

"MY TURN"

By
Carol
Ellis



'TIS THE SEASON to put your understated elegance into mothballs for awhile and get out your garish, gaudy, glittering, grandeur. Even the most laid-back folks among us are wearing signs of the season on their clothing. At least one house on every block exudes the flickering glow of lighted decorations. Don't you love it!

Christmas comes along at just the right time to brighten up the doldrums of Winter. The sky is gray, the trees are bare and people are cold and cranky, all bundled up in layers of sweaters and coats, trying to keep warm. Then suddenly, there's the Holiday Season with all its special traditions, music, decorations, get-togethers, gift buying, and overall feeling of love for our fellow human beings. And underlying all the glitz and gleefulness is the reason for the season . . . The Birthday of Christ.

Christmas just wouldn't be nearly so wonderful if it happened in the middle of Summer, would it?

For instance, you might put on your most glamorous holiday outfit and no one would notice because you'd blend right in with all those Hawaiian shirts and psychedelic colors of Summer.

Carolers would go around singing: "I'm Dreaming Of A Green Christmas," "Walking In A Sunny Wonderland," "Tis The Season To Be Sweaty," and "Oh, Tanning Balm!" It just doesn't quite have that festive ring, does it?

Conversations might sound something like this . . . "Who is that little round fellow in the red tank top and white beard? He's been hanging around here ever since school was out, trying to talk to all the little kids. One of those dirty old pedophiles, I suppose. Where's a cop when you need one?"

"That bearded guy with the long hair? He's the one with all those smelly reindeer parked outside, drawing flies. These street people get weirder every day. I'm calling the SPCA."

"Look at him smoking that pipe. We've got anti-smoking ordinances around here. These smokers are all trying to poison the rest of us with their passive smoke."

"I heard that he flies around at night on those reindeer. I'm a travel agent, and I resent him trying to put the airlines out of business. They're in enough trouble as it is, and I just may be out of a job soon because of him."

"Margaret Shapiro caught him trying to break into her house the other night by coming in through the fireplace but he got stuck in the chimney. Those reindeer pulled him out and they flew off before the police got there. People just aren't safe in their own homes anymore."

"The kids are always writing letters to him and asking him for stuff. He just lets them have anything they ask for. That type of dependence is promoting our nation's drift toward socialism. If you ask me, he must be one of those liberal Democrats, out to assure the financial ruination of the middle class."

Poor Santa! He must be on tranquilizers by now. . . all because he is not "politically correct" for 1992. If he wasn't such a "jolly old elf" he might just gather up his sack of goodies and head on home to the North Pole without leaving anything for anyone at all.

This is just the sort of extremism which is prevalent among the special interest groups of today. But who is to say that those wonderful traditions which surround our most wonderful of all holidays should necessarily be "politically correct" anyway! During this season of gladness and open hearts, it is time to simply put away all that narrow-minded pettiness, just love one another and be glad we are alive.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: The worst part about doing nothing is that you can't take a day off.

Santa Claus to Visit On Monday

Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa will be arriving in Bovina on Monday, December 21.

Since Bovina does not have sufficient landing facilities for Santa and his reindeer, the men from the Fire Department will meet Santa and bring him to town on the fire truck.

Santa's first stop will be to see the Pre-K children at Ridgley Elementary at around 11:15 a.m. and then on to down town at City Hall.

He should arrive at City Hall around 11:45 a.m. and visit with the little ones there. Santa will also go back to Ridgley Elementary at 1:30 p.m. to visit with the other children he didn't get to see earlier. All of you with little ones be sure and mark this on your calendar so your children can visit with Santa!

Hospice Services Are Available At PCCH

Hospice Services are now available through an arrangement between Parmer County Community Hospital and Crown of Texas Hospice. Hospice is a program designed to meet a special need in the life of some which carries them comfortably and compassionately through the final stages of life.

Hospice is a special kind of care for individuals with a limited life expectancy. It is not giving up, but instead provides the terminally ill patient and their family with a new hope for comfort, peace and the highest quality of life possible.

The term "hospice" is derived from a medieval word which described a place of shelter and solace for weary travelers on a difficult journey. The word is appropriate to describe the concept of caring for people who are dealing with a terminal illness, the most difficult journey of their lives.

The goal of Hospice is to make the transition from life to death easier for the patient and for that individual's loved ones. As efforts for a cure cease, the focus shifts to providing for the patient's physical, emotional and spiritual comfort.

Services include: patient's primary physician directed care; intermittent skilled nursing care; home health aide services; home and inpatient care; comfort care for patients' families; counseling and social services; spiritual support; bereavement care-grief counseling for families; 24 hour on-call nursing services; and volunteer support.

The delivery of health care has changed considerably in the past decade brought about through the development of new technology and new services to meet the ever changing healthcare needs of those we serve. Hospice services are covered by Medicare and Medicaid, and many commercial insurance plans frequently cover all or part of the costs associated with this special type of care.

Parmer County Community Hospital, through an arrangement with Crown of Texas Hospice, has agreed to participate in the care of hospice patients if/when hospitalization is needed. The local hospital and Crown of Texas will work together as a team in order that patients in this area may receive the full circle of Hospice care.

