 52 students at Texas Tech University who has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

10 Yrs. Ago--Nov. 4, 1981

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TUESDAY--Frito pie, cheese, salad, corn, cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY--stew, cole slaw, cornbread, cinnamon roll and milk.

THURSDAY--turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY--steak on a bun, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies and milk.

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Blade Contest Standings

- 106--Hattie Burnett.
- 105--Virginia Steele.
- 103--Scott Sherrill.
- 102--Mike Read.
- 101--Jackie Morgan.
- 99--Joe Harris, Donnie McDonald.
- 98--Kay Roach, Dean Stanberry, Teresa Cary.
- 97--Sharla Cruz, Dennis Field, Danny Harris, Cheryl Howell.
- 95--Richard Beauchamp, Luis Franco, Matt Hromas.
- 94--Will Bell, Ronnie Cary, Carl Harris, Matt Howell, Galen Hromas.
- 93--Art Hunter, Jerry Roach.
- 92--Don Spring, Janie Sudderth, Mary Jane Wilson, Darren Hromas, Ruby Jones, Wendy Jones, Al Kerby, Jr.
- 91--Chuck Teague, Opal Wines.
- 90--Blake Scaff, A.M. Wilson.
- 89--David Murphy, Woot Sudderth, Stephanie Wines, Dwayne Acker, Jo Blackwell.
- 88--Susan Kerby.
- 87--Blake Clements, Daniel Hernandez, Judy Hromas.
- 86--Scott Sims, Linda Sudderth, Richard Beauchamp.
- 85--Kenny Sherbon, Dorothy Stowers, Dorothy Harris.
- 84--Lisa Hromas, John Johnston.
- 83--Tommy Platt, Virgie Cary, Eleazar Lara, Jr.
- 81--Adam Murphy, Candra Murphy, Jan Smith, Glenden Sudderth, Ellice Martinez.
- 79--Hector Robledo, Jason Kerby.
- 78--Irma Hernandez.
- 76--Mike Raymond.
- 75--Jamie Stanberry, Jessica Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Jerry Bentley, Missy Johnson.
- 74--Roy Lee Stowers.

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Registered voters in Precincts Three and Four of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will be going to the polls on January 18, 1992, to elect a District Director and County Committee members to represent them in Water District matters.

Precinct Three consists of Farmer County and parts of Bailey and Castro counties. Precinct Four is made up of portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall counties that are within the Water District service area.

Persons wishing to have their names placed on the ballot for the office of District Director or



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County Committee member for these two precincts should contact Becca Williams at the High Plains District Office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405, (806) 762-

0181. The deadline for candidates to file an application for place on the ballot for this election is December 4, 1991.

New Concerns Should Shape Education Policy

By James F. Veninga
During the past decade, education moved from back-page to front-page news. And for good reason. The fast pace of change in the late 20th century means that we can ignore the problems of education only if we are willing to risk our collective future.

In Texas, economic change provided the primary impetus for vitally important education reforms launched in recent years. In the quest to develop a diversified and nationally competitive economy based on high technology and services, priority has been given to producing a technically skilled work force that can meet the needs of that economy.

While all the alarming statistics that have stimulated education reform—a soaring illiteracy rate, for example—point to the potential failure of the state to meet long-range economic goals, something equally important is at stake: our growing inability to ensure knowledgeable and wise citizens who are

able to exercise civic responsibility and who are prepared to deal with complex social, political, economic, and cultural issues.

New concerns should now shape public discussion on the future of education in Texas, concerns that provide the context for identifying changes that should be made in the 1990s in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education:

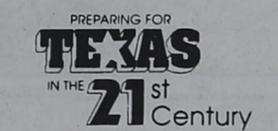
*The need for a standard of literacy that moves beyond basic skills.

*The need to develop a common and shared culture that incorporates the experiences, realities, and traditions of our multiple cultures.

*The need to incorporate into the curriculum global concerns and issues, including issues related to the environment.

*The need to familiarize students with the slow and often painful movement in American history toward an open society that embraces the extension of freedom and the expansion of opportunity.

*The need to develop moral and



civic consciousness on the part of citizens through study in the humanities.

