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AMAANA'S ANGELS FLY.........A program at Bovina Elementary paid dividends recently. Stud.....t. colliected money for the Mate-A-Wish which was matched by the Methodist Church Thrift Store. Shown which was matched the the Mate-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains is Cindy Spanel, right rear. Joining Principal Darla Sealey are third
oraders Juana Roldan, Zachary Quiroga, Eddie Segovia, and Dina

Garcia. The kids adopted "Amanda" who went to Disney World in April.

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| The Bovina Rural Health | Last week this newspaper aske |
| Clinic will be offering monthly | TV viewers to call in their opinio |
| munization clinics for area ildren for \$10. | of Chrysler Corp.'s decision |
| Starting May 23 the clinic | remove commericals |
| ill offer the shots from 9 | recent airing of the "Ellen" sho |
| a.m. until noon and 1 p.m.-5 | which deals with her lesbian lif |
| p.m. The next clinic will be | style. An incorrect |
| June 20 and each third | given. |
| Friday monthly thereafter. | Please call 1-800-992-199 |
| Sherry Whiteakre, R.N. | to register your opinion. Th |
| and family nurse practitioner | number may be busy the first tim |
| anyone away if they do not | but just keep trying. It will b |
| have the \$10. |  |
| \% |  |
| ONE OF THE REAL |  |
| "characters" I have had the | Bull |
| pleasure of knowing during |  |
| my newspaper career was | Town |
| Nelson Lewis. |  |
| Lewis passed away |  |
|  | tins |
| shy of his 89th birthday. |  |
| He had come to Friona in |  | Carolina, just a few weeks

shy of his 89 th birthday. Bill Ellis} in building the current Friona High School complex. Lewis was a plumber by trade, and probably was a good one. Since he had been a contract
ability in that field.

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& \text { ability in that field. } \\
& \text { But what Lewis }
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ritin and (historical) researved was the "three Rs"--reading One day Lewis bounced in.
himself. I don't recall all the do my office and introduced Nelson was writing a weekly column for the Frinn long before entitled his column "Pause and Reflect." His writing was on the conservative bend, and was a big hit with our readers.
Lewis had never learned to type. As a rule, plumbers aren't required to do a lot of typing. But again--Nelson wasn't your average plumber. He turned in his "copy" to the newspaperlined legal-pad paper.
Lewis may well be the only plumber to have won awards award, the Goden Press award from the American Legion. His spelling was always above reproach, and he had always researched his topic for the week. I couldn't tell you what level of education Lewis had gained. He impressed me as a self-
taught individual for the most part. He read every book, ne paper and magazine that he could round up. He was extremely interested in the start-up of Friona's Municipal Library
and was a contributor as well as a user of library materials. and was a contributor as well as a user of library materials.
Soon after landing in Friona, Lewis discovered Palo Duro Canyon--just a few hundred years after the Spanish explorer Coronado became the first known European to see our area's prize possession.
Lewis was fascinated with Palo Duro Canyon, and with
Coronado's explorations. He researched the written records Coronado's trip across the "Staked Plains," with particular en phasis of the canyon's exploration. He spent many a weekend on Coronado's exploration,Lewis was it and now we've lost him Coming from an area, South Carolina, just a stone's throw
across the James River from Virginia, with all of its history you'd think someone would look at this area and history, you'd think someone would look at this area and shake their
head. Lewis proved that every place has its history. You just have to get out and dig for it.
Nelson will probably be best remembered in Parmer County
as the editor, researcher, writer, etc., for the first County as the editor, researcher, writer, etc., for the first County
History book, published in 1974. It's always a big task to undertake a work of this nature, and I was impressed that Lewis, not even a native of this area, volunteered for the chore
The overwhelming success of this first Parmer County history more or less "set the table" for the second edition in 1980, which preserved many Parmer County family histories. Lewis also published a paperback book entitled "Death Stalks the Canyon." If you knew Nelson, it didn't take much
imagination to figure out which canyon he was talking about imagination to figure out which canyon he was talking about. that is said to have belonged to Col. Charles Goodnight. Nelson arranged to spend a night in this cabin in a remote area of the Canyon, and this is the event which led to the
writing of this mystery. The book is available at the Frion wiritrary
Although he lived out his retirement years in his native South Carolina, Lewis will pay one last visit to the Texas
Panhandle. Our friend's final wish was to scattered in Palo Duro Canyon. He will become a permanent part of an area he loved very dearly.
Vaya con Dios, mi amigo, y gracias!


