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**Bull
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Bulletins**
By
Bill Ellis



IF IT'S MARCH, then it must be about time for Weldon Crim to do the annual "crop forecast" that was originated by his grandfather, Taylor Crim, who learned it from the Indians, and carried on by a member of the Crim family for most of this century.

When I first knew Weldon, we both were third graders at the old Midway School, in southern Parmer County. My grandparents had bought the place a couple of miles south of Clay's Corner, adjoining what is now State Highway 214, but was then just a caliche road that connected Farm-to-Market segments south out of Friona and north out of Muleshoe.

The Crim place was very near the Midway School. I just happened to get in on the last year that the school operated. We moved up to southern Parmer County from Southern Bailey County, Ye Editor having begun his formal schooling at the metropolis of Baileyboro.

The following year, we students from Midway were bussed over to Lazbuddie, where there were a number of new faces. Since Weldon and I had made up about two-thirds of our third-grade class, it was nice to have a buddy going into a new school.

The thing Ye Editor remembers most about our year at Lazbuddie was the fact that the school had begun a lunchroom program. A gentleman and his wife operated the lunchroom in a trailer house that was moved onto the Lazbuddie school property, where they served up such delicacies as meatloaf, mashed potatoes and every so often, soup or chili.

If you've never had to carry a sack lunch to school simply because that's the only way you'd have anything for lunch, then you can't imagine how excited a bunch of us old country kids were to have an honest-to-goodness lunchroom—even if it was just a remodeled trailerhouse.

I don't recall a lot of things about my year at Lazbuddie, but I do remember that first lunchroom. That, plus the fact that the entire school was bussed into Muleshoe for a special showing of a Lassie movie. And toward the end of the school year, the school showed us the Shirley Temple "Heidi" movie. As I recall after many intervening years, this was in the darkened school gymnasium.

My family moved again--over to the Oklahoma Lane/Lariat area, and Ye Editor was then among the final students to attend the Oklahoma Lane school (seems like everywhere we went, we closed down their school, except for Lazbuddie and Muleshoe).

Now, Oklahoma Lane had a "real" lunchroom. We students even got the opportunity to return thanks prior to our lunch--many years before the Supreme Court would have held us as lawbreakers for such an unimaginable crime.

We wouldn't trade our rural upbringing for anything in the world. The student-teacher ratio was hard to beat, and the teachers were ultra dedicated.

And we formed some friendships and acquaintances that have lasted for a lifetime.

Now, many years later, Weldon Crim is carrying on the tradition of his grand-dad and his late father, J.W. Crim, in determining what kind of weather our crops can expect.

Who'd have thought that in that Midway third-grade class we'd come out with a weather prophet (Weldon) and a weather recorder (Bill).

We need to keep our traditions alive, and we salute our childhood friend for continuing the yearly weather forecast. We also need a prediction of a rainy year. Weldon will do his "reading" of the smoke next Wednesday morning, the 22nd, and we'll print his findings, because we all depend on good farming results.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: Did you ever notice that the older a fellow gets, the farther he had to walk to school??

'95 Chamber Honorees Announced At Banquet

The thirty-fifth annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held on Thursday, March 9, 1995 at 7 p.m. The theme of this year's banquet was "Texas--Our Home."

The entertainment for the evening was provided by "Miss Texas," Arian Archer who also gave the speech.

Steve Venable was named as "Man of the Year" for 1995. He is the pastor of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Church in Bovina and has lived here since June of 1990, moving from Plainview.

Venable married Cindy Griffin on June 29, 1985. They have two children, Emily and Benjamin.

He was born November 4, 1960 in Denison, Texas and attended South Garland High School in Garland, Texas. He went on from there to the University of Texas at Dallas where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. From there, he went to Wilmore, Kentucky where he received a Master of Divinity

from Asbury Theological Seminary.

He has continued his education while living in Bovina, and in May will receive his Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Steve has served on the volunteer ambulance service and has taken a very active role in the school by serving on committees and helping organize and oversee different events at the school. He has taken many area teenagers and adults on backpacking trips to wilderness areas in New Mexico and Colorado.

The 1995 "Woman of the Year" is Phyllis Steelman. She is a second grade teacher at Bovina ISD.

Mrs. Steelman was born in 1936 in Clovis, New Mexico to Hugh and Ruby Tucker. She has two older brothers and one younger sister. She attended Texico schools where she was active in softball, basketball and volleyball. She graduated from Texico High School

as valedictorian of her class of 1954.

She then attended Eastern New Mexico University for one year prior to her marriage in September of 1955 to her husband Eddie Gayle. After her marriage, she and her husband attended West Texas State University where she graduated in 1958. After that she went with her husband while he served in the Army for two years and returned to Bovina in 1960 where she has made her home ever since.

She has been teaching in Bovina Elementary School for 26 years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church where she teaches the four and five year old Sunday School class. She is a member of NEA and TSTA.

Phyllis lives on a farm with her husband, only a short distance from her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Esther, and her three grandsons, Luke, Levi and Jake.

Carolyn Widner received the "Educator of the Year" award for 1995. She teaches first grade at Ridgelea Elementary School in Bovina. She has been with the Bovina ISD for 20 years.

While at Bovina, she has taught Chapter 1 reading, second grade, but most of her time has been spent teaching first grade.

She began her teaching career in Causey, New Mexico teaching the first and second grades. She also taught at Floyd and Elida, New Mexico before she moved to Bovina in 1975, and has been here ever since.

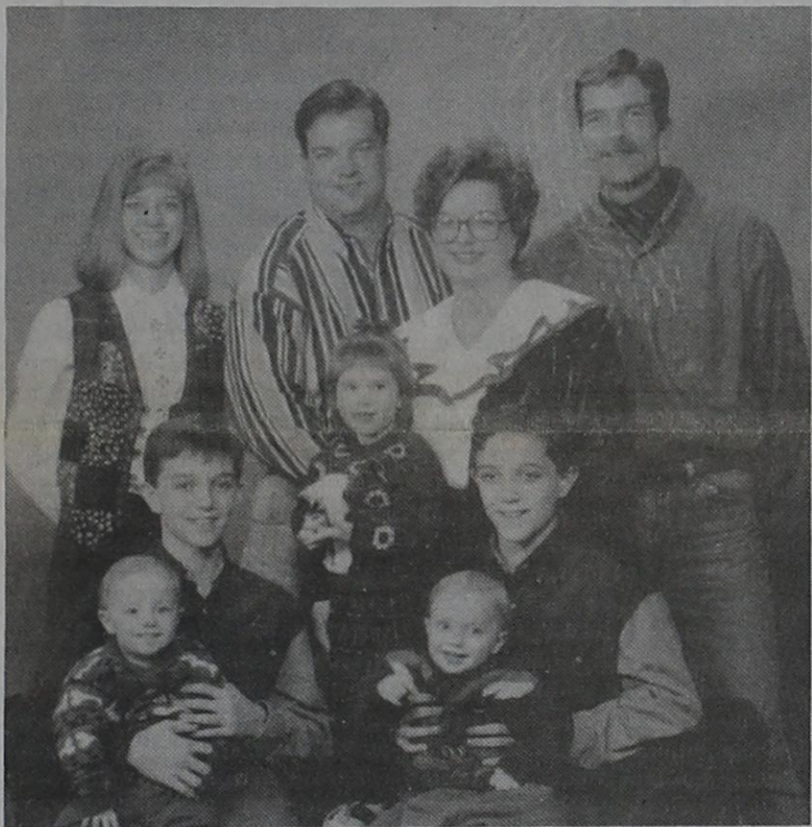
She married Lawrence in (Continued on Page 2)



CHAMBER HONORS...Among the winners presented at Bovina's Chamber banquet last Thursday were Steve Venable and Phyllis Steelman, Man and Woman of the Year.



OUTSTANDING YOUTH--Benji Mitard and Brooke Charles were selected as Bovina's outstanding young people at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet last Thursday evening.



