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Bull Town **Bulletins** Bill Ellis

FOR THE FIRST time in its history, Bovina is about to be situated on a four-lane highway!

the only way residents in our area could drive on a four-lane, divided highway, was to find one somewhere else.

You could drive to Clovis--or Amarillo--or Lubbock, and drive on such a road, but not in your own "back yard."

Now, the highway officials tell us that the Bovina to Friona portion of Highway 60 could be opened next week--so Bovina drivers don't have long to wait, to enjoy the benefits of the new road.

It'll sure be neat to get on the road and not have to wonder if you're going to get behind that "slow driver" and perhaps miss your appointment.

Once during the past year, Ye Editor started out to Hereford, and (very unusually) had given our- system," Cathey said. selves right at 30 minutes to make it to a store there that closed at 6

With the "slow vehicle," and the flagman stopping traffic between Friona and Black due to the construction, and then hitting the stoplight at Hereford, we drove up to the store in time to see the owner locking up and getting into his car. Only a honk on our part prevented us from a wasted trip.

Now, with everything completed--surely the D.P.S. guys will give us 60 m.p.h. for awhile. Somehow or other, we can just hear our friend Trey Ellis echoing

"Surely not!" But it's great to be seeing the fruits of our labors. Several of us have worked for years pushing this project, and there were times that we thought it was a hopeless cause. But it's about to come to pass!

A BRIEF COMMENT regarding the flooding in the Midwest: Several years ago, leaders from this area pushed an idea to divert floodwater from the Mississippi River and its drainage area to the High Plains, when it appeared that our underground water supply might become exhausted soon after the year 2000.

A.L. Black recalls that in 1976 a six-state study was launched, which would have moved six million acre feet of water per year to the High Plains.

However, congressmen and leaders from the Mississippi River area "threw a hissy fit" over the idea-saying in effect that they didn't have any water to spare, and that they weren't about to give up any of their water for such a preposterous

So-those of us in this area were left with just a "pipe dream."

Now, the folks in the Midwest have got their water--all of it; perhaps a bit more than they thought they could have. Our area, and even the Southeastern part of the U.S., could use some of this runoff--but residents of the Midwest area 20 years ago didn't want to share.

Some cities in the flooded area have spent millions of dollars for flood control, and we've heard news reports about others which spurned new control measured because they "didn't want to ruin their view of the river."

The state of Arkansas was also approached, to use runoff water from the Arkansas River. Black recalls that then-governor Bill Clinton said "You're welcome to all the water you can carry in a gallon jug."

I'm sure that many of our residents will still want to help with the relief efforts for the Midwest, as we would hope that their residents (and leaders) would do for us if the time ever came. But somehow we're doubtful that the longtime water leaders will feel that inclined to donate.

Perhaps it would be a great time to hit them up with the "Mississippi pipeline" idea once again. After all--now the people of the Midwest realize that once in a great while they CAN have more water than they know what to do with.

BISD Gets Good Report From T.E.A.

The Bovina Independent School District received a clean bill of health recently from the Texas Education Agency as a follow-up to the on-site review conducted by the T.E.A. last spring at the school.

The Bovina I.S.D. will remain accredited, and there will be Prior to the last week in June, no restrictions placed on the school, other than recommendations which the school is already implementing.

In a letter to Superintendent Tommy Cathey, Ruben D. Olivarez, executive deputy commissioner for Accountability, T.E.A., said in part:

"The on-site visit revealed that the district's potential for success is evident in the elementary campus improvement planning process and the SBDM committee efforts.

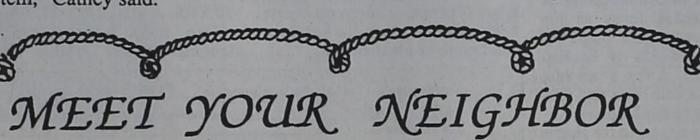
"Additional potential was noted in the district plans to establish a middle school with a middle school principal to be employed. Parents are supportive and good communication exists between parents and school professionals. For these reasons, it is recommended that Bovina ISD remain Accredited," Olivarez said in his letter.

Superintendent Cathey said that school officials were elated with the report.

"Our middle school still needs some work, but our recent addition of a third principal will go along to help give the junior high an identity. Also, the junior high school has not had a sitebased management team, and we will have one under our new



NEARING COMPLETION....The widening of U.S. Highway 60 between Friona and Bovina is edging toward completion. Workmen are shown at the bridge across Catfish Draw just east of Bovina. Highway Department officials say they might be able to open the new four-lane segment during the coming week.



resident of Bovina who moved to Memphis, Texas. the Oklahoma Lane community 61 four sisters and two brothers.

"tomboy" during her growing-up years and having fun riding the animals on the farm, climbing in the barn and up the trees.

a short time in the town of Caddo, but her father wanted his children to grow up on a farm so he moved them a short distance from town. They lived there until she was

This is where she met her years ago. She was born in Caddo, husband, James "Jack" Roach. She Oklahoma and lived with her said he had returned home from parents, Tom and Emma Joyner, serving in World War I and he and a neighbor man were sitting on a She remembers being a porch of a home when Nell and girl friends walked by.