TAMMY STORMES FHS senior Tammy Stormes earned student-of-the-week honors this week.
She was nominated by Kay Venable and elia Quintana for being dependable hardworking, friendly, and very pleasant. week receive a gif pack which includes unch for two a either Bandy's Restaurant
Sentences

## Brought In

Burglaries
Thursday April 24 three Bovina men charged with
recent local burglaries were sentenced and fined by Judge
Jack Young in the 287th Jack Young in the 287 th
District Court.
Two seventeen-year-olds Two seventeen-year-olds
and an eighteen year old, and an eighteen year old sentenced to three years in
the Texas Department of the Texas Department of
Corrections but were placed on three years deferred
adjudication. $\$ 166.50$ wor each fined $\$ 166.50$ for court costs and
ordered to pay $\$ 500$ fines. ordered to pay $\$ 500$ fines. 240 hours of community
service.
'97 Athletic Banquet Scheduled The Bovina ISD had above average athletic succes
during the 1996-97 seasons.
With a berth in the football playoffs and a strong
run at basketball playoffs, run at basketball playoffs, plus winning individual
showings, the Athletic Department invites everyone
to share the enthusiasm at the annual sports banquet. Banquet wovina be Thursday,
May 15, at 7 p.m. in the May 15, at 7 p.m. in the nd $\$ 10$ at the door and
Advance tickets may be be
purchased from any booster purchased from any booster
club member or at the high school office.
Learning Tests Set
For May 20 Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina,
Lazbuddie and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a free diagnostic
clinic for children three, four and five years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay.
Certified specialists will be working with children at this
clinic which is to be held at the following locations on
Tuesday, May Tuesday, May 20 .
At Farwell
School Library
Schary
Sino-9:30 Cch.; Bovina Ridgelea
a.m.; Ryary School 10-11
Elementary Elementary School 10-11
a.m.; Lazbuddie School 12:301.30 p.m.; and Friona
Elementary. School Library 23:30 p.m. you are concern If you are concerned
about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need
additional information, call additional information, call
Sue Beene, Director of Special Education at 247-3315.

## Senior Info

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Suitition inual the near
futur at Bovina High School or the Bovina Blade.
First grade pictures and
information information about the students activities at Bovina
High School are featured in
this special edition.
We need this information
brought to the Bovina Blade brought to the Bovina Blade
office by Monday, May 12 or your senior will not be
included. included.
If your senior is on the
following list, please help us
get the get the information, along
with a first grade picture with a first grade picture
Eric Brito Eric Brito
Lennie Brit
Rachel Espinoza
Nancy Gomez
Lisa Hromas Jisa Hromas
Jason Kerby Hector Larrea Juan Martinez
County Sales Tax Revenue Is Received
Sublic Accounts John Sharp distributed city sales and use
tax for April to Texas counties.
Parmer County received a
total of $\$ 18,691.16$. total of $\$ 18$, 691.1 . The comparable period payment
last year was $\$ 23,588.29$, a
$20.76 \%$ decrease. last year was
20.76\% decrease.
For the current April
period, Bovina received
$\$ 1,446.09$ down $7.76 \%$ $\$ 1,446.09$, down $7.76 \%$. an increase of $11.76 \%$ and
Friona got $\$ 14,017.20$, down Friona got $\$ 14,017.20$, down
$26.73 \%$. 1997 payments to date
for the county total
$\$ 92,223.78$, which is $1056 \%$ behind last year's year-tobehind last year's year-to-
date revenue of $\$ 103,114.47$.
Both Bovina and Farwell are slightly ahead of last year, but the comptroller's
office report shows Friona sales tax revenue down for
the year by $14.58 \%$.


GIVE YOUR MOM A HUG-.-With a face that only a Mother could love, "Peanut," a pug puppy belonging readers a Happy Mother's Day. Photo By Becky London


LET'S WORK GENTLEMEN.......Coach Bobby Ortiz is preparing his players already for next program which will squad in a conditioning summer as the Mustangs improving their great 8-2 record of last season.


