



Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis

WE'VE GONE ALL season without saying much about our favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. And it's bad timing to be commenting about them after one of their few losses, but here goes.

Folks have been saying all season that there would be no justice in the National Football League's Eastern division, where the Cowboys and Washington each had the best records in football.

Now that Washington has beaten Dallas, and forced the Cowboys into the "Wild Card" role, it really sticks in the craw of the Cowboy fans, that they will have to be a wild card team.

The Cowboys, if they win their final game, can have a season record of 13-3. If they win their wild card game, they could have 14 wins. Yet, they will have to be a "road" team after that, although there will be teams with nine, ten or eleven wins who will get to be host teams for the playoffs.

This doesn't strike you as being exactly fair, although that's the way it can happen with the current playoff system.

After losing last year's conference championship game in a cold game at Washington, the Cowboys' coaches and staff set out to better their record in 1983, so that they could avoid playing championship games on the road.

The irony of the fact is that they DID better their record, but still will have to go on the road for championship games.

It's also too bad that given the type of great year the team has had, the season might hinge on one controversial play, such as the fourth down situation early in the third quarter, when the Cowboys failed to punt the ball. Washington had great field position the rest of the game, and Dallas had lousy position, resulting in several turnovers and Redskin scores.

At this point, we haven't heard Tom Landry's comments on the particular play which caused the momentum shift.

But, at least the Cowboys are in the playoffs, and they made it to the Super Bowl once before as a wild card team, and maybe they can do it again. Who knows...this might be the year for history to be made, when a wild card team would win the Super Bowl.

THIS SEASON'S Cabbage Patch Doll "craze" has developed into one of those shopping fads which comes along every so many years, like the Barbie Doll and hula hoop.

Even marketing experts could not predict the unusual demand for the dolls this Christmas season.

Billy Whitecotton at Bovina Supermarket said he had had 24 of the dolls when he first ordered. Naturally, they are all gone now.

"I wish I had ordered ten times that many--but who would have guessed they would have been this popular?" Orders for the Christmas season are made months in advance. Billy is just like store owners across the country, who wished they could have "overs" on the Cabbage Kids.

When the news media took up the phenomenon, that just caused the situation to mushroom. During the past couple of weeks, the Cabbage Patch dolls have been featured on virtually every national news program on TV, and their origin has been traced and re-traced.

Anybody have a Cabbage Patch Kid they'll trade for a hula hoop?

Two Martians landed on earth. They walked into a hardware store and purchased a can of lye, some steel wool, a gallon of carbon tetrachloride, and a dozen crowbars. "Will that be all?" asked the clerk. "Yes," they answered. "We're just picking up a few treats for the kids back home."

FBC Choir To Present Xmas Music

The First Baptist Adult Choir will present a Christmas musical, "A King Comes," by Michael E. Parks and directed by Grady Sorley, Sunday night, December 18 at 7 p.m.

"A King Comes" depicts the miraculous birth of our Lord with realistic insight. From the prophecies of Isaiah to the inspired search of the Magi, the events surrounding the nativity are brought to life in an innovative and revealing fashion--the angels' announcement, the journey to Bethlehem, the beguiling melodies, provocative lyrics and dramatic narration.

Within the finale is expressed the hope for His return. "We extend a cordial invitation to you and your family to come and worship the King with us," said a spokesman for the church.

Social Security Has Limits On Some Claims

Avoid the last minute rush and act now. Because there are time limits for submitting medical insurance claims, you have only until December 31, 1983 to file claims for services you had 10/01/81 through 09/30/82.

The Medicare office reports that you will receive more accurate and expeditious service if you will submit your medical insurance claims as you incur the charges during the year. Since many people wait and submit their claims January of each year, this causes extremely heavy workloads which in turn causes delays in the processing of your claim.

They also report that if Medicare needs to contact either you or your provider for additional information on a particular service and charge, it will delay your entire claim until the matter is resolved. Remember, you always have at least 15 months to submit a Medicare claim but time is running out on some claims.

It's Time To Write Santa

Hey, kids, Christmas Day is fast approaching and it's time to write Santa a letter.

Children of the community are urged to write letters to Santa as soon as possible.

If sent to the Bovina Blade, they will appear in the Blade's Christmas issue.

Children are assured the letters will be forwarded to Santa in plenty of time for his attention, so please be sure to get your letter in to us



CABBAGE PATCH...Parents around the world are frantically trying to get their hands on a Cabbage Patch doll for their child or grandchild. Shown are the look-alikes patterned and fashioned from the original and are now on sale. These dolls are made by Molly Griffin and they come in two sizes. The "babies" are complete with adoption papers and names.



PRETTY TREE...Jack and Jane Kassahn stand in front of a 14 foot Christmas tree, which is in the lobby of First State Bank. Billy Whitecotton always makes a trip to New Mexico and cuts down a pine tree from his land and hauls it back to Bovina in his pickup truck. This is the sixth year that he has donated a tree to the bank. This year he also brought an eight foot tree and gave it to the First United Methodist Church. The Christmas tree is decorated every year by employees of the bank. They bring their families and make an evening of it, according to an employee, and it is always a lot of fun.

FOR ROOF JOB

Court Okays Bill For Courthouse

Payment of the bill for the new roof which was applied to the courthouse was one of the main items of business for the Parmer County Commissioners' Court on November 28.

The bill amount was \$13,490.00 and the contractor was Leaway Roofing of Hereford.

The search continues for a new County Agent to replace Seth Ralston. Dr. Catherine Crawford, county Extension Department supervisor, said there were apparently

some additional applications on the way to her as of November 28.

A motion was passed to advertise for a used farm-type tractor for purchase and use in Precinct 1.

The court had received a bill for pre-adoption physicals for three of the county foster children. It was explained that when foster children are being considered for adoption, they must have physical examinations periodically until the adoption process is completed. A motion was passed to pay the bill, in the amount of \$69.00.

Further discussion was held on the sale of used sprinkler pipe belonging to the county. Judge Roberts was instructed to talk to the interested parties, and sell the pipe to the highest bidder.

