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Bovina, Texas

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Pemperatures Drop As Spring Approaches

WHITTLIN

By DOLPH MOTEN

***************** Elsewhere on this page in this week's issue of The Blade is the picture of the Parmer County oil well which we promised a couple of weeks ago.

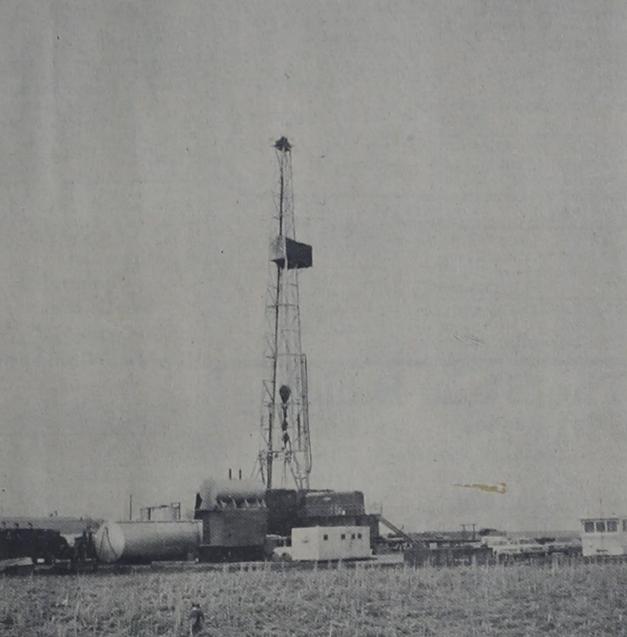
The drilling rig, evidently going full speed down, is located on the J. C. Redwine farm some 12 miles southeast of Bovina, a mile or so inside the Lazbuddie school district.

We feel about the deal about like the little boy looking at the moon. "There it is" and that's about all we know.

Tom Beauchamp, who farms neighbors to Redwine, assisted us in getting the picture. He kept us informed about how the progress of the rig setting up was coming along and then went with us one afternoon this week to get said picture.

Tom says he's interested in getting the same outfit to drill just four producing wells for him just as soon as they bring in this one they're working on now for Redwine.

The drilling rig is set up within a few yards of the Redwines' house. Signs are placed on the driveway approaching the rig pointing out that "unauthorized personnel" are to keep out. Members of our picture-making crew didn't figure they were "unauthorized"



Snow Flurries Termed

Snow and cold temperatures continued to write March weather history in the Bovina area during the past week, although little benefit was received from moisture.

The weather was considered somewhat unseasonable since Spring is officially less than two weeks away.

Two snows the past seven days left only traces of moisture, while residents shivered as thermometers fell before their average for this time of year.

Two and one-half inches of snow covered the ground early Wednesday morning of last week causing slick highways both Tuesday night and the following morning.

For Council --

Three candidates will appear on the ballot for two positions in the city election April 5.

Candidates are Vernon Estes, Edward Isaac and Vernon Willard.

Three others were also filed by petition for places on the ballot, Johnie Horn, Lewis McDaniel and Neal Mager, but all three declined to seek election and withdrew their names.

At the deadline Wednesday of last week, five candi-

dates had been officially filed for two seats on the

school board of Bovina Independent School District.

Tommy Williams was filed by petition Wednesday

Williams joins Earl Whitten, Charles Smith, Thomas

as a candidate for school trustee, signed by Norvell

Strawn, J. T. Hammonds, J. E. Sherrill, Glenden Sud-

derth, O. T. Lawlis and Billy Harbison.

School Board --



Only a trace of moisture was measured by Weatherman

Classes were called off at Bovina Schools that day.

Monday snow flurries brought little moisture with a

possible quarter-inch of snow, Williams said. Snow fell

Temperature stood at 12 degreeshere Monday morning

The 1968-'69 winter, fast drawing to a close, has yet

to see a good, wet snow or a ground-soaking rain.

