

WHITTLIN

By DOLPH MOTEN

And we just missed that White Christmas business in the Texas Panhandle by three days. That left the record of Billie Sudderth intact in the weather - predicting department. Last week Billie, pinch-hitting for the vacationing regular weatherman, Willie Williams, said there'd be no white Christmas this year.

Surprisingly enough, he was right. He did so well, in fact, that we're letting him bat for Willie again this week. After this time, though, Willie's scheduled to be home and back on the job and we can get this Plains weather back to normal.

We came home Sunday from our annual Christmas visit in Central Texas. About 8 a.m., while still in that section of the state, we stopped for gasoline and encountered a most pleasant station manager who went out of his way with friendly conversation about things in general and the weather in particular.

Sensing, we'd guess, that we were on our way somewhere, he volunteered, "You have a fine day for driving . . . unless you're going to the Texas Panhandle; they're having a blizzard up there."

Figuring that was just some more propaganda from downstate weathermen to downgrade our Plains weather, we thought about hitting him in the mouth and getting that kind of talk stopped there. But we controlled our emotions and told him we appreciated the information, that we were going to the Panhandle and we guessed we'd just try to make it. Go as far as we could, at least.

By the time we got to Lubbock, however, we realized that his information had been much more correct than we had anticipated earlier in the day. And from Lubbock to Parmer County, we came in snow and ice.

It wasn't bad, though, and our trip home, which terminated with our arrival here about 4 p.m. was much better than for the people who made the same trip later in the afternoon and night.

In our business, we don't make many trips outside this area and we tried to make up for this lack with unusualties on the aforementioned journey. We started early Christmas morning --- at 5 a.m. --- and that's even earlier than we realized. It's a long time from then until daylight.

Breezing along we were in the pre-dawn darkness a few miles this side of Lubbock when we drove up on a small, bug-type car wrecked over on the side of the road. Obviously, the car had struck a detour board barricade and overturned. It looked bad. Stopped near the wreck were a couple of patrol cars. We stopped, asking one of the patrolmen if we could help because it appeared there might be a need for somebody to do something.

Said patrolman declined our offer, saying he didn't know of anything to do because he couldn't even find the driver of the wrecked car. He was looking in the vicinity with his flashlight.

We thought that was a bad deal, possibly tragic, but started onto the southeast.

When we stopped in Post for gas, we went inside the station to wait for the attendant so we could pay him. Inside the station sitting by the fire was a young man who acted as if he might need some cheering up for the holiday season. In way of greeting we ask him, "How're you doing?"

That was all the opening he needed to tell us that he was doing fine until an hour or so earlier when he wrecked his car up the other side of Lubbock ways.

We felt like we'd seen a ghost!

Explaining that we'd been helping look for him, we asked if we could help him now that we'd found him. He said he sure would like to ride to Snyder, where he was planning to spend Christmas with his father.

Since his destination was right on our route we were glad to have him go that far with us. On the way he explained that he had waited at his wrecked car, in the cold, for an estimated 30 minutes before a couple of men came along and gave him a ride to the station in Post where we found him. He was a student at the University of New Mexico and had attended high school in Clovis.

We let him out in Snyder just at the break of day and even though he'd had a brush with

Bovina continued to progress during 1969, with at least two new cattle-related industries opened in the area.

Adding to the economy here were the construction of Bovina Feeders, Inc. and Bovina By-Products, and expansion of Parmer County Cattle Company.

Fewer spectacular events were recorded during 1969, at least in the construction field. The trend followed that found over the nation as interest rates were hiked.

The year proceeded at an even pace, in spite of excessive rain, hail and damaged crops. Bovina emerged from its "ups and downs" with head held high. A month-by-month report of the events of '69 follows:

JANUARY
On Jan. 1 Charles Flynn was

announced the winner of the annual tall feather contest, following a successful pheasant season.

Proposals were made for re-districting schools in Texas, and Parmer County along with them. Meeting strong opposition, during the year, the proposals were apparently shelved, but not before re-financing tightened the screws.

Gilbert Hough was named the new football coach and athletic director for Bovina Schools.

Young Farmers Chapter was organized here with Ralph Roming named its first president.

FEBRUARY
Water was the word when the month of February opened. Parmer County Water Users Association was organized.

Don's Medicine Chest moved to its new home on Third Street

and C and H Irrigation Supply moved across the street on Main.

Jan Gromowsky and Randy Barrett were named basketball Queen and King at Willford Gym.

High winds blew the roof off a house on Fourth Street, while wires, antennas, etc. over town received damage.

The annual Bovina FFA Livestock Show was staged with Robert Fowler winning the swine show, Stephen Sherrill showing the best Hampshire lamb, and Galen Carson taking the steer division.

Coaches and principals in Bovina Schools got new contracts, as track workouts got underway.

Elections for city council and school board were called with names filed for positions on both.

Frances Flower Shop opened for business on Main Street.

MARCH
Parmer County National Farmers Organization was chartered in a meeting at Hub.

Five new directors were named to the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Charles Smith was named the president.

Spring approached, but snow flew -- seven and one-half inches of it.

Toni Pinner and Mike Beauchamp were named to the All-District 3-A basketball teams.

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AUGUST
Parmer County overwhelmingly approved a proposed state water plan, but Texas as a whole turned the measure down.

Harry J. Charles hit a hole-in-one at Friona Country Club.

Bull Town Days celebration got underway with the unveiling of the bull statue on Highway 60.

Loy Christian was crowned 1969 queen of the celebration, while a parade, free barbecue, Western variety show, old fiddlers contest and cow calling contest entertained the crowds.

Neal Mager took over reins of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture after Charles Smith resigned as president.

Fifty-two boys turned out for football workouts as the new school year approached.

New lights for Mustang Field were contracted.

SEPTEMBER
Over 600 children enrolled in Bovina Schools as classes opened for the fall. Jim Noyes began school as the new junior high principal.

The 10th annual Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest got underway.

A new industry was named for Bovina --- Bovina By-Products, a receiving station for dead and crippled livestock.

Pam Grissom was crowned Maize Days Queen at Friona.

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Jan Gromowsky was runner-up.

Mustangs won three football games in a row in September, defeating Amherst, Happy and Lazbuddie.

Beet harvest got underway, but rains began, delaying grain harvest and eventually halting beets.

OCTOBER
Bovina set a new record, defeating Nazareth 76-20, but it was the last taste of victory for the year.

Mrs. Wilson DiCuffa resigned as high school English teacher because of health reasons.

Frenship ruined Bovina's homecoming, then district competition began.

Suzanne Wilson was crowned football queen and Stuart McMeans football hero during homecoming activities, that also featured a parade.

