

Bull Town Bulletins



By
Bill Ellis

OUR UNCLE AUSTIN Ellis, whom we quote occasionally with one of his "sayings" at the end of our column, started a new pastime after he passed the age of 80.

His "business card" reads: "Austin Ellis, Storyteller—I'll tell you the truth even if I have to lie about it." Carol asked him shortly after we had discovered this long-lost relative if he had ever entered any of the story-telling contests.

Surprisingly, he hadn't, even though he could spin a story at the drop of a hat—or anything else, as far as that goes.

Carol had read about one of the bigger story-telling contests, held at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Since that's in his part of the country, she urged him to go and give it a try.

He was well-received, winning a prize, and went back several times. He also entered—and won—first place at the Liar's Contest, held yearly at Columbia, Tennessee's Mule Days activities.

In fact, he won this event two years running, in 1994 and 1995, and under the rules couldn't enter it this year. But he went to the contest anyway, to listen to those he had met "on the circuit." As it turned out, he was asked to tell a story or two at the Mule Days "bean supper."

He also was sought out by George Lindsay, who got his start as "Goober" on the Andy Griffiths Show, and then later on the Hee-Haw show. Lindsay works for The Nashville Network (TNN).

Lindsay interviewed our relative and coaxed a story or two from the Jackson, Tennessee resident, for one of TNN's Prime Time Country segments. We didn't get to see this when it aired, but "Aussie" has promised to send us a tape.

Last Saturday, Mar 4, Uncle Austin entered another "liar's" event and again took first place and \$100 cash.

Austin still sings in his church's choir on Sunday, and goes every Wednesday to sing with his quartet to entertain the residents at the "Old Folks Home." Austin himself will be 89 in August. He has recently moved into a retirement village in Jackson, and this may be the first time in 60 years that he hasn't raised a picture-perfect garden.

Some of his "one-liners" that he has shared with Carol and I include: "If you have a job with no aggravation, you have no job."

And: "If you have something you need to do—do it today. Tomorrow might be too late."

We haven't discovered Bill's immigrant ancestor in the Ellis line, but finding this "gem" while he was alive is much better anyway.

One of his sayings goes: "Back when I was fairly young, we would pile six or eight of us into the family car and go to town."

"Later on, we'd notice that cars passing by would have four passengers, and later just two or three."

"One of the college experts said if this trend continued, that by the year 2000 every third car that comes by will be empty."

Chicken Dinner Set May 12

The Bovina Lion's Club is holding a chicken dinner on Sunday, May 12, at the school cafeteria.

The dinner will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Carryout's will be available.



Chamber Wants Your Input

The Chamber of Commerce is making an appeal for support for Bovina's summer community activities. We want your input on the 4th of July activities and Bull Town Days.

We will have suggestion boxes at Pay N Save, City Hall, First Bank Bovina and Charles Oil to survey some options.

Our numbers are few so we need your HELP. If you can help us, please note it on your suggestion. You may also mail your suggestions in care of the Chamber of Commerce by the end of May.

A sample form is located on page 2. Please feel free to mail this in.

Jr./Sr. Prom and All Night Party Was A Big Success

The Junior-Senior Prom of 1996 was a night of good food, prizes and dancing. The Prom theme was "Never say Goodbye." The King and Queen were Jay Grisham and Anna Quebedo.

The Junior class decorated with the help of Display Concepts of Amarillo. The walls were covered with black construction paper

sprinkled with silver stars.

Each table setting had a name card for each student and guest. Students were served a choice of roast beef or grilled chicken breast on a rice pilaf along with corn, salad and rolls.

After the meal the floor was cleared and the dance began. At around 9:30 p.m. the door prize giveaway began. Prizes were given away throughout the night until midnight. Prizes ranged from food coupons, to savings bonds, cash and a stereo that was given away as grand prize at midnight.

Door prizes were obtained

through various fund raisers and donations. Junior class sponsors Mrs. Brown and Miss Bailey felt like the night was a total success.

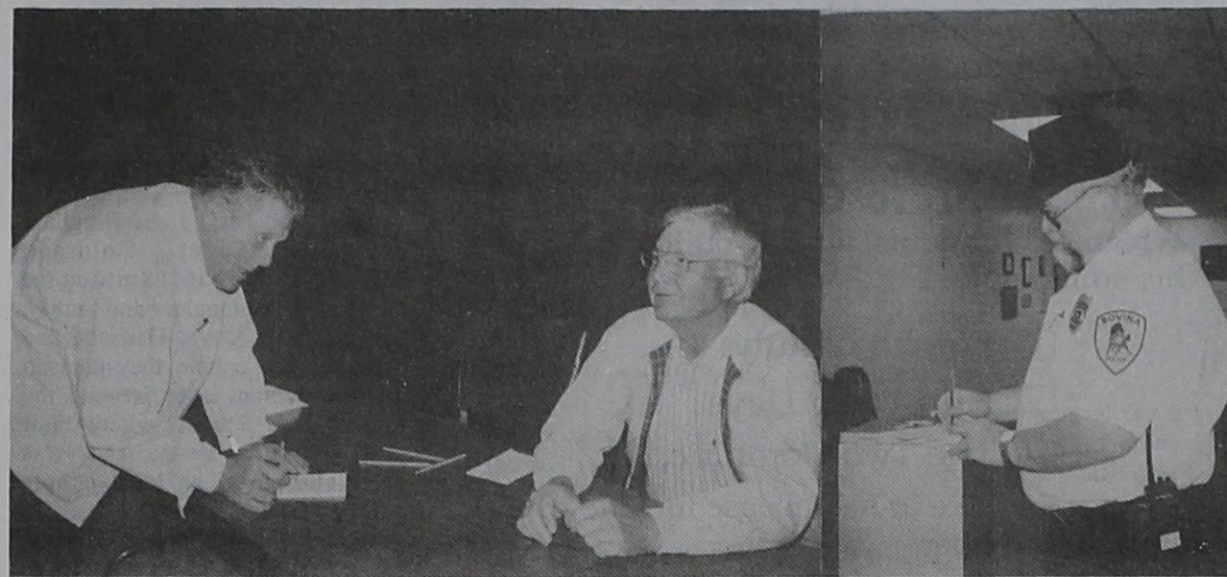
Don Spring took pictures of the junior and seniors with their dates and friends against a backdrop of stars and English Ivy.

After the Prom students were treated to an all night party at the West Texas A & M Virgil Henson Activity Center in Canyon. Buses left Bovina around 1:30 am Sunday.

The Chamber Committee was glad to invite the students and dates to swim, play basketball, racketball, video games and watch television on a big screen. Snacks were available for the students to enjoy throughout the morning.

