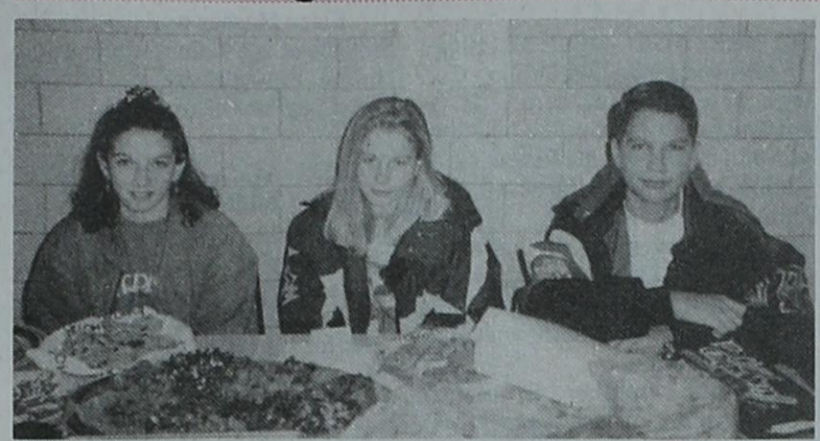




**HOORAY AND MERRY CHRISTMAS....**Matthew Villarreal is the first Bovina Elementary student to reach 100 points in the Accelerated Reading Program. He earned an Accelerated Reading T-shirt for his accomplishment. The teachers thank you, Matthew, for your hard work and dedication. We will be watching for future 100 point club members.

## Merry Christmas To Bovina



**CHRISTMAS GOODIES.....**National Honor Society students held a Christmas bake sale last week to earn money for NHS projects. The sales team included, l-r, Lindsey Pruitt, Krysta Morris, and Levi Steelman.



**A MERRY LOOKING TREE.....**adorned the lobby of First Bank of Bovina to brighten customers' spirits for the holidays and add to the delights of the season.

### Classes To Resume On January 4

Bovina ISD's first day of classes after the holidays will be Thursday, January 4. Classes will begin at the regular time on January 4. January 3 will be a faculty and staff preparation day.

### Xmas Eve Service

First United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m., Sunday, December 24. The public is invited to attend.



## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeers and I like you to. My mom is going to put sum kokes and chocolate milk. I gud and I heop my Mom wash the dishes. I have a present for you and my brother has a present for you.  
Tatiana  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Claus is coming. My mom is glade. I help my mom cling. My mom gives me five cents. Santa dilibers the toys. The kids like toys. I like the toys that Santa does. I want a doll and a ball. I help my mom thro the trash.  
Lidieth  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I help decorate the tree. And help decorate the house and I git the trash from my restroom thin my dad gits oi the trash and gos out the dor. I clens my room and my mom clens my brother room and my dad clens the living room with a vacyoom. Thin I get the wetwuns, thin I get the papr for my mom to clen my brother. Thin my go to step. Thin git out uv my bed and go to the cictin and sum cuces and a glas of milk.  
Sonja  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I help my mom clean the house. And I help my mom thro the trash. And I clean my room. Santa I put some cookies and milk and a present. I have been a good little girl. I help my mom do the food. And I love you Santa. And I love my teacher. I want a doll and jumprope puzzle ball yo-yo computer games and a book to read all day. I help my sister clean the room. I help my mom cook the food.  
Yvette  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
We livt you sum milk. I have a presents for you. I help my mom. I throw the trash and the dish. I hang the candy cans on the Christmas tree. I decorated my house. Santa Claus will be surprise because I ben clean the house. My brother is clean and the house is clean. santa claus was ride the reindeer. I lift the stocking on the floor. Santa Claus give me sum oy. And my brother did that too. My brother got a race car. I got a big presents it was a Christmas tree. I got Santa Claus a big big package of cookies and milk. My dad was surprise and my mom.  
Priscilla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wish that I can have a book. I have been good Santa. I will like a jumprope. I will like a doll. I will like a bat. I will like a puzzle. I will like a tape.  
Kamber Royce  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a pair of boots and shoes. I want a 1,000 piece lego box and a 4-wheeler. My dogs, Emmitt and Remus would like a year supply of milk and dog food. They would both like new dog houses with their names printed on them.  
Your friends,  
Zane, Emmitt and Remus Anderson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Will you give ma a pocohantes Barbie, makeup, clothes, and a tea party set? Does your reindeer have fun flying? How are you? I am just fine. Are your reindeer fine? Don't forget to buy my brother a tractor and a truck. How's Mrs. Anna doing? How are your elves doing?  
Love, Holly Johnson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like yo Santa. I am doing good. Santa are you doing good. I want a jakit. I want a book to read. I want a crayolaing book. I want a sega game. I want a megazordit.  
Alfie Espinoza  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I am happee. I luv you Santa. Santa is cumeen. Santa is cumeen to taow. Santa is cumeen with Rudolph's.  
Brenda Campos  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I wish you will bring a bike and a big prezt. I bin good.  
Frank Martinez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a basketball please and a football. The very last thing I want my own T.V. please. I want you to know I will try to git some thing for you. Sainata, is Rudolph fine? Tell your elves I like the way they make basketball goals.  
Your dunker, Matthew Royce  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. Santa, I want a car that will run on both sides. How is Mrs. Santa? Thank you for the telescope last year.  
Love, Charlie Rundell  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a black wolf remote-control car and an NFL football phone with the Dallas sticker on it. I would like a Super Nintendo game that is called Off Road and a power-up golf club. My little sister, Shaylee, would like a doll and some candy. We will leave some milk and cookies for you.  
Your friend, Zane Anderson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brett Layne Anderson and I have been a good boy most of the time this year. Please bring me a blue motorcycle with a real motor and real keys to it and a remote control car. Also a billfold to put my money in. Please bring a blue purse for my Mom and my Grandma. Please bring my sister Shaylee a blanket. Dad needs a new fishing pole and a cap. Thank you.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeers. I love Christmas. I decorated my house. I kepe my house clean. You git toys win it's christmas. Santa claus is nise. Santa claus brings toys to my. I have a tree in my hous. I have a presents. I decorated my tree. I like elfs. I put candy cane on my tree. Elf's mace presents.  
Aaron  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. I like Santa claus. I help mom clean dishes. She's fell at the ice. I like Santa because he br toys.  
Ruben  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have toys. I have candy cane. I have Christmas. I have presents. I have a cresmeft tree.  
Edwardo  
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Dear Santa,  
I have helpt my mom clean. I hep my litol sistr. I wont a tin speed. I hep my dad thro the trash. Iv bin a gud boy. I thack I need sumthing. I hep my mom hag lits. I hep do wa lot. I wont a movey. I wont a dog. I wont a cat. I wont to play a lot.  
Jonathan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me a play puppy, a teacher Barbie, a B.B. gun, and a baby brother.  
Love, Nicki Clayton  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll and a cozy car. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you.  
Harley Riddle  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good this year. Please bring me a tractor, horse and cows and a four-wheeler. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Love you, Hunter Black  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl this year. Please bring me a ring-around Rosie doll, a teacher Barbie, a stroller Barbie, and a Barbie pop-up case.  
I love you, Christy Widner  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a big truck, a Tonka farm, and a loader. Please don't forget my baby brother. He's been kinda good, he wants a pick-up truck, and a ball.  
Love, Chase and Jared Timms.  
\*\*\*\*\*

To Santa Claus,  
This is Justin. I want a remote control air plan.  
This is Jake. I want a breaking plow.  
Love, Justin & Jake Ware.  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a extra long football suit, SEGA Genis computer please. How are your reindeer. How is Mrs. Anny. I hope she is fine. I love Mr. and Mrs. Santa.  
Love, Josh Ramirez  
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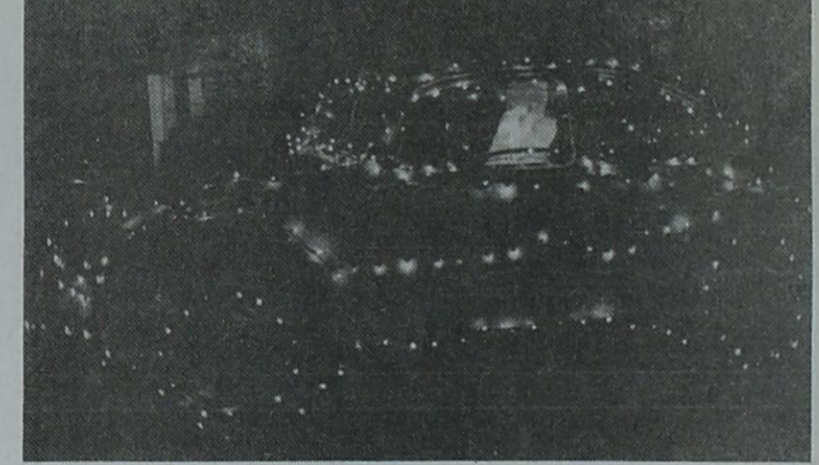
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. They are wonderful! For Christmas this year I would like an ambulance, Baby Tumble and a traveler computer. Do you put up your tree? Does your tree have an ornament with Baby Jesus on it? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Skyla Cockerham  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am doing fine. Will you please bring me a Game Boy and games like Donkey Kong and Quarterback and Baseball.  
Your friend, Cody Jamerson  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat for Christmas and a baby doll.  
Love, Ashley Lovvorn  
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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**35 YRS AGO--DEC 21 1960**  
Mrs. Minnie Mae Alderson, 79, pioneer Bovina citizen, died Saturday about 7:30 p.m. in Clovis Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Alderson had been a resident of this area some 40 years.  
Mrs. Mark Charles is the winner of Bovina's 1960 Home Christmas Decoration Contest. She will receive a \$25 award for being named the winner.  
For the third consecutive year, Bovina farmers are among the top in DeKalb's yield contest for corn and milo. Don Murphy is the top milo producer in the nation, according to J.T. Hammonds, DeKalb representative here.

