

Villarreal's Get Gift From Son

Mr. and Mrs. Zeferino Villarreal recently received a gift from their son, David, who is stationed in Saudi Arabia.

David sent them what is called Arboon Custom Men's and Women's Sets. The men's are white hats, similar to a sailor hat, embroidered with white satin thread. This is put on first, then the red and white checked piece of material is the head scarf called Shmagh. The Egal, which is the black ropelike head band is wrapped around the head twice to hold the headpiece on.

The women's veil is called Borgo and is made from material similar to cheesecloth, dyed black. There is a band that goes around the head then a veil that is separated from the band with long rows of thread to enable them to see. The veil continues over the women's faces.

The Villarreal's have two sons in Saudi Arabia, Richard and David.

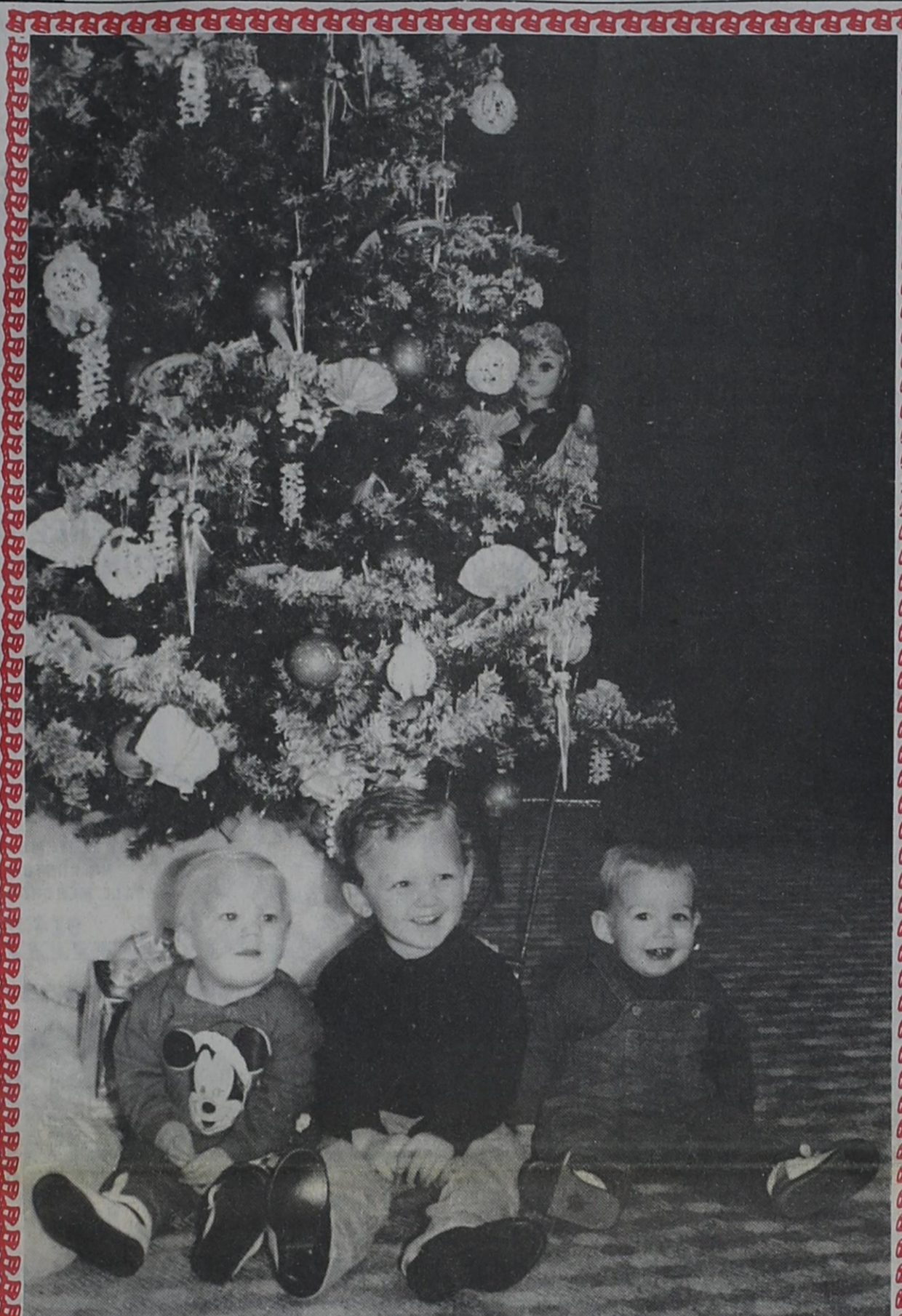
Firemen Are Hosts At Dinner

The Bovina Fire Department hosted a dinner at the Bovina High School Cafeteria on Saturday evening with about 90 people attending.

Guests included members of the Bovina Ambulance Service and their families.

The dinner was catered by Cattle Call from Amarillo. The menu consisted of barbecued German sausage and beef, potato salad, cole slaw, pinto beans and apricot sauce.

The guest speaker was Ray Martinez of Friona. He trains volunteer fire fighters and is on the Friona Fire Department. He spoke to the group about responsibilities and dedications of one who gives his time as a volunteer fireman.



EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN...The children of employees of Bovina's First Bank are pictured in front of the gorgeous tree at the bank. Shown, l-r, are Rowdy and Roper Smith, sons of Robert and Cheryl Smith, and Corben Waters, son of Kenneth and Arla Waters. The tree is in the lobby at First Bank.

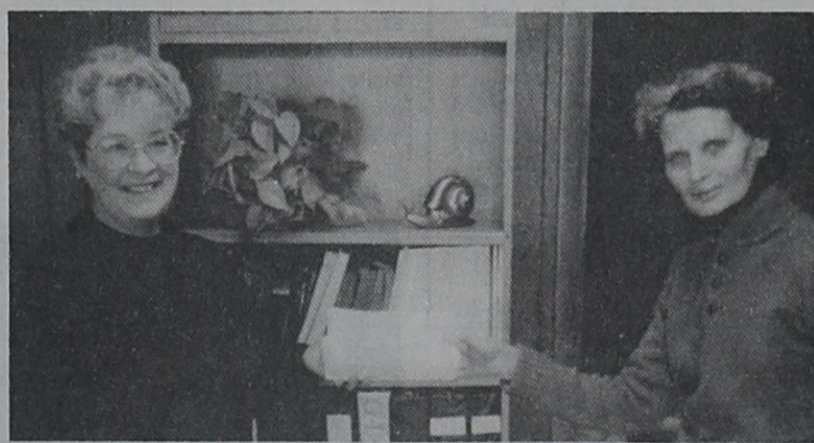
We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever and in this coming year of 1991, it is our hope that you may have

Enough happiness to keep you sweet
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Enough sorrow to keep you human
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Enough Success to keep you eager
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Enough friends to give you comfort
Enough wealth to meet your needs
Enough enthusiasm to look forward
Enough faith to banish depression
Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.



GIFTS FROM SON....Mr. and Mrs. Zeferino Villarreal are holding headpieces, worn by the Saudi Arabians, and sent to them by their son, David.



WINS TAPES....The representatives of the American Cancer Society have collected for donations in recent weeks and those who contributed also received chances for prizes. Fourteen prizes were awarded in the Panhandle and seven were won in Parmer County. Sandra Johnson (left) was one of the winners and received two blank VHS video tapes.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN children are gathered around a Christmas tree in the high school cafeteria, a project of the Student Council.



FIREMEN'S PARTY...The Bovina Fire Department held their Christmas party at the school cafeteria last Saturday.



TEACHER OF THE WEEK....Joy Trimble was recognized by the Bovina Parent-Teacher Association and has taught school twenty years. She is married to C.E. Trimble and is the mother of three children.

As of Thursday,
Dec. 20, a total of
68,427

Bales of cotton had been ginned
in Parmer County.



School Awarded \$16,500 Grant

Bovina I.S.D. has been awarded a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$16,536.00. These funds will be used to operate a program geared toward at-risk students enrolled in school. The project will be implemented by January 14 and run through the end of the school year.

Students to be served must have had their fourteenth birthday on or before November 30 and were not promoted a grade level, or did not master a section of the TEAMS-TASS test or their name has appeared twice on the semester failure list.

After students are identified as eligible to participate in the program, they will be given a pre-test and a post-test. One of the goals of the project is to see at least a .5 grade level growth in math or language arts skills during the semester. This pre-post test result is what will be reported to PRPC to show that our program has been successful.

There are five major components of the project:

1. Classes for student tutors--students will be enrolled in a computer-based class one period a day. There they will follow a mapped-out plan for raising their skill level in math, reading or

writing, and develop communication skills that will enable him to become an effective tutor.

2. Tutoring sessions--each student will have the opportunity to work with students younger than themselves. The younger students make gains in school and the student tutors learn the most. These students will be paid federal minimum wage for their efforts during after-school "study club" times.

3. Field trip and banquet--is planned that will expose students to economic and cultural opportunities outside of the community. These students who attain the .5 growth goal will be recognized at a banquet in their honor.

4. Role modeling--we are planning programs for the students and their families where local people who are successful in their fields are asked to speak on topics relating to career development.

5. Parental involvement--we can't be successful in this program without parental help. We will be asking parents to help in filling out forms for student eligibility, after-school supervision of "study club," and a lot of other activities important to the project.

For more information, contact Colletta Young at 238-1317.



MORE BUILDINGS RAZED...A gap now marks a portion of Main Street in Bovina where a couple of old buildings were torn down this week. This is a part of the city's clean-up program.

Fillies Win Trophy In Local Tourney

The BHS Fillies bounced back from an opening-round loss to take the consolation championship in their own tournament last weekend.

The team fell to Cloudcroft, 67-46 on Thursday, but came back for a 43-37 win over Adrian on Friday, and then downed Vega, 60-48 on Saturday.

Cloudcroft held 15-8, 35-20 and 62-30 leads in the Thursday game. Donna Griggs had 20 points as the only bright spot for the Fillies.

On Friday the Fillies led 5-4 after one quarter and 20-13 at the half. It was 32-21, Bovina, after three quarters.

Miss Griggs scored 15 points to lead Bovina's scoring.

In Saturday's game, Miss Griggs scored four first-period baskets as Bovina held a 14-12 lead. Keri Mitchell made three goals in the second quarter, two of them for three points, and the Fillies went to halftime with a 29-22 lead.

Miss Griggs came back with

four more baskets in the third quarter, and the Fillies were clinging to a 43-40 lead. Miss Stone scored six points and Miss Mitchell five in the final quarter as the Fillies took the win.

Miss Griggs again was high-pointer with 22, Miss Mitchell had 17 and Miss Stone 12.

"The girls played some good basketball during the tournament, and began to score some timely points," commented Coach Larry Futch.

Cloudcroft 67, FILLIES 46
Serna 0-2-2; Quintana 3-2-8; Stone 0-1-1; Mitchell 1-0-2; Jones 2-0-4; Griggs 9-2-20; Martinez 2-1-5; Kirkpatrick 1-2-4.

FILLIES 43, Adrian 37
Quintana 3-0-6; Stone 4-1-9; Mitchell 3-1*-9; Griggs 7-1-15; Kirkpatrick 2-0-4.

FILLIES 60, Vega 48
Quintana 3-0-6; Stone 6-0-12; Mitchell 4-3*-17; Griggs 11-0-22; Kirkpatrick 2-1-5.