However, by noon the snow had melted.

and at 14 degrees Tuesday morning.

Estes and Isaac are the councilmen whose terms expire this year.

The possibility of write-in candidates was also being discussed among some city residents this week.

Holdover members of the council include Mayor Bedford Caldwell, who has another year to serve on his present term, Billie Sudderth, Charles Corn and Lloyd Gober, councilmen.

to do anything after reading the sign and thinking over the freely-offered advice.

We can assure the people in charge, if necessary, that we won't expose any secrets they might have in regard to the drilling, because we didn't learn any, if for no other reason.

While oil drilling is a rarity in Parmer County, this certainly isn't the first well to be drilled here. Oldtimers remember that some drilling went on back in pre-World War | Banquet Planned --II days and other attempts to strike oil have been made across the county in the past 20 or so years. But at that, the number of wells drilled could be counted on the fingers of one hand ---- both hands, at the most, according to information we've been able to unofficially obtain.

Here's hoping this effort meets with more success than have those in the past.

As usual, we were flirting with trouble when we commented in this space last week on the mild weather of this winter.

After writing flattering Commerce and Agriculture by comments about the weather board of directors at a dinner on Monday----two days before meeting Thursday in Bovina it appeared in print----we Restaurant. were afraid the column would be delivered to subscribers in a blizzard.

As luck would have it, and Mrs. A. M. Wilson is the though, the storm was over new secretary. and the sun was shining by Wednesday afternoon, when had appeared a few hours earl- | cafeteria were placed on sale. ier that we would. We said, These may be obtained from if we remember correctly, any director or at the office that a storm this time of the of Bob Fillpot, manager, for year wouldn't last for a long \$3.50 each. period of time and that snow would normally be melted in 24-hours.

back.

We were a long way out of our department, in the first place, and will attempt to refrain from such bold comments about such a risky subject in the future.

* * * * The airport business is good.

Less than a year ago, this community had exactly none. Now, we have three either in use or nearing completion. The fast development of the

OIL COUNTRY -- An unusual sight in agriculture-dominated Parmer County is this oil well drilling rig which is in action on the J. C. Redwine farm four miles south and eight miles east of Bovina. The rig was set up and went to work last week. Texaco reportedly holds the oil lease on a block of land in that section of the county.

Charles Smith New Chamber President

Charles Smith was named at the planning session Thurshead of Bovina Chamber of day.

Earl Whitten will serve the feature. next year as vice president

the Blade was mailed and we quet scheduled for Thursday, ready begun its work for the Carey. didn't look as foolishly as it March 20, in Bovina Schools annual event.

Approximately 300 people wishing we could take it all ceremonies. He was a guest derth.

which have been a drawing including J. D. Kirkpatrick, Wilson, is a housewife. card the past few years at the Lewis McDaniel, Neal Mager,

banquet, will again be the menu Mrs. Ola Lee Jones and Mrs. Pat Jacobs.

They succeed members Charles Smith is chairman whose terms expire, Mrs. G. of the food committee. Mrs. D. Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Rob-Robert Wilson reported the ert E. Wilson, James Roach, Tickets for the annual ban- decorations committee has al- Tom Beauchamp and Kenneth

> Another new director has been added to the list, Billy Plans have also been made Smith, who fills the vacancy for providing better seating of Jamie Clearman, who is arrangements this year. Last

year the 283 people attending moving. Roach has served the past became an over-flow crowd. year as president of the org-Highlighting the banquet anization. T. C. Wiseman has are expected to attend the again this year will be the been vice president and Mrs. Maybe that was reasonably event when John W. Warner, presentation of the "Man and Robert E. Wilson, secretary. safe to say, but it seemed Pampa attorney, appears as Woman of the Year" awards The new president of Bomighty risky there for a while the guest speaker. Leslie Mc- by last year's recipients, Mrs. vina Chamber of Commerce early last week and we were Cain will serve as master of Betty Hawkins and Billie Sud- and Agriculture is manager of Union Compress and Ware-

