



BY BILL ELLIS

BOVINA FOLKS should really be proud of the new Bovina Supermarket and Family Center.

Billy Whitecotton, Billy Smith et al have done themselves proud, and in the process have given the community a big shot in the arm.

The new facility outdoes anything else in Parmer County. And it's also nicer than anything in Muleshoe. It should even compare favorably with any store in Clovis. We aren't that familiar with their super markets.

The store brings shoppers in the Bovina area "big city selection with small town convenience," and that pretty well sums it up in a nutshell.

Bovina Supermarket and Family Center is a store that any city would be proud to have added to its business community. The Bovina area is lucky to have businessmen like Whitecotton and Smith who are willing to invest in the future of this great area.

Shoppers of the area owe these businessmen a fair share of their business, to show appreciation for their providing such an attractive and convenient place to shop.

The Whitecottons and Smiths and their employees have put in countless hours in recent weeks to bring about the move from their former location to the new place, being up past midnight on a constant basis.

But all of the work and effort has paid off with a beautiful facility. We wish the folks at Bovina Supermarket and Family Center a great grand opening, and much success in the future!

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THE BEST WE can tell, the four-page ad which announces the grand opening of BSM-FC is the largest super market advertisement the Blade has ever been privileged to print.

In a small town weekly newspaper, it more or less makes you week when a merchant says "Hey, I'm gonna need four pages of advertising this week."

"Taint a bad way to start off Monday morning."

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PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T heard the story about Jimmy Carter when he was a boy. Very little is known about the Democratic nominee, so we thought we would pass this along. Seems that when Jimmy was a small tyke, he took his hatchet and cut down a peanut bush on his family farm down in Georgia.

Upon being confronted by his father, young Jimmy said "Father, I cannot tell a lie. I might have done it and I might not have."

If you like that story, we'll take credit, and if you don't Stanley Klimek can have it back.

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POLITICS ARE BACK in the news, with the beginning of the Republican National Convention, which gets into full swing next week.

The GOP meeting should prove a lot more interesting than the recent Democratic confab, primarily because there is a race, and a muchly contested one, for the nomination at this particular convention.

In addition to the race for presidential nomination, the vice presidential choice has gained more than its share of interest, due to the unprecedented announcement a couple of weeks back by Ronald Reagan, of his VP choice provided he gets the nomination.

Reagan forces, who have taken some flack over his choice of Senator Richard Schweikert, are pressing President Ford to announce his running-mate choice, prior to the time the delegates vote on the presidential nominee.

Former Texas governor John Connally has been prominently mentioned as a possible running-mate for Ford. The president could do a lot worse than "Big John," who still has a lot of influence on voters in this neck of the woods.

The next week or so bids to be an interesting one from a political standpoint.

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Today's Chuckle

There is nothing wrong with having nothing to say — unless you insist on saying it.



CO-OWNERS....Billy Whitecotton, left, and Billy Smith, co-owners and operators of the Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, pause for a moment in their preparations for the week-long grand opening of their new facility on the Dimmitt

highway to check a display in the Family Center portion of the business. A four-page advertisement in this week's issue of The Blade contains further details concerning the grand opening.

AT NEW FACILITY

Supermarket Sets Grand Opening

A gala grand opening sale begins tomorrow (Thursday) at Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, as the business celebrates moving into its beautiful new quarters on the Dimmitt Highway.

Billy Whitecotton and Billy Smith, owners and operators of the expanded Bovina enterprise, are throwing a tremendous Grand opening sale which runs from Thursday, August 12 through the following Wednesday, August 18.

"We want to invite everyone in the Bovina trade territory to come in and take advantage of our specials, and see our new store, if they haven't already," the owners say.

In addition to the tremendous bargains, customers are invited to register for one of two door prizes to be awarded next Wednesday. The grand prize will be a Sound Design home entertainment system, with AM-FM radio and eight-track

recorder-player, with a retail value of \$349.95.

Second grand prize will be a Paulin Convertible lamp which operates either on battery power or plugs into a wall outlet. The lamp will either sit on a table or mounts onto a wall. Its retail value is placed at \$49.95.

Shoppers may also register their kids for hoola hoops, which are to be given away in three separate drawings. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult to register. Shoppers are encouraged to register each time they come in during the next week. It will not be necessary to be present to win the drawings.

In addition to registering for grand opening prizes, shoppers may continue to get their "Jackpot Day" cards punched each week, to be eligible for the \$50 cash prize given by the store each week.

Whitecotton and Smith began in business four years ago last April in their former location on Main Street. They indicate that they built their new building partly out of appreciation for the patronage they have received since launching their business enterprise.

"People in the Bovina area have been real good to shop with us, and we wanted to offer them an even better selection of goods, at the lowest possible prices," Whitecotton says.

The new building, built by Lewellen Construction Co. of Friona, contains 15,000 square feet of floor space, giving the company more than double its former footage for grocery items, plus around 5,000 square feet of Ben Franklin items.

The super market has expanded its line of grocery items with the addition of several brand names, plus items not previously carried. The frozen food and dairy department space is more than doubled from the old store.

Billy Smith, whose meat market has long been a favorite of shoppers in this area, has more than twice the space he formerly had, and will continue to feature "USDA Choice" beef for his customers. Shoppers may choose their favorite cut of meat from the display, and also may order whole or half beaves for freezer purposes from Smith.

The meat market has also added "Broasted Chicken" to its lineup. The fried chicken is available as a carryout item, and has proven very popular in other areas. In addition to the chicken, the "broaster" cooks corn dogs and burritos for those wanting them, as well as French fries.

When school starts, Smith plans to offer a special chicken lunch for those students wanting them.

Several new items are available at Bovina Supermarket and Family Center through the Ben Franklin outlet, which were not previously handled by the store.

These would include such items as toys, sporting goods, gift items, hardware items, small appliances, housewares, party goods, sewing notions, cameras and watches, house plants, plant food and garden supplies.

Complete details on the store's grand opening can be found in a four-page advertisement included in this issue of the Blade.

13TH ANNUAL EVENT

Bull Town Days '76 Slated Next Week

The stage is set and final details being ironed out for Bovina's 13th

Lou Nuttall Resigns As Blade Editor

Lou Nuttall, news editor and editor of The Blade since 1970, has resigned the position effective Monday, August 23.

After a vacation, she plans to "probably help my husband during corn harvest" but has made no future plans.

Mrs. Nuttall joined the staff of the former Dolph Moten Publishing Company in 1968. She was promoted to news editor in the summer of 1970 and became editor of The Blade in April 1973 when Bill Ellis purchased the newspaper from Moten.

FOR STUDENTS

'76-'77 School Year Begins August 24

The 1976-'77 school year for students here will begin Tuesday, August 24, according to information released by Superintendent L. F. Jacobs.

Elementary and kindergarten students will register that day. High school and junior high students will register Monday, August 23. Times for the registration will be published next week in The Blade.

Members of the faculty will begin their school year Tuesday with a week of in-service work. Several new teachers, including one new principal, have joined the faculty this year.

Herman Connor will be the new principal of grades three through

annual community celebration, Bull Town Days 1976, scheduled for Thursday through Sunday of next week.