READING WINNER......Luzana Chavez's 500 points in the accelerated reading program will he hard to beat. The fourth grader in Mrs. Graves class was honored by being named principal-for-a-day.


PROM VIP'S.....At the 1997 Senior Prom last Saturday at the Holiday Inn in Clovis, these Qoon-to-be graduating seniors were voted as queen at king of the 100 Prom. They are

Reflections
．．from the files of The Bovina Blade 40 Yrs Ago－May 8，
Voters took the maior step toward a poang pragram for
Bovina Thursday as 94 of the
Bon Bovina Thursday as 94 of the
the marked their abllots fror＂
the issuance of $\$ 30,000$ in street improvement bonds． Neil Smith，in his fourth
trip the thate trak meet in．
Austin，tied for frirst place in the pole vault event last
weekend． earned him the tie for first
place． place．
The annual spring band
concert will be presented concert will be presented
Thursday in Bovina．School
Auditorium at 8 p．m．The cuditorium at 8 p．m．The
concert will feature Bovina
High School Mustang Bind and the beginners ${ }^{\text {b }}$ band，
composed of fifth and sixth grade students．
35 Yrs Ago May 9，
Mrs．Lady Armstrong＇s annual cake and coffle benenit Saturday at Gaines
Hardware Co．netted S110 for
the Cancer Fund．Prior to chis year，the fund has been
donated to the March Dimes．
Aoters cast ballots in the
Democratic Primary in Bovina Saturday．The local races were given most of
the credit fer the credit for attracting more
voters than usual to the poll Burglars made another of Bovina Friday night．Marie＇s was the only business
reported broken into．Two flashlights were stolen in the break－in there．
Several members of the
Dovinnter Fire
Department will attend the Department will attend the
annual Panhandle Firemen＇s
Convention Saturdy Ranch．Bovina teams will participate in the pumper
truck race and in water polo

30 Yrs Ago－May 10， 1967 to boys basketball coach of
Bovina High School at a Moenday nize school board Monday night．Lusk，who
was previously coach，will take over his new
duties duties at the beginning of the new school year sireet paving program，with
as many as six expected to
be submitted，will be opened at a special meeting of the
city council tomorrow at p．m．at First ttate Bank．
${ }^{25}$ Yrs Ago－May 10， 1972 brought home two excellent ratings in sight reading from
Floydada Saturday according to Bryant Harris，band
director． Bill Venable＇s children Bovina Monday，May 1 ，to
help him celebrate his 83 rd
help hen Jackie Adams and Ben
McCain came away from the

## Allen Family Reunion

## Held Over Weekend In Rhea

home of Joe Allen was the Lola Parson of Rhea and scene of f four day reunion of
the children of the late Mr ． and Mrs．John Allen Sr． and their kith and kin following is a list of the descendants，manking the total
who attended 97.
Danny and Kay Allen Rea． Danny ${ }^{\text {children Justin }}$ Jeremy and Jerod；Deborah and Jim Zaikowski and children Jason
and Joe；Curtis and Debbie
Allen and children Teryn Tanner，all of Rhea；and
Barry and Brenda Allen and children Christy，Corey and
Mexico． $\begin{aligned} & \text { Frankie and Onedia Allen }\end{aligned}$ Allen and chilidren Benton
and Trenton of Amarillo；and Rodeny and Teresa allen and
children Conner and Carley of children
Hereford．
Ken Holton，husband of Carolyn and Gary Merrit and
Cand
son Cory son Cory of Granberry；Alice
and John Creed and their
and Tiffany and Bennie Mendola and son Tyler；and Tracy Bill and Ruth Allen of Camp Verde，Arizona．Allen of
John and Elsie Friona．Jimmy Allen and
Tony and Cathy Allen，all of
Lubbock． Lubbock．

