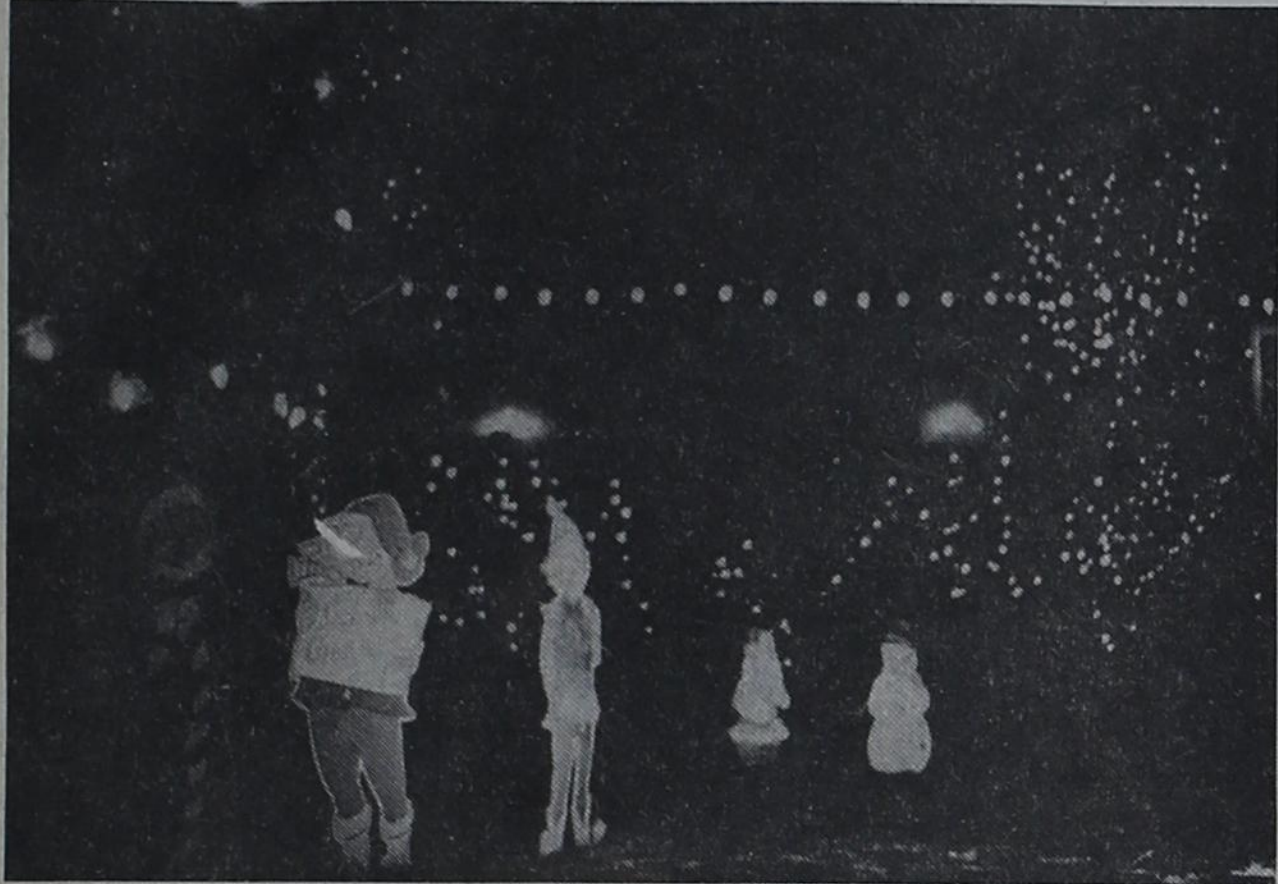
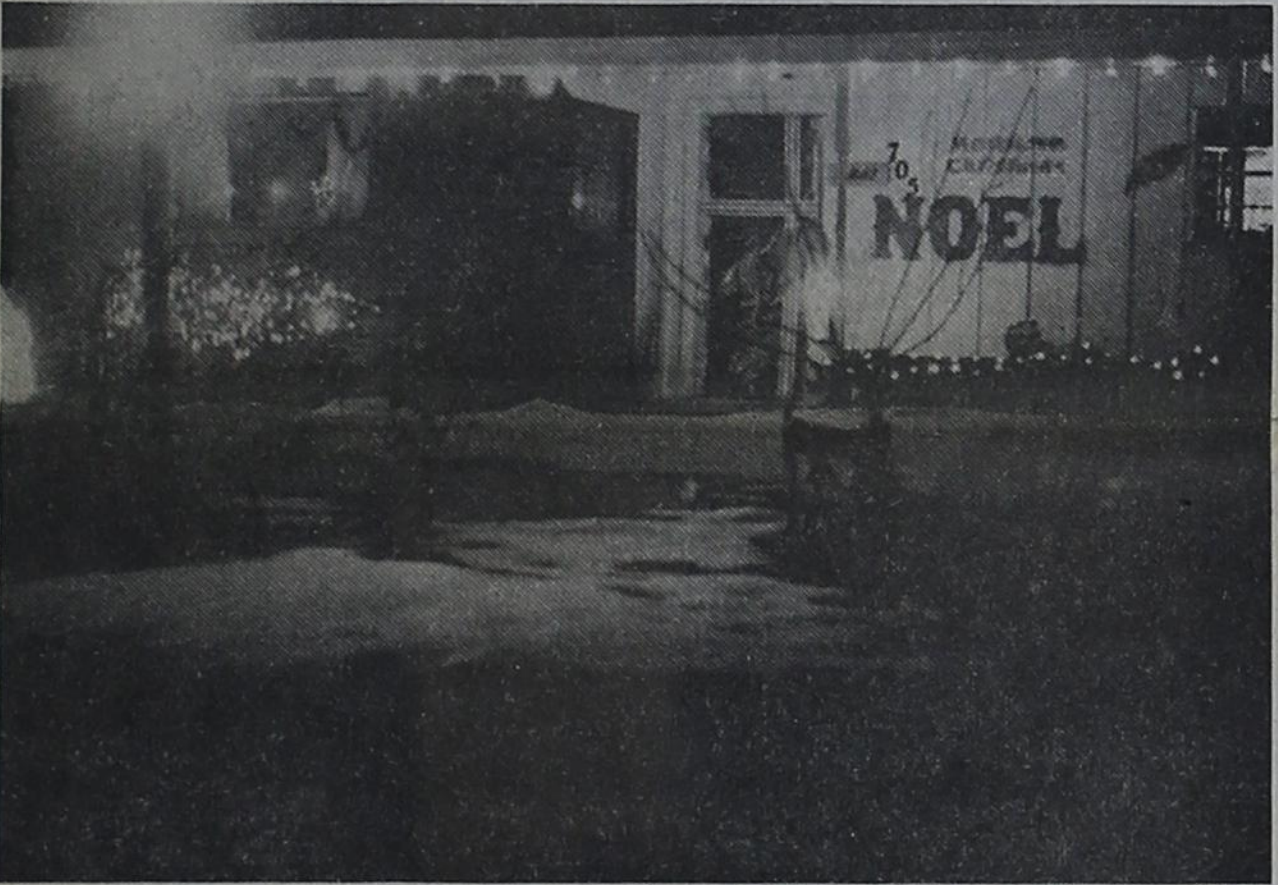