**30 YRS AGO--DEC 22 1965**  
Bovina Pump and Drilling Co. is a new business here. It is headquartered in an office building moved just west of the former Gulf station building on Pleasant Hill Farm-to-Market Road.  
Approximately 250 attended the Christmas Concert presented by the Bovina School music department Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium.  
Winter weather hit here Tuesday night of last week. This was the first real "spell" of the winter season and brought with it snow and freezing temperatures. The snow, which measured some three inches, fell Tuesday night and Wednesday.  
Mustang footballers Roman Ramirez and Scotty Rundell have been named to regional football honors by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

**25 YRS AGO--DEC 23 1970**  
Another successful pheasant season ended here Sunday. Winner of the tallest tailfeather contest conducted in Bovina was Don Bandy with an extra-long entry measuring 25 and 31/32 inches.  
Saddles belonging to Curtis Miller and Henry Spicer were stolen from Triplett's Feed Lots sometime Saturday night, according to Marshal Ronald Mitchell. Mitchell says there were no leads in the case.

**20 YRS AGO--DEC 24 1975**  
Steven Thomas Wiseman of Bovina received his undergraduate degree from Texas A & M University at College Station in recent ceremonies there.  
Bret Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitten, is the first place winner in the 1975 Christmas Home Decorations Contest, sponsored by the Bovina Lions Club.  
Members of the Bovina Future Homemakers of America visited the Retirement Ranch in Clovis Monday, December 15. The group sang Christmas carols and took gifts of Christmas candy and cookies and door decorations to residents there.

**15 YRS AGO--DEC 18 1980**  
Bovina's Mustangs were the first place winners in the Friona invitational tournaments last weekend.

**10 YRS AGO--DEC 18 1985**  
The Children's Choir gave a presentation, "Angels Aware", directed by Esther Steelman and Tonya Gober.  
Funeral services were held this week for Carl Rea. He had lived in Parmer County since 1945.  
The Bovina area received its first snowfall of the season when four and five inches fell.  
238 people attended the Oklahoma Lane community reunion this week.  
Six members of the football team were named to all-district. They were Terry Moore, Todd Ware, Todd Schilling, Blake Schaff, Rey Duran, and Chad Clayton.

**5 YRS AGO--DEC 22 1990**  
The 1990 pheasant hunt was a little disappointing in Parmer County, according to local hunters. While the number of birds was down from previous hunts, the decent weather made the leg work a little easier.  
Work is continuing as buildings are being torn down on Main Street in Bovina. These buildings had holes in the floors, the ceilings were hanging and many had holes in the roofs.  
Mr. and Mrs. Zeferino Villarreal recently received a gift from their son, David, who is stationed in Saudi Arabia.

**7th, 8th, JV Play Good Basketball**  
The Bovina Fillies 7th and 8th grade basketball teams played hard in neighboring Farwell on Monday, December 11.  
The 7th grade team earned their first win this season, beating Farwell in a close one, 28-27.  
J.D. Jones scored a big 18 points to lead the team. Others scoring were: Krysta Morris-7; Casey Riley-2; and Michelle Guzman-1.  
The 8th grade Fillies fell hard to a big aggressive Farwell team by a score of 47-14. Scoring for the Fillies were: Lety Vargas-10; Julie Grisham-2; and Marie Martinez-2.  
The JV fillies had their two-game streak come to an end last Thursday and Saturday in the Coronado tournament, as they went 0-3, losing to Coronado, Plainview, and Shallowater.  
The Fillies played well against the bigger schools despite being undersized by several inches at all positions.  
They were led in scoring by sophomore Melissa Cantu, who scored 21, 11, and 20 points respectively. Junior Maria Fragoza and freshman Evang Casas both scored for the JV Fillies, while Melissa Cantu and Amy Venable led the team in rebounding.  
The JV fillies are now 2-3 in their last five games which were played against some excellent and larger teams.

The 1980 season for pheasant hunting marks the 17th anniversary of a regular season in Parmer County.  
The Bovina Christian Life Center, Pentecostal Holiness Church will re-open with Rev. Hedgecock from California leading.  
Frank Galvan, Jr., MT III was among 15 employees of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, to receive service awards at the supervisor's meeting at the district office in Lubbock.  
Five generations were present at the Crow family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley. Lide last week.  
Karen Hughes was chosen FFA Sweetheart and Karen Schilling was chosen Plowgirl by the Bovina FFA Chapter.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
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# Barrons Have Seen Changes Since Moving Here In 1934

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Rouel and Thelma Barron have lived in Bovina since 1934 and have seen lots of changes. They spoke of how the town of Bovina was once a thriving little town and they looked forward to coming to town on Saturday, spending time shopping and visiting with friends.

Rouel said he lived in Motley County (in the eastern Panhandle) until he was sixteen years old and his parents were Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Davis Barron.

The family lived in Flomot, Texas and they moved away in 1928. Rouel had two sisters and the one still living is Margaret Truitt, who lives at Garland.

Thelma's parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Free. She was born in Childress County and lived there until she was fourteen years old. She moved away in 1927.

She was one of seven children and still has one sister and three brothers. Her sister is Orean Stone, who lives in California and her brothers are Walter Free of West Minister, Colorado, Dick Free of Bovina and Troy Free of California.

The Barrons farmed on their own when they moved here in 1934. The farm was located five miles south and four miles east of Bovina and was rented out until

three years ago when they sold it to Mike Beauchamp.

The couple complimented Mike on being such a good farmer and a farmer who loved to farm. They spoke of how Mike was always an "upbeat" person who always had a smile and time to visit his fellowman.

The couple moved into town in their home on Highway 86 on October 3, 1973. The house was purchased from Travis Dyer.

When the Barrons were children, their parents were neighbors and they rode the same school bus. She was fifteen years old and Rouel was about seventeen. Thelma graduated from high school in Bovina and both their sons graduated here.

They have been married sixty-one years and their two sons are Donald Ray of Tucson, Arizona and Jerry, who lives at Euless, Texas. The Barrons have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rouel was a charter member of the Bovina Roping Arena Club. At first, the arena was on Robert Read's old place located two miles out of town, but they moved it into Bovina in 1971. Rouel said some of the charter members were Al Kerby, R.T. Harbour, C.E. Trimble, Cecil Sisk, Edwin Lide, Larry Scott and Jess Walling.

Larry Scott and Edwin Lide were instrumental in building and designing the roping arena. Jess Walling also did a lot of work, as well as others.

Rouel served as president five years and has worked all these years as secretary and treasurer of the organization.

He is a member of the Lions Club and was Boss Lion two years, always helps with the broom sales and the Lions Club's chicken dinner. He joined the Lions in the seventies.

Besides farming all these years, Rouel said in the winter months he worked for the Triplet Cattle Company and wheat-pastured cattle ten years. He said the hours were



Rouel and Thelma Barron

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long and he worked hard as everyone else did (and had to) back then. He said farming has changed a lot and the amount of money they spent farming for a year back then, can be spent easily in a month now.

The couple belongs to the Methodist Church and he served on most of the official boards in the church over the years. He has also served as Sunday School secretary and chairman of the PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee).

Thelma was a member of the Bovina Woman's Study Club twenty years until it disbanded. During that time, she served as president two years and treasurer two years.

She is active in the United Methodist Women's organization and the ladies stay busy during the winter months making and tacking

quilts for an orphanage in Brazil. This year, they made forty-two quilts and every year make at least forty quilts. She also substitutes as Sunday School teacher in their church.

When asked about Christmas and what they remembered, Rouel spoke of always having a Christmas tree when he was growing up, but the thing that always impressed him most was when his uncle always provided a big stalk of bananas and hung them in his grandparents' home for the family to eat.

Thelma said they always had a Christmas tree and, with seven children in the family, there was always a lot of fun.

The Barrons are looking forward to Christmas and having their son, Jerry, and his three children with them in Bovina.

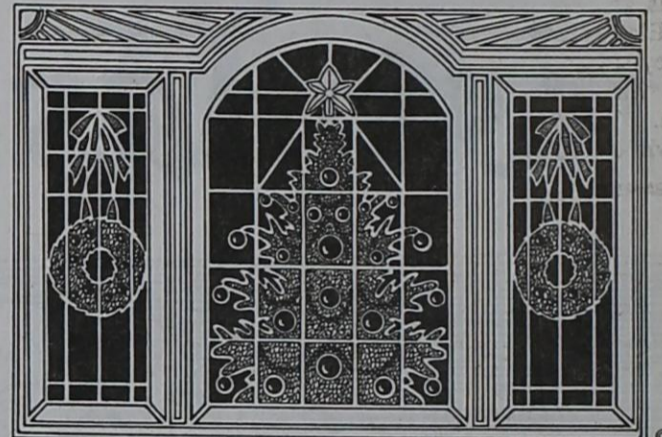
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**JENNIFER FERRIS  
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Jennifer Ferris is the new third grade teacher at Bovina Elementary, replacing Roberta Carlyle, who is moving to Michigan.

Ferris, who lives in Muleshoe, graduated from San Angelo State University in August with an early childhood education degree. This is her first teaching assignment.

She married Blain Ferris of Muleshoe in July. As she says, "he is a wheat pasture cowboy".

She enjoys children, reading, tennis, animals, and shopping.

Elementary Principal Darla Sealey says, "We are very glad to have Mrs. Ferris as part of our team. We will also miss Mrs. Carlyle and wish her the very best".

**Fillies Are  
Still About  
Even So Far**

The Fillies split their two games last week.

The varsity girls went to Spade on Tuesday (Dec 12) and won 42-31, with all the Fillies scoring points during the action.

In the scoring column were: Lisa Hromas-10; Carmen Campos-7; Bonnie Quintana-6; Rachael Turner-6; D'Anne Jones-5; Lori Beauchamp-4; Kasey Bell-2; and Alex Dopp-2.

Beauchamp led fillie rebounding with 11, while Turner pulled down 9 rebounds.

The fillies fell to Anton on Friday, 35-25. They played good defense but the offense just couldn't seem to get started.

Scoring for the Fillies were: Hromas-7; Turner-6; Tammy Stormes-3; Quintana-2; Bell-2; Jones-2; Beauchamp-2; and Dopp-1.

Once again, Beauchamp led the team in rebounds with 13.

The Fillies are now 5-8 for the season.

**Bovina School  
Lunch Menu  
Week of January 4-5**

**THURSDAY**--steak fingers, peas, potatoes, rolls, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY**--hamburgers, fries, pickles, lettuce, cookies, fruit and milk.



**GEORGE VILLARREAL  
G. Villarreal  
Is Student  
of the Week**

Sophomore George Villarreal was selected as the Bovina High School Student-of-the-Week.