Belinda Paladi of the Chamber said, "I was surprised at how many students came. It was a big improvement from last year."

The Chamber raises money for this all night party each year to ensure a safe and fun Prom night.



ELECTION ACTIVITY.....Shown voting in last Saturday's elections are, l-r, Les McCain voting in school election, election judge Don Murphy, and Police Chief Leon Saddler marks a ballot in the city election.

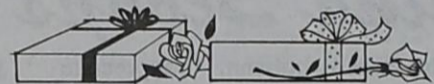
Officials Elected In Bovina

Galen Hromas was elected mayor of Bovina in last Saturday's elections. He won the race by a wide margin, receiving 140 of the 178 votes cast.

Incumbent Kenneth Waters and Radford Venable were elected for the two city aldermen positions.

Since Hromas was an alderman before being elected mayor, his vacant alderman seat was filled when the council appointed former alderman Joe Olvera to fill the seat.

In the school board elections, Justin Brozek and Susan Kerby won handily. Out of 203 votes cast in the election, Brozek received 146 and Kerby 144 to capture the two board seats.



GRISHAM FAMILY...Brother Richard, Jay, Julie and Velma. Thankful for the fellowship and blessings of the past ten years. Come say your farewells May 17, 6-8:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.



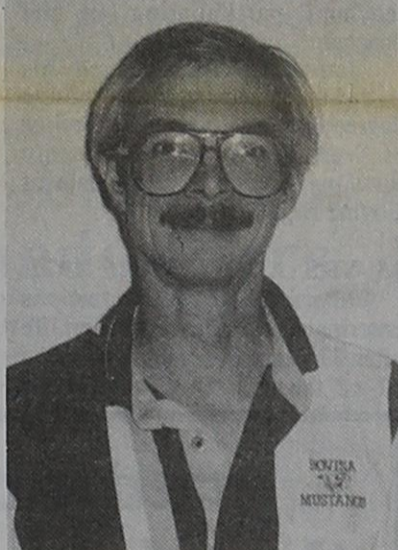
GINA BEAUCHAMP Beauchamp is Student of the Week

Freshman Gina Beauchamp was selected as the student-of-the-week at Bovina High School.

She is the daughter of Carolyn and Garry Beauchamp and has attended Bovina schools since kindergarten.

She is a cheerleader and plays basketball and cross country.

She was nominated by Virginia Rhodes and was described as a student that always asks about her work when she is going to be absent, then she does it.



BILL SHELLY Bill Shelly is Teacher of the Week

Bovina band director Bill Shelly is selected as this week's Bovina ISD teacher of the week.

Shelly is in his third year as Bovina band director. He directs the fifth grade, sixth grade, and high school bands. His fifth grade band recently won the sweepstakes competition in Floydada.

The high school band took second place at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo.

After some years in the business world, Shelly received his bachelor of music education degree in 1992 from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. He plays baritone in the Clovis Community Band.

Shelly and his wife Lillie have three boys, Jon-Eric, 9, Orlando, 6, and Matthew, 7 months.

Reception Scheduled For Grisham Family, May 17

Friday, May 17 there will be a community wide farewell reception for Brother Richard, Velma, James,

Jay and Julie Grisham at the Senior Citizens Center.

This reception will allow everyone to say their goodbyes and give their best wishes as the Grishams prepare to move from Bovina.

Refreshments will be served from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A money tree will be available for those who wish to contribute.

The Grisham family has been in Bovina since June of 1985. Bro. Richard has served as pastor for First Baptist Church for most of that time.

"We are thankful for the Lord's blessing during the time I've pastored at the church. We've enjoyed living in Bovina and have made a lot of good friends and met some great people," said Bro. Richard.

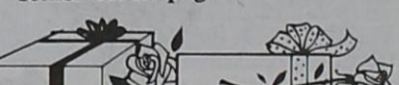
Hostesses for the reception are:

Mearle Morgan, Norma Whitten, Ona Patterson, Irma Jo Englant, Sid Lloyd, Louise Hutchinson, D'Anne Turner, Sherry Whitten, Erra Jamerson, and Rose McCain.

Paper Asks For Photos Of Grads

The Friona Star/Bovina Blade will be happy to have photos of your graduates from college, trade school or high school (away from here).

Bring us the pictures and/or information by Monday, May 20, so we can include them in our senior tribute pages.



FIRST PLACE Jamie Stanberry "scored a one" with a marimba solo at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo.

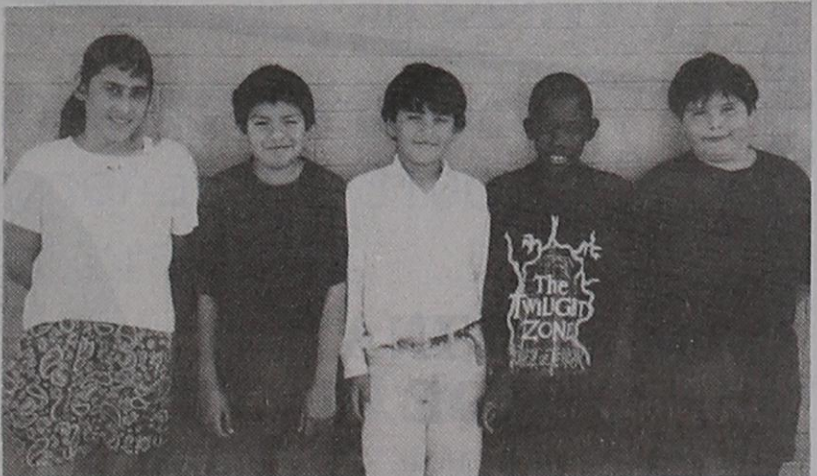
Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduates

Graduation for the Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. class of 1996 will be held Monday, May 13 at the Bovina High School Auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m.

The students will be recognized for their accomplishments and will be presented with awards and certificates. There is no charge for admission.

Entertainment for the evening will be an illusion show presented by Rick's World of Illusion. Rick works his illusions around a DRUG FREE theme that will have a lasting effect on everyone in the auditorium.

Please come to show your support for these outstanding DRUG FREE fifth graders.



READERS MAKE LEADERS.....Earning 100 points for reading books are, l-r, Diana Carrillo, 4th grade, Armando Saucedo, 5th grade, Gonzalo Quintero, 4th grade, and Jonathan Chisom, 5th grade.



ANNOUNCING... the Queen and King. BHS Seniors Anna Quebedo and Jay Grisham were chosen as the leaders of the 1996 Prom Court at the Junior Senior Prom last Saturday night.

M. Stewart-C. Kirkpatrick Shower Is Set

A wedding shower for Corey Kirkpatrick and Misty Stewart will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Larry Mitchell residence 1/2 mile south of Bovina on FM 1731.