The goal of state support for education must be the development of responsible, thoughtful citizens who will support, defend, and further the values of democratic society.

Former teacher and now governor, Ann Richards, puts it this way: "A sound basic education is about thinking and reasoning and growth and grasping the underlying values in life and society."

This is the sixth in a series of eleven articles made available by the Texas Committee for the Humanities as part of a three-year project focusing on the future of Texas. James F. Veninga is executive director of the TCH.

Defensive Driving Can Save Lives

One of the most heavily travelled periods we encounter is during the Thanksgiving holiday. This increased traffic has area and statewide law enforcement officials pondering what can be done to raise traffic safety awareness during this critical driving period.

Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety, stated, "We know that the potential for injury and loss of life is greater during holiday periods, especially a high volume holiday like Thanksgiving. We are asking people to drive defensively."

Many motorists have heard the term "defensive driving," however, it seems few know what it involves. "Most of the art of defensive driving comes from common sense and your own instinct. Training and knowledge of the proper procedures make these senses more effective," Cawthon explained.

Defensive driving can and should

become a way of life for all drivers regardless of age or experience according to safety experts. Don't assume the other driver will make the right move. Be prepared for anything. Defensive drivers are in tune with their minds and bodies as well as the road. They are ready for any situation the road might hand them.

But, some drivers are out of tune. They give in to distractions; daydreams, fatigue, anger, stress, frustration or perhaps alcohol. They are not prepared to react when a dangerous situation arises.

Defensive drivers also make fewer mistakes. Drivers on the average make one error for every two miles they travel. While not every mistake leads to an accident, about 85% of all collisions are the result of driver error. The most common mistake is speeding. Most people don't match an appropriate speed with driving conditions," Major Cawthon added.

Once, again, all available Troop-

ers will be on the highways this holiday as they have in the past to try to make the roads as safe as possible for all of us. This holiday, give safety a second thought.

It's A Girl For Coxes

Clint and Tammy Cox of Clovis are the parents of a baby girl. She was born October 29 at 11:25 a.m. in the Clovis High Plains Hospital.

The infant has been named Taryn J'Nae and weighed eight pounds. She measured twenty-one inches long.

Clint and Tammy have another daughter, Callie, who is three and one-half years old.

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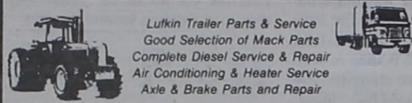
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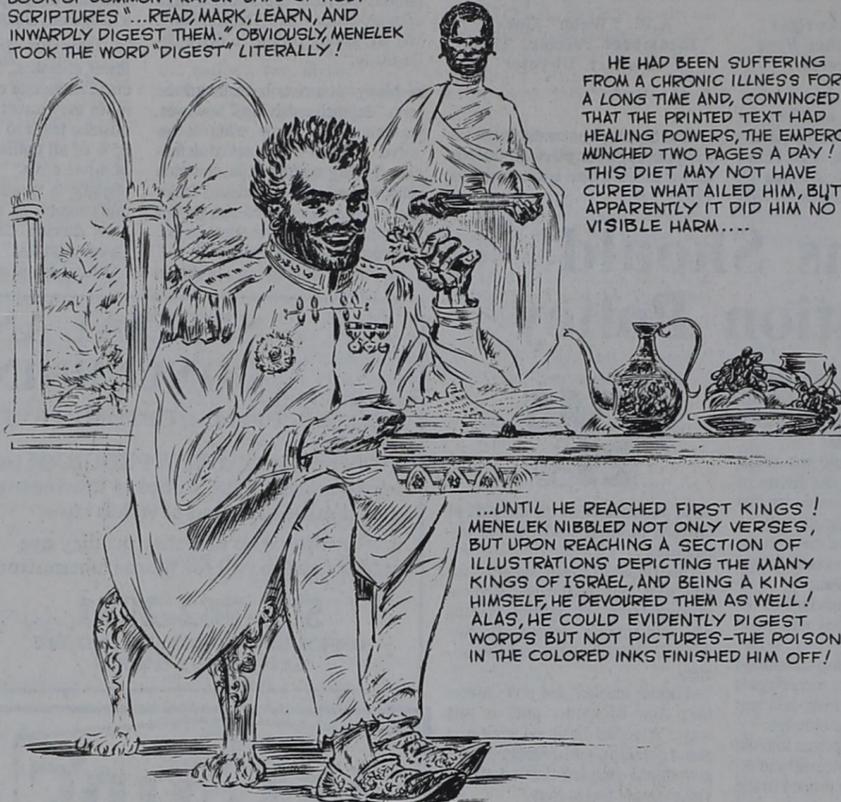
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Couple Gets Masters At West Texas