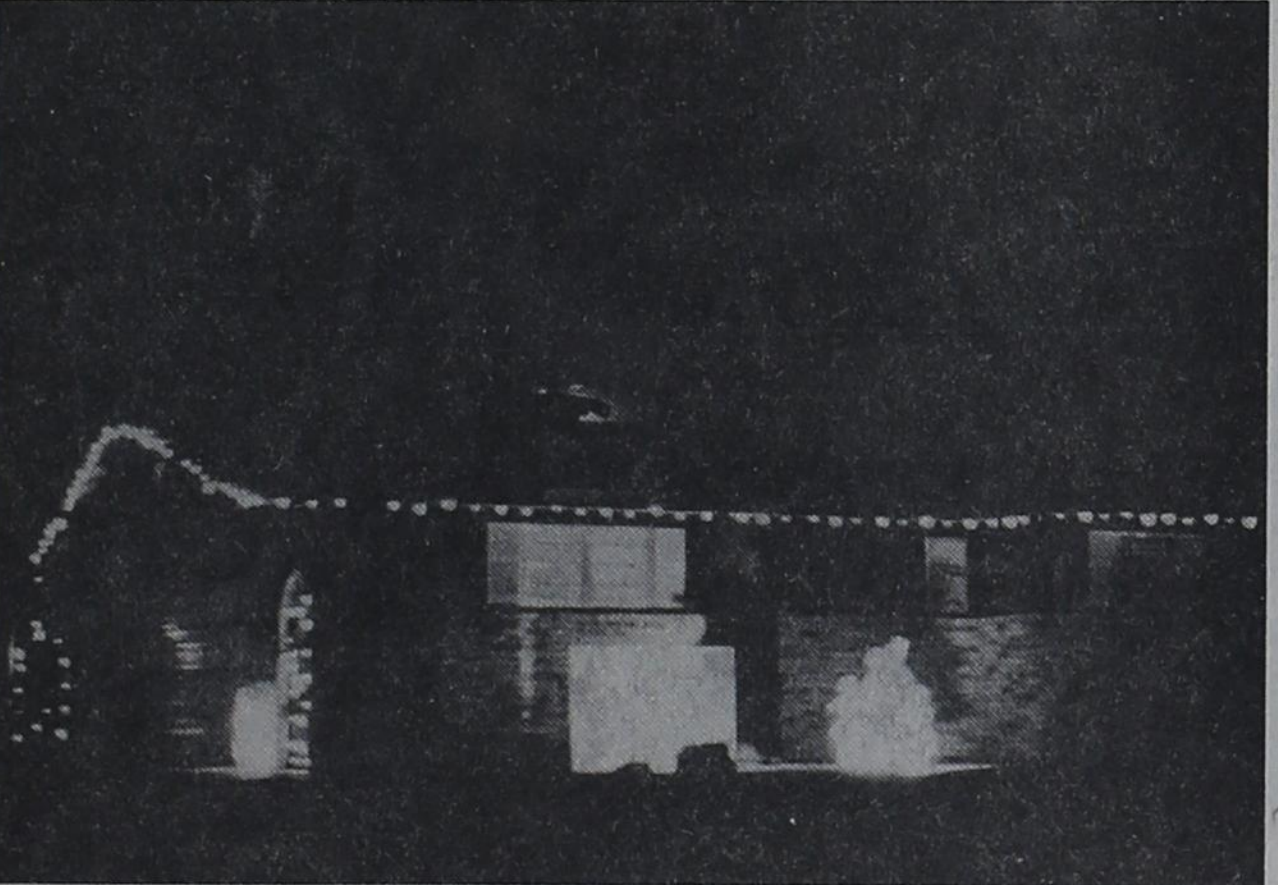
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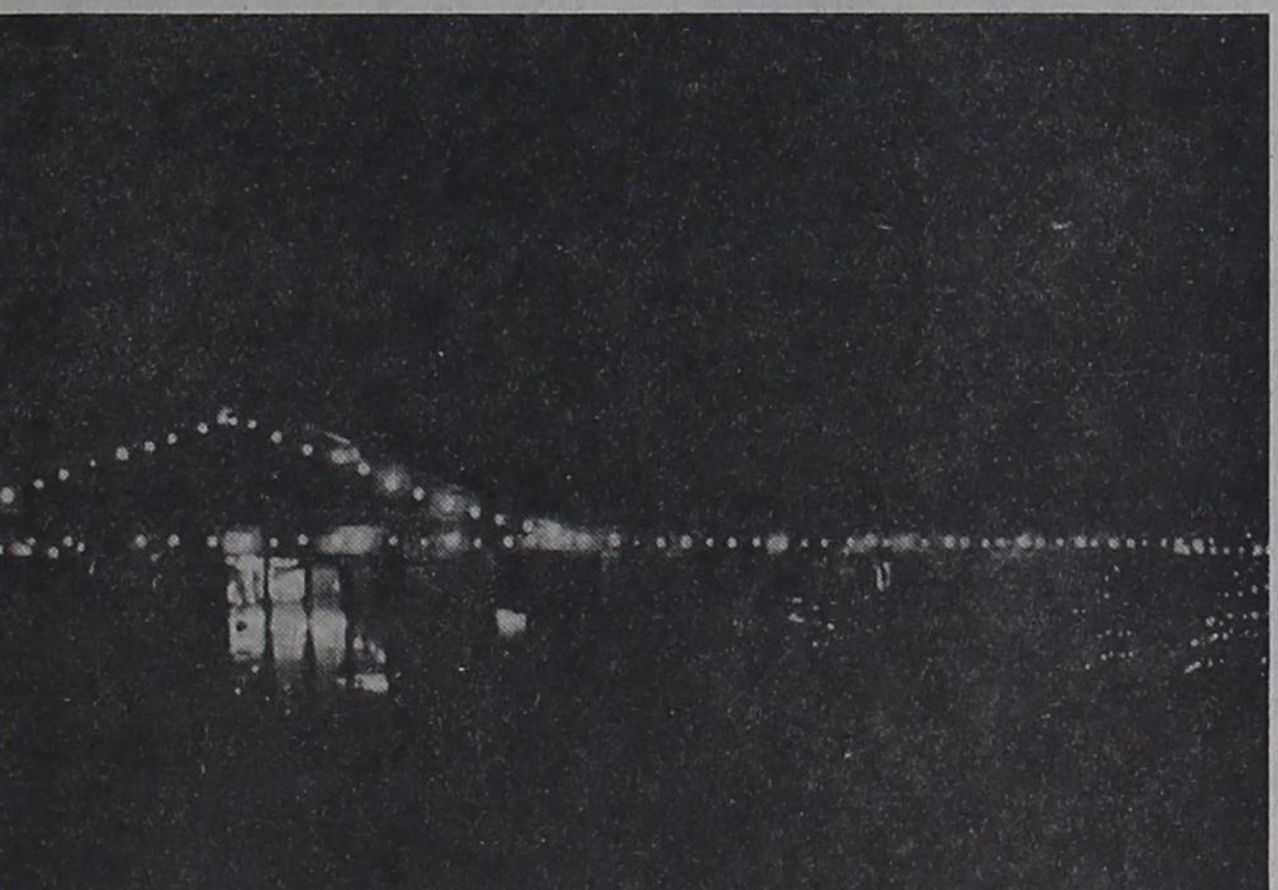
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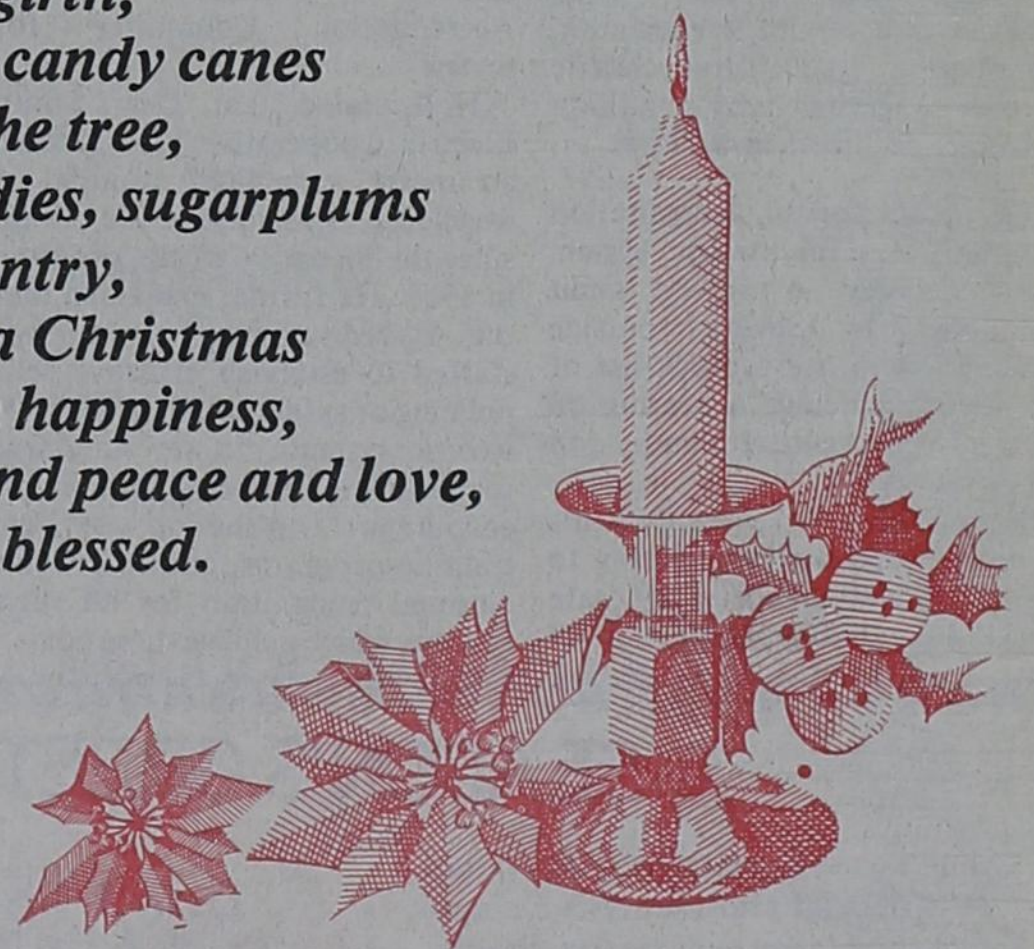


FOURTH PLACE IN THE Christmas decorating contest went to Sonny Roach. He received a cash prize of \$30.



AND SUGARPLUMS DANCED IN THEIR HEADS... Little Sara and Jill Sorley are anxiously waiting for Santa Claus' visit and discussing what they hope he will be bringing them this year, and also to their parents, Ken and Terri Sorley.

**I**n the warm holiday spirit  
Of this special time of year,  
We'd like to send to one and all  
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Homebaked goodies, sugarplums  
And all the pageantry,  
We wish for you a Christmas  
That is filled with happiness,  
A wealth of joy and peace and love,  
May you be truly blessed.



### Blade To Skip December 30 Issue

Continuing a custom of recent years, the Blade is publishing a larger than usual Christmas holiday issue, and will not publish an edition during New Year's week.

The Blade office will be closed until January 4, 1988. Our next issue will be published on January 6, 1988.

This special edition contains holiday greetings from local and area places of business, as well as feature articles and letters to Santa Claus from all the youngsters.





BERNICE PENNINGTON

## Pennington Announces For Post

Bernice Pennington of Farwell has announced she is seeking to be the Democratic candidate for the office of Parmer County tax assessor.

Bernice graduated high school in Sulphur Springs, Texas. She has attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales and Clovis. While residing in Portales, she was supervisor of the secretarial pool at E.N.M.U. for four years and was secretary to the Dean of the School of Speech and Drama for one year at which time she moved to Clovis, New Mexico.

While residing in Clovis, she was office manager and bookkeeper for the law office of Esther Smith Van Soelen for five years, until her husband was transferred to Plainview, Texas.

Currently, she serves as chief deputy under Hugh Moseley. She has been employed as deputy for seven years and says she is adept in all phases of the work conducted in that office. She feels her experience qualifies her as the best person for the job.

She and her husband, Bill, a retired carpenter, are members of First Baptist Church of Farwell where she is a Sunday School teacher. She also teaches a Bible class at the Farwell Convalescent Center.

"If elected, I will continue to serve the people of Parmer County in the same courteous way we have served them in the past under Hugh Moseley," she said.

## National Honors Won By R.E.C.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Hereford, is the recipient of the Gold Seal Certificate of Excellence from the Safety Accreditation Program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) it was announced recently by James Hull, president of D.S.E.C.

Washington, D.C. based NRECA is a service organization representing 1,000 rural electric systems serving 25 million consumer-members in 46 states.

To qualify for the accreditation program, a rural electric system must undergo a safety audit conducted by several outside observers who use a check list of 160 items that have a bearing on accident prevention and job performance.

Some of the requirements include: board policies relating to safety; maintenance of safe working conditions; delegation of

## Candidate Announces

Doris Herington, 51, has announced she will seek the Democratic nomination in the spring primary for the office of Parmer County Tax Assessor.

Mrs. Herington has worked in the tax office for the past four years in the position of clerk. Prior to that, she has helped her husband, Mr. L.C. (Buster) Herington, with his farming operation. Doris and her husband have lived in Farwell at 104 Avenue I since 1959.

"I feel that my four years of service in the tax office under the excellent guidance of Mr. Moseley will enable me to continue giving the service that the residents of Parmer County have always received. I hope to expand our service and improve it in many ways as new equipment is made available to that office," stated Mrs. Herington.



DORIS HERINGTON

## January 4 Is Filing Deadline

January 4 is the last day to file for a political office for 1988, reminds County Democratic chairman Wendol Christian.

There are commissioner's offices expiring in Friona and Farwell, along with the county tax assessor and county sheriff's office.

Those wishing to file should contact Christian by January 4.



JERRY ATCHLEY

## Atchley Is Candidate For Sheriff

Jerry Atchley, veteran Parmer County lawman, this week announced his candidacy for County Sheriff.

Atchley has 19 years of experience in law enforcement, including 15 in Parmer County. He spent five years with the Friona Police Department, two and 1/2 years as chief of police in Bovina, and seven and 1/2 years with the Sheriff's Department. The last five years, Atchley has served as chief deputy in Farwell.

Prior to coming to Parmer County, Atchley served as Chief of Police in Erick, Oklahoma and at Shamrock.

"With my years of service, I feel qualified to serve in the capacity of sheriff. I would like to serve the people of Parmer County, and if elected, will serve to the best of my ability," Atchley said.

A native of Mangum, Oklahoma, Atchley is 53. He is a graduate of the Basic Police Academy in November (1968) and currently holds an advanced certificate in law enforcement education.