THREE SETS TWINS & THEIR SISTERS...The Willards' two sets of twin grandsons and twin nephews along their sisters are shown. Left to right: (back) Amber Willard, Keith Totty, Katrina Manning, Kevin Totty. (middle) Joshua Willard, Taylor Willard, Jeremy Willard (front) Zachary Willard, Bryce Willard.

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Police Chief Tells About New Concern

According to Bovina Chief of Police Leon Saddler, some parents are becoming unwitting "dealers" in a new drug trade.

Children are sniffing and "huffing" products found right under our nose: cleaning solvents, hair spray, correction fluid and glue.

One in five seventh graders in Texas has inhaled legal substances that become toxic with inappropriate use, according to the 1994 Texas School Survey of Substance Abuse, conducted by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Inhalants are almost one and a half times more popular than marijuana for eighth graders.

National statistics from the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research show 19.9 percent of eighth graders abuse these common household, school and office substances.

Because inhalants are easily obtained and legal, they are often the first substance a youngster will try. But the toxic impact of inhalants to the body may be greater than alcohol and other drugs because the body retains the chemical components longer, according to Dr. Richard Scatterday of Irving.

First-time inhalant users have collapsed and died from powerful adrenaline surges that short circuit the heart. Permanent brain, kidney, liver, lung and bone marrow damage can also develop.

Often, parents and educators are unwitting suppliers, failing to be suspicious when typewriter correction fluid or household glue and solvents disappear. But they can be alert for telltale signs of inhalant abuse: paint on hands, mouth or nose; spots or sores around the mouth; drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance; chemical breath odor; anxiety, excitability, irritability; nausea, loss of appetite; and red or runny eyes or nose.

"Get involved before your children do. Join Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, March 19-25, sponsored by the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, the Texas Prevention Partnership and the Bovina Police Department," Saddler said.

For more information, call 1-800-269-4237. The Texas Prevention Partnership is a public-private effort initiated and funded in part by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and a founding member of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

Three Sets Of Twins In Family

Frances Willard gave us a picture of their two sets of twin grandsons and also her nephews who are twins. Each set of twins has a "big" sister.

They are: Katrina Manning of Dallas, who is thirty-six years old and her twin brothers, age thirty-four, are Keith Totty of Dallas and Keven Totty of Amarillo.

Amber Willard is age fifteen and her twin brothers are Joshua and Jeremy, age 13. Their parents are Dennis and Tammy Willard and grandparents are Wendol Christian and Vernon and Frances Willard.

Taylor Willard of Lubbock is age three and her twin brothers are Zachary and Bryce, 18-months-old. Their parents are Karl and Beverly Willard. Their grandparents are Monty and Bonnie Barrett and the Vernon Willards.

Wednesday Deadline

Wednesday, March 22 is the deadline for filing applications for Bovina City Council. The election will be in May.

Three places will be expiring on the City Council. Those with terms expiring this year are Leon Ware, Garry Beauchamp and Galen Hromas.

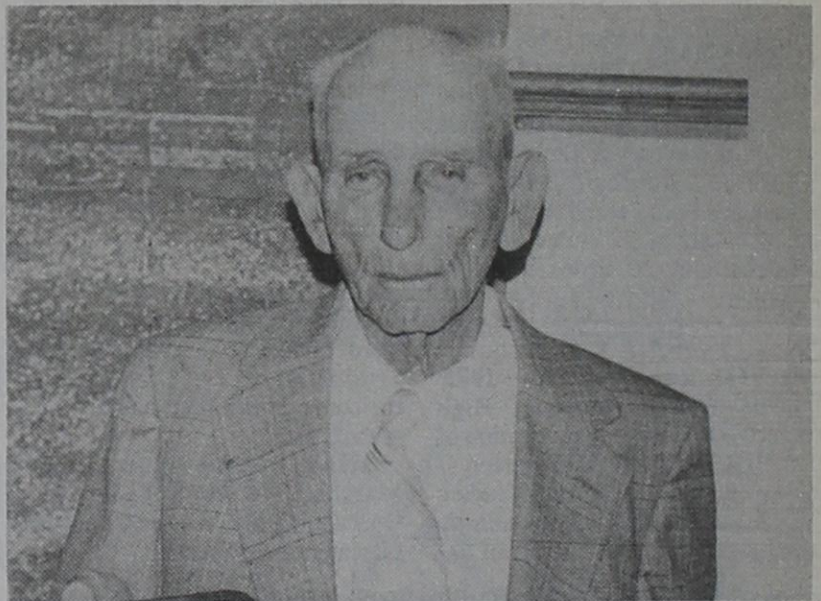
Holdover members of the council are Joe Olvera and Kenneth Waters. Gene Hutto is Mayor.

Filing Date For Board Is Wednesday

Wednesday, March 22, 5 p.m., is the deadline for filing applications for the school board election in May. Applications may be picked up in the superintendent's office at Bovina ISD.

Three places will be expiring on the local school board. Only two persons, incumbents Mike Beauchamp and Dennis Willard, have filed for a place on the ballot.

Holdover members of the board are Wes Cockerham, Jerry Roach, Norma Whitten, Rick Jamerson, and Joe Steelman.



AMOS STEELMAN was recognized with the Heritage Award at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday.



BUSINESS CITED...Patsy and Jay Sherrill were presented a special award at the Chamber banquet, as being associated with Bovina's longest continuing business. Sherrill Lumber closed in late 1994 after 80 years in business locally.

Two Terms Expire On Hospital Board

Parmer County Hospital District announces that two board of director positions will be up for election on May 6.

The two expiring terms are currently held by Wendell Gresham and Danny Kendrick.

Candidate applications may be picked up at the Parmer County Community Hospital business office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

of each week. Any person wishing to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate must file an application with the secretary of the board of directors not later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 4. To be eligible as a candidate for director, the person must be a resident of the district and a qualified voter. An employee of the district may not serve as a director.



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOVINA, TEXAS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT THE WEEK OF MARCH 19-25, 1995 TO BE "INHALANT & POISONS AWARENESS WEEK".

FURTHER, THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOVINA, TEXAS; ALONG WITH FORTY-FIVE OTHER STATES AND NEARLY 200 CITIES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A NEED TO MAKE THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY AWARE OF THE ABUSE OF THESE SUBSTANCES. THEY FURTHER BELIEVE THAT AWARENESS OF THE ALMOST 1,000 COMMON HOUSEHOLD, SCHOOL AND OFFICE PRODUCTS WHICH CAN BE ABUSED WILL HELP PREVENT THE NEEDLESS DAMAGE DONE TO THE BRAIN, LIVER, LUNGS AND BONE MARROW OF OUR CHILDREN.

PROCLAIMED ON THIS DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1995.

Galen Hromas
GALEN HROMAS, ALDERMAN

Gene Hutto
GENE HUTTO, MAYOR

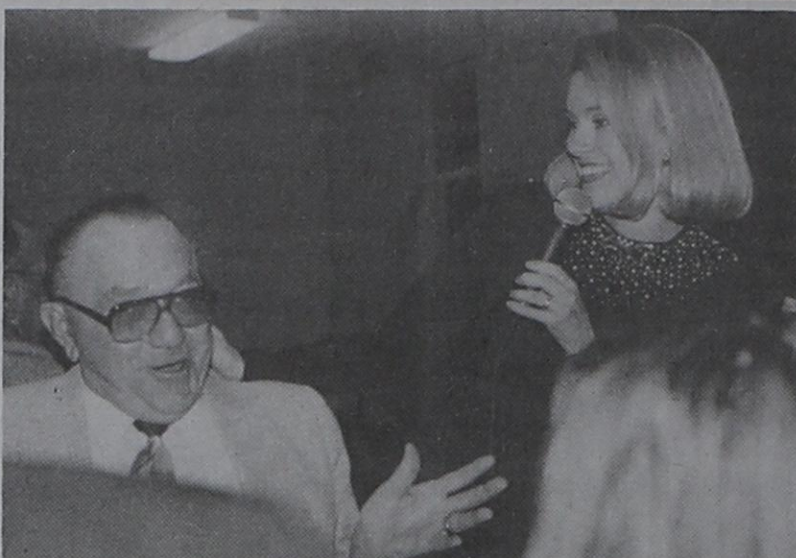
Joe Olvera
JOE OLVERA, ALDERMAN

Garry Beauchamp
GARRY BEAUCHAMP, MAYOR PRO-TEM

Kenneth Waters
KENNETH WATERS, ALDERMAN

Leon Ware
LEON WARE, ALDERMAN

ATTEST:
Doris Strawn
DORIS STRAWN, CITY SECRETARY



"MISS TEXAS" TEASES T-BONE!... "Miss Texas" Arian Archer entertained at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet and it appears that T-Bone Treinen really enjoyed the performance!