A week later, the neighbor told her that Jack had said that day, that he would marry her if she would She said as a child they lived for have him. Sure enough it was love at first sight for the both of them and after a year of dating, they were

> She was only seventeen and he was ten years older, but said they

Nell Roach is a long-time about ten years old, then moved to always had a good marriage. The couple had two boys and two girls.

Their first child weighed eleven pounds and had difficulty from birth. He only lived two months. Next came their son, Sonny, who lives in Bovina and later their daughter, Frances Gober, who also lives in Bovina.

Another daughter, Billie Jean, was born and when she was very small she had rheumatic fever. When she was nineteen years old, she passed away with heart problems caused by the fever.

Nell said she has four grandchildren and four great-(Continued on Page 2)

Bovina-Friona Sec. Of Highway 60 **Nears Completion**

U.S. Highway 60 is nearing completion as a four-laned facility, and TDHPT official Rhea Bradley said that the department hopes to open the road to four-lane traffic during the coming week.

Despite some interruptions by the weather, work on this section of the road has moved along at a steady pace, and the contractor, Amarillo Road Company, looks to be finishing the 13-mile segment a full two months ahead of their first

"They're still lacking the guard rail at the bridge across Catfish Draw, and there is some work to do around the golf course bridge (Frio Draw) at Friona, but the basic work on the road is about complete,"

Bradley said this week. There is still some concrete work to be completed on the bridges, and work was proceeding at

midweek on paving the crossovers. The Friona to Bovina segment was started by Amarillo Roads on January 10, 1992. At that time Charles Schmidt, vice president of Amarillo Road Co., said his company expected to have the project completed by October or November of 1993.

Schmidt allowed himself a year to build the new (southwest-bound) lane (which was completed in less than a year), and another year to rebuild the old Highway 60 roadbed, which will be the northeast-bound lane on the new four-lane highway.

In the meantime, the contractor on the Friona to the Deaf Smith County line portion of the road has basically finished with that part of

The Bovina to Friona section of the highway, and expected to be complete'v through by late this week. As of Tuesday, all that was lacking was some patching, clean-

> up, mowing, and a few incidentals. Gilvin-Terrill, contractor on this segment of the project, kicked it off on July 11, 1990, so has recently passed the three-year anniversary of the start date. That portion of the project contains 15 miles, and the contractor has experienced a number of problems.

> "In spite of the problems incurred, Gilvin-Terrill is doing excellent work. We are real proud of their effort in getting this project

> finished," Bradley said. The highway project's third stage (Bovina to Farwell) likewise is moving ahead. Amarillo Road Co. is also the contractor on this phase. "We hope to see the third section completed by this time next year," Bradley said.

> What might develop as a bottleneck in the 44-mile multimillion dollar road project might be the last 800 feet of the highway, which is located across the state line in New Mexico.

> The folks in New Mexico turned their part of the project over to a consulting engineer for research and design of the couple of blocks within the Texico city limits.

"The last time I was in contact with the New Mexico officials, they were hopeful that they could go to contract on this before the end of the year. Unfortunately, it takes about as much paperwork for an 800-foot roject as it does for an eight-mile project," Bradley said.

Area Gets Third Rain In 3 Weeks!

For the third time in as many weeks, the area received some beneficial moisture, which has farmers in some parts smiling from

Bovina measured .44 inches Wednesday night, according to Maggie Moore, recorder. It was all slow-falling, like a mountain according to Howard Fleming, with

shower. Harry Johnson at Sherley Grain said he only received .2 inch at his place, and .3 at the elevator.

"The crops are doing amazingly well. The farmers are doing a great job this summer. But they've had to pour a lot of water onto their crops, and some have torn up motors in the process," Johnson added.

The champion rain-maker that we discovered this week was Johnny Hand, who measured 3.5 inches southeast of Friona. "About an inch and a half of that came pretty quick, but most of it was good rain," he said.

The Hub area measured .6 inch, about an inch reported east of there.

The Rhea area reported everything from .2 inch up to 1.8 inches, according to Joe Allen at Sherley-Anderson Grain. "We just got a half-inch at the elevator, but they got 1.8 inches over at the Jim Dixon place, and 1.3 inches up north of us, but also as little as .2 in places," Allen said.

Allen said the July rains have been a life-saver for the dryland maize. "The milo is real late, though, and it will depend on a break from the weather in terms of freeze date in order to make a good crop. But overall, it's looking real good," he added.

At Friona, the Wednesday's measurement was .52 inches.

Temperatures				
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Wednesday, July 28	92-63			
Thursday, July 29	94-63			



DOCTOR'S RECEPTION....Among those greeting Dr. and Mrs. Tony Orme at the reception last Sunday in Friona were Gladys and Don Spring, left, of Bovina. Next to the Springs, left to right, are Dr. Tony and Merlene Orme; Chris and Dr. Bob Alexander, and Linda and Jim Conlee.

School Faculty Nears Completion For '93-94

according to BISD Superintendent schools had, as of Tuesday. Tommy Cathey.

roster is completed for the 1993-94 report by August 1. school term.

number of second-grade sections is did in 1992-93. determined by the number of students. There have been three heard for next year, we need to get as sections in recent years, but the much from the state as possible," number of students may be down this year.

