

Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis



THE FOLLOWING was brought to the Blade office by Joe Looney and had been published in the Groom newspaper. The article has appeared in other newspapers in small towns where folks are becoming increasingly concerned over the future of the small towns.

DECLINE OF A SMALL TOWN

By Marg Calder

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun,
Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun.
We'll buy by the case all under one roof,
And save lots, too, of that we have proof."
So they did just that for many a year,
And from the results never took any fear
Until one day they met once again
Standing uptown just out of the rain
"What's happening here!" cried one in dismay.
Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.
Then one scratched his head. The other said loud,
"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd.
My wife is real sick and right off her feet
I came for some drugs, some milk and some meat
The hospital is closed, the grocery store's too.
What in the world are we going to do?"
My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken."
The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'
"My car's a near wreck and my tires are low
I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go."
His friend had his head right down to his chest
"We're to blame," he murmured,
"On our heads it does rest,
"We passed this town for the glimmer of lights,
Buy stuff by the car load and took in the sights.
The city is busting and bursting with pride.
While all our own merchants just up and died.
The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.
I'll tell you old boy we're in for a test."
"We should have been smarter and wiser," they said.
"Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead."
"It's never too late, we've learned," someone did say.
But for the foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.
They parted at last as the wind turned cold,
And muttered, "Buy locally as this story is told."

Public Schools Week Set

Next week, March 2 through March 6, has been designated as Public School Week.
Open house will be held March 2 at the Ridgelea School from 2:30 until 3:30 for pre-kindergarten through first grade.
Grades 2-8 will observe open house at the Bovina School from 3-4 p.m.
The theme is "Share Our Success" and a science project will be on display.
Refreshments will be served in the Bovina School Cafeteria and everyone is invited to attend.

School Sets Spring Break

Bovina Schools will close three days next week for Spring break.
Classes will dismiss Tuesday, March 6 at 2:43 p.m. and buses will run one hour early.
School will resume classes at regular time Monday morning, March 9.



SNOW SCULPTURE...Some resident of Bovina made a snowman and snow woman this past weekend. The area received its second big snowfall of the season.

Sales Totals Fall By Over \$20,000

Figures released this week by Dale Schueler indicated that the auction sale at the 1987 Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show was down by \$20,289 from the sale totals of 1986.
The 1987 sale totals were \$54,502.72. This compared to a total of \$74,791.80 the year before.
The floor totals for the 1987 sale were \$12,562.68 (included in the totals). The floor totals for 1986 were \$7,986.05.
The 1987 totals were off by approximately 27 per cent from the previous year's sale.



DENNIS CRAIG ELLISON

Ellison's Rites Held

Funeral services for Dennis Craig Ellison, 34, of Mineral Wells, were held Monday, February 23, at The Vineyard Church, 416 N. Oak.

Burial was in the Sturdivant Cemetery with Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ellison died Friday, February 20, in Fort Worth. He was born April 19, 1952 in Clovis, N.M., the son of Howard L. and M. June (Jester) Ellison. He attended school in Bovina.

He and Deborah Hawkins were married July 30, 1970 in Lubbock. He came to Mineral Wells in 1978. He served in the Air Force during the Viet Nam war. He worked as an Inventory Controlman at Bell Helicopter for eight months, and was a member of the Early Bird's Lion Club and The Vineyard Church.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Ellison of Mineral Wells; son, Craig Ellison of Mineral Wells; daughter, Holly Ellison of Mineral Wells; parents, Howard and June Ellison of Logan, N.M.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Betty Hawkins of Mineral Wells; brother and sister-in-law, Mickey and Shirley Ellison of Plano; sister and brother-in-law, Shella and Kenneth Early of Round Rock; grandparents, Buck and Dorothy Ellison of Bovina and Randolph and Winnie Jester of Lawton, Oklahoma; numerous aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Society Makes Plans For Sausage Meal

The St. Ann's Society held their monthly meeting on February 17 with seven members present.