Payment of the expenses of a visiting court reporter, in the amount of \$37.89, was approved.

A verbal claim on damages connected with the proposed opening of a road were read to the court. It was pointed out that a written claim must be presented, so no action was taken on the matter.

Soil work was approved at the request of Thomas Rhodes, A.T. Morgan and Bill Martin. Cost of such work will be reimbursed to the county.

Christmas Card Deadline Is 19th

Project Christmas Card will once again be sponsored by the Bovina Woman's Club, in conjunction with the First State Bank, which will receive the donations for the project.

For the fourth consecutive year, the money raised from the project will go toward the note owed on the land on which Bovina Clinic is located and hopefully this year the note can be paid off.

The deadline for donations is December 19 and residents of the Bovina area are urged to contribute to the fund. The names of contributors will be published in the Christmas edition of the Bovina Blade, as Christmas greetings from those giving to the fund.

Cage Teams Enter Farwell Tournament

The Bovina Mustangs and Fillies are entered in the Farwell Invitational Tournament which starts Thursday and runs through Saturday.

The Fillies are scheduled to play Adrian at 4 p.m. Thursday. The Mustangs will meet the Adrian boys at 5:30 p.m. in the game immediately following.

Teams from Texico, N.M. and Littlefield junior varsity are in the same bracket with Bovina. In the lower bracket, teams are from Friona, Lazbuddie and Farwell. The Plains boys are entered, and the Hereford JV girls, to fill out the bracket.

The Mustangs will likely be starting the tournament without the services of leading scorer Richard Shepherd, who suffered a pulled muscle in his rib cage during warmups prior to last Friday's game at Adrian. Shepherd was advised by doctors to stay out of action for a few days.

The junior varsity boys are also entered in a tournament beginning Thursday at Springlake-Earth. The Bovina JV meets the host team's JV in a game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Postmaster Offers Xmas Mailing Tips

With the Christmas mailing season just ahead, Postmaster Gene Ezell is offering tips for customers to assure that their cards and packages arrive on time and in good shape.

In addition to shopping and mailing early, customers are urged to properly address cards and packages with the name, house number and street (or post office box number), and the city, state, and ZIP Code reserved for the last line.

It is also a good idea to put a slip of paper with the recipient's name and address and your return address inside parcels, and be sure the addressing on the outside of the parcel includes your return address and ZIP Code.

Customers are also reminded to check the size of their envelopes before mailing Christmas and other holiday cards. Letter size standards require that envelopes be at least 3 1/2 inches high and 5 inches long to be accepted for mailing.

The Postal Service is also asking customers to put an ounce of extra care into preparing parcel post and other packages for mailing. Parcels will arrive at their intended destination in good shape if mailers will follow a few simple suggestions:

CUSHION: Make sure contents are well cushioned and there is no empty space in the box. Use crumpled newspaper around the item--including all sides, top and bottom. Commercially available foam shells or air-pocket padding also make good cushioning materials.

DON'T OVERWRAP: Just use your carton. Brown paper and twine cord are not necessary. Paper can rip, and twine can become entangled in processing equipment.

SEAL PROPERLY: Close your parcel with one of the three recommended types of tape: pressure sensitive, nylon-reinforced kraft paper, or glass-reinforced pressure sensitive.

AVOID SMUDGES: Use smudge-proof ink for your addressing.

POSITION ADDRESSES PROPERLY: Put the recipient's address in the lower right portion of the container. Put your return address in the upper left hand corner. Remove all other labels from the box.

USE ZIP CODES: Be sure to include the ZIP Code in both the recipient's and your return address.

TIME IT RIGHT: Mail early in the month and early in the day.

USE THE RIGHT SERVICE: Irreplaceable items, such as cash and other valuables, should be sent by registered mail.

IF YOU RUN OUT OF TIME: Priority Mail affords First-Class handling for packages weighing over 12 ounces and up to 70 pounds. Priority Mail can be sent from any post office, station or branch or through rural carriers to any address in the U.S. Delivery of Priority Mail is accomplished in two to three days anywhere in the country. Priority Mail can even be used for foreign mailings. The service is available with insurance, return receipt, COD, certificates of mailing and special delivery. Customers interested in Priority Mail should contact the post office for details.

A Reminder That There Are

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Shopping Days 'Till Christmas



REFLECTIONS

....From The Bovina Blade

25 YEARS AGO--DEC. 10, 1958
James Lawlis, recognized as Bovina's top ground gaining back during the 1958 football season, has been named to the 2B All-District football team.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Quickel were their daughter and children, Mrs. C.E. Stark, Mike, Karyl, Sabra and Kervin of Lubbock. Also spending the day were the local couple's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quickel, Ike Bill and Teresa, of Farwell.

Members of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star met Thursday evening of last week for a salad supper. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall and was in honor of the Deputy Grand Matron's official visit.

20 YEARS AGO--DEC. 11, 1963
Three Tullia men escaped death in a spectacular one car accident about midnight Saturday a mile east of Bovina on Dimmitt Highway.

Mrs. Wallace Rogers was hospitalized Saturday night at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She is reported to be improving.

Good Neighbor Sewing Club had a dinner party Thursday evening at a

Clovis restaurant.
Ira Wellborn, who lives northwest of Bovina, suffered face and chest injuries Friday night when his car crashed into a dead end a mile from his home.

15 YEARS AGO--DEC. 11, 1968
Gail Turner, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner, was reported to be improving in the intensive care ward of Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, this week. She has been a patient there since Friday.

Mrs. Lee Sudderth is in High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo, where she was transferred Saturday after receiving a fractured leg that day in Bovina.

Miss Toni Barraza, LVN, will begin full time work after December 15 at Bovina Medical Center.

10 YEARS AGO--DEC. 12, 1973
A youth-led revival has been set at the Iglisia Bautista Belen Church in Bovina this weekend, according to a member of the youth organization.

George Long, 47, a resident of Parmer County since 1958, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack late Thursday afternoon in Clovis. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

A trap shoot, sponsored by the Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus, has been scheduled for this weekend, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ward of Bovina announce the birth of a son at 10:51 (CST) Saturday, December 1, at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

5 YEARS AGO--DEC. 13, 1978
The second snowfall of the season was received this week and lowest temperatures ever were reported. Official temperatures were reported as low as ten to 18 degrees below zero the morning of December 9.