Crown of Texas offers an interdisciplinary team approach to treatment that includes registered nurses, home health aides, social workers, spiritual support, and education. Plus, piece of mind for the patient and family in knowing that answers and support are only a telephone call away.

Crown of Texas is a member of the National Hospice Organization. For more information, call Parmer County Community Hospital or 1-(800) 572-6363.

Cities Get Sales Tax Rebates

Parmer County's three municipalities recently received their sales tax rebates for the month of December from the State Comptroller's office, and an increase was noted from the previous year's check.

Bovina's check was for \$1,531.00, compared to \$1,506.69 for the comparable period in 1991. Farwell received \$3,161, compared to \$1,985; and Friona received \$8,045.88, compared to \$7,118.23.

For the calendar year, Bovina has now received \$24,469.36, up 4.88 per cent from \$23,330.95 in 1991. Farwell has received \$42,181.57, up 5.18 per cent from \$40,105.80 and Friona has received \$111,583.84, down 0.3 per cent from \$111,922.12 in 1991.

The three Parmer County municipalities have received \$178,234.77, up 1.64 per cent over the \$175,358.87 they had received at the same point in 1991.

Most Texas cities showed gains from the previous year, although the city of Houston was the only major metropolitan city to experience an employment loss between October, 1991 and October, 1992. Houston's tax rebate still showed an increase.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November by businesses filing monthly tax returns.



LUCKY WINNER--Buck Lloyd was the lucky winner of 100 gallons of gasoline from Charles Oil Inc. this past week. He is shown being presented his winnings by Charles Oil employee, Zef Villarreal.



YE OLDE TIME CHRISTMAS--Last Wednesday night, Bovina folks traveled back in time to New England at the turn-of-the-century as the choir and cast from the First United Methodist Church of Bovina presented a Madrigal Dinner. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a full and festive evening of drama, music and dinner.

Teachers Of Week Are Spotlited

Teachers featured this week are Phyllis Steelman a veteran at Bovina Elementary School and Teresa Chavez, a newcomer.

Mrs. Steelman graduated from Texico High School in 1954 and then went to Eastern New Mexico University for one year. In 1958 she got her B.S. degree in Elementary Education at West Texas State University.

She married Eddie Gayle Steelman in 1955 and Eddie is a farmer. The Steelmans have one son, Joe, who lives in Bovina and also farms. Joe is married to Esther and they have three sons: Luke, Levi, and Jake.

Phyllis started teaching in the Bovina I.S.D. in 1968 where she has taught first and second grades. This is her 24th year to teach and she is presently teaching the second grade.

Phyllis has been named "Teacher of the Year" twice, is active in the Parmer County Teachers Association and has served as treasurer for this group. She has also served as president of the Bovina Classroom Teachers Association.

Phyllis enjoys cooking, reading, and her grandchildren. She stated that she enjoys working with children and this is why she chose the teaching profession.

Mrs. Chavez graduated from Carlsbad, N.M. Senior High in 1977 and received her B.S. in communication disorders in speech pathology from Eastern New Mexico University in 1982. In 1991 she received her teaching certificate from Eastern New Mexico University.

Teresa is married to Larry Chavez, who works for the City of Portales. The couple has three children: Joshua who is 11; Krystle who is 10; and Jonathan who is 6. They live in Portales and all the children attend school in Portales.

Teresa worked as a film library assistant at Eastern from 1982-1985 and then worked part-time as a

cashier at a grocery store from 1985-1986.

In 1986 Teresa started selling home interior and gift items so she could be home with her children more. She did this until 1989 and then went back to school to get her teachers certificate. This is her first teaching position and she teaches second grade.

Teresa said that she loves teaching here and is very happy and loves the people she works with. She also said that she enjoys the drive from Portales because that is her time for herself.

Teresa enjoys crafts, sewing, and doing jigsaw puzzles.



PHYLLIS STEELMAN



TERESA CHAVEZ

Area Gets More Snow

The area received its fifth snowfall of the season early Monday morning, with two to three inches measured.

The official "melt" at the Friona NWS recording station came to .21 inches, making a total moisture of .94 inches for the month.

A very light dusting of snow fell on Wednesday evening, resulting in just a trace of snow, but for the record, it's the sixth snow, and winter hasn't officially arrived.

Friona's official station has recorded 18 inches of snow through

December 18, in November and December, with moisture recorded at 2.55 inches.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, December 11	53-28
Saturday, December 12	60-35
Sunday, December 13	65-28
Monday, December 14	28-20
Tuesday, December 15	27-18
Wednesday, December 16	41-20
Thursday, December 17	32-16

Readings taken at 8 a.m. daily for the previous 24 hours.

Looking Up!

By RICHARD L. GRISHAM

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No one except Jesus could ever claim equality with the Heavenly Father as He did in John 10:30: "I and the Father are one." But then, no one but Jesus Christ ever had the qualifications to make such a claim. The Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, had predicted that the coming Messiah, the Son to be given to us by God, would bear the title of "Everlasting Father" (Isaiah 9:6).