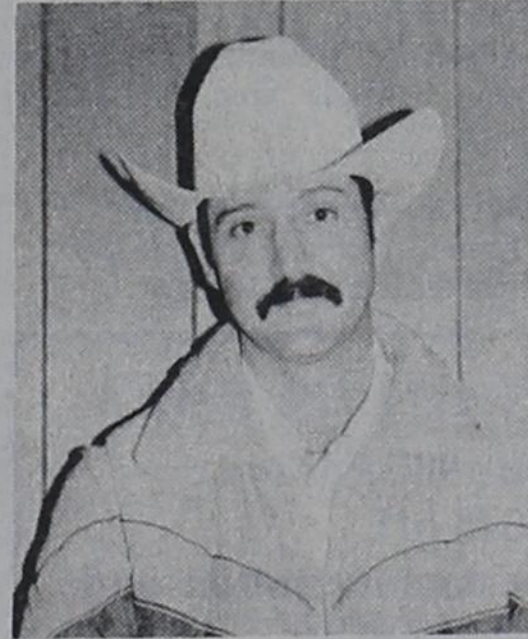
The sausage dinner was discussed and it was set for March 22.

Sausage will be made Friday, March 20 at the home of Joe and Eunice Schilling. Everyone was told of their duties for the day of the dinner.

The Society will be helping with Confirmation in April.

Literature was handed out on the renew program.

Refreshments were served by Lorena DeLeon.



RAY SPENCE

City's Tax Check Shows Increase

The City of Bovina received a sales tax check in the amount of \$3,379.50 for the period ended January 30, 1987.

The check represented an increase of \$140 from the same period a year earlier, an increase of 4.3 per cent.

So far in 1987, the city government has received two checks totalling \$4,417.11, compared to \$4,344.70 at the same time a year earlier. The increase for the year is \$73.00, or 1.67 per cent.

Bovina was the only Parmer County municipality showing an increase over the previous year in its current check.

Frona's check, for \$14,672.48, was down by \$437 from the total of \$15,109.48 it had received in 1986. Farwell received a check for \$4,024, which was \$200 less than the check for \$4,224.80 it had received in 1986.

JOHN ERICKSON

Speaker Is Named For Chamber Fete

Nationally known author and humorist, John Erickson, will entertain at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will sell for \$7.50.

Publishing through his own company, Maverick Books, Erickson has written the popular "Hank the Cowdog" series about the humorous antics of canine head of ranch security. The first book of the series, "Hank the Cowdog," was produced as an animated feature for CBS Storybreak.

In addition to the Hank series, Erickson has written a number of books dealing with the traditions and life of the cowboy. He examines the day to day job of the modern Texas cowboy from the point of view of a man that has



JOHN ERICKSON

been a cowhand in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Erickson has also published a collection of cowboy humor and

tales. "The Devil in Texas," "Cowboys are Partly Human," "Alkali County Tales," and "Cowboys Are A Separate Species" have received wide acclaim throughout the western ranch country.

A recent effort is the biography of Ace Reid, the creator of "Cowpokes" cartoons. This combination of two of the most popular humorists of our day resulted in a book that brings the comic genius of Ace Reid to life.

Latest releases from Erickson are the seventh book in the Hank the Cowdog series and a cowboy tradition book titled "Cowboy Country."

Erickson is a native of Perryton, Texas, and lives there with his wife, Kristine, and their three children, Scot, Ashley and Mark. He has spoken to groups all over the United States and Canada. He has lectured at the Library of Congress and is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, the Philosophical Society of Texas, and a board member of the Western Writers of America.

Area To Recognize Agriculture Week

For the sixth straight year, the story of agriculture is told to the American public during National Agriculture Week, March 15-21, and hosted by Elanco Products Company.

"Farmers...Entrepreneurs" is an upbeat, positive, and positively inspiring half-hour program showing how farmers are succeeding through innovative marketing, management and association work.

Glamorous, talented, and pro-American agriculture, Louise Mandrell narrates "Farmers...Entrepreneurs."

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"These farmers, and thousands more like them, are all 'farmers...and entrepreneurs.'"

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Dwight and Lee Ann Caswell

Spence Is Officer In Bovina

Ray Spence, 32, began his duties last week as police officer in the city of Bovina.

Spence moved here from Frona where he served on the Police Department for four months.