David and Bobby Dixon of Canyon, son of John and Elouise Dixon of Bovina and Loyd and Zonelle Dickerson of Brazil, received their masters' degrees from West Texas State University in August.

David received his Master of Education degree, and Bobby received a Master of Science in nursing. Bobby has been working at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo for the past 13 years. David has been teaching elementary education at Happy for the past 12 years.

With the help and consent of the three children, the couple decided to graduate as quickly as possible. Both were working full time, taking in church and school activities. They still managed to finish their degree work in a little over a year and one-half.

At the commencement exercises, their children, along with their parents were very proud of this achievement.



RECEIVE DEGREES... Bobby and David Dixon received their masters degrees recently from West Texas State University. They are shown with their children, Brandon, Jennifer and Michael.

Dinner To Fete 60th Anniversary

Elmer and Ogatha Langford of Pleasant Hill will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with

a barbecue supper to be held on Saturday, November 23 at 5 p.m. (MST) at the Pleasant Hill Fire Department building.

Hosts for the event are their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Langford of Pleasant Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Langford of Austin, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Henard of Tatum, New Mexico.

Langford married the former Ogatha Barker on November 25, 1931 at Clovis, New Mexico and they have lived in the Pleasant Hill community sixty years. He is a retired farmer and registered Hereford cattle breeder. Mrs. Langford is a homemaker.

The couple has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. All friends and relatives are invited. No gifts, please.

It's A Girl For Couple

Thomas and Annette Olivarez of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl, Miroslava Tomay. She was born at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, September 15 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

The infant weighed six pounds, ten ounces and measured nineteen inches long. This is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Catarino and Irene Ramon of Bovina and Juanita Olivarez Ortiz of Texico, New Mexico.

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Tickets can be purchased from all 4-H Club members or call Ella Jo Stormes, 238-1222, or Susan Kerby, 238-1191. Donations will be \$1 per ticket.

Bovina 4-H Club members give away fruit baskets to the elderly for Christmas as a yearly project.

Bovina Scoops

Call 238-1523 With Your News Items

When Chuck and I and our three girls were returning home from Clovis Friday night at around 9:30, we noticed the northern sky was a hazy red with white streaks. My first thought and comment (you usually don't get one without the other) was: The Aurora Borealis!

Surely not, that was something I'd only heard my dad talk about seeing while he was in the Army in Alaska. When we later heard the news at 10 p.m., we found that due to things being "just right," we were able to see it in our area. Now Chuck tells me I've seen two things in my lifetime that a lot of people never see: Haley's Comet and the Northern Lights.

Congratulations to Thomas and Annette Olivarez of Amarillo on the birth of a baby girl born September 15. Miroslava Tomay weighed six pounds, ten ounces. Grandparents of Bovina are Catarino and Irene Ramon.

Leona Steelman was admitted to the hospital Saturday, November 9 with an upset stomach and fever. She was a patient at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She was released Tuesday, November 12. She is home now improving.

J.B. and Sue Barrett had company over the weekend. Granddaughters, Cheryl and Catherine Headrick, were visiting from Lubbock. They went to Clovis and enjoyed the time together. They are the nine year old daughters of Lloyd and Jana Headrick.

I would like to make a correction concerning an error in last week's Scoops. Chris Shufelberger was in the hospital in Muleshoe, not his brother, Eric. I apologize for the error.

Special someone chosen at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, November 17 is Courtney Jamerison.

Louise Hutchins had out-of-town visitors this weekend. Les, Daniel

and Nathaniel Hutchins from Albuquerque, New Mexico, were here to sell some calves from the ranch and spent Friday night and were going back home Saturday evening.