He has attended Bovina schools since kindergarten and is the son of George and Nickie Villarreal. His sister Angela is in the sixth grade.

George plays football for the Mustangs, is in the National Honor Society and FHA.

College looks a long way away, but he plans on attending college after graduating from BHS.

He was nominated for student-of-the-week by Bobby Ortiz who says of Villarreal, "he encourages others, works hard, and is an excellent student. In athletics, he is an overachiever and was selected as an academic all-district football player. He also participates in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes".

**Santa Letters**

Dear Santa,  
I lik to have presents and toys. We lik you. Santa will cum to my hous. I have a presents fow you. Santa cumbs on reindeer. Santa cumbs with toys fowr us to pplay.  
Frun Henry  
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**Letter To  
The Editor**

To The Editor,  
January is National Autism Awareness Month.

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Also, inclusion is a very "hot" topic in education today. Zachary's 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Steelman, Resource teacher Mrs. Cupit, speech teacher Mrs. George and aides Mrs. Landrum and Mrs. Rios are cooperating beautifully in order that Zachary can make progress.

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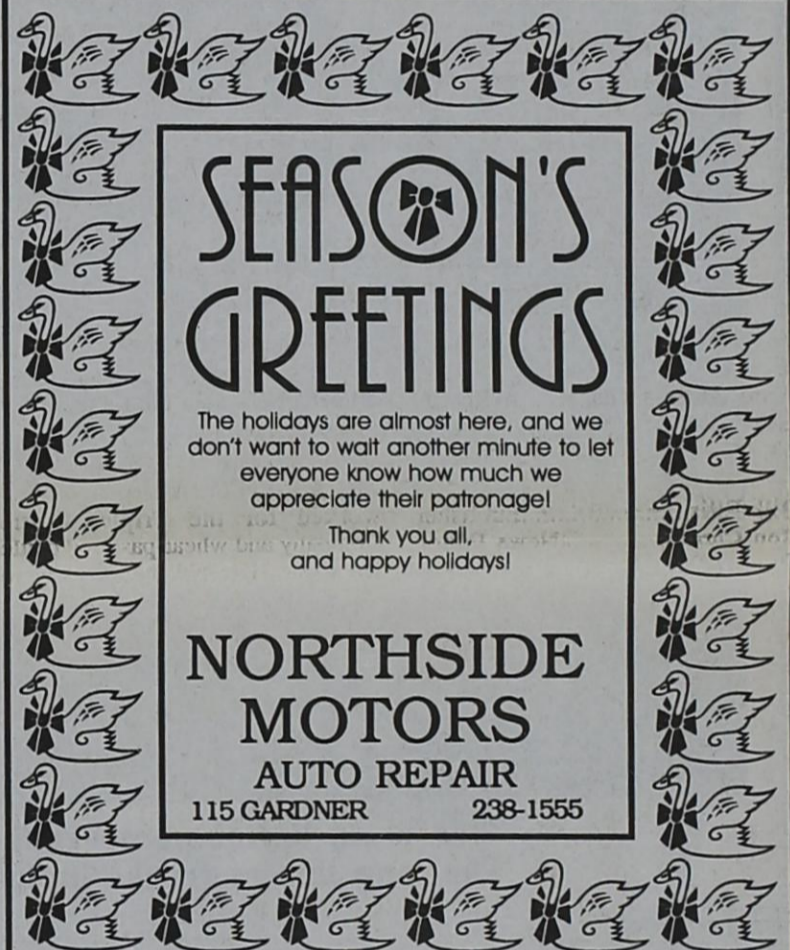
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know this past year.*

*To all of you go our very  
best wishes for a season  
that delivers everything  
you've ever wanted.*