That Jesus is "Everlasting Father" reminds us that He is the loving God that transcends time. As "Eternal Father," He gives us hope of life beyond the grave. He is the One who watches over us, His children, and "gives to us all good things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). James, the apostle and earthly brother of our Lord, writes in his New Testament letter (1:17), "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." And because He transcends time, nothing can come into our lives in this temporal existence except that which He allows for His family of believers.

I have very fond memories of Christmases spent with my father, Jim Grisham, who went to be with the Lord in 1991. As my father, he transcended the day to day activities and problems of life, giving me confidence and assurance of his love. One particular Christmas, I wanted to give him something really special. Being only about seven years old, I was fascinated by a certain pocket knife discovered in a dime variety store. It was greenish in color, and I felt it was the perfect Christmas gift for Daddy. Mom gave me the dollar to purchase it, and the clerk put it in a little brown paper bag.

When we got into the car, I was so excited over the great gift that I had bought for Daddy that I

took it out of the sack and started yelling, "Daddy! Daddy! Guess what? I got you a knife for Christmas!" My older brother and sister started putting me down, "You dummy! You're supposed to wait until Christmas to give it to him!" I felt bad! But Dad promised he would forget what he had seen until Christmas. When he did finally open the little clumsily wrapped box from me that Christmas, he feigned surprise, acting as if that little cheap, green pocket knife was the greatest gift he had ever received! The Christmas star could not have glowed with more joy and pride than I did that Christmas Eve, because my father had received my gift so graciously.

As Everlasting Father, Christ, our Lord, receives graciously those gifts of love and praise that we offer Him this Christmas season. No gift to Him is too small or too insignificant, as long as we give Him the best we have in the best way we know how, in love, from the depths of a child-like heart!

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending December 11, 1992, County Clerk's Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

(Spec.) WD, Billie Marie Barnick, et al, Pearl Elaine Curtis, all of Lot 15, Blk. 4, of Mimo Add., Farwell

WD, Joe A. Schilling, Mark Schwertner, 0.15 acre tract out of 2Sec. 16, T16S;R1E

WD, Bonnie Jean Paine, Gloria F. Herington, the N 1/2 of Sec. 27, T10;R2E

Deed, ATS&F Railway Co., Shirley Grain Co., a 0.982 acre tract and a 0.724 acre tract out of Capitol League 521

WD, Harlin Ovenshain, Robert Vidaurri, all of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, Blk. 8, OT Farwell

WD, Bob Clark, Stephen R. Clark, the NE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, Blk. "C," Rhea

MARRIAGE LICENSES
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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKay

Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKay of Bovina, Texas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and tea from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 27, 1992 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

Elmer and Veda (Osborn) were married December 28, 1942 in Turkey, Texas. They have five children, two of whom are now deceased and ten grandchildren. No

invitations are being sent locally but all friends and relatives are invited to come and help celebrate this joyous occasion.

Two days after the McKays were married, Elmer went into the U.S. Armed Service, where he served until 1945. He continued to work at the Air Base for awhile, then at the Post Office. He then went to work as a barber after completing barber school and later was in the trucking business.

Jim Russell, who was on the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, moved the McKays to Bovina where he worked as a barber for four years, then Elmer owned the milk route to Bovina for awhile and then went into the trucking business. The last job Elmer had was at Friona Industries before he retired.

After Elmer got out of the service they lived in Turkey, Earth, Amherst, Seminole, Amarillo, Hart and then moved to Bovina.

Veda has baby-sat most of their married life besides rearing her own family. She is still babysitting in Bovina at the present time.

Carroll Honored By USAF

Newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Shelia D. Carroll has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Carroll, an information management technician, is the daughter of Margie L. Clarkson of 39 Sunset Ave., Tompkinsville, Kentucky, and sister of Deborah K. Raymond of 803 Sherwood Lane, Bovina, Texas.

Her husband, Air Force Master Sgt. Harry J. Carroll, is the son of Harry J. Carroll of 321 Barcelona Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

She graduated from Tompkinsville High School in 1977.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 13, 1972

Approximately 200 people attended the Christmas Concert of the Bovina Junior High Band and "That Mustang Band" in Bovina Schools Auditorium, Sunday.

Unusually severe winter weather and an unusual harvest-time increase in the price of milo were the most talked about things this week in farming circles.

Bovina Schools Cafeteria was the scene Monday night of the Mother-Daughter Salad Supper, sponsored by Future Homemakers of America Chapter at Bovina High School. Approximately 100 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estes entertained friends at their traditional Christmas season Open House, Sunday afternoon.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 14, 1977

Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, Kris Kringle or St. Nicholas, will arrive in Bovina on Thursday, December 22, while on his annual pre-Christmas journey through surrounding towns.

Bovina teams split a pair of varsity games with visiting Friona here last Tuesday. The Fillies made it two out of two against the Squaws with a 60-53 win, and the Mustangs gave strong Friona a tussle before submitting by a 68-61 score.

