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Good News In
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City Aldermen Accept WT Services Cable/Phone Franchise Agreement

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas and Alderman Radford Venable, Linda Marshall, Kevin Hughes and Charles Wilkins.

The bills were paid and the previous minutes were read and approved.

Tom Hyer from WT Services approached the council about the franchise agreement for cable and telephone service. After discussion Hughes made a motion to pass Ordinance 98-03-01 giving WT Services permission to start the franchise agreement with cable and telephone service with the expiring date of the agreement being January 8, 2012. Venable seconded and the motion passed.

The board passed a motion allowing the first reading of Ordinance 98-03-02, curfew ordinance. This new ordinance must be read a total of two times to go into effect. The curfew ordinance affects minors seventeen and under during the school year to prevent the young people from being on the streets of Bovina during 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The board passed a motion to raise the premium of Andres Garza's insurance to \$738.49 with the deductible staying the same as the current \$5,000 deductible.

Hughes made a motion that the City of Bovina discontinue the 911 dispatch with the City of Friona. Venable seconded. Voting for were Hughes and Venable. Voting against were Marshall

and Wilkins. Mayor Hromas broke the tie by voting against the motion.

The board passed motions for the city to not tint the windows at City Hall, to adopt Resolution 98-4 Automobilt Taxes for 1998-99 and for Hughes to start getting specifications ready to take bids on the City's trash disposal.

The board also passed a motion to write BFI a certified letter stating that the agreement between the City of Bovina and BFI will be terminated August 1, 1998.

The board went into closed executive session at 10 p.m. and resumed open session at 10:35 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Spring Break Next Week!

Bovina schools will be observing the annual spring break next week, March 16-20. There will be no classes.

School will resume on Monday, March 23.

Watch For Banquet Photos Next Week

Be watching for next week's edition of *The Blade* for photographic coverage of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and winners of the Chamber honors. Due to the publishing time schedule, coverage of Thursday evening events have to be put on hold until the following week.

R. Williams Resigns As P.C. Sheriff

Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams submitted his resignation, effective April 30, to the commissioners court last Monday.

Williams, 63, is serving his 9th year as Sheriff and had more than two years left on his current term. He began his law enforcement career in 1978 as a reserve police officer in Friona, and served as fulltime police officer in Friona before becoming Sheriff in 1989.

Williams cited the stress of being a "24-hour" sheriff and his age as factors in his decision.

County commissioners will accept applications and will hire a replacement to fill the 2 1/2 years remaining on Williams' term.

WTRT Annual Meeting Set For March 24

Two Deaf Smith County directors and one Parmer County director will be elected by the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's annual meeting Tuesday, March 24, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The event will begin with the serving of a barbeque supper, catered by K-Bob's of Hereford at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

Drawings for over \$1,000 worth of doorprizes, including the grand prize of a \$200 beef gift certificate, will also be held, and complimentary member gifts will be distributed.

A director election will highlight the business meeting.

Carl Strafuss, incumbent director for the Milo Center exchange in Deaf Smith County, is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Strafuss, 63, is a farmer and livestock operator in north-central Deaf Smith County, and has served as the Milo Center exchange director since 1975.

Incumbent director Ernest Flood, Jr. of the Westway exchange in Deaf Smith County is opposed by Randy Boeckman of the Walcott area.

Flood, 50, has served as



LAKE BOVINA FOR THE BIRDS.....Thousands of white snow geese with a few mud hens thrown in, headquartered at the city lake east of Bovina over the past few weeks. The unusually warm climate recently caused many birds to stop over on their Spring migratory journey. ron carr photo

Bovina's Bridge Builders Outspan Friona's Physics

BY RON CARR

In this season of track meets and baseball matches, a different type of competition was played out last Tuesday in the Friona physics lab.

Bovina physics "coach" Ted Maple and Friona physics "coach" Tammy Gammon brought their teams together for a free-for-all bridge breaking competition.

The science students constructed bridges made of balsa wood. Each bridge is designed and built by individual students to withstand maximum load.

Blade To Offer Expanded Want Ad Page

Starting next week, the classified ads for both *The Bovina Blade* and *The Friona Star* will be combined into one page which will appear in both papers. This will allow for a greatly expanded coverage of the "want ads," making them more effective for readers of both papers.

Bovina readers may call the *Blade* office at 238-1523 and leave a recorded message or call the *Star* office at 806-247-2211 Monday through Wednesday. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

The creative structures looked to be about 20-24 inches long. The competition included hanging the bridge between the edges of two desks, hanging a bucket below the bridge, and adding

weights until the bridge breaks.

The amount of weight is computed in kilograms, converted to pounds, and the team that accumulated the most total weight won a trophy.