Bovina Wheat Growers have expanded their operation, and is now operating the former Bonds Oil Company station.

Clayton Williamson, Bovina City Manager, resigned his post effective at the end of 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 17, hosted by their niece, Kay Kelly.



RALSTONS HONORED... Seth and Anita Ralston were honored with a farewell tea Sunday, December 4 at Friona State Bank. Ralston has assumed his new duties as County Agent at Castro County. With the Ralstons at the serving table are Jennifer Cass, Elaine White and Kassie Weatherley, all of Friona.

Around The House

By LAURA JACOBS

There's hardly a food preparation task on earth that cannot be done with one of the many small electric appliances on the market. You can deep fry single servings of food, cook a single hamburger, grill sandwiches, fill cream puffs, make hors d'oeuvres, peel potatoes and fry perfect bacon electrically.

Many of these appliances are quite useful. Most are relatively inexpensive and take little energy to operate. Does this make them ideal Christmas gifts for those special people on your list? Maybe yes, maybe no.

First, ask yourself if the intended receiver has a place to put another appliance. If the answer is "no" you might want to consider a magazine subscription, a box of Texas citrus, or a gift package of homemade preserves instead.

If the answer is "yes," then consider whether the person will actually use the appliance.

A gift will be much more appreciated if it is actually used than if it is this season's "hot item" that sits on a shelf the rest of the year. We know from research that people are less likely to use electrical appliances received as gifts than those they select for themselves. So it's probably a good idea to get some idea of the person's opinion and preferences about a small appliance before buying one.

Some other questions to guide the would-be gift giver include:

*Does the appliance do a task now performed by another appliance? If so, will it do the job faster or less expensively?

*Will it serve more than one function? If so are these functions truly useful?

*Does it have an Underwriters' Laboratory (UL) seal certifying the electrical safety of both the appliance and the cord?

*Is adequate wiring available? Too many small, especially heat producing appliances can overload a circuit.

*Is service available locally? Or will the appliance need to be sent to a central service center at the owner's expense?

Is there any test data available you can use to make brand comparisons before buying the item?

We often say that it's the thought that counts rather than the gift itself. But a truly thoughtful gift is one that considers the real needs of the receiver.

If you're that receiver with a self full of unneeded appliances, try clipping this article to your Christmas list to give Santa a hint.

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IN 1984

New Rules Apply To Social Security

Starting in 1984, part of the Social Security benefits received by people with substantial other income may be subject to the Federal income tax, a Social Security spokesperson said recently.

This change in the law was part of the 1983 Social Security amendments which were designed to strengthen the Social Security program for many years into the future.

Up to half of the person's Social Security benefits for 1984, and for later years, will be subject to tax if his or her adjusted gross income for Federal tax purposes, plus nontaxable interest income and half of the Social Security benefits exceed a base amount.

The base amount is \$25,000 for an individual, \$32,000 for a couple filing a joint return, and zero for a couple filing separate returns. The amount of benefits subject to taxes will be the smaller of:

*One-half of the Social Security benefits, or

*One-half of the amount of the person's combined income-adjusted gross income, non-taxable interest income, and half the Social Security benefit--exceeds the base amount.

Some adjustments in benefit payments may be possible. Any overpayment that person repays during the year can be deducted. Also, any lump sum received can be prorated to the year for which it was paid if that is an advantage. Any Medicare medical insurance premium deducted must be included in total benefits.

The Internal Revenue Service will provide complete instructions on how to file tax returns. Social Security has a free leaflet which briefly explains about taxing benefits.

Copies of the leaflet can be obtained at any Social Security office. The address is 912 Parkland Avenue, Clovis, N.M. 88101. The telephone number is 1-800-432-5900.

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS--

Guy Ellis, Friona; Jerry Lee Creek, Hereford; Nelson Pearce, Bellevue, N.M.; Anna Vasquez, Hereford; Mike Maynard, Friona; Fidel Gonzales, Friona; Geneva Gustin, Friona; Mariano Garcia, Hereford; Dominga Everett, Earth; Grace Allison, Friona; and Bess Rea, Bovina.