He is seeking the nomination subject to the Democratic primary.

## Lighting Winners Announced

First place winner in the Bovina Lions Club decorating contest was Luis Serna, 604 8th Street, who will be awarded \$80 cash prize.

Second place went to Anita Guest, who lives at 705 9th Street and she will receive \$60 for second place.

Third place went to T-Bone Treinen. He lives on Highway 60. He will receive a cash award of \$40.

Fourth place went to Sonny Roach, 704 Ninth Place and he will receive \$30 cash award.

Those receiving ten dollars each are: Scott and Traci Sherrill at 800 Ridgelea, Ken and Terri Sorley at 1004 9th Street, Elton and Marie Venable at 202 8th Street and Richard Grisham at 703 Ridgelea.

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## Renee Charles, Walter Butler Exchange Double Ring Vows

Ellen Renee Charles of El Paso became the bride of Walter I. Butler, also of El Paso, in a double ring ceremony on September 26, at the Trinity Methodist Church, El Paso, with Rev. Andrew McGown officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmie and Carolyn Charles of Deming, formerly of Bovina. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butler of Albuquerque.

The bride was given in marriage by her parent and was escorted by her father. She wore her mother's wedding dress of candlelight satin with a sheer yoke edged in lace and seed pearls, long fitted sleeves that extended to a point over the wrists, floor length full skirt with an over skirt that extended to a train.

Her veil of tulle was edged with lace and was attached to a spray of seed pearls. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of gardenias and pink rosebuds.

Matron of honor was Lisa Wasem, sister of the bride, and Mary Lou Gordy was the maid of honor, both of El Paso. They wore pink floral on white waltz-length dresses with matching shoes and carried bouquets of white carnations with pink rosebuds.

The best man was Bart Butler, Albuquerque, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Michael Charles, Deming, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held poolside at Nottingham Townhomes following the ceremony. After return from a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, the Butlers are at home at Nottingham F-42, 4618 N. Stanton, El Paso.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butler

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and a skatbord to and dog food for my dogs and a dog house.

Love, Ernesto Talavera

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a lots of toys. Like a doll, a tedy baer and a sweng set. And if you can I want lots of things. If there is enaf and I want to wish you a happy Christmas. I will leave some cake and milke. Merry Christmas.

Love, June

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Cameron Jay Charles and I am 4 years old. I've been good for about 4 years. First, please, I would like a crane, a play chain saw with a hat and walkie-talkie headsets. I will leave you a banana and some milk on the table with a napkin.

Love, Cam

To Santa,  
I want an electronic Battleship game and a little computer.

From Gina

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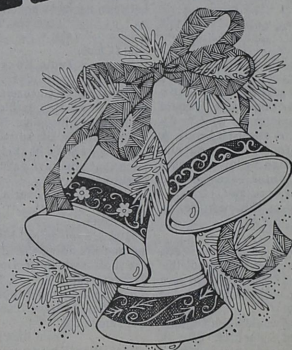
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To Santa,  
 Jamie wants a doll. And it walks with you and it holds your hand. And it's name is Wanda.  
 Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,  
 Please give my friends Lady Loulilocks. I want the Rocker Dede for Christmas. Santa, I am glad you can help.  
 Thank you, Michelle Feldman

To Santa,  
 I want a casset player. And I have been good. And I love you a lot.  
 Love, Gina

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a baby doll and a baby heather and a popula.  
 Love you, Kathy R.

Santa,  
 My name is Elizabeth Trevino. I am 3 1/2 years old. I would like you to bring me a Barbie house with a car and lots of dolls in it. I would like a giant picture of you! And a large house for my sister Sandy. A motorcycle for my other sister and for you to bring me lots of candy. This is all Santa. Take care and happy Merry Christmas.  
 Love always, Elizabeth Trevino

Santa Claus,  
 I want a Tedie Roxbian and Barbie and the Rockers. I have been waiting for Christmas. And I have been wanting Barbie and the Rockers for a long time. But I steel like to play in the snow. I have been a good girl. I like the Cabbich pach that you have gave me last Christmas.  
 Jackie Feldman

Dear Santa,  
 How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good boy this year. Thanks for the toys you gave me last year. I have really enjoyed them.  
 This year I would like a Grubby, a waterbed, sleeping bag, a backpack, some scissors and paper.  
 Love, Blake Clements

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? Me and my brother are doing fine. I bet you like cookies with milk. Do you like hamburgers? Well I do. I'll leave you a hamberger and cookies with milk. Well by by. I'll see you at Christmas time.  
 From Juan Martinez  
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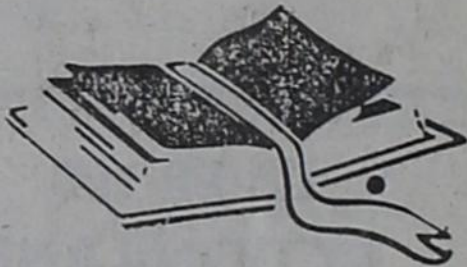
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# Nine Take Honors In 4-H Food Show

4-H'ers tested their foods and nutrition expertise in the Parmer County 4-H Food Show held December 5 in Bovina. Fifty youth competed in Pee Wee (younger than third grade); Junior 1 (third grade to ten years); Junior 2 (11-13 years); and Senior (14-19 years) age groups. According to Janette Pierce, county Extension Home Economist, 4-H members competed in one of four classes including main dish, fruits and vegetables, breads and cereals or nutritious snacks and desserts.

"The food show was not just a cooking contest," said Pierce. As a result of club project series in each community, youth demonstrated what they had learned about nutrition, meal planning, food buying and meal service, as well as food preparation at the food show. After judging and a tasting fair, the following honors were recognized:

Pee Wee participation ribbons went to Deanne Clark, Dene Clark, Holly Engelking, Dustin Weir, Amber Richardson, Scottie Brown and Kia Morris of Lazbuddie; Jamie Slagle, Jason Slagle, Alicia Smith, Jacy DeLeon, Jeff Hamilton, Amanda Hicks and Kevin Schueler of Friona; and Ramsey Bennett and Ginger Sides of Farwell.

Junior 1-main dish: 1. Jenny Hamilton, Friona; 2. Davy Hamilton, Friona; 3. Heath Brown, Lazbuddie. Participation awards went to Kayla Clark and Edward Terry of Lazbuddie and Amy Hartzog of Farwell.

Fruits and vegetables: 1. Julie McDonald, Lazbuddie; 2. Canna Ray, Friona; 3. Dawn Weir, Lazbuddie. Participation recognition went to Rachele Rice of Lazbuddie and Jim Bob Sides of Farwell.

Breads and cereals: 1. Krista Smith, Lazbuddie; 2. Jacque Sides, Farwell; 3. Wade Schueler of Friona. Participation awards were presented to Heather Engelking and Noah Williams of Lazbuddie.

Nutritious snacks and desserts: 1. Mandy Magby, Lazbuddie; 2. Roslyn Bennett, Farwell; 3. Julie Mitzelfelt, Farwell. Participation awards were presented to Becca Beard, Jennifer Hamil and Lindsey Johnson of Friona; and Michelle Dorcas of Farwell.

Junior 2-main dish: 1. Ginny Mitzelfelt, Farwell; 2. Jarah Redwine, Lazbuddie; 3. Laura Goen, Friona. Participation recognition was awarded to Eric Williams of Lazbuddie.

Fruits and vegetables: 1. Melinda Landrum, Farwell; 2. Lance Goen, Friona.

Breads and cereals: 1. Marsha Autry, Lazbuddie.

Nutritious snacks and desserts: 1. Jody Copp, Lazbuddie; 2. Monty Schueler, Friona; 3. Heather Smith, Friona.

Senior main dish: 1. Holley Morris of Lazbuddie.

Nine Parmer County junior and senior first place winners will compete with youth from twenty South Plains counties, December 12 at Texas Tech, Lubbock.

The 4-H Food Show is sponsored by the Texas



**SENIOR WINNER...Holly Morris.**

Agricultural Extension Service. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

For information on the programs available contact Janette Pierce, 481-3619.

## It's A Boy For Wares

Mike and Belinda Ware are the parents of a baby boy, Matthew Leon, born December 19, at 7:42 p.m. at the Roosevelt General Hospital in Portales, New Mexico.

The infant weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and measured twenty inches long.

This is the couple's first child. Grandparents are Leon and Shirley Ware of Bovina and Clay and Mary Garrett of Los Cruces, New Mexico.

Great-grandmother is Jerry Ware of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Smith of High Rolls, Mountain Park, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garrett of Clovis.

## Heart Assn. Met Thurs.

The Parmer County Heart Association met at Cora's Kitchen at 7 p.m. Thursday. During the business session, which was presided over by John Blackwell, president, plans were made for the annual heart fund drive, which will be held in February.

This organization needs some active members from the Lazbuddie, Oklahoma Lane, Bovina and Farwell communities. If anyone is interested in spending some time doing volunteer work, which doesn't take a lot of time, contact Blackwell or any member of the local organization.

Others attending the meeting were Lynn Carroll, Amarillo; Odell Holley, Eddie and Anita Hall, June Rhodes, Linda Black, Betty Reeve and June Floyd, all of Friona.

The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 14, at Cora's Kitchen.



**JUNIOR 1 WINNERS....(Left to right) Julie McDonald, Mandy Magby, Krista Smith and Jenny Hamilton.**



**JUNIOR 2 WINNERS....(Left to right) Jody Copp, Marsha Autry, Melinda Landrum and Ginny Mitzelfelt.**

## Flags Will Be Flying Locally December 25

American flags will be placed at homes and businesses on Christmas Day. This is a project sponsored by the Bovina Lion's Club and if you want flags at your home or business, please call Vernon Willard, chairman of the project.

Flags will be placed every holiday of the year to remind us of the privilege of living in America.

The charge is \$20 a year.

## School Sets Xmas Break

Bovina schools dismissed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m.

School will be out for two weeks, with classes resuming at the regular time on Monday, January 4, 1988.

## City Closes For Christmas

The City Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve day and also Christmas Day, December 24 and 25.

The City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day.

## Prairie Acres Party Line



By DONNA ECHOLS

The snow has been beautiful to enjoy from the inside looking out. The mood for Christmas is all around us, the spirit of Christmas is within. We had a staff party Wednesday and exchanged gifts and enjoyed snacking and visiting. Glenda Sifford and Beth Shelton received ten year service awards. Five year service awards were given to Onnie Brady, Janie Cruz, Velma Escalante and Lupe Gonzales.

We have a new resident who moved into the home on Wednesday. He is Guadalupe DeLuna from Hereford. At one time, he was in the U.S. Army and he has been a cook at the Burger King Restaurant. He has family in Hereford and is a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church. We welcome Mr. DeLuna to Friona.

Worship services were cancelled Sunday due to the weather. The service this Sunday will be at 4 p.m. and will be held by the Assembly of God Church.

Nail and hair care was also cancelled Tuesday due to the weather so we will do it this Tuesday, December 22 by the Friona United Methodist Church women, the Rhea women and volunteers from the First Baptist Church.