New directors, elected last house. Whitten, vice presi- Center, Inc. Monday night. week by mail ballot, met with dent, is an accountant for holdover directors and out- Sherley Grain Company. The

Charcoal-broiled steaks, going members of the board, new secretary, Mrs. A. M. passed in order for the corp-

Pentecostal **Church Sets Revival Here**

This will be approximately The Bovina Pentecostal \$460 from the former Bovina Holiness Church will hold a Jaycees, who deposited the revival beginning Sunday, money for the purpose of aid-March 16, and continuing ing with construction of a through March 30. swimming pool if such was

Mrs. Nonie Ezell from Mid- done within one year. land will be the evangelist. She is president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Great Plains Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. medical center. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 Monday

through Saturday. On Sunday clude utility and repairs, to-Mrs. Ezell will speak at the tal \$118.27. Balance on hand 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services. in the bank on March 10 was

For Tax Exemption --

Rhodes, Jr. and Don Murphy on the school ballot Election is set for Saturday, April 5.

Two members will be elected. Terms of Grady Sorley, board president who did not choose to run again, and Don Murphy, vice president, expire this spring.

Holdover members of the board include Lawrence Jamerson, Dean McCallum, Eddie Gayle Steelman, Leon Ware and Leslie McCain.

Clinic Board Okays Additional By-Law

A by-law change and review \$80.58. In addition, a fran- jects, except for that money of finances was the business chise tax of \$90.75 will be- raised on a "loan" basis. conducted by the board of di- | come due May 1, according to | rectors of Bovina Medical Mrs. Earl Whitten.

is merely a formality to aid in Addition to the by-laws was insuring tax exemption. made by the board, stating,

"In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, all Trustee properties therein remaining and owned by said corporation shall be conveyed by it and Absentee set over to any other nonilar character, or to a public Voting Set

By Willie

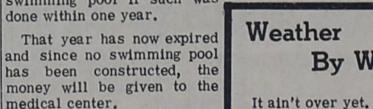
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profit organization of a simbody for use as a medical facility or for some other public purpose to be operated

Parmer County, Texas." If the building were sold, receipts would be non-profit and used for other such pro-

More Winter.

More moisture.



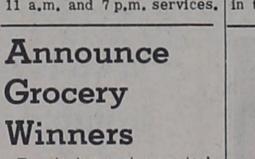
Bills outstanding, which in-

Directors said the change

Absentee voting in the school board election will bewithin the City of Bovina, gin Monday, March 17, and continue through April 1, according to L. F. Jacobs, superintendent.

Since the election falls this war on the day before Easter Sunday, and a long weekend will be observed by Bovina Schools, those who plan to be out of town should cast an absentee ballot, Jacobs suggested.

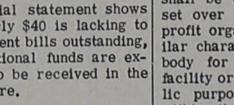
Absentee votes may be cast in the office of Mrs. Zoe Clary, school tax assessorcollector in Ridgelea Elementary School.



Twenty-two customers took home \$20 in groceries Saturday during the last day of Wilson Super Market's 22nd anniversary sale. The anniversary celebration, combined with the Young Mother Hubbard Shurfine sale, was held Thursday through Saturday. Drawings for the groceries were held throughout Saturday, one for each year the A. M. Wilsons have been in business here. Winners were Pearl Dodson, Alice Moore, John Gee, Bernice Crump, Eddie Chisom, Mrs. Tom Beauchamp, Mrs. C. W. Stallings, J. W. Wright, Elva Hernandez, Jimmie Clements, Mrs. G. H. Hall, Scotty Barry, Frances Freeman, Mrs. Fred O'Hair, Mae Miller, Lawrence Dor-Baca and Myrna Hammonds. | snow and the holiday.

oration to better qualify to receive ta:: exemption. Financial statement shows that nearly \$40 is lacking to pay present bills outstanding, but additional funds are expected to be received in the near future.