DISMISSALS--

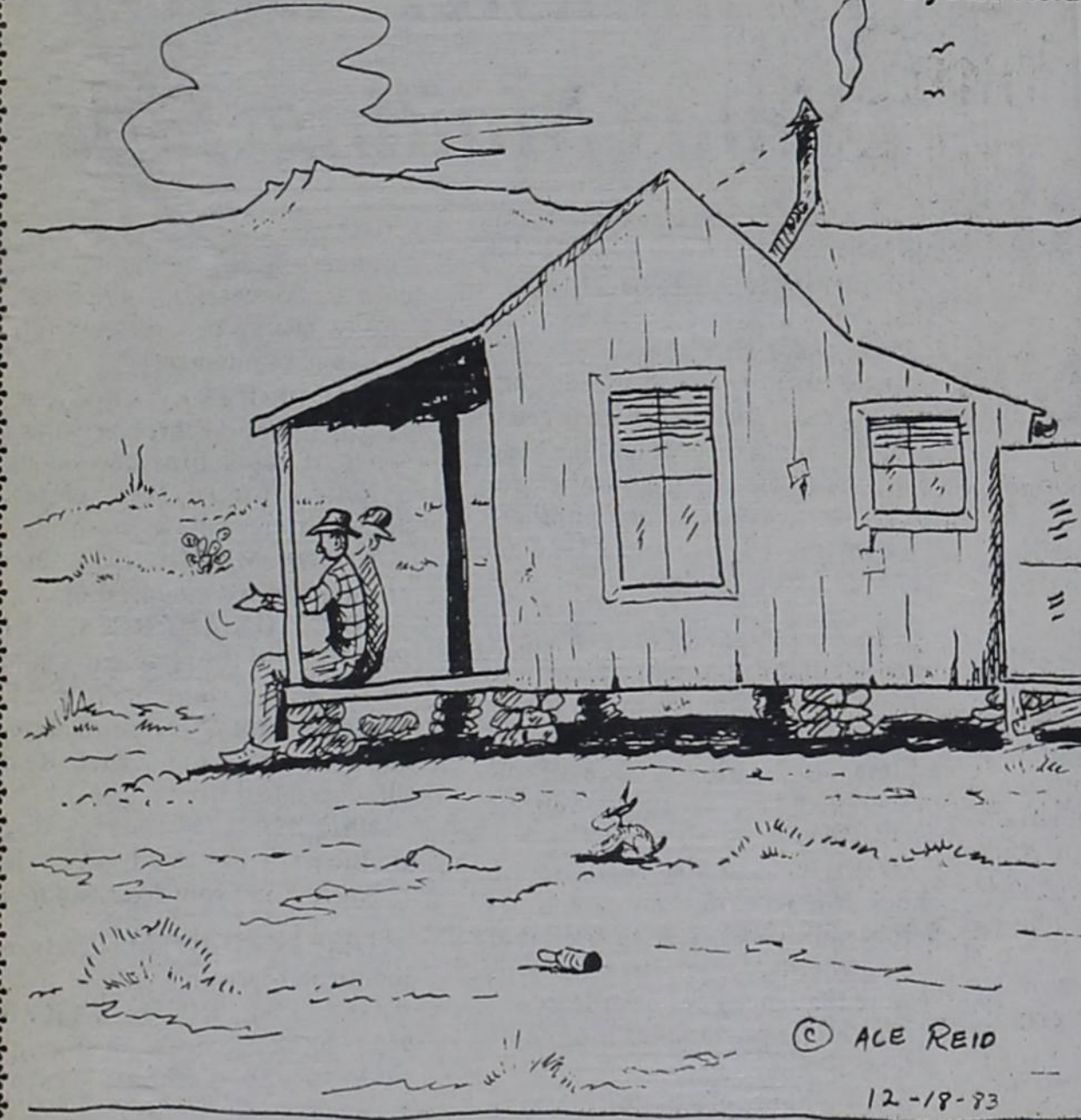
Martha Euler, Jerry Lee Creek, Mike Maynard, Anna Vasquez, Nelson Pearce and Guy Ellis.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL--

Geneva Gustin, Grace Allison, Fidel Gonzales, Eula Newton, Bess Rea, Dominga Everett, Mariano Garcia and Arlin Hartzog.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh yeah, the greatest feelin' in the world is to know I've got a 50,000 acre ranch. The bad part is knowing it ain't worth nothin'!"

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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

The first day of pheasant hunting season was a cold, windy day and by noon most hunters gave up, but the next day was a gorgeous day and hunters had good luck...A lot of "out of town people" were here for the hunt.

Several of our men have been deer hunting and we thought the hunters would get a kick out of the following and perhaps relate to part of it.

THE DEER HUNTER

1:00 A.M.--Alarm clock rings.
2:00 A.M.--Hunting partner arrives, drag you out of bed.
2:30 A.M.--Throw everything except the kitchen sink in the pickup.
3:00 A.M.--Leave for the deep woods.
3:15 A.M.--Drive back home and pick up gun.
3:30 A.M.--Drive like the dickens to get to the woods before daylight.
4:00 A.M.--Set up camp--forget the tent.
4:30 A.M.--Head into the woods.
6:05 A.M.--See a deer.
6:06 A.M.--Take aim and squeeze trigger.

6:07--Click.
6:08 A.M.--Load gun while watching deer go over hill.
8:00 A.M.--Head back to camp.
9:00 A.M.--Still looking for camp.
10:00 A.M.--Realize you don't know where camp is.
Noon--Fire gun for help--eat wild berries.
12:15 P.M.--Run out of bullets--8 deer come by.
12:20 P.M.--Strange feeling in stomach.
12:30 P.M.--Realize you ate poison berries.
12:45 P.M.--Rescue!!
12:55 P.M.--Rushed to hospital to have stomach pumped.
3:00 P.M.--Arrived back at camp.
3:30 P.M.--Leave camp to kill deer.
4:00 P.M.--Return to camp for bullets. See partner's deer.
4:05 P.M.--Load gun, leave camp again.
5:00 P.M.--Empty gun on squirrel that's bugging you.
6:00 P.M.--Arrive at camp, see deer grazing at camp.

6:01 P.M.--Load gun.
6:02 P.M.--Fire gun.
6:03 P.M.--One dead pickup truck.
6:05 P.M.--Hunting partner returns to camp dragging elk.
6:06 P.M.--Repress strong desire to shoot hunting partner.
6:07 P.M.--Fall into fire.
6:08 P.M.--Change clothes and throw burned ones into fire.
6:15 P.M.--Take pickup, leave partner and his deer and elk in the woods.
6:25 P.M.--Pickup boils over. Hole shot in block.
6:29 P.M.--Stumble and fall, drop gun in mud.
6:30 P.M.--Start walking.
6:35 P.M.--Meet bear.
6:36 P.M.--Take aim.
6:37 P.M.--Fire gun, blow up barrel plugged with mud.
6:38 P.M.--In need of a clean pair of pants.
6:39 P.M.--Climb tree.
9:00 P.M.--Bear departs, wrap dern gun around tree.
Midnight--Home at last!!
SUNDAY--Watch football game

on TV, slowly tearing license into little pieces, place in envelope and mail to game warden with clear instructions where to put it.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

We had a good time with cousin Curtis Russell and our good friend Lonnie Stevens of Dallas who were out for the pheasant hunt.

Martha Schilling has been in
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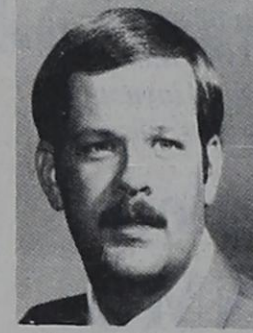
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Training Union-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting-7:30 p.m.



Rev. J.L. Bass

Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Service-7 p.m.