Also visiting from Amarillo were Jerry and Jan (Hutchins) Grimes and son, Jordan. They stayed the day Saturday.

Randy and Renise Morgan of Dimmitt, Texas, were visitors in the home of Buster and Mearle Morgan on Saturday, November 9. They enjoyed their visit.

Buster and Mearle Morgan just returned from a trip to the central part of Texas. They left on Saturday, November 2 and went to Valley Mills, where they spent the night with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holmes.

Mearle said they left Valley Mills on Sunday evening. Mearle's sister, Hazel Hawkins and her

friend, Addie Travis, went on to Austin where Mearle attended the judges school at the Wyndham Hotel on Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5.

Mearle told us the school, as usual, was very interesting and informative. Mearle and Buster returned to Valley Mills following the two-day schooling and visited with relatives. They returned to Bovina Friday evening, November 8.

Mrs. Bowen's Party Slated

There will be a birthday party in honor of Opal Bowen who will turn 85 years old on November 16. The party will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bovina on Saturday, November 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The family requests the honor of your presence but ask that there be no gifts, please.

Annual Xmas Bazaar Scheduled In Friona

The annual Christmas in November Bazaar will be held at the Friona Community Center Friday and Saturday, November 22-23.

Craftsmen from throughout the area will be on hand to display their wares. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Friday's highlight includes "Gifts that Taste Good" at 4 p.m., and a "Heritage Fashion Show" and a "Heritage Sewing Fashion Show" at 5 p.m.

Saturday's highlights include a style show by Ingram's Department Store at 10:30 a.m., and a breadmaking seminar and feature on coffees by Kelly's Kupboard of Clovis at 2 p.m.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL DELEON

I want to announce that our "Resident of the Month" is Jack Tongate and the "Staff of the Month" is Chrystina Wright. We want to congratulate these two.

We have a new program getting started, which is taking residents to visit with the first graders once a week. So far, they sure seem to enjoy this.

Prairie Acres is having our annual State Inspection this week. I will let you know more about this

O.L. Reunion Set Nov. 29

Oklahoma Lane Community Reunion will be held Friday, November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

Every three years, all former and present Oklahoma Lane residents, teachers, students and parents meet for a time of visiting and reminiscing.

The reunion begins at 9 a.m. and there will be a catered noon lunch. Contact Lois Billingsley or Harold Carpenter by November 15 if you plan to come for the meal. The cost will be approximately \$7.

in next week's article.

This week's "Thank You's" go to: First Baptist GA's for the Halloween treats that they brought to the residents; Lee Gibson for coming up and cutting the men's hair; Becky Riethmayer for bringing donuts for the staff to enjoy; Bovina Methodist Ladies for hair care last week; Friona 6th Street Church of Christ Ladies for doing hair care this week; and to Black Study Club for the butterflies that they brought for all the residents.

We want to express our sympathies to the family of Estella Garcia. Estella was an employee in the dietary department of Prairie Acres. She will be missed.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower will honor Casey (Riddle) Weathers on Tuesday, November 26 at First Bank from 4-5 p.m.

Casey's chosen colors are mauve and blue. Hostesses are Kim Black, Linda Marshall, Nancy Mayfield, Pat Read, Sue McClaran, Ernesteen Marshall, Lavern Black, Sandra Johnson, Virginia Rhodes, Polly Mills, Barbara Cockerham, Karen Wyly, Kay Ray, Bonnie Clayton and Clara Gober.

