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SMILES ALL AROUND in Jennifer Fisher's pre-kindergarten class at Ridgelea. The kids are happy to have Mrs. Fisher and this is her first year to teach so she is happy too. She is a graduate of Texas Tech and lives in Portales. ron carr photo

PH Literacy Council Needs Volunteers For Reading Day

Sponsored by Cargill and the Caprock Feedyard, the Panhandle Plains Literacy Council is organizing a day of reading emphasis for the Bovina primary and elementary school age children.

It will be held on Friday, September 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas.

Darla Sealey, elementary principal, will then divide the students into groups at Ridgelea and the elementary school to participate in the several activities designed to get children excited about reading.

"I would really appreciate help in getting some volunteers for Ms. Sealey and the Panhandle Plains Literacy Day-A-Reading Roundup," said Scott Nelson, feedlot general manager at

Caprock.

Some of the activities discussed by Sealey and her staff include horse shoeing, a chuck wagon, cowboy poetry, stick horse races, horseshoe pitching, butter churning, story telling, making ice cream, square dancing, and horse and pony rides.

"Any ideas or suggestions in addition to this list would be appreciated," Nelson said. He stated that very few of these activities are actually set up, they are simply ideas for activities designed to encourage the kids in school.

The teachers need some help securing volunteers and props to assure the success of this Literacy Day and they want to maintain the Western theme.

Anyone who has items like an old butter churn, hand crank ice cream freezer,

a horse the kids could ride, a chuck wagon, or a poem about Western life are encouraged to lend them.

If you have 30 minutes or an hour of time to donate, or know someone who does, contact Ms. Sealey at 238-1317 or Scott Nelson at Caprock, 225-4400, ext. 21.

"Cargill is pleased to sponsor the Panhandle Plains Literacy Council and the Bovina schools in this Day-A-Reading Roundup. Would you please help out the school and the children that day," Nelson urged.



Bovina Grad Starts Football N.M. Program

Last Sunday, the Clovis News Journal carried a story in their sports section about a small town in New Mexico that will play their first football game in almost 50 years on Saturday, September 5.

The small town of House, New Mexico, located near Melrose, will field a six-man football team. Their first opponent will be the Floyd Broncos.

The superintendent of schools in House initiated the idea of bringing the six-man program to the school. His name is Alan Carson, a 1968 graduate of Bovina High School.

Carson is the son of Marion and Dixie Carson of Bovina. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Highland College in Las Vegas, New Mexico and his Masters Degree at ENMU.

Among other assignments he spent eight years in the school system in Orem, Utah, and this is his second year at House.

Head coach Mike Patton credits Carson and the parents of the students for supporting this football program. When practices started, 15 out of 19 boys from the school came out for the team.

The community had a big hand in helping with the costs of getting the program started. They helped buy most of the equipment for the team and will help pay for travel and food costs over the season.

Carson implemented the program in spite of the fact that the school does not have a football field. The three home games this year will be played at a nearby field.

The next sport the school will work on to bring back is baseball which could be started up as early as this spring.

High-Voltage Power Line Bare-Hand Techniques

Bare-hand techniques for working on energized high-voltage lines were developed so that there is a minimum of outage time on transmission lines while performing maintenance work.

These techniques mandate highly specialized and insulated bucket trucks. Lineworkers, in the buckets must be energized at the same voltage as the line being worked on and totally insulated from any ground source. In effect, they become part of the conducting power line.

Before raising the bucket to the high-voltage line, they remove their boots and stand in stocking feet or conductive shoes on a piece of stainless steel that lines the bucket. Standing on bare steel in stocking feet on 100 degree days can become downright painful.

A copper jumper installed with tools for working with high-voltage ties the bucket and steel liner to the energized power line. The steel liner links the workers mechanically and electrically to the 69,000-volt transmission line. Although the technique is referred to as bare-hand, some workers wear conducting leather gloves to grip and work on the energized line.

If rubber gloves were worn, there is enough difference in voltage between the fingers of the glove and the elbow to cause a high-voltage static discharge to their arms. This type of static discharge is painful but not fatal. This is nothing like the consequences of a high-voltage line coming in contact with a ground source.

Bruce Johnson and Harold Finch, DSEC's high-voltage crew, invited me to go up in the bucket and bare-hand 69,000 volts. The crew also includes Jimmy Rose, Steve Horrell and Mike Wilson who rotate as ground personnel. Although I have been employed by DSEC most of my working life with the first part of my career on the line crews, this was to be an entirely new experience for me.

First, I removed my shoes before climbing into the bucket. At a certain age climbing into anything is somewhat of a challenge. I also noticed that the truck's perforated steps were a lot sharper than I thought. I remember why I don't go barefoot anywhere except across carpet.

Bruce was in the bucket beside me giving instructions while Harold was in the back of the truck watching carefully to make sure I didn't do something foolish. I knew I was in capable hands.

Bruce explained that I shouldn't experience any physical effects from the high voltage. However, he told me that sometimes change and keys in pockets could cause a small electric discharge. Should this happen, it might tend to test my reflexes.