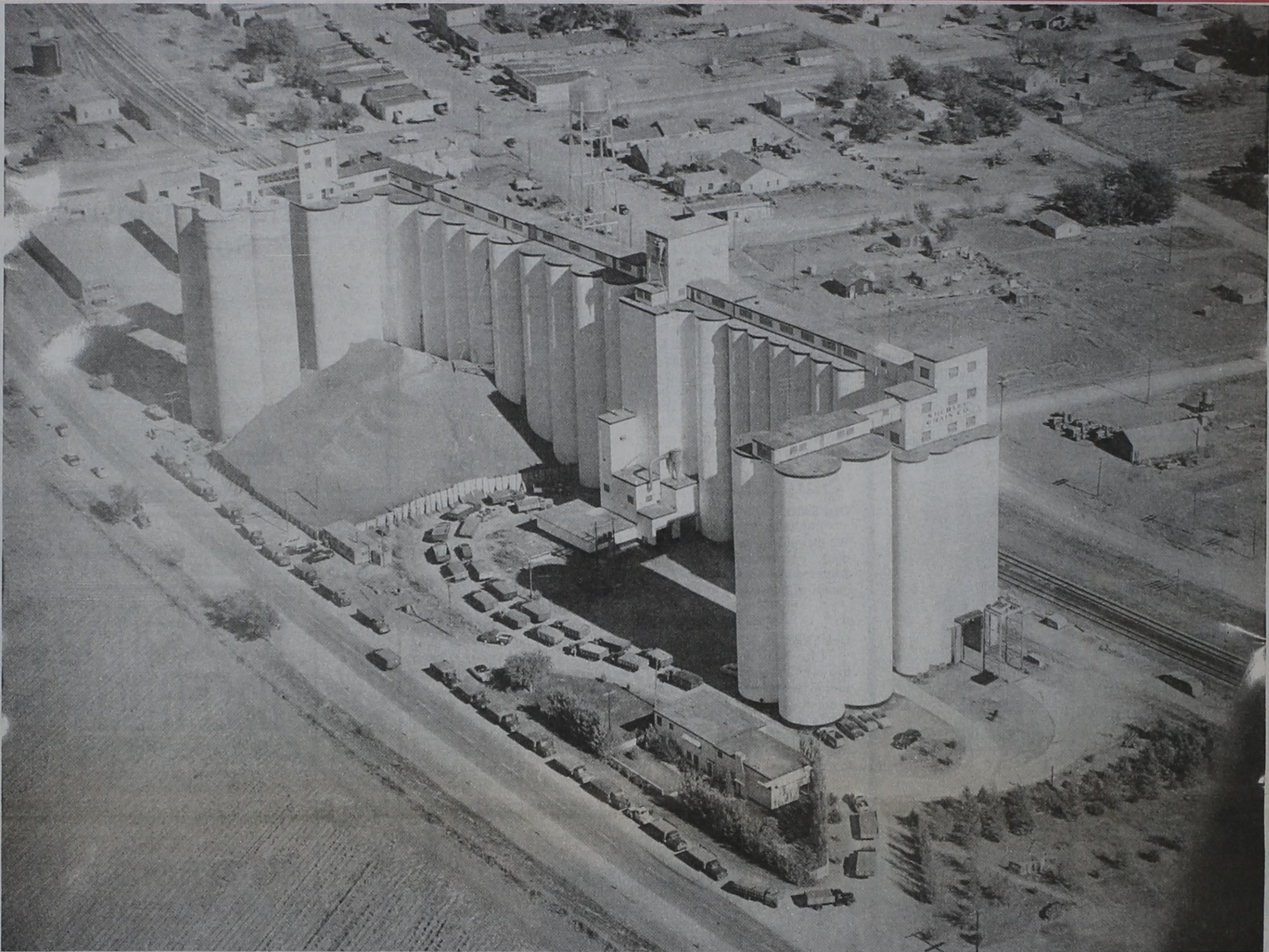


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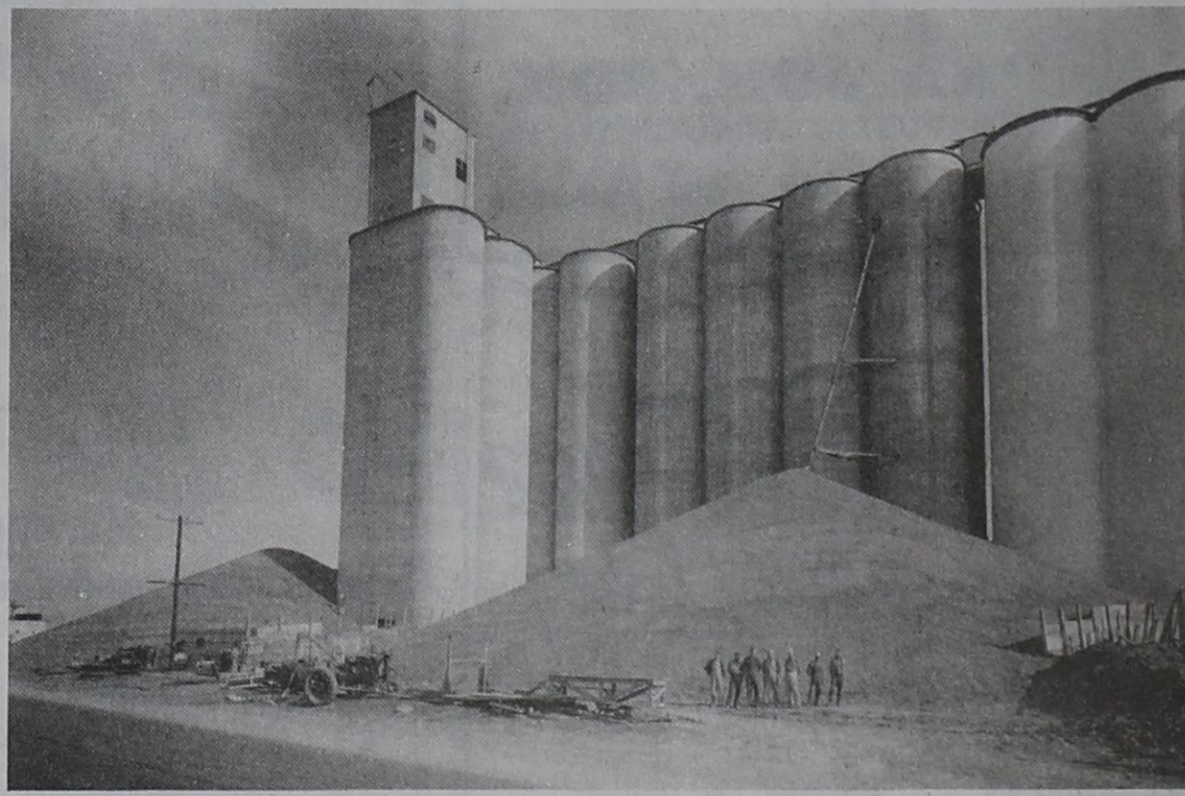
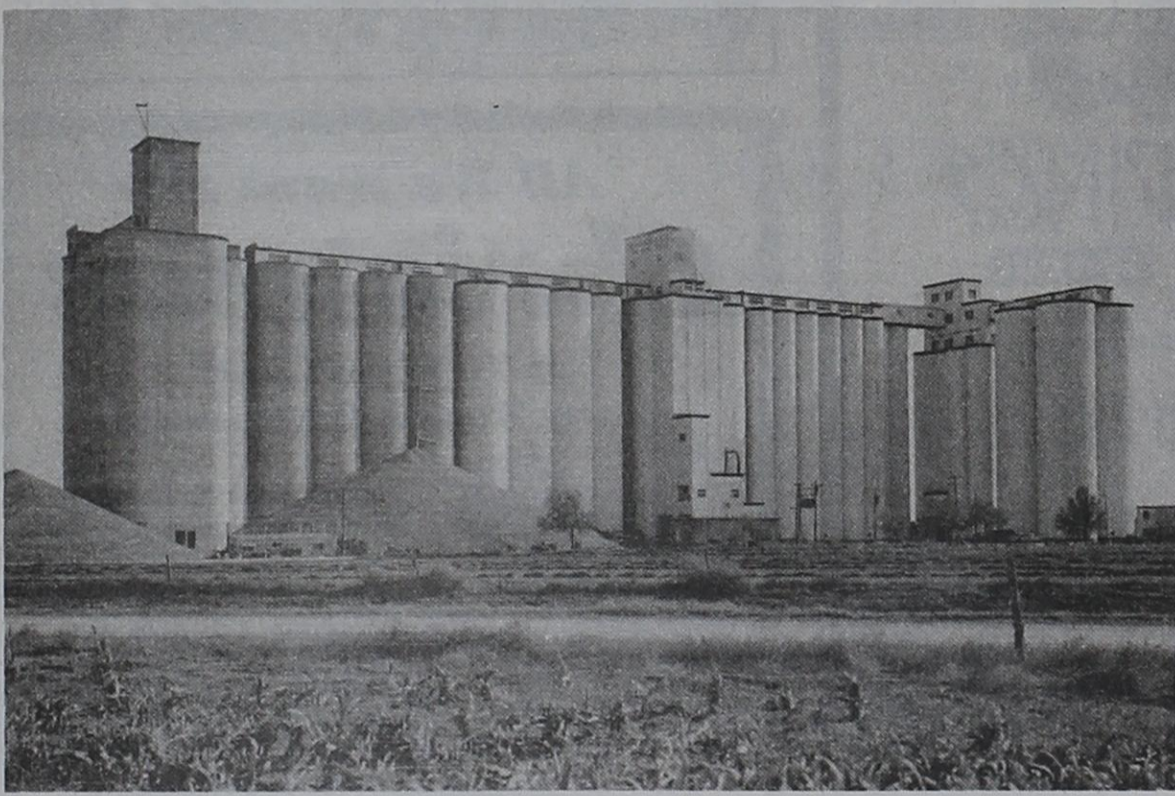


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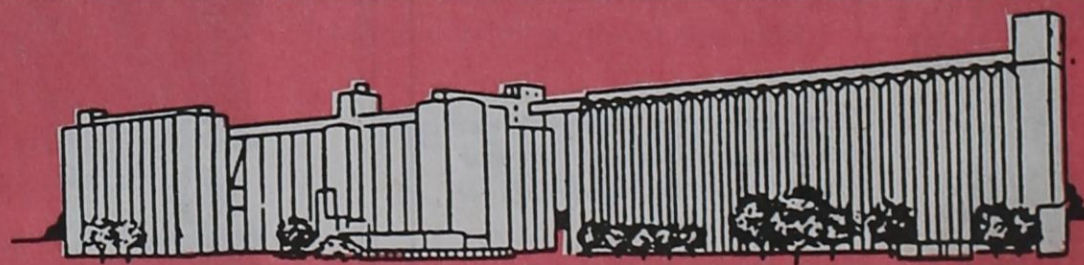


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Farmers in the early Christmas week when the precipitation was two months.

Moisture and snow of Sun came to .89 recording station.

Friona received rain, which started at 7 a.m. It continued as a steady drizzle, finishing a nice shower between 2 and 4 p.m. The time it turned into snow melt then amounted to .20.

Bovina's weather was measured .65 in all, with .45 in and the other .20.

The snow was north of Bovina, Friona, particularly in the community, with eight inches of snow.

"I'm going to

## Letter The

Dear Bill,

I want to say thank you to all the staff and all the local area for Empty Stocking!

We were clothing and/or shoes approximately 70% of the year. It has been an opportunity but hopefully, to brighten some Christmas. Due to the number of people used almost all of the fund.

This fund exists year and is needed for Christmas. We need with various Friona and strive for essential items such as clothing and shoes.

At this time I always am reminded in 1952 when I had three small girls and no Christmas.

The local community on Christmas will remember that doll I received. Christmas is a true meaning birthday is in the year.

I wish for every Merry Christmas never ever forget to need our gifts, which The Empty Stocking continues to be throughout the year. Remember it when you dress your children.

Again, Thank You Since

## Friona Bovina Will

Continuing several years, and Bovina publishing large Christmas holiday will not published during New Year.

The two closed until Jan. Our next issue is published on 1996.

These special contain holiday local and area business, as well as articles and letters.

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus I've been very busy with my Barbie jeep and I want a gymnastic lot of presents. some milk.

Love, Shayla

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus I have been three-wheeler and Luv, Omar

## Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus I've been going to the store I want a CD player, milk, cookies.



# Area Farmers Get Early Xmas Present

Farmers in the area received an early Christmas present this past week when the first measurable precipitation was received in almost two months.

Moisture content from the rain and snow of Sunday, December 17 came to .89 inch at Friona's recording station for the National Weather Service.

Friona received .44 inches of rain, which started just before 8 a.m. It continued on and off with a steady drizzle, finally breaking into a nice shower for almost an hour between 2 and 3 p.m., at which time it turned into snow. The snow melt then amounted to .45 inches.

Bovina's weather recorder, Maggie Moore, said that she measured .65 inch of moisture in all, with .45 inch falling as rain, and the other .20 inch in snowfall.

The snow was heavier to the north of Bovina and northwest of Friona, particularly in the Rhea community, where from six to eight inches of snow was received.

"I'm going to estimate that the

moisture amounted to .8 inch," said Joe Allen of Rhea's Sherley-Anderson Grain.

"It started as rain, and then snowed for most of the afternoon. We still have a pretty good covering of snow," Allen said at noon Thursday. The elevator spokesman said the moisture should give the area's wheat crop at least a fighting chance to take hold, but that more moisture would be needed to keep it going.

"We just don't have any subsoil moisture," Allen concluded.

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The long dry spell of this fall at least allowed rowcrop farmers growing corn, maize, cotton and sugarbeets to harvest their crops virtually without any interruption.

The county's cotton crop for '95 is turning out to be above average. A survey of the gins in Parmer County this week showed that the total number of bales ginned had topped the 60,000 mark. Since the county had harvestable acres of about 60,000 acres, this means that the farmers will average about a bale to the acre--more for some and less for others.

"We're some below our production of 1995, but considering all of the problems the crop had, this is a pretty good harvest," said Jerry Butman, manager of the Friona Farmers Co-op Gin.

Of the county's gins, only four were still ginning. Most expected to finish up by the first of the year, or soon thereafter.

As of 12-20-95  
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OSBORN HONORED....M. C. Osborn, right, was presented an award by the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District, for having donated 20 years of service on the district's board of directors, including several years as chairman. Presenting the award is Thomas Reed of the SCD.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill,

I want to sincerely thank your staff and all the fine people in the local area for helping Friona's Empty Stocking Fund this year.

We were able to furnish clothing and/or coats and shoes for approximately 70 children this year. It has been an overwhelming task, but hopefully, we were able to brighten some of the children's Christmas. Due to the overwhelming number of needs this year, we used almost all of our funds.

This fund exists throughout the year and is not used just at Christmas. We coordinate the needs with various agencies in Friona and strive to furnish those essential items such as coats, warm clothing and shoes.

At this time of the year, I always am reminded of a Christmas in 1952 when my mother with three small girls could not provide any Christmas.

The local neighbors appeared on Christmas with gifts and I still remember that very special baby doll I received. Although Christmas is a time of receiving, the true meaning of Christ's birthday is in the giving.

I wish for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas and we must never ever forget those who may need our gifts, whatever the value.

The Empty Stocking Fund continues to accept donations throughout the year, so please remember it when you see poorly-dressed children.

Again, I say thank you!  
Sincerely, Jo Blackwell

## Friona Star, Bovina Blade Will Skip

Continuing a custom of several years, the Friona Star and Bovina Blade are publishing larger than usual Christmas holiday issues, and will not publish editions during New Year's week.

The two offices will be closed until January 2, 1996. Our next issues will be published on January 6, 1996.