Mrs. Rita Mast was winner of the First Freeze Contest, correctly predicting Oct. 13.

Grain harvest was almost completed with the yield "better than expected" but below normal. But rains came again, delaying the finish. Four inches fell in a week.

NOVEMBER
Bovina Mustangs scared Farwell here. The Steers won 23-19, but the game was not "on ice" until the whistle blew.

A two-inch snow fell unexpectedly in the area.

The first bale of cotton was delivered to Bovina by W. A. Mace, Oklahoma Lane area farmer.

Harvest Carnival entertained young and old in the county barn.

Junior Class presented "Hillbilly Wedding."

A new weight-lifting exercise machine was installed in the fieldhouse at Bovina Schools.

Basketball season got underway with a full schedule in store for teams from junior high and up.

Cotton crop yields turned out better than expected, following hail and wet weather.

DECEMBER
Agri-Sprayers announced expansion after the business acquired C and S Chemical here.

Larry Wardlaw of Farwell, eighth grade student, was the grand prize winner of Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest. He led most of the entire contest that began in September, but had to break a tie with Mrs. J. Sam Gaines for the tickets and expenses to the Cotton Bowl game.

Dr. Michael Murphy of Rusk declared intentions to practice medicine in Bovina Medical Clinic.

Santa came to town, pheasant season came and went, and a Decorations Contest was held.

Tom Bonds was first place winner; H. H. Kelso, second; and L. M. Grissoms, third.

All in all, it was an eventful year. Some were born and some married. But Bovina lost its share of citizens and former citizens during the year.

M. B. Buchanan died in January; D. S. (Demp) Harrell, Mrs. Eva Raburn in February. Nicky Schilling was fatally injured in an accident in March and Donald Raymond Kennedy was buried here in the same month.

John Wilson, Bovina water superintendent, was a heart attack victim in April. In June, Cloy Stanberry was fatally injured in a Lazbuddie elevator explosion. Later that month Lloyd A. Battley and W. W. Lacey were buried here.

In July Bovina lost A. R. McCormick, Mrs. Iris Kirk Wilson, Bernabe R. Alonzo, Bernabe Solis Alonzo, Jr. and Jesse Cleveland Stowers.

Services were held in August for Mrs. T. F. (Beatrice) Taylor and pioneer Giles Williams. E. L. Pyka was an accident victim in September and Herman Chandler was a heart attack victim while on a fishing trip. Lee Thompson, former Parmer County judge, commissioner and tax assessor-collector died in Vernon, and Mrs. Rosa Blacklock died following a long illness.

Burial was in Bovina for J. H. Floyd and Mrs. Allie Willard in December.

Weather
By Willie

Don't worry about these late December storms. They always play out before Spring!

---Billie Sudderth, holiday substitute for Weatherman Willie Williams



1969 Pictorial Highlights Of Bovina



The Bovina Blade

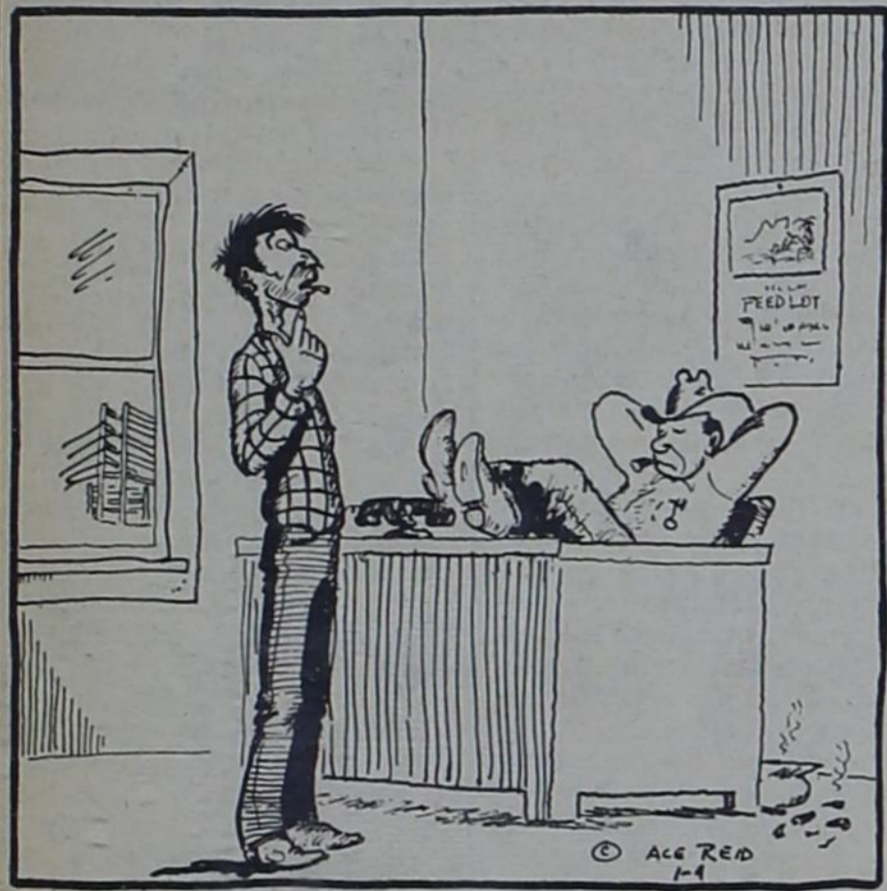
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Steelman, Webb --

Co-Op Names Staff Additions

Two new additions have been announced to the staff of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc.

Dickie Steelman and Larry Webb have joined the co-op, announces Jim Russell, Wheat Growers' general manager.

Both have been associated with Elcor Corporation here, a fertilizer firm. Steelman has served as manager of the Bovina branch of the corporation for the past several months. He has been with Elcor, formerly known as Western Ammonia, for four years. Webb worked for the firm three years.

Steelman's primary duties with Wheat Growers will be in the fertilizer division. Webb will work with fertilizer and also with the farm supply store of which O. W. Adams is in charge, Russell said.

Formal announcement of the staff additions is made in an advertisement in this week's issue of The Blade.

According to unofficial information furnished The Blade, Elcor plans to have a locally-owned dealership here instead of a company-owned branch as it has been in the past.

Jan. 31 --

Vote Sign-Up Deadline Near

"About one-third enough Parmer County voters have registered for 1970 elections," says Hugh Moseley, Parmer County tax assessor-collector.

Last week 1,317 registrations for voting had been issued, Moseley said. There are possibly three times that many citizens who could vote if they registered, Moseley added. January 31 is the deadline for voter registration.

This year there will be several district and county officials elected, including two county commissioners, district and county clerks, county treasurer, district and county judges.