The by-law change was



runway business came about. of course, because of the increased use of airplanes for crop spraying.

American Dusting was first to get into the landing strip business with the installation of one just west of town on the Pleasant Hill highway. Agri-Sprayers then put in a strip on the other side of the highway and Chuck's Aerial Spraying Service is now building one southwest of town on Highway 60.

All three of the strips are significant steps in this community's continuing efforts to provide agriculture with the finest in services.

For a number of years, this area has been known for its ices and these new facilities certainly will do their part in strengthening this reputation. meeting Thursday noon.



outstanding agricultural serv- CIVIC LEADERS -- Heading a 15-member board of directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture during the next year will be Charles Smith, president; Mrs. A. M. Wilson, secretary; and Earl Whitten, vice president. The new officers were elected at a

sey, A. V. Campbell, C. L. UNEXPECTED HOLIDAY -- Snowball fights were common Wednesday of last week when McDaniel, Frances Willard, school was dismissed because of the slick roads after snow fell during the night. Robert Mrs. W. E. Dendy, Mrs. Fidel | Tienda, Ray Hobbs, Gary Gober, Artie Kunselman and Galen Carson take advantage of both

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SPC WINS HONORS -- The college livestock judging team of South Plains College, Levelland, competed recently in Houston with one member, Carl Jones, bringing home individual honors. Jones received a fourth high individual in beef cattle judging, which included two classes of market steers, two classes of breeding heifers, and two sets of oral reasons. Shown with their instructor and judging team coach Jim Jenkins, left, are James Calaway, sophomore of Bovina; Jmes, sophomore from Whitharral; and Larry Glasscock, sophomore from Earth.

At Meeting --Install Wilson NFO Chairman

of National Farmers Organi-zation March 4 when the first Mr. and Mrs. monthly meeting was held. Dan McDonald conducted the ceremony. The last Tuesday of each

Accident Injures Boy

Johnie Hugh Horn received a fractured kneecap Wednesday of last week in an accident involving a car hood be-ing used for a snow sled and

pulled by an automobile. He has been in Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

In addition to the fracture, he also received lacerations to the knee.

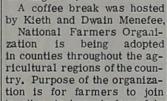
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Congregation Organizes

Church Here through 23 at 7 each evening.

Elvin Wilson was sworn in presented a film on the basic as Parmer County chairman facts and statistic of agricul-Mr. and Mrs. J. Don Gall-

ceremony. The last Tuesday of each Jerald McCathern, presi-dent of Deaf Smith County NFO meeting time.



together to bargain for a fair price for farm products.

Okla. Lane **Church Sets** Revival

Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church is announcing its spring revival with plenty of old-fashioned gospel preaching and singing. Services will be held each day March 16



PARMER COUNTY'S FINEST

The Jerusalem Baptist Church, is evangelist for the Church was organized in Bo- services. "He is a talented vina Thursday, March 6. Several area churches servedas whom God is using in a wonthe council. Rev. Ken Moore, derful way," said Rev. pastor of the First Baptist Charles Vick, pastor of the Church, Bovina, was moder- Oklahoma Lane church. ator for the meeting held in the Belen Baptist Mission, in his seventies, will be lead-The Negro congregation was ing the singing. He has had organized with six charter many years experience in this members, Mrs. Pearl Lee field. "The public is invited Fleming, L. V. Pearson, Ir- to come and be with us in this ene Pearson, Joehanna Pear- revival," says Rev. Vick. son, David Pearson and Crasaen Pearson. Each of the new members stood in agreement to the reading of a church covenant and also in acknowl-edgment of the "Articles of Faith" which will serve as a basis for fellowship in the church.

The council present was open house at Frances Flower made up of ministers from Shop Sunday afternoon. churches in the area of like faith and practice. The coun- junction with opening the new cil members were Rev. Anders, Friona; Rev. Sledge, Hart; Rev. Delgado, Bovina; Rev. F. N. Nelson, mission-

Rev. Moore.