Deadline For Filing Is Nearing

The deadline for filing for vacancies on the school board and city council is Wednesday, March 18, at 5 p.m.

According to Superintendent Sue Nuttall, current applicants for the three school board positions are Gloria Zolman, Estella Ortiz and Rick Anderson.

Members whose terms are expiring are Mike Beauchamp, Bob Owen, and Estella Ortiz.

Applications may be made at the superintendent's office. Because the week of March 16-20 will be spring break for the schools, applicants wishing to file on March 16, 17, or 18 can call the school at 238-1336 or 238-1187 during the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon for assistance in filing their application.

Information for filing for city alderman or mayor is available at city hall.

In addition, the two students whose bridge had the best effective load/mass won \$50 savings bonds.

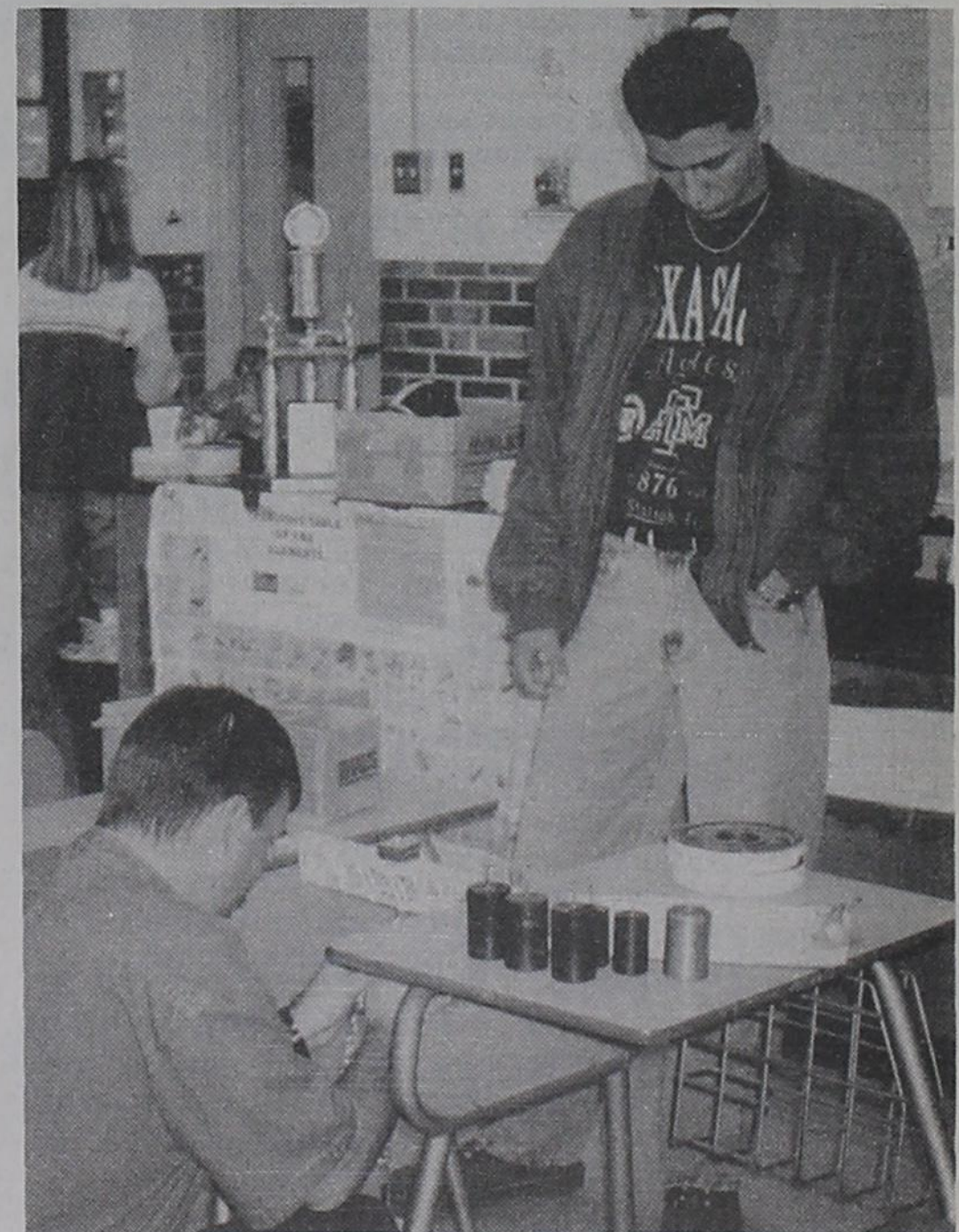
Bovina brought eleven students. Friona had nine.