Employees celebrating birthdays are Glenda Schueler on December 4, Maria Davila on December 20, and Trini Guillen on December 24. Residents having birthdays are Pearl Ratheal on December 22, Fidencio Guzman on December 28, Essie Alderson on December 30 and Ealen Gage on December 31. Leroy and Alta Collier will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on December 18.

We would like to thank Chris Alexander for bringing two trays of cookies from their church cookie walk Saturday. We appreciate Deke Kendrick for bringing us some magazines to enjoy. We thank the Niberts (Goldie Smith's family) for bringing us some homemade cookies and candy for our staff party Wednesday.

We say a special "thank-you" to the people who helped us through the snow. Doris Buske and Patrolman Diegelman for transportation; Tommy Jones, the County and the City for cleaning spaces to maneuver, and all those who helped get vehicles moving again. We say a special thanks to Roger Graham for his hard work on sidewalks and stuck autos.

We appreciate the Salvation Army for coming and having a gift party and music for the residents this week. Monday, we had popcorn and hot chocolate and watched the snow falling. Wednesday, we had Bible study with Gertie and Curtis Murphree. We also enjoyed Christmas goodies while we studied.

Memorials have been received for Raymond Euler from Gilbert and Dot Boatman and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Houlette. Oleta Houser sent a memorial for Trent Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallman and Family gave a memorial for Phillip Jesko and Tom Mesman.

We say "thanks" to the Friona State Bank for birthday flowers and popcorn they send each month. We thank Odell Holley for his continued care and support of Prairie Acres. We appreciate all of you who have cared for us over the past year and we really do wish you a "Very Merry Christmas!!"

We've saved up a wealth of season's cheer, along with our sincere thanks. We very much appreciate your business and friendship.

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We wish you all the blessings of the season. It's been a delight doing business with you.

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN**

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

**BOVINA FUEL & SUPPLY**

# Bowens Recall Memories Of Past Christmases

By SCOOTER RUSSELL  
 Von and Opal Bowen have been residents of Bovina since 1940. They moved from Wellington and will be celebrating their fifty-five years of marriage on December 22.

Lillie came from a family of nine children, so Christmas was always a lot of fun and excitement.

Von farmed for Opal's father and in 1951 he began working at Sherley Grain Elevator where he was employed for six years. Later, he began working for the county where he stayed for nineteen years until he retired.

The first Christmas that Opal remembers was when she was five or six years old, when she attended the community gathering at the church with the big tree with candy and nuts for everyone. She and Von both said they did not remember having a Christmas tree at home, but only hung their stockings on Christmas Eve. They remember getting toys, fruit and nuts.

Opal remembers one year when she and her sister, Alice, received china dolls and two sets of china dishes. Hers were edged in red and Alice's were edged in blue. Said they would actually play until they were called for meals.

She remembers Christmas dinners and the dining area was near the fireplace. They always had turkey and dressing and her oldest sister, Lillie, helped with the cooking. An aunt lived with the family and this was Aunt Flora.

One year, she and sister Alice snooped in the basement and discovered their Christmas presents. They mistakingly told Aunt Flora. Two of the gifts they knew had to be theirs were not in their stockings on Christmas morning, but were on a shelf near the fireplace. They asked if the gifts were theirs, and were told "no." They paid for their snooping, but Opal said she was sure they got the gifts after awhile.

One year, Opal remembered her mother making she and Alice a pretty dress for Christmas and the girls also got three little scatter pins. The next day was Sunday, and the girls thought they were really dressed up when they wore their new dresses decorated with the pretty pins.

Von said he remembered moving from Jacksboro, Texas to Wellington when he was thirteen years old. He rode a horse all the way which was two hundred miles. Another family moved along with the family in three covered wagons. He said he really didn't care for horseback riding after that. It took the family seven days to travel the two hundred miles.

The dinner was always special with turkey and dressing and how luxurious it was when the family had ice for iced tea.

Von and Opal are looking forward to having their niece, Kay, and her family for the holidays, also Opal's family living in the area.



**THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS....** Von and Opal Bowen are looking at the family album and thinking about how much fun it will be to have Opal's sister, Alice Moore of Pampa, spending Christmas with them.

## R. Houses Have Boy

Richard and Cherri House of Uvalde, Texas are the parents of a baby boy, Eric Lloyd. He was born November 7 at 8:10 p.m. at the Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

The infant weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was twenty and one-half inches long.

Grandparent are Butch and Bonnie Woltman of Bovina, Linda Woltman of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd House of Charlotte, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nelson of Uvalde, Mr. and Mrs. Jim House of Jourdanton, Texas and Mrs. Tilly Valchar of Pleasanton, Texas.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Miami Dolphin football suit and a red remote controlled car.

Love you, Tyson Kerby  
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Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a waterbed and a football suit. We will leave you a snack.

Love you, Josh Kerby  
 \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like to have a waterbed for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and oreos.

Your friend, Jason Kerby  
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Dear Santa,  
 I want a doll, a bicke, a barby and every present for the grill.

Love, Debbie B.

Merry Christmas

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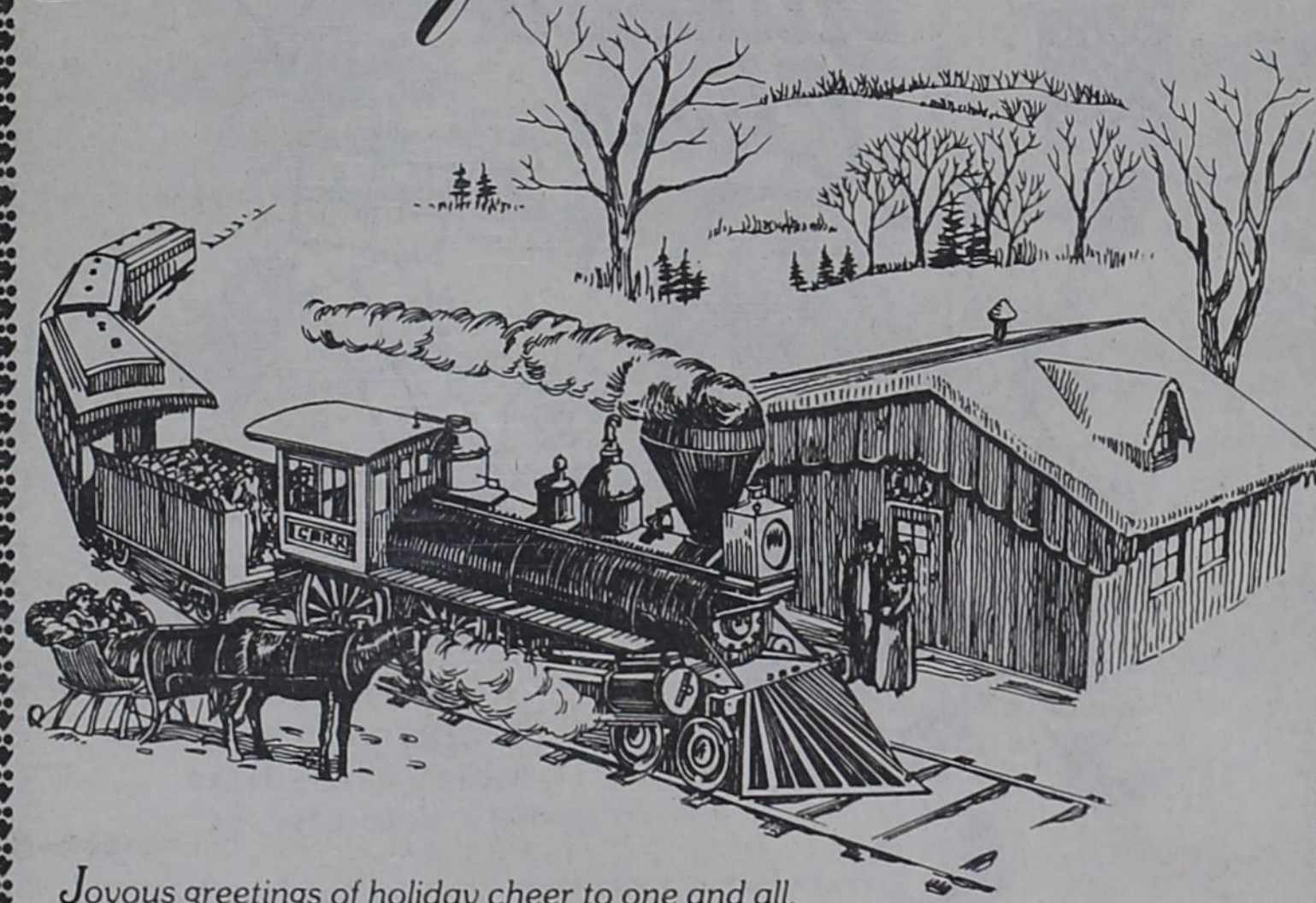
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Gail Morris and Staff

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# Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

Christmas is almost here and it is a time for giving, sharing, loving and remembering friends and family.

I suppose everyone finds time each year to remember Christmases of long ago and how we felt as a child and what Christmases meant to each of us.

Looking back, don't you wonder how people provided for their families during the depression years, much less managing presents at Christmas time?

I had three older brothers who helped make Christmas very real and special for my sister Jane and me. I remember one year when I was very young, the countryside was covered with a heavy layer of snow. My brother Oliver came running into the house late the evening of Christmas Eve, all excited and telling us about seeing tracks made by Santa's sled in the snow and how Santa must be making his rounds and it wouldn't be long before he'd be coming to

our house.

Now we always believed brother Oliver, because he never storied to us and needless to say, we were beside ourselves with excitement.

After supper was over and we were anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival, the boys went outside to see if they could see Santa coming. It wasn't long before we heard our dogs. We always had a yard full of greyhounds that became jubilant over any movement. They began barking and raising cane about something.

Oliver came in and told Jane and me that sure enough Santa was coming and for us to hide. Back then houses were small and there weren't many places for hiding. Kids always got under the kitchen table if a meal wasn't taking place. Well, we crouched under the kitchen table and closed our eyes so tightly!

We heard the front room door open and Santa was there. We didn't see him, because when Oliver told us to stay hid and close our eyes until he was gone, we knew that was exactly what we were supposed to do.

We heard alot of commotion and rustling of packages being placed beneath the tree. Shortly we heard Santa leave and the grownups wishing him a Merry Christmas. We stayed under the table until Oliver came for us.

I remember the thrill of all those presents under our beautiful Christmas tree. Something else I remember, seems Santa never left many presents for mother and daddy and that bothered me a little, but not for long because they seemed just as happy and excited over the gifts Santa had left for us as we were.

Looking back, I know someone was very good to us, to have given us a mother and daddy who made Christmas time so special, for giving us so much love, fun, laughter and providing a whole lot of security during those growing up years.

Merry Christmas and best wishes from all of us at the Blade office. May the new year bring you much happiness.

See you next year...  
Scooter

Fern and Durward Bell spent time in Montrose, Colorado with their daughter and family, Karen, Royce, Capi and Cody Grissom. Fern said they are excited about having them come to Bovina for Christmas.