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Please submit bids to Keith Knight at Drawer KK, Bovina, Texas, 79009 on or before 5:00 o'clock, January 8, 1991. The City reserves the right or reject any or all bids.
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To the people of Bovina and Oklahoma Lane, I wish to express my appreciation to each and everyone for the support you have given me during my illness. Thank you for all your cards, visits and most of all your prayers. I feel blessed to have friends like you. God bless you.
Clara Gober
1tc

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank everyone for all the nice things you did for me while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits, calls, food and the concern and love shown during these days. We appreciate all of you so much!
Joe Looney
1tc



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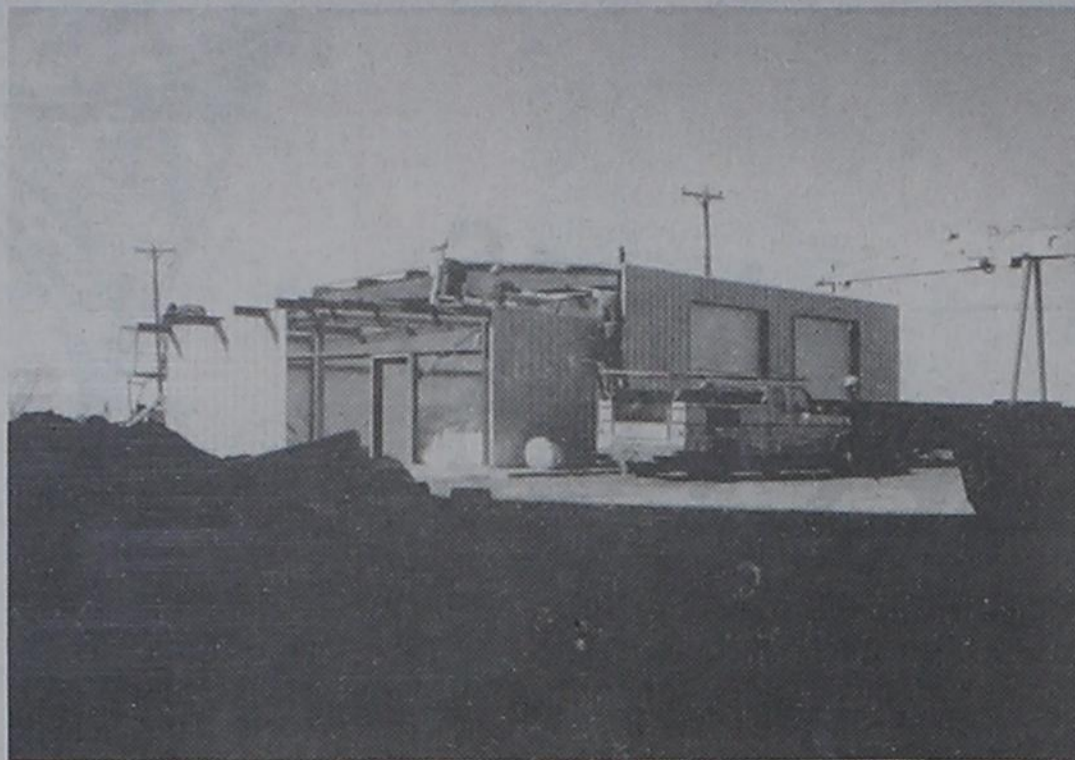
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Jansen 2-2-6.

Vega 44, Boys JV 42
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Jansen 3-4-10; Christensen 1-0-2;
Branson 8-3-19; Stanley 1-1-3

Kress 92, Boys JV 31
DeLaCruz 1-1*-5; Ortiz 2-2-6;
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Graves 1-0-2; Grisham 0-3-3;
Branson 5-0-10.

Kress 38, Girls JV 14
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Noriga 2-0-4; Stormes 1-2-4;
Saenz 0-0-0.

Vega JV 55, Girls JV 31
Vargas 5-2-12; Stormes 1-0-2;
Molinar 5-1*-13; Saenz 1-0-2;
Hernandez 1-0-2.



NEW BUILDING.....A new building is being built along U.S. Highway 60 in Hereford. The building belongs to Deaf Smith County Electric Company. The facility will house the equipment and vehicles used by the company.

More Old Buildings Destroyed

Work is continuing as buildings are being torn down on Main Street in Bovina. These buildings had holes in the floors, the ceilings were hanging and many had holes in the roofs.

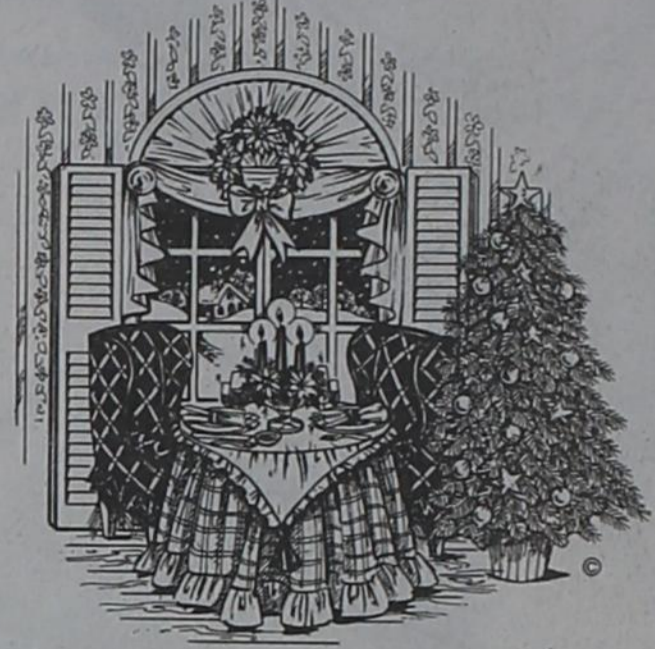
About thirty years ago, businesses that occupied these spaces were George Trimble's Barber Shop, Isaac's Department Store, Scooter Queen's Bar-B-Que and a beauty shop. Some of the operators who occupied the beauty shop over the years were Lillian Rogers, Jessie McSpadden, Dee Ellison, Jessie Sisk, Christene Cupit, Lottie Bandy and a Mrs. Verner. Perhaps more but these were the ones we knew of.

Plans are to plant a row of trees next to the alleys where these buildings stood for a windbreak and grass will be planted.

More buildings will be torn down in the next few weeks.

Season's Greetings!

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you. Merry Christmas and best wishes to all.



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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

We received a news release from Scott & White Hospital and it said that we were to color our holidays red and green—not blue. It continues to say that we have incorporated the expression, "holiday blues," into our language in order to refer to a feeling, tone or mood that some people experience around Thanksgiving and especially Christmas. The holiday season can be stressful and less than jolly for many people but it need not be. The Scott & White Department of Psychiatry offers several suggestions to help people make the most of the holidays.

First of all, we should think about what aspect of the holidays is important to us. Is it getting together with family members, exchanging gifts or spiritual experiences and contemplation? It may be necessary to turn down a few social engagements in order to do other things that are more important. We may find that our priorities change from year to year or that life has re-arranged. Holidays can be especially stressful due to the extra work so try scheduling time so that you can spend time exercising some and eating a balanced diet. Our gift or card list may need to be pared down but most families and friends would settle for less in order to have a picture perfect holiday so that everyone can relax.

Finding out what aspect of the holiday season we value most, setting priorities, using good time management skills, practicing "diplomacy" in difficult relationships and continuing wise health

practices are all ways to ensure that our holidays are more peaceful and relaxing...Hope you have a beautiful holiday with your families!

Joe Looney is out and around and says she is getting better every day. She underwent surgery and is doing great.

Clara Gober is home and getting along fine after having surgery in a Lubbock hospital.

Dick and Joany Horn were in Bovina over the weekend visiting with Joany's parents, Gene and Ginny Ezell. Ginny said they were going to Crosbyton to visit with Dick's mom and grandmother. The Horns will be in the states for fifteen months before having to return to their home in Japan. They will be living in the Austin area until they go home.

David Murphy underwent surgery for skin-grafting on his upper arm. He had this done a week ago Wednesday and was still in the hospital early in the week.

My mother, Meca West, came to Bovina on Friday of last week and stayed until the weekend. We went to Canyon on Friday and had a good time visiting and Christmas shopping.

Joy Melton underwent surgery on her foot on Friday of last week and came home on the following Monday. Her daughter-in-law, Darlene, said she is getting along fine.

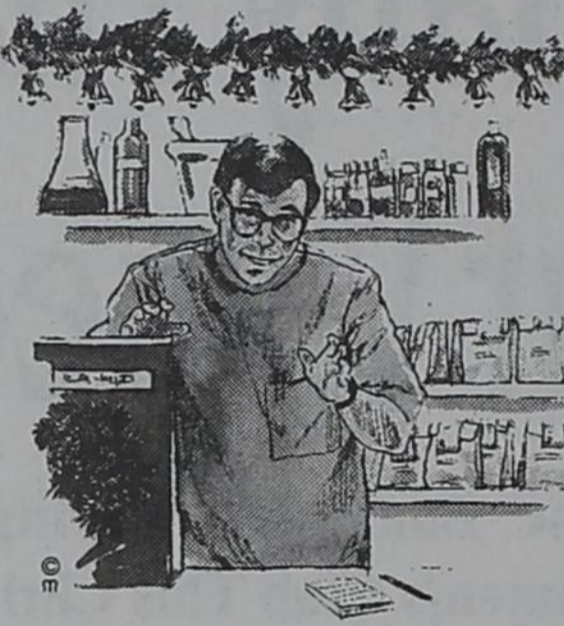
Jack Rains had relatives and friends in Bovina over the weekend for pheasant hunting. There were five that came from San Angelo and we understand they got seven birds...just not much to brag about this year because the birds were scarce.

The Lions Club Christmas party was held at the LaVilla Steak House in Clovis a week ago Thursday evening. About 40 people attended. After the party, members of the Lions Club sacked candy to be given to the youngsters when school dismisses for the holidays.

O.H. and Carlene Jones drove to Canyon last Saturday and spent the night and Sunday with daughter, Kathy and Lowell Boozer. Carlene said they went to church the next morning and Kathy sang in the Christmas Cantata held at the First Methodist Church in Canyon.

THINK ABOUT IT:
When we're in our twenties, we worry about what people think about us. When we're in our forties, we don't care about what people think about us. When we reach sixty, we discover they weren't thinking about us at all.

Have a Merry Christmas and do buckle up. A safety belt won't keep you from having a wreck—but it will improve your odds if you do. It can make the difference between being a survivor and being a statistic. We don't want to lose you!