Everything is on schedule for the four-day celebration, which has been highly successful during its 12-year history, according to George Powell, general chairman of this year's event.

The celebration will kick off Thursday of next week with the Bull Town Queen contest at 4 p.m. at the Bovina Roping Arena.

As of early this week, four entries had been received in the contest, according to Mrs. Ed Corn, BTQ Queen contest chairman. Several more girls have tentatively agreed to compete in the contest. Entries as of Monday this week were Tamara Lambert, Pam Rhodes, Kathy Falkenberg and Tamra Read.

Also on the slate of events Thursday will be the opening games in the Bovina Jaycees softball tournament with some 20 teams expected to be competing. Action in the tournament will continue Friday

evening, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Some eight entries have been received as of Monday in the junior beauty pageant slated at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bovina Schools auditorium.

The entry deadline for the junior beauty pageant has been extended to Friday, according to the pageant committee. Entry blanks may be given to Mrs. Larry Mitchell, Mrs. Bruce Caldwell, Mrs. Ronnie Suderth or taken by the First State Bank of Bovina before 5 p.m. Friday.

On tap for Friday during the celebration is the annual chuk-wagon breakfast with Vernon Estes in charge of the cooks. The breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. at the Bovina Gin yard. Youth activities, sponsored by the Jaycees, will get underway at 10 a.m. at the city park. At noon, the old timers reunion and luncheon, sponsored by the Bovina Woman's Study Club, will be at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street.

The parade will begin at 3 p.m., according to Mrs. Jack Kassahn, parade chairman. The parade will start at the ball park, travel east to Third Street, turn west at Avenue D and over to Eighth Street, and wind up at the ball park.

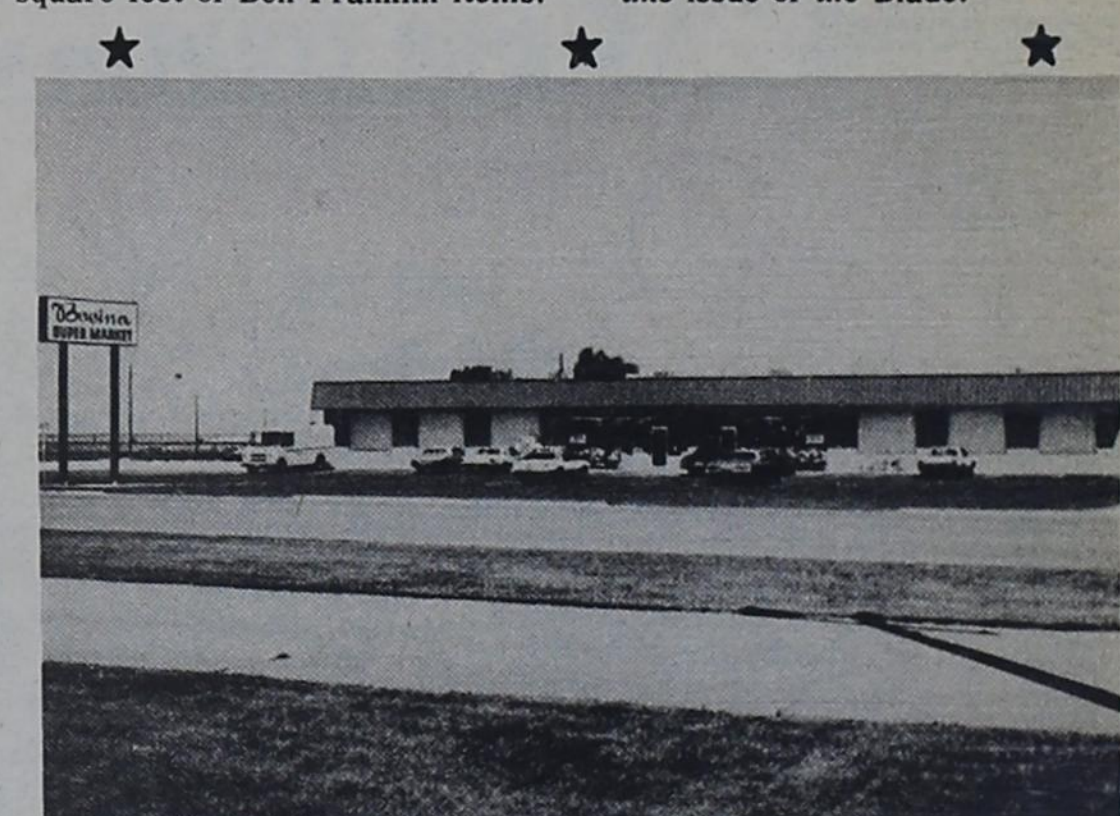
The beard growing, cow calling and fiddlers contests will get underway at 4 p.m. on Main Street with Joe Jones to serve as master of ceremonies.

The main feature of the celebration, the barbecue supper, will begin on Main Street at 5 p.m. There will be a minimal charge of \$1 per plate, according to Powell. Gaylon Rhodes has been appointed chief cook with Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick in charge of the servers. A variety show, with Mrs. Randy Barrett serving as chairman, will begin at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Action in the slow-pitch softball tournament will resume at 8 a.m. Saturday. Also on tap at that time will be a new addition to the BTQ activities, the "Almost Anything Goes" contest at Mustang Stadium. Judging in the 16th Annual Quarter Horse Show, sponsored by the Bovina Roping Club, will begin at 10 a.m. at the roping arena.

A fall fashion show, sponsored by The Brownsabout, will be at 3 p.m. in Community Room of the First State Bank of Bovina.

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New Bovina Supermarket...

IN DISTRICT COURT

19 Criminal Cases Set Next Week

A slate of 114 prospective jurors has been summoned for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to hear 19 criminal cases in district court at Farwell.

Cases on the docket include The State of Texas versus the following: Curtis Drager, theft; Eddie Ray Baker, burglary; Thomas F. Barker, theft; Billy Don Knight, theft; Ricky Clark, delivery of marijuana; Juan Reyes and Gilbert Gomez, breaking and entering a motor vehicle; Billy Don Knight, bail jumping; Christopher Webster and Bradley Neely, credit card fraud; and Mildred Faye Drake, forgery.

Also, Pedro Dimas Garza and Jesus Garcia, burglary; James Glover, theft; Don Barnes, possession of marijuana; John L. Mershon, theft; Ernest Prieto, burglary; Ernest Prieto and Frank Mendoza, burglary; David Ramos, burglary

and criminal mischief; Terry Duane Fite, possession of hashish; Johnny D. Broyles, aggravated assault; and Victor Duran, rape.

The following list of jurors has been summoned:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Mrs. Kenneth O'Brian, Melvin R. Southard, Jay Potts, Mrs. C. L. Vestal, Mrs. R. W. Shelton, Mrs. Dorothy B. Grant, Mrs. L. R. Vincent, Mrs. Charles W. Gibson, Phillip Don White, C. E. Christian, Kenneth R. Cary and Chencho Basquez.