The number of kindergarten sections, meanwhile, is being increased from two to three, due to an expected increase in enrollment in that grade level.

In the meantime, the B.I.S.D. still doesn't know for sure what it will be receiving in funds from the

state for the 1993-94 school year. "We have not received an updated

The Bovina Independent School foundation report from the state," District is still needing a varsity Cathey said this week. He pointed boys basketball coach, plus two out that two-thirds of the schools in kindergarten-endorsed teachers and a the state have received their reports, junior high reading instructor, but none of the Parmer County

However, Cathey had been Otherwise, the school's teacher assured that he would receive the

The Bovina schools are expected In addition, the school district to show an increase in enrollment, may need a second-grade teacher, and for this reason, expects to but this isn't positive as yet. The receive more state revenue than it

"With all the projections we've Cathey said.

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Meet Your Neighbor...

(Continued from Page 1)

grandchildren, but claimed Harold and Avis Carpenter as her children and also their son, Richard, and his daughter as grandchildren.

She remembers the good old days when times were slower and people had time to visit more. She remembers the ice cream socials and all the good times people had.

Her husband, Jack, was a barber in Caddo and also in Memphis. Later his health failed and he was forced to get out of the shop and they moved to a farm that he bought near Memphis. Later they moved to Turkey, which is near Estelline, Texas.

Nell and Jack still barbered some as time went on and even did some barbering over the weekends with the famous entertainer Bob Wills. Later the family was listening to their radio and Bob Wills dedicated a song to "his bald headed friend, the the goat. barber, Jack Roach."

Oklahoma Lane. They rented it for a couple of years then moved there in 1930. She said times perhaps were hard during the depression, but they always were able to give their children gifts at Christmas time.

exchanging on Christmas Eve and then she and Jack would take the tree down that night and begin on the big meal for Christmas Day for

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Garry Beauchamp

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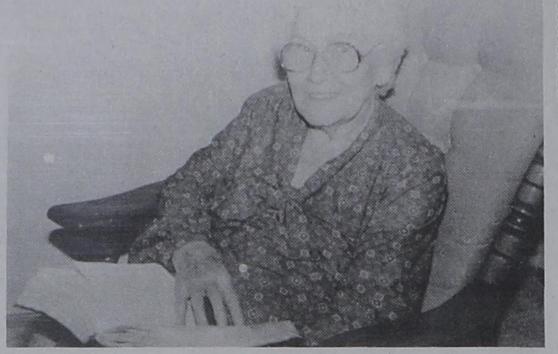
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Nell Roach

the family.

She remembers being a child and said they always got at least one gift and it was usually a doll. If they received dishes, too, it was a big Christmas. One year, she remembers her brother getting a red wagon, a billy goat and harness for

She said one day her brother was In 1928, they bought a farm at away from home and she and some of her friends hitched the goat to the wagon and had him pull them around and around the farm. Her brother came in and she remembered how angry he became.

Nell reminisced about how They would have gift happy she and Jack were for 58 years of marriage before he died in

broken bones in the last few years,

side of the church near the open tent so her father could hear the services. Even though Nell has had her father sat in the car. When they

Model-T car.

She and Jack sat under the tent and gave the invitation, her father gave his heart to Jesus and actually shouted.

most of her life she had been a

healthy person. She was always

active in her church work and was

president of the Women's

Missionary Union several years.

She taught Sunday School for fifty

happiest times in her life was when

she led her father to Christ. She

baby and her dad had had an injury.

He came to stay with them for three

weeks. The church was having a

tent revival and she and Jack had a

Nell recalled that one of the

Nell is a very dedicated Christian and told of how she had continually prayed for her niece's husband that he would accept Jesus as his Saviour. Every time she would see him she would ask if he had accepted Jesus. A few years ago, she received a call from this man and he told her he had been saved.

Nell has always cared for people around her and did a lot of visiting when she was able to. She said the first year she lived here that she made four gallons of candy and several cakes and pies to give friends, those who were sick or those in need.

Center Sets

Program On

The Don Harrington Discovery

Center will be hosting a Perseid

Meteor Shower Observing Session

at 9 p.m. on August 12, in the

Discovery Center's parking lot.

The observing session is free to the

public, and everyone is encouraged

to attend this exciting event.

Members of the Amarillo

Astronomy Club will be on hand

with telescopes that will enable

participants to view the planets,

stars, galaxies and nebulae. The

most incredible sights, however,

will be the meteors, or falling stars,

for which you will not need a

between August 10-13, with

maximum visibility on August 11

and 12. The Earth passes through a

region in space filled with tiny

particles of dust, which burn up in

our atmosphere. The particles,

meteoroids, are debris from the

Swift-Tuttle comet, which is

slowly deteriorating as it revolves

around the sun. The shower has

long been known as the Tears of

St. Lawrence in memory of the

Saint who died on August 10, 358

a few (15-60) meteors visible per

hour. This year, however, some

astronomers are predicting a heavier

shower. "This year's shower may

prove to be a meteor storm,"

comments Christine Brunello,

planetarium coordinator at the Don

Harrington Discovery Center.