Rev. Wyatt Carpenter

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Sunday School-10:30 a.m.
Texas Time;
Morning Worship-11:30 a.m. Texas Time;
Church Training-7 p.m.
Texas Time
Evening Worship-8 p.m.
Texas Time;
Wednesday Night Meeting--8 p.m.



Rev. Bob Reid

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church

Sunday School-10 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Worship-6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study-6 p.m.



R. Joel Ware

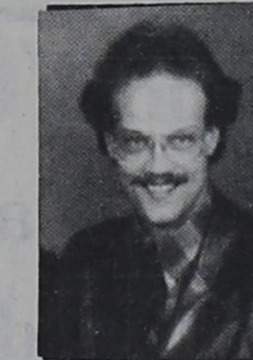
Pentecostal Holiness Church

Christian Life Center
Services--Sunday Morning
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Worship-11 a.m.
Evening-6 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday-7 p.m.



Bovina Methodist Church

Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
M.Y.F.-6 p.m.
Evening Worship-7 p.m.
Choir Practice--Wednesday, 8 p.m.



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Classes-9:45 a.m.
Worship-10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
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Auther Judd

St. John Lutheran Church

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.



Rev. Herman Schelter

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"What does a picture of camels have to do with Christmas, Miss Standifer? I thought Santa Claus always used reindeer!"



St. Ann's Catholic Church

Mass-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
CCD-After Mass Sunday
Confession: Sunday, 8-8:25 a.m.

Mission Bautista Belen

Escuela Dominical-9:45 a.m.
Mesaje-11:30 a.m.-Union De Pre Preparacion-5:30 p.m.
Miereoles Estudio De La Biblia-7:30 p.m.



Rev. Guadalupe Silva



MR. and MRS. FRANK HINKSON.... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkson of Lazbuddie will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception Thursday, December 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Lazbuddie Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The reception will be hosted by their children, Barbara Lust and Frank Hinkson II, of Lazbuddie, Carolyn Pilgrim of Baltimore, Maryland and Mike Hinkson of Turkey, Texas. Hinkson and the former Lavonne Mecham were married December 28, 1933 in the bride's home near Grand Island, Nebraska. They lived in Cairo, Nebraska for one year before moving to the Lazbuddie Community in 1934, where Hinkson farmed and ranched before retirement. The Hinksons also have nine grandchildren, Judy Lust Cooper of Spade; David, Mark and Tim Lust of Lazbuddie; Kurt and Karen Pilgrim of Baltimore; Trey and Tyla Hinkson of Lazbuddie; and Landon Hinkson of Turkey. No local invitations are being sent. The couple respectfully requests no gifts, please.

Mrs. Howard Completes Degree Work At ENMU

Montie D. Howell of Bovina is among 252 candidates who will complete graduation requirements from Eastern New Mexico University on December 17. Official graduation ceremonies will be conducted on May 11, 1984.

Mrs. Howell will receive a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, cum laude.

Fifteen Eastern students will receive associate degrees with 165 students receiving bachelor's degrees. There are 71 candidates for master's degrees and one candidate for an education specialist.

Students graduating with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 are graduated "summa cum

laude," while 3.7 to 3.79 grade point students are graduated "magna cum laude." "Cum laude" graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA with 3.3 to 3.59 GPA students graduating with "honors."

Class Has Christmas Party

The Rebecca Sunday School Class had their annual Christmas party Monday evening, December 5 at the home of Merle Morgan.

The group enjoyed Christmas carols, the Christmas story and played games.

Sandwiches, dip, Christmas cookies, fruit cake, hot apple cider

Scooter's Scoops....

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Lubbock spending time at the hospital with her dad, J.A. Decker, who's in critical condition. He is a patient in Saint Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Becky and Kendall Webb of Adrian have been in Bovina visiting their grandmothers, Bessie Webb and Sid Lloyd.

Herman and Edna Estes returned home Wednesday of last week after spending several months in Santa Anna with Herman's mother, Ollie Estes. They went to Santa Anna last August and Herman said they would be in Bovina until the last of January. They are glad to be home and both say they are feeling fine.

Herman and Mardee Grissom have been in Houston getting acquainted with their new grandson. Parents of the new youngster are Larry and Pat Grissom.

We understand the Bovina Feed Store, owned and managed by Norbert Schueler, has been purchased by Parmer County Spraying.

Norbert isn't sure about what he will be doing, but we wish him and Parmer County Spraying lots of good luck.

A.M. and Mary Jane Wilson had a good time with pheasant hunters, George Gourley of Brady, his wife Marie and their friend Ben Murry. George is the Wilsons' nephew. Mary Jane said they had a good hunt in spite of the windy day Saturday.

Fifth Grades Present Play

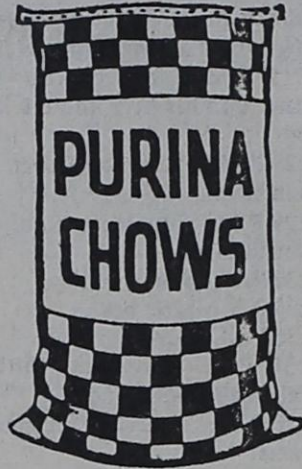
The Fifth Grade classes will be presenting a play, "A Christmas Carol," adopted from the popular classic by Charles Dickens. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. on December 20 in the Bovina High School auditorium.

Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Bradburn invite everyone to attend and watch as Grouchy Scrooge is transformed into a loving, generous man.

and coffee were served to members and guests: Merle Morgan, the hostess, Doris Lawlis, Doris Strawn, Edna Minyen, Alma Clayton, Artie Faye O'Hair, Gladys Wright, Amy Hromas, Lucille Walling, Nadine Paine, Bobby Cumpston, Doris Glasscock and guests, Flaura Lee Bass, Maggie Terry and Katie Stone.