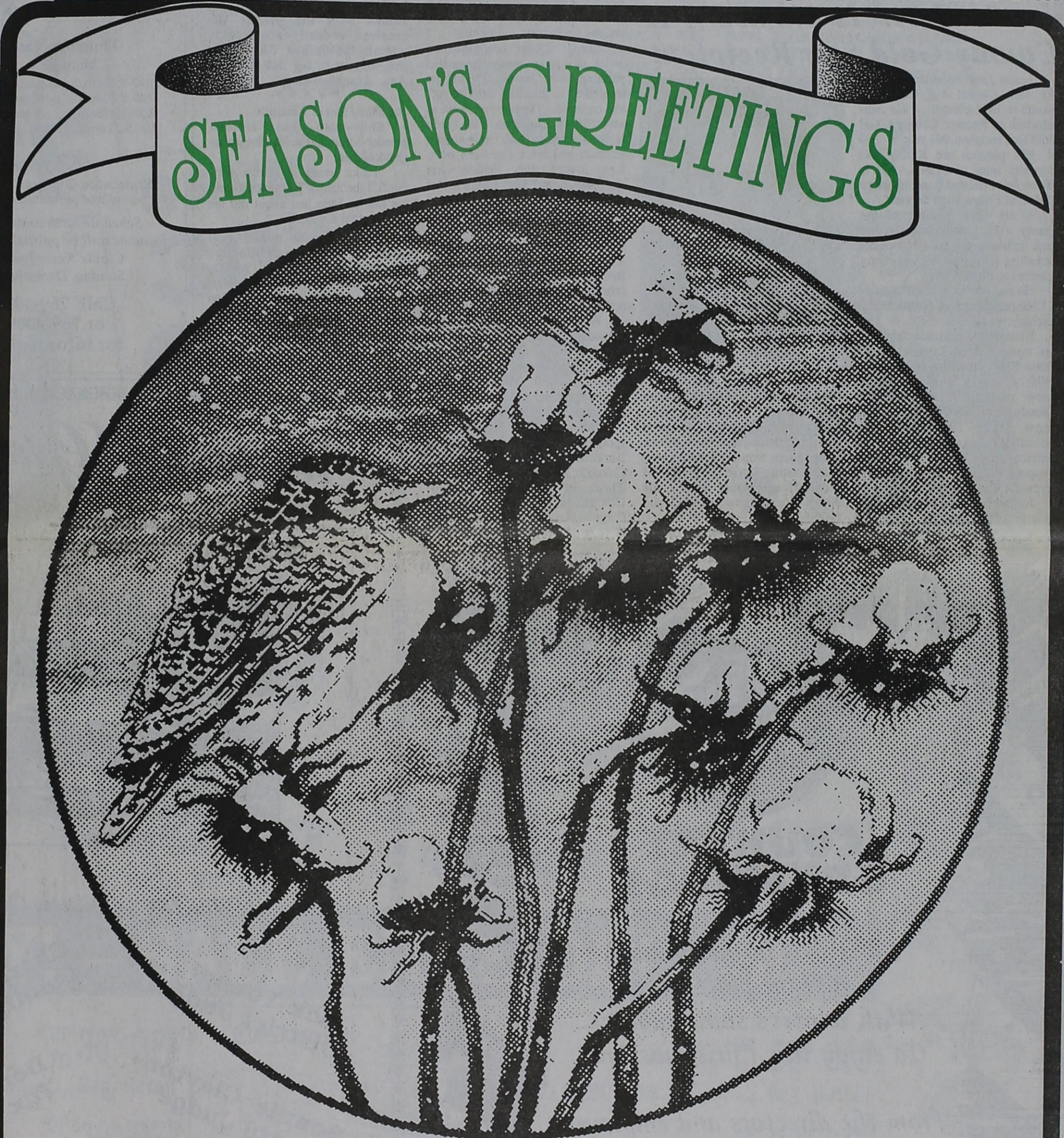
These special editions contain holiday greetings from local and area places of business, as well as feature articles and letters to Santa.

### Dear Santa....

Dear Santa Clause,  
I've been very good. I want a Barbie jeep and a baby lubls. I also want a gymnastics Barby and I want lots of presents. And I'll leave you some milk.  
Love, Shayli

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been good. I want a three-wheeler and a play house.  
Luv, Omar

Dear Santa Clause,  
I've been good. I want a bike. I want a CD player. I want a dog, milk, cookies.  
Love, Julie



*May This Holiday Season Bring A Harvest Of Blessings Your Way*

# FRIONA FARMERS CO-OP GIN

Jerry Butman, Mgr.



# Lela George Comes From A Ranching Background

By JUNE FLOYD  
One of Friona's most active senior citizens is Lela Mae White George, who moved from Crane, Missouri to 1006 Prospect Street on June 2, 1994.

This native Texan was born at Crowell on May 1, 1916 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clifton White. When she was two years old, her parents divorced and she and one older sister moved to the Dalhart area with their father, who was a cattleman.

He worked as foreman for several of the larger cattle ranches for a number of years before purchasing his own ranch. She attended school at Dalhart, Bunker Hill, a rural school in Dallam County, before the family moved to New Mexico.

She grew up riding horses,

helping her father take care of cattle and doing the usual ranch chores.

Soon after her graduation from Nara Visa High School, she became very interested in another cattleman. She and Merlin George of Centerville, New Mexico, were married December 11, 1933 at Clayton.

The Georges had five children, Ileta Faye, Margaret Ann, Douglas Henry, David Merlin and Kathleen. They lived on ranches as the children were growing up and Lela Mae assisted her husband as she had her father.

She remembers that in those days rural homes did not have many of the modern conveniences available today and that feeding, watering and taking care of cattle was much different. Her only outside job before 1963 was as a

saleslady at J.C. Penney's in Clayton from 1954 until 1959.

When her youngest daughter, Kathleen, was a junior in high school in 1963, Lela Mae enrolled in nursing classes at Amarillo College and did her floor duty at St. Anthony's until she received her certificate as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Upon completion of this course, she joined the staff of Union County General Hospital, where she worked a number of years.

In 1976, she and her husband purchased a ranch and moved their cattle to Crane, Missouri. Her first job there was at a hospital in Monnett, Missouri. Later she became the school nurse at Crane and worked there five years.

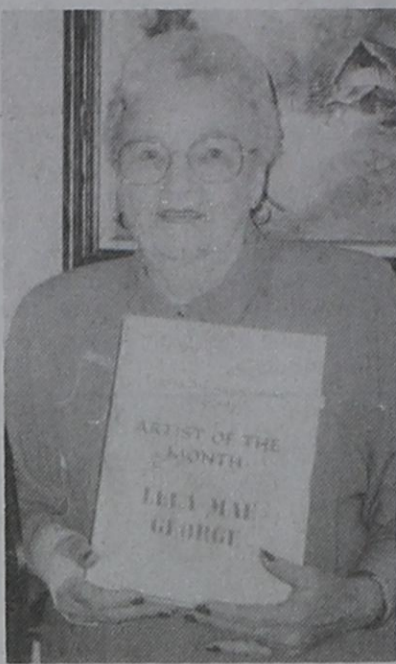
After her husband's death in 1983 she sold her cattle and the ranch and moved into town. Later she became associated with a home health care facility.

She is a very accomplished artist and has many beautiful paintings in her home. "I didn't get interested in painting until 1980," she reported. Then she went on to say, "Since that time, I've taken lessons from several well-known teachers and since I've been here, I've joined the Friona Art Association and the Muleshoe Art Association."

Lela Mae really doesn't let any grass grow under her feet. However, she does grow flowers and vegetables, which she cans, freezes and preserves. She also crochets and knits while watching her favorite television programs.

At the present time, the only immediate family members she has living in Parmer County are David and Carolyn George, who live down close to Farwell. They are former Friona residents and he is manager of Friona Feed Yard.

Her other children and their spouses are Ileta Faye and Charles Burkett, Jr. of Fort Morgan, Colorado, Margaret Ann and Harvey Burch of LaVeta, Colorado, Douglas and Toni George of Clayton, New Mexico and Kathleen



**LELA MAE GEORGE** is shown with the plaque she received recently after being named November "Artist of the Month" by the Friona Art Association.

and Sandy Fiel of Amarillo. She also has sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

"I like living in Friona very much," she said. "But that tornado we had in June just about did me and my two dogs in."

The things she misses most about her old way of life, she reported, are the cattle, horses, stock shows and related activities. David and Carolyn have horses, so Lela Mae does get to have some association with them.

Welcome to Friona, Lela Mae! We're glad you chose our town for your home.

## Justin Jeter Is Named 4-H County Gold Star Recipient

Justin Jeter recently attended the 38th Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock. He was selected as Parmer County's 4-H Gold Star recipient this year.

His parents are Kenny and Cordella Jeter of Friona. He is fifteen years old and is a sophomore student at Friona High School.

A six year member of the county 4-H organization, he has been active in several 4-H projects including horse, swine, veterinary science and photography.

He has served as the Friona 4-H Club president, vice president and secretary.

Events and activities that he has competed in include: State Horse Show qualifier from 1990-1995; Southern Regional Horse Show participant and District Roundup in 1993; District Horse Show from 1989-1995; his recordbook was recognized at district from 1989-1995; and competed in the Parmer County Livestock Show in 1993 and 1994.

Justin has earned special awards including: Outstanding 4-H'er in



**JUSTIN JETER**

1989 and 1994; Danforth "I Dare You" Award, District Roundup, third place in illustrated talk; won first in district junior recordbook competition; won high point speed at the District Horse Show in 1994 and 1995 and placed in the State Finals Horse Show in 1993 and 1994.

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10:00-10:45am ..... M and N	3:15-3:45pm ..... G and H
10:45-11:30am ..... O thru R	5:30-6:30pm ..... Evening Registration A - Z

**Wednesday, January 10 • All Students**

Morning	Afternoon
8:10-8:45am ..... A	1:00-1:45pm ..... G
8:45-9:30am ..... B	1:45-2:30pm ..... H
9:30-10:15am ..... C and D	2:30-3:15pm ..... I thru L
10:15-11am ..... E and F	5:30-6:30pm ..... Evening Registration A thru L only

**Thursday, January 11 • All Students**

Morning	Afternoon
8:10-8:45am ..... M	1:00-1:45pm ..... S
8:45-9:30am ..... N and O	1:45-2:30pm ..... T thru V
9:30-10:15am ..... P and Q	2:30-3:15pm ..... W thru Z
10:15-11am ..... R	5:30-6:30pm ..... Evening Registration, A - Z

**Friday, January 12**  
Registration Changes (i.e. Drop/Adds) and Late Registration will be permitted until 4 p.m. on Friday, January 12.

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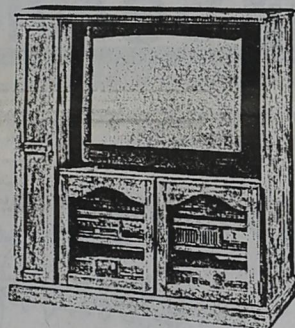
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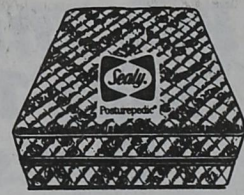
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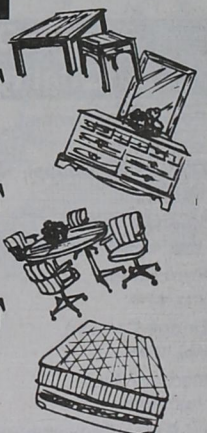


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# Remember The WT-NM Baseball League? Here's One Fan's Recollection

(Editor's note: Wayne Bristow is a full-time evangelist living in Oklahoma City. In his "spare time" he is writing about recollections of his growing-up years, and plans to publish a volume entitled "Cat Hair and Cake" in 1996. He also happened to be the childhood friend of publisher Bill Ellis, who is "scooping" Wayne by printing this chapter from his manuscript.)