WOMAN OF THE YEAR, Phyllis Steelman (left) is shown as she is being congratulated by last year's Woman of the Year, Donna Mitchell.

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Chamber Honorees...

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December, 1954 and they have four children, twins, Larry Widner and Terry Hunt, Linda Merritt and Laura McMillin. She also has 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Widner was born in Faye, Oklahoma. She graduated from House High School and then attended New Mexico State University.

Other "Educator of the Year" nominees were Jan Theiman, Judith Jennings, Norma Villarreal, Janie Sudderth, Virginia Rhodes, Lawrence Widner, Joy Trimble, Chad Russell, Gladys Spring, LouAnn Landess, and William Drumma.

This year's "Boy of the Year" award and a \$250 scholarship went to Benji Mitard. He has attended Bovina Schools his entire school career, where he has been active in athletics and academics. He is the son of Tiny and Pearly Chisom.

Some of the honors he has received are: National Honor Society president, Honor Roll, Top of Texas Class 1A, State medalist in track, and a participant in area winning One Act Play "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln."

Benji has maintained a 3.5 grade average while working part-time at Albertson's in Clovis. He has been self-supporting, living on his own and making his own decisions.

He was recently honored by being nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy by Senator Larry Combest and has hopes to attend and graduate from the academy and pursue a career in the Air Force.

His hobbies include playing video games, watching movies and recreational activities.

Other nominees for "Boy of the Year" were Richard Beauchamp, Andrew Espinosa, Simon Salazar, Arnold Reyna, and Lance Teague.

The 1995 "Girl of the Year" award and a \$250 scholarship went to Brooke Charles, the daughter of Billy Jay and Barbara Charles.

Brooke has attended Bovina Schools her entire school career. She has been active in cheerleading for four years, basketball for four years, golf for two years, track for four years in which two years she qualified for state in cross country and one year state track qualifier, four years in drama where she received best actress and all star cast award.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High School Students, class treasurer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, editor of annual staff, member of the football and basketball homecoming court, twice nominated most beautiful.

City Woman's Father Buried In Pampa

Frank Totty, 83, died Thursday, March 9, 1995.

Services were held Saturday in First Baptist Church of Pampa with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor, and Dr. Don Turner, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Totty was born in Mobeetie and moved to Pampa in 1959. He married Pauline Black in 1973 at Pampa. He was a carpenter for the Top O' Texas Builders for many years and retired in 1979.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Everyman's Bible Class, Good Sam Club and Gideons International. He also was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Winkley Totty, in 1972; and by a son, Frank Marion Totty, in 1971.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Frances Willard of Bovina; two step-daughters, Elnora Haynes of Pampa and Charlotte Schiffman of Richland Hills; two stepsons, Grover Black of Pampa and Terry Black of Tupelo, Mississippi; a sister, Alma Seitz of Wheeler; six grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Brooke is the reigning "Miss Bovina." She is a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she is involved with the youth group. She has been accepted into Texas Tech University.

Other nominees for "Girl of the Year" were Josephina Viernes, Isabel Viernes, and Gina Villarreal.

The "Heritage Award" this year was given to Amos Steelman, long-time resident who moved to Bovina in 1929 when he was 19 years old.

He was married on February 3, 1934 and this union was blessed with four children, twelve grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. Mrs. Steelman passed away in November 1992. They had been married for 58 years.

Steelman made his living by farming, purchasing his first land west of Bovina in 1949. He loves this community, the people, and the area which he refers to as "God's Country." He loves to see the crops grow, mature, and the wonderful harvest which God allows. Even at 83 years of age, he still loves to plow a few hours at a time, see about his cattle, and drive around to see the crops of his sons, grandsons, and neighbors.

A special award was given this year, "The Oldest Continuing Business." This was awarded to Jay and Patsy Sherrill of Sherrill Lumber Company, the lumber company operating in Bovina for the past 90 years, prior to it's closing in late 1994.

Sherrill had been associated with the lumber company for 42 years, moving to Bovina with his family in 1953. It was known as Cicero-Smith Lumber Company at that time, and the manager was Aubrey Brock.

Brock left the company in 1966 to start an insurance business, and Sherrill was named the manager.

Mrs. Lawson Buried In Oklahoma

Mrs. Jurhee Lawson, 80, of Satanta, Kansas died February 28, 1995 at the Satanta Long Term Care Unit after a long illness.

Memorial services were held March 2, 1995 at the Hooker Baptist Church, Hooker, Oklahoma, with burial in the Hooker Cemetery.

Mrs. Lawson was born at Dixie, Oklahoma, July 17, 1914, to Wayne and Vinita Moody. They and two infant brothers preceded her in death.

She married Rev. J. R. Lawson at Sayre, Oklahoma, November 21, 1934. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Satanta, Kansas.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. J. R. Lawson, and son Hershel Lawson of Satanta; two daughters, Carol Scoggins of North Platte, Nebraska and Kay Lawson of McAlester, Oklahoma; sisters Doris Poindexter of Miller, South Dakota, Grace Jo Johnson of Pampa and June Cruse of Pierre, South Dakota; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mrs. Lawson visited relatives at Friona in the 1930's and 1940's.

Former PTA Members Are Needed

There will be a P.T.A. meeting for all former members of the Bovina Chapter P.T.A.

The meeting will be held Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All former members are encouraged to attend!

Letter To The Editor

Dear Scooter,
We are still enjoying the Blade and trying to keep up with everyone. It is hard to believe all the kids are growing up and all the new names in Bovina.
Come by and see us if you are ever in the area.
Paula Whitecotton
Nocona, Texas

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1960

For the second year in a row, Lee Terry, son of Mrs. Fleta Terry, was overall winner of the annual Science Fair, Friday at Bovina Schools. He won over 67 other entries with his tesla coil. Lee is in the fifth grade.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Ollie Williams, 91, were conducted at Bovina Methodist Church Monday afternoon.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 17, 1965

Barry McCutchan suffered first and second degree burns on his face and arms in a butane explosion Thursday morning at the Clarence Jones farm west of Bovina.

Don Stone is the new president of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. He was elected, along with other officers for 1965, at a meeting of the board of directors Monday noon in Bovina Restaurant.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 18, 1970

Danny Adrian Martin of Sudan, 20-year-old Texas Tech student and former resident of Bovina, was a victim of a car-truck accident near Winters Saturday. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident about 37 miles west of Abilene and 20 miles north of Winters.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1975

The Bovina Mustang High School Band, under the direction of Joe Blatchford earned Division II ratings in concert and sight reading in the Region XVI Interscholastic League competition Tuesday of last

week at Dimmitt High School.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 19, 1980

The annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 20 and a guest speaker will be Mike Ditka, coach of special teams and receivers for the Dallas Cowboys.

Bovina High School Mustangs and Fillies placed five players on the District 3-A all-district basketball team and two received honorable mention. They were: Ed Chisom, Blake Sudderth, Kathy Williams, Belinda Shelby, Laura Widner and Connie Shelby.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 20, 1985

Nellie Crook celebrated a birthday in her honor held at the Senior Citizens Center in recent days.