In addition, there will be city and school district elections, and as always, the possibility of Texas amendment elections.

No changes have been made this year in regulations for registering to vote. However, Moseley says there will be some changes for 1971 elections.

Whittlin' --

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death, he was safe and sound and "home for Christmas."

He left the impression that he thought that the fact that he was alive and well and had reached his destination in time for the holiday were more important than his wrecked car.

Maybe it was because it was Christmas, but we couldn't find much reason to argue with his way of thinking.

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1900s -- "Give me."

Community Conversation

Visiting with their mother, Mrs. Bessie Webb, for Christmas dinner was June Webb of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Webb of Cleburne and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor of Friona. Other members of the Webb family were here during the day.

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In Bovina --

Buddy Clements Wins Tail Feather Contest

Buddy Clements was the winner in the 1969 Bovina Tail Feather contest held in conjunction with Parmer County pheasant season.

His entry measured 24 and three-quarters inches and won him the \$15 first prize.

Sam Garrison won second and \$10 on a feather measuring 23 and five-eighths inches, while Jimmy Clements won the \$5 third place with a 23 and one-half inch entry.

The winner is a sophomore in Bovina High School and becomes the third school student in the past four years to take the top prize. The other two the past four years include Rodney Murphy and David Vargas. Charles Flynn was the winner last year.

Tail feather contests were also held in Farwell and Friona. The longest in the county will be presented a trophy by Parmer County Game Association.

Pheasant season was held for nine days this year in Parmer County, from Dec. 13 through 21, including two week ends. It gave hunters from over the area ample time to enjoy the season here this year.

The contest headquarters was at Bovina Gin Co. this year and prize money was awarded by Hartzog Seed Farms and The Bovina Blade.

From 12 to 15 entries were received in the contest here this year, according to Johnnie Horn at Bovina Gin, and at least that many more called in with reports of feathers that were too short to win.

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English, Speech --

Mrs. Durben New Teacher

Mrs. Margaret Durben of Muleshoe will assume duties as

School Opens Here Monday

Classes will resume in Bovina Schools Monday morning, Jan. 5, following the Christmas - New Year holidays, according to L. F. Jacobs, superintendent.

The next scheduled holiday is Easter, Jacobs says, unless school days are missed because of weather before that time.

In that event, Easter holidays may have to be shortened from those planned at this time in order to get in the required number of school days this year.

A five-day vacation is planned at this time, from the afternoon of March 25 through March 30.

teacher of Junior and Senior English and Speech when classes begin in Bovina Schools following the holidays.

She succeeds Miss Joyce Adams, who has been offered a position as news editor of a farm and home magazine with her territory including Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Mrs. Durben holds a B.A. degree from West Texas State University with a major in English. She has also done some graduate work in English, according to L. F. Jacobs, superintendent, and has three years teaching experience in both English and Speech.

Also among Miss Adams' duties were the yearbook of Bovina Schools. The annual is already nearly completed, Jacobs said, and Mrs. Durben will be in charge of what is left to be done on the publication.

More Deposits --

Card Project Reaches \$628

An additional \$28 has been deposited this week at First State Bank of Bovina for the annual Christmas Card Fund.

The amount brings the total to \$628.77.

This year the fund will be divided 50-50 between the Bovina Medical Clinic and the Grace Paul Fund, unless the contribution was otherwise designated. The project is sponsored by Bovina Woman's Study Club.

One of the contributions this year was an anonymous one, according to bank officials.

Others made since the deadline Saturday, Dec. 20, include E. E. Woelfel; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lance and family; The Corns and the Swobodas; Leon, Shirley, Mike, Connie and Carol Ware.

They join the 78 other Bovina area citizens who expressed

their holiday greetings to friends here through the Christmas Card Fund.

Hospital Notes

PARMER COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Dec. 16-29 Admissions

Glenn Phillips, Friona; Mrs. Errol Lee Johnson and son, Lazbuddie; Mrs. Ronald Corbyn and daughter, Farwell; Mrs. George Baca and son, Bovina; Steven Saldana, Friona, surgery; Kate Steelman, Bovina; Keith Battey, Hereford, accident; Mrs. Bane Doshier, Texico; Ramey Beene, Friona, accident; Charles Hamilton, Friona, accident; Danny Carthel, Friona, accident; Julie Reeve, Friona; Martha Carter, Friona; Jamie Reeve, Friona; Ima L. Jones, Friona; Glee White, Friona; Larry Johnston, Friona; Denzil L. Smith, Friona, accident; Mrs. Pedro Dimas and son, Friona; Jessie Orr, Farwell, accident; Ethel Adams, Panhandle; Opal Potts, Texico, accident; Bill Buchanan, Friona;

Mrs. Tommy Jarecki and son, Friona; Lillie M. Scott, Friona; Wahlea Beck, Friona; Mrs. Ray Zuniga and son, Bovina; Raymond Fleming, Friona; Mae Hopingardner, Bovina; Santos Rando, III, Friona; Evelyn Kaye Lary, Friona; Mrs. William McCoy and daughter, Friona; Marvin Bartlett, Friona; T. C. Gardner, Friona; Josephine Blackburn, Friona; Susie Aguilar, Bovina; Mrs. Rachel Hamlett and son, Lazbuddie; Juel Treider, Muleshoe; Larry Potts, Friona; Berta Atalido, Friona; Julia Lloyd, Friona; Lois Dennis, Friona; Mrs. Bob Copeland, Muleshoe.

Dismissals
Robert L. Rule, Friona; Carmen Teresa Maurer, Friona; Odie Huggins, Farwell; Mrs. Raymond Flores and son, Hereford; Larry Kendell Webb, Bovina; James Whiteside, Friona; Glenn Phillips; Alton Farr, Friona; Joaquin Castillo, Hereford; Steven Saldana; Keith Battey; Edgar Campbell, Texico; Mrs. Ronald Corbyn and daughter; Mrs. George Baca and son; Jolene Barnett, Friona; Julie Reeve; Jamie Reeve; Ima Lee Jones; Mrs. Errol Johnson and son; Kate Steelman; Ramey Beene;

Martha Carter; Larry Johnston; Charles Hamilton; Opal Potts; Danny Carthel; Glee White; Betty Doshier; Isabelle Gilbreath, Bovina; Mrs. Pedro Dimas and son; Denzil Smith; Wahlea Beck; Evelyn Lary; Santos Rando, III; Raymond Fleming; Mae Hopingardner; Lillie Scott; T. C. Gardner; Marvin Bartlett; Susie Aguilar; Bill Buchanan; Josephine Blackburn; Mrs. Tommy Jarecki and son.