He graduated from Pampa High School but calls Wheeler, Texas his home.

He attended the Police Academy at Amarillo College from May until October. He was third in his graduating class of twenty-two students.

Officer Spence says he will enforce the law the way it was written and is happy to be in Bovina.

McCains To Entertain At Farwell

The McCain Brothers will be entertaining at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce Banquet which will be held March 14 at the Farwell Community Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale in Farwell at the United Drug Store and the State Line Tribune, for \$7.50 each.

The McCain Brothers are Ben and Butch McCain, sons of Leslie and Rose McCain of Bovina.

who produce grapes, wines, and orchard produce from 64 acres in California talks of marketing and puts the greatest emphasis on marketing! He offers customers a 'wine of the month' club, develops regular repeat business.

He said, "I think marketing is almost everything in agriculture. We knew from the beginning that if we didn't do something creative with the marketing we weren't going to make any money at all. Farmers in general in this area are getting more and more into specialty crops and trying to identify small areas of the marketing, for example, top end restaurants. Our marketing practices may seem a bit avant-garde to some, but the small farmer needs these kinds of ideas--and more! --to survive."

Dave Nichols of the Nichols Farms Purebred Cattle, Genetics, of Adair County, Iowa says that management is so very important and his story focuses on positive, entrepreneurial thinking, progressive thinking and especially good employee relations.

He said, "It's so exciting that I don't think we can even fathom. My dad is 81 and he was able to see transitions from horse power to tractor power and from manure to fertilizer and so on. He really believes that agriculture is going to see more changes in the next five years than his dad did in his entire lifetime!"

You are asked to watch your TV Guide for further notice as to when the shows will air during the week of March 15-21.

Area Is Hit With Snowfall

Once again, Bovina has received some moisture. About eight inches of snow has been recorded and began falling late last Wednesday night. This continued for three days and nights.

Sunday was a clear day with rising temperatures. Sunday was the first day in a week that the sun shined all day.

Travelers' advisories for the area were posted during the snow, but roads were not closed. School continued at regular time.

The snow was very wet and the ground had not had time to dry from the snows and rains of previous weeks.

A week ago last Thursday evening, the area had a cluster of spring-like thundershowers through our area and spectacular displays of lightning. About .30 of an inch of rain was recorded in Bovina.

On Monday of this week, clouds moved in and rain is once again in the forecast.

Chamber Ballots Are Due

Ballots for directors on the Chamber of Commerce will have to be in by March 1.

Directors whose terms expire this year are Debra Beauchamp, Bob Owen, Billy Whitecotton, Tammy Willard and Frances Willard.

Holdover members are Pat Read, Denise Anderson, Virginia Rhodes, Trish Sherrill, Richard Fox, Joe Rackley, Kregg Wilson, Gladys Spring and Richard Villarreal.

It was a decision of the Chamber to increase the number of directors to twenty members in three years time. This year five directors' terms will expire and seven will replace them.

Those running this year are Artie Kunselman, Joe Jones, Terri Sorley, Virgie Cary, Don Bandy, Al Kerby Jr., Jeff Steelman, Dudley Hughes, Gregg Bell, Mary Treinen and Robert Wilson.

The annual banquet will be held Thursday, March 19, and those winning the awards for man and woman of the year, teacher, and boy and girl of the year will be announced at that time.

Names Are Added To Local Races

The Blade has learned that there are two persons who have filed for two positions on the Bovina ISD Board of Trustees, and there are five names in the hat for city offices, two of which have filed for re-election.

In the school board race, those who have filed are Dickie Steelman and Norma Whitten. The deadline for filing for these positions is March 4 and the election will be held April 4.

In the city race, five persons have filed for the positions of alderman and they include two incumbents, Leon Ware and Keith Knight, who are seeking re-election. Others in the race include Joe Jones, Earl Whitten and Anita Guest.

Members of the School Board are Steve Sherrill, Don Teague, Mike Beauchamp, Dickie Clayton and Jon Lin Riddle.

Members of the City Council are Keith Knight, Ruben Uriegas, Leon Ware, John Dixon and T-Bone Treinen.