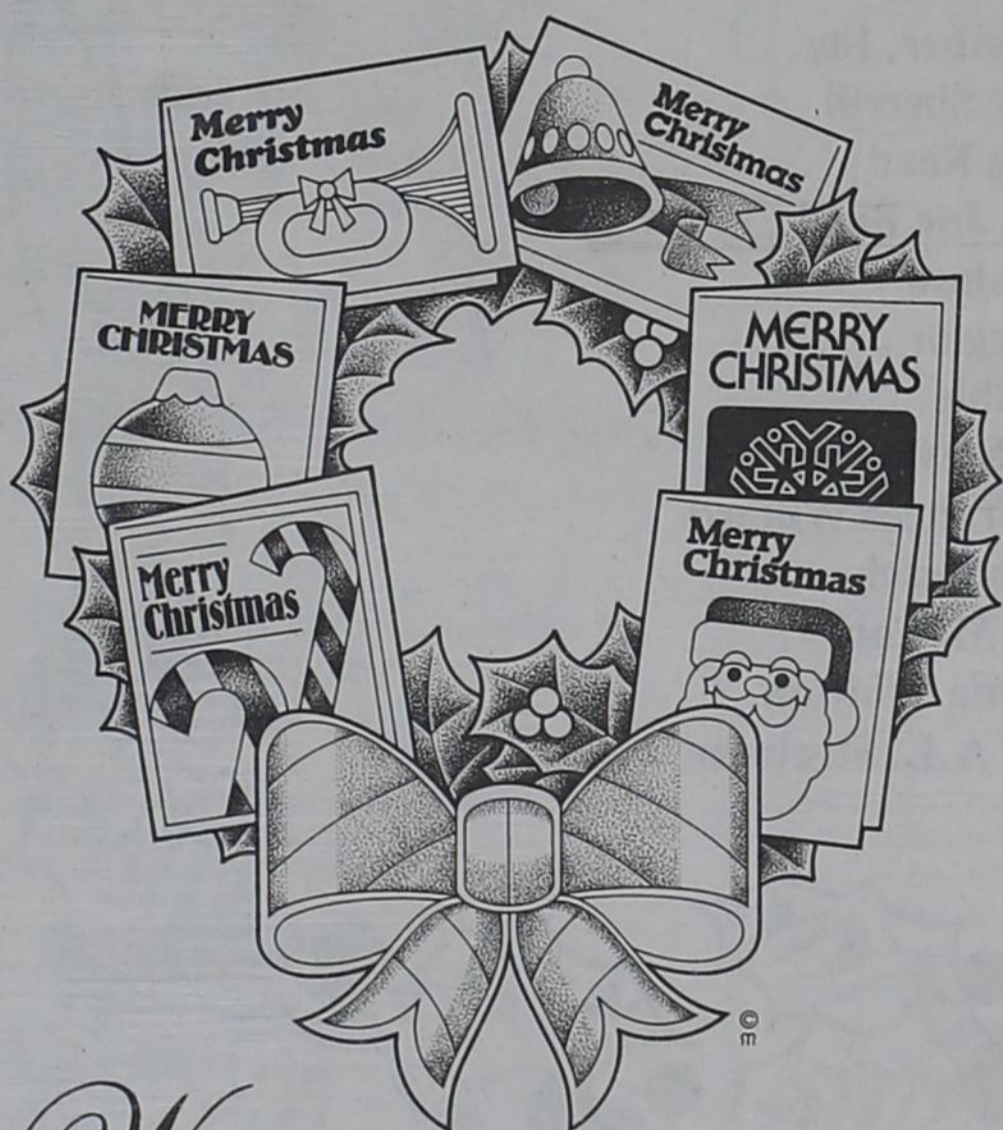


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The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

May peace and joy fill your heart and home.



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Diana Lumbreira talks with her attorney during her trial in September in Garden City, Kan., where she was convicted of murder in the death of her son, Jose, in May 1990.

Family, friends still don't believe Lumbreira could kill her children

By CHIP BROWN
The Associated Press

BOVINA — Friends and relatives say Diana Lumbreira cried and often fainted with grief when each of her six children died before their fifth birthday.

No one who watched ever suspected her of murdering the children.

As they were lowered into the ground one by one from 1976 to 1990, the young mother was on her knees, weeping and begging for her children to come back.

Elaborate headstones in the Bovina Cemetery, where five of Ms. Lumbreira's children are buried, read, "Darling we miss thee."

"She was a loving mother and she took care of those kids," said Ms. Lumbreira's aunt, Elodia Flores. "She worked hard every day and made those kids number one in her life. I just don't believe she killed those kids."

The deaths of Ms. Lumbreira's children have law enforcement officers in this tiny Panhandle cattle town near the New Mexico border shaking their heads.

For 14 years, authorities and child protection agencies never were suspicious as seven children, six of her own and the daughter of a cousin, died under Ms. Lumbreira's care.

Doctors ruled the deaths natural.
Ms. Lumbreira, 32, says the children were killed by

a damning curse.

Today, Ms. Lumbreira, a former meatpacker, is a convicted murderer of her 4-year-old son.

A jury in Garden City, Kan., took only three hours last October to determine that she smothered Jose Antonio Lumbreira on May 1, 1990. She was sentenced to life in prison.

Ms. Lumbreira, who moved from Bovina to Garden City in 1985, now faces murder charges in connection with four of her other children and the daughter of a cousin.

The death of another of her own children is under investigation.

The children's death certificates indicate various causes of death including asphyxiation by aspiration of stomach contents, heart disease and blood poisoning.

"A death certificate may say death due to heart failure. Everyone who dies suffers from heart failure," said Parmer County District Attorney Johnny Atkinson, who will prosecute Ms. Lumbreira in an upcoming trial.

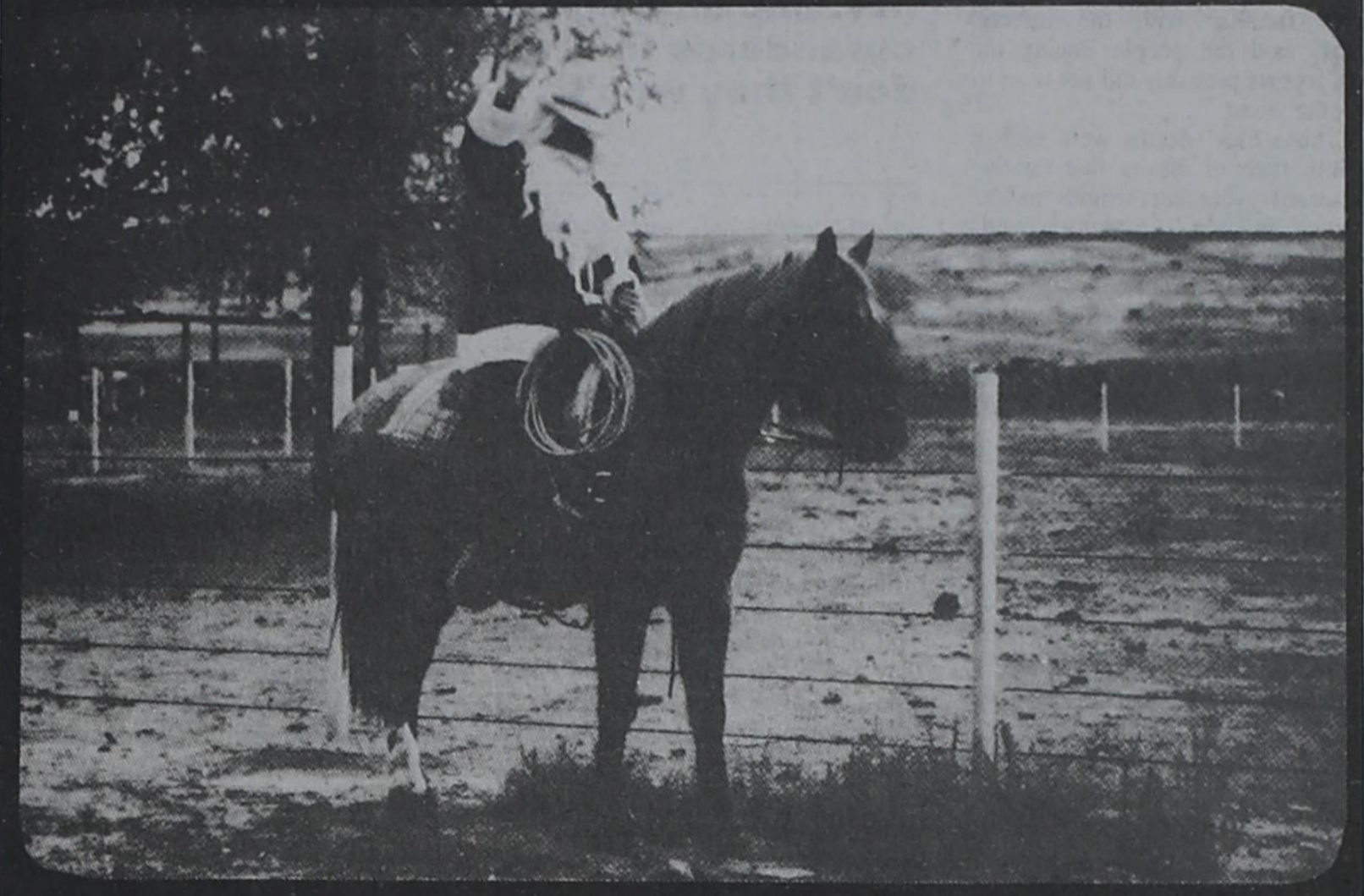
"The question is, what caused the heart failure?"

Several of the doctors who signed the death certificates defended their findings as the most accurate possible at the time.

"They (infants) can get infections like anyone else," said Dr. B.H. Lee, who examined Christopher

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Merry Christmas



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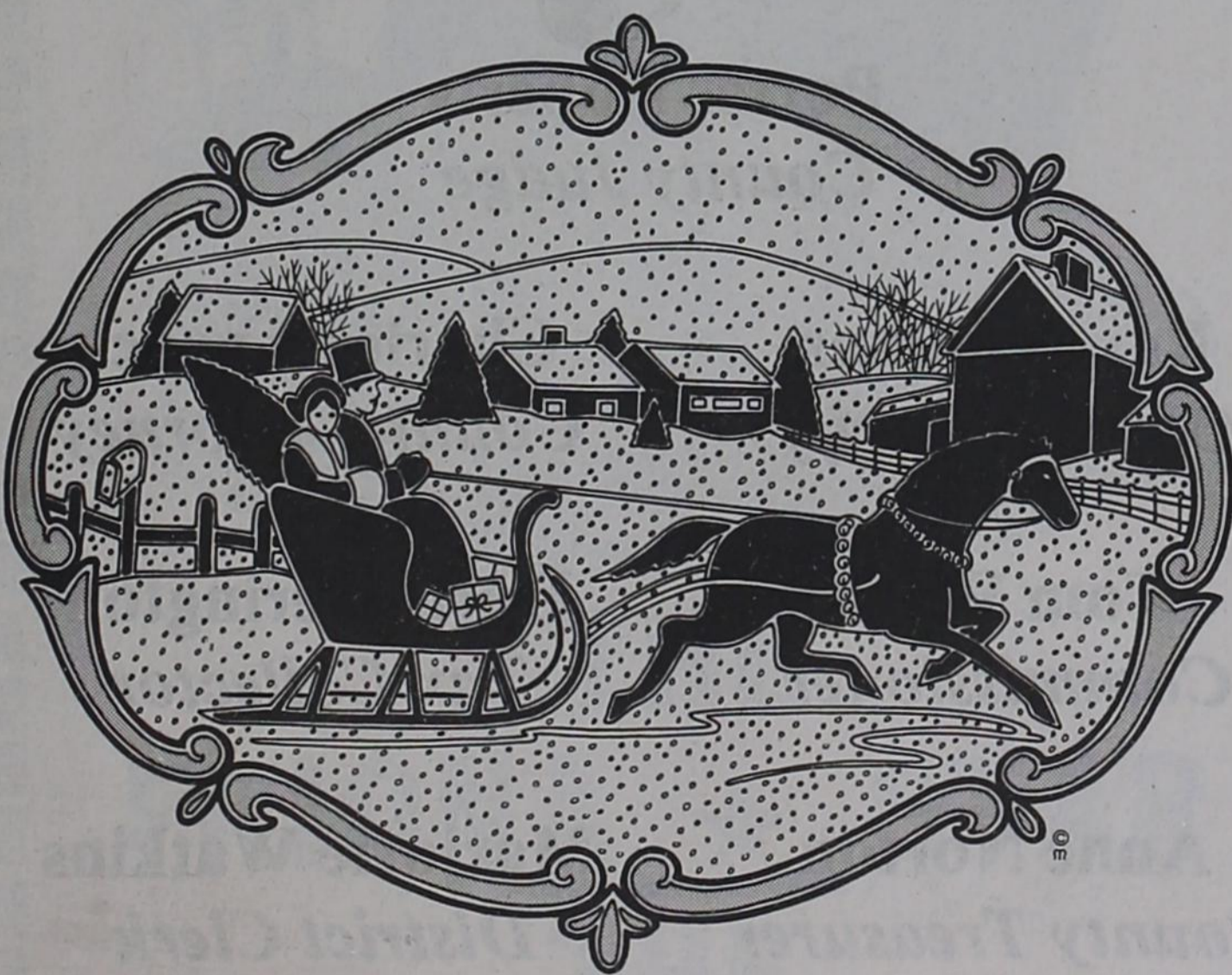


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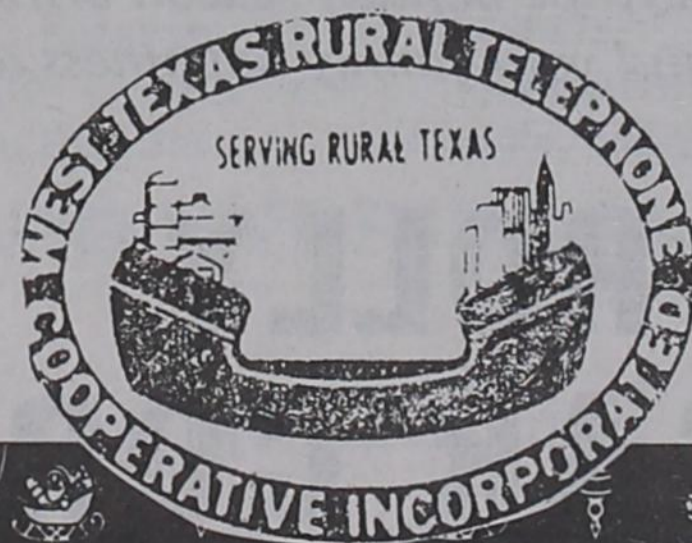
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O'er the fields we go
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Curse: Family, friends don't believe Diana Lumbrera is a child killer

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Lumbrera after the infant's 1984 death in Dimmitt. "The only other action I could have taken would have involved a postmortem, but we don't have a pathologist."