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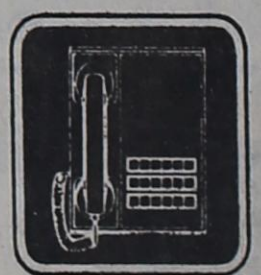
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FILLIES.... The 1983-84 Bovina High School Fillies have compiled a 6-2 season record in games to date. The Fillies placed third in the recent Vega tournament. In the back row, left to right are Coach Brax, Mary Eva DeLaRosa, Misti Boozer, Marie Pesch, Donell Garner, Stacey Whitecotton, Sonya Mayfield and Coach Lanham. In the front, left to right are Vickie Tamez, Shana Gober, Casey Riddle, Terisa Shepherd and Rande Cupit.

Mustangs Drop First Game

With their leading scorer watching from the sidelines, the Mustang basketballers suffered their first loss of the season last Friday night at Adrian.

Adrian took advantage of the pre-game injury to Richard Shepherd to score an 81-44 win over the Mustangs, who had beaten Adrian the previous week in an overtime

game.

Shepherd had pulled a muscle in pre-game warmups. He played only a short portion of the first quarter, then went to the bench with one basket and two points.

Adrian, meanwhile, took advantage of this turn of events to run up quarter leads of 25-6, 44-17 and 66-26. Only in the final quarter

did the Mustangs hold a scoring edge of 18-15.

Johnny Villarreal was the only member of the Mustang team to score in double figures, coming up with 11 points. Mattlock Howell added nine.

The previous Tuesday, the Mustangs had bombed Amherst, 77-31.

With the Ponies clicking on all cylinders, Bovina moved out to a 26-8 first quarter lead, and hiked that to 43-15 at the half.

Richard Shepherd clicked on 11 shots from the field, good for 22 points and high-point honors. Michael Shepherd was right behind with 19 points, and Tommy Hutto added ten points.

The Mustangs connected on 36 of 81 field goal attempts, a hot 44 per cent.

Fillies Hike Record

The Bovina High School Fillies raised their season record to six wins against only two losses by winning their two outings in the week which ended December 9.

The Fillies outlasted Amherst on Tuesday, 57-53. The game was a close one practically the whole way.

Bovina held a 16-13 lead after one quarter, and kept up their scoring pace, on baskets by Rande Cupit, Stacey Whitecotton and Marie Pesch, to hold a 33-29 halftime lead.

A good third quarter, in which the Fillies outscored the Bulldogs, 16-12, enabled the Fillies to take an eight-point lead at 49-41.

Miss Pesch led the Fillies in scoring with 16 points; Miss Cupit tallied 12 and Miss Whitecotton had ten points.

The Fillies sank 25 of 48 field goal attempts, a red-hot 52 per cent from the field.

On Friday at Adrian, the Fillies outscored the Adrian girls, 47-33.

A big second quarter, in which the Fillies outscored their hosts, 20-10, turned out to be a big factor in the outcome of the game. Adrian played the Bovina girls on even terms in the second half.

Marie Pesch with 13 points; Terisa Shepherd with 10 and Rande Cupit with 10 led the Bovina scoring parade.

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FILLIES	16	33	49	57	
Amherst	13	29	41	53	
Rande Cupit	5-0-10;	Stacey Whitecotton	5-0-10;	Sonya Mayfield	
3-0-6;	Shana Gober	2-2-6;	Marie Pesch	7-2-16;	
Terisa Shepherd	3-1-7.			
FILLIES	9	29	33	47	
Adrian	4	14	24	33	
Cupit	3-4-10;	Whitecotton	1-1-3;	M. DeLaRosa	
2-1-5;	Mayfield	2-0-4;	Gober	1-0-2;	
Pesch	5-3-15;	Shepherd	5-0-10.	

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MUSTANGS	26	43	60	77
Amherst	8	15	22	31
Richard Shepherd	11-0-22;	Henderson Griggs	3-0-6;	Tommy Hutto
4-2-10;	Johnny Villarreal	0-0-0;	Charles Johnson	1-0-2;
Blake Scaff	3-0-6;	Chet Hawkins	2-0-4;	Mattlock Howell
3-2-8;	Michael Shepherd	9-1-19.	
MUSTANGS	6	17	26	44
Adrian	25	44	66	81
R. Shepherd	1-0-2;	Griggs	2-0-4;	Hutto
1-1-3;	Villarreal	3-5-11;	Scaff	3-2-8;
Hawkins	1-0-2;	Howell	3-3-9;	M. Shepherd
3-1-7.			

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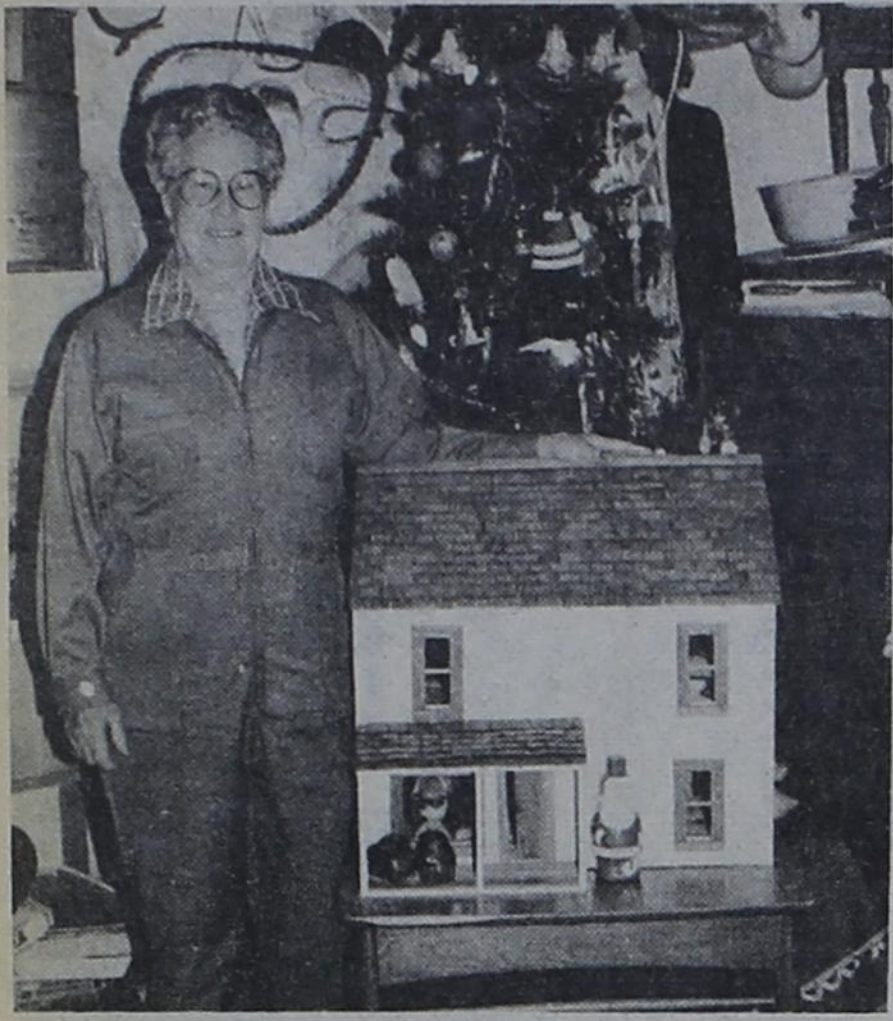
Why?
Well, for instance, let's look at a phone that will be used on a party-line. Since customers share a common line to the telephone company switching office, each phone has its own special ringing-cycle setting which allows the phone to know when it should ring on the party-line.