Led by four first place finishes by Marie Pesch, the Bovina Fillies finished a strong second in their own invitational track and field meet held in Bovina.

The Neighborhood Crime Watch signs arrived this week and will be placed along city limits and on the east and west sides of Highway 86, north and south on 1731, east and west on Highway 60 and on FM 2290.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 21, 1990

Mike Beauchamp and Pam Bell were honored Thursday by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce as the community's Man and Woman of the Year.

Randy Stone and Libby Marshall were chosen as Outstanding Youth and Bob Owen, Educator of the Year.

School Board Met Here Tuesday Night

The Board of Trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 1995. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. All members were present except Mike Beauchamp. Beauchamp arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes from the February 9 meeting were read and approved as read.

Joe Steelman made a motion to pay the vouchers. Wes Cockerham

Jr. High Girls Track Results

The Bovina Middle School girls' track team competed in their first meet of the season on Thursday, March 9, at Whiteface. They finished with 63 team points, good enough for fourth place in the extremely competitive 12-team field.

Results were:

High Jump-- Fifth place, Lety Vargas, 4'4".

Long Jump-- First place, Vargas, 13'5"; third place, Elia Marrufo, 13'1".

Discus-- Fourth place, Gina Beauchamp, 63'1 1/2".

2400-meter run-- Second place, Monica Perez, 11:29.

400-meter relay-- Second place, Bovina team (Yessenia Rios, Vargas, Evang Casas, Marrufo), 58.45.

800-meter run-- Fourth place, Beauchamp, 3:06.

100-meter hurdles-- Fifth place, Vargas, 19.90.

800-meter relay-- Fourth place, Bovina team (Rios, Kristie Buckley, Lory Noriega, Marrufo), 2:08.08.

1600-meter run-- Sixth place, Perez, 7:15.

Booster Club To Meet

The Bovina Booster Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 p.m. (after prayer meeting), at the Bovina School Cafeteria.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. "This meeting is very important! We will be discussing the upcoming Athletic Banquet," said Booster Club president, Don Teague.

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES....Matilda Baca is shown here with Bishop LeRoy T. Mathiesen as they make preparations for special upcoming events.

Hereford Deanery Meeting Set Locally

Friona St. Teresa's Catholic Church will be the host for the Hereford Deanery Meeting set for Monday, April 3 here. Spearman will host the Borger Deanery Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, Groom will be hosting the Pampa Deanery on Wednesday, April 5, and Amarillo St. Joseph's will host the Amarillo Deanery on Thursday, April 6.

The theme, "Our Parish Church, Family of Families," has been chosen for all four Deaneries in the Diocese.

All Deaneries will be honoring past presidents and moderators at these spring meetings as they recall the 58 years of the Council of Catholic Women in the Diocese and celebrate the 75 years of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Bishop LeRoy T. Mathiesen has designated the week of Sunday, April 2 through Saturday, April 8 as a "Week of the Family" in the Diocese.

Father Robert Busch from West Texas Catholic Center of Canyon will be the keynote speaker for the Hereford Deanery. His topic of discussion will be "Mary As Model of the Church." The afternoon speaker will be Sister Hermelinda Guerrero. Her topic will be "Re-remembering the Church."

This year will be the election for all Deaneries. The slate of officers for the Hereford Deanery includes: Ampero Becerra of Kress, president; Susan Gonzales of Friona, vice president; Ventura Ramos of Tulia, secretary; Joan Frost of Happy, treasurer; Angela Bermea of Friona, historian; Helen Kleuskens of Umbarger, aud.; and Romilda Friemel of Hereford, parliamentarian.

The meeting in Friona will begin at 9 a.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. Call Susan Gonzales at 247-2532 for more information. The registration fee is \$3.00 and \$5.50 for lunch. All women in the area are invited to attend.

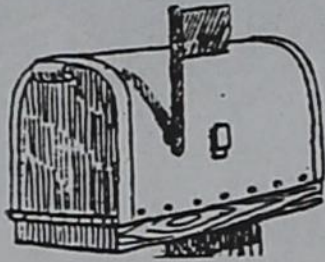
Writers Are Invited To Seminar

Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle will host a Spring Fling, all-day, workshop for aspiring authors, Saturday, March 25, at The Big Texas, I-40 East, Amarillo.

The speakers include published authors: Jodi Thomas--"Researching Your Historical," Dee Pace--"Contest Entry Preparation," Larry Akers--"Point of View," Kelly Ebel--"Writing The Inspirational Romance."

Literary Agent, Jean Price, owner of Kirkland Literary Agency, will talk on, "What's Hot, What's Not In The Industry." Other topics of interest-- "Preparing Your Synopsis" --Kim Campbell; and a session on, "Native American Culture" --Jack McCarty.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 (includes lunch). Reservations for lunch can only be guaranteed to those registered before March 18. For details call Kim Campbell, 806-371-7735 or 806-353-3259.



Letters To The Editor

Bill Ellis
Friona Star
Friona, Tx. 79035

Dear Bill,

Thank you so very much for the coverage of the Credit Union's fortieth anniversary annual meeting.

The meeting turned out rather special for me. They presented me with a bouquet of a dozen red roses and a plaque and watch for the 25 years of service I had just completed with the Credit Union.

We enjoyed a performance of the "Friendship Band" from the Baxter Curren Senior Citizens of Clovis, and a delicious meal of Mexican pile-on prepared by the Friona School Cafeteria ladies.

Thank you for sending Diane to take pictures of the event.