Bovina students dominated the competition, capturing the first five places. Luke Steelman, a Bovina senior, won first place with a total weight held of 39.86 pounds and a top effective load/mass of 723.

Bovina senior Marcie Guevara took second place with a 623 effective load mass. Her bridge held 37.11 pounds.

Other Bovina (B) and Friona (F) students participating, in order of finish were: J. T. Roach (B), Tony Beauchamp (B), Lupe Rivera (B), Carrie Cox (F), George Villarreal (B), Alfred Uriegas (B).

Also, Santiago Serna (B), Lacy Venhaus (F), Sandra Salazar (B), Noemi Perez (B), Heath Patterson (F), Jesus Mata (F), Chris Rodriguez (F), Shyla Wyly (F), Aaron King (F), Rachel Bursleson (F), Jose Vitolas (B), and Tiffany Blackburn (F).



BIG BAD BRIDGE GUY.....Luke Steelman watches anxiously as physics teacher Ted Maple loads the bucket with weight in the Friona-Bovina Bridge Breaking game which was played at Friona last Tuesday morning. Luke's bridge held almost 40 pounds. He won first place out of 20 students. ron carr photo



ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Bovina seniors Amy Venable and Patricia Kessler picked up their senior class graduation announcements this week at the school library in anticipation of graduation day, May 29. ron carr photo

YOU MAY REMEMBER that our elderly Chihuahua dog has been mentioned in this column on previous occasions. I think God wanted to prove that he has a sense of humor when he made the Chihuahua...a little bitty, bat-eared bag of bones with an attitude. Our youngest son Rick got a cute little Chihuahua puppy back in 1984. This was during the Winter Olympics which were then being held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, so we named her "Sarajevo." We thought it had a pretty Spanish sound to it. The city that she was named after doesn't exist anymore, having been completely destroyed by fighting between the Serbs and Croates.

Our son, Rick grew up and left home. But, fourteen years later, we still have our little Sara. Her little brown head has turned white and her flashing red eyes are a bit cloudy and she has trouble getting up the steps, but she still retains that sassy, spunky attitude. She effectively retains her Alpha status among the other dogs and cats in our household, even though she is about half the size of the others.

There's certainly nothing wrong with her hearing or appetite. Sara can be curled up asleep in her basket in the back bedroom but when my Good Old Boy starts cracking open the peanuts in front of the TV, Sara hears it, wakes up immediately and hot-foots it into living room to make sure she gets her fair share of those peanuts.

Chihuahua owners everywhere get the giggles every time they see those neat Taco Bell commercials which feature "Dinky," the macho little Spanish-speaking Chihuahua with a passionate taste for tacos. Taco Bell probably has the best ad department in corporate America, because their commercials are always the most innovative ones on the tube.

Dinky is not only selling tacos like "hot cakes" but the sale of Chihuahua puppies has also been phenomenal. Little mother Chihuahuas don't have very big litters and there are long waiting lists for their puppies. Human mothers who have been taking fertility drugs have more babies at one time than a Chihuahua.

Little Dinky has even served as a good-will ambassador between the races, in spite of the negative attitude of a certain special interest group. There are two things that Americans of all colors love the best...their food and their pets. These two things transcend racial boundaries and join us all together as one people, and little Dinky Dog effectively represents both.

Our number one son Stan lives in San Antonio, which you probably know is a primarily Hispanic city. He says a poll of San Antonio Hispanics was taken on this particular controversy this past week, and everyone expressed the opinion that any person or any group who didn't adore the Taco Bell commercials was simply out of their collective ever-lovin' minds.

I predict that Dinky will become the all-time symbol for Taco Bell, sort of like "Elsie the Cow" has for many years been the well-known symbol for Borden's milk.

You know you've arrived when you become a part of the Jay Leno monologue every night. Dinky has arrived! "Yo quiero Taco Bell!"

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



Bovinan Is Buried Monday

Services for Carrie McIntosh Melear, 81, of Bovina were held Monday, March 9 at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona with Jim Zenner of Bovina officiating.

Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Ms. Melear died Thursday, March 5 at her home in Bovina.

She was born October 7, 1916 on the McIntosh Ranch in Deaf Smith County.

Ms. Melear was a Baptist. She had lived in Bovina forty years moving from Lubbock. She owned and operated a grocery store in Bovina for many years.

Survivors include one brother, William L. McIntosh, Jr. of Cameron, Texas; a nephew, Henry McIntosh, Jr. of El Paso and a niece, Kay Sawina of Kingswood, Texas.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the West Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund.

Couple Has Fifth Son

Kenneth and Arla Waters are the parents of a son, Cayson Trent, born Monday, March 9, 2:05 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He weighed nine pounds and measured twenty and one half inches long.