Conference Games Begin Here Monday

One more game remains scheduled before District 3-A competition begins for Bovina basketball teams.

Mustangs and Fillies travel to Hart Friday night for the last non-conference game of the year, excluding the Farwell tournament.

Monday night, Kress Kangaroos come to Bovina for the first district game of the season.

Bovina teams returned games at Lazbuddie Tuesday night this week, the first following the Christmas holidays.

Both the Mustangs and Fillies have been hampered by broken bones, received during the pre-district season by Filly Twyla Hutto and Mustangs' Mike Hough and Tommy McCormick.

Miss Hutto and Hough are hopeful of being back in action before long, but McCormick will be out until the end of January at least.

Son Born To Estes

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Estes of Cleveland, Ohio are parents of a son born Dec. 23.

Weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces, he has been named Christopher Llyia. The new arrival has two brothers, Kenny, 11, and Lance, six.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Barraza of Ackerly. Mrs. Estes is in Cleveland visiting her new grandson.

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Of Interest To
★ THE WOMEN ★

May, Morton Nuptial Vows
Read In December Ceremony

Miss Janice Morton became the bride of Mr. Richard May at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 27, in a double ring ceremony performed in the First United Methodist Church of Brownfield.

Entering with her father, the bride wore a formal Empire gown of peau de sole featuring re-embroidered and beaded Alencon lace motifs on the bodice, redingote front, and the cuffs of the bishop sleeves. The lace trimmed chapel train attached at the back waistline beneath lace trimmed triple-looped streamers. A full chapel length veil was attached to a matching lace Camelot hat. The three-graduated colonial type bride's bouquet was white flowers of roses, carnations, gladiolus, and an orchid tied into one with a red velvet ribbon.

Mrs. Pat Ramseur presented an organ recital with the music, "Finlandia", "Ave Maria", and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". She then accompanied Pat Ramseur as he sang, "The Pledge". Both are residents of Brownfield.

Maid of honor was Miss Betsy McKinney of Midland. Bridesmaids included Miss Lynda Packard of Springlake, Mrs. Dick Echols of Clovis, N.M., cousin of the bride, and Miss Diane May of Harlingen, cousin of the groom. Their dresses were matching formal length gowns of Empire design in barberry red velvet. They were fashioned with scooped necklines, as that of the bride's dress, and featured long sleeves, sashed, and tiny buttons. The attendants carried white fur muffs complemented with holly.

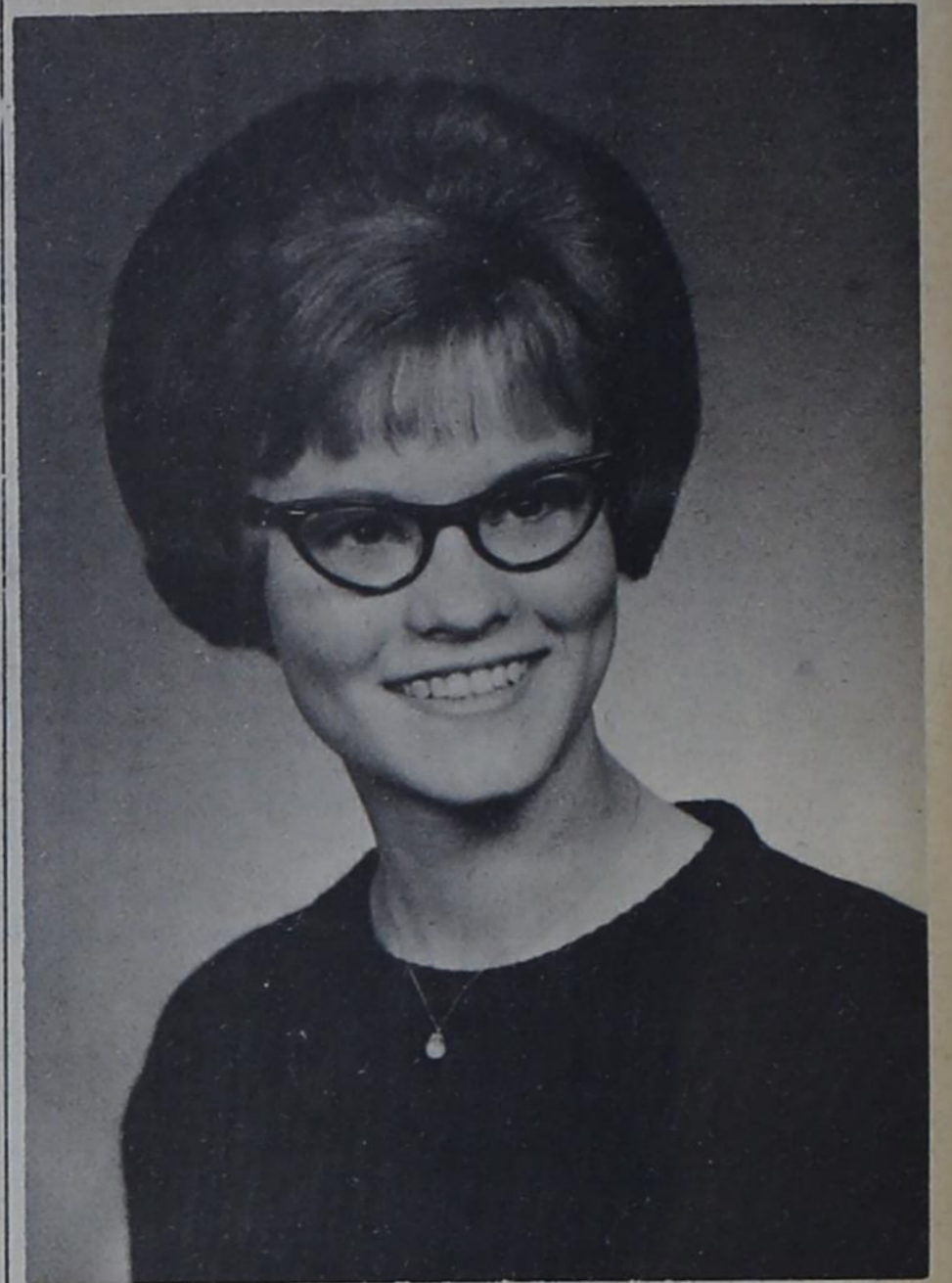
Miss Shontal Cowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cowley of Brownfield, served as flowergirl. She wore a short empire dress of barberry red velvet and carried a lace basket filled with petals. Lee Wayne May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon May of Houston, was ring-bearer. He carried the rings atop a white satin pillow.

L. Gene May, father of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Robert May of Corpus Christi, brother of the groom; W. E. May of Harlingen, uncle of the groom; and Leon May of Houston, also an uncle of the groom.