Butch and Bonnie Woltman are grandparents of a baby boy, Eric Lloyd House, born November 7 and his parents are Richard and Cherri House of Uvalde, Texas...congratulations!

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
I will like to have a doll. I will like a dollbuger. I have been a good girl. My name is Jamie and I am in the second grade.

Love, Jamie Parson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cricket doll and a bike and a baby Heather and a Garfield Santa. I want cabbage patch kid and a popula.

Love, Paulene

# Dixon Has Lived In Bovina Area 93 Years

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

P.O. Dixon was one of eight children. His family moved from Arkansas to Texas. He said he and his sister, Dovie, were the two who were born in Texas. His father farmed and had a few cattle. P.O. has lived in this area for 93 years.

He said as a child he always remembered having plenty to eat. Seemed his dad could always sell a few cattle when necessary and keep them in food and clothing. Families lived ten to twenty miles apart so they were not able to get together for fun times, but he remembered at Christmas time, the children in his family always hung their stockings by the fireplace and usually had nuts and fruit in them but he never remembered getting any toys.

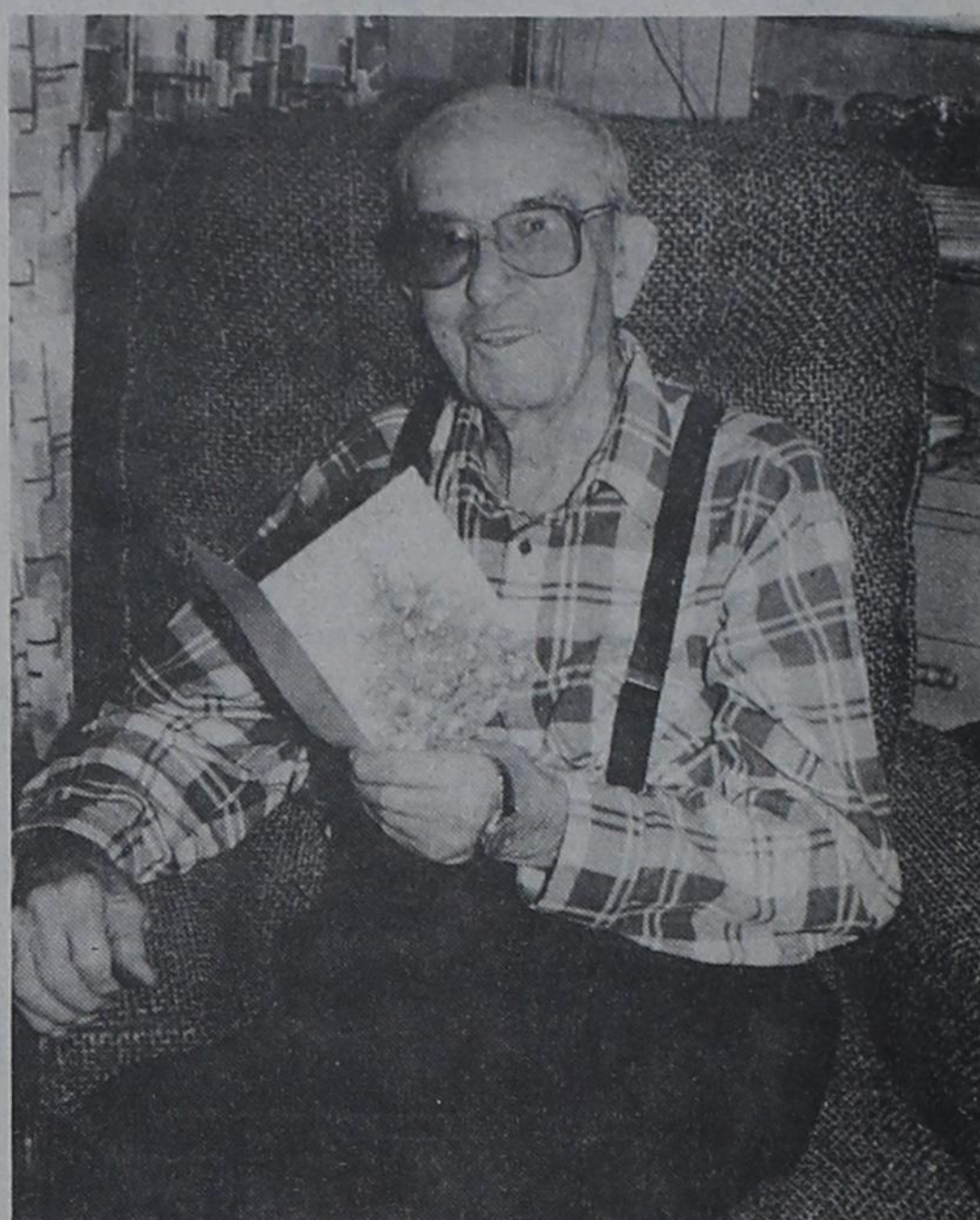
He remembers his mother always cooking ham for Christmas dinner. Said they raised turkeys, but turkeys cost \$5 apiece and were too valuable to eat. Beef was only 60¢ a hundred, so turkeys were more valuable. They were hard to keep, because coyotes always found them. Much of the time they had chickens to eat and would butcher a hog now and then.

P.O. remembers some hard times, but said he was young and just didn't worry. When the banks closed back in the depression years, he only had \$4 in his pocket and \$12 in the bank that he lost. Said he wasn't worried because he had a job moving freight and knew that the next day he would have a little more cash in his pocket.

He courted his wife, Ella, for eight years before they married and the couple raised four children. He bragged on his children and said none of them had ever been in jail or given them any trouble whatsoever and today not a one of them smokes.

He said he gave all the credit for his fine children to his wife, Ella, who always set a good Christian example for them.

One of the stories he remembered at Christmas time about his own family was when



NINETY-FOUR CHRISTMASSES...P.O. Dixon is looking forward to spending his 94th Christmas in Bovina with family and friends.

## Holiday Gift Wrap



daughter, Mary Hazel, was twelve years old and they didn't think she would want a doll so didn't have one for her on Christmas morning. She cried and cried all day so finally he went to town and bought her a doll.

P.O. has family living in Bovina and also many friends who find him very delightful to visit with. He's never too busy for a hand shake and a smile. We count it a privilege having known P.O. for many years.



A message from this newspaper and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety

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# Lloyds Look Forward To Christmas With Family

**By SCOOTER RUSSELL**  
 Buck and Freda Lloyd have lived in Bovina since they married in 1934. Buck moved to Bovina in January of 1926 from Childress and Freda moved to Friona from Arkansas in October of 1926. The house Freda's father built for the family still stands in Friona.  
 Buck said his family did not make over Christmas all that much but he did remember having fruit and nuts. He said he didn't remember having toys at Christmas time. Freda said they always had toys, fruits, nuts and candy at Christmas time.  
 Freda came from a big family

and there were fifteen children in her family. All of them had names that began with the letter "F". They were: Freda, Faye, Frances, Flora, Finley, Frank, Fraunie, Fred, Felton Farris, Foy, Flossie, Floy, Floyd, Forrest and Fernell.  
 She said the children envied Felton Farris because he had two "F's" in his name. She carried out the tradition with her own children and they were named Penny, Paul, Phillip, Patricia and Pauline. Freda said she was the oldest child in her family and her mother had five children after Freda's first child was born.  
 When Freda and her family moved to Friona there were eight children at that time. Her grandfather, Hartsfield, was well off financially and had given each of his six sons eighty acres of land and made sure that his four daughters were educated. Freda's father, Sam J. Hartsfield, moved his family to Friona in a brand new car and sent his furniture, household items and new lumber for the new house by rail.



**BUCK AND FREDA LLOYD** are ready for Christmas and hoping to have some or all of their five children and grandchildren with them for the holidays.


She said it took the family three days to move from Arkansas. They only brought enough food for one day and the other two days they ate at restaurants along the way. She still remembers the attention eight children received as they sat in a line at the counter of the restaurants.  
 Christmas was very special at Freda's family's home and she remembers her mother always cooked a huge ham in the pressure cooker for their Christmas dinner. She said they raised turkeys, so they always had them, but her mother didn't cook them. Along with the ham, they had lots of vegetables that they had canned.  
 Christmas breakfast was just as special and they always had sausage and eggs. She said the ladies would can the sausage. They would fry it, put it in jars and pour over the hot grease and seal them. When they were ready to eat the sausage, they would heat the jars until the grease melted and it was

ready to eat.  
 The entire family had to eat breakfast first before they could have their presents which were under the tree in the living room. It was difficult to eat knowing the presents were in the next room. The home had a big dining room and living room with double doors between.  
 One very special Christmas in her memories, was when times were hard and money was scarce. She had graduated from high school in May of 1933 and worked following graduation. She earned 50¢ a day washing for people, ironing, babysitting or cleaning. She vividly remembers one lady who was very nice and paid her \$1 a day.  
 Anyway, when Christmas came

that year, her mother told her there would not be presents because they did not have enough money. Freda had managed to save \$15 and that year she chose to spend all of her savings to make sure that all of the children had a present. This was fifty years ago and only recently she had been at the home of one of her sisters, Flora, who showed her the strand of beads that she had saved all these years and it was the gift that Freda had bought her that Christmas.  
 When the ladies looked at the strand of wooden beads, they smiled and remembered that special Christmas morning. They talked of the good times and how fortunate they had been to have parents that had given them a gift of love that had lasted a lifetime.

*Peace on Earth*

May you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, a healthy and prosperous New Year!