Cayson's big brothers are Corben 8, Reagan 5, Davin 4 and Brennan 2.

Grandparents are Carolyn Waters of Hereford and Walker and Edna Freeman of Whitney, Texas.

His great-grandfather is D.F. Neff of Whitney.





Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

We've seen the wind blow in West Texas but we really had some wild wind last weekend. It was clocked at fifty miles per hour, and in some places, clocked at sixty and seventy miles an hour. The blowing snow reminded us of the bad dust storms a few years ago only we had freezing snow and low temperatures this time. We were in Spearman through the weekend and it was about the same there as in Bovina. It is supposed to be cold all week. We got up Monday morning in Spearman to twelve degrees and six below for the chill factor.

NEWS AROUND TOWN
About the middle of February, Andy Stormes began working for the Earth police department. He received his police officer's license from Amarillo College. His wife, Lori, said he really likes his job in Earth. The couple has two little girls. Skyla will be five years old in May and Tamra is three years old. Lori has been employed at Shirley Grain for the past four years and also enjoys her work.

Several of our young people had a great time at the Teen Mania conducted by Ron Luce, held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas over the weekend.

Sponsors going to the youth conference were Gilda Garner, Bryan Mason, Galen Hromas, Jo Linda Hodnett, Richard Carson, Esther Steelman and Mary Rose Webber.

Youngsters who attended the Teen Mania conference,

"Aquire the Fire" were: Kasi Birdsong, Morgan and Austin Clayton, P.J. Griggs, Veronica Herrera, Courtney Jamerson, Sarah Morgan, Bonnie Quintana, Ralph Ramos, Casey Riley, Maritssa Salazar, Chris and Eric Shuffelburger, John Solorio, Luke, Levi and Jake Steelman, Amy Venable, Rana Chrystal, Derek Webber, Michael Wilkins, Louis Mejia, Jonathan and Raymond Chisom, Jacob Hodnet, Michelle Guzman and Vicki Ortiz.

Juvair Robledo retired from Charles Oil and Gas Inc. recently after being with them for many years. I visited at the station with him last week. He was telling me that he suffered two strokes after he retired, and at one time could not walk or speak but was getting along much better now. He looked like he was getting along great and one couldn't tell he had any problems. We're glad he came through the ordeal without any after effects.

Funeral services were held for Carrie Melear on Monday at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

She suffered an apparent heart attack in her home.

She had one brother and a nephew and neice. She was preceded in death by two small sons.

Last week I reported that Virgie and P.A. Adams had three children that grew up in Bovina. There were four children, Terry, Dub, Jackie and Martha. I think Terry was grown and gone by the time we came to Bovina.

Howard Kelso has been in the nursing home at Friona for some time but was hospitalized for a few days with pneumonia. He has now been moved back to the nursing home and his condition had improved.

The Kelsos' son, Talley, of Llano came for a few days and went home last Friday. The Kelsos' other son, Ferman, will soon retire from a government job and will be moving soon to his home north of Clovis. Minnie Kelso, Howard's wife, said it would be the first time that Ferman will be living close since he got out of college years ago. They are happy to have him close once more.

Congratulations to Kenneth and Arla Waters who have a new baby boy, Cayson Trent, born Monday, March 9. This makes five little boys for the couple. Cayson's big brothers are Corben 8, Reagan 5, Davin 4 and Brennan 2.

Cayson got off to a good

COURTHOUSE NOTES
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Gift Deed-Jimmie Sue Gibson, Shana M. Fleming, All L5 & 6 B46 OT Friona.
WD-Ovidio Balli Jr., Juan Velazquez, Lot 9 B92 OT Friona.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
John Edward Morris
Crystal Jean Martin

start at nine pounds. *****
A.M. Wilson has returned home after spending two weeks away. He spent time with daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Rodney Murphy, and sons in Abilene. They went on to Arlington and visited with good friends, Bob and Pat Sudderth. Bob and Pat lived in Bovina and farmed here back in the 40's. A.M. said Bob's dad was Raymond Sudderth. He once had lots of farm land in this area. A.M. said he had a good visit but it is always good to get home. *****

We express our sympathies to Lois Smith. Her sister-in-law passed away in recent weeks. She was Willie Mae Autry of Plainview. She was survived by one daughter, three sons and grandchildren. Lois said she had cancer for sometime before she died. *****

GRIN A LITTLE...Here are a few words to live by and think about: If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?; For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain; Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?; I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol; I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder; Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm; Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines; The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese; I intend to live forever...so far, so good; I love defenseless animals, especially in good gravy; When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane. Have a great week and take care of each other...Scooter.