The annual "Longest Tail-feather Contest," held in conjunction with the local pheasant season, will be sponsored in Bovina once again in 1977.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that Texans may be headed for their biggest Christmas holiday shopping spree ever if retail sales continue at their current brisk pace.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 15, 1982

Bovina High School basketball teams are entered in the Farwell Invitational Tournament this weekend. The teams were "weathered out" of action last weekend, when the Friona tournament had to be postponed due to ice and bad weather conditions.

A Christmas musical, "Joseph, the Carpenter," by Joe E. Parks, will be presented at the First

Baptist Church, Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Doug Roming has been an active member of the Collegiate F.F.A., serving as an officer this fall semester at Texas A&M University.

Gina Kunselman celebrated her third birthday Wednesday, December 1 at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kunselman.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 16, 1987

The first snowfall of the year turned out to be what could be a record snowfall for the area in December. The snow started at an early hour on Sunday and continued throughout the day on Sunday and Sunday night. Weather officials said that a total of 14 inches of snow was received in the local area. The snow continued much of the day on Monday. Bovina Schools were cancelled on Monday and Tuesday due to the snow and bad roads.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

December 21--Tomas Fuentes, Sr., Brenda Wilson.

December 22--Dickie Steelman, Tabitha Englant.

December 23--Artie Faye O'Hair.

December 24--Nita Marshall. December 25--Maria Robledo, Ethel Johnson.

December 26--Dean Wines. December 27--Norma Villarreal, Joe Steelman.

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

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 21--bologna sandwich, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies and milk.

Tuesday, December 22--Christmas holidays begin.


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Fruit Cake Recipes

BY CARLA MCKEOWN
Christmas fruit cakes are the base not only for many family traditions but also for a bundle of holiday jokes.

As soon as the seasonal decorations go up, the fruit cake jokes come out. Non-fruit cake people love to complain about the annual fruit cake gift their aunt gives them and then brag about how they give the fruit cake to the boss for Christmas every year.

At the other end of the spectrum are those who love to make and love to eat fruit cake. And, despite the grumbling of the non-fruit cake people, all fruit cakes are not alike.

My files include recipes for a dozen different fruit cakes, including a traditional fruit cake made with candied fruit, a fresh fruit cake made with fresh fruit, and German fruit cake made with fruit preserves.

For a child's Christmas party or as an enticement for the non-fruit cake person in your family, try the following Orange Slice or Gum Drop Cake.

To ensure the best fruit cake possible, follow these tips:

*Candied fruit should be chopped before being added to the cake batter. Otherwise, the fruit might sink to the bottom of the pan.

*When chopping candied fruit, coat your hands and knife with flour.

*If you use a food processor or blender to chop the fruit, add some of the flour to the fruit to prevent the fruit from gumming up the chopping blades.

Keeping those tips in mind, try out one of the following recipes:

OLD FASHIONED FRUIT CAKE

- 2 1/4 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 cups chopped fruit--candied figs, dates, raisins, currants
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 egg yolks

- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 cup grape juice
- 1/2 cup butter milk
- 2 egg whites
- Brandy, rum or cola

Sift flour, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg, cloves and salt together. Combine fruit and nuts in a large bowl; stir in 1/4 cup flour mixture to coat fruit and nuts. Blend margarine and brown sugar in a mixing bowl. Add egg yolks, 1 at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in corn syrup, then fruit mixture, then grape juice. Add flour mixture alternately with buttermilk. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form when beater is raised. Fold into batter. Turn batter into greased and floured pans. Bake at 300 degrees until cake tests done. To test doneness, insert a wooden pick into the cake; if it comes out clean, it is done. Cool the cake thoroughly. Wrap the cake in brandy-, rum-, or cola-soaked cheesecloth. Store the wrapped cake in a tightly covered container, moistening the cheesecloth with brandy, rum or cola as it dries.

GERMAN FRUIT CAKE

- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2/3 cup cherry preserves
- 2/3 cup pineapple preserves
- 2/3 cup apricot preserves
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and cream until light. Sift together flour, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Add baking soda to buttermilk. Add flour mixture and buttermilk alternately to butter mixture. Fold in fruit preserves, pecans and vanilla. Pour the batter into 2 small loaf pans or 1 large angel food cake pan. Bake for 1-1/2 hours at 325 degrees. Let cake cool in pan before removing.

FRESH FRUIT CAKE

- 2 medium oranges

- 2 medium cooking apples
- 2 ripe medium-sized bananas
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3/4 cup golden raisins
- 3/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

Cut oranges, with rind, into 8 sections; remove seeds. Finely chop in a food processor, blender or grinder. Set aside in a 2-quart bowl. Repeat chopping with apples, peeled if desired. Combine with oranges. Peel bananas; puree or mash and mix with other fruits. Beat the eggs in a large mixer bowl. Add sugar gradually, beating until mixture is thick and smooth. Beat in butter. Add fruits. In a 1-quart container, stir or shake flour with baking powder and baking soda. Beat flour mixture into fruit mixture; stir in raisins and walnuts. (Nut pieces should be small enough not to interfere with slicing.) Turn batter into two 9-inch-by-5-inch loaf pans that have been greased and floured. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until cake tests done. Let cool on a rack before slicing. Serve plain or topped with a glaze of powdered sugar and orange juice. Makes 2 loaves.