Also Mrs. Wesley Barnes, Mrs. Max Wells, Mrs. J. G. McFarland, Jerry D. Hinkle, Mrs. Juan Buentello, Mrs. Tomasa N. Tamez, Eugene Beavers, Donita M. Martin, Philip G. Brockman, Mrs. L. C. Herington, Rhonda Rhodes and Max C. Crim.

Also Jerry Lee Smith, Mrs. C. W. (Continued on Page 9)

Reflections

From *The Blade*

20 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 8, 1956
 Approximately \$4500 worth of remodeling is being done on a wooden frame building located at the south end of Bovina High School's football field. The improvements will change the former classroom building into a "nice" fieldhouse for athletic teams.

The much planned and discussed curbs and gutters for Highway 60 are being put in. Construction on the improvements for the main route through Bovina began the middle of last week.

Sixteen new barrels of storage space are being added to the Sherley Grain Company's storage space, Harry Johnson, employee of the elevator, announces. The barrels will be 24 feet across. The addition will increase the elevator's storage capacity by almost one third, or one million bushels.

Construction of 200,000 bushels of

storage space for Bovina Wheat Growers is scheduled to begin the latter part of this week. The new building will be located between the present concrete structure and the office.

15 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 9, 1961
 Construction began this week on installation of water and sewer lines in an area west of south Eighth Street and south of Highway 86 in Bovina. The facilities are being installed for Ridgelea, Bovina's proposed housing development.

The "Golden Triangle" is the name that Ray Cowsert, mayor of Hereford, has proposed for Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro counties.

These three counties are "the garden spot of the nation," Cowsert told a gathering at a recent meeting of the Hereford Rotary Club, and "much can be accomplished through a combined effort in promoting the area."

10 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 10, 1966
 A hailstorm Sunday afternoon in some areas around Bovina "wiped out" several hundred acres of cotton and vegetables and severely damaged the grain sorghum crop. The storm, which was accompanied by high winds and more than an inch of rain, evidently started west of Bovina in the Pleasant Hill area.

Preparing for a new schedule in a new classification in a new district, the Bovina Mustangs begin practice for the 1966 football season Monday afternoon. The team will be preparing for its first year of competition in Class A.

5 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 11, 1971
 Rain, the good soil-soaking, farmer-pleasing, slow-falling kind, totaled two and one-half inches here Saturday night.

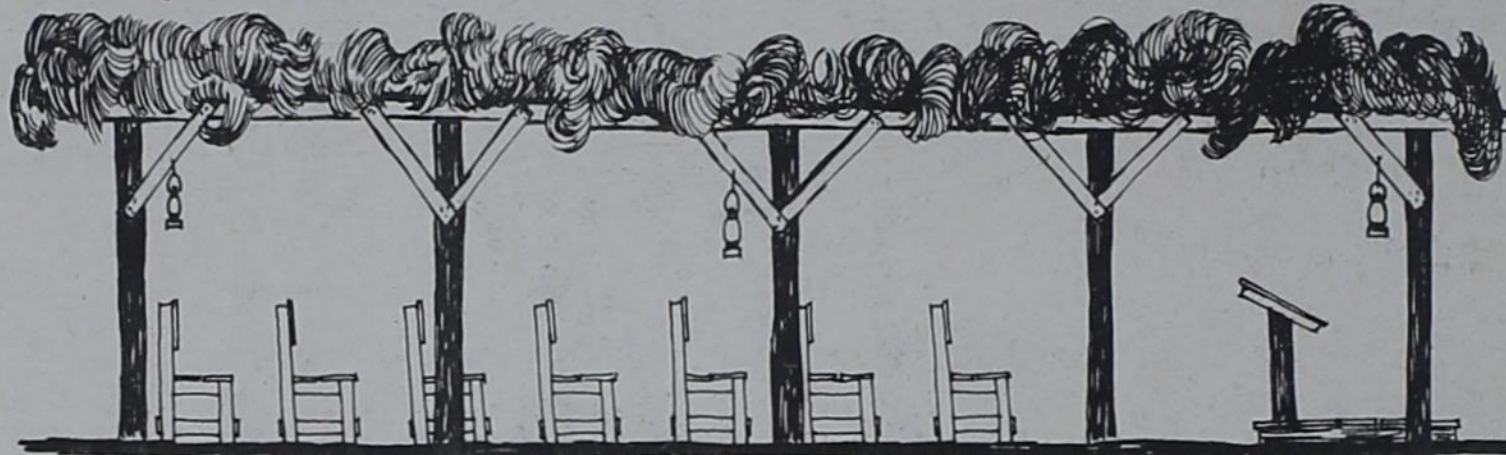
A new track for Bovina Schools is one of the goals of Bovina Mustang Club members who were collecting contributions from individuals this week. A total of \$950 had been raised by Monday afternoon. Cost of the track is expected to be about \$5000.

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 jacent Counties, \$4.50 per year.
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HERE IT COMES...Water began flowing in Running Water Draw following heavy rains to the north and west of that location.



REMEMBERING... Brush Arbors

By BILL D. BROOKS

Church houses got awfully hot during the summer even with the windows wide open so when the weather started warming up the men in the community got together to re-do the brush arbor.

A brush arbor was a wooden framework built on the top of tall straight poles. The structure was covered over with tree limbs that formed a shade while the sides were left open to allow breezes to blow through. It was an outdoor meeting place that provided the coolness of a shade tree, a joyful diversion from the sweltering church building.

The framework had been built years before but it was recovered with fresh new limbs each summer to give a better shade. First, the old brush was stripped off, taken out, piled up and burned. The men would take a wagon down to the cedar breaks to cut new brush. The scrub cedar trees made the best covering for a brush arbor because the foliage was thick and would stay on the limbs longer than other types of leaves. The wagon would come back piled high with the good smelling boughs and would be greeted by several youngsters eager to help any way they could.

When the top was complete it was ready for the first revival meeting. Traveling evangelists would pass through the country holding meetings two to three weeks long in the brush arbors of first one community then another. Just about everyone in the community or those within buggy distance attended. Some came to get their religion renewed.

agri-facts

By John Ricci
 Possibilities now exist for one shortage in agriculture that would be incurable. This shortage is more threatening than lack of fertilizer, drought, depletion of water supplies or loss of fuel. This threatened necessity is called "incentive." Regardless of all technical innovations... the genetic science of hybridization... the availability of land, American farmers could still be behind the mule team had it not been for the catalytic magic of incentive. Necessity of this most precious additive is not limited to American farming. Virtually every major industry uses the same key, the same way... to make things work better. Without the sparkle of incentive, fertilizer supplies would be ignored, irrigation wells would rust with disuse, new land would remain unbroken and old fields could go unplanted. Farmer's incentive... the one input we should all help protect.

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Karl Bender Rites Monday In Friona

Funeral services for Karl Bender of Friona were held Monday afternoon at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Barry Burton, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hereford, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Bobby McMillan, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Bender, 74, died Thursday morning at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona after suffering an apparent heart attack. He had been a Friona resident 49 years.