Actkinson, who has had to trudge back in time to locate doctors and witnesses familiar with the infants' deaths, said the people issuing the death reports probably did not want to think the worst.

"Those kids' deaths were such a horrible state of affairs that no one considered a mother would murder her own children," Actkinson said. "So the doctors look for another way to explain it. I am not being critical. It's just human nature."

Maria Antillon, 31, a close friend of Ms. Lumbrera's since grade school, said the defendant is high-



MACY MAE MARTIN

Birthday Party Fetes M. Martin

Macy Mae Martin will celebrate her first birthday on Friday, December 21 with a supper attended by family members.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Donna Martin of the Pleasant Hill Community.

Macy has one sister, Mandy, who is six years old.

Her grandparents are Lawrence and Pat Martin of Friona and B.F. and Johnnie Ray of Bovina.

'She told me several times about witchcraft and things she believed in like curses and things like that. She used to tell me that she felt her mother-in-law had cursed her. She said if you believe in the curanderos they will get to you. If you don't they won't.'

— Maria Antillon
A Friend of Diana Lumbrera

strung, emotional and frequently talked about her fervent belief in spiritual healers and doomsayers known as "curanderos."

Curanderos are fortune tellers or witchcraft doctors prevalent in Hispanic culture who have the power to bless or curse a person's life.

"She told me several times about witchcraft and things she believed in like curses and things like that," said Mrs. Antillon, a resident of Bovina. "She used to tell me that she felt her mother-in-law had cursed her. She said if you believe in the curanderos they will get to you. If you don't they won't."

Mrs. Antillon said she believes Ms. Lumbrera is innocent.

"Diana went to church every Sunday when she lived here," she said. "Everybody liked her. She wasn't the type of person that would get in trouble with a neighbor. I never heard that she had gotten into an argument with someone else. And she loved her kids."

Lionel Garza, Ms. Lumbrera's second husband and father of four of the dead children, said most of his adult life he believed his children died because God had called them home.

He said he has trouble with the chilling possibility they were murdered by their mother.

"I was shocked when I found out she was convicted of killing her boy," said Garza, who has remarried and is now living near Pecos.

"All my life I lived thinking my kids died of natural causes. Now all the doors of question are open and the pain is rushing back in."

"It is real scary to have somebody tell you that your daughters and son were killed and didn't die of natural causes," Garza said. "At first it gave me a lot of anger. But now I just want the truth. I want to know if she killed my babies."

Garza, who filed for divorce from Ms. Lumbrera in 1980 two years after their third child's death, declined to

comment publicly about his suspicions, but authorities say his grand jury testimony was revealing.

"Lionel was suspicious of Diana after the third death," said Bovina Police Chief Gary Coleman. "Especially since he said he was playing with the child (Melissa Garza) early that morning before going to work."

"He said the child was healthy and he didn't detect anything wrong. Thirty minutes after he arrives at work, he's called and told the child has died."

Garza, who works at the Reeves County law enforcement center in Pecos, said he and Ms. Lumbrera's divorce came through in 1982 after five years of marriage.

He said he fears testifying about the deaths of his children.

"I don't know how I will react. I try to avoid remembering back then," he said. "It only opens old wounds."

Ms. Lumbrera has claimed that Garza's mother placed a curse on her, damning all of her children to early death.

Virginia Bribiesca, Ms. Lumbrera's sister, said she witnessed the curse's pronouncement.

Garza's mother told Ms. Lumbrera her children would die at their mother's hands, Ms. Bribiesca said. "I heard the woman say it."

Garza denies that his mother ever placed a curse on Ms. Lumbrera.

"She never said anything to me about the children being cursed by my mother," he said.

Parmer County Deputy Sheriff Richard Bonham, who helped lead the investigation into the deaths of Ms. Lumbrera's children in Texas, says the curse is a scapegoat.

"Some people that believe in curanderos and witchcraft will say it does have an effect," Bonham said. "But in our investigation that holds no water for defense of what she has done."

Family members adamantly defend Ms. Lumbrera, accusing authorities of

racism and using her case for publicity.

"There is no reasoning for all this to come out so many years later except that the police want to put their name in the paper," Ms. Flores said. "The medical records show the kids died of natural causes."

Robert Olvera, 33, Ms. Lumbrera's cousin, says the police have actively pursued the case because the defendant is Hispanic.

"You think this would happen to a Diana if she was white? No way. Absolutely not," Olvera said.

Several of Ms. Lumbrera's relatives who still live in Bovina say she suffered from polio as a child and may have passed on severe illnesses to her babies.

"Diana was often sick when she was young," said Stella Espinoza, Ms. Lumbrera's older sister. "How can they just disregard that the kids could have died because of sickness?"

In August, Ms. Lumbrera was indicted on three counts of capital murder by a Parmer County grand jury in the 1976 death of 3-month-old Joanna Garza; the 1978 death of 3-year-old Melissa Garza and the 1982 death of 2-year-old Melinda Ann Garza.

The grand jury said she smothered the three children to collect \$15,000 in life insurance benefits. A trial on the charges is expected to begin next month.

If convicted of capital murder, Ms. Lumbrera could face life in prison or death by injection.

Ms. Lumbrera was indicted on one count of murder by a Lubbock County grand jury on Dec. 6 in the 1978 death of Jose Lionel Garza Jr.

She was indicted on one count of murder by a Bailey County grand jury on Sept. 10 for the 1980 death of 6-week-old Erica Aleman, the daughter of Ms. Lumbrera's cousin, Benito Aleman.

Garza fathered Joanna, Melissa, Melinda and Jose Lionel. Police believe Jose Luz Valvovis, who was never married to Ms. Lumbrera, fathered Christopher Daniel Lumbrera, who died at 5½ months of an apparent blood infection in Dimmitt, and Jose Antonio Lumbrera.

Children's Deaths

Here is a list of the children who have died while under the care of Diana Lumbrera. Ms. Lumbrera was convicted of murdering her 4-year-old son in Garden City, Kan., and has been charged with murdering another four of her own children and the daughter of a cousin in Texas. The death of another of Ms. Lumbrera's children is under investigation.

■ Joanna Garza, age 3 months, Nov. 30, 1976, at Parmer County Community Hospital at Friona. Medical records listed the cause of death as "strangulation due to asphyxiation due to convulsive disorder."

Ms. Lumbrera has been indicted on one count of capital murder by Parmer County grand jury.

■ Jose Lionel Garza, 2½-months, Feb. 13, 1978, Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Medical records list the cause of death as undetermined.

Ms. Lumbrera indicted on one count of murder by Lubbock County grand jury.

■ Melissa Garza, 3, Oct. 2, 1978, Parmer County Community Hospital. Medical records list the cause of death as "asphyxia due to aspiration of stomach contents."

Ms. Lumbrera indicted on one count of capital murder by Parmer County grand jury.

■ Erica Aleman, 6-weeks, Oct. 8, 1980, West Plains Medical Center in Mulleshoe. Medical records missing.

Ms. Lumbrera indicted on one count of murder by Bailey County grand jury.

■ Melinda Ann Garza, 2, Aug. 17, 1982, Ms. Lumbrera's Bovina home. Medical records list the cause of death as "acute near failure due to increased taxation on a case of congenital heart disease."

Ms. Lumbrera indicted on one count of capital murder by Parmer County grand jury.

■ Christopher Daniel Lumbrera, 5½-months, March 28, 1984, Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Medical records list the cause of death as septicemia — a fatal infection of the blood.

Castro County authorities still investigating.

■ Jose Antonio Lumbrera, 4, May 1, 1990, St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kan. Medical records list the cause of death as "asphyxia due to smothering."

Ms. Lumbrera convicted of one count of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

—From The Associated Press

Gordon Green, who will represent Ms. Lumbrera in her upcoming trials in Parmer County, refused to allow her to be interviewed.

"It's not an everyday case," said Green, refusing to comment further.

Ms. Lumbrera has been held in the Parmer County Jail on \$300,000 bond since the Kansas trial.

Authorities say the death of Ms. Lumbrera's sixth child, Jose Antonio Lumbrera, in Garden City triggered a massive investigation into the other children's deaths, resulting in the five murder indictments in three West

Texas counties.

Green said he is still considering a motion to move the trial from Parmer County.

Ms. Bribiesca fears the Kansas conviction will doom her sister in Texas.

"She didn't get a fair trial" in Garden City, said Ms. Bribiesca, who resides in Kansas. "Before this, I think she could have gotten one in Texas, but not now. Not after this. They're going to think she killed all her kids. But Diana's not going to give up. I'll tell you that."

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"You're Never Too Old," Gift Of Life Celebrated

By BILL ELLIS

Marvin Mimms of the Lazbuddie community has received undoubtedly the best "Christmas present" he's ever been given this year. The gift was in the form of a kidney, donated by his 72-year-old brother, G.W. (Pete) Mimms.

Marvin's kidneys had deteriorated to the point that he was facing dialysis for the rest of his life if he had not received a transplant.

Now, he is looking forward to

Local Lady Wins Trip

Maesie Flynn and her sister, Grace Parr of Friona, attended the "Tourama" held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

During the day, they were entertained by the Otwell Twins, from the famed Lawrence Welk Show; The Texas Cloggers, recently performed at the Texas State Fair; and Marla McCown, voice major at WTSU. They were served a barbecue lunch hosted by several travel companies from all over the country.

Maesie said they enjoyed visiting with other people they had traveled with on their bus tours in recent months.

There were 62 prizes awarded throughout the day and Grace was one of the lucky winners. She won a trip to Nashville, Tennessee for three days and can invite one guest. They will be touring the area and seeing the points of interest around Nashville.

About 100 people were in Amarillo for the Tourama on Saturday.

going on with an active, normal life.

"It was the gift of life," says Marvin's wife, Jo.

Mimms, 66, who has had a history of kidney problems, saw his condition become critical earlier this year, and a kidney specialist in Lubbock told him he probably would be facing dialysis the rest of his life, indicating he probably was "too old for a transplant."

"I cried all the way home. I just didn't want to give in to dialysis," Jo said.

Marvin's condition was getting steadily worse during the year and he developed gout in his hands and feet. He couldn't pick up a fork or spoon with his fingers.

In July of this year, he was finally approved for transplant surgery, and was put on the list to receive a kidney from a cadaver, when his time should come.

The only trouble was, there were 17,500 names on the nationwide list awaiting a transplant. When finding a "match," you have to have matching blood types as well as tissue. And Marvin has type B blood, which is more rare than type A.

His family then became involved. Marvin has a twin sister, who volunteered to donate a kidney. But she has had health problems, and did not pass the physical which is required of the donors as well as the recipients.