ORANGE SLICE OR GUMDROP CAKE

- 2 cups applesauce
- 2 cups raisins
- 1 tablespoon allspice
- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 20 orange slices or 40 gumdrops

Cream shortening and sugar. Mix applesauce, egg and 2 cups flour. Use 1 cup flour to dredge raisins, candy and nuts in. Add remaining ingredients and candy, fruit and nuts. Bake in a greased

and floured tube pan. Bake for 1-1/2 hours at 300 degrees.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE

- 1 pound butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 8 eggs
- 2 ounces lemon extract
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 pound candied cherries
- 1 pound candied pineapple
- 8 ounces grated coconut

Cream butter, eggs, sugar and lemon extract. Mix and sift flour, salt and baking powder. Add to first mixture. Add candied fruit and coconut. Bake at 250 degrees for 2-1/2 hours in a greased and floured glass pan.

Send your favorite recipes or recipe request to: Carla McKeown, P.O. Box 3942, Lubbock, Texas 79452.



"LOTTO" WINNER...Retired nurse Janie Kallus accepts the first installment of her \$21.7 million Lotto Texas jackpot from State Comptroller John Sharp. "This is our first big winner," Sharp said. "But the way Texans have taken to the Lottery, I'm looking forward to many more." A resident of Schulenburg, Texas, Kallus is the first Lotto player to correctly match all six of the winning numbers. Kallus' first payment totalled \$1,088,794.64. She will receive \$1.08 million every Nov. 15 for the next 19 years. Lottery Director Nora Linares stands behind Kallus and Sharp.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
I don't mind taking criticism for something I've done, but I don't like it at all when I am wrongly blamed because lottery money doesn't go to the public schools. My record on the lottery is clear and well documented. Long before I became Lieutenant Governor, I said that the lottery was a sleazy way of raising government money. I said it was an unstable source of revenue and I would oppose making our schools dependent in any way on such a flaky source of income. I repeated my statements often while I was running for Lieutenant Governor and I repeated them again when the Legislature passed the bill letting the people vote on the lottery. Even before then, as State Comptroller, I pointed out that the State of California had made a very serious mistake in dedicating lottery money to schools--because after the newness wore off, the income fell and the schools had to be cut. And aside from my repeated statements, nobody--absolutely nobody--connected with the lottery bill ever said it would go to the schools. The author of the bill certainly never said it would. I have never seen a newspaper article that said it would. Those who campaigned for it never said it would. Those who write letters to the editor and call radio talk shows ought to get their facts straight, particularly about something as well documented as my historic opposition to tying the education of our children to a gambling game. As one of the state's major daily newspapers said editorially last week, "Texans were repeatedly warned before they voted on the lottery. . . it's too bad more of you weren't listening."

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Lieutenant Governor

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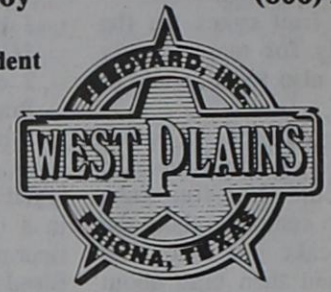
A PROMISE KEPT

GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM, AND THROUGH HIM ALL ISRAEL, A LAND OF THEIR OWN. THIS LAND WAS TO BE CANAAN. THE IDEA OF THIS PROMISE WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. THE COVENANT GOD MADE IMPLIES CANAAN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ISRAELITES AS THEIR OWN COUNTRY. DURING THEIR FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS TWELVE MEN WERE APPOINTED BY MOSES TO SEARCH OUT THE TERRITORY THAT HAD TO BE CONQUERED. JOSHUA AND CALEB BEING PART OF THE GROUP. TEN OF THE MEN CAME BACK TO MOSES AND REPORTED THE LAND WAS INHABITED BY GIANTS. THIS WAS THEIR FEAR TALKING. YES, THEY AGREED, IT WAS A GOOD COUNTRY WITH FIGS, DATES, AND CLUSTERS OF GRAPES SO LARGE IT TOOK SEVERAL MEN TO CARRY JUST ONE BUNCH BETWEEN THEM ON A POLE, BUT THE PEOPLE OF CANAAN, BESIDES BEING HUGE, WERE VIOLENT. "WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THEM," THEY TOLD MOSES! JOSHUA AND CALEB SPOKE DIFFERENTLY. THEY MADE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF ALL THAT COULD BE EVALUATED! THEY WERE CONFIDENT OF CONQUEST, FIRM IN THE RECOMMENDATION THAT ACTION SHOULD BE STARTED. THEY WERE OBEIENT TO THE DEMANDS GOD HAD MADE ON THEM, AND LATER, BECAUSE OF THEIR LOYALTY, THEY WERE THE ONLY OLDER ISRAELITES ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS. ALL OF THE OTHERS WHO HAD COME OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT DIED DURING THEIR FORTY YEAR SOJOURN IN THE DESERT. GOD ORDAINED THAT ONLY THE ADHERENTS TO HIS SPIRITUAL COMMANDS WOULD REJOICE IN THIS LAND OF MILK AND HONEY.