Interscholastic League literary
contests with second place to
their contests with sec
their credit．
${ }^{20}$ Yrs Ago－May 11， 1977 Starting with some hal
around
Saturday Saturday and then a deluge
on Monday afternoon，Bovina on Monday afternoon，Bovina
had received a total fall of of
2.1 inches of rain up to 5 p．m．Monday． Fillies＇ travk and High Schoold team
lost their rabbit＇s foot at the state meet last weekend in
Aust in the the Austin．In fact，all of their
luck turned bad，as they lost a pair of races by literastly
inches，and by that same inches，and by that same
margin had their state margin had hopes dashed
championship hor
for the second straight year．
15 Yrs Ago：－May 5， 1982
Tommy Williams received more $\begin{aligned} & \text { votes in the } \\ & \text { commissioner＇s election but a }\end{aligned}$ recount has been requested in
the race Dine speaker for the High School 14．A pickup was stolen this Read．It was sitting in front
of the Boving Restan of the Bovina Restaurdaugh of Charis Grissom，and Ane Anhter
was reorn was recognized at Amarillo
College at the Honors
Convocation Colllege at the Honors
Convocation on April 2 for
having achieved a four－poin having achieved a four－point
average during the 1981 academic year．She was also
honored for having been selected as ouving been
student in her field

10 Yrs Ago－May 13,1987 A Santa Fe frieght train
struck a truck loaded with struck a truck loaded with
boxed beef at the crossing boxed beef at the crossing
leading too the Excel Packing
Plant Monday afterning The impact alay causednoon．three
frieght cars on the train frieght cars on the train to won ${ }^{\text {Ed }}$ the a second place trophy at Karate Championship held at
the Civic Lubbock Holiday Inn． Senior Group of ladies at the presented a quilt they made
to Larry Mitchell of the Bovina Ambulance crew．The
quilt will be raffled during quilt will be raffled during
the July Frouth activities and
proceeds will go to the proceeds will
ambulance fund．
5 Yrs Ago－May 9，${ }^{1992}$ The entomology team from Bovina High School
placed first in the Littlefield placed first in the Littlefield
district contests．The team also placed thirid in area and
seventh in state competition． seventh in state competition． Wilson，Jimmy Bonham Andy ${ }^{\text {And }}$ ，Jimmy Boinoza and Tobyn
Dyer． Dyer．${ }^{\text {Cain }}$ Neal and Corey Kirkpatrick qualified for the
state meet at last weekend＇s



READING CLUB GROWS．．．．．As the school year Carillo－both 200 points－4th graders in Mrs． gets smaller，the accelerated reading club
continues to grow．Prizes and recognition are given to students who earn 100－，200－，300－，400－Mrs．Sides \＆Mrs．Beall．Charlotte Rumph is ，or 500 －points．Above are readers and their point totals，Top，l－r，Javier Guevara \＆ also a fourth grader in Mrs．Deen＇s Rumph is has earned 400 reading points and a $\$ 40$ gift certificate at North Plains Mall in Clovis． Mrs．Deen＇s class．Emigdio Flores and Rebeca


APPROXIMAAEELY 80 SOUARE INCHES．MUST BE ABLE TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE．
WEEKLY RATES．APPLY．
WEEKLY RATESN.
space if considering vacating this make the monthly payments． My plan is to ask Bill and
Carol if I can rent some space on Carol if 1 can rent some space on
another page to start a new column After months of studying the paper， and listening to hundreds of
suggestions from readers it seem suggestions from readers，it seems
there is a lot of demand for a gossip column． Thought I would test the market this week for my new venture，＂Ron＇s Weekly Rumors＂．
Like wheat，com，and weeds rumors sprout and thrive in this rumors sprout and hirive in farming，I thought I could still adopt farming principles by planting some umors，fertilizing them，checking on them every day，
then delivering the harvest newspaper．
This $m$
This might be the best cash crop in the county．Think about it．
Don＇t have to buy any seeds． need major investments in equipment．Plant small rumors on
Monday．harvest big crion Friday．（Sometimes they literally grow overnight．）My rumor crop will be immune to all weather conditions．Rain will help my
rumor harvest too．When the ground is wet．rea．farmers can＇t
plow．That leaves tren plow．That leaves them time
help me with my rumor help me with my rumor crop．
All I have to do is go around the elevators，implement dealers，or cafes and gather a bumper crop
rumors from the idle bubbas See mos ide bubbas． ladies of the community are the
main source of main source of all rumors．What
Ive discovered is you get a few The Bovina Blade （Publication No．－USPS $550-800$ ）
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## Bill Ellis．．． Ron Carr．．．

Scooter Russell．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．ertisising
Becky London．．．．．Everaything Else