## By WAYNE BRISTOW

In the 1940s, no one in Muleshoe had even dreamed of Little League baseball, but every kid I knew played. That was the great thing about it; everybody played, even girls, if they were so inclined; and some were very inclined. Everybody had a glove, almost everybody had a ball and the envied few had a Louisville Slugger.

Our diamonds were vacant lots. These varied in topography; some were covered with grass burrs and goat heads, others were barren and hard. None had a backstop or center field fence.

A home run resulted from hitting the ball so far that the kid out there couldn't chase it down, dig it out of the weeds and throw it back before you crossed the plate.

Occasionally, a third inning homer provided a sudden game winner. When the only ball was hopelessly lost, the game was over.

From April until October, baseball brought pure joy to my life. It gave birth to fantasies, introduced me to heroes, expanded my world and filled hot afternoons and nights with fierce enjoyment. It's nuances and strategies were dissected in my father's barber shop. Statistics from the Sporting News were memorized by my best friend, Billy Ellis, and spoon fed to me. The voices of Bill Stern and Red Barber made places like Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn shrines and men like Bob Feller and Joe DiMaggio icons.

My first job, shining shoes in the barber shop, gave me the privilege of seeing and touching a

few men who had been to places and done things I could only dream about. Their names were Moore, and they were my father's regular customers.

Wilsy Moore had played for the Yankees. (Daddy granted him special grace. There were three things my father may not have been able to forgive me for doing: joining the Church of Christ, voting Republican and cheering for the Yankees. In all of my life, I have only done one of those things.) I remember him as a quiet, strong, still robust man with an air of confidence that set him apart when he entered the shop. As I shined his shoes, I tried to imagine where those feet had stood.

He had two nephews who shouldered the hope of following in his steps, and we all hoped for them. His namesake, Wilsy, was a class A catcher, but that was the end of the road. We all believed that his younger brother, Don, would have made it to the big-time, but his collision with a center field fence in Portland, Oregon, dashed his hopes. I will always remember them; they were the first people I knew who chased their dreams beyond the county line.

"If St. Louis ever gets into the World Series, we will go," promised my father. He said that because St. Louis was the closest major league city to Muleshoe. I would read the box scores and study the standings every day and think, "Fat chance. Why couldn't the Cardinals play in Dallas?"

While ever getting to see a real, live major league game was beyond hope, professional baseball was close enough for almost any kid to touch during those postwar years. The class A West Texas-New Mexico League was my connection. There were the Lubbock Hubbers, the Amarillo Gold Sox, the Borger Oilers, the Abilene Blue Sox, the Albuquerque Dukes and the Clovis Pioneers. Our team was the Pioneers; they were just 30 miles away.

When we couldn't go, we listened to Don Boles broadcast the game over KICA. Daddy taught me

to keep line scores. Immediately after supper on game nights, I designed a score card and was in place to pencil in the starting lineup for each team. From that moment, I hung on every play, second guessing managers, trying to create rallies by the sheer force of will, groaning at errors and experiencing the euphoria of a last-of-the-ninth home run or game winning strike out. I expanded my vocabulary with terms such as "Texas leaguer and tall can of corn." Often, long after the lights were out, the radios in my bedroom and beside my parents' bed, still told the spellbinding story of extra innings.

Of course, these broadcasts were pale substitutes for the real thing. The best nights of the summer were spent on the first-base line in Clovis with Daddy and his best friend, Guy Nickels.

Guy was a one-armed cotton ginner. There were a lot of those in Texas during those days. The danger of the cotton conveyer belts was rehearsed in barber shop stories that made me wince. Guy's story was heroic. Alone when the accident occurred, he drove himself to the hospital. Needless to say, I looked upon him with considerable awe.

I also looked upon him with boundless gratitude. Our family didn't own a car until I was a sophomore in high school, but Guy never went to a Pioneer game without inviting Daddy and me to accompany him. I can still savor the anticipation I felt on those late afternoon drives. I can still sense the wide awake late night attention to the play-by-play rehashing on the return trips.

Getting to a game early was important. There had to be time to watch the warm-ups, fill in the starting lineup as it was confirmed by the public address announcer, and join everyone in singing, "Three Blind Mice," as the umpires marched onto the field. When I had a sack of peanuts in hand, it was game time. I never got over the amazement that the peanuts, or goobers as Daddy called them, were salty but still in the shell. I always

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— Matthew 2:2

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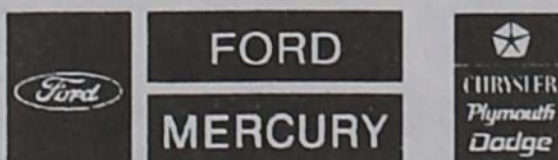
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## Remember The WT-NM Loop?.....

(Continued from Page 4-A) wondered, "How do they do that?" Amazingly, some of the names on the Pioneer roster are still fresh in my mind, like Jess Jacinto at short stop, Frank Benitos catching and Red Dial pitching. We were there when Dial struck out 13 men in one game.

Dean was the biggest name connected with the Pioneers. Paul, of the famous Paul and Dizzy Dean brother pitching team, bought and managed the club. Dizzy visited the park twice when we were there. This sent Daddy and Guy into a frenzy of stories about the brothers. These always included the one

about the woman who wrote to Dizzy after he started doing play-by-play broadcasts of baseball. She scolded him for saying "ain't." His reply was, "Ma'am, I know a lot of folks that don't say 'ain't,' but they ain't eat'n as well as I am."

Those night games also prompted stories about the good old days before lighted ball parks. My favorite had two teams battling far into the fading twilight. It was obvious to everyone that the umpire would call the game because of darkness as soon as the batting team was out. The fielding team held a one-run lead, which would stand for a win if they could survive the current batter. A runner was

perched on third base; there were two outs and the count was three ball and two strikes. Every pitch was a shot in the dark. Seizing the moment, the catcher called time-out and strolled to the mound.

"Listen, we can end this thing right now. Give me the ball; I'll hide it in my mitt; you go through the motions; I'll slap leather, pull the ball out in the strike zone; the ump will never know you threw air, and we'll be out'a here."

Moments later the result of the charade was a reverberating, "Strike three...You're out!"

"You're blind as a bat," screamed the outraged batter. "That was a mile high!"



## P. Valenzuela Is Killed In Car Accident

Paulino Valenzuela, 26, of Friona, was buried in Sauzal D.B. CHIH Cemetery in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Funeral arrangements were handled by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

He died December 18, 1995 following a one vehicle accident on Highway 70, eight and one-half miles northeast of Elida, New Mexico.

Born October 10, 1969 in Durango, Mexico, he married Laura Hernandez on February 6, 1992 in Farwell, Texas and was employed by Excel. He had lived in Friona five years, moving here from Juarez, Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Laura, of Friona; two sons, Alejandro Rivera and Jesus Valenzuela, both of Friona; his parents, Jesus Valenzuela and Elodia Valenzuela of Juarez, Mexico; five sisters and three brothers.

**JUST AVERAGE SIZED....** Jack Patterson and daughter, Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo, hold a pair of trout they landed this past June while fishing on the Little Fighting Town River in northern Georgia. Sandra's trout measured 28 inches and Jack's was 26 inches. Both weighed ten pounds. The fishing expedition took place while the Pattersons were visiting relatives. Ona Patterson's brother, Frank Ritchie, pointed out the "fishing hole" to the Texans. They recently received the fish from the taxidermist in Georgia. The fish were actually too large to fit in the net they were using!

## Ona Pesch Is Buried

Mrs. Ona Stark Pesch of Glendale, Arizona died Friday, December 1, 1995.

Funeral services were held in the Heritage Funeral Chapel on Monday, December 4, 1995.

She was 93 years old, was born in Wellington, Texas and had lived in Bovina from 1935-1940.

Her husband, one son and one daughter preceded her in death.

Survivors include eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Lucille Clifton.

## Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending November 10, 1995, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