Double Ring Vows Unite Laura Ellis, Tim Valentine

Laura Ann Ellis and Timothy John Valentine of Clovis, New Mexico, were united in marriage in a Valentine's Day wedding ceremony at 2 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Clovis. Rev. Jeff Bloom of Grace Bible Church officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis of Friona. The groom is the son of Mrs. Marie Valentine and the late Glenn Valentine of Omaha, Nebraska.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, was presented in marriage by her parents. She wore her mother's wedding gown which featured a bateau neckline of beaded ivory lace with fitted lace bodice and dropped waistline. Long pointed lace sleeves were topped with a pouf of ivory taffeta. The formal-length skirt of silk taffeta was banded with chantilly lace and ended in a ruffle of tulle with a short brush train. Her ivory fingertip veil was attached to a Grecian wreath of pearl-embroidered leaves which centered in a pearl drop on the forehead. She carried a cascade bouquet of fresh red and white roses, stephanotis and ivy intertwined with strands of pearls. The bride presented a rose to her mother and mother-in-law during the service.

The altar was decorated with brass candelabras, white candles and baskets of white gladioli on pillars entwined with ivy.

The mothers were escorted into the sanctuary and assisted in lighting their unity candles by their sons. Mrs. Ellis was escorted by Stanley Ellis. Mrs. Valentine was escorted by David Valentine.

Joan Lindeman of Crown Point, New Mexico was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Donna Valentine, sister-in-law of the groom, from Dallas and Toni Valentine, sister of the groom from Omaha, Nebraska. The attendants wore tea-length gowns of red moire taffeta with fitted lace

bodice and large pouf sleeves. They carried nosegays of red and white carnations.

Flower girl was Christen Valentine, niece of the groom, from Dallas. Candelighters were Richard Ellis, brother of the bride, and Janet Baxter. The girls wore identical red taffeta tea-length dresses.

Best man was Paul Rigney of Cannon Air Force Base. Groomsmen were David Valentine, brother of the groom from Dallas, and Stanley Ellis, brother of the bride, from Lubbock. Ushers were Scott Snipes of Clovis, New Mexico and Mark Larkin of Omaha, Nebraska.

Sandy Spring of Canyon presided at the guest register.

Eva Miller presented the organ prelude, processional and recessional and provided background music for the reception. Joyce Rucker of Clovis played the piano accompaniment for the vocal soloists. Laura Heiman of Clovis sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." Jim Lynch of Clovis sang "More." During the Unity Candle service, the groom sang "Security" to his bride.

At the reception held in the church fellowship hall, guests were served cake, punch, coffee and hors d'oeuvres of fruit and cheese from an ivory covered table with gold appointments. Four heart-shaped cakes formed the base of the four-tier red and white wedding cake. Gold candelabra with the bride's and attendants' bouquets completed the table arrangements. Hostess duties were performed by Stacy Snipes, Jan Hutchinson, Ann McCroskey, Laura Heiman, Doris Cogdill and Jo Ann Paul, all of Clovis.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of Friona High School. She attended WTSU, was in the cast of TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon and a member of the Lone Star Ballet Company of Amarillo. She was in



Mrs. Tim Valentine

the Miss Texas Pageant in 1981. Recently she has served as a flight attendant for American Airlines, and is currently employed as secretary of the First Church of the Nazarene in Clovis.

For a wedding trip to Hawaii and England, the new Mrs. Valentine wore a white wool suit with an orchid corsage. The couple will reside in Clovis, where the groom is co-owner and manager of the New Mexico Trade Exchange and is involved in various business interests.

BRIDAL COURTESIES

Bridal showers were given in Clovis and Friona for the couple. Mrs. Glen Ray Klebold and Mrs. Oneta Houck hosted the Clovis

shower in Mrs. Klebold's home. In Friona, the shower held in the home of Mrs. Lee Spring was hosted by: Mrs. John Baxter, Mrs. Dean Blackburn, Mrs. Danny Campbell, Mrs. Roy Clements, Mrs. Leon Coffey, Mrs. Jim Dixon, Mrs. Glenn Floyd, Mrs. Dale Hart, Mrs. B.J. Mercer, Mrs. Lee Spring, Miss Sandy Spring and Mrs. Jim Tucker.