Sincerely,
Barbara Maynard, President

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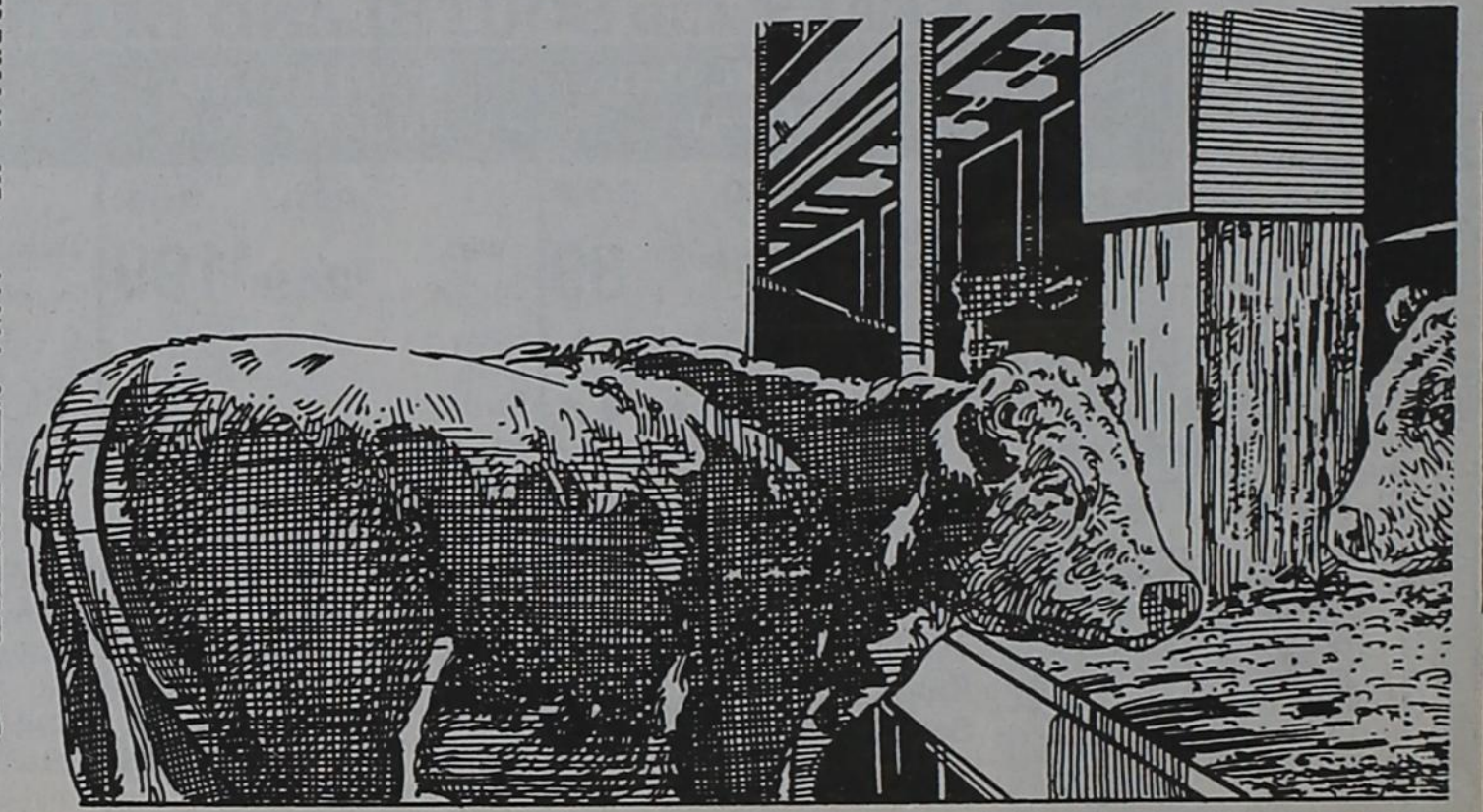
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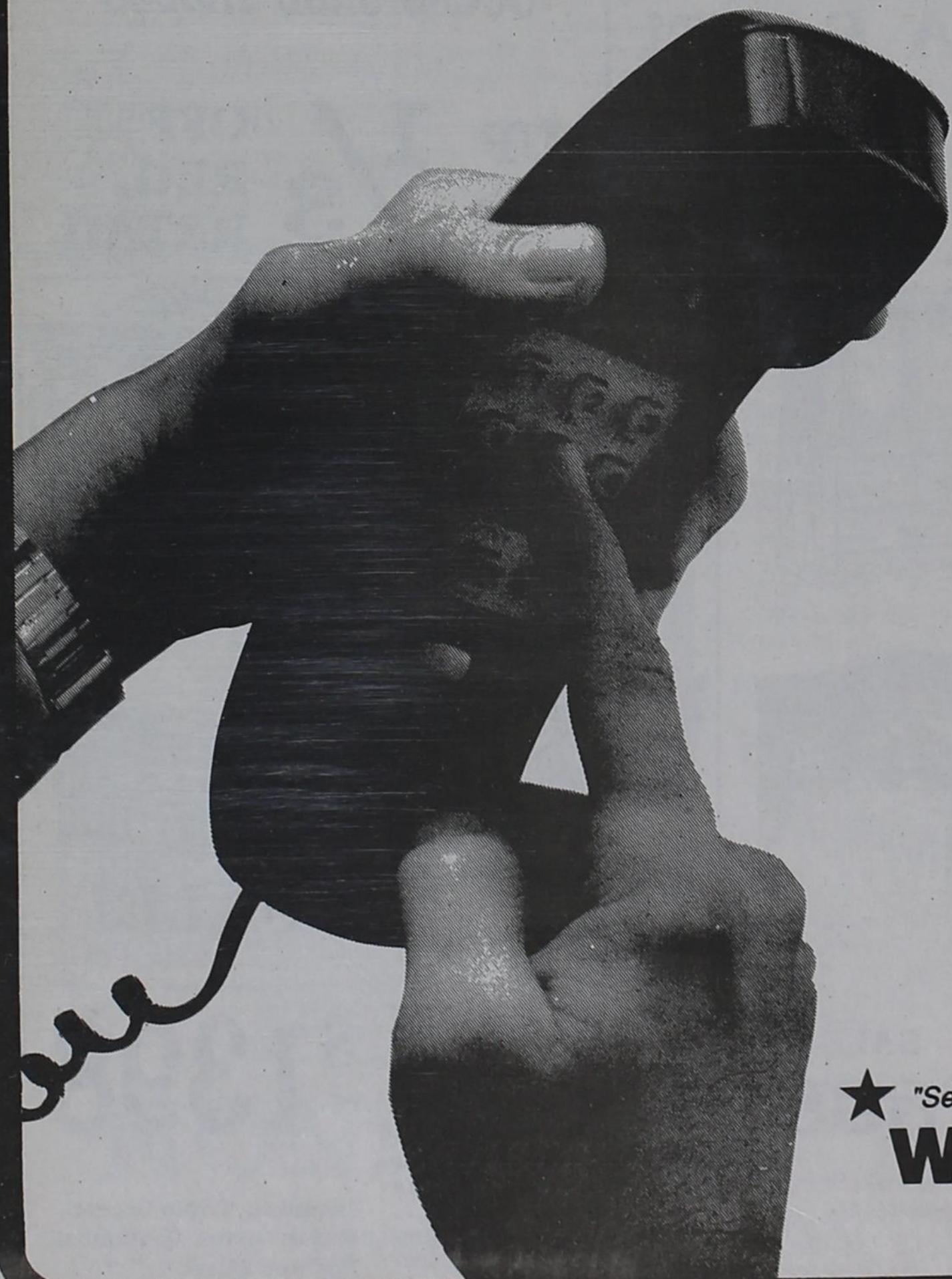
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QUILT DISPLAY. . . Patti Widner is showing off a quilt which was made for her when she graduated from high school in 1983 by her grandmother, the late Sarah Belle Morton of Hereford. The quilt will be on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres during the rest of March. Mrs. Morton made quilts for all her grandchildren when they graduated. She is the mother of Joy Morton, Gay Taylor and Pat Widner.

Clovis Church To Host Women's Conference

A Spring Women's Conference has been scheduled by the Women's Ministry of Central Baptist Church in Clovis. The dates are March 23 through 25 in Clovis.

Sessions will be nightly on Thursday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. (MST) and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (MST).

Registration fee is \$30.00 per person which includes all materials, light refreshments, and Saturday lunch. Registration deadline is Monday, March 20.

For further information call: Bette Cox (505) 763-3903, Judi Gill (505) 985-2231, Wilma Fulgham (505) 763-6231.

Leading the conference will be

Pencie Culiver of Phoenix, Arizona. She serves on the staff of "Victorious Christian Living" (VCL) as a teacher and counselor.

Mrs. Culiver has co-authored the women's Bible study "Victorious Christian Woman." She is a Precept Bible Study Teacher and has also served as the keynote speaker for numerous women's retreats.

She attended Baylor University where she met Wayne, her husband of 30 years. They have two sons.

The theme for the conference is "God's Blueprint For Contentment." Thursday's subject will be "Content To Be Me," Friday, "Content With Who You Are," Saturday, "Content With Where God Put Me."

Older Workers' Abilities Are Recognized By Green Thumb

For the past thirty years, Green Thumb, Inc. has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program, which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

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Each year "Hire the Older Worker Week" spotlights the contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities and experience. According to Diane Cowan, program director, "During this important week, March 12 through 18, older workers are recognized for their work force contributions while strengthening their commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future."

Green Thumb, Inc. encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability and dedication is good business!

Joe Tongate, mayor pro-tem, signed a proclamation that declared March 12-18 as "Hire the Older Worker Week" in Friona. For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb, Inc., P.O. Box 7898, Waco, Texas, 76714, (817)776-4081.

Foundation Offers Ten Trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1995.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by March 31, 1995.



HONOREES. . . These two people are being honored by Prairie Acres Nursing Home during the month of March. Carl Hadley is "Resident of the Month" and has been at P.A.N.H. since October 21, 1991. Anabela Bautista, CNA, is the "Employee of the Month" and she has been with P.A.N.H. since April 5, 1993. They are posing in front of an afghan which was crocheted by long-time Friona resident Wilma Wise. The afghan is on display this month in the lobby a Prairie Acres.