1954-58 Bovina High School Classes To Meet For Reunion

The Bovina High School Class reunion for 1953, '54, '55, '56, '57 and '58 will be held at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas on Saturday, August 1, 1998.

Former students can gather at 2 p.m. in the lower floor of the KoKo. Danny's Catering will serve the meal at 6 p.m.

Reservations of \$12 need to be sent in as soon as possible to Dorothy Luttrall, 2820 54th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79413. She can be contacted at home, 806-799-0152 or at work, 806-743-1887.

During the 1996 reunion the former students decided to combine the 1953 through 1958 classes. Everyone in these classes are invited to attend.

Graduates of 1953 can contact Billie Ward Harrison at Rt. 6, Box 312 B, Amarillo, Texas 79124, 806-353-8304.

Graduates of 1954 can contact Donna Smith Malcom at Box 42, 917 North Maxwell, Tulia, Texas 79088, 806-995-4477.

Graduates of 1955 can contact Sandra Patton Jones at 2319 Larry, Amarillo, Texas 79106, 806-355-4010.

Graduates of 1956 can contact Dorothy Jones Luttrall, address is previously listed.

Graduates of 1957 can contact Tom Ware at Box 520, Bovina, Texas 79009, 806-238-1193.

Graduates of 1958 can contact Sandra Martin Ware at Tom Ware's address.

A section of rooms are being held at the KoKo Inn. A room with one king or two full size beds will be \$39 per night with one to four occupants. Everyone attending must make reservations for a room by calling 806-747-2591 or 1-800-782-3254

Easter Egg Hunt At Discovery Center Scheduled For April 4

Spring Eggstravaganza, hosted by the Don Harrington Discovery Center, will take place April 4 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Back by popular demand the Discovery Center invites children ages two through eight to participate in Amarillo's biggest egg hunt.

In addition to age specific hunts on the outside grounds, families can enjoy a variety of fun and eggciting activities including Science Eggsperiments, Egg Toss, Bunny Hop, BunyCrawl to the Stars, and craft activities such as: Bunny Ears, Bunny Face, Baby Chicks and Easter Nests.

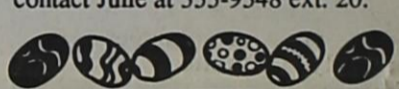
Eggs filled with surprises will cover the north lawn of the Discovery Center for each scheduled hunt. Egg hunts begin at 10 a.m. with the seven and eight year olds. Ages five and six start at 10:30 a.m., three and four year olds at 11 a.m. and two year olds at 11:30 a.m. One make-up egg hunt will be available at noon.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a special breakfast event prior to the hunts, will be available for an additional \$3. The Mad Hatter's

Tea Party is from 9 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and includes breakfast, costume characters and activities. Seating is limited to the first 100 children and tickets can be purchased in the Discovery Center Gift Shop.

A ten speed bike, donated by Chick-Fil-A, will be a door prize the day of the event. Interested parties can enter the drawing by filling out the stub on the admission ticket. Contributors include: Chick-Fil-A, Once Upon a Child, United Supermarkets, Sir Speedy Printing, First National Bank, KGNC, KVII, M&M/MARS, Nestle, Blue Bunny Ice Cream and Pepsi.

Discounted tickets can be purchased at the Discovery Center Gift Shop beginning March 3. Ticket prices are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members in advance and \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members if purchased the day of the event. For further information, contact Julie at 355-9548 ext. 20.



Veterans Chicken Dinner March 15! Better Be There

They made enough from the last tasty chicken dinner to buy fresh cooking oil, so the local veterans and the ladies auxiliary invite everyone to the monthly "chicken feed" on Sunday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The location is the Veteran's Hall at 6th and Euclid in Friona. Cost is \$6 adult and \$3 for children under 12 years. Carryout will be available.

The familiar menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, and tea. No need to change a winner. Mark your calendar now for Sunday, March 15.

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HELP WANTED....Pump rig helper, Charles Pump Co., 301 Gardner, Bovina, 238-1710.

FOR RENT: Mobile home lot 3rd and Ave K in Bovina. Call 806-238-1677

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Out Here

By RON CARR

Carrie died. If she knew I was writing this, she would gripe at me. Several of her old friends said that her obituary (elsewhere in this paper) didn't tell enough about Carrie's life. I agree. Most obits don't. Lives are more than facts and figures.

Sometimes a person steps into your life for a short time and leaves a lasting footprint. Carrie left a lot of footprints.

Carrie did not seek publicity. In fact she dodged it. She didn't seek recognition, although she deserved a lot of it.