## Out Here

## By RON CARR


bubbas around a coffee pot when good rumor crop is guaranteed Women mostly spread rumors
rather quietly whispering themselves or in one on one phone calls．
get a bubba rumor pubsas．You get a bubba rumor posse on your rumor about you might as well be announced over the PA system． Discretion ain＇t a part of a bubba＇s rumor repernoire．
The only
The only other expense I can
see for my rumor column is that see for my rumor column is that
instead of hail insurance，I might need some hell insurance by the time people I write rumors about
got through with me．But every got through wit
job has its risks
job has its risks．
And I imagine my rumor crop would need spraying to keep out gossip weeds．Gossip always
interferes with a good rumor crop yield．
A rumor crop and a gossip crop look a lot alike．To the untrained person cannot distinguish between the two，and often doesn＇t care
anyway． anyway．
A
．

A rumor is an unconfirmed report or story that is in general circulation．On the other hand，
gossip is idle talk．So what I am putting together is a gossip
column in which we will publis． column in which we will publish only semi－unconfirmed reports and
stories．In other words，together we will end up with a gossip column that contains only rumors．
See how treacherous this
gossip／rumor thing can be I gossip／rumor thing can be．I don＇t
want to be accused of being a gossip，but I sure don＇t mind spreading a few good rumors． Being a rumormonger seems to have more dignity．
This is a no overhead，no This is a no overhead，no
brainer business venture．People
love rumors，especially if they are brainer business venture．People about someone else．It is a
business where people will simply business where people will simply
give you the product．＂Hey，Ron，
have you heard the latest rumor？ have you heard the latest rumor？
Here it is．＂
You can get this product seven days a week．I have been told that one of the very best places to get a
big batch of good juicy rumors is Sunday School．It has even been Sunday School．It has even been
said that is why many of our good
citizens attend Sunday School so citizens att
faithfully．
It is a self－defense kind of thing．Miss a few Sundays and
pretty soon they will be talking pretty soon they will be talking
about you too．After all，a good
rumor spreader would never be caught dead talking about
your face，now would they？
To make this gossip column
idea work I need a few idea work I need a few experienced Sparkle owner Mike Chisum
says he hopes says he hopes to have the busines
ready to go sometime ready to go sometime during the 10 people and will be a big asse for the people of Friona and Bovina．
Othe Other space changing hands
include Monty＇s Flowers Wiandm include Monty＇s Flowers，Wilhe Monty Allen plans to live in Buckeye，Arizona，full time and has sold the business，as has Bonnie
Wilhelm sold her video place Wilhelm sold her video place and
hopes to move to Hereford or hopes to move to Hereford or nursery business．At least that the rumor and we hope they blossom into facts．
Danny Kendrick bought the
Racer Truck Wash location on West Racer Truck Wash location on West
Highway 60 from Andrew Zamora and will soon hang his Fast Stop Truck Wash sign there to add to his growing list of Fast Stop locations．
Rumor is that Andy Kendrick， Rumor is that Andy Kendrick，
state pole－vaulter，snuck into the state pole－vaulter，snuck into the
100 meter run at the regionals in Odessa just for grins．He hasn＇t run the 100 m before，but he set a
Friona school record with a time of Friona school record with a time of
10.77 ． closes，long time employee An Nichols will be out of a job．She
says she chose to says she chose to quit although the
company did offer her a position in company did offer her a position in
Amarillo．Too far to drive she said． Amarillo．Too far to drive she said
Dennis Field closed Hero＇s Alley at 7 th \＆Main St．，so now
local lawyer Kathryn Gurley will have her own law firm shingle with her name on it．She says the office Juanita＇s Burrito W．Hwy． 60 closed．Great idea and good Mexican food but the rumor is that they suffered a serious pizza plague from just down the road
Everyone knows too much pizza Everyone kno
can be fatal．
You get the idea for this new gossip column．Should be a big
hit，don＇t you think？ hit，don＇t you think？ Until the rumor patrol visits your house，remember words can
wound or words can heal．It＇s your Plant a rumor．Beautify atended laundromat with video

> A BIG THANKS to all who voted for me！！ Linda Marshall

## Opal Hitt Was Born In 1907 In A Half-Dugout

Every month a resident of
Prairie Acres Nursing Home
submits a story about his/her
lifes history to be submitted
in the home's newsletter, "The
Prairie Times,
prind for
pring in the Friona Star
This month we feature Opal
Hitt.
By OPAL HITT
I was born in a half
dugout in Rogers, New
Mexico with a midwife, 25
miles southeast of Portales on
March 9, 1907 to Luna and
Ethel Pruett.
Papa and Mama married
in 1906 and came from
Western part of Oklahoma-