The event was held in conbusiness on Main Street in Guests were served refreshments and viewed the

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store, which features gifts and ary from Portales, N.M.; and floral needs.

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Marriage

License

Four marriage licenses were issued from the office of

County Clerk Bonnie Warren

during the first week of March.

The permits to wed went to: Ralph Harold Pruitt and Vel-

ma Florene Williams, March

1; Billy Wayne Bryant and

Ernestine Elizabeth Lucero,

March 3; Nolan Norris Arney

and Patricia Louise Roper,

March 7; and Darrell Robert

Benson and Judy Kay Sisk,

George

March 7.

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Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Karl | garter. Benson of Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sisk of borrowed, her veil; and ablue royal blue suit with black accessories. Mrs. Benson wore Maid of honor was Miss a suit of mint green with beige

Margaret Jo Venable of Bo- accessories. Both wore cor-Given in marriage by her vina. Mrs. Jerri Gibson of sages of cymbidium orchids. father, the bride wore a for- Clovis, N.M. was matron of Mrs. Darlene Mooney, sismal gown of white bridal satin honor. They wore street length ter of the bridegroom, regis

Has Meeting Bovina 4-H Club held its regular meeting Tuesday, March 4, with Audrey Magness, president, presiding. Mrs. H. H. Kelso spoke to the group about hobbies. Also attending the meeting was Ronny F. McNutt, county ag-Ute Blalock was presented a gift for selling the most 4-H calendars. She is also the new secretary of the Bovina or- Pontiac-Rambler

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The attendants carried centered with a vellow floral nosegays of chrysanthemums arrangement. The three-tiered wedding cake was served Roger Mooney, brother-in- from crystal appointments by law of the bridegroom of Min- Miss Cindy Crump and Miss

neapolis, Minn., served as Cathy Sikes. best man. Royce Sisk, brother For a wedding trip through of the bride, was groomsman. the Midwest, the bride chose Joe Don Stevens of Bovina a blue tunic suit with black and Pat Becker of Cannon Air accessories and a corsage Force Base, Clovis, lighted lifted from her bridal bouquet. Mrs. Benson is a 1968 gradthe candles and served as ush-

uate of Bovina High School and Miss Celia Johnson of Clo- preceding her marriage was vis was flower girl. She wore employed by Aldridge and a street-length dress of yel-low similar to the bride's and well.

carried a basket of yellow The bridegroom is a 1963 pom poms with lace stream- graduate of Forest Lake.

Minn. High School, He served three and one-half years in the United States Air Force, including one year in Vietnam. He received his discharge Feb. 26 at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis. The couple will make their home in Forest Lake, Minn. Attending from out-of-town

were guests from Clovis, Houston, Minnesota, Lamesa, Farwell and Lubbock.



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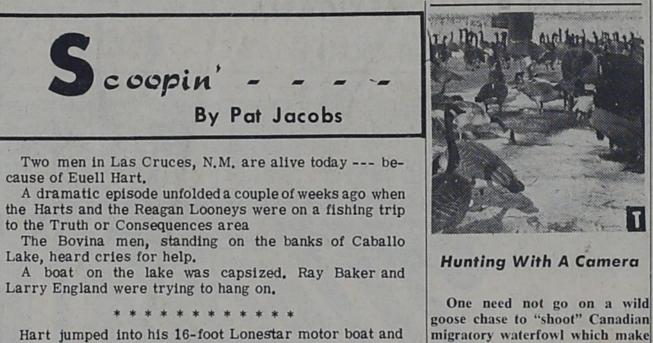
The rafflesia arnoldi, which

grows in Indonesia, is the world's largest known flower. It may measure three feet across and weigh 15 pounds.

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OBSERVES BIRTHDAY -- Mrs. J. Sam (Granny) Gaines was 92 years old Friday and celebrated her birthday with a luncheon and open house. Hostess for the occasion was her daughter, Mrs. Neal Mager, left. A total of 66 guests attended.