Bridal selections are available at Floral Expressions in Bovina and Dillard's and Roden-Smith.

Hostesses for the shower are: Yvonne Stevenson, Arlene McCallum, Sue McClaran, Sandy Ware, Celia Tienda, Mary Treiner, Ella Jo Stormes, Donna Mitchell, Carlene Jones, Judy Hodnett, Judy Hromas.

Also, Suzan Hughes, Virgie Cary, Erra Jamerson, Laura Bartlett, Alice Stone, Pam Bell, Kay Venable, Barbara Charles, Janie Sudderth, Dorothy Stowers, and Fern Bell.



ALL SMILES...Mark Langford, Kasey Bell, Scott Rundell and Lori Beauchamp were resting between dances at last Saturday's Junior Senior Prom.

Public Opinion

Which celebration(s) would you like to have this summer?

- Fourth of July
- Bull Town Days
- The Two Combined

If you would like to help please include your name and number



Bovina Scoops

(Editor's Note: While Scooter is in New Mexico for the week (hopefully not fighting any fires) Becky London thought she would try to gather some 'Scoops' from around town.)

Several people, but especially Juanda Murphy, were a big help on

the Scoops column. I appreciate everyone being patient with me as I tried to keep everything in order and names spelled correctly.

Everyone enjoys keeping in touch with Bovina happenings so I hope my version of the 'Scoops' is enjoyable.

Erma and Carl Schrader just returned from their yearly stay in Zapata. Erma said it was dry, hot and the lake was low.

In November Erma's daughter, Ella Bishop from Walnut Creek, California along with Erma and Carl went to Houston to see Erma's new five month old great grandson. The new baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Rawls.

In March Carl's daughter and husband, Mary and Bob Taylor, went to see them in Zapata. Erma said they showed them around and had a nice visit.

We're glad to have Erma and Carl back home for a while.

Gladys and A.L. Glasscock have had company this past week: Gladys' sisters, Opal Potts of Lubbock and Edith and Bill Turner of Arizona.

On Monday their daughter, Dana Sluder came over from Clovis and they all went to Floyd Cherry's house and had dinner. They got to visit with Floyd's girls Mikayla and Devanee. Gladys said they had a real nice time just visiting with each other.

Julia Leake's daughter, Margie Owen of Austin attended a reunion in Amarillo for her nursing class from Northwest Texas Nursing School of 1956.

There were twenty-nine nurses in the original class but only twelve could attend May 4. The nurses talked about old memories of school and ate dinner at the Golden Corral.

Mrs. Leake went with Margie to Amarillo but visited with her niece, Sherry Hromas while Margie went to the reunion.

Mrs. Leake and Sherry went to see a former Bovina lady, Ruby Stevens. Mrs. Stevens lived in Bovina in the 30's. Mrs. Leake and Margie came home Saturday night.

A.L. and Sue Nuttall had company for the past week. A.L.'s "Adopted Uncle", Harry Carroll of Atlanta, Georgia has been visiting Bovina for a week.

Harry's brother and wife, Ike and Rubye Carroll of Waco stopped by a week ago Thursday on their way to Las Vegas. They will return the Thursday before the paper comes out to pick up Harry so he can spend some time in Waco with them.

A.L. said they aren't doing anything special in Bovina, just catching up and spending time together.

A week ago Thursday, Mike was sitting at the railroad tracks crossing Third Street waiting for the train to go by. He said a lady in a van came around the corner from Highway 60 and apparently did not see the warning arm down. She smashed through it but pulled over as soon as she saw what happened.

Mike said the lady was shaken up but was fine. He also said he did not think there was any damage to her van. The railroad workers had the warning arm fixed in no time.

Things sure could have turned out a lot worse than they did. We don't know who the lady was but we think she will remember the railroad crossing at that intersection next time she drives through.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-MAY 23 1956

With the girl members of the graduating class of Bovina high school dressed in white caps and gowns and the boys in maroon, Mrs. Carmaleet Truitt, one of the sponsors of the class, presented diplomas and Mrs. Otie Ellison, another sponsor, changed the tassels on the caps from the right side to the left side Tuesday night in the school auditorium as 22 seniors were graduated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bingham drove to Eades, Colorado Wednesday, May 16, to visit in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison and children. While there, they attended commencement exercises of the Eades High School, where their granddaughter, Betty Ann, was valedictorian. The local couple returned to Bovina Friday.

35 YRS AGO-MAY 25 1961

Bovina High's 22 graduating seniors received what they had been working for, for 12 years--diplomas--at commencement exercises Friday night in the school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gray, long time residents of Bovina, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Elliott returned recently following a three week vacation to Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas. They visited points of interest in the various states as well as friends and relatives.

30 YRS AGO-MAY 25 1966

Richard Roberts, Bovina, has been chosen as a participant in the National Science Foundation summer institute in mathematics, June 6-July 29 at West Texas State University.

Roberts, a math teacher at Bovina High School, is one of 43 junior and senior high school teachers participating in the program.

James Lawlis received his bachelor of business administration degree in commencement exercises at West Texas State University Sunday. Lawlis is a graduate of Bovina High School.

25 YRS AGO-MAY 26 1971

Mrs. Leola Williams is entering a new phase of her life after 37 years of teaching school--31 of those in Bovina. She is

retiring Wednesday at the end of the current school year.

J. T. Jones of Bovina, who suffered a heart attack May 7 while vacationing in Florida, arrived in Lubbock Friday. He was brought to his home south of Bovina Sunday.

Mrs. Zelda Donaldson, a cum laude graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this month has received the National Observer Award in the business division for 1971.

20 YRS AGO-MAY 26 1976

Miss Linda Marcom, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom, performed at the annual Honors Recital of the Catuogno Piano School in Lubbock Saturday.

Miss Leeona Hise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hise of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, is the salutatorian of the 1976 senior class at Pagosa Springs High School. Some 38 seniors will receive diplomas in the graduation exercises there. The Hises are former residents of Bovina.

15 YRS AGO-MAY 27 1981

A close-out sale was announced this week by Bovina Wheat Growers. According to Floyd Schueler, chairman of the co-op's board of directors, unless something in the way of a miracle happens, the company's elevators and fuel divisions will be closing.

West Texas State University named Cindy L. Cook and Julie D. Owen to the Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, students must have ended the semester with a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.84 for at least 12 semester credit hours completed.

10 YRS AGO-MAY 24 1986

The Hands Across America project has been deemed a tremendous success. There were fifty-one who went with the group on the bus to San Jon, New Mexico, and many others from Bovina who went elsewhere to stand in line. The Bovina Chamber of Commerce thanks all who participated and represented Bovina well.