PRUETT FAMILY....Luna and Ethel Pruett are shown here with their two young daughters, Opal Pruett Hitt, now a resident of Prairie Acres, and ther's lap).
then Indian territory. Two yard, everyone slept in one
years later my sister Ione building yoars later my sister Ione Papa farmed and raised
chickens, hogs and cows. chickens, hogs and cows.
Mama was a housewife and Mama was a housewife and
also helped in the field. We milked cows and seperated the milk from the cream and
sold about 10 gallon of cream a week. At the end of the crop season Papa and Mama took two horsedrawn wagons with
the grain crop and hauled it the grain crop and hauled it took the lead wagon and
Mama followed with the Mama wagon.
trip! We stayed in a wagon building and fought with the
bedugs at night.
Ione and I walke Ine and I walked $23 / 4$
miles to school everyday. She miles to school everyday. She
and I learned lots of songs and sang on the way to
school.
Somet Sometimes
we
we and Ione and I threw rocks at
them till we killed them! Our school was a one-
room building with sheets that were hung up for partitions. One teacher
taught first through twelve taught first through twelve
grades. During break we played a running game called I went through eight and
one half years of school. The
schoolhouse was also our schoolhouse was also our
church building. We had a
good Christian home and good Christian home and
attended morning and attended morning and
evening services held on
Sundays. I married James Sidney
Hitt on October 27, 1927. We moved one mile over onto my husband's farm and lived there sixten years. James
farmed and we also raised chickens, hogs and cows.
We killed hogs and would We killed hogs and would
get the ham and shoulders and salt them down and cure
them. Then we hung them 4-H Council Meeting Set A Parmer County
4-H
Council meeting will be held May 12 from $5-7: 30$ p.m.
All 4-H'ers ages 13-19 are encouraged to attend Plans for the evening are to meet
at the Courthouse parking lot at 5 p.m., then travel to
Clovis, New Mexico to eat Clovis, New Mexico to eat
pizza followed by an exciting time of bowling.
In addition, election of
officers for the County Council officers for the County Council
will be elected. 4 -H'ers will will be elected. 5 -H ers will
need to bring $\$ 5.00$ to cover need the cost of bowling. If you have any questions call the Parmer County
Extension Office at (806) 481-
in the smoke house and they lasted all year long.
We also killed calves and
dressed dressed out the beef, covered
it with a tarp and hung it in it with a tarp and hung it in
the windmill tower at the the windmill tower at the
top. The beef was hung on a block and tackle to be pulled
up and down the windmill up and down the windmill. Later we bought Papa
and Mama's place where I
was born. The home was was born. The home was
made of adobe with walls made of adobe with walls
that were 12 inches thick. that were 12 inches thick.
We added plumbing and a bathroom and two more
rooms. We made it into a rooms. We made it into a
modern home. Our son Leon
was born in modern home. Our son Leon
was born in 1931 and our
daughter Patsy in 1944 In daughter Patsy in 1944. In
the late 1960's we moved to the late 1960's we moved to
Portales. My husband passed
away in 1980 . away in 1980 husband passed
Leon says his childhood highlight says his childhood he and his
daddy would go to the show daddy would go to the show
on Saturday afternoons to watch Roy Rogers or Gene
Autrey They paid Autrey. They paid seven cents for admission. He
remembers when they could remembers when they could
buy a coke for five cents, popcorn for five cents and a
hamburger for ten cents hamburger for ten cents.
Leon also remembers that his Leon also remembers that his
daddy bought him a "funny
book" each week for ten cents. book " each week for ten cents.
Leon and my daughter-inLeon and my daughter-in-
law Twila live in Friona. law Twila live in Friona.
Patsy and my son-in-law
Derrel Bode live in Ruidoso, Derrel Bode live in Ruidoso,
New Mexico. I lived in
Portales until Der Portales until December of 1996 when my health failed. That's when I I came to five at
Prairie Acres in Friona.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...The children of M.H. and Dixie Carson will be hosting a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents on Saturday, May 31, 1997. The event will take place at the Parmer County Community Center beginning at 4 p.m. and will continue into the evening. Invitations are not being sent locally but all friends of the family are cordially invited to attend.