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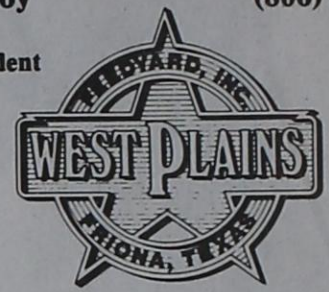
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AT IWO JIMA REUNION...Jay Sherrill is shown with two of the men who served with him during World War II aboard the USS Staunch AM 307, a minesweeper. Left to right are Dean O'Neal, Roseville, Illinois, and ex-QM, 3rd class; Sherrill who is an ex-QM, 2nd class; and H. P. Hodge from Wichita Falls, an ex-captain.

Sherrills Attend Iwo Jima Fete

Jay and Patsy Sherrill recently attended the annual Reunion of Honor for Iwo Jima Survivors that was held February 19-23, 1995 at the Ramada Hotel in Wichita Falls. Approximately 1200 to 1500 people attended.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the invasion of Iwo Jima in World War II.

The reunions are held to first pay respects and memorialize the nearly seven thousand fellow comrades that gave their all on Iwo Jima and the thousands of participants that have died since, many from wounds suffered on that small volcanic island. Also, to remember the thousands of casualties at sea and in the air while in support of this unparalleled battle.

The reunions are also held to be a place where those fortunate enough to still be around, to meet

and fellowship with their buddies that have a natural and common bond, whether they knew each other in 1945 or not.

Jay Sherrill served his country in the United States Navy from 1943 through 1946. He was aboard the USS Staunch AM 307, a minesweeper during the invasion of Iwo Jima. He was a Quarter master, second class.

Jay and Patsy said that at the reunion, a re-enactment of the flag raising atop the hill on Iwo Jima was demonstrated. "It was very impressive," they said.

Sherrill was able to visit with two men who were also crew members from the USS Staunch, Dean O'Neal from Roseville, Illinois and H. P. Hodge from Wichita Falls. Sherrill said that the island of Iwo Jima is only eight square miles in size.

The Sherrills said that they had a wonderful time at the reunion. This is the second one they have attended.



JAY SHERRILL

Pizza Party Was Hosted

The Bovina Church of Christ hosted a pizza and spaghetti party March 5 for the children of their cottage from the New Mexico children's Home.

Twelve children and their house parents enjoyed church and an evening of fellowship together. The church is planning to have the children for food and fun at least once every three months.

Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



A large crowd attended Bovina's 35th annual Chamber banquet and we congratulate man and woman of the year, Steve Venable and Phyllis Steelman. Teacher of the year went to Carolyn Widner and Amos Steelman was presented with the Heritage Award. Benjamin Mitard and Brooke Charles were selected for the Outstanding Young People awards. Jay and Patsy Sherrill were recognized for the longest continuous business. Congratulations to all of these people!

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

We extend our sympathies to Frances Willard whose father passed away. He was Frank Totty, 83, of Pampa. Services were held Saturday in Pampa. He was survived by his wife, a daughter and two step-daughters, two step-sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mike London and his fiance, Becky Norris have been vacationing in Ruidosa, New Mexico and also spent time in El Paso and Odessa. Said they had an enjoyable trip and saw lots of pretty country.

Julia Leake, her son-in-law and daughter, Tommy and Kay Williams, also Julia's brother, Joe Peach attended funeral services in Stamford, for Julia's and Joe's sister, Frances Thane, 84, who lived in a nursing home in Abilene. She was Julia's twin sister and she

was survived by one daughter and two grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters. Our sympathies to the family.

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Jay was in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946. They had a great time and visited with two of the same members of his ship, the USS Staunch. A separate article appears in this week's issue of the Blade.

We had a short note this week from Bessie Trimble, who is living in Albuquerque, New Mexico and she said she keeps up some through the Blade and also talks to two or three friends here a week. She is getting along fine but said she misses and gets lonesome for Bovina people and said to tell everyone, "Hello."

Marie Venable said her grandson, Neal, went back to work on Tuesday of this week. He is in the service and due to two surgeries and a time of recuperation he missed work for three months. He is stationed at San Antonio. He is the son of Owen and Margaret Jo Moore of Lubbock.

Les and Rose McCain met their son Ben in Erie, Oklahoma and had two fun days visiting with him.

He flew to Oklahoma City from Beverly Hills, California.

The McCain's son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Betty, came by Bovina on their way back to California, moving from Oklahoma City. They spent a few days and the McCains had a good time with them and their dog, Bubba.

Tiny and Maggie Moore drove to Childress and spent a night as Tiny's dad was hospitalized. His condition has improved.

Evelyn Vineyard is in Bovina visiting with her sister, Vi, her brothers Eddie Gayle and Dickie and her dad, Amos Steelman. She came to be with the family when her dad, Amos, received the Heritage Award at the Chamber banquet a week ago Thursday evening.

Evelyn has recently retired after twenty-five years with the Texas Department of Human Resources.

A.M. and Mary Jane Wilson have recently returned home from a trip to Abilene where they visited with their daughter and family, Suzanne and Rodney Hromas and sons, Adam and Kip.

Resident's Sister Dies In Abilene

Frances Peach Thane, 84, died Friday in an Abilene nursing home.

Graveside services were held Sunday, March 12 in Highland Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Kent Wallace officiating, directed by Tankersley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thane was born in Albany and was a homemaker. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl and was the widow of Robert L. Thane, whom she married in 1933 in Sagerton.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Medford of Abilene; three brothers, Joe Peach of Bovina, Charles Peach of Aspermont and Alvin Peach of San Antonio; two sisters, her twin, Julia Leake of Bovina and Mary Peach of Stamford; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Big Country, 3909 South Seventh, Abilene 79605; or Bethel Lutheran Church, 10707 FM 600 North, Avoca 79503.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

March 19--Alice Stone, Elaine Bishop.

March 20--Jeanne Kerby, Fidel Baca.

March 21--Kathy Graves, Tracy Jamerson.

March 22--Anita Guest, Jonathan Murphy.

March 23--Becky Herrera, Sara Flores.

March 24--Ella Jo Stormes, Dennis Field, Mark Anthony Englant.

March 25--Mark Englant, Irene Ortiz.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

Mary Jane said A.M. went to Kip's soccer game and they saw a film of Adam's game. She said they enjoyed a good visit with two of her nephews, one from Brady and the other from Abilene.

Jennifer Beauchamp is home from school this week and she told me she is a senior at Texas Tech majoring in communication studies and her minor is German. She is one Garry and Carolyn Beauchamp's pretty daughters.

We understand Toby and Sandy Mullins are parents of a new baby that was born premature and Sandy is staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo to be near the baby. We will have further details later on but hope all goes well with their new baby.

Ken and Billie Harrison and granddaughter, Kiley were in Bovina visiting with Billie's parents, Vernon and Dottie Ward. One evening the family went to Clovis and had supper at El Monterey Restaurant.

Also with the family were Dottie's nephew and his wife, Butch and Bonnie Woltman of Phoenix, Arizona.

Caroly Pruitt is enjoying having her brother visiting. He is Charles Tarver from Olympia, Washington. She said Charles had retired from the military.

SMILE: After delivering two hours' worth of meaningless bromides and cliché-ridden campaign rhetoric, the candidate asked if anyone in the audience had a question. "Yeah," came a voice from the crowd. "Who else is running?"

Thanks for your help on the Scoops....Scooter.

Co. Spelling Bee Winners Are Named

The Parmer County Spelling Bee for junior high students was held March 9 in Bovina Schools Auditorium.

Kayla McCoy, Lindsay Buske and Jena Grimsley participated in the county meet. Celia Barrera was named alternate.

Fifteen students participated in the senior spelling bee from Bovina, Farwell, Friona and Lazbuddie.

Josh Willard, a Bovina eighth grade student, advances to the Regional Spelling Bee at West Texas A&M University, to be held on Saturday, April 8.