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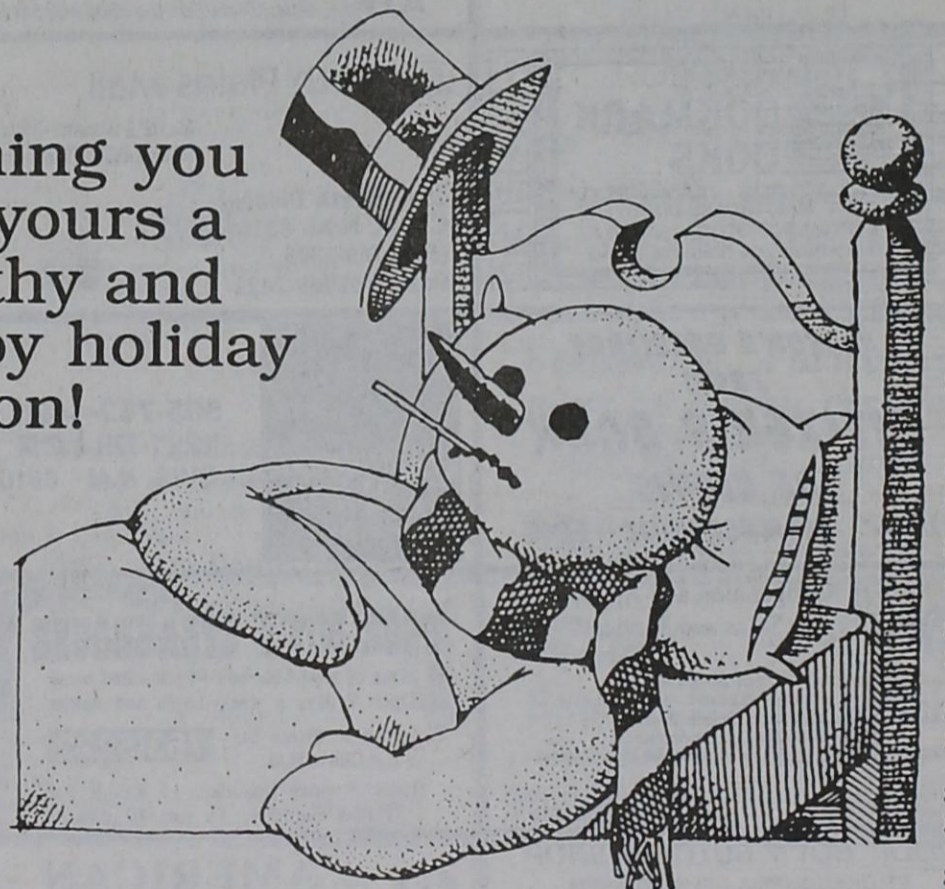
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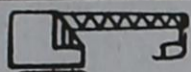
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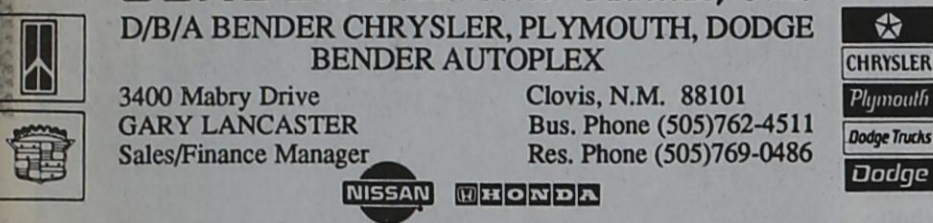
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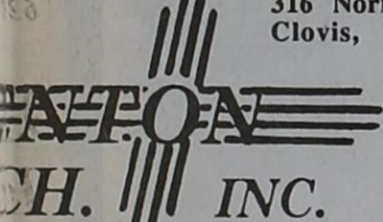
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# Cervantezes Celebrate With Family In Bovina

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

George and Pearl Cervantez are longtime residents of Bovina and both grew up in this area. George's parents were Ablino and Inez Cervantez. There were seven children in his family, three boys and four girls.

Only two of his sisters are now

## Armstrong Funeral Set

Funeral services for W.A. "Army" Armstrong, 81, of Friona are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 1995, at First United Methodist Church in Friona.

Reverend Lee Roark and Reverend Vergil Ichtertz will officiate. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Armstrong died December 20, 1995, at Prairie Acres in Friona.

He was born November 25, 1914 in Rising Star, Texas. He married Barbara Bache on June 27, 1952 in Lovington, New Mexico.

Armstrong was a member of the Methodist Church, Friona Masonic Lodge #1332, and the Zapata Masonic Lodge #1402.

He worked for Bruegel Gin for 10 years, and was an insurance adjuster for National Ag. Underwriters for eight years.

Armstrong lived in Friona since 1967, moving from Zapata. He had moved to Zapata from the Lubbock area where he had lived since 1952.

Survivors include: two sons; Garry Armstrong of Charlotte, NC and Alan Armstrong of Lockney, TX; one daughter; Susan Patterson of Dimmitt; two brothers; J.C. Armstrong of Lubbock and Rev. W. L. Armstrong.

He also had seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

living and they are Mary Gonzales of Texico, N. M. and Kathryn Montoya of Amarillo. George attended school in Bovina and Texico.

Pearl has lived here all her life. Her parents were S.A. and Lala Brito. She was one of seven children. Two have passed away in recent years. They were Sonny Brito of Bovina and Mary Rose Martinez of Clovis.

Her sisters are Marie Cervantez of Clovis; Donna Higgins of Portales; Elizabeth Serna of Clovis; Matilda Baca of Friona; Lucy Everette of Earth; Joe Brito, who lives at Four Corners; and Gene Brito of Hub.

The couple celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary in November of this year. They were united in marriage at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. The couple has one son, Danny Brito Cervantez and his wife, Anita who live in Amarillo. This couple has two sons: Jason, who works at Excel and Erik and Angela who are still at home.

The Cervantezes have one great grandchild, Jessica, who is two and one half years old.

George was in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart medal. His battalion was traveling in U.S. Army trucks when they were bombed. Thirty troops were injured and eight were killed. George said he was riding on top of a truck and the only injury he suffered was a burst eardrum. He was hospitalized for a time.

During the time George was in the Armed Forces he spent time in Germany, France, Italy, Casablanca, North Africa, and Rome. He saw many sights all over Europe and one of the highlights was to walk through St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

While he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Pearl spent time with him and also spent a week with him in Baltimore, Maryland, before he was shipped overseas.

George worked as a farm hand

and a ranch hand and now works in carpentry at C & B Carpentry on Main Street. He said the last building he built was the Parmer County Tax Office in Third Street in Bovina but now does cabinet work and remodeling. At one time he worked eight years for George Trimble farming and ranching and said, "He is one fine man to work for".

Pearl said she worked hard all her years of growing up. She said she pulled and hoed cotton, ran the "go-devil", did cafe work, cleaned houses, and did ironing to help get through school. She was the first Mexican-American to graduate from Bovina High School.

She worked eighteen years at the Texas Panhandle Community Action and the main office was in Amarillo but had a small office here. Dolph Moten was one of those responsible for the program in Bovina, and others who were instrumental were Bedford Caldwell, Judge Tarter, Rev. Fowle, and Father Claver Giblin.

After her job with the Texas Panhandle Community Action, she worked four years at the Panhandle Health Care Coalition. She then had planned to retire but began working for the County Indigent Medical Program.

This was before Friona's Hospital became a hospital district. Then they changed her to the medical program with the Friona Hospital.

At the present she is working out of the Bovina Rural Health Clinic. Her job is to see to it that people get medical attention who could not otherwise afford it. The board meets at Friona and she gathers information from Lubbock and Amarillo and has to have verification for everything, to help people, and it takes lots of patience, according to Pearl.

Several years ago, Pearl was chosen Woman of the Year by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. At one time she was recognized in the DCCW, which stands for Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She

flew to Washington as a delegate.

She said it was an exciting trip and her first time to fly. Among the many sights she saw in Washington, D.C. included President Kennedy's office. She also visited the National Cemetery in Virginia and the unknown soldier's grave.

The couple spoke of how Bovina has changed from a busy town of years ago with lots of businesses. They also remembered the big flood and spoke of the four who lost their lives when over fifteen inches of rain fell, flooding the draws which crossed the highways.

When asked about what they remembered about Christmases years ago, both said they didn't have Christmas trees but their parents made Christmas time fun with a few little gifts and Christmas candy. Many times both attended midnight mass at the Catholic Church on Christmas eve.

The couple is looking forward to having all their family with them during the Christmas holidays.



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# Holiday Death Toll Is Predicted To Increase

The Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating more Christmas and New Year's traffic deaths this year due to high traffic volume, long trips and the probability of increased speeds because of the higher speed limit.

"With this increase in the speed limit, motorists are going to have to drive even more carefully this holiday season," said Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, DPS assistant director.

Based on federal law changes, Texas' speed limits December 8 rose to 70 miles per hour during the day and 65 miles per hour at night for passenger cars on many highways.

For trucks, the maximum speed is 60 miles per hour during the day and 55 miles per hour at night. However, the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting safety studies, and speed limits will be set lower in some areas.

"Texas motorists should continue obeying the speed limit signs until the Department of Transportation changes those signs," Thomas said. "During 1994, speeding contributed to 21

per cent of all traffic fatalities in Texas. Motorists should be particularly careful during this holiday season, when traffic will be heavy on our state's highways."

The DPS is estimating as many as 35 people might die on Texas roads during the Christmas holidays, compared with 32 who were killed during the same time period last year. For the New Year's holiday, the estimate is 40, compared with 33 fatalities in 1994.

During both holiday periods, all available DPS troopers will be on the roadways looking for traffic violations and assisting motorists.

"In addition to excessive speeds, drinking and driving continue to play a major role in Texas' traffic death toll," Thomas said. "Don't get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. That's a fast way to tragedy, to jail, and to lose your license through the Administrative License Revocation program."

Thomas also urged motorists to wear safety belts and use child restraints.

"If you do get involved in an accident, being buckled up gives

you the best chance of escaping injury," he said.

Also, the DPS is encouraging motorists to call its toll-free number, 1-800-525-5555, if automotive problems leave them stranded on the roadside this holiday season.

"Not only is breaking down on the highway inconvenient to travelers, it also can be dangerous," Thomas said.

The best way to avoid automotive problems is to make sure your vehicle is in good shape before you begin a trip. If the weather is cold, take blankets and water along in case you become stranded.

If you break down, leave your emergency lights on, stay with your vehicle, and if you have a cellular phone, use it to call DPS. Don't take rides from strangers, but ask them to help contact authorities.

To report traffic accidents, erratic drivers or other police emergencies, travelers should call 911. When dialing either number, please try to pinpoint your location by using mile markers or cross streets.



## DORIS HERINGTON D. Herington Announces Candidacy

Doris Herington, the current Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector, has announced that she will seek a third term in the Democratic primary.

She is married to L.C. Herington, a lifetime resident and farmer of this area. They have lived in Farwell the past 36 years. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren.

"Due to state mandates, the past year has brought many changes with new equipment and procedures," Herington stated. "It has been a challenge to handle these changes and I am prepared to meet any future changes."

"It has been a pleasure working with the people of Parmer County and I am looking forward to serving the county in the future. If re-elected, I plan to provide the people with an efficient office that is knowledgeable and courteous," she concluded.

# Cooperative Tells Of New Concept

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative announced the incorporation of GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc., an affiliate cooperative which will operate as an exempt wholesale generator of electric power. The new cooperative intends to construct a 400 megawatt generating plant and sell the output to Golden Spread beginning in 1998.

Golden Spread owns sites near Denver City and in Moore County south of Sunray which could be utilized for the project, which is estimated to cost \$165,223,000. Golden Spread proposes to use the Denver City site.

Robert W. Bryant, Golden Spread president, said, "The plan proposed by Golden Spread will provide the lowest cost power supply for the 94,000 retail member/consumers served by the Golden Spread member systems. Golden Spread's studies show substantial savings for consumers compared to current rates paid for wholesale purchases from SPS."