## PPH Museum To Host Area On Sat. May 17

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 months apprenticeship there
in Texico. During that time I had to situation. Telegraph messages came through the train to the proper person. I had to deliver a telegraphed
death message from the $W$ ar Department to the parents of a friend I went all through high school with. Through the hardest thing I had ever
had to do, and I still rem-
ember the trauma of breakember the trauma of break-
ing the news to my friend's
family. family.
After my apprenticeship was finished, I I worked as
relief operator on the AT\&SF Railroad from Texico to shatt to the other stations sent to the other stations
along the line as we were needed. Arrangements were made in each town for the
relief operator girls to board relief operator girls to bard house fairly close to the depot. Very few young ladies days, so we rode the trains and walked everywhere.
I arrived in Frions I arrived in Friona on
March 28, 1945 as the relief March 28, 1945 as the relief
operator on the second trick from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and, on occasion, I was asked
to work the third trick from 11:00 p.m. to $7: 00$ a.m.
Wayne Stark was the station Wayne stark was the station
agent and I liked him
immediately. I was giad I immediately. I was glad I and gotten it, because I would be close to home (Farwell) and could hop on
the train and go visit my the train and go
I was one of many girl
operators who worked during operators who worked during station agents. In fact, we did just about everything the agent did at the station,
except none of us were except none of us were
trained on the telegraph. So we got our orders for the
movement of the trains by movement
telephone.
Our duties were to type
Out orders for each train that out orders for each train that
came through and we had to
make sure that both the make sure that both the
engineer and the conductor received those orders. We had to stand very close to the
trains as they went by trains as they went by and
hand up the orders with a Yshaped hoop on a long pole to
the engine and the caboose. the engine and the caboose.
Some train stations had Some train stations had
stationary hoops and it was much safer to use those.
Other duties were to sell
tickets to passengers wanting tickets to passengers wanting
to leave town. During the time that cattle were shipped
out, we would have to down to the pens east of the depot to count the cattle as
they were loaded onto the cattle cars.
The station agent kept The station agent kept
regular business hours and
after he wnt after he went home, the relief
operator girl was left by herself all evening or all
night to take care of the night to take care of the
station, the trains, mail,
passengers, freight and passengers, freight and
whatever else came up.
Hobos would ride up on Hobos would ride up on
top of the trains or in the box top of the trains or in the box
cars to travel from one place to another. Hobos or bums
would be known as would be known as "home-
less" today, but it was less" today, but it was a
whole other way of life back then. Occasionally a hobo would sit in the depot and
wait for the next weren't supposed to, but you hated to run them off when
hate weather was bad outside. the weather was bad outside.
An important part of our job was to watch for "hot
boxes" on moving trains. "Hot boxes" were much easier to spot at night as the wheels
looked like they were on fire. We reported all problems the Amarillo dispatcher.
Troop trains went Troop trains went through
here, during the war years and sometimes when the
soldiers would see a girl out beside the tracks, they would
write their name and address
 business firms and individuals to take the siding at Black. I
in town. He was quite a still shudder at the thought of
sight with that big handle what could have hapened if
bar mustache! The freight thase trains had collided. I bar mustache! The freight
dock was located at the back trains had collided. I of the depot and any freight all those soldiers coming home
not picked up was stored in
from the war and then not picked up was stored in from the war and then
the freight room for later getting killed on that train
delivery delivery. Mr. Woods was the section
foreman when I worked at the depot. He was a nice man and did his job well.
We didn't have an inside We didn't have an inside
bathroom back then and the bathroom back then and the
outhouse was a full block
west of the depot. As I west of the depot. As
remember it, the weather was
always cold, rainy, windy or always cold, rainy, windy or
dark. Trips to the outhouse
were made only when were made only when
absolutely necessary! We heated the office and waiting room with big pot-
bellied stoves, and the coal bellied stoves, and the coal
scuttle always seemed to be empty. The coal house was
half a block from the depot half a block from the depot.
Sometimes I roasted weiners over the hot coals for my supper and they surely did
taste good. I had a little apartment way across town, north of the Methodist Church. Walking home after work, late at
night in the dark was pretty scary for a young single girl. My best experience while I was working third trick was on April 1 , 1945 , and we
were married on September were married on September
12 of that year. After we married, he slept in the depot and helped me work the
passenger/mail trains at $1: 30$ passenger/mail trains at 1:30
a.m. Then he would get up at 6:00 a.m. to go to work at
his job. He was pretty tough. his job. He was pretty tough.
My worst experience was when the engineer of a
freight train headed east and freight train headed east and
missed getting his orders off
the hoop. The orders had
been changed to meet a troop train at Black instead of Summerfield. The caboose got his orders okay and
somehow hanaged to
contact the engineer in time
The "local" brought most of
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with his with his wagon and team o
oxen, picked up freight at the
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## "ARTIST OF THE MONTH" JACKIE HINDERLITER