A pre-nuptial dinner for members of the wedding party and their spouses was hosted by the groom at Cannon AFB Officers Club on February 13, following the rehearsal at the church.

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REFLECTIONS

...from The Bovina Blade

30 YEARS AGO--FEB. 27, 1957

Bovina Jaycees have purchased a spraying machine to be used in the Bovina area to aid in the control of flies and mosquitoes during the summer months.

With four lettermen returning from last year's team, Coach Bob Willis got track workouts underway Monday afternoon. A total of 26 boys reported for the opening day's session.

Bovina chapter of the Order of Eastern Star honored Masons and their ladies with a smorgasbord dinner Thursday evening at the Masonic Hall.

Norman Killough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Killough, will play with Clarendon Jr. College basketball team next week at the state JC basketball tournament.

Parmer County Shrine members will play an important role in organization of a new three-county Shrine Club, according to Hugh Moseley of Farwell. An estimated 25-30 Shriners and their ladies will attend an organizational meeting in Hereford Monday evening.

25 YEARS AGO--FEB. 28, 1962

With deadline a week away, only three men are seeking election to Bovina Schools' board of trustees. They are incumbents Tom Caldwell, Thomas Beauchamp and Dean McCallum.

Stage is set for Bovina FFA's seventh annual livestock project show. It will be Saturday at the school show barn on Eighth Street.

Bovina's city commission has been petitioned to call an election to change city government to alderman form to replace the present commission form.

20 YEARS AGO--MARCH 1, 1967

Mrs. Mary Woltmon, resident of Parmer County for 51 years, will be 100 years old March 16. A reception honoring her life span of a century will be held on Sunday, March 19, from 2-6 p.m. at her home.

Rain, the first of 1967, fell here Sunday and Sunday night. The total was slight--.09 inch.

A total of \$500 in groceries will be given away at Wilson's Super Market Saturday during that business institution's 20th anniversary celebration and Young Mother Hubbard Shurline sale.

Four FFA chapter members from Bovina are entering projects in the Houston Livestock Show this week.

15 YEARS AGO--MARCH 1, 1972

Bovina schools will dismiss for the Easter holiday at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, according to an announcement from L.F. Jacobs, superintendent.

Dan Koelzer was elected fire chief of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting Monday night in the fire station.

Farmers in Texas are plowing less and enjoying it more, thanks to a new conservation measure being pushed by the Soil Conservation Service, according to Herb Evans, district conservationist for the SCS at Friona.

Reduced air pollution and better wildlife habitat are some of the environmental benefits of the new practice being used by conservation farmers in this area.

10 YEARS AGO--MARCH 2, 1977

During the severe windstorm Tuesday, February 22, a hangar at Aero Farm Chemicals, Pleasant Hill, was completely destroyed. Winds were estimated to have been between 75-90 miles per hour.

It is announced that the Rev. Ricky Parker is the new pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He comes from New Zion Baptist Church of Ector, Texas.

Army Private Daniel J. Lusk, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Lusk, Bovina, recently completed with honors the Dial Central Office Repair course at the U.S. Army Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

5 YEARS AGO--MARCH 3, 1982

New all-metal boxes have been installed at the Bovina Post Office.

Rev. Guadalupe Silva was presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to construct a new building for the Spanish Baptist Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Johnston celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with a reception at their home in Friona. The Johnstons lived the first twenty-four years of their marriage, farming north of Bovina.

Sid Lloyd's daughter, Julia Ann, was hospitalized for a few days in the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.



NOTICE

Stock Show Exhibitors:
If you have not picked up the pictures taken by Donna Schueler of all sale animals at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show, call

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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



We had snow falling for three days and nights and a beautiful day Sunday. This week it looks like spring time and rain is in the forecast.

Our hearts were saddened this week when we received news about Dennis Ellison's death. He was such a sweet young man and we count it a privilege having known him and his precious family.

Dennis was returning home from work when his vehicle was stalled on the railroad tracks and he was struck by an oncoming train. Services were held in Mineral Wells.