That's when brother Pete became involved. "I asked the doctor 'How about using my kidney?' but when he learned my age, he said 'you're probably too old.'"

But that only made Pete more determined, and he insisted on taking the physical.

He passed it with flying colors. The doctor team, who called all over the country to learn of the advisability of using a kidney from a 72-year-old, learned that Pete is the oldest kidney donor to this point in the United States.

"But I won't get to make the Guinness book, because they learned that in one foreign country a 90-year-old man had donated his kidney, and it had worked. The surgeons there told our doctor, 'If you have a 72-year-old donor, go for it,'" Pete said.

Leading up to the surgery, Marvin was getting ready to harvest what has turned out to be a record-setting cotton crop. He had 200 acres of cotton that was just about ready to strip when he went into the hospital on November 1.

Hired hands and neighbors saw to the cotton stripping, which is now completed.

Marvin had offers of kidneys from several of his relatives and even from friends. He has 11 brothers and sisters, and is the youngest member of his family.

Prior to the surgery, both Marvin and Pete were subjected to approximately six weeks of constant testing at Methodist Hospital. "It was as thorough as you can imagine," Pete said. "The doctor told me I could function just as well with one kidney as with two. I thought later I should have had him put that in writing," he said with a laugh.

The technicians and doctors try for as close a match as possible in blood and tissue type. When studying these tests from the two Parmer County brothers, the lab technicians thought at one point they had made a mistake, believing they only had samples from one of the brothers, when in reality they had them from both.

The surgery was performed on November 1. The surgery was begun on Pete, who was split "around the middle." Surgeons removed his lower rib and his left kidney.

Marvin's surgery was then begun. He explained that his surgeon, Dr. G. Baird Helfrich, left the deteriorating kidney in Marvin's body, rather than removing it. "It doesn't hurt anything to stay in," he said.

Pete's left kidney was implanted in Marvin's right side, but it was turned around. The surgeon explained that the donated kidney is cradled in the patient's pelvic area. The pelvic bone gives protection to the transplanted kidney.

Doctors told Marvin that the transplanted organ began to function immediately. "Most times we see a slow drip-drip starting in the new kidney. In this case it was virtually gushing," they said. The entire surgery took four hours.

Within a few days, Marvin's trouble with his hands and feet had cleared up.

Doctors dismissed both brothers from the hospital after six days.

"We were afraid this was a little quick. But the doctors explained that they wanted to get Marvin away from the hospital, because a hospital is the worst place in the world to contract some disease or other," Jo said.

The anti-rejection drugs which Marvin is required to take kills his immune system, and it would be very easy for him to come down with a simple illness such as a cold. They have advised Mimms to avoid crowds or excessive company for awhile.

He has to go to the hospital in Muleshoe twice a week for a checkup which includes a blood test and urinalysis. Later he will go to Lubbock Methodist every two weeks for an in-person checkup to see how his kidney is functioning.

Marvin, who lived in Friona from 1954 to 1958, and has farmed in the Lazbuddie area since 1958, said the transplant was "A dream come true."

"This area is extremely fortunate to have this transplant team in Lubbock. If we had done this a year ago we would have had to go



SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANT....Marvin Mimms, seated at right, was the recipient of a kidney from his brother, Pete, left, and Pete is the oldest kidney donor in the United States. Wives Bobbie (left) and Jo, pose with their husbands.

to Dallas. The transplant team came to Lubbock last May. Helfrich has performed 1,000 surgeries, and they told us they had never lost a donor or a recipient," Marvin said.

The surgeon who removed Pete's kidney was Dr. Lynn Avant, who is the other half of the surgical team, doing the "donor surgery."

It was explained that Methodist Hospital works with the patients who are facing transplant surgery, and determines whether or not they need a support group. "In light of the fact that we had some 50 friends and relatives at the hospital on the day of the surgery, I think they decided we had our own support group," the Mimmses said.

As for Pete Mimms becoming the oldest kidney donor in the United States, his wife Bobbie said, "He would do anything for the publicity."

Seriously, Pete would like to make an appeal to people everywhere to make their organs

available for transplanting. "The transplant program is really advancing. It is amazing what they can do, and how many body parts can be used," Pete said. "Also, age is no limiting factor," he added with a big smile.

Pete, who farms about 50 acres and lives five miles down the road from his brother, also raises some cattle. He said that in volunteering his kidney, he reasoned that he didn't have "a real big percentage of his life remaining," while some of the prospective donors were much younger.

"They could have a lot of other opportunities to donate a kidney in the future," he said.

Also, Pete said that he and his wife had reasoned that they had their family raised, plus the fact that the doctor had assured them that he could function on one kidney.

The two Mimms brothers have both lived in Parmer County since 1953, moving here from Crosbyton.



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County's Cotton Yield Challenges Records

According to Plains Cotton Growers' records, the best year for cotton in Parmer County's history in terms of bales produced was 1981, when a total of 87,600 bales were harvested by the county's cotton farmers.

This is compared to a projected total of 78,075 bales which were expected to be ginned in Parmer County during the current year.

However, the 1981 production total came from a total of 101,000 planted acres, and 83,300 harvested acres. The 87,600 bales yielded an average of 505 pounds of cotton per acre for county farmers, or just over a bale per acre.

For the current year, a total of 48,895 acres will be harvested, just 55.8 per cent as many acres as were harvested during 1981.

The 1990 crop will definitely challenge for the top yield per acre for a cotton crop in the county's cotton-producing history, but it has one other mega-yield year to beat.

That was in 1962, when 48,000 harvested acres in Parmer County yielded a total of 79,000 bales. That was an average of 789 pounds of cotton per harvested acre.

If this past week's projected number of bales holds out, the 1990 crop will yield a total of 782.4

pounds of cotton per acre, or just over 1.5 bales per acre.

However, if the total production hits 80,000 bales in the county, which it very well might, then the 1990 crop could then claim to be the best-producing crop, yieldwise, in the county's history.

Ginners are telling stories of fields that have yielded three bales per acre. One farmer was concerned earlier in the year that his cotton might not come up with much of a yield, as it looked as though it had sustained some 2,4-D damage. In the final analysis, the field was one of those three bales-per-acre crops.

Another farmer had a field of cotton that was virtually dryland. At one point he was almost ready to abandon the crop, but it got a timely rain and began to produce. In the end, it made a bale per acre.

Another report said that a farmer in the Oklahoma Lane community made an average of four bales per acre. This was the largest yield-per-acre heard about in Parmer County for 1990.

The 1962 crop was the second-largest on record in Parmer County in terms of total bales produced at 79,000.

If the projected total holds true, the 1990 crop would ring in as the third-best in terms of total bales.

It should be pointed out that the projected number of bales comes from a survey of cotton gins within the county. It is felt that in the southern part of the county, a number of farmers may take their cotton outside the county for ginning, which could add to the final total, which will not be known until sometime in 1991.

Up until the 1990 crop, the third-largest cotton crop on record in Parmer County was the 1984 crop, which produced 66,000 bales of cotton. A total of 57,300 acres were planted that year, and 56,900 acres harvested, for an average of 567 pounds of cotton per acre.

Cotton officials expect the record yield of the current year's crop, combined with a better than average price to be a big boost for the county's agricultural economy.

They also think that it will add materially to the number of acres planted to cotton in 1991. A total of 52,421 acres were planted in 1990, of which 3,500 were reported as "failed" acres.

"The new Farm Program may be beneficial to cotton farmers, in allowing them to transfer up to 15 per cent of their feed grain acres (crops within the program), over to cotton for 1991," said Jerry Butman, manager of Friona Farmers Co-op Gin.

Cotton Fanning, manager of Plains Cotton Growers Assn., said it goes without saying that, especially if cotton prices remain good, a number of acres previously planted to feed grains will be back

in the "cotton" column for 1991.

"This year's crop reminds you of the old saying about this county, that it can promise more and give you less, and then promise less and give you more, than any other place on the face of the earth," Fanning said.

Following is a rundown of the county's cotton production in bales. The totals are from the Texas Crops and Livestock Reporting Service. The number of bales since 1970 use a "net average" of 480-pounds per bale (without bagging).

Year	Bales
1989	40,300
1988	46,000
1987	60,200
1986	27,000
1985	42,900
1984	66,000
1983	22,400
1982	23,000
1981	87,600
1980	64,600
1979	42,800
1978	43,700
1977	43,400
1976	11,100
1975	6,300
1974	25,800
1973	25,000
1972	33,350
1971	22,000
1970	36,300
1969	33,100
1968	35,100
1967	22,300
1966	28,600
1965	56,200
1964	49,300
1963	49,900
1962	79,000
1961	55,200
1960	38,000
1959	37,500
1958	57,000
1957	51,500
1956	56,500
1955	48,200
1954	54,500
1953	56,000
1952	31,800
1951	11,000
1950	1,020
1949	6,000
1948	2,450
1947	2,910
1946	140
1945	11
1944	410
1943	1,480
1942	1,560
1941	1,600
1940	4,720
1939	5,330
1938	2,740
1937	9,480
1936	4,680
1935	3,350
1934	1,510
1933	7,430
1932	3,320
1931	-0-
1930	-0-
1929	-0-

(Some scattered production figures in earlier 1920s)

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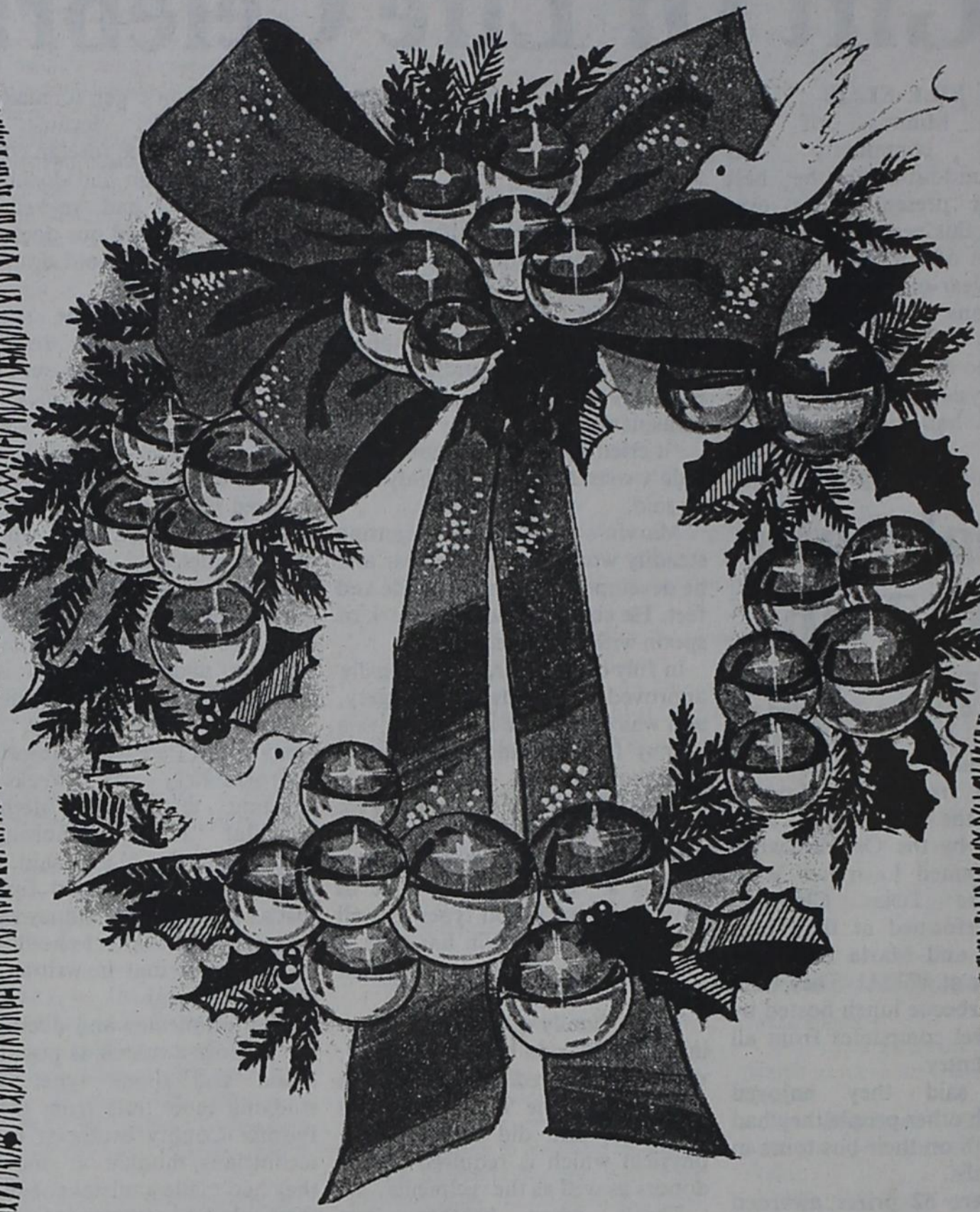
The publication takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For details on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to The National Sports Foundation, 612A Willow Dr., P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, New Jersey, 07755.