Survivors include his wife, Emelia; four daughters, Mrs. Denise Werner of Walla Walla, Wash., Mrs. Virginia Renner of Canyon, Mrs. Viola Stevens of Amarillo and Mrs. Vivian Cozart of Cisco; Four sons, Vernon Weis of Cleburn, Vialo Weis of Amarillo, Harry C. Weis of Santa Anna, Calif.,

and Viddian Weis of Perryton. Also six sisters, Mrs. Emily Griffith and Mrs. Genevieve Ezell, both of Bovina, Mrs. Hilda Kretz of Shattuck, Okla., Mrs. Ester Bender of Grants Pass, Ore., Mrs. Mary Lou Pote of Modesta, Calif., and Mrs. Evelyn Bender of Higgins; one brother, Dave Bender of Shattuck, Okla.; 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Bull Town Days ...

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Finals in the "Almost Anything Goes" contest will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the football field. Rhodes, also chairman of that contest, said that five entries had been received as of early this week.

Saturday's activities will conclude with a dance, sponsored by the American Legion Post here, at 9 p.m. at the Legion hall on Third Street.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday will be the finals in the softball tournaments.

The Great Southwest Shows Carnival will set up across the street from the ball park Tuesday for a six-day run, according to Powell.

Various civic and other organizations will sponsor carnival-type booths on Main Street all day Friday.

Five organizations have contacted Powell for booths, including the Knights of Columbus; the Cub Scouts, which will have a wet sponge throw booth; the Boy Scouts, which will sponsor a dunking board; the Lions Club, which will sponsor a dime pitch booth; and St. Ann's Society, which will sell homemade ice cream, pop corn balls and cookies.

FIRST STATE BANK PRESENTS:

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Wul the cost of this wood is three pints of gas, one carton of cigarettes, two cases of beer and three gallons of sweat!"

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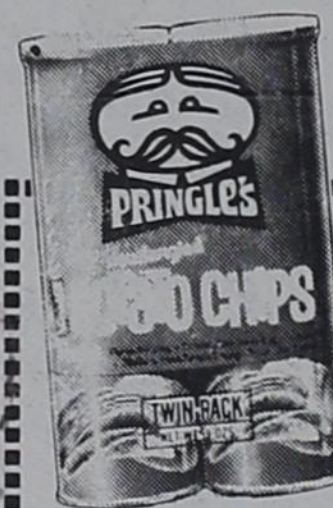
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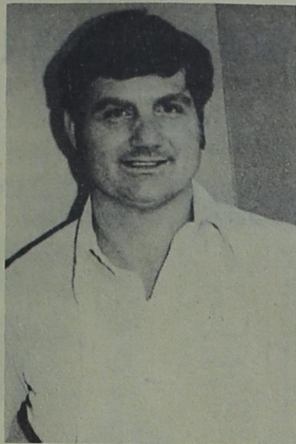
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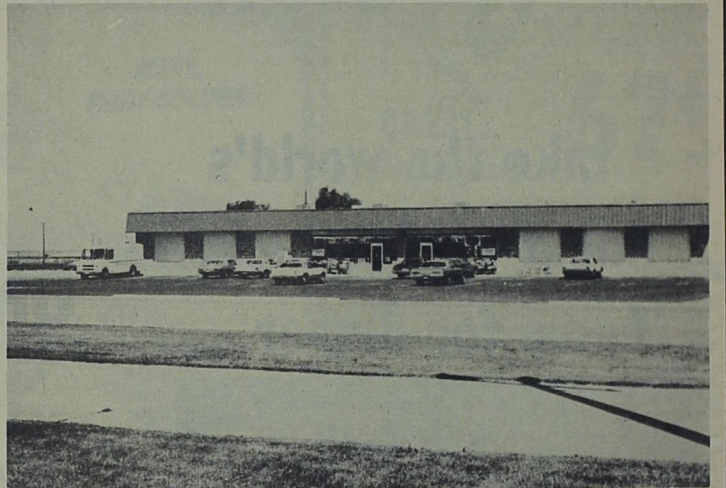
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Paulin CONVERTIBLE LAMP With Battery Power Or Plug In. Fits On Table Or Wall. Retail Value \$49⁹⁵