The Bovina area received 2.2 inches of rain since last Friday night, according to Maggie Moore, our weather girl. Bovina has been very lucky so far, in that we have not had any damaging hail as other towns have had. It was reported that Farwell received golf-ball sized hail.

5 YRS AGO-MAY 25 1991

Voters in Bovina and most of Parmer County gave a better than 3-1 margin in approving the creation of a Parmer County Hospital District in the special election last Saturday, May 18.

Karen and Daryl Kirkpatrick were presented the "Fans of the YEAR" award at the Bovina High School Athletic Banquet last Friday.

The first significant rainfall for this area in the past 8-9 months was registered this week, and at the Blade's press day the prospects looked good for additional moisture. Anywhere from an inch to 1.5 inches of rain has been reported in the local area, beginning late Tuesday and continuing Thursday evening.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Week of May 12-18
May 12-Linda Heard
May 13-Carolyn Lanyon, B. L. Marshall, Jerry Ware
May 14-Billy Johnson, Robert Read

May 15-Linda Kelly Thomas
May 16-Beverly Robison, Barbarette Sikes

May 17-Steve Thomas
To place a friend or relative on our Blade birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

Stormes & Baird Shower Is May 17

A shower for the approaching marriage of John Stormes and Jana Baird is scheduled for Friday, May 17, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at First Bank.

Selections for the couple are at Floral Expressions, Roden-Smith in Clovis, and Caryn's Hallmark in Hereford.

Hostesses for the shower are: Alice Stone, Karen Kirkpatrick, Debra Beauchamp, Carolyn Beauchamp, Honey Gist, Susan Kerby.

Also, Dorothy Stowers, Rita Mast, Suzan Hughes, Cathey Riley, Suezy Smith, Donna Mitchell, and Virgie Cary.

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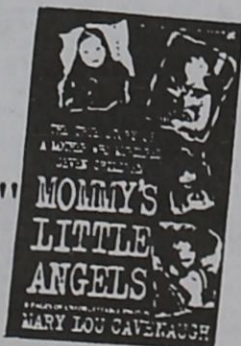
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER.....Shown during presentation of an annual Cargill scholarship are, l-r, Scott Entz and Dave Stafford of Excel, winner Michael Rushing, his parents Linda and Eric Rushing, and Carol Aistrup of Excel.



EXCEL SCHOLAR....Shown as Excel presents an annual scholarship are, l-r, Dave Stafford, Scott Entz, both of Excel, winner Courtney Carthel, Cindy Carthel, and Carol Aistrup of Excel.

Cargill Scholarships Awarded To Youths

Courtney Carthel and Michael Rushing, who will be 1996 graduates of Friona High School, have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Cargill Foundation.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donny Carthel and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rushing, all of Friona.

Miss Carthel plans to study elementary education at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and Rushing plans to study agribusiness at WTA&M.

The scholarships are two of 250 awarded by the Cargill Foundation to 1996 high school graduates from U.S. farm families in 46 states. This year's scholarship program, in its tenth year, attracted 2,698 applicants.

The \$250,000 Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of young people from farm families throughout the United States. The National FFA Organization manages the selection process; however, applicants do not have to be FFA members to receive a scholarship. The Cargill Foundation sponsors these scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

A diversified agribusiness company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Cargill Foundation is a private charitable foundation of Cargill.

Seminar To Focus On Women Landowners

A special two-day seminar on farm and ranch business management for women landowners will be held in Amarillo on June 24-25 at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 IH-40 West.

"The seminar is designed to help women explore income-generating and tax-saving opportunities for their farms and ranches," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist and attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Discussions will center on income taxes, leases, business organization and estate planning.

"Farm leases and operating agreements take many forms," notes Hayenga. Many of these will be discussed at the seminar, including benefits and restrictions to both landowners and tenants.

Regarding income tax

Dear Mother,

Here is your Mother's Day card. It is dated yesterday but it only cost fifty cents and look at all the other good stuff you get with it.

Including that little picture of me up there. Of course, it is not a very good picture. I am definitely more handsome than my pictures.

At least that is what you always told me, even in first grade when my ears stuck out and I wore those stupid little bib overalls to school with my Captain Marvel sweatshirt.

And by the way, maybe we should talk about child abuse too.

You better be glad there were no county welfare workers hiding in our backyard when I was a kid.

You remember making me go get a peach tree switch so you could whip me with it?

I learned though. At first I got the little limbs, but they hurt more than the big ones.

Why was it that you only used peach tree switches when I wore shorts and used a belt when I had on my jeans?

We did that peach tree switch circle dance many times, when you held my left arm and we danced around in circles to the peach tree tune. I have never ate a peach since.

And while we are on the subject of child abuse, what about that cod liver oil. You would stand in the back door and yell, "Ronnie Lynn, its time for your cod liver oil".

One hundred per cent of the time, never, did I come the first time you called me for cod liver oil. Now that I am older, I've got a few questions about cod liver oil, mother.

What did I have to take it for anyway. Couldn't you have gotten it in grape flavor? Of course, they didn't make sneaky flavored medicine when we were kids.

I mean that was back when cough syrup tasted like cough syrup, not this modern day wimpy medicine that tastes like oranges or grapes.

planning, tax-saving opportunities will be explored for business growth, retirement income and helping out children and grandchildren.

A session on estate planning will deal with wills, trusts, estate tax deferrals, gifts and property titels.

Estate planning tools which will be discussed include use of corporations and partnerships, gift planning, oil and gas interests, special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payments, life insurance and a tool called "flower bonds."

A registration of \$100 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials. Registration information can be obtained from your County Extension Agent or from Wayne Hayenga or Carol Sabo, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843, phone (409) 845-2226.

Out Here

By RON CARR



And mother, I never figured out how you could chase me around the backyard with a tablespoon full of cod liver oil and never spill a drop.

Every mother, at some time or another, has a broken heart. I know that me and Gena and Kathy and Rick have broken your heart a few times over the years.

We didn't mean too, mother, but all motherhood brings with it the risk of broken hearts.

From that first day in school, when a mother cries as the little one goes off into the world to get an education, to that last day in high school, when the babies go off into the real world, mothers are at risk.

Mothers cry. They cry for joy, love, heartbreak, worry, and pride. It must be tough to be a mother.

When I went off to Dallas after high school, against your wishes, I would always come home to Hillsboro on the weekends because I loved you so much.....and to bring my laundry.

You always worried about me being in Dallas with all the robbers and murderers on every corner, as you put it. But mothers are supposed to worry. That is what mothers do best.

Me and Gena and Kathy and Rick have sure worried you some over the years but we didn't mean too. All kids are supposed to worry their mothers, didn't you know

that?