Guests were registered by Miss Louie McNeil of Brownfield and were seated by A. H. Owens of Beaumont, uncle of the bridegroom, and Tom Turbiville of San Antonio.

The bride's mother wore a light rose ensemble of wool silk blend with cement accessories. The groom's mother was wearing a blue crepe dress complete with bone accessories. Both wore a single white orchid corsage.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. The bride's table, laid in white satin cloth trimmed in seed pearls, featured the traditional three-tiered white cake, tiers separated by white columns. The cake was adorned with white satin bells. A crystal punchbowl and silver appointments were featured with a four-point candelabra. The setting was complemented with the bride's bouquet. Mrs. Sue Stahl



Announce Engagement

Mrs. Garland C. Foster of Floydada announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Linda June, to Donald Earl Cumpston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cumpston of Bovina. The couple will exchange marriage vows at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in First Baptist Church of Floydada. The bride-elect is a graduate of Floydada High School and received her degree from Texas Tech University this month. She has recently completed her student teaching at Tulia High School. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Bovina High School and West Texas State University. He is assistant varsity football coach and head track coach at Tulia High School.

and Miss Nancy Swaringen served.

The groom's table was laid in red satin cloth. It featured a silver two-point candelabra, a silver coffee service, and a chocolate cake. Mrs. Jackie Moss and Miss Ann Moss served.

Reception music was played by Kit May, Jr., of Harlingen, uncle of the bridegroom. Other members of the house party included Miss Vicki Faight, Miss Margaret Booth, Mrs. Lowell Beatty, and Mrs. Woodrow Swaringen.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gene May, at Fox's Restaurant in Brownfield. The bride's traveling outfit

was a white wool dress with a black and white checked wool mini-coat, designed and made by the bride. She wore black accessories and a white orchid from her bouquet.

Mrs. May is a graduate of Union High School and attended Texas Tech for a year. She will resume her studies at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. Her husband is a graduate of Forest Park in Beaumont and attended Texas Tech for three years. He is an agent for Farmers Insurance Group in Corpus Christi.

Following a brief wedding trip the couple will reside at 3535 Cottonwood, Cottonwood Apartments, B-4, in Corpus Christi.

R. B. Rileys
Have Twins

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Riley are the parents of twins, a boy and girl, born in Clovis Memorial Hospital early Tuesday morning.

The boy weighed five pounds and the girl four pounds, according to reports. Names were not known.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sikes of Bovina and Mrs. Earl Riley of Tucumcari, N.M., formerly of Bovina.

Visit Vestals
For Holidays

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vestal over the Christmas holidays were several members of their family and friends.

Their son and family, the J. M. (Pete) Vestals of Cucamonga, Calif., and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gibson of Aztec, N. M., were among the visitors.

Others include a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kirkland and two daughters of Hereford, a grandson, Ronnie Vestal of Dallas and his friend, Scott Hews of Dallas. Friends visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leake, all of Bovina.



MRS. EUGENE WINKLER

Marriage Ceremony Unites
Gina Clawson, Eugene Winkler

Before an altar of candelabra and pink tapers, a large pink wedding candle atop palm leaves and an arrangement of pink gladioli, Miss Gina Elaine Clawson became the bride of Eugene Allan Winkler Saturday, Dec. 27.

Rev. Kenneth Stuttmann read the double ring vows at 2 p.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Temple.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Clawson, formerly of Bovina and now of Temple, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Winkler of Temple.

Mrs. Eddie Brinegar, organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the bridegroom as he sang "Wedding Prayer" and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout who sang "At Dawning" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a high waisted gown of peau de sole sash with pink velvet ribbon. Pink Alencon lace rose appliques and pink satin buttons accented the tight cuffs and Victorian collar. Lace appliques were also scattered over the gathered skirt, bodice and full wrist-length sleeves.

The bride's veil of tulle fell from a cluster of white peau de sole roses accented with pink lace appliques and pearls. A chapel length train of tulle scattered with pink lace appliques was also attached to the cluster of roses.

She carried a nosegay of pink roses and pink stephanotis atop a white satin covered Bible, carried by her mother in her wedding. The bridal ensemble was designed and made by the bride's mother.

For something borrowed, the bride wore her sister's earrings and something blue, a garter made by the bride's grandmother. Pennies minted in the

couple's birth years were in her shoe.

Miss Eva Jo and Pansy Clawson of Temple, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor. Matron of honor was Miss Dorlan Clawson of San Marcos, sister-in-law of the bride. Miss Jackie Newton of Bossier City, Va., cousin of the bride, and Miss LaNelle Christian of Bovina, were bridesmaids.

Misses Jean and Jane Newton of Bossier City, Va., cousins of the bride, lighted the candles.

The attendants wore floor-length loose fitting gowns of pink about-face. The fronts of the gowns were gathered into yokes with jewel necklines and short sleeves. Wide sashes of voile extending from underarms were caught into large bows in back with streamers falling to the hems. Headpieces were large pink fabric bows atop circles of pink tulle. Each carried a long-stemmed pink rose.

James and Lester Winkler, brothers of the bridegroom of Temple, served as best men. Groomsmen were Dorlan Clawson of San Marcos, brother of the bride, Garland Krueger of Temple and Eugene Merslovsky of Belton. Ushers included Bill Mears of Austin, Tom Wolff of Temple, Mike Bocchieri of Irving and Dale Newton of Bossier City, Va. The latter two are cousins of the bride.

For her daughters wedding, Mrs. Clawson chose a floor length dress of avocado crepe with high round neckline, softly gathered to a stand up collar. She wore a green orchid and white accessories.

The bridegroom's mother chose a full length aqua dress of crepe with long, fitted sleeves and stand up collar. Accessories were black patent leather. She wore a pink orchid.

A reception was held in the home of Judge and Mrs. J. F.

Clawson, aunt and uncle of the bride. The bride's table featured the bride's bouquet, a four-tiered white cake adorned with pink roses and pink lace, and pink punch. The bridegroom's table featured German chocolate cake and coffee. Friends and relatives of the couple passed out pink rice bags.

The rehearsal dinner was held Friday night at River Forest Restaurant in Belton. The bridegroom's parents were host and hostess for the occasion.

For a wedding trip to San Antonio, the bride chose a pink wool double breasted jumper with pink voile blouse featuring long, full sleeves and a large bow at the neck. Her corsage was lifted from the bridal bouquet. Black patent accessories completed her ensemble.



MRS. RICHARD MAY

Mrs. Winkler is a 1968 graduate of Bovina High School and is a sophomore at Temple Junior College. She is employed as secretary at Tempco Feed Mills.