Party Set For Roberts

A retirement party will honor Judge Porter Roberts on Monday, December 31 from 2-4 p.m. at the Courthouse in the County Courtroom.

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Mustangs Second In Own Tourney

The Bovina High School Mustangs won the second place trophy in their own invitational basketball tournament last weekend.

The Mustangs scored a win over Adrian, 59-53, before falling to the Farwell Steers, 66-32 in the finals.

The Bovina boys had a bye in the first round action.

In Friday's game, Corey Kirkpatrick and Cain Neal paced Bovina's win. Kirkpatrick scored six first-quarter points, and Neal came back with six in the second, as the team trailed at halftime, 23-20.

But Neal scored nine points in the final quarter and Kirkpatrick seven, as Bovina pulled out the win. Neal ended with 23 points, Kirkpatrick 17 and Juan Reyna ten

to offset a 30-point performance by Blankenship of Adrian.

In the title game on Saturday, Farwell raced to a 19-3 first-quarter lead, and were in front, 35-15 at the half.

It was 47-21 at the end of three quarters, and the final was 66-32.

Neal and Kirkpatrick, who had scored 40 points between them on Friday, were held to a combined 11 against the Steers. Reyna led the scoring with 11.

MUSTANGS 59, Adrian 53

Juan Reyna 5-0-10; Jose Silva 2-0-4; Corey Kirkpatrick 7-3-17; Sammy Rodriguez 0-0-0; Darren Hromas 0-1-1; John Ortiz 2-0-4; Cain Neal 10-3-23.

Farwell 66, MUSTANGS 32

Reyna 3-5-11; Silva 3-3-9; Kirkpatrick 3-1-7; Ortiz 0-1-1; Neal 0-4-4.

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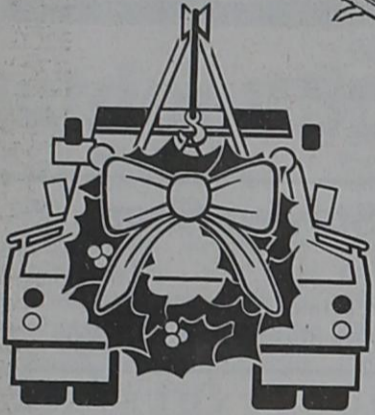
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The office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24, 25 and 26. They will be open for business on Friday, December 27.

Woman's Club Met Dec. 13

The Bovina Woman's Study Club met December 13 at the First Bank Community Room. Norma Whitten presented the program and told of the origin of Christmas.

Thelma Barron, hostess, served cookies, crackers, coffee and nuts to several members. Members present were Alma Clayton, Thelma Barron, Doris Lawlis, Norma Whitten, Alleen Russell, Artie O'Hair and Lee Stevenson. The next meeting will be January 10 at First Bank.

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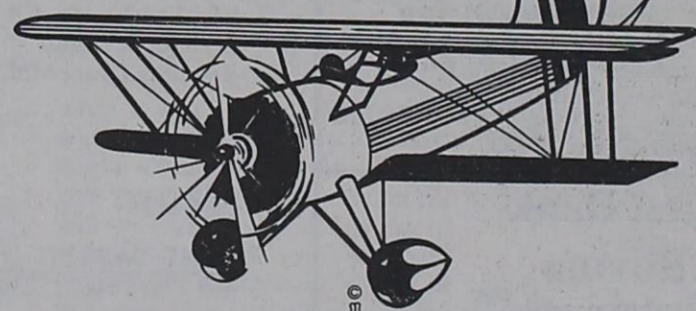
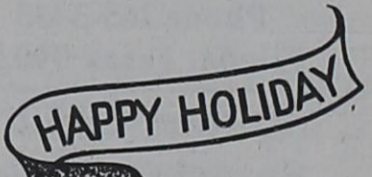
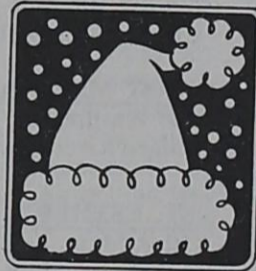
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THE ASSYRIAN GENERAL, HOLOFERNES, ATTACKED THE JEWS, BESIEGING THE TOWN OF BETHULIA, WHERE THE PEOPLE DESPAIRED OF EVER BEING SAVED. JUDITH TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO VISIT HOLOFERNES IN HIS CAMP, WHERE HE WAS IMMEDIATELY SMITTEN WITH HER BEAUTY! AFTER ENTERTAINING HIM FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS IN HIS TENT, JUDITH, AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, CUT OFF THE GENERAL'S HEAD AS HE SLEPT!

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BHS Exchange Student Tells About Christmas In Denmark

Lars Christiansen, who is a junior at Bovina High School, and an exchange student from Denmark, tells about Christmas in Denmark.

Lars came to Bovina on August 11 and lives with Charles and Nancy Walters. Charles is superintendent at Sherley Grain Elevator.

The month of December is a very festive month in Denmark and the celebration begins on the first day of December. The streets have Santas and ribbons in red and white.

The town of 12,000 people has one big tree but the trees in the homes are not put up until the week before Christmas. The trees are sold all over the island and no one has artificial trees. They are decorated with Danish flags all around the tree, also the pretty colored balls as we have in the United States.

Little ones believe Santa is

coming and take being good very seriously, according to Lars. They have long December calendars and they have candy and toys taped to each day and if they are not good, there are no presents.

Families enjoy watching Christmas shows on television and on Christmas Day, which is celebrated on December 24, the families dance around the Christmas trees. The mothers in the families usually hand out presents to their families. Lars said children find out about Santa at about eight years of age but up until then, it is a serious matter and they all believe in Santa Claus.

On December 25 and 26, families go to the homes of the grandparents and have meals with them. Lars' family travels to Copenhagen, which is 20 miles away, to have dinner with his dad's mother and the next day, they go 30 miles to the home of his other grandmother.

Lars says he hasn't been homesick yet and enjoys living with the Walters family. They are very nice people and treat him like he is their son, he says. He will go back to Denmark on June 22.

He told about going to kindergarten one year in Denmark then nine more years and you are a graduate from school which he already has done. Then he decided to come to America for a year of learning the language and more studies. He will return home for awhile but prefers to live in an English-speaking country, perhaps France or the United States.

He said when his dad retires, he plans to leave Denmark because it is hard to live there with the high taxes which are 49% of your income and in some cases, 70% of your income.

When asked if he was the only child at the Walters' home, he said, "Just me and the dog, and he lives outside."

Lars said he likes Bovina and the people here are so friendly and nice. He said in Denmark, people are a little nervous and not friendly to strangers, but people in Texas tell you to "make yourself at home," and he likes that.

Lars brought a recipe book containing the recipes used during the holidays in Denmark and said roast pork (Fleskesteg) is the most popular main dish and is served on Christmas Day. It consists of a 5-6 pound leg of pork, about 1/2 pint of stock, salt, ground black pepper, Colman's mustard, 4-6 tablespoons cream, 1 tablespoon

tomato puree, soy sauce, corn flour for thickening. Score the pork and rub with salt, mustard, powder and a little pepper. Place on a grid and roast at 250 degrees for about 1/2 hour or until the crackling turns white. Turn the oven down to 280 degrees and pour in the boiling stock. Roast the joint for a further 2-3 hours depending on the size. Do not baste or the crackling will become soft, but turn down the heat if it becomes too dark. Pour the gravy into a small saucepan, leaving the joint to keep hot in the oven with the door ajar. Skim the fat off the gravy and add the cream to taste. Boil up with the salt, pepper, tomato puree and soy sauce, thickening with corn flour if desired.

Another popular dish is the red cabbage salad (Rødkålssalat) and fat joints (Pork Roast) are often served with red cabbage salad. The recipe is 1-2 cabbage, 2-3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon water, 5-6 tablespoons olive oil, freshly grated horseradish and sugar to taste.

Quarter the cabbage and remove stem, shred finely, mix the above ingredients to make the dressing. Pour over the cabbage and leave for an hour before serving, tossing at intervals. Serve cold with the hot joint (pork roast).



DECORATING TREE....Lars Christiansen is pictured as he decorates the tree at the Walters' home. Lars is an exchange student from Denmark and lives with Charles and Nancy Walters.

The Southern Outdoor Sportsmen

By M.D. McCALLUM

The 1990 pheasant hunt was a little disappointing in Parmer County, according to local hunters. While the number of birds was down from previous hunts, the decent weather made the leg work a little easier. Deaf Smith County was inundated with hunters due to a lot of publicity and bird counts were up and down depending on who you talked to and where they hunted.

While a handful of folks are doing their best to achieve a viable commercial hunt each year, more needs to be done to increase the bird population. Many hunters believe that the season is still too long. Oldtimers can remember when the short seasons of yesteryears maintained an abundance of birds. All one has to do is look at the long quail season and its subsequent effects on the quail population to see where the pheasant population might end up.

Several people are trying to maintain and increase the population by raising and releasing more birds. Their efforts should be applauded by anyone that hunts. The number of out-of-town hunters dropped considerably this year. When the hunters go somewhere else, the money spent on the excursion goes with them.

On the fishing front, several area lakes are reporting slow catches of bass, crappie and catfish. Walleyes and white bass continue to be your best winter bets. Several walleyes over five pounds have been taken from the marina and fish house at Lake Meredith.

At a recent outing to Meredith, my partner, Wayne Thatcher, and myself were able to catch about fifty white bass every morning between 8-10 a.m. After this time, the school moved on but return to the same spot the next morning between the times noted above. Several of the whites were over one and one-half pounds.

We concentrated on a shelf that dropped from 15 feet to about 30 feet. The whites were at the bottom. Slagspoons were the only lures we used and out-produced the live bait rigs of other anglers in the area. The spoons were in the 1/2-3/4 ounce sizes.

Several presentations were effective. You could simply pound the bottom by raising your rod tip six to twelve inches (cold water requires less action and a shorter rod stroke) then drop the spoon on a slack line until it hits bottom.

Another method involved bouncing the spoon an inch or two off the bottom. The whites were aggressive enough at times to even hit a momentarily suspended spoon. When using spoons, attempt to match the forage base in size and color. Wayne caught on several different types and colors of spoons while I used a smooth chrome with blue stripe Kastmaster 3/4 ounce spoon.

One thing to remember about cold water angling, most fish adapt their body temperature to that of their surroundings. Warm weather means fast presentations while cold weather and cold water temperatures require slow deliberate presentations. The fish

cannot move about or react as quickly in cold water.

Look for the white bass and walleye action to pick up as the weather gets cooler. Concentrate on deep water loaded with forage fish and above all, remember to be safety conscious as cold water is a deadly force of nature.

REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

30 YEARS AGO--DEC. 21, 1960
Mrs. Minnie Mae Alderson, 79, pioneer Bovina citizen, died Saturday about 7:30 p.m. in Clovis Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Alderson had been a resident of this area some 40 years.

Mrs. Mark Charles is the winner of Bovina's 1960 Home Christmas Decoration Contest. She will receive a \$25 award for being named the winner.

For the third consecutive year, Bovina farmers are among the top in DeKalb's yield contest for corn and milo. Don Murphy is the top milo producer in the nation, according to J.T. Hammonds, DeKalb representative here.

25 YEARS AGO--DEC. 22, 1965
Bovina Pump and Drilling Co. is a new business here. It is headquartered in an office building moved just west of the former Gulf station building on Pleasant Hill Farm-To-Market Road.

Approximately 250 attended the Christmas Concert presented by the Bovina School music department Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Winter weather hit here Tuesday night of last week. This was the first real "spell" of the winter season and it brought with it snow and freezing temperatures. The snow, which measured some three inches, fell Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Mustang footballers Roman Ramirez and Scotty Rundell have been named to regional football honors by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

20 YEARS AGO--DEC. 23, 1970
Another successful pheasant season ended here Sunday. Winner of the longest tailfeather contest conducted in Bovina was Don Bandy with an extra-long entry measuring 25 and 31/32 inches.

Saddles belonging to Curtis Miller and Henry Spicer were stolen from Triplett's Feed Lots sometime Saturday night, according to Marshal Ronald

Mitchell. Mitchell says there are no leads in the case.

15 YEARS AGO--DEC. 24, 1975
Steven Thomas Wiseman of Bovina received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University at College Station in recent ceremonies there.

Bret Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten, is the first place winner in the 1975 Christmas Home Decorations Contest, sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club.

Members of the Bovina Future Homemakers of America visited the Retirement Ranch in Clovis Monday, December 15. The group sang Christmas carols and took gifts of Christmas candy and cookies and door decorations to residents there.

10 YEARS AGO--DEC. 18, 1980
Bovina's Mustangs were the first place winners in the Friona invitational tournaments last weekend.

The 1980 season for pheasant hunting marks the 17th anniversary of a regular season in Parmer County.

The Bovina Christian Life Center, Pentecostal Holiness Church will re-open with Rev. Hedgecock from California leading.

Frank Galvan, Jr. MT III was among 15 employees of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, to receive service awards at the supervisor's meeting at the district office in Lubbock.

Five generations were present at the Crow family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Lide this week.

Karen Hughes was chosen FFA Sweetheart and Karen Schilling was chosen Plowgirl by the Bovina FFA Chapter.

5 YEARS AGO--DEC. 18, 1985
The Children's Choir gave a presentation, "Angels Aware," directed by Esther Steelman and Tonya Gober.

Funeral services were held this week for Carl Rea. He had lived in Parmer County since 1945.

The Bovina area received its first snowfall of the season when four and five inches fell.

238 people attended the Oklahoma Lane community reunion held this week.

Six members of the football team were named to all-district. They were Terry Moore, Todd Ware, Todd Schilling, Blake Scaff, Rey Duran and Chad Clayton.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas, I want Magic Nersry doll. How is the Raindeer? How is Dasher, Danser, Pranser, Vinson, Comit, Donor, Blitsen, Rudolph. This year I have been nice. My name is Jimmi Dawn Jones. This summer I moved. I hope you can find us. I hope you give all the good girls and boys toys. For Christmas I want Little Miss Magic hair, roller skates, organ, piano lessons and tellophone.
Love, Jimmi Dawn Jones

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is D'Anne Jones. For Christmas I want jewelry and clothes. Well, I guess you are tired of people telling you what they want for Christmas. Well, I guess I can ask about Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer. Are you ok this year? I am.
What do you want for Christmas? I told you what I wanted for Christmas. I sure hope yall are all well.
Also, Santa, I would like to know how to get our chickens to lay eggs? Since we have had them, they have layed 1 egg. I am sure you are not beliving me, but it is very true.
I have been a very good kid you could say. I always do what I am told to do. I always do my home work, but sometimes I forget it.
I am 12 fixing to turn 13 in March.
This summer, I made 47 dozen batches of cookies to put in the deep freeze.
Well, I could say me, my sister and brother have been very, very nice. Well, I better let you go now, bye.
D'Anne Jones

Dear Santa,
I wish I could be thear with you and have a real good time to geter. If I get to go I want to meet roadoff the red nose reindeer.
Your friend, Mickey Ramon

Dear Santa,
I would like to see you in person when it is Christmas Eve. I also want you to take care of Mrs. Santa Claus, the eight reindeer and your self. I would like to tell you the toys I want but I prefer to wait till Christmas. I also want you to say "hi" to the three kings and tell them that I would like to see them in person. I would like to ask you if your work is super hard? I was going to ask you if you could draw me a picture of your factory, Mrs. Santa Claus, you and the three reindeer.
Yours truly, Melissa Cano

Dear Santa,
How do your elves make the toys? How does your reindeers fly? How do you like Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How do you get all your toys in your sleigh? I want a Go Go and Baby Uhoo. I shyr do want alot of toys this year. Santa could you please bring them?
Love, Kristen Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you why do you like Christmas? Why do we get presents? I am happy to give presents to my cousins. How many reindeers do you have on the sleigh Santa? I like Christmas, do you Santa Claus? Why do you celebrate Christmas? Happy holidays!
Yours truly, Nancy Vela

Dear Santa,
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Your friend, Manuel

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Love, Mario

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Dear Santa,
When you go giving presents I want you to bring me a Nintindo, Danny, a Toy Ninja Turtle, Hugo building blocks, and Frank, a toy box of tools. I want to ask you what Christmas means to you?
Your pal, Alvaro Martinez

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas and I like presents. What I want most is a bear, and a babby doll. I want to now how your elvs are doing on the presents. I hope they are doing good. I hope I get what I want.
Yours truly, Marie Martinez