I've always wondered why only one day a year is set aside as Mother's Day. Seems to me it is not necessary to have one day to honor mothers. In many ways, children honor their mothers every day.

Like those little white doilies you crocheted for us and we framed. Or covering our feet on a cold night with that 500-pound afghan you made for us. I guess by now every kid and grandkid has one of those afghans.

And I sure want to thank you for introducing me to gravy and fried foods. Especially gravy. I have eaten gravy in every corner of the world, but there ain't no gravy like your gravy. I like that kind where you have those fried steak batter pieces in it.

Speaking of frying, what were you trying to do, kill us when we were kids? You fried everything, mother. Even squash. Fried eggs, fried bacon, fried steak. And gravy.

You would bring home Crisco in five-gallon buckets once a week. It is a wonder us kids still have any arteries.

This day is set aside to make us stop and remember the unconditional love of a mother. It is the most powerful emotion on the planet, everlasting and forever.

Here is a special thanks to all

mothers everywhere:

* Thank you for those times you bought us ice cream when you couldn't really afford it, then you put us around the table and dipped us each a big bowl.

* Thank you for taking us to the department store and making us try on new clothes when we didn't want to, but we looked so good and proud on Sunday.

* Thank you for that big bowl of gravy in the middle of the table and for cooking while I was out playing and when I came in supper was on the table. I never realized how much work that was.

* Thank you for taking us to school all those days and for being interested in what we were doing and for coming up to school to all our activities.

* Thank you for bundling us up in the cold and rainy weather and for giving us our medicine when it was time, and for looking in on us at night when we were asleep.

* Thank you for your love and care and I thank God that you are our mother.

This card is from me, Gena, Kathy, and Rick. It is to you, and all mothers everywhere who today have either joy or sadness in their heart.

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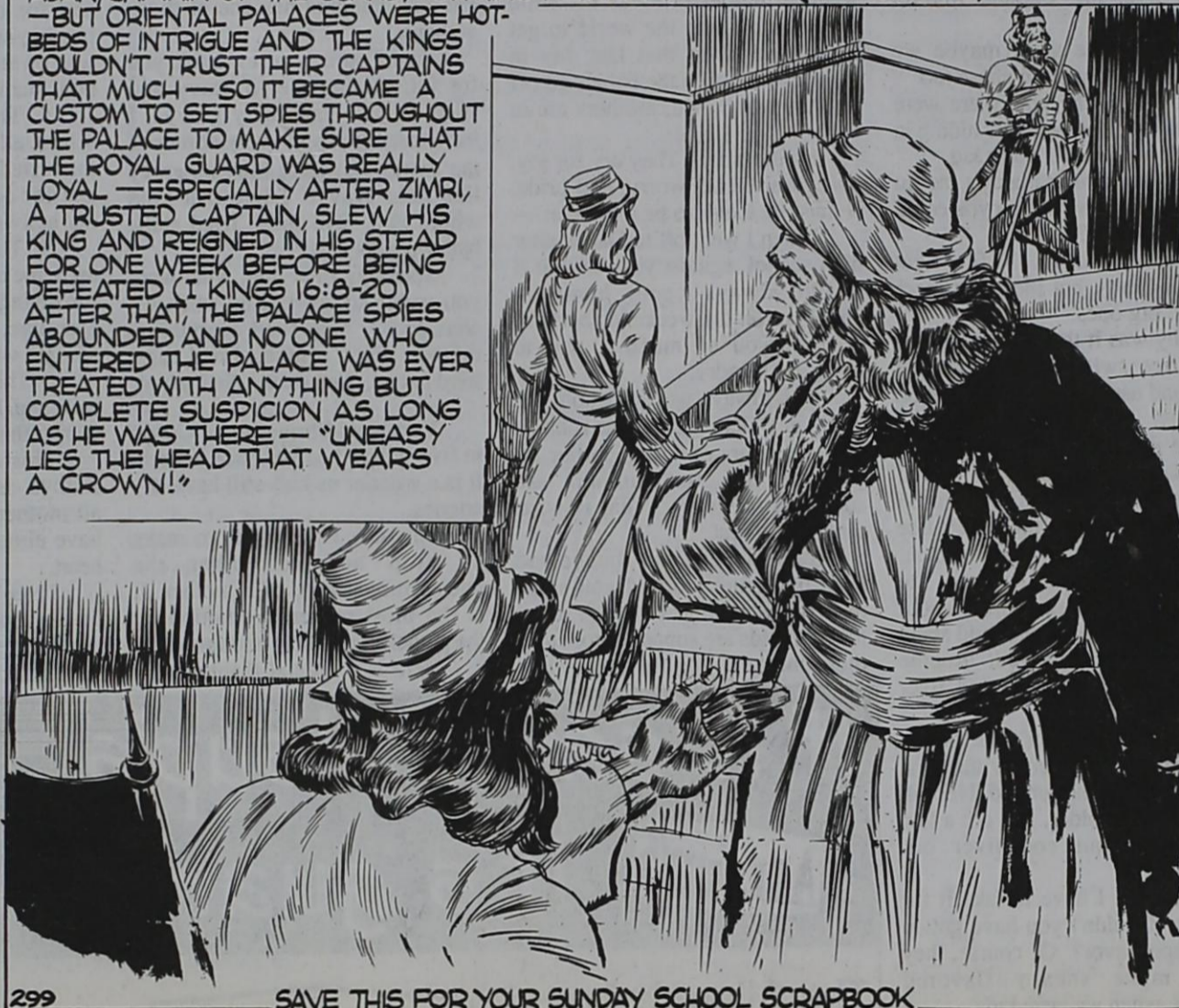
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I. Coker Tells Life Story In Newsletter

By Resident Ina Coker
(Editor's note: Prairie Acres Nursing Home's monthly newsletter contains a feature each time written by one of the residents. We are sharing these features with our readers.)

By INA COKER
I was born February 25, 1901 in Newtown, Missouri. My uncle walked a mile in the snow to let the others know that I was a black-haired child. He was so proud!

I was the middle of three girls and I had three brothers. I am the only one of my brothers and sisters living.

When I was four, we moved to Forgan, Oklahoma. We lived in a one-room dugout and stayed there about a year. We then moved into a big new house there.

My uncle moved to Nebraska. He left in a covered wagon and it took him a month to get there. He thought there would be more work there for him where they had irrigation wells. Later they came back to Oklahoma in their covered wagon.

I was twenty years old when I married Roy Coker in Oklahoma. We had three children in Oklahoma and then we took a notion to move to Hereford.

After a while we moved to Summerfield and we had three more children. Roy's parents moved with us and lived nearby. They farmed together and we stayed there a long time.

My children went to school in Summerfield until they were older, then went to high school in Hereford. The bus would pick them up.