We express our sympathies to his wife and children, Deborah, Craig and Holly. Also, to his grandfather, Buck Ellison, his parents, Howard and June Ellison of Logan, New Mexico, and his wife's parents, Harold and Betty Hawkins of Mineral Wells.

Dennis was loved by everyone who knew him and we understand a restaurant in Mineral Wells catered a meal for the family.

V.H. Fisher once wrote, "The deeper that sorrow carves into your heart, the greater capacity you may have for containing the joys of tomorrow." We pray that God will be a comfort to this family during these days.

Lowell Primrose was in the office this week and brought me an article telling about the accident that happened to his son, Jerry, some twenty-four years ago. Jerry lives with his parents and is living proof that "where there's a will, there's a way."

Jerry was employed as a driver's examiner at the Farmington office of the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles prior to the tragic accident on December 22, 1963 when he was struck by a drunk driver. Jerry remained unconscious at San Juan Hospital hovering between life and death.

When Jerry regained consciousness, he found that he could not speak and his words came out in an

unintelligible jumble. He could barely see, since his injury had left him with double vision. His body control was completely gone and he could not even feed himself.

Through physical therapy, Jerry can once more speak, slowly, but distinctly. His vision has improved and he is able to read. The doctors were amazed at his recovery since they had not given them much hope for much improvement in his condition.

Lowell said that his son had never been bitter about the accident and had never shown a time that he was depressed. His courage and determination have been an inspiration to those who know and love him.

Wendol Christian of Bovina, Carl Kirkland, Martin Chandler, Ed Corn and Charles Aycock, all of Farwell, took a group of Boy Scouts to Santa Fe for a weekend of good skiing. There were eighteen Boy Scouts and the group took sleeping bags and stayed in the Methodist Church at Santa Fe.

Said the snow was great and they enjoyed a good trip. They arrived in Santa Fe Friday and came home Sunday evening.

Crystal Trim, 12-year-old daughter of Truman and Barbara Trim, spent four days in the Clovis High Plains Hospital having tests run. Her mother said she has not completely recovered and may have to return for more tests.

Elmer Patton of Ballinger has been hospitalized in Abilene and underwent exploratory surgery. His daughter, Juanda Murphy, has been with him. She returned to Bovina for a few days and is now back in Ballinger with her dad, who may have to have surgery at a later day.

We enjoyed visiting with our new police officer, Ray Spence,

Baby Shower Set Friday

Pam Heinrich and new son, Justin, will be honored with a baby shower Friday, February 27 at the First State Bank Community Room from 3-4:30 p.m.

Hostesses are Juanda Murphy, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Dorothy Sorley, Irma Jo Englant, Carolyn Pruitt, Suez Smith, Judy Hodnett, Laqueta Garner, Velma Grisham, Phyllis Steelman, Nita Dale and Sandra Clayton.

who began his duties last week. Ray said he would be enforcing the law the way it was written and would work with the people of Bovina for a better town.

Tessie Jones, who was hospitalized in the Clovis High Plains Hospital is in room 442 and can have visitors. Her condition has improved some, according to her son, Joe.

Susan Kerby's grandmother, Ruth Bass, underwent heart surgery two weeks ago. She has not regained consciousness and her condition is critical. Susan has spent time in Lubbock with her.

Margaret Terry and her sister, Louise Christian, drove to Grady, New Mexico on Sunday and had lunch at the Grady Baptist Church. The people were together to honor Brother Hoyet Welch of Clovis who had been serving as interim pastor of the church in Grady. After the meal, the ladies visited with longtime friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Borden. George was celebrating his 103rd birthday. The Terrys pastored for five years in Grady, several years ago.

Ralph Roming of Austin and his daughter, Diane Allen of Littlefield, and her children were in Bovina last Friday and had lunch with friends, Robert and Emmagene Calaway.

We enjoyed visiting this week

Letter To The Editor

Archer City, Texas 76351
February 19, 1987

Dear Editor:

Is this happening in your community? Due to recent circumstances in our rural community, Archer City, Texas, our attention has been drawn to the questionable sanctions imposed upon the doctors of rural areas, in particular, by the Texas Medical Foundation's Peer Review Organization. The criteria set down by this organization is so stringent that no physician could possibly be in compliance with all aspects included.