Last summer I aggravated Carrie to let me write about her life. She said no, then she said maybe, then she didn't mention it anymore.

I got busy on other projects and put Carrie's story on a long list of stories I would write later. Later came sooner than I expected.

A friend said Carrie had a rough life. Most people never knew how rough.

Carrie was born October 7, 1916 on a ranch in Deaf Smith County. The family eventually moved to the Dalhart area where she attended school.

In the 1930s she taught school in a one-room country schoolhouse. She lived at the school during the week since it was too far out for daily transportation.

The school had no running water or indoor toilet. She lived there during the week, taught daily classes, then someone would come to get her to go home on the weekends, where she was able to do her laundry and rest a spell before the next week began.

She married, lived in Amarillo, and had two young sons when an unspeakable tragedy influenced her life forever.

According to Carrie's account to friends, not long after she came home from the hospital with her second young son, her husband went on a rampage, tied her to a chair, then murdered both children in front of her.

He was sentenced to prison, but one can only

imagine Carrie's lifetime sentence of anguish.

Sometime after, Carrie found her way to Lubbock. She had started drinking by then, decided to open a pawn shop, and as she told it, "I did the only natural thing, I married an alcoholic."

Their stormy relationship, clouded with alcohol, went "from bad to worse to real bad to terrible."

Tiring of the fights, brushes with the law, and hangovers, Carrie finally "gathered my stuff and left." By now she was in her late thirties and made a decision that would change her life, and many more.

Carrie found Alcoholics Anonymous. Through the 12-step program, she found peace. Or as she said, "I found as much peace as someone with my past could find."

She sold the pawn business and left Lubbock and her past behind. She moved to Bovina, to sell groceries to the migrant workers who flocked to Parmer County to harvest the huge vegetable crops that were prosperous then.

She and a partner bought a two-story building on Main Street and opened a super market. She moved into one of the five apartments upstairs and rented out the other four.

For more than 20 years Carrie sold groceries and tried to help drunks and other people. She loyally attended AA meetings in Bovina, Friona, Clovis, and Hereford.

Friends say she could be found often taking people to the doctor, to visit a lawyer, giving a ride to a court appearance, or sitting with someone as they sobered up.

They speak of her generosity in helping people who needed food or clothes. Over the years, she no doubt wrote off her share of unpaid grocery bills.

Jim Zehner, one of Carrie's favorite footprints, gave a eulogy at her funeral. He said he had known her for 28 years and that she had helped him more than once. Especially 13 years ago when his personal life hit bottom,

Carrie lifted him up and kicked his butt onto the straight and narrow.

Jim has been on a better road ever since and he gives Carrie most of the credit.

Lest you get the wrong impression, Carrie did not consider herself a saint. On the contrary. She never glossed over her checkered past.

Carrie was about 5 feet tall, maybe 100 pounds, white hair most often pulled straight back.

She smoked original Camel cigarettes, the short unfiltered ones. She was feisty, had a salty vocabulary, and was not one to mince words when advice was called for. And she had a smile that was warmer than pancake syrup.

She attracted the downtrodden, not all of whom repaid her for her kindness.

She often said that the grace of God had allowed her to find Alcoholics Anonymous and if she had not found AA, there was no doubt in her mind that she would have been dead long ago.

Her friends in AA say that Carrie had many colorful stories to tell. She told them she was thankful that God had let her "live long enough to tell the tale."

"Some of those old boys were so bad off," she said, "that they needed more than just God's help to straighten them out. I visited this one old boy over at Farwell once when he was in for his fourth or fifth DWI and he was hungover and he kept telling me whose fault it was that he was in jail."

So what did you tell him? "I told him he was an idiot and that all those other people aren't the ones in jail. I don't think he ever figured it out."

At the time of her death, Carrie had 42 years of sobriety in the AA program. When her health permitted, she still attended meetings.

In recent days, she was slowed by arthritis. For her backache, the doctor had prescribed a pillow to place under her lower back and told her to rest on it some during the day.

On Wednesday night, or

Thursday morning, Carrie lay down with the pillow under her back, light a Camel, and went to sleep for the last time.

Her best friend of 30 years, Anita Guest, concerned when Carrie wouldn't answer the door, found her body on Thursday afternoon. The Camel cigarette had burned itself out on the bedcover as her own flame burned out.

Eternal peace had finally come for Carrie Melear, after almost 82 years of battling life's challenges.

Carrie was a character. A little lady that was bigger than life. She helped down and outers because, "Lord knows I was one myself."

As Jim Zehner said at her funeral, "Thank God she lived long enough to tell the tale."