They all grew up and got married. My daughter, Aline Turner, is the oldest and lives in Friona. Wesley, our oldest son, lost his life in World War II and was buried in Salerno, Italy.

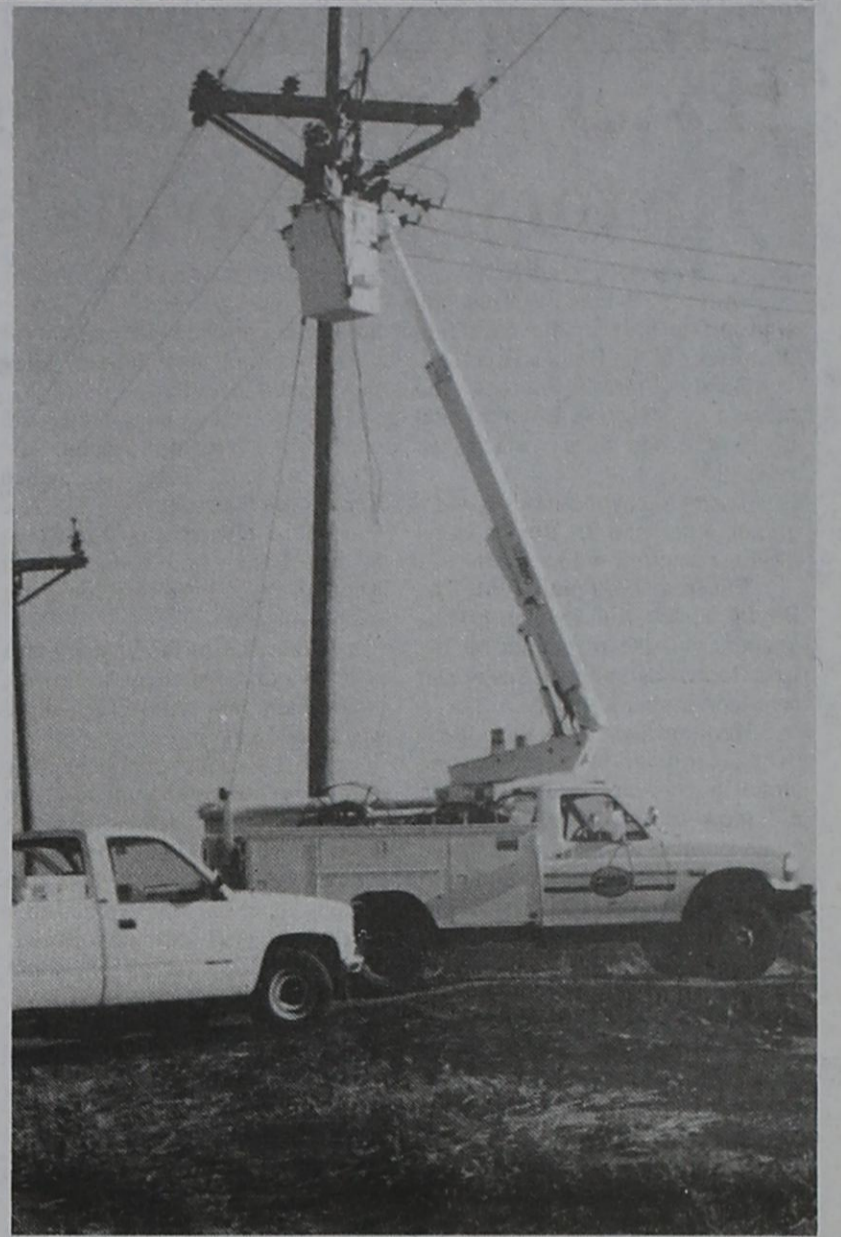
Cecil, the next son, passed away in 1994. Floyd lives near Hereford on a farm. Bob lives in Amarillo and Paul, the youngest, lives in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

I have sixteen grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

As the years passed my husband developed cancer of the lung and later died. This was in 1966.

I rented a house here in Friona until they moved my house from the farm into town. I lived in it several years.

Later I got to where I couldn't walk after hip surgery, so I moved to Prairie Acres around June, 1990.



TURN THE POWER ON...SPS workers are busy repairing the lines and restoring power to Friona and the surrounding area last Friday following a power outage caused by a transformer explosion at the south SPS substation.

Power Was Out In Parmer As Transformer Goes Out

Friona and the surrounding area had "lights out" for a few hours on Friday afternoon, May 3, as an SPS transformer at the south substation blew out.

According to SPS spokesman Danny Fiel, the substation feeds Friona, Excel, and part of Deaf Smith Electric's area. At first, they thought the transformer was totally destroyed and already had a replacement ready to ship from Hobbs, New Mexico.

However, SPS technicians found that damage was not as

extensive as first believed. They managed to repair the transformer and put it back into service in about three hours, avoiding the time-consuming replacement transformer.

The outage occurred about 4:40 p.m. At Excel, the plant was temporarily shut-down. According to a spokesman, the workers hung around for a time until generators provided some power for the night crews to get back to work.

Power was restored to Excel by early Saturday morning.

Discovery Center Sets Special Show On "Dinos"

Here's a bit of trivia for you. Who was "The King" 65 million years before Elvis? The answer is waiting for you at the Don Harrington Discovery Center's *DinoTails* exhibit--an amazing entertainment experience for the whole family.

The *DinoTails* exhibit and *DinoStory* Planetarium Show may be viewed May 25-September 2. The Discovery Center's hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. and closed on Monday with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Admission is free to all Discovery Center members, \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The admission price includes the exhibit as well as the planetarium show. The Discovery Center is located in the Harrington Regional Medical Center at 1200 Streit Drive.

DinoStory, which will be showing in the planetarium, covers a wide variety of species and characteristics of the dinosaurs and their relatives. Watch as the characters, Johnny and his mother, discuss the mysterious creatures and some of the theories on dinosaur extinction as you accompany Johnny on his trip into the past to meet ancient animals. The show will be followed by a live presentation on the constellations visible in the summer sky, and astronomical questions will be answered at that time.

Written and produced by Planetarium coordinator, Christine Shupla, *DinoStory* is an original production of the Don Harrington Discovery Center. *DinoStory* was recorded courtesy of John Moesch and KMLL Radio.

DinoStory will be shown Tuesday-Saturday (through August 17) at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, May 3	91-48
Saturday, May 4	91-47
Sunday, May 5	76-47
Monday, May 6	91-52
Tuesday, May 7	95-58
Wednesday, May 8	95-62
Thursday, May 9	94-65
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Prairie Acres Party Line
By Carol McIntosh

I want to begin by mentioning how wonderful the Family Supper was last Tuesday. There was a really nice crowd of family and visitors. We hope they enjoyed it as much as the staff and residents did. We'll look forward to the next one and hope everyone will come back.