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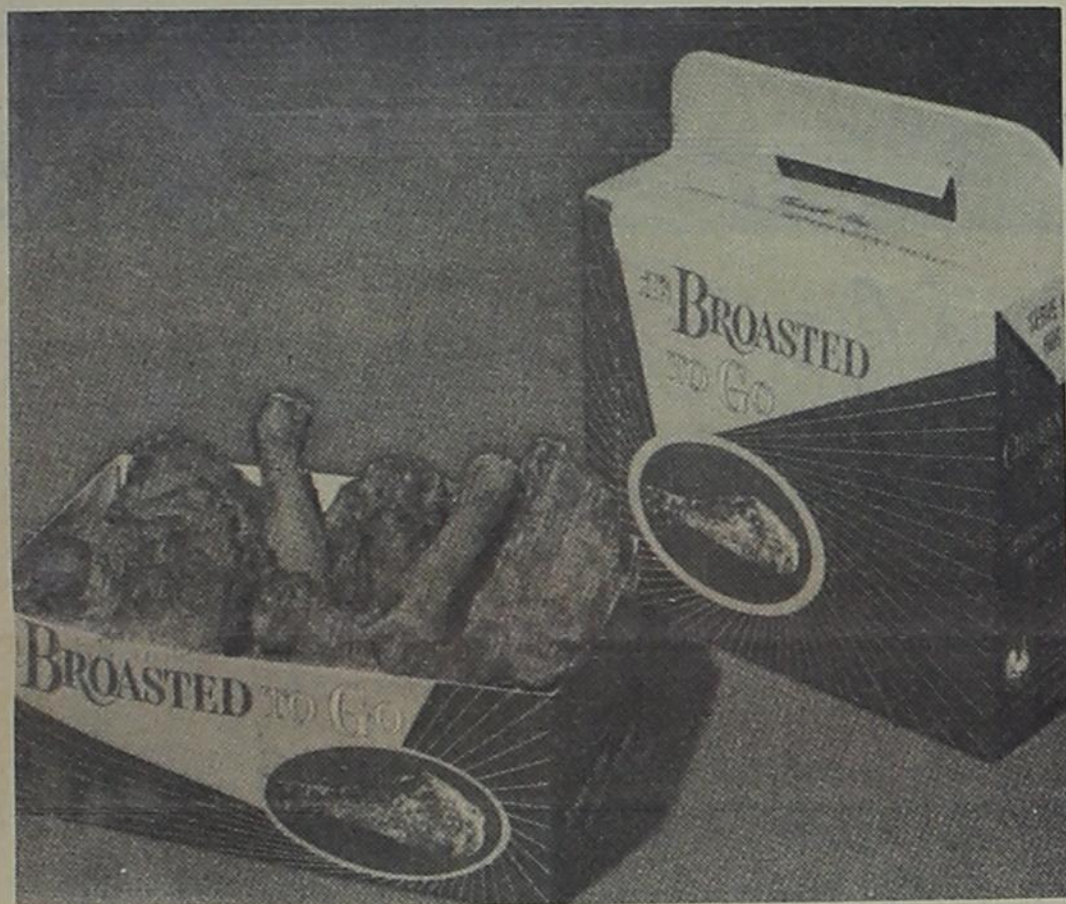
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THRU
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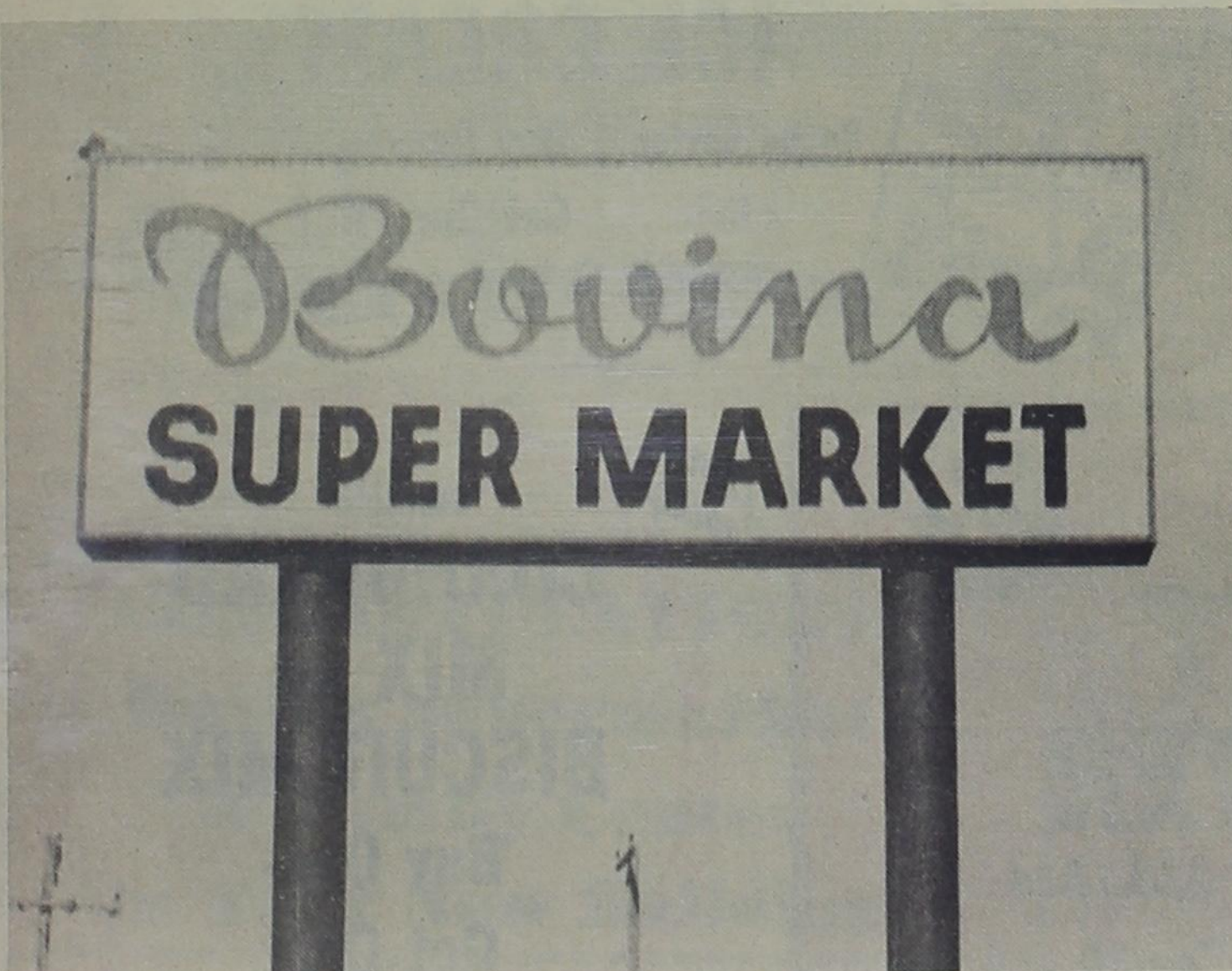
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- ★ Convertible Lamp
- ★ Kids Prizes

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BABY NEEDS
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Choice

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Colorful, woven plaid towels in soft, absorbent cotton. With decorative fringed ends in matchable colors.
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Stylish for comfort and good fit. In soft, absorbent cotton for durability and machine care ease. Shape retaining and lined for strength.
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Children's 8 1/2-12
Toddlers 4-8
Misses' 12 1/2-4
Women's 5-10

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SIZES:
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Men's 6 1/2-11

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67 Attend 15th Ellison Reunion

Some 67 people from four states attended the 15th annual Ellison-Ayres family reunion at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison in Nogal Canyon, N.M., this past weekend.

The reunion featured the annual games, outdoor worship services and visiting which is on the schedule every year.

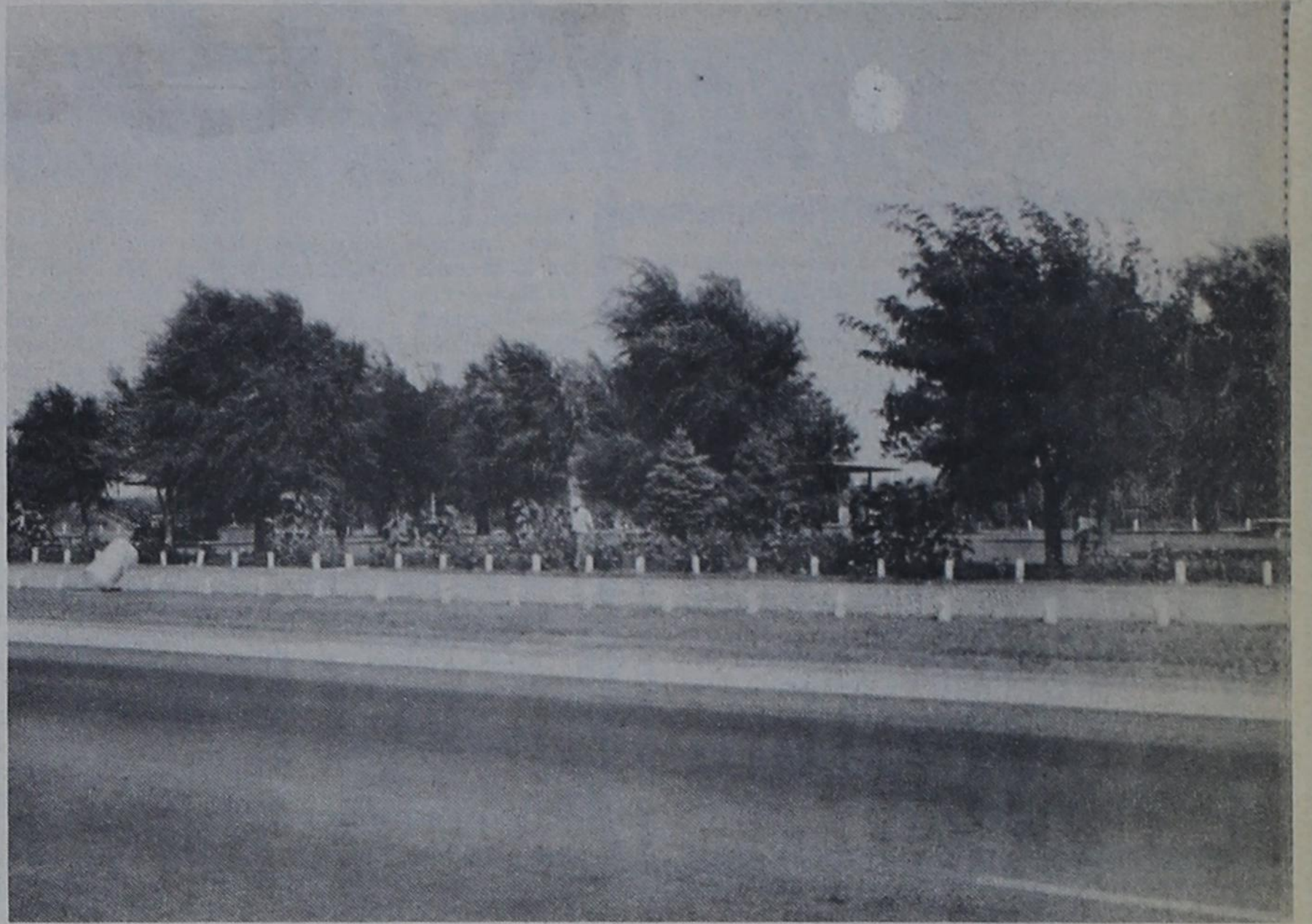
Winners of the annual tournaments included Mrs. C. W. Grissom and Mrs. J. R. Ellison in woman's horseshoe pitching, Pam Ellison and