These sanctions in many cases will result in the closing of many rural hospitals, leaving a large percentage of our population without immediate medical care.

I am interested in finding out how many other communities share our same problems.

Only by cooperation of all Texans and their legislators can something be done to rectify this situation. Many of the legislators are aware of the problem and are investigating the workings of the Federally Funded Texas Medical Foundation.

Due to the stigma this imposes upon the physician the public is not always aware of the situation until it is too late.

We're fighting for our doctor, R.D. Schlomach, M.D. and our hospital, Archer County Hospital. I hope you will be equally as concerned because this could be pertinent to you, your physician and your hospital(s).

The number of hospitals closed January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986 is 25. A large number of Texas doctors have been sanctioned and many more are waiting official sanctions. If the hospital or hospitals in your county and/or town are presently being threatened, or any of the doctors are being investigated and/or sanctioned I would like to hear from you.

This letter could be written about "Your Doctor and Your Hospital," so please let your voice be heard by writing your legislators in both Texas and Washington along with letters to:

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen
Attn.: Wanda Garcia
961 Federal Bldg.
300 E. 8th St.
Austin, TX. 78701

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm
Room 179 Russell Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sincerely A Concerned Citizen,
Pauline Patrick
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with Dutch Quickel of Farwell and a former Bovina resident. He wanted to invite everyone to the Chamber Banquet in Farwell which will be March 14, and the McCain Brothers will entertain.

SMILE:

A woman in California had grown zucchini squash in her garden and decided to try to sell them to people passing on the highway beside her house. She put out a sign, "Zucchini for sale." A week went by and there was no response.

She decided to give them away so she posted a sign, "Free Zucchini." Shortly after the sign was out a man passing by, shook his fist at her and said, "Free him nothing, I say hang Zucchini!"

If you have company, have been out of town, have someone in the hospital or know of any news of interest for the Scoops...give us a call...Thanks and have a great week...Scooter.

Local 4-H Shooters Do Well

Results from a four-state 4-H Light Rifle Postal match have been returned and they are as follows: County level sub-junior, first place, Jamie Graves; second place, Andy Stormes; third place, Cain Neal; and fourth place, Wayne Stormes.

In the senior division, Byron Neal won first place on the county level.

State level best finishers were: sub-junior division, seventh, Jamie Graves; eighth place, Andy Stormes; and ninth place, Cain Neal.

In the senior division, Byron Neal placed eighth in state competition.

The youngsters used the target at the Tony Neal home which has a bullet catcher on back. They had to shoot 22 rifles under six pounds weight.

The states included were Texas, Virginia, New Mexico and Minnesota. The match was sponsored by the Saginaw 4-H of Tarrant County, Texas.

Windbreak Trees Are Available

Windbreak trees and trickle irrigation systems can still be ordered through the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The district technicians can help you with your design and give you an estimate of cost. This service is free of charge.

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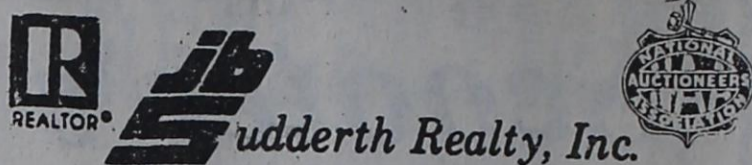
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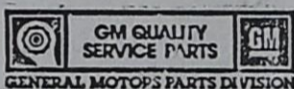
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CCD-After Mass Sunday

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting-7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship-11 a.m.

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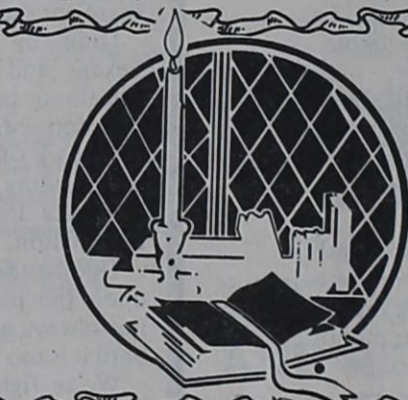
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