'During a meteor storm, thousands

of meteors may be seen in an hour--

it may appear as if the sky is

falling." There is no danger in a

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was witnessed by Chinese observers

on July 17, 36 AD. The second

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Reflections

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 YRS. AGO--JULY 23, 1958 Mrs. Jack Jeter, Mrs. Virgie Adams and Mrs. Doris Lawlis of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church are attending a WMU encampment at Glorietta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Boyd last week were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brawley of Glen Rose. They are Mrs. Boyd's parents.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell was the site of a chicken fry Saturday night of last

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pesch attended the Hughes Aaron reunion in Amarillo, Sunday at Thompson Park.

30 YRS, AGO--JULY 25, 1963 Neil Moore, son of Mr. and said their daughter, Frances, was a Mrs. Joe Moore, was injured Thursday afternoon when he fell from the car in an attempt to catch the garage door and close it.

Miss Jeanie Ivy, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ivy, received a That evening they drove to the severely cut arm Friday afternoon in an accident at Bovina Dairy Freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ware and children and Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin and Kenda in Odessa over the weekend.

25 YRS. AGO--JULY 24, 1968 Chuck Stallings, airplane spray pilot of Bovina, escaped serious injury Wednesday afternoon of last week when his plane crashed three miles north of Pleasant Hill.

consolidated Report of Condition of

Bovina Volunteer Fire Department are in College Station this week attending the 39th annual Texas Firemen's Training School.

John H. Aldridge, 63, a Parmer County resident for the past 62 years and prominent Farwell lawyer for many years, passed away at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona early Sunday morning following a heart attack.

20 YRS. AGO--JULY 25, 1973 Bryan Fillpot of Bovina

competed in the regional AAU track meet at Waco Saturday in the 440yard intermediate class.

15 YRS. AGO--JULY 26, 1978 Parmer County farmers-especially cotton farmers--are facing serious, if not critical losses, from the chemical 2,4-D which has inadvertently invaded their fields,

prognosis of deformed bolls if the blight continues. The Bovina All-Stars won their first game against the North Randall County All-Stars by a score of 8-7. Richard Shepherd was

producing elongated leaves and

the winning pitcher for the Bovina Mike Read and Jim Rhodes, attended the 50th anniversary convention of the Texas Future Farmers of America in San Antonio. Read was awarded the

10 YRS. AGO--JULY 27, 1983 Two hogs were allegedly slaughtered and stolen from

First Bank

Lone Star Farmer Degree.

Two representatives of the Lawrence Widner's farm last week. Three men were arrested and charged in the theft incident.

Gateway Produce has re-opened for the summer on a limited basis.

It was stated that there are approximately 450 acres of potatoes in the Bovina area this year.

Debbie Ulibarri, the former Debbie Whitecotton, was a spring graduate of Texas Tech University. Her parents are Billy and Paula Whitecotton.

Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers hosted the Radford family reunion over the weekend with about 40 members of the family present. It was the first time in 30 years that the family had been together.

5 YRS. AGO--JULY 27, 1988 The corn crop in Parmer County is looking better than it has in years, thanks to better-than-average

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summer rainfall. Funeral services for Herman Wallace Grissom, 65, of Farwell, a former resident, were held at the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

Workmen are busy at the Bovina School as central heating and refrigerated air conditioning is being installed this week.

Funeral services were held this week for John Gee, former Bovina resident for many years, who owned and operated Gee's Cleaners.

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We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined

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JUNIOR HIGH CAMP....These Lazbuddie Junior High School cheerleaders recently attended a National Cheerleaders Association camp held on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. The unique week-long clinic was designed especially for junior high and middle school squads with over twenty-five groups from across Texas participating. Representing Lazbuddie Junior High at the camp were (bottom, left to right) Shyla Johnson, Holly Engelking and Shena Seaton; and (top row) Melissa Aguirre, Kia Morris and Roxann Warren.

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Black-Eyed Peas Are All-Time Favorite

BY CARLA McKEOWN One of my fondest summer

memories is of spending lazy afternoons shelling black-eyed peas into a big red-trimmed white enameled bowl.

I've always liked shelling blackeyed peas almost as much as I like eating them. Give me a big bowl of hot, fresh-cooked black-eyed peas topped with a spoonful of homemade hot sauce, and I'm in

I remember refusing to believe that some people (mostly those in the northern portion of the United States) think of black-eyed peas as cattle feed. But, it's true. In fact, many people refer to them as cow peas and do not consider them suitable food for humans.

What we know as black-eyed peas actually are beans that are native to Africa. Explorers took the bean to the West Indies 400 years ago, and it eventually spread to the Americas. In Africa, the young pea pods are served as a vegetable, and the leafy shoots are eaten like spinach. Today, blackeyed peas are grown and served throughout the southern United

Black-eyed peas can be canned or frozen for year-round enjoyment. I prefer to freeze them since the process is easier than canning the peas with a pressure canner.

To freeze, shell, sort and wash the black-eyed peas, blanch them in boiling water for two minutes. Chill rapidly by plunging the peas into iced water. Drain and pack into freezer containers. Seal and freeze.