Harold Tidenburg in couples' horseshoe pitching; Chuck Ellison and Aubra Ellison in washer pitching; Hubert Ellison and Ginger Ellison in Wahoo; Mary Lee Tidenburg and Sherry Bowers in "42"; and Mrs. Johnny Glover was awarded the all-around trophy. Winners in the tournaments were presented trophies.

Those attending the 15th annual reunion included Mr. and Mrs. Byron Turner of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ayres of Chula Vista, Calif.; Mrs. Jimmy (Ellison) Davis of Santa Fe, N.M.; Jim Bowman of Bovina; Sharon Johnson of Houston, Doug Martin of Alamogordo, N.M.; Debbie Whitecotton of House, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bowers and Jennifer of Plainview; Mrs. Mary Lee Tidenburg of Albuquerque, Harold Tidenburg and Rusty also of Albuquerque; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ellison of Farwell, Tim and Ginger Ellison of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Howard of Canyon, Mrs. Lois Terry and Malcom of Shallowater.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes of Duncan, Okla., Alan Rhodes of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Sims, Scotty and Doug of Happy, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Glover of Tularosa,

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BEAUTY SPOT....Surrounded by tall fields of corn, the roadside park southwest of Bovina on U. S. Highway 60, has attracted a large number of tourists and picnickers

this summer. Beautifully groomed, the shaded park has been bordered by a planting of flowers, including giant sunflowers, zinnias and marigolds. Chester Haney, em-

ployee of the Texas Highway Maintenance Department in Bovina, is the man in charge of roadside parks in this area.

Class Of '56 Sets Reunion During BTDs

Bovina High School Class of 1956 will hold a class reunion Friday, August 21.

The reunion will be held at First State Bank of Bovina, from 5-10 p.m.

Everyone from the class of 1956 is invited and urged to attend.

Shower, Dance Set Fri. For Irma Martinez

Miss Irma Martinez, bride-elect of Israel Cantu Jr., will be feted with a bridal shower and dance Friday at the American Legion Hall in Bovina. Calling Hours will be from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Why is it that whispering a story seems to add authenticity to it?

Son Born To Dendys

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dendy of Lubbock announce the birth of their second child Sunday, August 8, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Named Brian Jay, the new arrival weighs eight pounds, seven ounces, and is 19½ inches long.

The couple has one other son, Robert, six.

Dendy, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed by the Frito-Lay Company in Lubbock. Mrs. Dendy is the former Miss Marilyn Allen.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dendy of Portales, N.M., all former Bovina residents.

Son Born To Horns

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hugh Horn of Questa, N.M., announce the birth of their first child, a son, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at a hospital in Taos, N.M.

Named Malcom Miguel, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Grandparents are Mrs. Mina Horn and the late Johnnie Horn of Bovina and Mrs. Gabi Fleming and the late Lewis Fleming of Littlefield. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Hugh Nation of Crosbyton.

Horn is the ski instructor and director of the summer camping facilities at Powder Puff in Red River, N.M. Mrs. Horn, the former Jeannie Fleming, taught last year at the Questa Schools.

Boy Born To Smiths

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith of Sudan on Monday, July 12 at 8:03 a.m.

Stephen Joseph weighed seven pounds and fifteen ounces and was twenty and one-half inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Gromowsky of

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS--

Rita Jimenez and baby boy, Hereford; Willie Wilson, Hereford; Gilbert Hernandez, Hereford; Denise Teel and baby girl, Hereford; Armando Chavez, Ft. Sumner, N.M.; Kevin Owen, Friona;

Deborah Ellison, Amarillo; Geraldine Anderson, Friona; Fidencio Mendez, Hereford; Nellie White, Friona; Martha Bates, Friona.

DISMISSALS--

Shirley Milloy, Jennifer Blankenship, Maria Castenada and baby girl, Willie Wilson, Lorena Brock, Ruth Hawkins, Bob Knight, Armando Chavez, Joann Jones, Gilbert Hernandez, Kevin Owen, Deborah Ellison, Charles Hough, Rita Jimenez and baby boy, Denise Teel and baby girl.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL--

Pociano Alejandro, Carmen Allemand, Geraldine Anderson, Arvil Lee Black, Martha Bates, Claude McCune, Fedencio Mendez, Hardy L. May, E. D. Matlock, Altha Presley, A. B. Wilkinson, Nellie White.

Shower Set Saturday For Cindy Read

Miss Cindy Read, bride-elect of Jim Bowman, will be feted with a bridal shower Saturday at the home of Mrs. J. E. Sherrill Jr. at 920 Sherwood Lane. Calling hours will be from 3 to 5 that afternoon.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Jimmie Cockerham, Mrs. William Gromowsky, Mrs. Thomas Rhodes, Mrs. C. E. Trimble, Mrs. Clyde Blalock, Mrs. T. C. Wiseman, Mrs. A. L. Nuttall, Mrs. Tom Bonds and Mrs. Sherrill.

To Have Surgery

Bill Hutto of Lubbock, a former Bovina resident and brother of Mrs. J. W. Harris of Bovina, will undergo open heart surgery Thursday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.



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Now, due to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, (ASAE) which sets performance requirements for the emblems, an improved new emblem is available. It is a better emblem than any ever made before.

The ASAE Standard (S276.3) says that "The manufacturer shall place his name and address on the emblem, and may state that the emblem meets the requirements of this standard." Buyers should be aware of this certification and insist on certified Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems.

The National Safety Council strongly recommends the use of emblems which meet the new ASAE standard. These emblems are visible day or night. They are a vivid reminder to drivers to "slow down." When you see one it means there is a piece of equipment traveling at less than 25 m.p.h. ahead of you.