 ARTIST OF THE MONTH---Jackie Hinderliter of Clovis, New Mexico, is the Friona Art Association's May Artist of the Month. Her works will be shown in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She is an experienced artist, winning many awards in several media; olls, watercolor and pastels. Her most recent honor was that she had a painting chosen to hang in the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso. Prior to that she had an art piece haning in the Governor's office in Santa Fe. Jackie is also known for her original tin-punch designs for the home which are sold in craft malls around the area.
PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME The pubilic is invited to otew the art in the labby at Prairle Acres eack month.

## J.T. Roach Reports On

## His HOBY

BY J.T. Roach
Last week I had the
xtreme honor of attending extreme wheek I had the of attending
the HOBY Conference in Amarillo. I thought I might
share with you just what I
did. We left my did. We left my house
Friday morning in the
beautiful winter wonderland My parents and I arrived at
My ander the Bishop Quarterman
Conference Center North of Conference Center North of
Amarillo at about 10 a.m.
After registering in the dining Conference Centent where the
other HOBY ambassadors
were, and that is when I began my Outstandin Immediately bombarded by at least five
junior counselors (J.C.'s) wh acted as if they had had way
too much caffeine for on person. The counselors then
taught us our new HOBY songs. We were put into
groups and named ourselves
The Bulldogs. We went to The Bulldogs. We went to
our orientation seminar and we took pictures and then
went to the first went to the first semina
Individual Privacy vs. Publi
Need To Be Informed. privilege of inoup got the sot to introduce Jay Ricci
grom KAMR-TV. The other peakers were Kathy
Martindale from the Amarillo Daily News and Susan Crye
rom KAMR-TV. We had an hour group question and nswer period where al questions. Then, we had a nd answer time where all groups broke up into corners
of the room and the speakers answered our questions on a
one-on-one basis. ntrepreneurship-Making Your Own Way. Some topics your own boss and how to inner. ompetitive mar wa Agriculture, Present, and
Future. Topics we talked and sheep cloning. After the management game, which game. Each team had a
specific
Eoal to accomplish and and cash to start out on he other team we were trading with wouldn't give up
a piece of land they owned.
We had a dance afterwards nd then went to our rooms. The next morning we got Northwest Texas take to
Whespital. When we arrived, we wer
given a tour of the inn
workings of the hospital. After the tour, we moved Healthcare, Opportunities in
Medicine. The speakers

## A. Smith Is Buried In Farwell

 Smith, 85, of Bovina wereheld Wednesday, May 7 at the First Baptist Church of
Bovina with the Rev. Gary Morgan officiating.
Burial followed at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell Blackwell Funeral Home. Mr. Smith died May 4 at
is residence under Hospice care.
He was born February
28, 1912 in Palestine, Texas 28, 1912 married Lois Huffenan
and
October $28, \quad 1933$ in Mr.estine. Smith was a member
Mr Bovina. He moved to Parmer
Cunty in 1940 moving from County in 1940 moving from Sherley-Anderson Elevator in
Lariat for many years. He has lived in Bovina since
1989 .
Survivors include his wife Survivors include his wife
Lois and one son Larry
Smith, both of Bovina; three daughters Shirley Ware of
Bovina; Joy Stancell of
Muleshoe and Sylvia Hand of Great Falls, Montana. Also surviving is one
sister, Murlene Young of
Lubbock, fourteen grandchildren, nineteen great-
J.T. ROACH talked about organ donations,
malpactice anesthesiology. After the
seminar, we ate lunch, loaded
the buses and went back to the -


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