Even if you have a 'Private Line', you still may have problems.
Single-line customers may also have special dialing or ringing requirements that are not apparent. So, they purchase a new phone and sadly discover that it won't work. This is especially true for customers who may be considering a cordless telephone or even a universal dialing telephone, a clock radio that offers telephone access capability or any other special telephone service.

Trading in your dial phone could be asking for trouble.
The joy of owning your very own 'Touch Tone' phone could turn into tragedy if your phone line is designated for a dial or pulse phone. A pushbutton pulse phone will work on most lines, since it also duplicates the signal of a regular dial phone. However, a

Touch Tone' phone emits a 'beeping' tone that requires special equipment to recognize the signal. Some dial phones, even if you have Touch Call Service, are not compatible under certain circumstances.

So, if you decide to buy a new telephone, take the time to stop by your neighborhood GTE Phone Mart and see if your particular line has any special limitations. It could possibly save you a lot of frustration and money.



WINS PRIZE.... Marie Venable is pictured standing by the doll house she won in the bazaar held at the Body Connection's open house last Saturday, December 10. Door prizes given away were a single membership presented to Martha Stewart and a family membership given to Pam Norton of Farwell. About 100 people attended the bazaar.



ATTEND CONVENTION.... Parmer County Teachers Association attended the 50th Annual Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association for District XVI. Standing, left to right, delegates pictured are: Lee Witten, Sandra Turner, Karen Renner, Pat Turner and TSTA State President, Dale Young.

Youngsters Can Call Santa Now

Baptist Hospital this year is helping Santa Claus talk with area youngsters, through the courtesy of the hospital Auxiliary.

Joan Crum, president of the Auxiliary, said Santa will discuss the real meaning of Christmas and will come to the youngsters through the Tel-Med Program which is operated by the Auxiliary.

Youngsters should ask for Santa when they call the Tel-Med phone, 359-3112, Ms. Crum said. Santa is available 24 hours a day, as are the other recording of medical information.

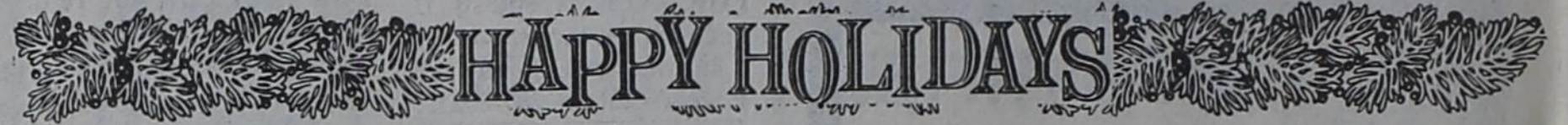


RENE C. ALONZO

BHS Graduate Is Promoted From USMC

Marine Lance Cpl. Rene C. Alonzo, son of Anita Alonzo of 205 Boyce St., Bovina, Texas, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

Cpl. Alonzo is now stationed in Hawaii. He is a 1979 graduate of Bovina High School.



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Around The House

By LAURA JACOBS

Family Reunion-- Pain or Pleasure?
During the holiday season most adults and children yearn to touch base with home and home folks. In today's mobile society, however, a family reunion can be a strong support for reaching out to the family's past and gaining insights for the future, or it can be the beginning of disharmony.

Four generation families are now common in the U.S. Young parents and their children do not ordinarily live with the grandparents, but the various generations usually keep in touch. When total families get together in reunion-settings, large numbers are commonplace. The more people, the more expensive the event.