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Mustangs Win Award At Farwell Tourney

Bovina High School's Mustang basketballers won the consolation trophy at the Farwell Invitational Tournament last weekend.

The Ponies gave class AAA Friona all they wanted in the opening round before losing, 56-52, then came back to whip Olton, 53-46, and outlasted Morton, 47-43 in the final round.

The Mustangs got off to a very cold start against Friona, and trailed, 25-17 at the half.

Cruz Marrufo hit a two-pointer and a three-point basket, and Darren Hromas made a pair of buckets in the third quarter, but Bovina still trailed, 42-32.

Sammy Rodriguez led a fourth-quarter rally with a pair of goals and two of four from the line, Rusty Venable made a pair of goals, one from three-point range, and Lance McClaran did likewise.

Although the team had made a great rally, they finished four points short.

Rodriguez paced the team with 14 points. McClaran and Marrufo scored nine apiece.

On Friday, Venable's six first-half baskets and Rodriguez' 10 points paced the team to a 26-23 halftime lead.

The Venable-Rodriguez duo continued to hit in the second half,

plus Darran Hromas chipped in some timely baskets and the Mustangs eased to the seven-point win. Venable scored 21, Rodriguez 20 and Hromas 10.

In Saturday's game, the Mustangs, paced by Hromas and Venable, raced to a 23-12 halftime lead, and held a fairly comfortable 34-22 lead after three quarters.

But Morton's Indians staged a fourth-quarter rally, outscoring the Ponies, 22-13, and pulling to within a three-point basket.

Venable's 18 points and Hromas' 16 paced Bovina's scoring.

The win left Bovina with a 5-3 season record.

BOVINA 52, Friona 56

Lance McClaran 2-1*-0-9; Cruz Marrufo 1-2*-4-9; Matt Hromas 1-2-4; Darran Hromas 4-0-8; Rusty Venable 2-1*-1-8; Sammy Rodriguez 7-2-16.

BOVINA 53, Olton 46

McClaran 0-0-0; Marrufo 0-0-0; D. Hromas 5-0-10; Venable 8-5-21; Rodriguez 4-2*-8-20; Jimmy Bonham 1-0-2.

BOVINA 47, Morton 43

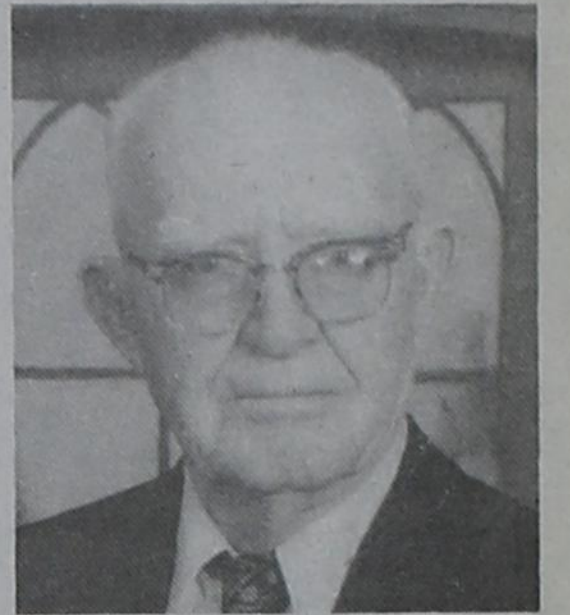
McClaran 2-1-5; D. Hromas 8-0-16; Venable 5-1*-5-18; Rodriguez 3-2-8; Marrufo 0-0-0. *3-point baskets.



CHRISTINA ELAINE POWELL and DENVER RIDDLE...Wayne and Betty Leichner of Powell, Wyoming, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina Elaine, to Denver Riddle of Bovina. He is the son of Jon Lin and Brenda Riddle. The couple will exchange wedding vows in a private ceremony on Tuesday, December 29 at 3 p.m. at the home of his parents. The bride-elect is a graduate of Powell High School and will be employed by S.O.B. Farms in the spring. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Bovina High School and is employed by S.O.B. Farms.

Rudolph Renner Buried In Friona

Funeral services for Rudolph Renner, Sr., 92, were conducted Tuesday afternoon, December 8, 1992, at the First Baptist Church in Friona, with the Rev. Joe Hub Collier of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Leon Talley of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, officiating.



RUDOLPH RENNER

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Renner died of natural causes December 5, 1992 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born January 23, 1900, at Eigenfeld, Russia. At the age of 16 he came to visit an uncle who owned land in the Rhea Community. One of his early jobs was for the Galloway Brothers, for \$30 a month plus room and board.

Their headquarters was the old Escarbada Ranch building, which has been re-located to the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. Rudolph could always remember the room he slept in while working at the ranch.