Recently the board of directors of Prairie Acres (David Goddard, Charles Turner, Martha Mae Pruett, Dr. Tony Orme and Sarah Owen) honored the employees with a luncheon and dinner in appreciation of our work and dedication. We want to thank them for the recognition and delicious food.

We also want to share with everyone some special words given to be read at this Appreciation Dinner by a couple who had lived at Prairie Acres since December 9, 1991.

"My husband and I want to tell you how glad we are to be in Prairie Acres. It is the best place to be if you can't be in your home. The staff is so good to us. They see our needs and tend to them at once. They are a great group of people." (From Sam and Lilly Davis)

These words are very special and touching to each and every one of the employees. Thanks, Sam and Lilly.

Birthdays celebrated this month by residents: Roy Eastep, May 12, 1898; Viola Maciolek, May 13,

1907; Lunie Fleming, May 17, 1917; Lucy Behrens, May 20, 1927; and Vada Reed, May 23, 1909. Employees: Elizabeth Romero, Nancy Velasco, Patricia Casarez, Janie Balderaz, Christine McDonald, Kathy Ortiz, Connie Tebeest, Martha Gonzales and Maria Parra. Happy Birthday!!!

The following individuals deserve a thank you: David Woodruff for the magazines; United Methodist Praise Ringers for entertaining staff and residents; Anna Mae Thomas for playing the piano for the residents at lunch time; Buford Hartwick for the walker and cane; and also to anyone that I may have missed.

Our "Resident of the Month" is Eula Parrack. She has been here since January 4, 1996 and the "Employee of the Month" is Manuela Gomez, an employee since March 1, 1993. Congratulations!

We want to express our sympathies to the Allene Russell family. Allene had been a resident since March 8, 1993.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Draper Taylor: John and Jo Blackwell.

In memory of Allene Russell: Jerry and Beth Shelton and John and Jo Blackwell.

A donation was made to the Love Fund to honor the hostesses of the Ronda Ratcliff bridal shower: Sherry Atwell, Doris Barnett, Sandra Berend, Karene Cass, Betty Chaney, Margaret Duggins, Kitty Gallman, Kathryn Goddard, Marca Herring, Bettye Jarboe, Celia Loflin, Mary Maddox, Evelyn Mars, Connie Neelley, Ann Osborn, Mary Pryor, Betty Reeve, Judy Rhodes, Becky Riethmayer, Sharon White, Connie Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ratcliff and Ronda.



PRAIRIE ACRES HONORS.....Employee-of-the-month Manuela Gomez, left, has been employed at Prairie Acres since March, 1993. She is shown with resident-of-the-month Eula Parrack who has lived at Prairie Acres since December 14, 1995.

L.H. Lookingbill Is Buried At Hereford

L. H. Lookingbill, Jr., 68, of Summerfield, died on Monday, May 6, at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 9, at the First Baptist Church in Hereford with the pastor, Rev. Terry Cosby, officiating. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Lookingbill was born at Summerfield and married Betty Craig in 1949 in Hereford. He was a farmer and a member of Summerfield Baptist Church.

Mr. Lookingbill was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy. He was a life member of VFW Post 4818 and served as post commander, 1955-56 and 1968-69.

He also was district commander, 1957-58. Mr.

Lookingbill belonged to Hereford Masonic Lodge 849, Oasis Shrine Club of Hereford, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Khiva Temple of Amarillo, and Hereford Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Dick Lookingbill of Las Vegas, Nevada and Craig Lookingbill of Friona; three daughters, Judy Richards of Dayton, WY, Jan Betzen of Hereford, and Cathy Gaffor of Spearman; a sister, Mary Winkler of Baton Rouge, LA; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 So. Jefferson, Amarillo 79101, or Deaf Smith Healthcare Foundation, Box 1858, Hereford, 79045.

Fant Graduates From Training Academy

Dean Fant of Crosbyton was among 116 trooper cadets who graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 109th Training Academy.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock addressed the graduating class at the Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin. DPS Director Col. James R. Wilson and Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The cadets entered the Academy in October and completed 1,182 hours of instruction--more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Officer Standards and Education. The cadets received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest

procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal setting skills.

"Getting into the Academy is not an easy task," said Capt. Mark Warren, assistant commander of the DPS Academy. Every recruit school receives about 4,000 applications from men and women all across Texas and the United States. Those applicants are narrowed to about 500. Troopers then personally investigate those who made the first cut. Personality and psychological tests were given to narrow the applicants to the 116 graduates.

Trooper Fant will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Friona.

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72 YEAR OLD BUILDING

Estes Family Recalls Colorful History Of Bovina's Old Hotel

By RON CARR

Mother's Day seems an appropriate time to dig back into the history of the Bovina Hotel.

Suezy Smith's mother and father took over the Bovina Hotel in 1949, when Suezy was seven years old.

Today Suezy is a mother, and a grandmother, and the Bovina Hotel has long since closed for business.

But from 1949 until 1961, The Bovina Hotel, with its eight rooms upstairs and the restaurant on the first floor, was home to Suezy and her older brother Kenneth.

Herman and Edna Estes took over the operation of the Bovina Hotel in February of 1949. Edna did most of the hotel managing, while Herman worked for the Texas Department of Transportation. He retired from TX-DOT in 1976. Today the couple lives in Coleman, Texas.

Suezy and Billy Smith married in 1961. She lived at the hotel until January of 1962, while Billy served some time in the Air Force.

On a recent Saturday, they took us on a tour of the little hotel and Edna Estes furnished some memories by writing her recollections of those hotel years.

On an earlier visit to her parents home in Coleman, Suezy brought back the original hotel register and some historic photos from her mother's collection.

With a little imagination, one can hear the hub-bub and noise that took place on Bovina's main street

in the 1940's and 1950's. At the back of the hotel building, there is an original hitching post where the cowboy's tied their horses while they visited the cafe.

Suezy remembers men with names like Treetop, Rabbit, and Slim. Another visitor was named Finance Blankenship.

Rabbit always stayed in Room 5, Big Baker had room 7, and Kenneth Pryor lived in Room 1 for over eight years.

At the end of the upstairs hall is a lavatory, toilet, and shower, plus a bathroom with a tub which was added later.

The cowboys that came for dinner, went upstairs to wash up before sitting down at the downstairs meals.

Suezy remembers when one cowboy hung his new leather coat on the old wall rack downstairs. While he was washing up, some men nailed his jacket to the wall. (Rumor is that one of the pranksters might have been Bovina cowboy Rouel Barron.)

Edna Estes said the Bovina Hotel was built in 1924. A toilet and shower were added in 1948.