Competing from Friona and the results of their efforts were: Jena Grimsley, who missed 'fossilize' in the second round; Lindsay Buske missed 'anonymous' in the third round; and Kayla McCoy missed 'occurrence' in the third round.

"Friona Junior High is very proud of these students. They have spent a large amount of energy and time preparing for the County Bee. We were represented by very fine young individuals," their sponsor commented.

Looking Up!

By Richard L. Grisham

After being introduced before a community service organization, a pastor stood to speak. From the back of the room someone yelled, "Give 'em heaven, preacher! Give 'em heaven!"

That is a pretty good definition of preaching, I guess. One old elderly preacher said, "My wife's already an angel. She's always up in the air, harping about not having any clothes to wear!" Heaven and angels are popular topics these days.

Where is heaven? People talk of heaven as being "up there." The Apostle Paul wrote of being "caught up to the third heaven" where "He heard inexpressible things that man is not permitted to tell" (2 Corinthians 12:2, 4). Heaven is where God is. Jesus prayed, "Our Father which art in heaven..." The Lord said to Isaiah in 66:1, "Heaven is my throne..."

Yes, heaven is a real place, not just a state of mind. Jesus comforted the disciples with, "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

Wherever heaven is, for the Christian it means being with Jesus our Savior: "I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am" (v.4, NIV).

What will heaven be like? King David, an Old Testament type of our Lord Jesus, claimed God's promise of resurrection and heaven in Psalms 16. For David, heaven would be fullness of joy in God's presence and pleasure eternally!

Bill Keane in his comic strip, "The Family Circus" gave a wonderful description of heaven. Dolly is holding the family Bible in her lap and telling younger brothers Billy and P.J., "Heaven is like a great big hug that lasts forever!" Whatever heaven is, it is being in God's love.

A new preacher in town asked a young boy how to get to the post office. The boy told him, "You turn right, go one block, then turn left and go another block, and there it is." "Thanks," said the minister, "and if you come to church Sunday I'll tell you how to get to heaven." The boy shook his head, "How you goin' to show me how to get to

heaven," he asked, "when you can't even get to the post office?"

Jesus declared that He is the way to heaven. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Eternal life is His promise to all who repent of sin and trust Him as Savior and Lord.

Heaven's reunion with those who have gone before makes heaven more real. I already have grandparents, a brother, and a Dad waiting for me. When Abraham died (Genesis 25), "he was gathered to his people." I look forward to seeing these loved ones again.

Paul W. Powell, in his book, *If The Dead Could Speak*, tells of an elderly Christian woman who was grief-stricken at the death of her daughter.

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A young girl was taking an evening walk with her father. Looking up at the starry, night sky, she exclaimed, "Oh, Daddy, if the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful, what must the right side be!" Someday, I'll know.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of March 20-24

MONDAY--steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--Mexican casserole, salad, beans, crackers, fruit, cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY-- chicken salad, baked potatoes, carrot sticks, rolls, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--pizza, salad, corn, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--Sloppy Joes, fries, pickles, fruit, cookies and milk.

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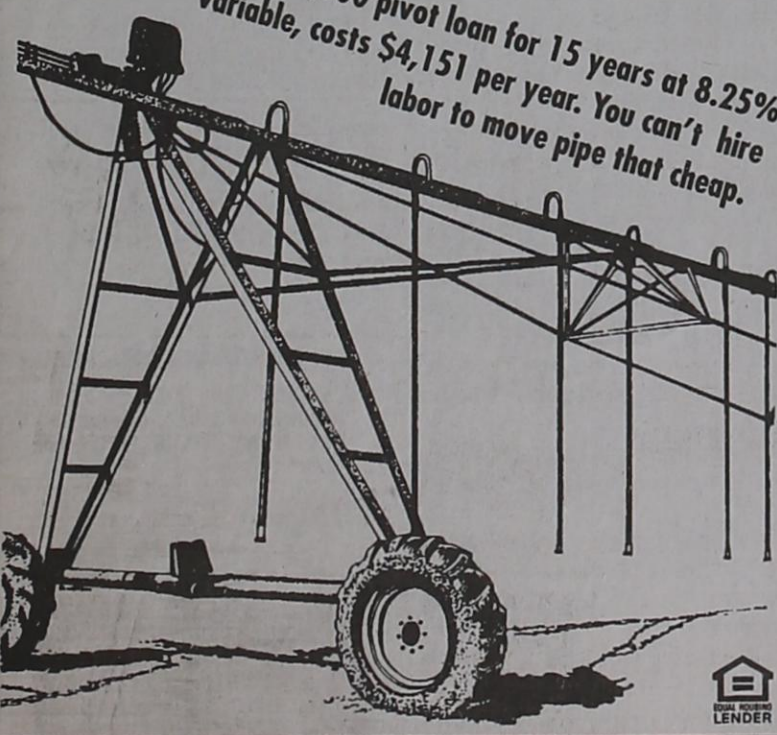
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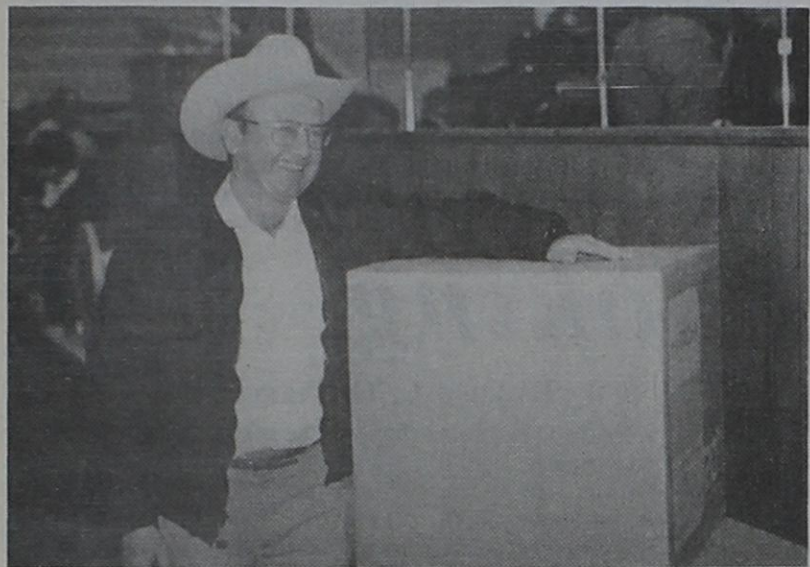
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NEW DIRECTORS...Shown are newly elected directors of the Deaf Smith County Electric Co-op at the annual meeting last Thursday evening. Left to right: Wendol Christian, position two; Donald Wright, chairman; and Jerry Roberts, position one.



WON COLOR TELEVISION...Richard Carson of Bovina is shown with the color television set, the grand prize, he won at the Deaf Smith County Electric Co-op's annual meeting last Thursday.

WTRT To Hold 41st Annual Membership Meeting March 21

Election of directors for the Tharp, Milo Center and Westway exchanges and voting on a major revision of the bylaws will highlight the forty-first annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Registration and serving of a barbecued beef and sausage dinner, catered by K-Bob's Steak House of Hereford, will begin promptly at 6 p.m. The business session is set to start at 7 p.m.

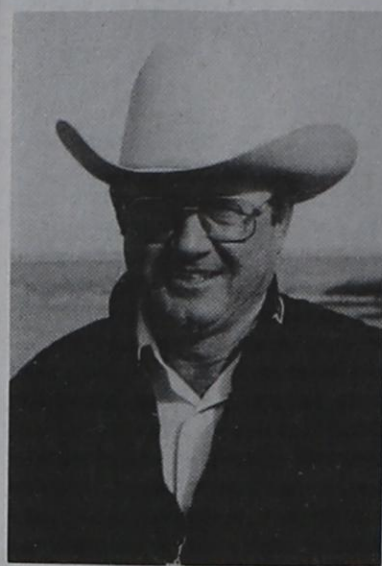
All cooperative members who register at the annual meeting are eligible to vote on directors and bylaws during the business session. Members will also hear a financial report.