The bridegroom is a 1968 graduate of Temple High School and is also a sophomore at Temple Junior College. He is employed at Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Temple.

After January 1, the couple will be at home at 707 North 3rd in Temple.



MARRIED 50 YEARS --- Mr. and Mrs. E. G. (Blackie) Williams will be honored with a reception at Farwell First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall Sunday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. Hosts for the occasion are the couple's children, Glen Williams of Canyon, Herbert Williams of Lubbock and Mrs. Opal Cartrite of Sunray. The Williams were married Jan. 7, 1920 in Chickasha, Okla.

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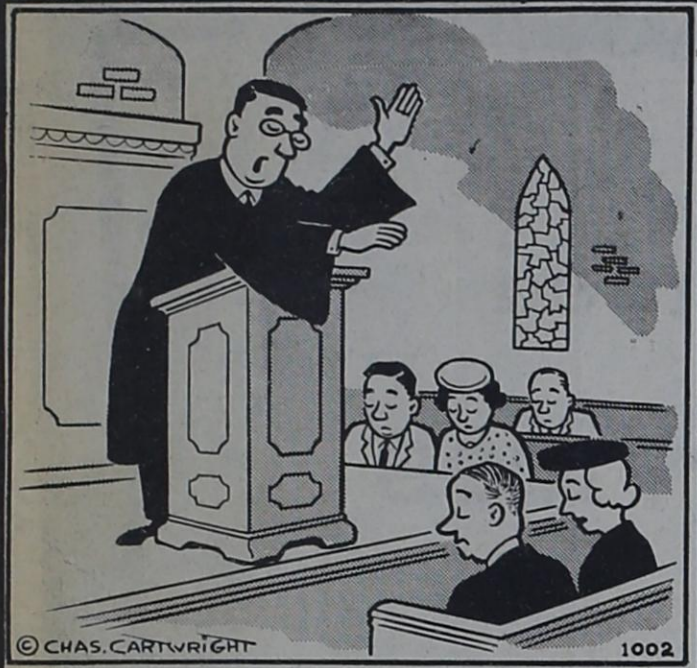
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A NEW DECADE --

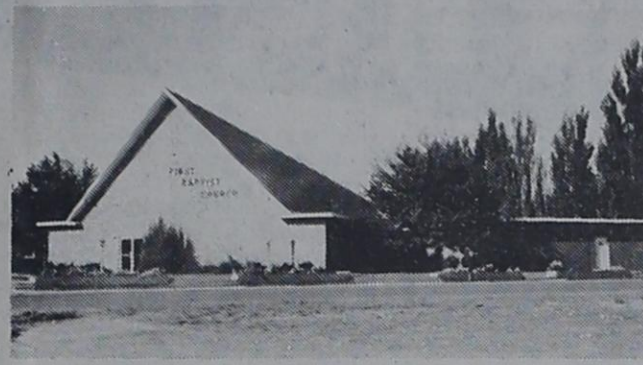
It seems impossible but here we are upon the threshold of the 1970's! An eventful, explosive decade has come to a close. In a sense we enter a new era and now we are about to help write a new chapter in history. Certainly this is a thought which challenges us. How shall we handle the days which lie ahead?

As man enters the 1970's he inherits a multitude of problems, maybe the past teaches us that a greater effort is required if man is to accomplish those things which are productive of peace, good-will and hope for all humanity.

Surely this is a day for resolutions --- for becoming determined to live up to our best. When the history of this coming decade has been written, we will have been part of its problems or part of its solution and success. The question for each of us to answer is whether we shall be people who care and contribute to the good of our fellow man or whether we leave the good we could do up to someone else. How each of us live and act in the new decade is very important. The 1970's can be a decade of renewal. Let us pray that it shall be.