Fresh black-eyed peas are available all across West Texas this summer. Some supermarkets carry locally grown peas, or you can find them at farmer's markets. In many areas, farms feature pick-your-own black-eyed peas and other

Try the following recipes with this year's black-eyed pea crop:

TASTY BLACK-EYED PEAS 1 pound fresh, shelled black-eyed

1 medium onion, quartered

Cannon Air Show Set

The public is invited to visit Cannon Air Force Base, October 2, when the 27th Fighter Wing sponsors its annual Community Appreciation Day.

The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the flightline at Cannon, seven miles west of Clovis, N.M., on U.S. Highway 60/84.

Demonstrations by some of the Air Force's top aircraft, including Cannon's F-111s and EF-111s, and static displays of numerous jets and helicopters will give visitors the chance to see the equipment that makes today's Air Force the most capable combat force in the world.

Cannon is the sole home of F-111s and EF-111s in the Air Force.

Displays from several base and community agencies, as well as food and drink booths, will also be

Community Appreciation Day gives the public a first-hand look at the mission, people and equipment of the Air Force and the 27th Fighter Wing.

For more information about the October 2 Community Appreciation Day, call the 27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at (505)

1 teaspoon fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme 1 bay leaf

2 whole cloves 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Salt to taste

Put the beans, onion, thyme, bay leaf, cloves and pepper into a heavy saucepan. Cover with water and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat, cover the pan and simmer for 1 to 2 hours or until the peas are very tender. Season to taste with salt and serve. During the cooking process, add more water

if necessary to keep the peas from

TEXAS CAVIAR 1 pound fresh, shelled black-eyed 2 cups Italian salad dressing

1 large green bell pepper, chopped 1 large onion, chopped

5 to 10 green onions, chopped (enough to equal 1 cup) 1 small can chopped green chiles

1-2 ounce jar chopped pimiento, drained 2 to 3 garlic cloves, chopped

Salt to taste Hot pepper sauce to taste

Cook the black-eyed peas until tender. When tender, mix the peas with the remaining ingredients and refrigerate. Serve cold. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

HOT PEA DIP 4 cups cooked and drained black-

5 canned jalapenos 1 tablespoon juice from canned

jalapenos 1/2 medium onion, cut into large chunks

1-4 ounce can green chiles 1 garlic clove

1/2 pound Cheddar or Colby cheese 1/2 pound butter or margarine

Place all the ingredients in a blender container and blend on a high speed until well-mixed. In a heavy saucepan, heat the butter and cheese until melted. Add the pea mixture to the cheese mixture. Serve with chips.

Send your recipes or recipe requests to: Carla McKeown, P.O. Box 3651, Lubbock, Texas 79452.



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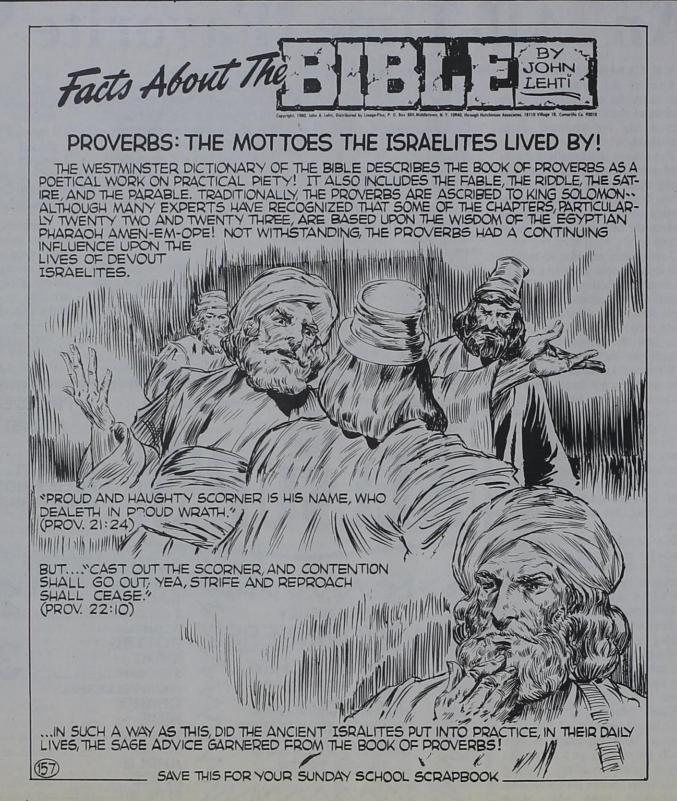
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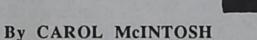
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PRAIRIE ACRES honored its resident and employee for the month of July. Chosen as resident of the month was Carl Roberts, a resident since October of 1991, and Tina Shuyll, nurse aide, was named employee of the month.

Prairie Acres



really been busy lately. Robert and Riethmayer for the donuts she Jessie Gore had a 75th wedding anniversary party last week. This was made possible by their Queen again for letting our and punch.

Hawaiian Day. All the staff dressed have a place to go. for the occasion, residents watched a a planned activity and not just a day us the sand (which was our beach).

Speaking of the activity department, I would like to been made to the Love Fund: welcome Phil Alexander, who played a big part in this event and and Jinx Snead. many other activities lately.

mention are: the Methodist ladies Nicole Meason, Mr. and Mrs. Roy and the First Baptist ladies for Ivey and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete having hair care; St. Teresa's Meason and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Catholic Church and Bovina Furnton Jacks and Family and Rene Methodist Church for having and Jinx Snead.