In 1919, he sold his pony, bought a Model-T Ford, and moved to Shattuck, Oklahoma, where he met Clara Baker. They were married October 24, 1921, in Arnett, Oklahoma.

After farming in Oklahoma for five years, the Renners moved back to Parmer County in March of 1926.

Mr. Renner was a member of the

Lutheran Church.

Survivors include four sons, John Renner and R.J. Renner, Jr. of Friona; Lee Renner and Cotton Renner of Winsboro, Louisiana; two daughters, Lillie Mae Baxter and Mary Joyce Barnett, both of Friona.

Sixteen grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, on May 3, 1986, and by two grandchildren. A sister, Mollie Helmke, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Gary Renner, Ted Renner, John Michael Baxter, Blayne Baxter, Conrad Renner, David Barnett, Robin Renner, Darcy Renner and Dick Renner.

Southwest Outdoors

With Mel Phillips

"Oh, My Aching Feet!"

...toes, knees, thighs, and other places that I don't remember ever hurting before. Each year hundreds of us city boys can't wait for pheasant season to begin, and in less than two hours of walking in the snow and mud, we can't wait for the day to end. The weight of mud that a hunter can tolerate on his boots while continuing to hunt is inversely related to age and experience.

The ideal pheasant hunt consists of a group of approximately ten hunters that alternate as walkers and blockers. It is necessary to have a line of walkers slowly move through the corn or milo stubble in order to force the quick running birds from the field. The blockers wait at the end of the field and act as a human fence to keep the pheasant from escaping. When the walkers and the blockers work in tandem, the hunting can be awesome.

The unwritten rules of the game dictate that the younger hunters will walk every field. The middle age hunters will alternate between walking the fields and acting as blockers. The elder statesmen will either block or sit in the Suburban drinking Irish coffee and swapping lies about previous hunts, good bird dogs, and old girlfriends.

The thrill of watching the birds run down the field creates an air of

anticipation unequalled in other kinds of hunting.

Did I mention that only the brightly colored cocks can be shot while the drab hens are legally protected? The challenge is to quickly identify the sex of the bird and shoot it before your buddy can accomplish the same task. Courteous sportsmen use a shout of "HEN" to warn the others in their party not to shoot hens.

The first pass through the stubble occurs at first light when every pheasant initially looks like a drab hen. It is not uncommon to hear your buddies cry out "HEN" and just when the bird is out of range, to implore, "It's a cock, shoot him, shoot him!"

Like the University of Texas football team getting ready for the Aggies, next year I will be better prepared. No matter what the weather conditions, I am going to be in such great shape that while others desperately clamor to be blockers, I will walk every field. But, for the rest of 1992, if you need an extra blocker, give me a call and I just might leave the warmth of my Suburban.

(Mel Phillips is an award winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association, an avid hunter, tournament fisherman, and host of a Wednesday evening talk show on KGNC TalkRadio 71.)

Linda's Lines

By

LINDA MARSHALL



I wonder how many people notice how many friends you seem to acquire around pheasant season.

I did notice this year that most of the hunters were getting their limit and that there are still plenty of pheasants around.

This seems to be one of the best seasons we've had in quite awhile.

Tom Beauchamp was in the hospital for about a week but is home now and feeling much better.

I visited with Debbie Widner for a second and she said that she and Larry had a large group of hunters over the weekend. Debbie said that she fed about twenty people every meal.

Pat, Donna, Justin and Jake

Ware went to Tucson, Arizona, to visit Donna's parents, Jim and Kay Wilcox.

Because of the weather, they celebrated a late Thanksgiving with them and Donna's sister's family. Donna said they really enjoyed the trip and getting to see her family.

Mary Jane Wilson hosted a Christmas luncheon for the Bridge Club. They were served Hawaiian rice casserole, green grape salad, layered salad, cranberry salad, pumpkin roll, cookies, candies, coffee and tea.

They enjoyed an afternoon of Bridge and exchanged Christmas gifts. Those in attendance were Carlene Jones, Charlene Grissom, Clara Gober, Althea Wilson, Kay Williams, Yvonne Stevenson, Lee Stevenson, Bernice Hartzog, Mary

Jane, Era Louise Jamerson, June McMeans and a guest, Pat Sherrill.

Homer Kelly, Irma Jo Englant's father, fell and broke his hip Monday night. Irma Jo said that surgery is pending and he is in room 201 in the Clovis hospital.

Wes, Charolette and Shelby Cockerham and Charolette's parents, Ronny and Glenna Fouts, have just returned from a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. They stayed at the Stardust Inn and attended the National Finals Rodeo.

Charolette said they really enjoyed the wrangler bull fighting and she also enjoyed doing some shopping.

The Blade wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the Lloyd Gober family on the loss of their loved one.

Vernon and Ellen Estes are home for awhile so if you think about it, you might stop by and visit with them.

I hope everyone has a great week and here is another one of my famous poems for you:

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,

(Copied)

Annual Webb Xmas Party Held Here

Polly Mills hosted the tenth Webb Christmas party on Saturday, December 5. After lunch, Santa made an early stop to wish the children a Merry Christmas, hand out candy canes, and listen to their Christmas wishes-even asking some adults what their Christmas wants were.