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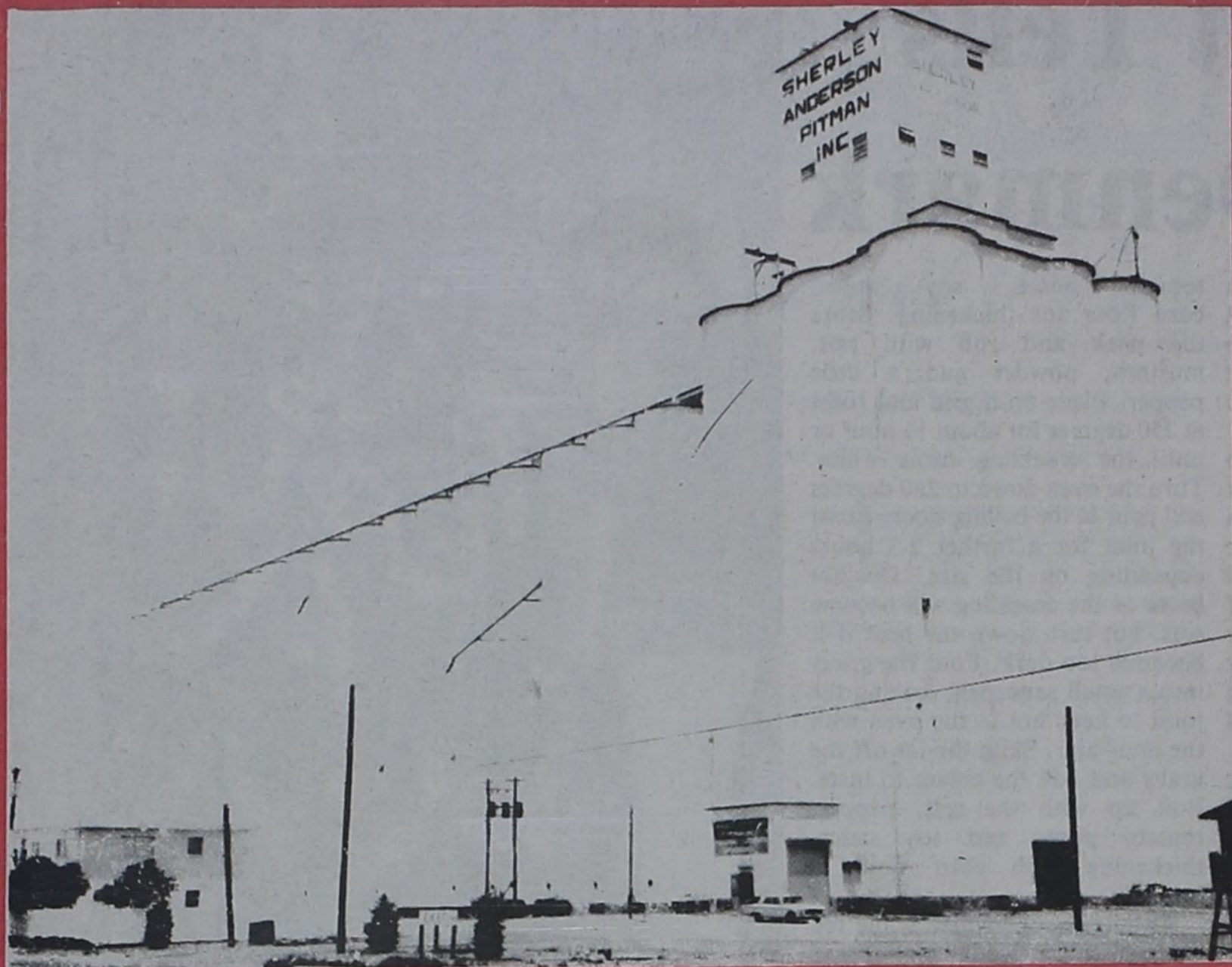
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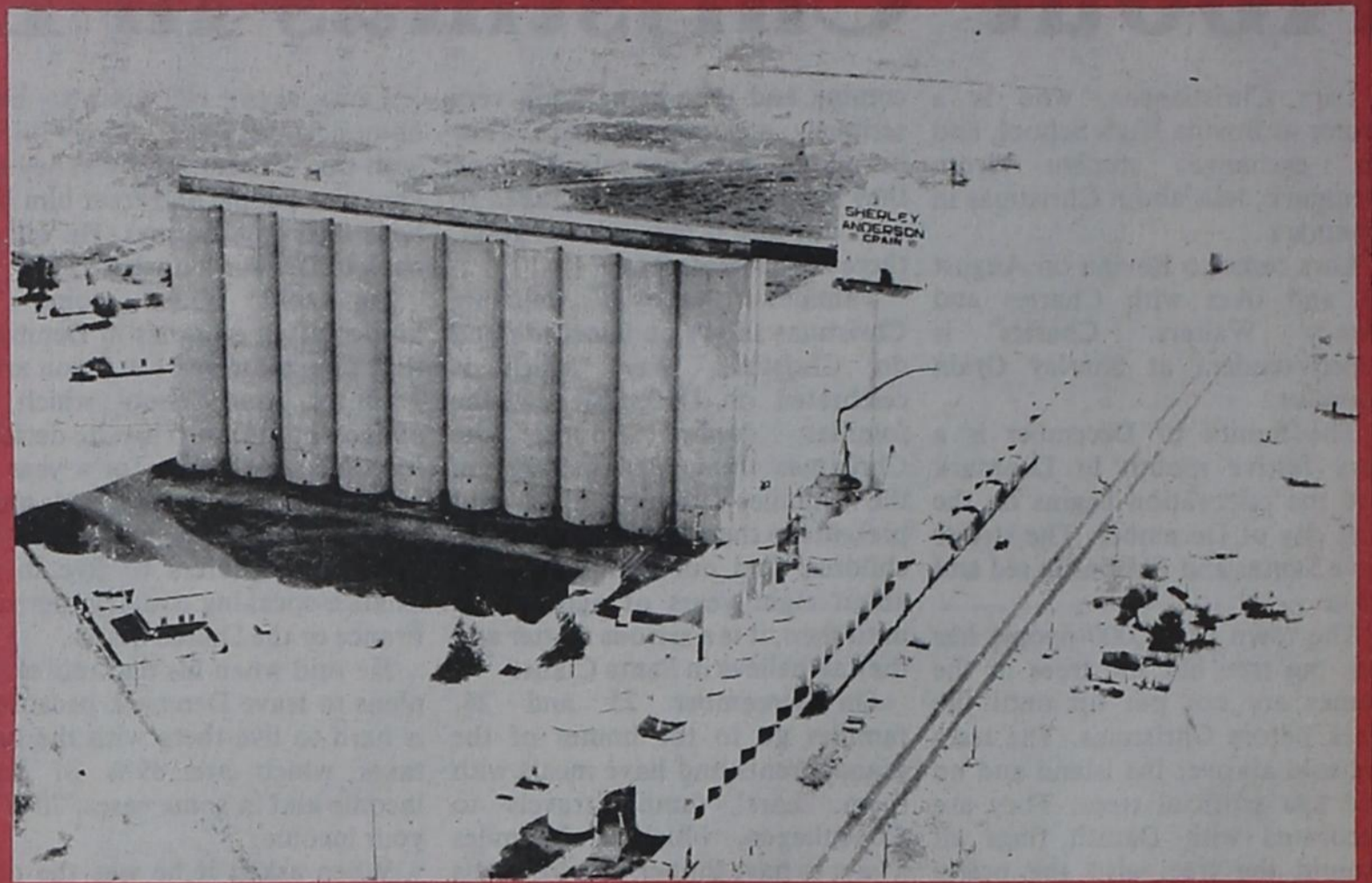
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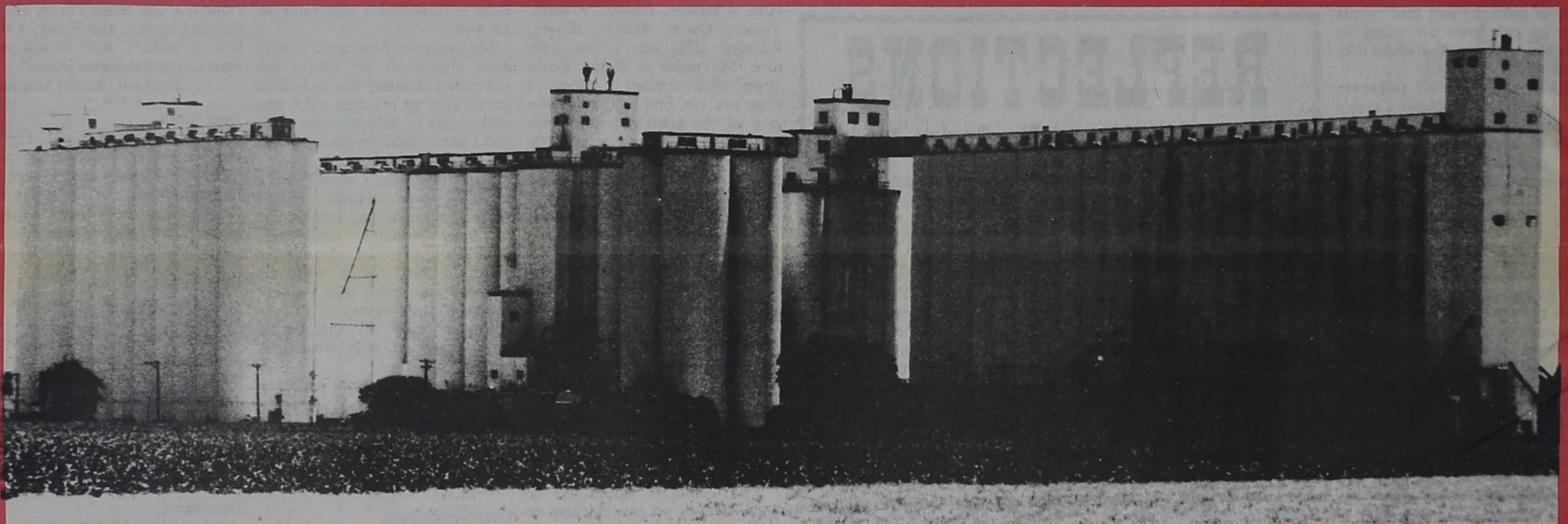
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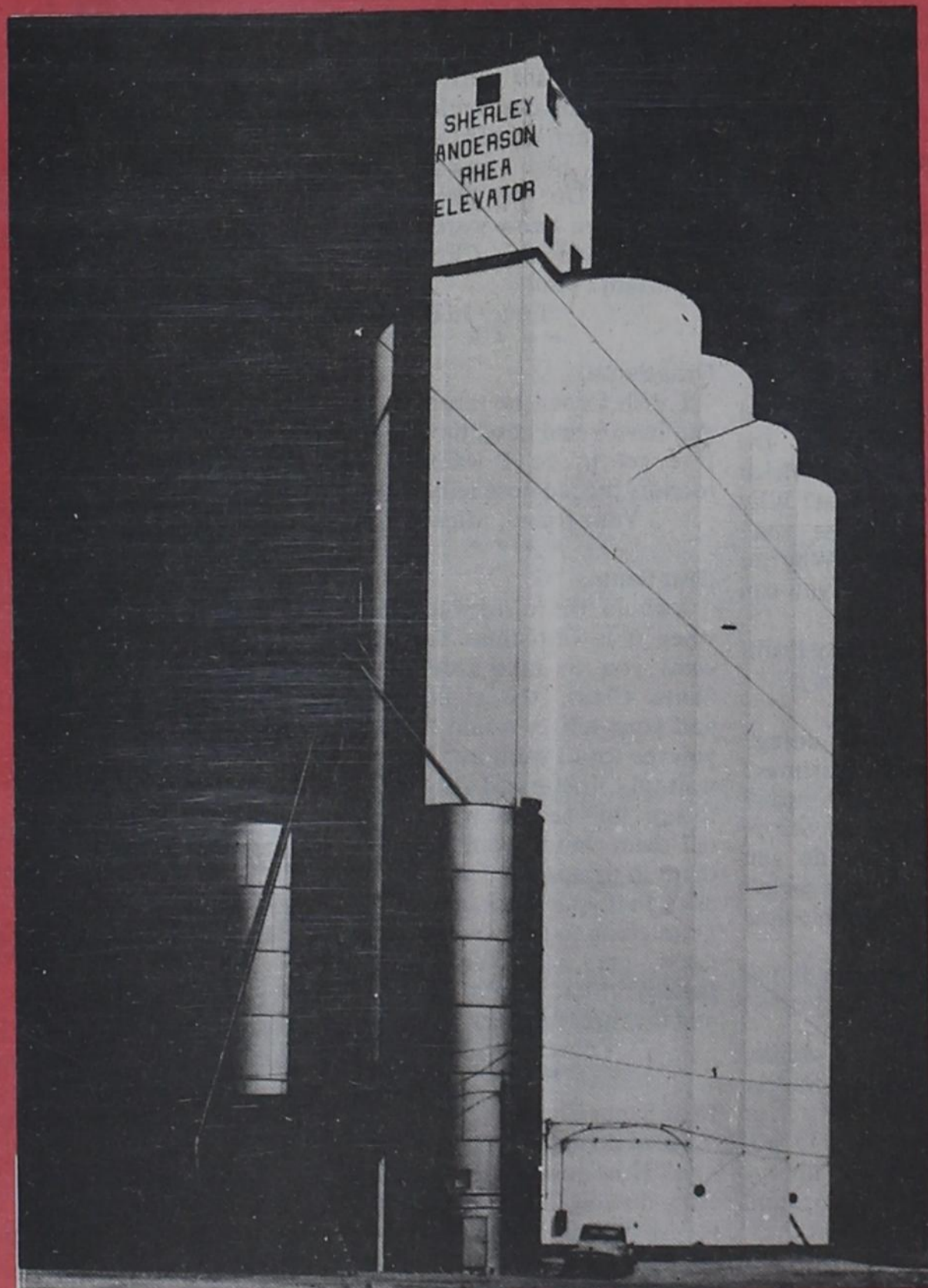


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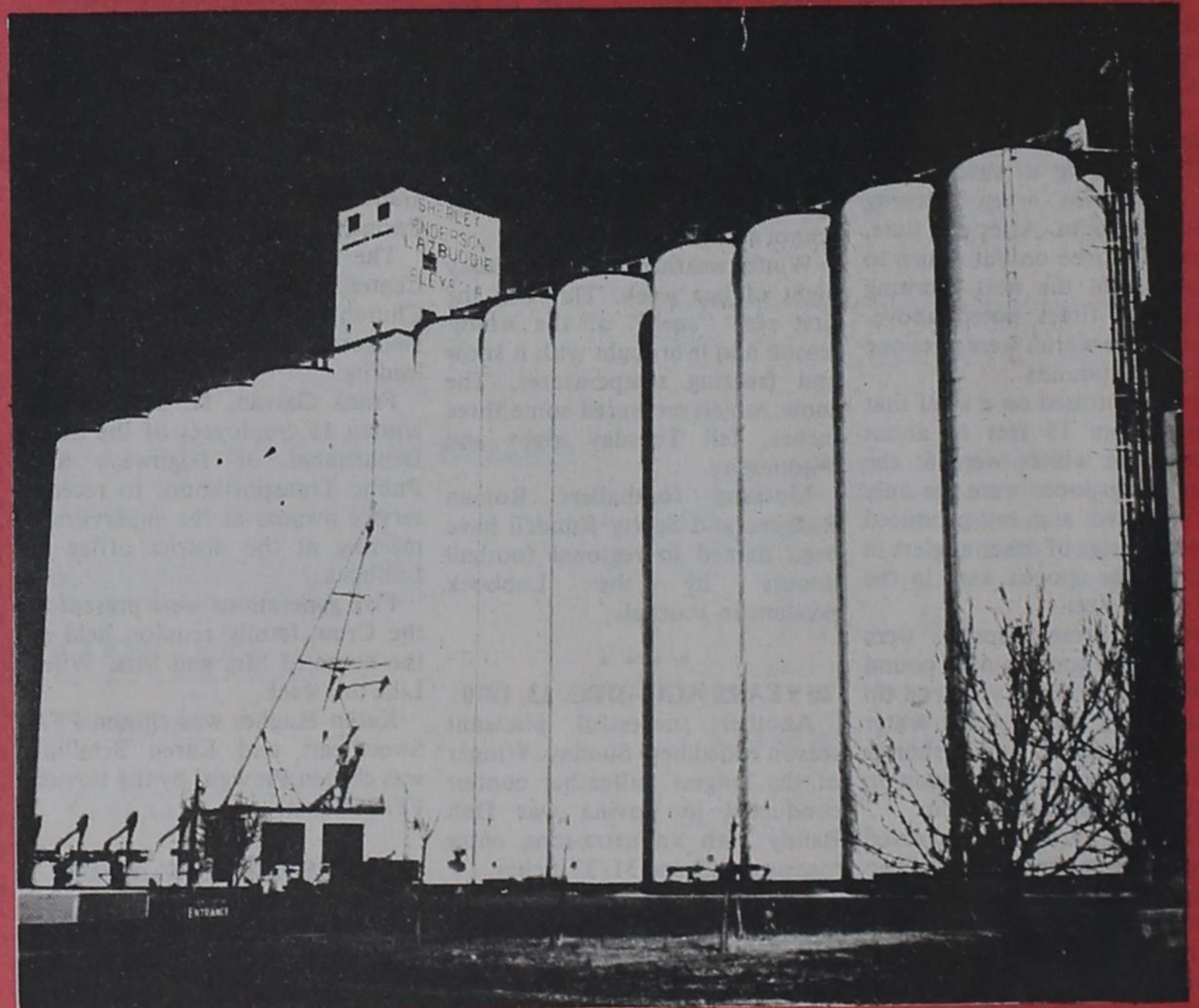
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