Our activity department has Sunday worship services; and Becky brought to the staff.

I also want to thank the Dairy children, who were thoughtful and residents come for ice cream during kind enough to invite staff and the past six months. We now have residents. Everyone enjoyed the additional invitations at Sonic and beautiful cake, homemade ice cream Tasty Cream to do the same. The residents very much appreciate these Tuesday of this week we had very generous offers and love to

We have a special group of Hawaiian documentary and all had ladies who will be greatly missed refreshments. If you were in the around Prairie Acres. The Bovina area, I would imagine that we Methodist ladies have decided that looked a bit strange, but it probably for several different reasons they didn't take long to figure out it was would no longer be able to do hair care. I just want to say that since for everyone to dress funny. There these ladies have been coming on a are a couple of thank-you's I would regular and faithful basis since like to mention on behalf of this 1976, I guess we will graciously event: American Canvas for the tarp accept their retirement. Like I said and Panhandle Concrete for loaning these ladies are very special and will be missed.

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Awards System (TSSAS) identified 1,289 schools out of 6,184 schools statewide for academic performance outstanding performance effort.

principals of the 124 high performing schools were individually congratulated onstage by commissioner Meno and certificates for their high performance efforts. In addition, 507 schools received plaques honoring their schools.

Another 826 schools received plaques honoring their schools. Another 826 schools received certificates for their high performance efforts. In addition, 507 schools received monetary awards for their high degree of performance gain.

Of these, 376 schools received awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$150,000, and the other 131 schools met less stringent improvement criteria for awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The Texas Legislature created TSSAS to identify and reward educational goals of the state.

During this second year of The Texas Successful Schools TSSAS, the awards given out at the ceremony totaled \$20 million-twice the overall amount awarded last year. The funds, given to gain (fall 1990 to fall 1992) and schools that demonstrated a high degree of academic performance During Saturday's ceremony, gain, are intended for academic enhancement use at the winning schools, and may not be used for any purpose related to athletics.

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By SCOOTER RUSSELL

We have two new additions to Bovina and they are Padyn Hughes and Jason Olvera. Padyn, new daughter of Kevin and Suzan Hughes, was born Monday, July 19 and Jason Alan, son of Joe and Celeste Olvera, was born July 18. Congratulations!

Little Jason Alan began having breathing problems the day after he was born and he was transported to Lubbock St. Mary's Hospital for a week but came home on Monday and his mom said he is getting along fine but they will have a monitor on him for a while.

Tony and Mark Englant took three boys to RA camp at Floydada. The boys are Jake and Levi Steelman and Derrick Webber. The men went on Wednesday of last week and stayed until Saturday. Tony and Mark's sister, Rose Mary and her two daughters, Crystal and Rana, went to Floydada for family night and spent the night last Thursday. The boys said it was hot at Floydada!

Residents enjoyed a fish fry Sunday evening and the fish were provided by Billy and Teen Marshall. About 120 people were Hughes of Farwell.

present for the fish fry.

The Marshalls' relatives visiting were Charles and Emily Wasson of Big Spring, Shorty and Vestelle Marshall of Lamesa and Beth

Teen said they had a good time with her nephew and family, Jesse and Bonnie Boardman, and children, Rebecca and Justin from Dumas. They came Sunday night.

William and Kathryn Gromowsky are in Kansas City this week to attend funeral services of William's nephew. The young man

It's A Girl For Couple

Kevin and Suzan Hughes are the parents of a baby girl, Padyn Raenell, born Monday, July 19 at 9:28 a.m. at the Plains Regional

The couple has another

Granparents are Joel and Jane grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hughes of Portales and Lily

House McDonald Served 3,000 Families

August of 1983, the Ronald House their "home away from McDonald House of Amarillo has served more than 3,000 families from the United States and five foreign countries. Families of all sizes, ages, economic, social and

Single Family Housing Loans Are Available

Rural housing loans for verylow and low income applicants are available through County Offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), Thomas S. Taylor, FmHA county supervisor, said this

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, repair, rural homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems. Homes may be built on individual tracts or in subdivisions. Funds may also be used to modernize homes-ad improvements such as bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other improvements.

Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the site and the new home. Interest rates for this type of loan are presently 7.75% with 33 year terms.

Monthly payments are subsidized with the amount of the payment dependent on the borrower's annual income. H9homes will be modest in size, design, and cost but adequate to meet the family's needs. New homes average about 1050 square feet of living area.

In addition, Farmers Home Administration guarantees home ownership loans made to applicants of low or moderate income. Guarantees offer opportunities to families who are unable to afford a commercial loan without a guarantee. These loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the value of the property and are made for terms of 30 years.

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"Applications for assistance may be obtained at the Farmers Home Administration office located at 109 3rd, Farwell, Texas, FmHA County Supervisor said. The FmHA office in Farwell is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for the lunch hour, Monday-Friday. Monday is office day and no appointment is needed.

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daughter, Haylee, who will be four years old in August.