To be sure of getting the longest-lasting, safest emblem ever, buyers are urged to insist on "Certified" emblems. Absence of an emblem on a slow moving vehicle, use of worn out emblem or a non-certified emblem could create a liability question.

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Below are two tasty recipes for pickled squash you may want to try.

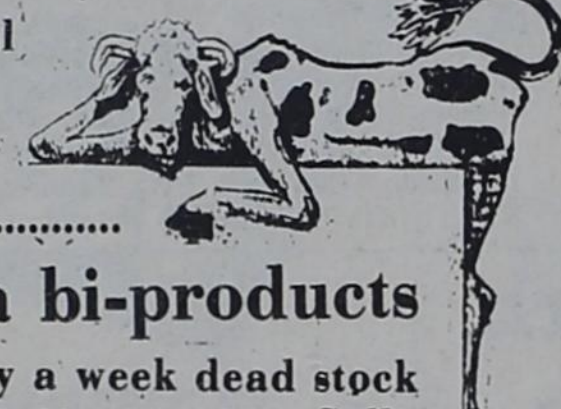
YELLOW SQUASH PICKLES
8 cups sliced yellow squash, cut about ¼-½ inch thick
1 tablespoon pickling salt
2 cups chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 cup apple cider vinegar
¾ cup granulated sugar
½ teaspoon mustard seed
½ teaspoon celery seed
Wash and slice squash. Sprinkle with salt and set aside for one hour. Bring vinegar and sugar to a boil. Add squash, onion and green pepper and bring to a boil again. Pack hot squash, onion and pepper into hot sterilized jars. Add mustard seed and celery seed to vinegar-sugar mixture. Bring to boil again. Pour over squash to within one-half inch of top of jar. Place lids on jars. Process 10 minutes in boiling water bath.

CURRIED ZUCCHINI PICKLES
24 (7 lbs.) medium zucchini
¼ cup pickling salt
3 cups granulated sugar
3 cups vinegar
1-3 cup mustard seed
4 teaspoons celery seed
1 tablespoon curry powder

Cut zucchini in one-fourth to one-half inch slices; sprinkle with the salt; add cold water to cover. Let stand three hours. Drain; rinse with cold water.

In 10-quart Dutch oven combine sugar, vinegar, mustard seed, celery seed and curry. Bring to boil. Add zucchini; heat through, but do not boil—about five minutes. Pack zucchini and syrup into clean, hot pint jars leaving one-half inch head space. Adjust lids according to package directions. Process in boiling water for five minutes. Start counting time when water returns to boil. Serve chilled. Makes nine pints.

If you need any other information on canning, freezing or pickling, please call or drop me a line. I'll be glad to help in any way I can—Jana Pronger, County Extension Agent, Box 683, Farwell, Texas 79325; phone 481-3619-8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. My office is on the second floor of the Courthouse for any of you who might like to stop by.

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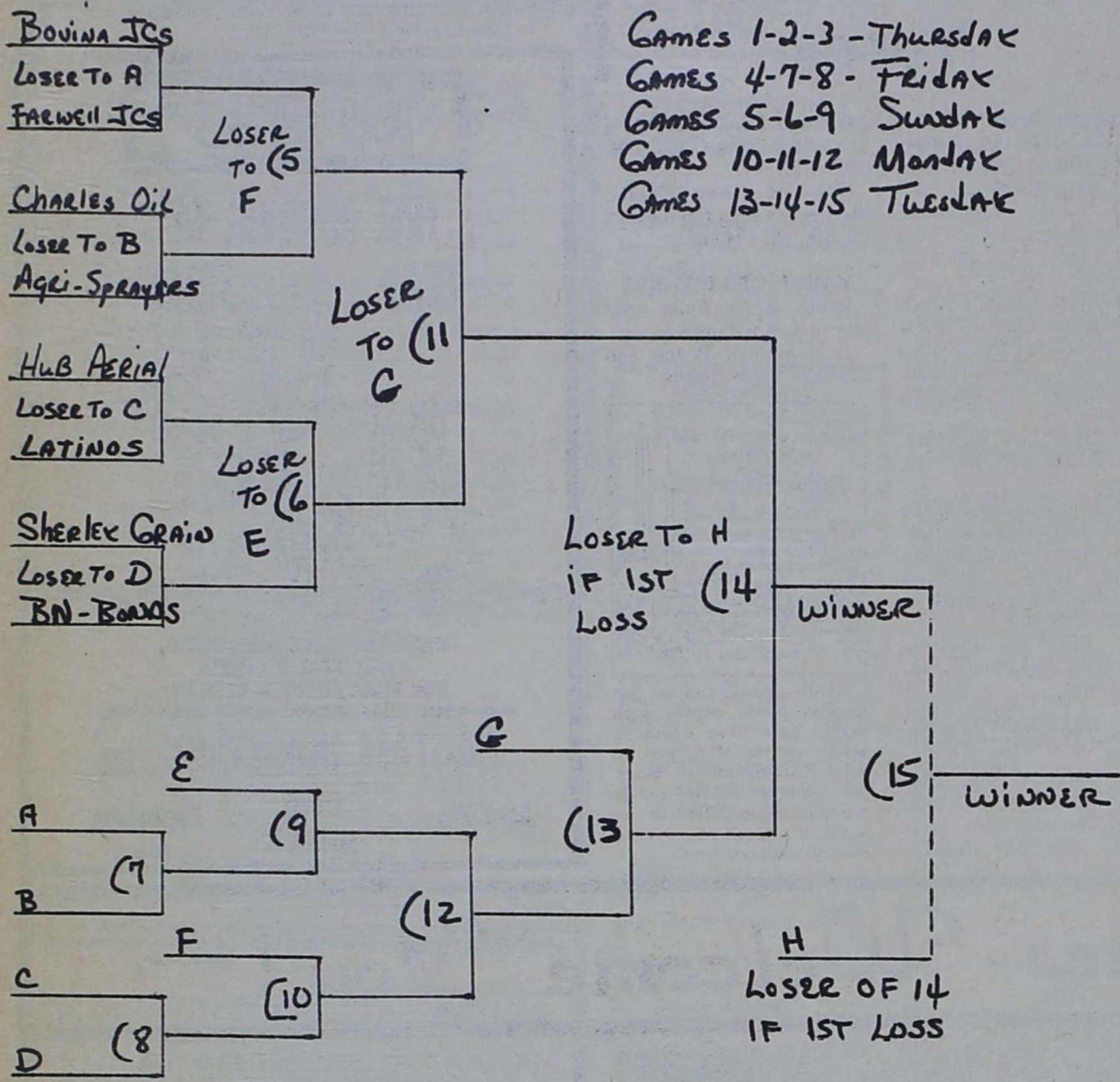
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CITY Slow-Pitch Tournament



JCs Lead League With 7-1 Record

At the end of four full weeks of play in the Lions-sponsored slow-pitch league here, the Bovina Jaycees continued to hold the lead in the standings with a two-game edge over Big Nick Machinery in the win column.