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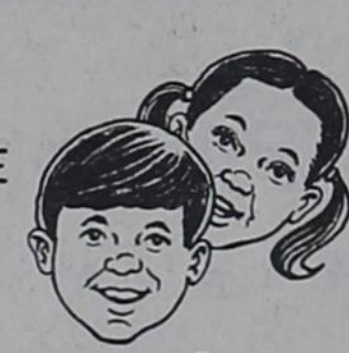


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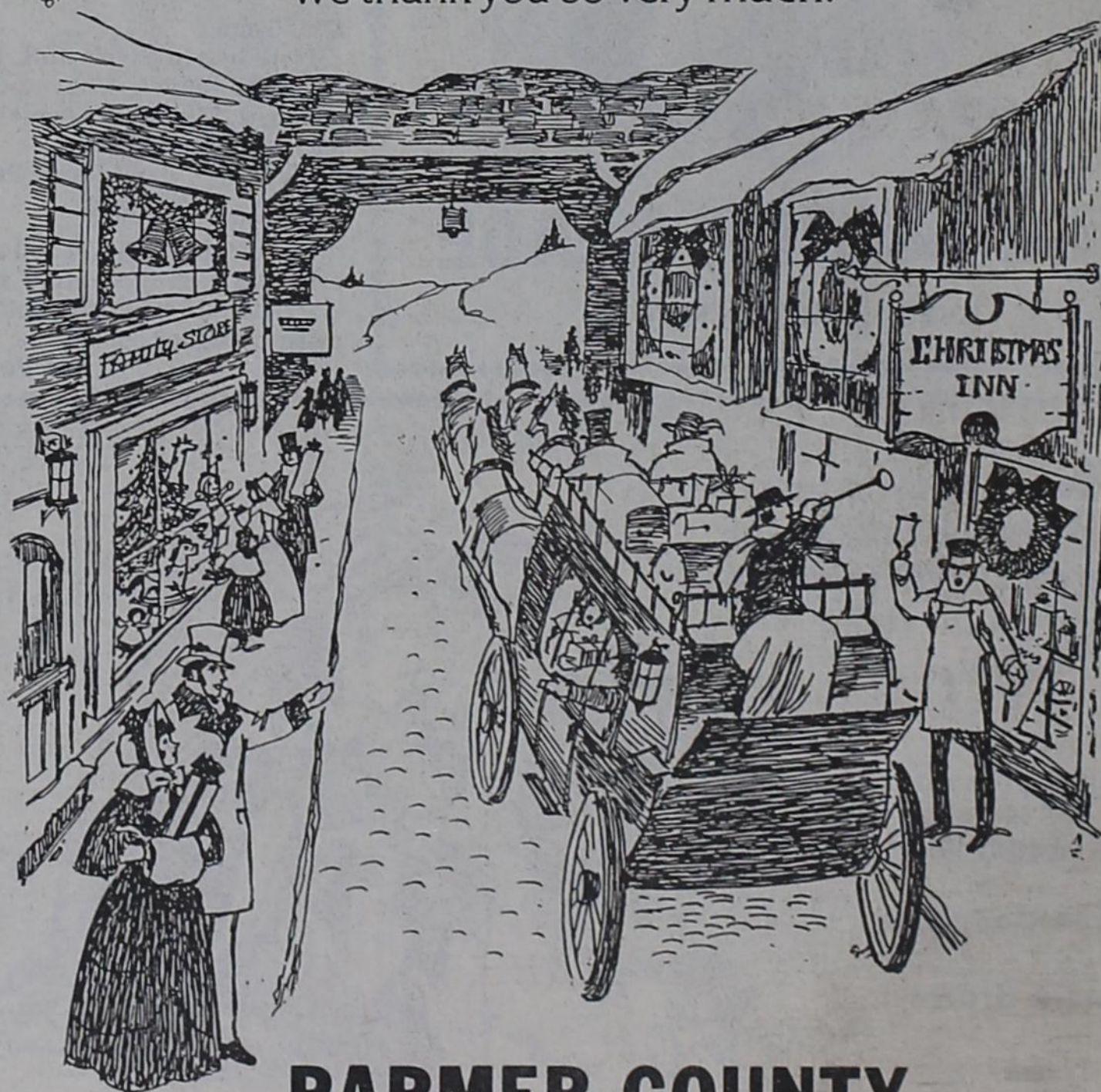
*Billy and Paula Whitecotton*

# Merry Christmas

My best wishes for your merry Christmases and your happy New Years, your long lives and your true prosperities.

— Charles Dickens

We thank you so very much.



## PARMER COUNTY SPRAYING SERVICE

--From the Amarillo Globe-News

# A season for whoopin' and hollerin' in Bovina

By TIM BUCKLEY  
Globe-News Sports Writer

After the Bovina football team lost its final game of the regular season, there was a feeling of uneasiness amidst the Mustang players.

Bovina's playoffs chances - its entire season - would be decided by a coin flip. Mustang players gathered in their locker room to watch the proceedings, which took place in the Bovina coaches' offices. All could be seen through a large window separating the two rooms.

"There was a lot of whoopin' and hollerin'," Bovina head coach Bill Talley said of the postflip celebration. "Really, it was just elation."

The fact Bovina was even involved in the flip was

reason enough for joy. The fact the Mustangs won one of the two playoff spots available in the District 2-1A flip with Anton and Farwell, however, was historical.

For the first time since 1965, Bovina had made the Texas high school football playoffs. The Mustangs ended an 8-3 season with a 28-0 bi-district loss Nov. 29 to Wheeler, which played for the Class 1A state championship Saturday night.

Bovina overcame a recent reputation for losing, as the Mustangs endured an 0-19-1 record during 1984 and '85. Bovina then dropped from 2A to 1A and went 7-7 last season.

For their accomplishments this season, Bovina has been named the Super Team surprise team of the year.

"I thought our seniors contributed a great deal to it," said Talley, who came to Bovina in '85. "They had been down a rough and rocky road in seasons past, but they had meetings with each other throughout the season and had a winning attitude. They (Bovina's seniors) told me they were going to be different than other senior classes and they were going to provide some leadership."

Eight of Bovina's 22 players this season were seniors, including five who played football for four seasons.

Running backs Todd Ware and Bud Venable provided much of the offensive punch for Bovina, as Ware had 960 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns while Venable picked up 1,086 yards.

Junior quarterback Scott Scaff also was a key, as the Mustang basketball standout returned to the gridiron after sitting out his junior season.

"He made a big difference," Talley said. "He allowed us to run the kind of offense we wanted to and move the football."

And while Bovina may have been a surprise to the rest of the state, Talley claims to have been convinced it was justified to expect something special from this season's Mustangs.

"It was a pleasant surprise we won as many as we did. My heart may have been overruling my head but really, in the preseason, I sensed something about this team," Talley said. "The key was a winning attitude prevailed at every practice."

## A Holiday Wish to One and All!

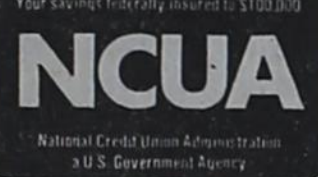
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## Kelsos Ready For Christmas Season

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Howard and Minnie Kelso moved to Bovina in April, 1949 from Canyon. Howard farmed for awhile then worked for Sherley Grain for sixteen years and his wife, Minnie, ran the Mustang Drive In.

In their memories of Christmas they said they didn't remember having Christmas trees at home, but always had one in the community for the neighbors get-together. Minnie said she supposed the piano at their home served as a Christmas tree, because the gifts were always stacked on it. She said years later, they found out the gifts had been hid behind the piano.

Howard said there were always lots of singings at their home and said at one time there were so many standing that the floor actually swayed with the load. They both remember having fruit and nuts and Minnie said she remembered having a doll and also

toys.

Howard said he remembered hanging stockings at his home, but didn't remember having a tree.

They thought about their Christmases and said they had always made Christmas special for their own children and remembered one year making all the toys for their children.

Minnie said it was a long time after their only daughter and her daughter were killed in an accident that they were able to make something of the holidays, but said time heals and the family was looking forward to another Christmas. They talked of their silly gifts each year that they always had a lot of fun with.

Howard said when he was a boy, they always had ham, chicken and pork for meals and would kill a beef now and then, but there wasn't a way to keep beef for long, so the neighbors got part of it when one was killed.

When I arrived at the Kelsos' home, Minnie was in the process of making gifts for her sons. If you know Minnie, you know what a talented person she is and how beautiful her arts and crafts are also, their beautiful home. One could look and look and never really see all the pretty things she has. We enjoyed a look-see and a good visit with the Kelsos.



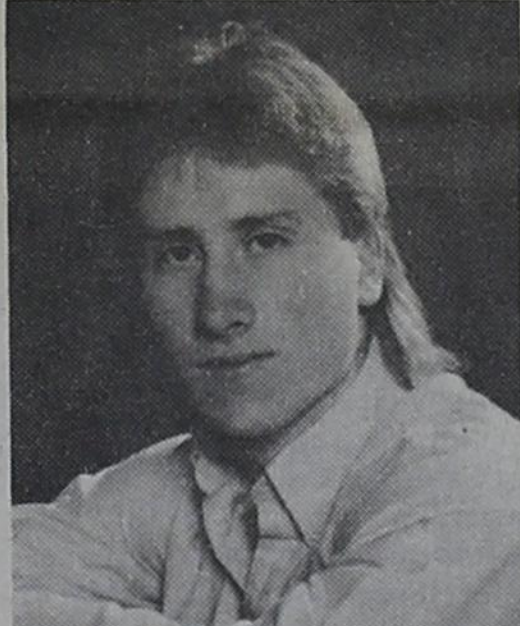
READY FOR CHRISTMAS....Howard and Minnie Kelso are finishing up the decorating for their sons and grandchildren who will be spending Christmas with them in Bovina.

## Emergency Applications Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by hail are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Farwell, Texas at 207 Avenue D, FmHA County Supervisor Weldon C. Rainey said this week.

Parmer County is one of 12 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the hail.

Weldon C. Rainey said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 per cent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 per cent.



## DALE GILBREATH Gilbreath Is Graduate Of West Texas

Dale Gilbreath graduated from West Texas State University December 17 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and history.

Gilbreath was a 1983 graduate of Bovina High School, and has attended WTSU four years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbreath of Bovina.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,

Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want clothes to dress up. I like a queen and a baby doll for my sister. We've been good.

Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,

Santa I like to have a doll. Santa put the presents under the Christmas tree. I like a Garfield sleep bag and Tony too and J.D. too.

Love, Jamie Parson

Dear Santa,

I want the game road racer for the netendo and ghost and goblins and penball and that is all.

Love, Sean

## Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending December 4, 1987 in County Clerk's Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Hurshel R. Harding, Thomas Nichols, a tract out of the SE part of Lot 50, Sec. 31, T9S;R1E

WD, D.C. McWhorter, Tommy Lee Tatum, all of Sec. 35, T2N;R4E.



Dear Betty Crocker

Q: What do shiny pans do to a cake?

A: A shiny cake pan reflects heat, producing a cake with a tender, delicate, lightly browned crust.

Q: Do frozen baked fruit pies need to be thawed before reheating?

A: Allow unwrapped pies to thaw at room temperature for an hour. Heat in a 375 degree oven on the lowest rack for 35 to 40 minutes.

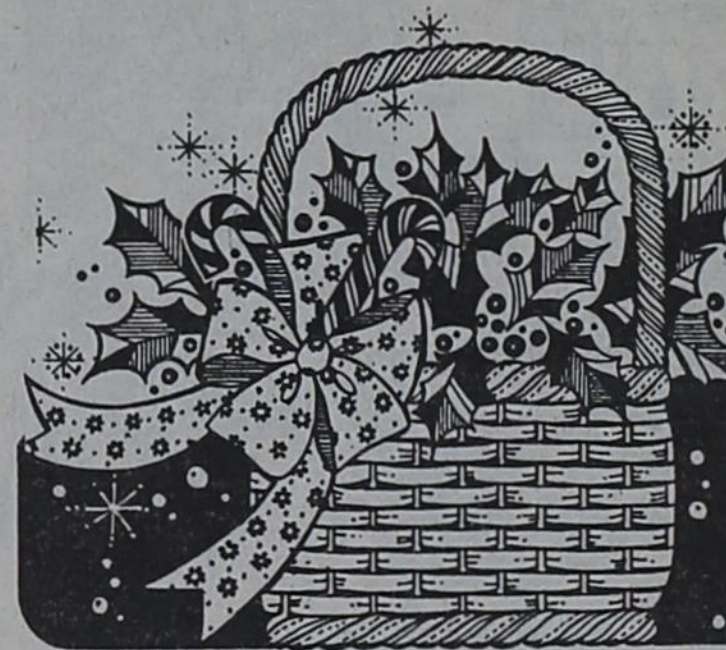
Q: What are some fresh new ideas for early holiday baking?