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The mission of the House is to provide temporary lodging for families who must travel more than 50 miles to Amarillo to receive medical treatment for a family member. The ten-bedroom house provides each family with a private room and bath, large family rooms, kitchen, and playroom where they can find rest and respite from the stresses involved with a critical illness. Priority is given to families of critically ill children; families of adult patients are admitted on a space-available basis. To defray operating costs each family is asked to donate \$13 per night. However, no family of a critically ill child will be turned away because of inability to pay.

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Family visits from Texas cities in its first ten years include: Booker 21; Borger 104; Bovina 7; Canadian 31; Childress 68; Clarendon 17; Dalhart 86; Dimmitt 30; Dumas 58; Farwell 4; Floydada 19; Friona 24; Gruver 30; Hereford 45; Memphis 27; Paducah 23; Pampa 134; Perryton 126; Plainview 24; Shamrock 31; Spearman 65; Stratford 20; Tulia 29; Wellington 50 and Wheeler 22.

Statistics also show numerous visits from New Mexico cities (Clayton leads with 79 and Clovis, 74); Oklahoma (led by Guymon's 128) and Kansas (Liberal leads with

Thirteen other states have also been represented.

"The Ronald McDonald House needs everything your house needs," said Jan Reid, executive director, when asked about the cost of running the Ronald House. "We just need ten times more. It amazes me sometimes how we are able to do it. The answer, of course, is through the generosity of the people who support us. The opportunities for giving to the Ronald House are endless. And the gratitude of the guest is more than adequate thanks."

"Amarillo's Ronald McDonald House is fortunate to be debt free," said Helen Benton, treasurer of the House board of directors. "This allows our funds and resources to be used for program and family

'We can all be proud of the House," said Johnny Moore, board president, "and Amarillo can be especially proud because although only non-residents can use the House, 75% of our support comes from Amarillo folks who give so generously of their time, talents and funds to provide this wonderful place for their neighbors."

and his cousin were standing on a street corner getting ready to cross the street when a carload of four black men passed by and opened fire

The group fired six shots and the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Gromowsky, was shot in the head. He was on life support for a while but died after a short time. Our sympathies to this family and our thoughts are with all of them.

Joe and Phyllis Steelman have had lots of company. Last weekend, Phyllis' sister and her son, Barbara Medlin and Bryan of Las Cruces, N.M., were with them.

On Thursday, Phyllis' brother and his wife, Wayne and Carmen Tucker, came from Titusville, Florida. They will spend about another week, according to Phyllis.

Rita Mast was taken by Bovina ambulance to the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo on Wednesday of last week. She said she had a 'garden variety' of pluerisy and it was mighty rough for a while!

She came home the following Friday and said she was treated very royally in the hospital and could not say enough about how wonderful they were there. She is feeling much better, only still on medication.

Austin, nine-year-old son of Ted and Starlia Clayton, was honored with a surprise party on his birthday. Besides his two sisters, Morgan and Nicki, other guests included youngsters, Tyson and Josh Kerby, Jordon and Brittan Barrett, Courtney and Cody Jamerson.

Adults at the party were Joanna and Shawn Windle of Clovis, D'Lynn Jamerson, Be and Jana Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Wilmeth, James and Sandra Clayton, Al and Susan Kerby, and hosts, Ted and Starlia Clayton.

They enjoyed a swimming party, hot dogs and birthday cake.

Shirley Wright of Coalinga, California has been in Bovina several days visiting with her mother, Charlsie Eubank.

Shirley flew from California and plans to spend ten days before going home. This is the first time

Ex-Resident's Rites Slated Here Saturday

Olan Kersey of Portland, Oregon passed away and graveside services will be held at the Bovina Cemetery, Saturday, July 31 at 1

Kersey was survived by one daughter and three sons. He was also survived by two brothers, Troy of Albuquerque and Alvoy of Bovina; four sisters, Virginia Knowles of California, Naomi Doak of Lubbock, Ruby Prindle of Lubbock and Greta Thomas of Oklahoma City.

One brother, Troy, preceded him in death last December.

Olan's family lived here twenty-five years ago and their parents were Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Kersey. Olan farmed several years before retirement.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

August 1--Hattie Burnett, Clyde Blalock.

August 2-- Jack Turner. August 3--Mac Glasscock, Skyla Cockerham, Michael Jansen August 7--Veda McKay, Leigh

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is having a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

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in three years that she has seen her mom, so they have really had a good time shopping, eating out and visiting with the rest of the family.

Charlsie's other children, Ben and Owasa Eubank of Crossroads, New Mexico; Clyde and Leta Eubank of Hereford and their children, Kirby and Becky, came to Bovina to be with the ladies. * * * * *

SMILE:

A highway patrol officer stopped a speeding motorist. "Don't you know what the blinking lights and siren mean? he demanded.

"Yes, sir," replied the driver. "Then why didn't you pull over immediately?'

"I would have, officer," the man said. "But last month my wife ran off with a policeman, and I was afraid you were bringing her back."

Thanks for helping with the news and Scoops. . . Scooter.