Hart jumped into his 16-foot Lonestar motor boat and took off before Looney could get aboard.

It was a long struggle, but Hart managed to get them into his boat.

The two had ventured onto the lake in a 12-foot aluminum boat with no life jackets. The boat had capsized at 10:30 a.m. Their cries for help were not heard until 12 noon.

They were taken to a Truth or Consequences hospital and received treatment for exposure.

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It was an experience Euell Hart -- and Reagan Looney -will remember for a long time.

It also goes to prove there are still people in the world who do not turn a cold shoulder -- and refuse to get involved.

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Things are looking up. In fact, our heads of government are finally beginning to listen to the majority for a change.

Maybe the voters turned their heads after all. Even though it won't become law until June, the Texas Senate and House agreed on a bill to outlaw violence in private and public schools.

And then -- the Supreme Court came through with its first sensible decision in a long time --- saying a rioter in a college does not deserve a trial before being "thrown out." That is a switch.

Said Stephen Saltonstall, a Harvard graduate attending a conference for the Study of Democratic Institutions, "Students are capable of sabotaging society with disruption --- By stalemating America's intellectual establishment, we may be able to paralyze the political establishment as well." * * * * * * * * * * *

Now, we ask you --- whose rights are being violated?





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Elected Thursday --

McMeans President Of Student Council

Student body of Bovina High Week, sponsored here by the by the school song, directed School elected Stuart Mc- Student Council. Officers and by Kathy Estes.

speeches held in the auditor- gram. ium.

Means president of the 1969- representatives met parents The day's activities were '70 Student Council Thursday at the door and guided them delayed by snow Tuesday morning following campaign to classrooms and the pro- night. The program and election were originally scheduled for Wednesday, but no school

Bruce Caldwell was named vice president and Pam Grissom secretary.

Gary Carson, president of was held that day. Parents the organization this year, were invited to eat at the cafeserved as master of ceremon- teria Thursday.

The campaign speeches ies. He led the pledge of alwere a part of Public School legiance to the flag, followed the Student Council will be

The three new officers of seniors next year. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMeans, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom. Opposing them for the of-

fices were Mike Gee for president; Mike Beauchamp for vice president; and Candy Wilson for secretary.

Each candidate had two speakers in his or her behalf, then made a campaign speech of his own.

Speaking for Miss Grissom tes and Mike Gee; for Miss Wilson, Bobby Redden and Nancy Mitchell, Cindy Barrett, Jan Gromowsky and Debra Kirkpatrick also presented a campaign song.

Meloney Marshall and Kenneth Moore campaigned for

HEAD STUDENT COUNCIL -- Named officers of next year's Student Council in elections Thursday were Bruce Caldwell, vice president; Pam Grissom, secretary; and Stuart McMeans, president. Elections followed week-long campaigns highlighted by a program. to which parents were invited, emphasizing Public School Week. for secretary were Kathy Es- At Hub Meeting --

Farmers To Discuss Programs For Area

Center.

At NMMI ---

Craton Looney **Gets Promotion**

Craton D. Looney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peckinpaugh of Roswell, N.M. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, has recently been promoted to second lieutenant at New Mexico Military Institute.

Promotions of this type are usually reserved for students in at least their third year at the institute. Looney is in his second year there.

He was also recently honored for achieving the Commandant's List, indicating a high degree of proficiency in military conduct and discipline. In order to make the list, a student must not receive a demerit during the entire semester.

A former student in Bovina Schools, Craton this year has served as drum major of the O. Cherry of Lorenzo. Mr. NMMI band.

uncertain, but Craton has received a band scholarship for next year at Las Cruces and has also been assured of one Reagan Looney, who was the at Eastern New Mexico University.



CRATON LOONEY

Craton's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Cherry served as superin-His plans for the future are tendent of Bovina Schools several years.

> His father was the late D.C. Looney, son of Mr. and Mrs. victim of an airplane crash in 1961.



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