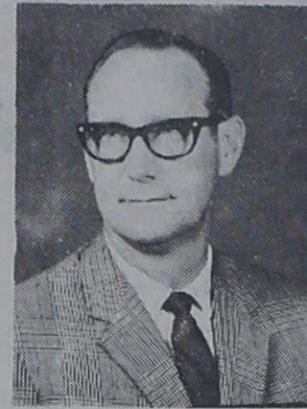
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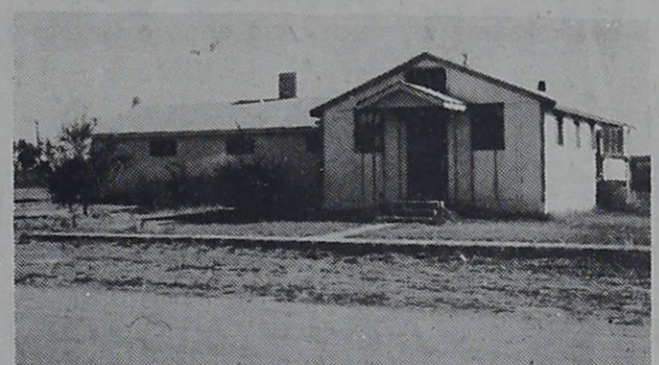
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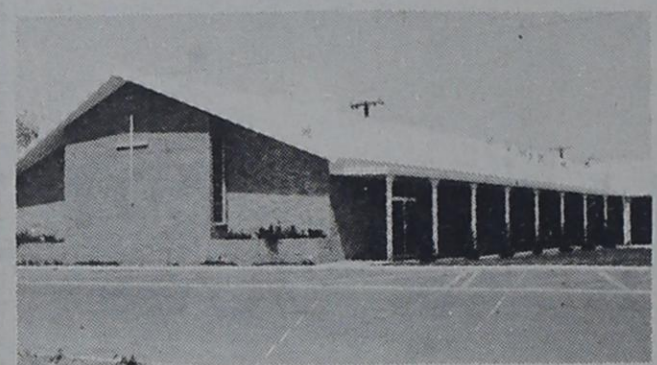
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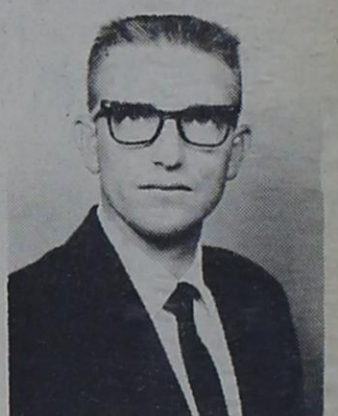
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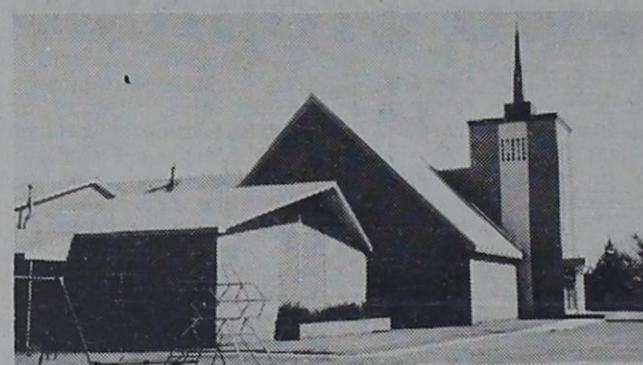
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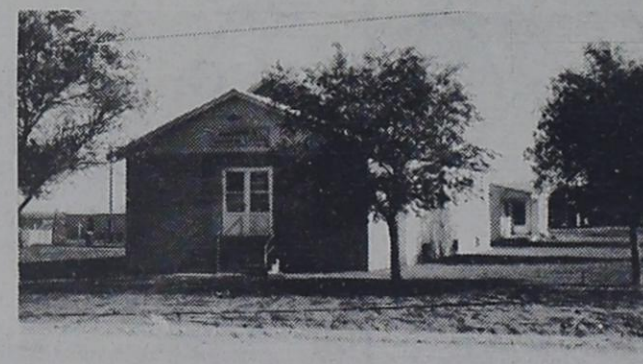
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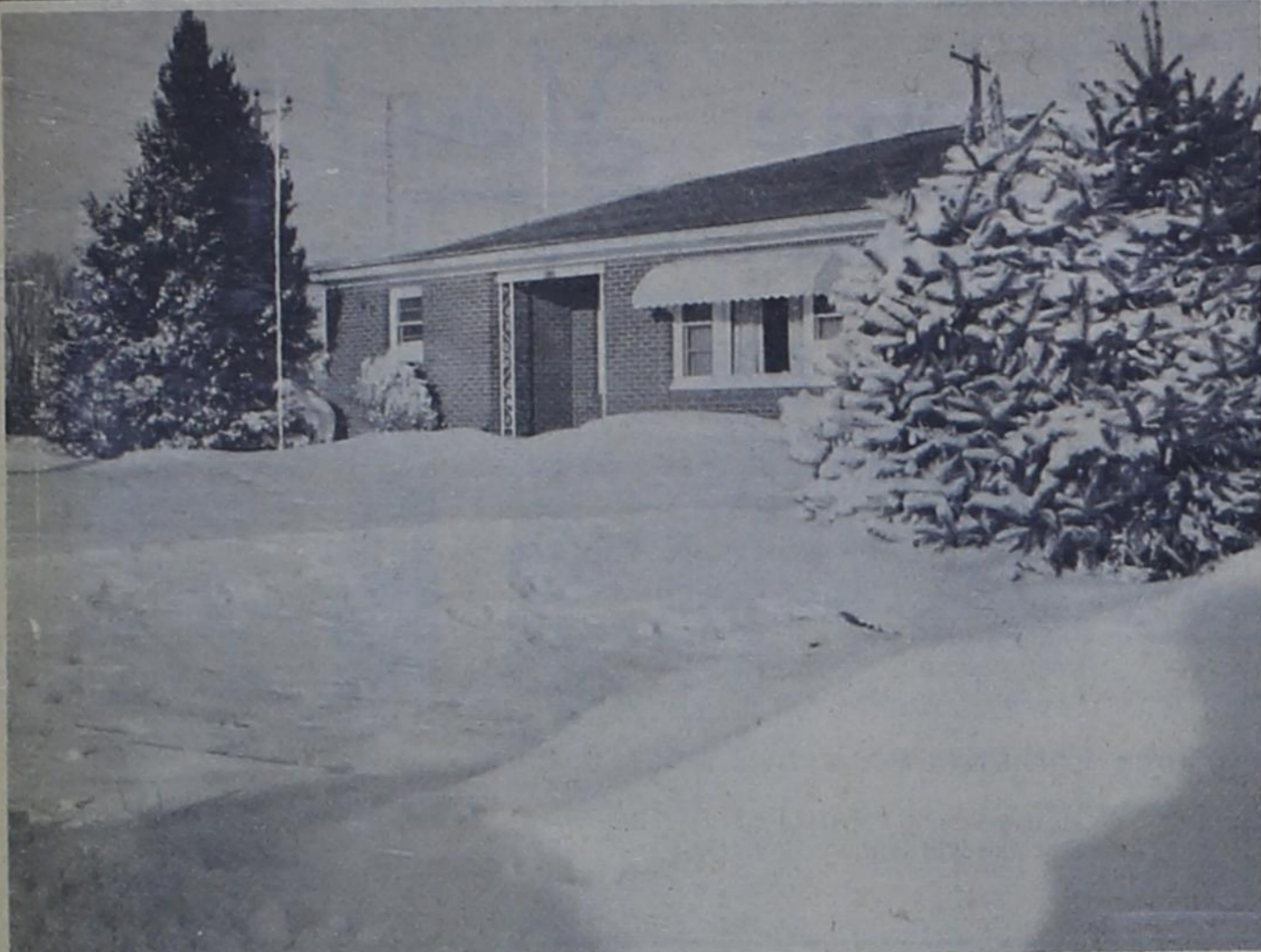
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Five Inches --

Winter's First Snow Storm Blasts Area

Winter's first heavy blast hit the Bovina and Panhandle area Sunday dumping five inches of snow here in two days, hampering motorists returning home from Christmas holidays and causing extra work for cattlemen.

The year of 1968 apparently left the north gate open, not intending to go out quietly. The year lived up to its weather

reputation with the snow and near zero temperatures. The winter moisture, however, brought prospects for good ground seasoning and gave wheat crops another boost.

Snow began falling here Sunday and by nightfall traveling was considered hazardous. Although little ice covered the highways in this area Sunday, the blizzard-like snow made visibility almost zero.

Accompanied by high winds, the snow drifted over the Plains country. Reports were heard of cattle walking out of pastures across drifts along fence lines. Cattlemen had an early round-up, getting their livestock into confined areas.

Bales of hay in pickups going to pastures were a dime a dozen as snow made grazing impossible in the area. At least one horse owner carried his hay by way of a snowmobile.

Although coming three days

late to provide a white Christmas, children out for the holidays took advantage of the winter storm and polished up their sleds for trips on the packed streets.

Snow fell nearly all day Monday but the skies began clearing about dusk. By Tuesday morning, temperatures had dropped near the zero mark and many automobile owners were calling for help in starting their vehicles.

Area residents were still "digging out" Tuesday morning after deep drifts blocked entrances to homes and garages. Sunny skies promised to give its assistance to Texas Highway Department, county and city road crews, who battled the snow on highways and streets.