Couple Adds Baby Boy

Joe and Celeste Olvera are parents of a baby boy, Jason Alan, born July 18 at the Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

He weighed six pounds, seven ounces and measured nineteen and one-half inches long. The couple has two other sons,

Joseph, who is twelve years old and Jonathan, who is eight years old. Grandparents are Elva

Hernandez of Bovina and Purcilla Flores of Clovis. Julia Hernandez of Bovina is

the child's great-grandmother. Shower Is Courtesy For

Bride-Elect Suzanne Reid, bride-elect of Jimmy Don Gilbreath, will be honored with a bridal shower on Friday, August 6, at the First

Bank's Community Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Hostesses are Pat Read, Teen Marshall, Sandy Johnson, Sharlet McCormick, Libby Holman, Sue McClaran, Gina Prather, Karen Wiley, Linda Dopp, Kathryn Gromowsky, Brenda Riddle, Kim Black, Laurie Vandiver, Linda Marshall, Virginia Rhodes, Alice Stone, Jane Trotter and Marti Mayfield.

Selections have been chosen at Floral Expressions and Lowe's Pay-

Meyer Is Appointed To Board

Robert Meyer, 33, of Hereford has been appointed by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District board of directors to serve as Precinct Four district director until 1996. Precinct Four consists of the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall counties within the Water District.

Meyer fills the unexpired term of James C. Conkwright, who resigned from the High Plains Water District board of directors last month after moving from Hereford to Lubbock.

According to Section 52.110 of the Texas Water Code, a vacancy in the office of director of an Underground Water Conservation District shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment of the board. Meyer's appointment as Precinct Four district director was made July 22 during a special meeting of the Water District board of directors.

A graduate of Hereford High School, Meyer attended West Texas State University where, he majored in agricultural economics. He has been farming for the past 13 years. He is married and has two sons.

"Being a landowner and renter of about 2,000 acres of irrigated land, I know the importance of water first hand. I understand how agriculture is the main life line for my hometown, my county and the area. With water being one of the main foundations of our area economy, it is of great importance that it be available and used wisely in the forward to representing the water conservation needs of the residents of District Directors' Precinct Four," Meyer said.



MR. and MRS. SCOTT CAMARATA....Shana Gober and Scott Camarata exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 19 at the Candlelight Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Reverend Richard A. Gilster II officiated. The bride is the daughter of Scott and Clara Gober of Bovina and the groom is the son of Ross and Pat Camarata of Amarillo. Ginger Johnson of Clovis, New Mexico, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Best man was Mike Wilson of Las Vegas, New Mexico. The couple will reside in Amarillo.

Looking Up?

BY RICHARD L. GRISHAM

As the greatest book ever written, the Bible records some of the most unusual stories and events to ever occur. For example, have you ever read the story of the iron ax head that floated (2 Kings 6:1-6), or the woman who killed her nation's enemy by driving a tent peg through his head (Judges 5), or how God sent an angel that destroyed an army of 185,000 soldiers in one night (Isaiah 37)?

They are all recorded in the Scripture, and they all have their purpose and reason for being allowed by the Lord to appear in

Holy Scripture.

One of the most unusual stories in the Old Testament is about Balaam and his talking donkey! The truth of this story is that the dumb donkey had more common sense and spiritual insight than the disobedient prophet. Sometimes dumb animals are more in tune to spiritual things than humans (See Numbers 22)!

Many a preacher has preached from the story of Elijah the prophet and the wicked Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 18 to 2 Kings 9). The late great preacher, Dr. R.G. Lee, had a tremendous sermon on Jezebel entitled "Pay Day Someday."

And God's payday of judgment did finally catch up with her, and as Elijah had predicted the dogs ate her flesh and licked her blood. A rather gruesome, but fitting, ending for such an evil woman who led God's people to idolatry in worshiping the god Baal and sexual immorality that destroyed the fiber and fabric of the

2 Kings 9-35 states, "And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, the feet and the palm of her hands." All that was left of Jezebel was her nasty brain, her wayward feet, and the palms of her filthy hands, which even the savage dogs found disgusting!

Not only does the Bible contain interesting stories, but there are seen on TV!

many interesting things about the Bible. Did you know that the Bible contains 23,214 verses, with Psalms 118:8 being the middle

What does the Bible record at its core? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." That pretty well summarizes the ultimate truth of man's need of God, and debunks modern secular humanism which places man at the center of his own existence!

The longest chapter of the Bible is Psalms 119, and the shortest chapter, Psalms 117 (which is also the middle chapter). The shortest verse is John 11:35, "Jesus wept." The longest verse is Esther 8:9 which contains 90 English words in the King James version, plus ten

commas and one semicolon. Two verses of the King James Bible contain every letter but one of the English alphabet. Can you discover which letter is missing from each of these verses: Ezra 7:21 and Daniel 4:37?

Let me end with this poem from Pulpit Helps that points out the need to get back to reading and living God's Word.

"The Bible and the TV Guide" On the table side by side are the Holy Bible and the TV Guide. One is well worn but cherished with pride (sorry--it's not the Bible, but the TV Guide.) As pages are turned, what do they see? "Oh, what does it matter? Turn on the TV!" So they open the book in which they confide (sorry--it's not

the Bible, it's the TV Guide). The Word of God is seldom read; maybe a verse before they fall into bed, exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be (not from reading the Bible, but from watching TV)! Still on the table, side by side are the Holy Bible and the TV Guide. No time for prayer, no time for the Word, the plan of salvation is never heard. Forgiveness of sin so full and free is found in the Bible--not

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