A: You could make extra-large rolled sugar or ginger cookies (ten inches tall) from a child's drawing, patterns traced from magazines or storybook illustrations or jumbo cookie cutters. Also, prepare your favorite sweet roll dough and shape it into "Bread Bears" or another animal or object shape. Cool both cookies and bread completely. Seal in moisture proof, vapor proof wrap to freeze. Decorate when you're ready to give the goodies away.

Do you have a question? Write Dear Betty Crocker, Box 1113, Dept. Betty, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

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Remembered friends and crisp white snow  
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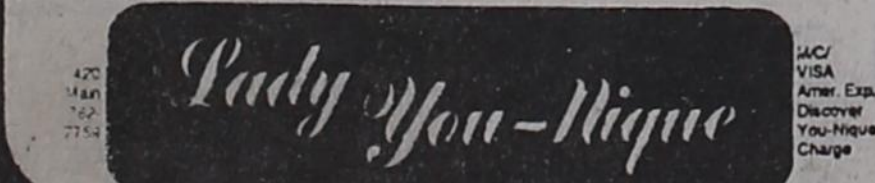


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# 1987 Events Highlighted By Bovina Blade Files

A variety of events went to make up the top news activities for the Bovina area for the calendar year 1987. As usual, residents of the area and Parmer County were the main newsmakers.

A sampling of headlines contained in the 1987 Bovina Blade editions yielded the following highlights of the year locally:

## JANUARY

The Christmas Card Fund amounted to \$1,084 and was presented to the Bovina Ambulance Fund by the Women's Study Club, sponsor of the project. It will be used to build a new building to house the ambulance and supplies.

Joe Olvera was nominated as employee of the month and received \$50 from the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Worley Mills has sold three of its four grain elevators to Sherley-Anderson-Pittman for an undisclosed amount.

The Bovina area received more than a foot of snow during blizzard like conditions during the third week in January.

An electrical explosion caused the shutting down of the Excel plant for most of one day.

Bonnie Clayton was one of ninety-six justices of the peace who

attended a seminar in Austin.

## FEBRUARY

Some progress was noted on the prospects of widening Highway 60 through Parmer County to four lanes this week with the signing of a contract asking the state to purchase right-of-way from Castro County line west to Friona.

The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department now has a new system and each fireman will be wearing a pager.

Bovina FFA and 4-H youngsters made the auction sale with 12 of their animals at the 40th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show held in Friona.

Matt Fox and Peggy Shepherd were chosen as 1987 Basketball King and Queen.

Eddie Villarreal was chosen as employee of the month and received a \$50 savings bond.

Bovina's baby born this year is Krystal Lyn Fuentes, daughter of Mary Lou Fuentes. She was born January 28.

The 1987 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show was down by \$20,289 from the sale totals of 1986.

Ray Spence, 32, began his duties as police officer in the City of Bovina.

The Bovina Roping Club

presented the Ambulance Service with a check in the amount of \$500 to be used on the new building.

A drug deterrent program has begun in our schools and trained dogs will make periodic tours through the school building searching for traces of drugs.

## MARCH

Damage was estimated at \$2,500 when fire broke out at Caprock Industries.

Jack Stanberry of Sherley Grain Elevator was chosen as employee of the month and received a \$50 savings bond from the Chamber of Commerce.

John Erickson will be the speaker for the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Daniel Hernandez displayed first and third place trophies their team won in the Clovis softball league, sponsored by Bovina businesses.

Debra Beauchamp and Vernon Willard were honored as Bovina's Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet.

Carol Scott was honored as teacher of the year and Jonathan Gauntt and Anna Villarreal were named youths of the year at the Chamber Banquet.

## APRIL

Billy Whitecotton has bought out Billy Smith's interest in the Bovina Supermarket after the two had been partners for the past 15 years.

Clifford Leake was injured in an accident that involved his vehicle and a semi truck.

Funeral services were held for Ben Rejino, 79, who died in Parmer County Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Celia Tienda was chosen employee of the month and was presented a \$50 US savings bond by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mindy Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Neal, has been signed to a full, five-year scholarship by Texas A&M University.

Troy Frank Turner was injured in an accident at his family's farm when the family vehicle rolled over the boy. He suffered a broken leg and fractured pelvic bone. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner.

Mindy Neal won the triple jump event at the regional track meet last Saturday and the performance nailed down a berth in the state meet for the Fillies' star.

Jeff Steelman was chosen as employee of the month and was presented a \$50 savings bond by Chamber president, Joe Rackley.

Tambra Turner was crowned as Lions District 2T-1 Queen Friday night at the Lion's Club district convention.

Billy Chandler, deputy sheriff, is now on duty and moved to Bovina from Post.

An appreciation tea was held to honor Carol Scott who will be moving to Abilene from Bovina after teaching for the past fourteen years in Bovina schools.

Homer Renteria is valedictorian of the senior graduating class and Anna Villarreal is salutatorian.

The outstanding band award went to Rosalva Antillon and Juana Guevara, both seniors.

Steve Gauntt received the Mustang Award and Mindy Neal was presented the Filly Award. Todd Ware was given the football "Most Valuable Player" award. Scott Scaff was named "Most Valuable Player" in basketball and in boys track, Denver Riddle was named "Most Valuable Player." Mindy Neal won the award for girls track.

## JUNE

Sixteen students who made the "A" and "A-B" honor roll throughout high school were honored with a banquet.

The new City Marshal on duty is Donnie Brown, 25, formerly of Pampa. He assumed his duties on May 22.

Jeff Taylor has been named the new pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

New manager of Bovina Fuel Company is Roy Don Smith. Open house is being held at Bovina Fuel Company June 15 and 16.

Raymond Rocha was chosen employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Mearle Morgan assumed her duties as the Municipal Judge for Bovina.

The first load of wheat and barley were delivered to Sherley Grain Elevator Sunday, June 14.

Twenty-six riders were in a Bike-A-Thon that brought in over \$1,500 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

A sizeable reward has been offered for information on the vandalism that occurred at the Bovina Cemetery in recent days.

## JULY

Two Mexican men armed with a double barrel shot gun and knife robbed the Allsup's store of almost \$60.

Rain fell this week and a hail storm that caused a lot of damage to crops west of Bovina. Funnel clouds were also sighted.

Eleuterio and Grace Gallegos were the lucky winners of the trip to Hawaii during the July 4th celebration drawing held at the day's activities.

Laverne Thatcher was chosen as employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Rhodes is the new vo-ag instructor at Bovina High School, announced this week.

Kelli Mitchell, daughter of Larry and Donna Mitchell, was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt made and donated for a raffle by the Senior Citizens and proceeds were given to the ambulance building fund.

"Kans For Kids Day" on July 10 was sponsored by Kirkpatrick's and citizens donated almost 700 pounds of aluminum cans. They made \$240 that will go to the Boy Scouts.

Andy Stormes won three trophies, a belt buckle and 22 rifle at the Division II Trap and Skeet Shoot held at the Lubbock South Plains Gun Club on July 24-25. He was named "high overall" with the highest combined score in the trap and skeet divisions.

## AUGUST

Appian Corporation will be in



**TOP CITIZENS....Vernon Willard and Debra Beauchamp were honored by the Chamber as Man and Woman of the Year.**

Bovina to begin resealing the city streets on August 5, 6 and 7.

Bud Venable was chosen employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber of Commerce.

Sid Lloyd suffered a broken arm in a two vehicle accident on Highway 86, and was hospitalized in Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

Ruby's Originals is a new business in town and is located at the home of Pete and Ruby Davies.

## SEPTEMBER

Verne Jacoby is the new band director for the Bovina Schools and comes here from Clovis.

Fifteen youngsters met at the City Park to participate in the "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon and almost \$1,000 was raised.

Funeral services were held for Jack Woltman, a long time resident of Bovina.

Lori Bales is employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber of Commerce.

For the third time this year, rattlesnakes have been found in the City of Bovina.

## OCTOBER

Bovina Mustangs scored a 57-18 win over Amarillo Christian at their homecoming game.

Employee of the month went to Bobbie Pearson who received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber.

Memorial services for Alma Alverson, 81, were held this week.

Homecoming King and Queen are Todd Ware and Sandy Trevino.

The former First State Bank of Bovina was closed and re-opened as a branch of the First Bank of Muleshoe.

Thirty-four people came forth to donate blood at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, sponsored by the high school student council.

## NOVEMBER

Mary Treinen was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt at a drawing at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

West Plains Medical Center in Muleshoe opened its doors once again for business.

Fifth grade students collected \$351 for UNICEF.

Flossie Rhinehart is the first freeze contest winner for 1987.

The District 2-A all-district teams were announced this week, and true to form, the three co-champions, Anton, Bovina and Farwell, shared equally in the number of selections, with fourteen each.

Sandra Ware is employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber.

Jon Riddle was among ten students who were on the Rho Chi, a national pharmacy honor society to membership in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

## DECEMBER

Tilly Card of Canyon is the grand prize winner in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest.

Ola Lee Jones is employee of the month and received a \$50 US savings bond from the Chamber of Commerce.



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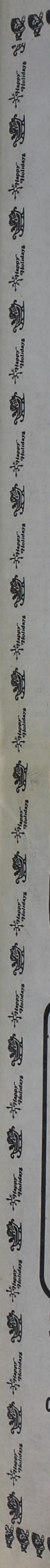
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Christmas cookies we like best,  
Are mom's homemade, over all the rest!



The Star of Bethlehem showed the way  
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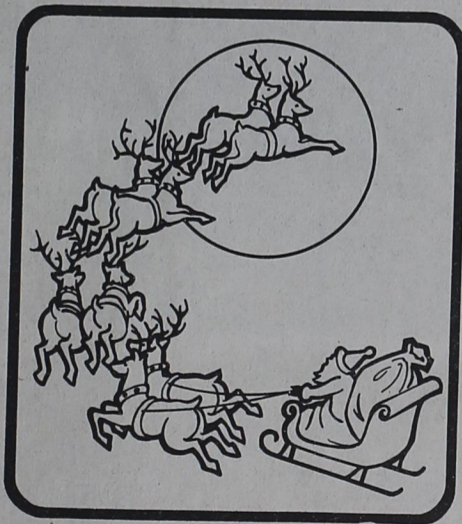
Smelling piney, twinkling bright,  
A Christmas tree's a home's delight.



Singing songs of Christmas past  
Retells His tale of love to last.