Other activities will include a catered dinner, entertainment by local musicians, The Texas Country, and drawings for door prizes valued at over \$1,000.

Amending the cooperative's bylaws would update and clarify them, simplify accounting, eliminate membership fees and retain unclaimed patronage capital credit funds for local benefit.

In the past, when the cooperative has been unable to forward capital credit checks to their rightful owners within three years due to lack of a current address, those funds reverted to the State of Texas.

If amending the bylaws is approved by the membership, those unclaimed capital credit funds would be considered a gift to the cooperative and channeled into a



RICHARD CARSON

scholarship fund that would assist students in the WTRT service area.

Amending the bylaws would also clarify procedures for dealing with certain taxable patronage funds.

The terms of office of incumbent WTRT director Jimmie Cockerham of the Tharp exchange in Parmer County, Ernest Flood, Jr. of the Westway exchange and Carl Straffuss of the Milo Center exchange in Deaf Smith County are expiring. A director election is being held to fill those board positions.

In accordance with cooperative bylaws, a nominating committee representing all the WTRT exchanges met in January and submitted two nominees for each of the board positions.

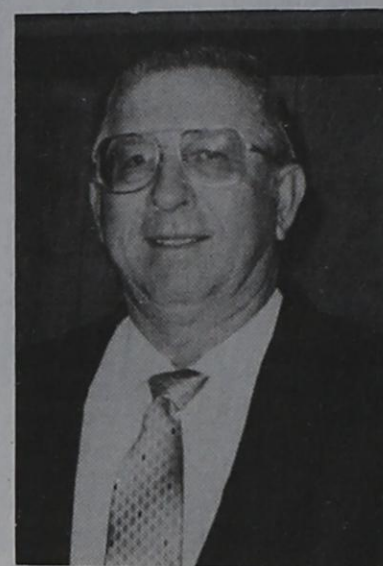
Incumbent directors are eligible for re-election and nominees included all three incumbents in addition to Richard Carson of the Tharp exchange, Tommy Wells of the Milo Center exchange, and Dwight Jesko of the Westway exchange.

Cockerham, 65, is a farmer near Bovina, in Parmer County, and has served as the Tharp exchange representative on the board of directors since 1967. He has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the WTRT board during that tenure. He and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of four children and they have eight grandchildren.

Carson, 47, farms and ranches north of Bovina in the Tharp exchange. He is a 1966 graduate of Bovina High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Texas Tech University. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, Africa and was employed two years with the Parmer County ASCS office. He is a volunteer with the Bovina Ambulance Service and is a deacon and member of the board of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Flood, 47, has served as the Westway representative on the WTRT board since 1992. He farms near the Westway community west of Hereford, in Deaf Smith County. He has served on the Deaf Smith County Consolidated Farm Service Agency committee three years and served on the Deaf Smith County Farm Bureau board. He and his wife, Carmen, are the parents of four sons and have two grandchildren.

Jesko, 36, farms and runs livestock near Westway, west of Hereford. He is a 1976 graduate of



JIMMIE COCKERHAM

Hereford High School and attended the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Amarillo College. He is a member of Saint Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford and serves on the church's cemetery committee and is a member and director of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Patty, are the parents of two sons, Jeff, nine, and Cory, six. They are 13-year members of the cooperative.

Straffuss, 60, has served as the Milo Center director on the WTRT board since 1975. He is a farmer and cattleman near the Ford community in north central Deaf Smith County. He has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the WTRT board. He served 28 years as a member of the board of directors of the Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District. He and his wife, Joan, are the parents of five children and they have three grandchildren.

Wells, 46 has been farming in Deaf Smith County near Milo Center for 25 years and has also been a cooperative member for that period of time. He and his wife, Carroll, are members of the Westway Baptist Church. They are the parents of two sons and three daughters and have ten grandchildren.



DOLLIE PICKETT Rites Held For Longtime Resident

Graveside services for Dollie Bender Pickett, 71, of Friona, were held Thursday at Bovina Cemetery, with the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pickett died March 14, 1995 at her residence in Friona.

She was born October 5, 1923 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She married Van Loy Pickett in May of 1966 in Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Pickett had lived in Parmer County since 1925, moving here from Oklahoma. She lived in Amarillo from 1966 to 1981 when she moved back to Friona.

She worked as a clerk at Moore's Supermarket, Akens' Piggly Wiggly, and the Spudnut Shop as well as driving a school bus for several years for the Friona ISD. While in Amarillo, she was employed at Levi-Strauss. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Van Loy Pickett of Friona; one daughter, Patsy Zachary of Friona; four sisters, Eunice Horner of Friona, Frances Owens of Amarillo, Evelyne Dodson of Amarillo, and Victoria Holden of Electra.

Two grandchildren also survive. Pallbearers were Bobby Jordan, Lee Gibson, Harold Taylor, Joe Bob Mann, Connie Dodson and Fred Ferguson.

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Fillie Track Team Competes Well

The Bovina Fillies competed in the Antelope Relays in Whiteface on Friday, March 10. The varsity team finished with 88 team points and third place in the team standings.

The junior varsity team had 99 points and finished in second place in their division.

The Fillies' relays did well again this week, with all three relays medaling. Bovina's distance runners continued to run well, and senior Brooke Charles won the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs.

Sophomore Maria Fragoza used great kicks to finish second in both the 800-meter and 1600-meter, while junior Carmen Campos finished second in the 3200-meter run.

Varsity Results:

3200-meter run-- First place, Charles, 13:51.43; second place, Campos, 14:14.99.

400-meter relay-- Third place, Bovina team (Kasey Bell, Lisa Hromas, Melissa Cantu, Rachael Turner), 57.45.

800-meter run-- Second place, Fragoza, 2:45.63.

800-meter relay-- Second place, Bovina team (Turner, Lori Beauchamp, Cantu, Tammy Stormes), 2:03.45.

1600-meter run-- First place, Charles, 6:05.74; second place, Fragoza, 6:24.09.

1600-meter relay-- Second place, Bovina team (Turner, Charles, Beauchamp, Cantu), 4:47.75.

Junior Varsity Results:

Long Jump-- Fourth place, D'Anne Jones, 13'1"; fifth place, Amy Venable, 12'4 1/2"; sixth place, Bonnie Quintana, 12'2".

Discus-- Second place, Alex Dopp, 56'1/2"; sixth place, Paula Borquez, 45'1".

Triple Jump-- First place, Jones, 26'7"; second place, Venable, 24'10".

400-meter relay-- Second place, Bovina team (Rebecca Gomez, Marcy Guevara, Quintana, Venable), 57.93.

800-meter run-- Fourth place, Sandra Mendoza, 3:13.55.

100-meter hurdles-- Second place, Dopp, 20.97.

100-meter dash-- Second place, Quintana, 14.24; sixth place, Borquez, 15.49.

800-meter relay-- Second place,

Bovina team (Gomez, Guevara, Quintana, Dopp), 2:08.36.

200-meter dash-- Sixth place, Borquez, 33.54.

1600-meter relay-- Third place, Bovina team (Guevara, Dopp, Jones, Mendoza), 5:13.66.

L.D. Ready For Season

It's Little Dribbler's basketball time again, and this year's season will start February 21, 1995.

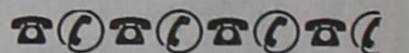
Again we will be selecting a boys all-star team to represent Bovina in the Boys regional tournament. The tournament will be held in Shallowater Texas, April 11-15, 1995.

Again this year we are asking if anyone wanting to donate to the All-Star team may do so by going by the First Bank of Bovina.

The account that his team is under is the Bovina All-Stars. We will be trying to take two All-Star teams, a junior and a major division. This will depend on the donations and contributions.

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Remember, that these teams will be representing your town of Bovina and need your support.



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