The Estes' bought the hotel in 1948 from George Trimble and George McKinney. A Mr. Jones had the hotel built and Arnold Hromas' dad did the construction.

The cafe on the first floor had five booths. In 1952 or 53, they took out the booths and put in three large tables for family style meals which cost \$1.00.

The ladies made 20 pies a day. Everyday the pies came out of the ovens at 3 p.m. and the town showed up for pie and coffee. Coffee was a nickel. Pie was twenty-cents a slice but pecan pie was twenty-five cents.

If you rented a room for a week it cost you \$8. For \$21.50 a week, you got a room plus two meals a day.

Chicken fried steak was a dollar and hamburgers were a quarter. The cowboys came for breakfast and lunch from the nearby feedyards and XIT Ranch.

The railroad behind the hotel delivered a steady stream of bums. Suezy says her mother often fed the bums out the back door of the hotel, but never gave them any money.

She didn't allow liquor upstairs either, but Suezy says the boarders didn't always follow the rules.

Suezy remembers one boarder who kept a liquor bottle on his dresser. When Suezy cleaned his room, she poured out some of the bottle everyday, until he finally caught on and complained.

In those days, the upstairs was heated by a fireplace in the lobby, with a flue to upstairs. There is a heater still in the old lobby that has been there since 1941.

The building today is in surprisingly good shape, thanks to the constant care from Suezy and Billy Smith. The family has tried to sell the building a couple of times, and some family members want to try for a historical landmark designation.

Many rooms still have original furniture. They are small, with a bed and dresser and small closet. The bathroom is still at the end of the hall.

The little dresser in room 2 has been there since the hotel was built in 1924.

Still on the wall in another room was a typed sheet of "rules for guests": Room rent must be paid in advance; Respect your neighbor, he may be trying to sleep; Be as quiet as you would like him to be; Checkout time 11 a.m.; Leave your key on the desk or in your room.

The downstairs area has long been converted into a large comfortable apartment that the Smith and Estes families still use sometimes for visitors and relatives.

Back then, the fire alarm phones and sirens were operated through the hotel switchboard and night bell. That noise plus the trains that ran behind the hotel constantly made the Bovina Hotel not always the quietest place in town.

Downtown had a movie theater, a grocery store, a fabric shop, department store, and lots of activity.

Suezy's brother Kenneth Estes had a paper route. He delivered the Amarillo papers on a horse.

The old hotel register has names from all over the U. S. and some foreign countries. Hotel check-in was uncomplicated. Sign your name, pay your money, get your key.

Some of the guest signatures belong to local residents who still live in Parmer County.

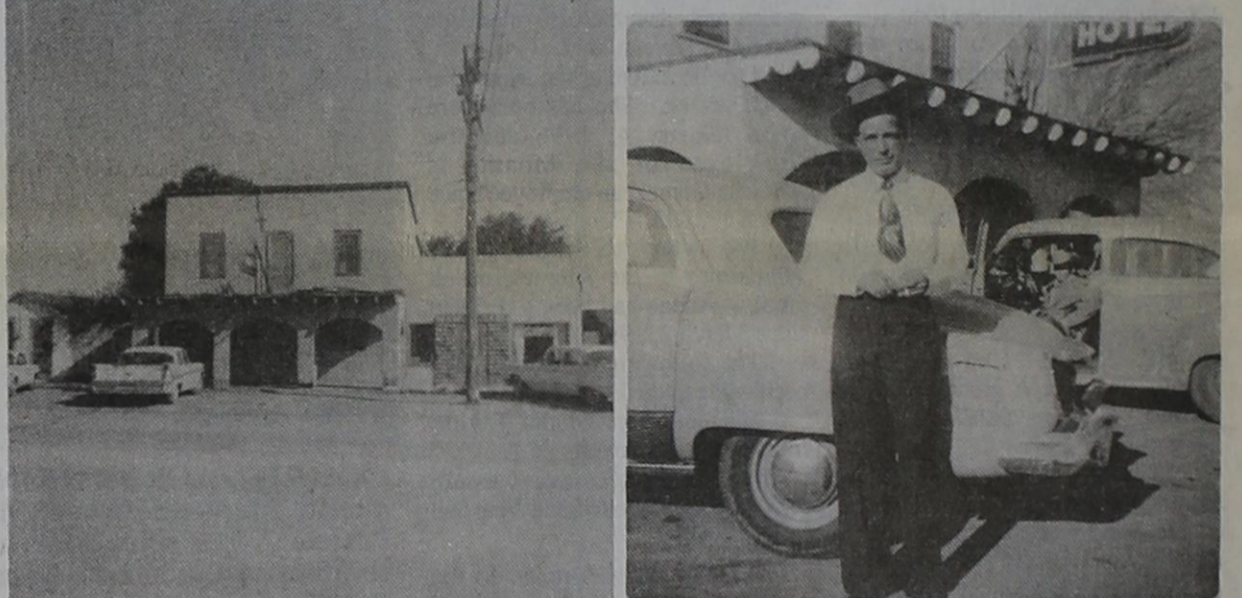
Young cowboys that are now old cowboys or farmers with good memories of the Bovina Hotel.



TIME TO EAT....Edna Estes, Lucy Shamblin, and Martha Pounds greet customers at the Bovina Hotel Cafe in 1949.



CHECKING OUT....Left, visitors to the Bovina Hotel in 1949 included Treetop and Slim. The lady in the middle is Lucy Thomas, now a resident at Prairie Acres. In the right picture Verna Marie Estes plays with her cousin, Suezy Estes Smith in 1952, in front of the hotel.



VACANCY....The Bovina Hotel is pictured in 1963. Notice the archways, which are not there anymore. At right is Herman Estes, duded out with his Studebaker in 1951.

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FOR SALE....Case 2394 tractor great condition. See at T-Bone's in Bovina or call 238-1614, 238-1146 or 225-7391. tfnc

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FOR SALE....3 BR, 1 bath with fenced in back yard and cellar. Call (806) 238-1379. 36-tfnc

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 Week of May 13-17
MONDAY-- sloppy joes, fries, pickles, cookies, fruit and milk.
TUESDAY-- grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, pickles, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY-- Mexican casserole, salad, corn, crackers, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY-- hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, fruit, cake and milk.
FRIDAY-- bologna and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit and milk.

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TODAY....Mother, grandmother, and former hotel resident Suezy Smith at work today as secretary at Bovina Elementary.

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 Invite you to Come to a joint celebration on **Sunday, May 19, 1996** from **3-5 pm** at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church honoring **LaNelle and Bill Polley** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary and a shower for **J.J. Polley and Lee Halsey** as they announce their upcoming marriage.

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