Eddie Webb, son of Wayne and Juanita Webb, of Azle, Texas, made a Christmas grave blanket for his grandparents' grave. Everyone brought a silk flower to help with the decorations. This is a beautiful Christmas decoration and can be used each year.

Larry and Al Webb and Tony Englant led the families in singing Christmas Carols and, of course, when Santa came, we all sang "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Nine out of ten Webb children and their families attended this Christmas celebration.

Those attending were: Wayne and Juanita Webb; Eddie, Keith, Renee, and Aletha Webb, all of Azle; Texas; Larry and Patsy Webb of Adrian; Becky and Kendell Webb of Amarillo; Al, Kathy, and Joy Webb; Kirk, Leann, Megan, and Mackenzie Pigg; Dan, Debbie, Sarah, and Rachel Goldsmith, all from Dimmitt.

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Local Lions Host Ladies

Members of the Bovina Lions and their wives met for dinner at K-Bob's Restaurant in Clovis on Thursday evening week before last.

Those present were T-Bone and Mary Treinen, Vernon and Frances Willard, Bob and Sarah Owens, Thomas and Virginia Rhodes, Pat and Pat Kunselman, Jim and Scooter Russell, Woodrow and Gladys Wright, Sam and Shirley Wright, Bedford and Pauline Caldwell and Steve and Cindy Venable.

Also, Jerry and Kay Roach, Rouel and Thelma Barron, Jeff and Kristi Steelman, Kenneth and Arla Walters, Kevin and Susie Hughes, and Jay and Pat Sherrill.

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LOSE THREE GAMES

Fillies Stumble In Farwell Meet

Bovina High School's Fillies had a bad weekend at the Farwell Invitational Tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The team took a 3-3 season record into the tournament, but had the misfortune of losing all three of their games in the meet.

Coach Alayne Bradshaw's group drew strong Friona in the opening round. They stayed close for a quarter, as Cindy Quintana's four field goals kept the team within two points, 12-10, at one point.

But the Squaws out-pointed the Fillies, 24-12 and 21-8, to take a 45-18 halftime lead.

The Fillies were able to outscore Friona only in the final quarter, 14-13, when Ione Molinar had a five-point quarter and Cindy Quintana hit a pair of field goals.

Miss Quintana's 12 points led the Fillies' scoring.

On Friday, Teresa Stone's three baskets, which included a three-pointer, kept the team close, 12-19, at the end of the opening quarter against Olton. But Bovina's scoring fell off in the second quarter and the team trailed, 34-20 at the half.

Olton managed a 31-28 edge in the second half for the difference in the game. Sally Noriega had a good game for the Fillies with 22 points and Miss Stone added 11.

Two bad quarters proved costly

to the team in Saturday's game against Texico for seventh place.

Bovina had a great third quarter, outscoring the Wolverines, 26-18. Miss Stone had a 12-point quarter, which included a pair of three-point shots.

But their bad second quarter (only six points) was their main downfall.

Miss Stone led with 22 points and Miss Noriega added 11. The team had only six players available for the game.

The team was carrying a 3-6 record into its game on Thursday of this week.

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FILLIES 38, Friona 71
Stephanie Rackley 1-0-2; Cindy Quintana 6-0-12; Teresa Stone 3*-0-9; Ione Molinar 1-1*-0-5; Sally Noriega 1-0-2; Kim Kirkpatrick 1-4-6; Charlotte Quintana 1-0-2.

FILLIES 48, Olton 65
Cindy Quintana 1-3-5; Stone 4-1*-0-11; Nancy Vargas 0-1-1; Molinar 0-0-0; S. Noriega 4-3*-5-22; Kirkpatrick 1-3-5; Charlotte Quintana 1-0-2.

FILLIES 59, Texico 76
Rackley 1-0-2; Stone 8-2*-0-22; Molinar 3-1-7; S. Noriega 4-1*-3-11; Kirkpatrick 4-0-8; Ch. Quintana 3-2-8.

*3-point baskets.



LLOYD GOBER

Services Held For L. Gober

Funeral services for Lloyd Gober, 67, were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church, with Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Gober died of natural causes Tuesday, December 15, 1992.

He was born December 19, 1924, at Tipton, Oklahoma. He moved to Parmer County in 1925. He married Frances Roach December 19, 1946, in Clovis, N.M.

Gober attended the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

Survivors include one son, Lane Gober of Victoria; one daughter, Kim Gober of Lubbock; two brothers, Webb Gober of Farwell and Scott Gober of Bovina, and one sister, Frank Carson of Lubbock. Two grandchildren, Chelsea and Jeff Gober, also survive.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jacquetta in 1939, a brother, Buzz Gober in 1942, and a sister, Marie Roark in 1980.

Pallbearers were Gene Ezell, Harold Carpenter, Bill Sides, John Dixon, Jon Lin Riddle, and Ros Blankenship.

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To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Due to the adverse weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels.

Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

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