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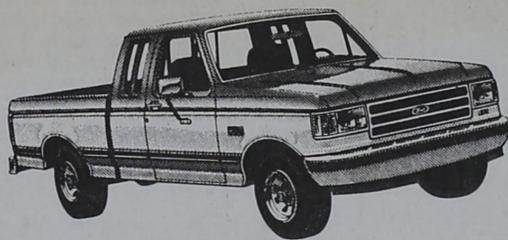
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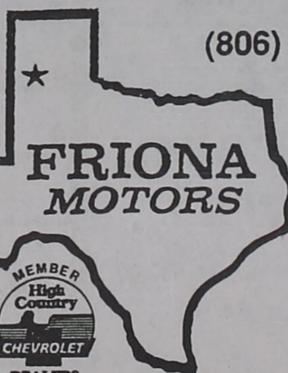
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1. Floydada/Childress winner vs Denver City/Breckenridge winner

PARMER COUNTY SPRAYING SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS ON FM ROAD 2290
PH. 225-4990



2. Stratford/Wellington winner vs Olton/Seagraves winner

FRIONA MOTORS
1011 Grand Friona, TX 79035 (806) 247-2701

3. Memphis/Nazareth winner vs PADUCAH



4. Groom/Guthrie winner vs Lazbuddie/Meadow winner

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BOVINA, TEXAS

5. BAYLOR at TEXAS

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Manager

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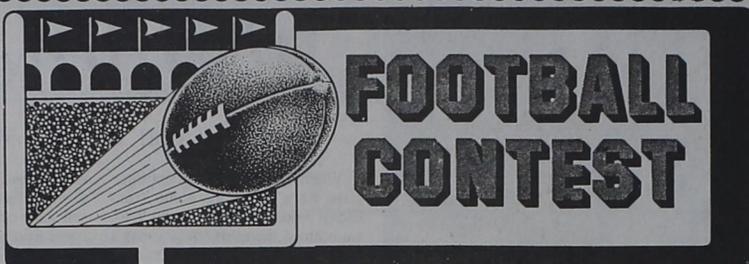
RESIDENCE
HCR 1 Box 58
Bovina, TX 79009
(806) 238-1115

6. TENNESSEE at KENTUCKY

TERRA INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER

W. HWY 86 BOVINA
PH. 238-1443

7. OHIO ST. at MICHIGAN



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PLUS A GRAND PRIZE OF \$100⁰⁰ IN CASH

1. There are 14 football games listed in ads on this page.
2. Pick the team you think will win in each game and place the WINNER'S NAME beside the corresponding number in the contest entry blank at the bottom of this page.
3. Pick the score of the tie-breaker game and place your guess in the appropriate blanks on the entry. The tie-breaker game will not count on your won-lost record. It will be used only in case of a tie.
4. Winners will be named by the Monday following the contest deadline each Friday, if possible. Cash prizes of \$10.00 for first, \$7.50 for second, and third prize of \$5.00 will be awarded.
5. Tabulation of individual entrants will be kept all season and at the end of the season the Grand Prize Winner will be named.
6. There is nothing to buy. No requirements other than to bring the entry blank, filled out, to The Blade office to 5 p.m. or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.
7. Only one entry blank may be submitted per individual. If more than one blank is submitted by an individual, all will be disqualified.
8. Tabulations will be available for public inspection. Members of the Blade staff will serve as judges for the contest.
9. Contestants must be 10 years old or older.
10. Everyone, except employees of this newspaper and their families, is eligible to enter.

TURN THIS ENTRY BLANK INTO THE BLADE OFFICE BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY.

BOVINA BUSINESSES FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

NAME	
ADDRESS	
1.	8.
2.	9.
3.	10.
4.	11.
5.	12.
6.	13.
7.	14.
TIE-BREAKER (PICK SCORE)	
COWBOYS	REDSKINS

EXCEL CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 457 • W. HWY 60
FRIONA, TEXAS 79035

Phone 295-3201

8. UCLA at SO. CAL.

A Safety Reminder

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Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.

9. CALIFORNIA at STANFORD

Gin With Us At **BOVINA GIN, INC.**



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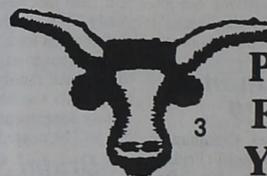
10. DETROIT at MINNESOTA

BOVINA PUMP COMPANY

AMERICAN TURBINE PUMP COMPANY

DEEP WELL TURBINE PUMPS

11. INDIANAPOLIS at GREEN BAY



PACO FEED YARD

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(806) 265-3281

12. BUFFALO at NEW ENGLAND



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SHERLEY GRAIN COMPANY
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PH. 238-1521

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