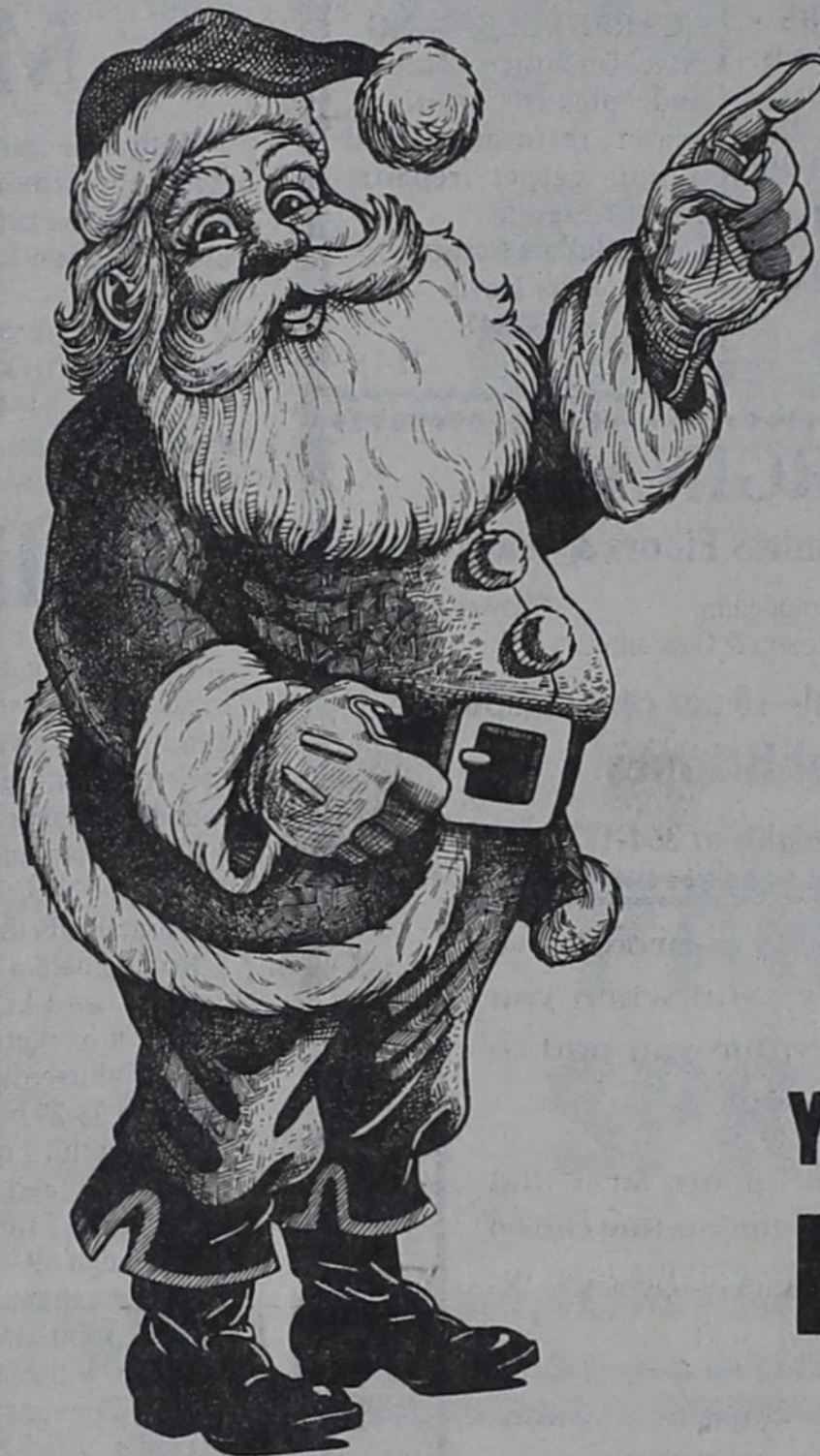
Mass kinfolk gatherings are fun but occasionally disappointing. To enjoy days of good will and personal growth, family reunions take planning. Food, lodging, special activities and events, entertainment items and time off from jobs are costly, especially if one family assumes an unequal share of the responsibilities.

Kin are very important in cultures when marriage is not mandated or the culture is accepting of singlehood. Kinfolks usually provide aid in situations of stress or deprivation. Belongingness and the sense of integrity are enhanced by kin gatherings, family history and symbols of family continuity.

Many psychologists today are looking at the effects the family of origin has on self-concept. Family therapists are encouraging families under stress to tackle unresolved emotional issues with the families in which they were raised. Reunions give stressed family members an opportunity to view family situations first-hand.

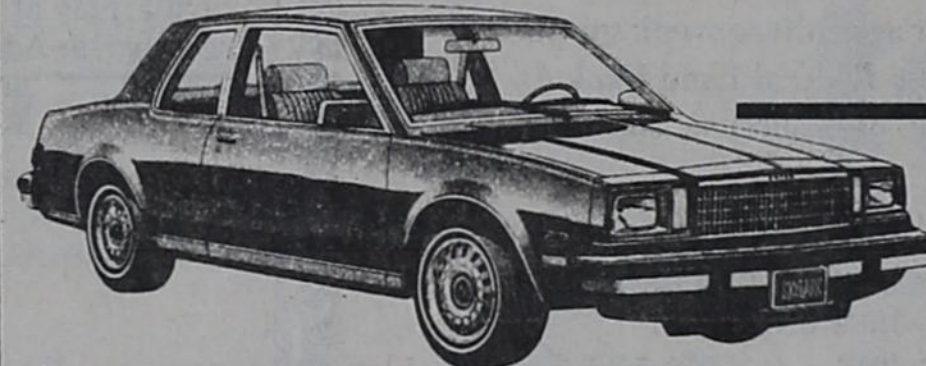
You can turn a family reunion into a positive experience by first accepting that you are a product of your family, even if you decide to be totally different from them. Using assertiveness, openness in communication and humor in responding to favorite and not-so-favorite kin are techniques most adults can use effectively.

Attend reunions with some detachment--allow time for privacy and pleasure for yourself. Most families love their relatives, but don't idolize them. An agenda-free, spontaneous family reunion facilitates good will and requires on one to move in a lock-step fashion.

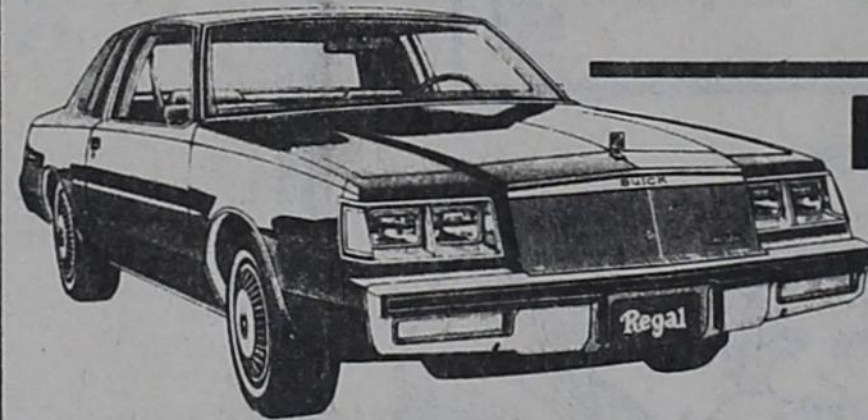


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