As for me, I regret that I didn't know her longer, but I am grateful to have known her at all.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Friona Art Association has announced that Lynn Gowens will be the March Artist of the Month. Her oil paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home during the month. Lynn has studied under several workshop teachers in this area and has been painting for about 30 years. She has a special knack for soft, restful colors in her landscapes and still life paintings.

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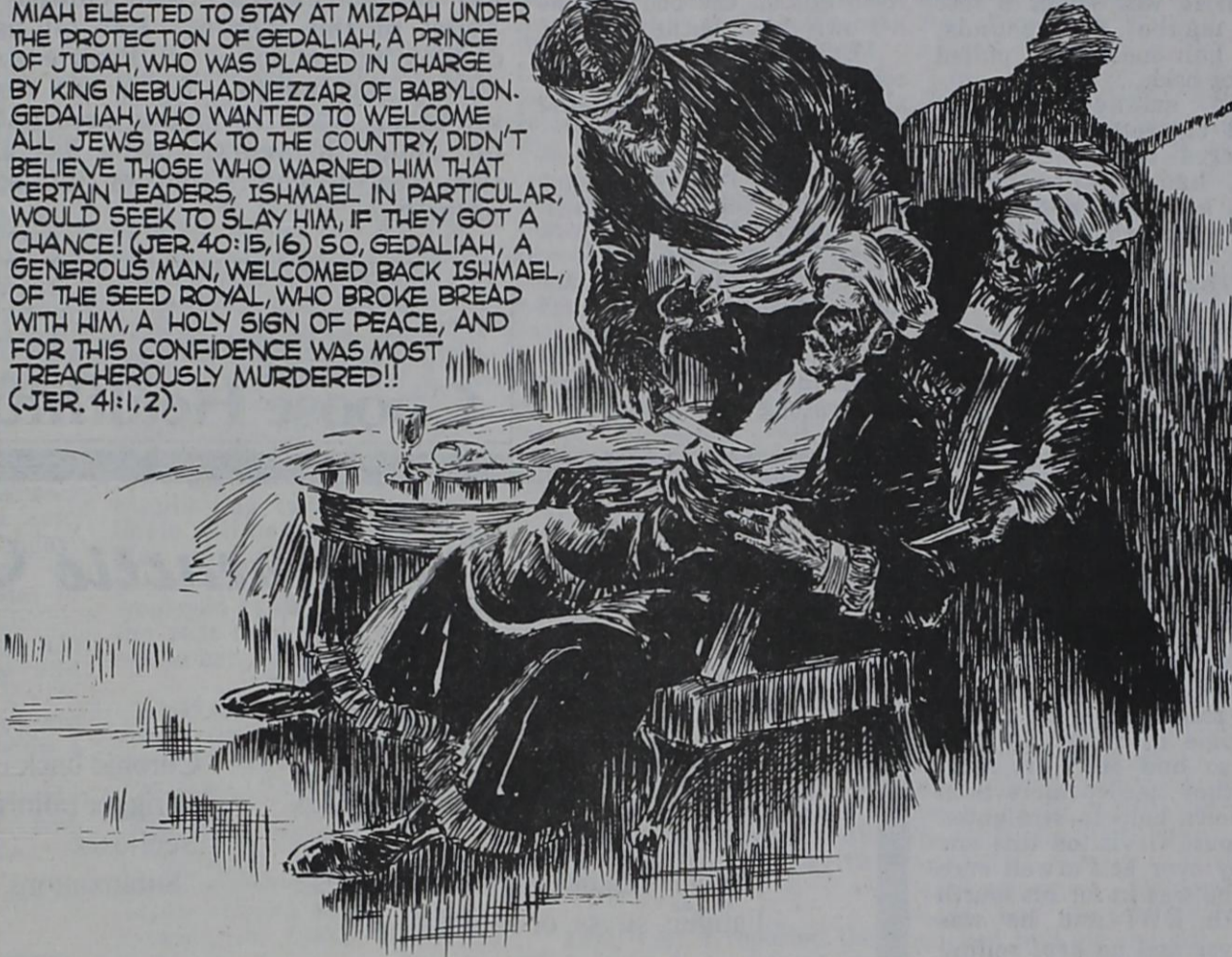
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BRIDGE BATTLE.....Physics teacher Ted Maple, lower left, uses weights to test J. T. Roach's bridge as Friona physics teacher Tammy Gammon looks on. J. T. won third place in the Bovina vs. Friona bridge breaking competition. *ron carr photo*



MID-SCHOOL RECOGNITION..Students-of-the-month for February at Bovina Middle School are, back, l-r, Miguelina Lopez, Maria Perez, Kathy Perez. Front, l-r, Abraham Rocha, Mike Olvera, Sammy Espinoza.