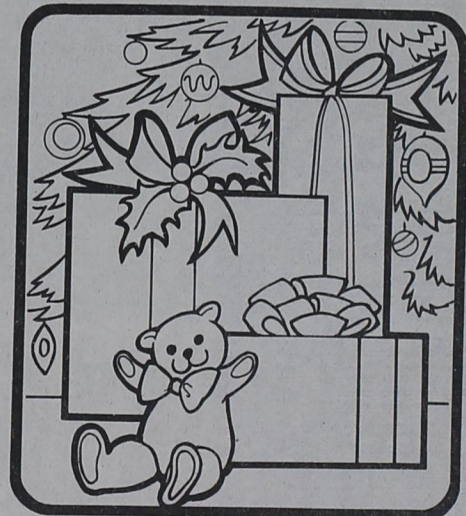
Children keep awake all night  
To see if Santa's yet in sight!



Eyes a-sparkling, Santa's here  
With gift-laden sleigh and eight reindeer.



We're working fast to make the toys  
For all Santa's good girls and boys!



Pretty to see wrapped 'neath our tree,  
Gifts from Santa, to you and me!

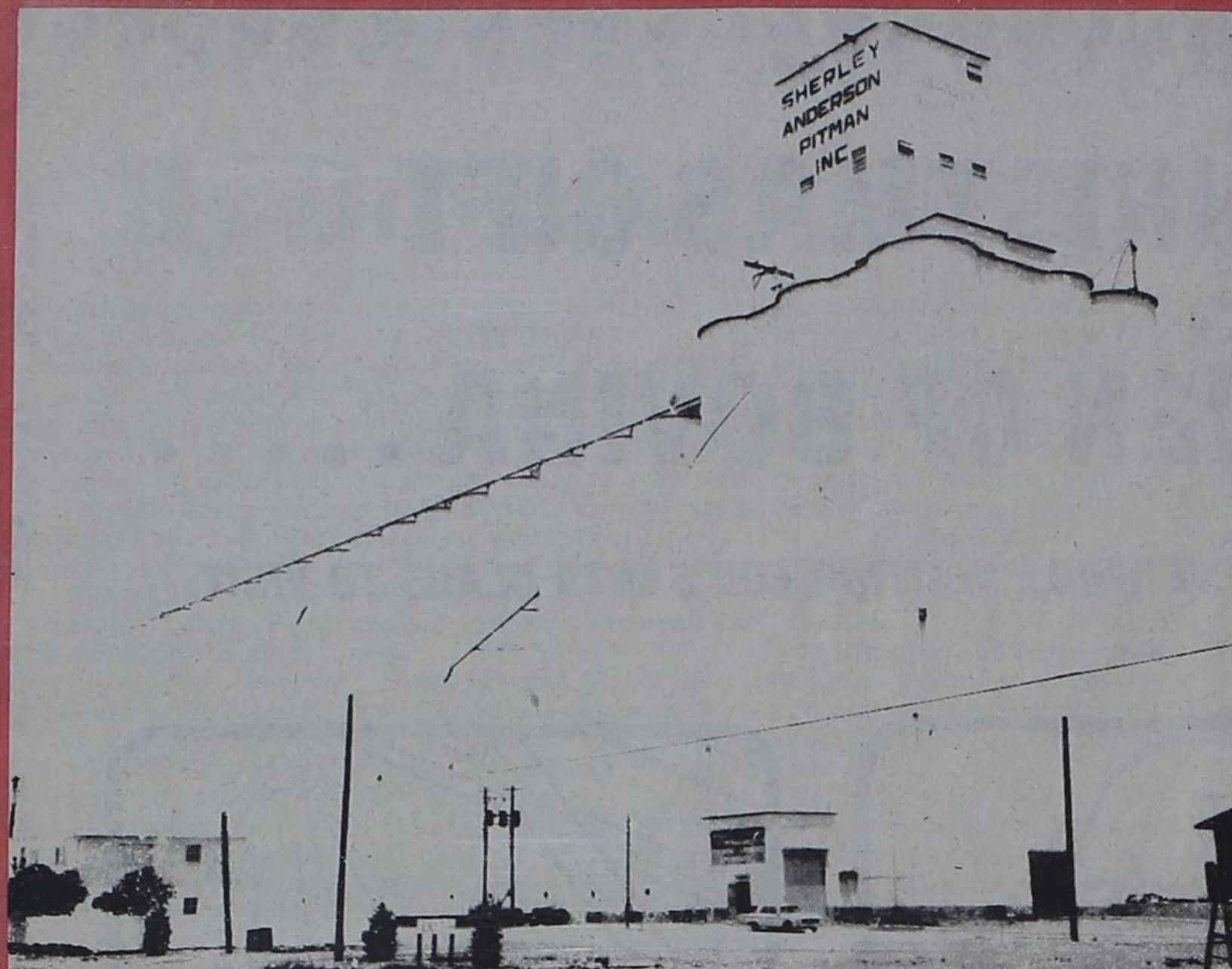
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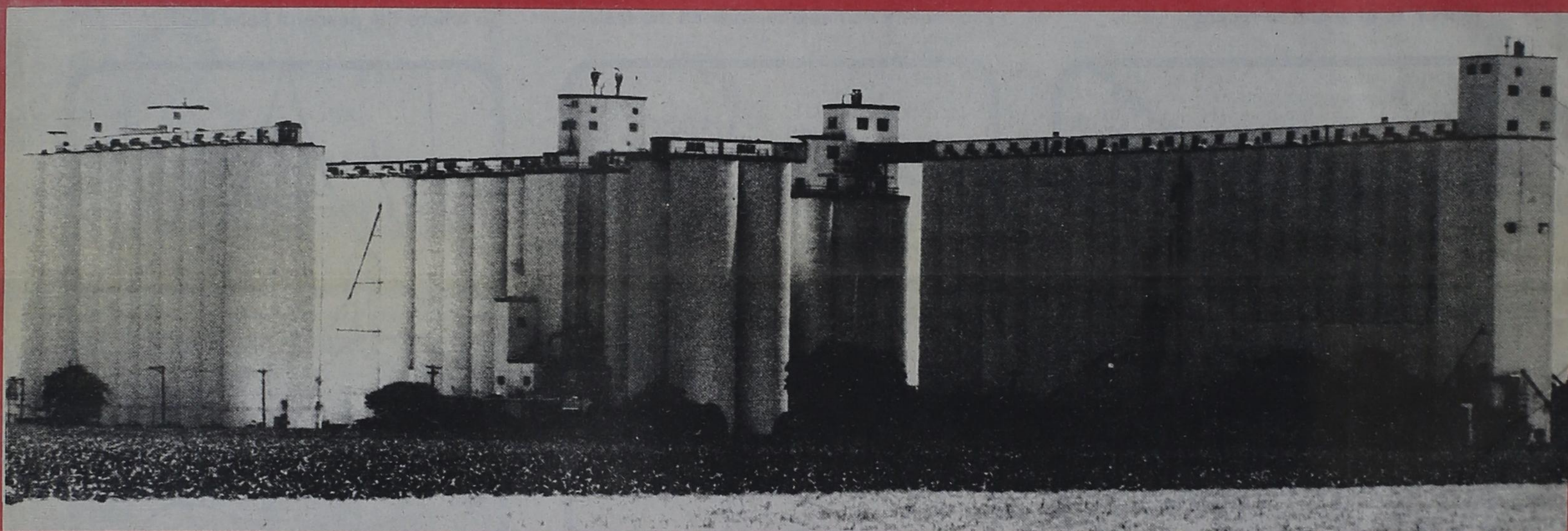


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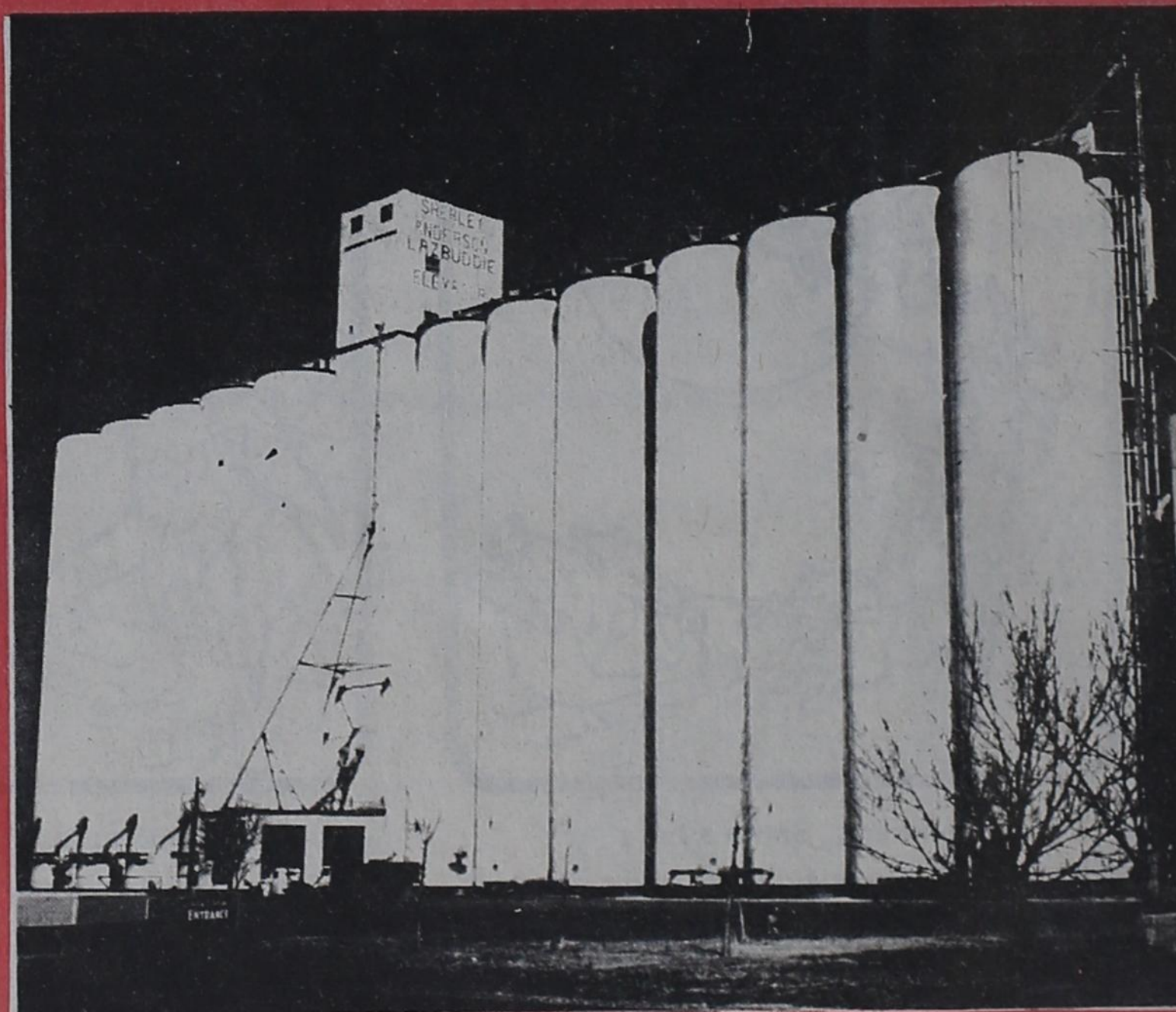
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