"The retail customers of SPS will also benefit because SPS will not need to construct new generating plants to serve the Golden Spread area," Bryant added.

Golden Spread also filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission seeking approvals needed for Golden Spread to purchase power from its affiliate cooperative, and certification of the wholesale power contract between

Golden Spread and GS Electric Generating Cooperative.

Golden Spread's actions follow years of study and evaluation to find the best means of serving the loads of its eleven member systems.

Because additional power resources are needed to meet area loads by 1998, Golden Spread filed a request on September 15, 1994, for approval by the Public Utility Commission of a notice of intent to construct a 400 megawatt power plant. The Commission approved Golden Spread's notice of intent on April 17, 1995.

However, the Texas Legislature amended the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") effective September 1, 1995, to eliminate the need for a notice of intent. The legislature also amended PURA to allow exempt wholesale generators to sell power at wholesale in Texas.

Golden Spread purchases more than 95 per cent of its power requirements from Southwestern Public Service Company, the largest supplier of power in the Panhandle region. Golden Spread will continue to purchase a large block of power from SPS following the completion of the GS Electric Generating Cooperative's power project. Golden Spread also purchases power and energy from West Texas Utilities Company of Abilene.

Golden Spread's member list includes Bailey County Electric Cooperative of Muleshoe and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative of Hereford.

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



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# Out Here

By RON CARR

Granddaddy's hands.  
For some reason, lately I have been thinking often about my granddaddy.

He died in 1980, at the age of 80. It was always easy to remember how old granddaddy was since he was born in 1900.

I always thought 1900 sounded like so long ago. Now that I am older, 1900 doesn't seem so long ago anymore.

He was only 39 years old when I was born as the first grandchild in the family.

If you are doing your addition, you know the year was 1939. The modern generation was still a ways off.

We lived in Hillsboro, Texas, and granddaddy's house always seemed to be close enough for me to get there easy by walking, running, or later on, riding my old Western Flyer bike.

I spent more time at granddaddy's house than I did my own it seems.

Granddaddy was a carpenter. I imagine during his life he probably did some other things, but mostly he was a carpenter. I can still remember my surprise and elation when I learned that Jesus was a carpenter, just like granddaddy.

He was a small man, but because he was a carpenter, he had strong hands. His right hand and lower arm muscle were bigger than the left one because of the hammering and sawing he did.

Power tools were not common then. He used a hammer, and a handsaw which he sharpened with a file. Many a day he could be found outside under a shade tree, running the old files back and forth across the teeth on the saws.

Life was simpler then. Granddaddy took me with him to the lumberyard, and let me help drive a nail sometimes. When I got older, he would let me get on top of a house with him, though I don't think he ever told my mother or grandmother about that.

One day, when I was about seven years old, an airplane came to Hillsboro. There was a dusty gravel runway on a small hill just north of town.

Granddaddy drove me out there for a look. The old two-engine

plane made a lot of noise and kicked up plenty of dust. They were selling rides on the plane.

I stood there holding granddaddy's hand, watching the action, when he leaned down and asked if I wanted to ride.

It took only a second for me to say no. I was scared. No way I wanted to get any higher than the roof of a house.

He said okay, and held on to my hand as we watched the plane circle once more before we drove back to town.

He could have shamed me that day and told me to be a man and come and get on the plane. But he didn't. Maybe he was scared too and only asked because granddaddy's are supposed to.

Years later, my first job in Dallas was with an airline. From there I became a travel agent. All together, I spent about 30 years flying all over the world.

One year, I flew over a million miles. The list of places I have flown would fill a book.



But to be honest, I never did like to fly. More than once, as I sat on another airplane at 40,000 feet, my thoughts would go back to that day on that dusty landing strip in Hillsboro where I held granddaddy's hand.

Granddaddy never teased me about that day. In fact I can't remember him ever teasing me about much of anything, but he sure taught me a lot about life and love.

I know that more than once I disappointed him but I can't remember him ever disappointing me.

If he were here this Christmas season, I would hold his hand again and tell him all the things I never got around to saying.

Thank you granddaddy. I love you.

## GTE Announces Digital Phone Service In Area

GTE has announced accelerated plans to provide digital telephone service to all of its Texas customers by the end of 1997, two years ahead of original plans, at an investment of over \$37 million. Under the accelerated schedule during 1996, the company will average more than one office replacement each week.

GTE already serves 95% of its Texas customers with the modern digital technology. The newer technology provides added service capabilities, such as the basic call waiting, call transfer and call forward, as well as the more advanced services, such as automatic call return, busy number redial, call block and VIP alert.

"To provide the on-ramp to the information superhighway for this large number of customers through office replacements is high priority at this time under the legislation passed this year to make Texas a leader in telecommunications infrastructure," said Kathy Harless, regional president for GTE.

As a part of the regulatory

reform, GTE committed to accelerate the company's original five-year plan for digital modernization into four years. That plan has now been accelerated into a three-year plan.

The accelerated schedule moves 23 locations from the 1997 schedule and 22 locations from the 1988 schedule into 1996, and 23 offices from the original 1999 schedule into 1997.

To benefit 32,000 customers in 44 locations, a compromise was reached between GTE and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to delay elimination of party-line service for 780 customers at a cost of almost \$11 million, allowing the company to accelerate the placement of the new switching equipment.

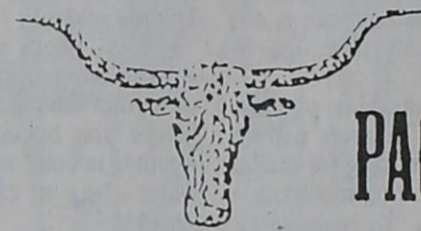
GTE will place digital switching equipment in 61 locations during 1996 and complete the program with the remaining 23 communities in 1997.

The offices scheduled for the service include Friona's office, which also serves Bovina.



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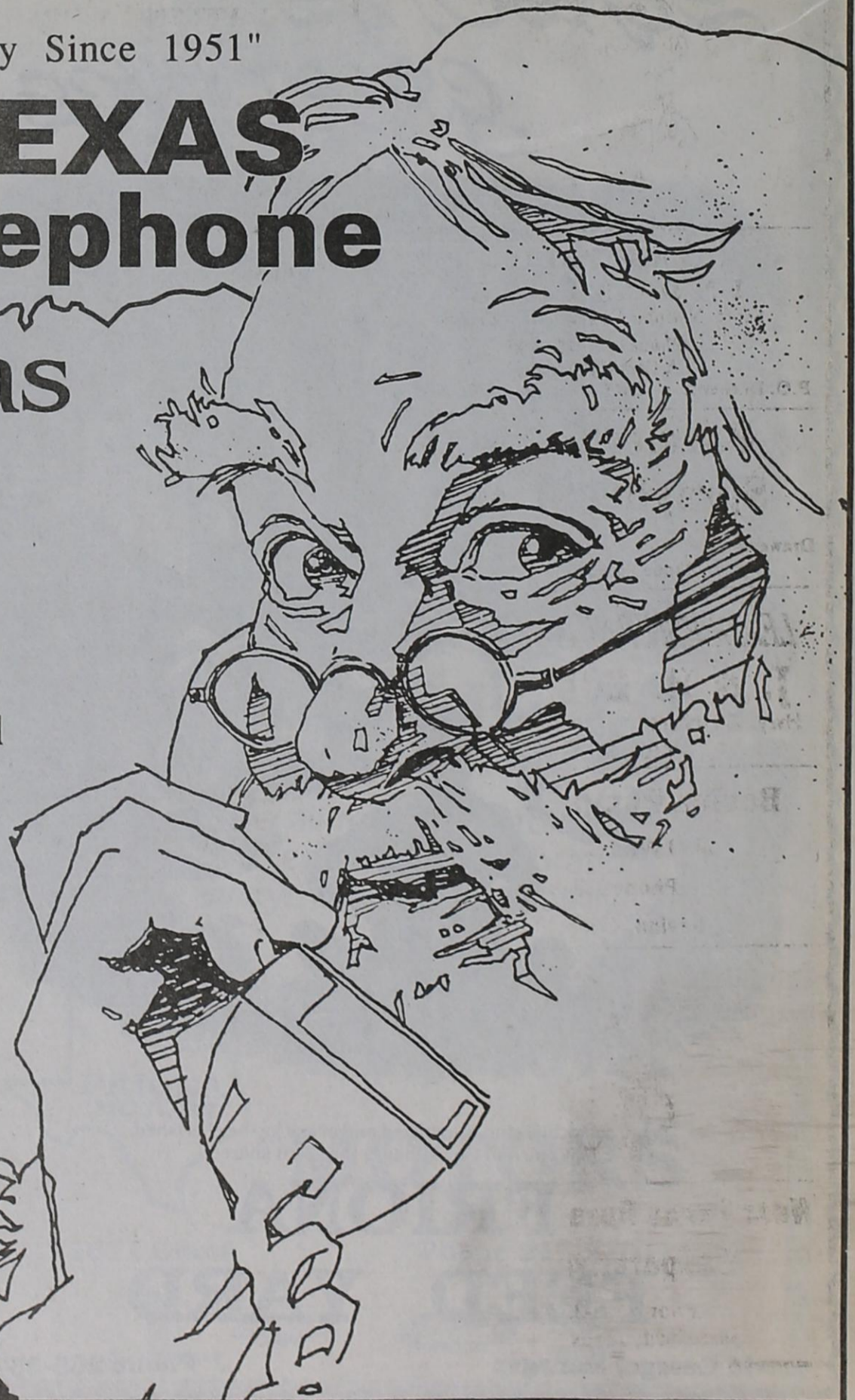
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SO THE MESSENGER RETURNS TO THE TEMPLE....

CEASE THY WORDS, AMOS, AND HEAR THE EDICT OF THE KING!

...AMAZIAH TAKES HEART! NOW HE HAS THE ORDERS OF THE KING, HIMSELF, TO ACT UNDER! FOR IT IS A TICKLISH BUSINESS TO PUT A HOLY MAN OUT OF THE TEMPLE! BUT IF THE KING ORDERS IT, WHY LET IT BE ON THE KING'S HEAD! AND AMAZIAH STRAIGHTWAY GOES TO CARRY OUT THE ORDERS!

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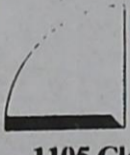


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