A READING GRIN.....Bovina second-grader Bethany Rumph shows an award-winning smile as she celebrates her 100 points earned in the accelerated readers program.

Hospital District Has Board Posts Expiring

The Parmer County Hospital District has announced that three Board of Director positions will be up for election on May 2, 1998. Terms expiring are held by: Dale Schueler, DVM, Anne Corn, and Dennis Anthony.

Any person wishing to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate must file an application with the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than 5 p.m., March 18, 1998.

Candidate applications may be picked up at Parmer County Community Hospital business office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

Monday-Friday each week. To be eligible as a candidate for director, the person must be a resident of the district and a qualified voter. An employee of the district may not serve as a director.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 24, 1998. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 3, 1998.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland St., Friona, Texas 79035.



RINGS ARE HERE...High School secretary Celia Quintana shows off the 1999 senior rings which were delivered to students last week. High school juniors get their rings this year to wear during their senior year in 1998-99.

It's A Baby Shower!
You are invited to attend a baby shower to honor the daughter of Cody & Dawn Hill-Cheyenne Layne!
Saturday, March 21st 2 -3:30 p.m.
in the home of April Gober, south of Bovina on FM 3333
Hostesses: Sabina Schilling, Alma Pierson, Sheryl Christian and April Gober

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Mar. 12, 1958
The Bovina Fillies, District Champions, Bi-District Champions and Regional Champions, are headed for the highest title they can win-Class B State Champion. Team members are Virginia Embree, Mickie Woefel, Nita Beth Estes, Joy Redden, Kay Hartzog, Kay Leake, Lexie Stevenson, Mildred Young, Janice Richards, Joan Kay Ezell, Nancy Cumpston, Celia Berry and Sandy Martin.

35 Yrs Ago-Mar 13, 1963
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Charles are the new owners of C and J Hobby and Craft shop on Main Street. The new business will emphasize model airplanes.

30 Yrs Ago-Mar. 13, 1968
James Roach was named the new president of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at a meeting of the board of directors Thursday noon. He succeeds Tom Beauchamp. T.C. Wiseman is vice president and Mrs. Robert E. Wilson is secretary.

25 Yrs Ago-Mar. 14, 1973
Seven candidates are currently seeking the two vacant positions on the Bovina City Council. They are Vernon Estes, incumbent; Kenneth Whitecotton, Mutt Graham, Billy Whitecotton, Durward Bell, Mrs. Sue Naegle and Pat Kunselman.

20 Yrs Ago-Mar. 15, 1978
The Bovina Fillies varsity track team was a smashing success in its first outing of 1978, winning the Friona

Invitational Track and Field meet by scoring 123 points. Team members are Tana Nix, Claudia Chisom, Carol Griffin, Denise McCormick, Belinda Shelby, Denise Read, Fonda Griffin, Kim Naegle, Sandi Sides, Karen Schilling, Annette Stevenson, Laura Widner, Kathy Williams and Pat Shepherd.

15 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1983
Billy Cupit, Bovina FFA member, received Duroc breed champion honors at the Houston Livestock Show with his 245-pound barrow. Cupit's barrow placed first in its class of 82 heavyweight Durocs. The animal sold at auction for \$27 per pound.

An example of good old-fashioned neighborliness was exemplified on Monday of this week at the Wendell Garner farm, when a huge number of friends and neighbors came to work the Garner land and get it ready for spring planting. Wendell Garner passed away on February 17.

10 Yrs. Ago-Mar. 16, 1988
Bovina's Mindy Neal is a freshman forward center for the Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team that made it into the Southwest Conference post-season basketball tournament.

A near record number of voters took part in the Parmer County Republican primary on Tuesday, when 283 voters disdained the county races to mark their ballots, drawn by the chance to make their votes count for the presidential hopefuls.

Bovina firemen were among nine fire departments who fought a burr fire at Paco Feed Yards last Thursday and Friday.

5 Yrs. Ago-Mar. 13, 1993
Winners of the local Senior Spelling Bee are sixth grader Jeremy Willard, first place; eighth grader Joey Rackley, second place; and sixth grader J.T. Roach, third place. All winner will advance to the County Spelling Bee here on March 24.

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Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 15-21.
Mar 15 Stefanie Marie Bowman, Michael Carson, Lawrence Gray.
Mar 16 Luke Steelman, Jack Patterson, Bill Gist.
Mar 17 Alan Hromas, Patricia Anaya, Ovid Lawlis, Britton Barrett.
Mar 18 Pat Read, Mary Rose Weber.
Mar 19 Alice Stone, Elaine Bishop.
Mar 20 Jeanne Kerby, Fidel Baca.
Mar 21 Kathy Graves, Tracy Jamerson.
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