Result of melting snow was expected to be possibly slicker roads, however, as temperatures continued below the freezing mark at night.

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At Three Way --

Bovina Gains Two Trophies

Bovina's varsity basketball squads brought home two large trophies from the Three-Way tournament December 20, the boys second place and the girls consolation awards.

Playing in the finals of the boys division, the Mustangs were outscored by the Three-Way champions, 73-60. The Bovina squad had downed Plains to gain a chance at the top trophy.

Tony Foster, who was high point man with 22 points for Bovina, was named a member of the all-tournament team.

Jan Gromowsky also was named to the girls all-tournament team. Both received trophies for the honors.

The Fillies won the championship consolation round by outscoring Three-Way 43-28 with Gromowsky hitting the basket for 19 points.

Others on the boys mythical team were Roberts and Johnny Furgeson of Three-Way, Jim Taylor of Plains and Steve Fowler of Smyer. The girls team was rounded out with Vicki Reeves and Judy Baker of Shallowater, Smyer's Marilyn Thompson and Three-Way's Cindy Long.

L.M. Grissom Reunion Held

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grissom had all their children home for Christmas this year.

Here for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grissom and family of Shallowater, Miss Lola Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom and family, all of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grissom and family of Talban, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crume and family of Plano.

The Crumes visited here until returning home Saturday.

Happy New Year!



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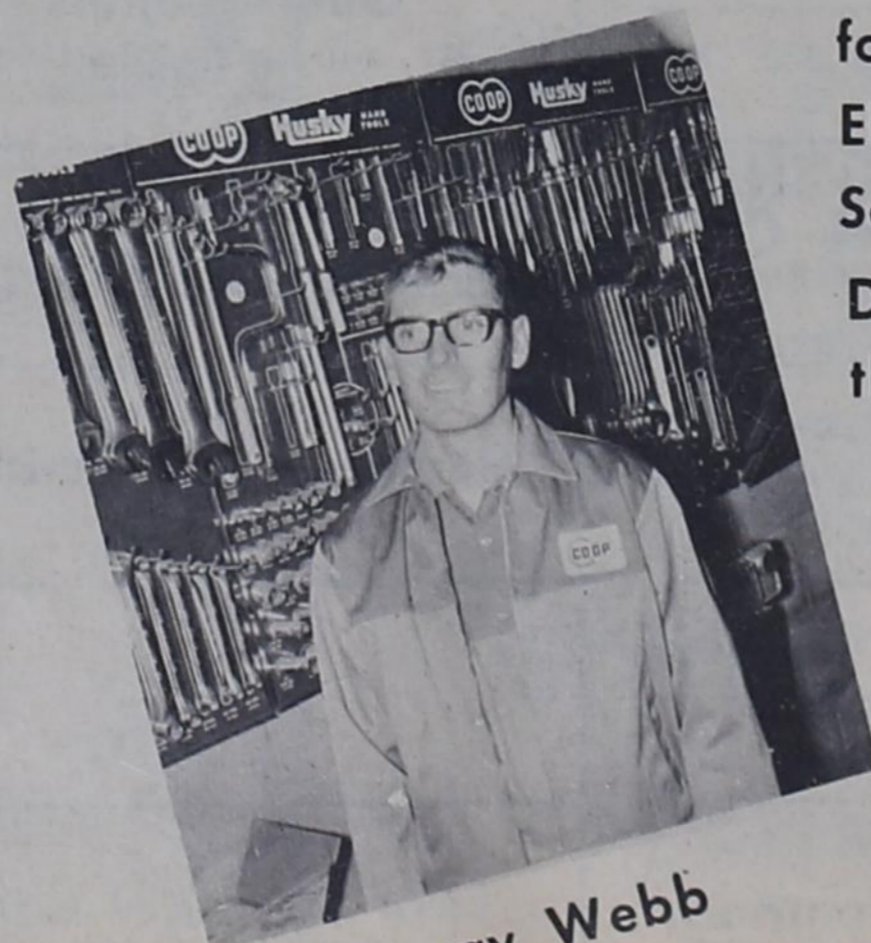
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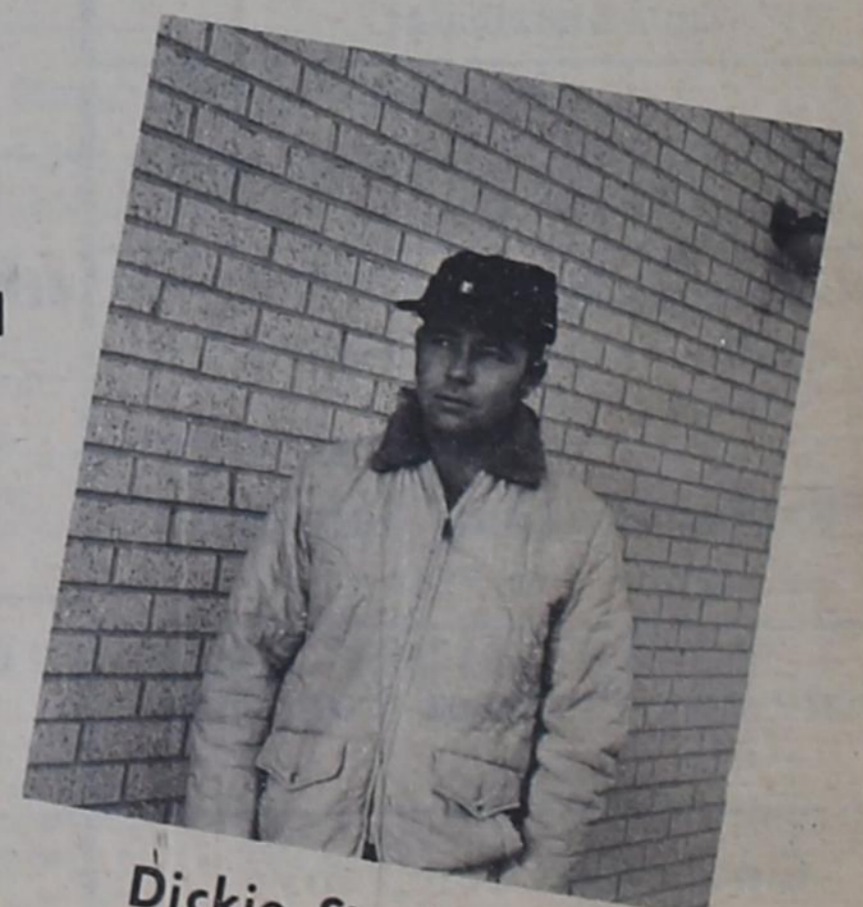


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