League action was due to be concluded Tuesday night with the city double elimination tournament to be held the latter part of the week.

On Monday night, the Charles Oilers took a 21-5 win over the Farwell Jaycees in an abbreviated five-inning game. Billy Shepherd was credited with the win and Donald Jones tagged with the loss. Charles Oil scored one run in the first inning, three in the second, four in the third, 12 in the fourth and one in the fifth. The Farwell Jaycees scored five runs in the fifth inning.

In the Monday nightcap, Bonds Oil

Company took an 11-10 win over the Bovina Jaycees. However, the Jaycees filed a protest on the game in connection with the Bonds Oil roster with the league committee upholding the protest.

With the score tied at 2-2 after one inning of play, Bonds Oil took a 4-3 lead at the end of two innings. The Jaycees came back in the top of the third with two runs to take a 5-4 lead and added one in the fourth for a two run lead.

Bonds Oil tallied four big runs in the bottom half of the fifth to regain the lead at 8-6 with neither team scoring in the sixth inning. The Jaycees tallied four runs in the top half of the seventh with Bonds Oil scoring the winning run with two men out in the bottom half of the seventh inning. Perry Mason went

the distance for Bonds Oil with Radford Venable on the mound for the Jaycees.

Big Nick Machinery took both ends of a double header Tuesday night, defeating Agri-Sprayers and Sherley Grain to up their record to 5-1 in league play.

In the first tilt, Big Nick scored on in the first inning, three in the second, six in the third and seven runs in the fourth. Agri-Sprayers scored its lone run in the second inning. Mike Grissom pitched a three hitter for Big Nick Machinery. Manuel Quintana took the loss.

In the nightcap, Big Nick scored three in the first and second innings, two in the third, two in the fourth and fifth innings and one in the sixth. Sherley Grain scored all four runs in the sixth inning. Grissom was again the winning pitcher. Benny Shelby and Eldon McCormick shared mound duties for Sherley Grain.

On Thursday night, the Latinos took a 15-3 win over the Farwell Jaycees with Severo Telles credited with the win and Donald Jones tagged for the loss. The Latinos scored five runs in the first and second innings, two in the fifth and three in the sixth. Farwell scored one run each in the first, sixth and seventh innings.

Bonds Oil forfeited the nightcap to Charles Oil.

On Friday night, Hub Aerial forfeited the first game of the evening to Agri-Sprayers. In the second game, Sherley Grain took an 18-2 win over the Farwell Jaycees.

Sherley Grain scored five in the first inning, one in the second, three in the third, four in the fourth and five in the fifth inning. Farwell tallied two runs in the fourth inning. McCormick was credited with the win and Jones was tagged for the loss.

STANDINGS (Through Friday, Aug. 6)

TEAM	W-L
Bovina JCs	7-1
Big Nick Machinery	5-1
Charles Oil	3-3
Bonds Oil	3-3
Latinos	3-3
Sherley Grain	3-4
Hub Aerial	3-4
Agri-Sprayers	2-5
Farwell JCs	0-7

THURSDAY

City Slow-Pitch Tourney Begins

The city slow-pitch softball tournament, a double-elimination event with eight teams entered, will kick off tomorrow (Thursday) night and conclude with the championship games Tuesday night.

Although nine teams are competing in league play, only eight teams will be in the city tournament. Fourteen players on the Big Nick Machinery and Bonds Oil Company teams will be competing in the New Mexico State ASA Tournament at Santa Fe this weekend. The remaining players from both rosters have been combined to form one team for the city tournament.

Three games will be played each night of the tournament—Thursday, Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—with the initial game each evening to begin at 7:30. A one hour

and 15 minute time limit has been set on the games, with the second game to begin at 8:45 p.m. and the third game set at 10 p.m. each evening.

Games 1, 2 and 3 will be played Thursday night; games 4, 7 and 8 Friday night; games 5, 6 and 9 Sunday night; games 10, 11 and 12 Monday night; and games 13, 14 and 15 Tuesday night. Game time will be forfeit time.

Hub Aerial and the Latinos will kick off tournament action tomorrow night, followed by Charles Oil against Agri-Sprayers and the Bovina Jaycees versus the Farwell Jaycees.

Sherley Grain will meet Big Nick-Bonds Oil in the opening game Friday night with the next two games between losers of Thursday night's games.

Mustangs Kick Off '76 Football Drills

Bovina Mustang gridgers, picked to finish in the District 3-A cellar by a pre-season football publication, started preparations Monday for the 1976 campaign which will find the Ponies clashing with two Class AA and three Class B non-conference foes before entering district warfare.

The low pre-season rating does not surprise Head Coach Joe Christian, starting his second year as head

gridmaster here. Christian has only five returning lettermen from last year's squad. Only two of those five were two-way starters last year.

The returnees include Tommy Serna, senior halfback; Elezar Robledo, jr. end; Gerald Shelby, jr. halfback; Randall Ritchie, sophomore tackle; and Ruben Salazar, sophomore back.

Christian said 30 prospective gridgers reported for the first of the two-a-day sessions Monday morning, however, he expects some 10 to 15 more by the end of the week. The head coach expects some seven seniors, six juniors, 16 sophomores and 16 freshmen to compete for places on the varsity squad.

Assisting Christian this year will be Zane Reeves, varsity offensive and defensive back coach; Ric

Smith, head junior varsity and junior high coach; Joel Nelson, assistant JV and junior high coach; and Richard Rendon, junior high coach.

Rendon is the new addition to the Mustang coaching staff and this will be his first year in coaching. A graduate of Denver City High School in 1969, he was graduated from West Texas State University in 1975. He served in the Army prior to attending WTSU. Smith and Nelson will be starting their second year on the coaching staff here. Reeves is beginning his third year at Bovina.

Two-a-day drills began Monday morning with the sessions set at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to Christian. In accordance with Texas Interscholastic League rules, contact is not allowed the first four days. The team will be in pads for the workouts beginning Friday.

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Christian stated that a scrimmage has been set at Clovis Friday, Aug. 20, tentatively at 2 or 3 p.m. (Texas time). The definite time will be released in next week's Blade. No second scrimmage has been arranged as yet.

"We are definitely going to be in a rebuilding year," said Christian this week. "We have a bunch of young, inexperienced kids, but by mid-season I feel we will be showing some definite improvement and will be in contention in the district race."

The Mustang's 1976 gridiron schedule is as follows: Sept. 3, Boys Ranch, there; Sept. 10, Happy, here; Sept. 17, Lazbuddie, here; Sept. 24, Lubbock Christian, there; Oct. 8, Amherst, here; Oct. 15, Farwell, there; Oct. 22, Springlake-Earth, here; Oct. 29, Kress, there; Nov. 5, Vega, here; and Nov. 12, Hart, There.

The Top-O-Texas Football magazine has predicted the District 3-A race as follows: Hart, Farwell, Vega, Springlake-Earth, Kress and Bovina. None of the District 3-A teams were picked in the top 10 Class A schools. The publication picked Stratford as the number one team in the area, followed by Wall, Wellington, Plains, New Deal, Seagraves, Hale Center, Petersburg, Mason and Reagan County.



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