I learned again to operate the "shotgun" hot stick. It had been a long time since I used one. However, it's sort of like riding a bicycle. Although my skills were rusty, it all came back to me.

Bruce used his shotgun hot stick to attach his jumper to the 69,000-volt transmission line. As the copper jumper wire contacted the high voltage line I heard a hissing, sizzling sound similar to pouring water into a red-hot pan. I then attached my jumper to the wire. I didn't feel anything that might indicate I had just become a part of the conductor as I stood in the bucket in stocking feet.

The instant we energized the buckets and ourselves, at 69,000 volts, things we normally consider safe to touch—the pole, the crossarm and even the insulators—become fatally dangerous. They were a ground source and we were energized at a very high voltage. The



Tommie Weemes, DSEC's member services manager, grips the energized 69,000-volt transmission line. Although this is not exactly in his job description, he did it to research the article and to experience some of the techniques of bare-handing high-voltage lines.

thinking process regarding the safety of grounded items must be reversed by 180 degrees. It was easy to see that this type of line work requires one hundred percent physical and mental focus one hundred percent of the time.

Bruce assured me that everything was as it should be, and with a deep breath I reached out and grabbed the high voltage transmission line. I felt nothing as I was already energized at the same voltage as the line. I moved my bare hands up and down the wire for short distances. Again I felt nothing. I held my arm just outside of the jumper and felt the hair on the back of my arm begin to rise. It seemed to be a good place to end this episode and get back to my real life.

As we prepared to descend in the bucket, Bruce removed the jumper on his side and I removed mine. With instructions from Bruce, I moved the jumper up and down into the line. This motion created an electric arc

about two inches long accompanied by the sinister hissing sound I mentioned previously. The sound reminds us that working on high voltage lines presents a very danger and constant vigilance must be maintained.

It was time to call it a day for my bare-hand experiences and Bruce gently lowered the bucket boom back into its cradle. It is obvious that this crew knows what they are doing, and they are doing it safely and competently.

Extraordinary care must be exercised in all types of hot-line work to ensure the safety of the lineworkers. Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative personnel have the training, equipment and expertise to accomplish this task. One of our long-standing goals is to provide as much continuity of service as possible for our consumers. The introduction of bare-hand techniques is yet another step in this process.

Sheriff's Office "Tracks" Burglars, Recovers Loot

On Saturday, August 29, Sheriff's Deputy Joe "Junior" Lopez and Chief Deputy Scotty Ward investigated a burglary report at the Martin Brown residence near Summerfield, where \$4,000 worth of guns and two jewelry boxes were reported stolen.

But the thieves broke into the home when no one was there and their vehicle left what were described as "distinctive tracks" in the dusty Parmer County ground.

A couple of days later, the deputies were investigating an apparently unrelated vehicle accident near Summerfield.

According to Sheriff Walt Yergler, the burglary victim, Martin Brown, happened to

drive by the accident scene, stopped to offer assistance, and happened to notice the same "distinctive tracks" on the tires of the accident vehicle that were in the dirt around his house.

Questioning and investigation by the deputies then lead to the arrest of five men from Hereford. Three are in Deaf Smith County jail and two were in Parmer County jail at press time. The five were charged with burglary of a habitation.

Sheriff Walt Yergler and Deputy Sergeant Gary Blair picked up the \$4,000 in stolen guns and one of the two jewelry boxes from Hereford authorities this week and returned them to Mr. Brown.

Hereford Men Die As Train Hits Pickup

Two Hereford men died last Friday evening when the pickup in which they were riding was struck by an eastbound Burlington Northern-Santa Fe train.

The accident happened at about 8:45 p.m. three miles west of Summerfield at a crossing just off U.S. Highway 60. The train had just blown its whistle when the pickup pulled onto the crossing.

The truck was struck full blast, and a part of it was knocked some 200 feet from the crossing. The train was not derailed, but rail traffic was delayed while officers from the Parmer County Sheriff's Dept. investigated.

The dead were listed as Edward Stephens, 28 and Art Sears, 29. Both were lifelong residents of Hereford, and graduates of Hereford High School. Both were employed as truck drivers.

Sears' survivors included his wife Vikki, three sons, Donnie Lee Sears, Curtis Sears and Eddie Earl Sears, and two daughters, Natasha Sears and Elizabeth Sears, all of the home; his mother, Bertha Sears of Amarillo, his stepfather, Eddie Gonce of Hereford, and two brothers, Allen Sears and Donald Sears, both of Amarillo.

Stephens' survivors include his parents, Harry and Pat Stevens, six brothers, Harry Don Burnett, Steven Burnett, Houston Burnett and Tyler Burnett, all of Hereford, Randy Stevens of San Antonio and David Stevens of Corsicana, and two sisters, Cilia Myers of Hereford and Jaye Lynn Stevens of Corsicana.

Both men were buried in Hereford's West Park Cemetery.

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE a good LIST to peak my interest. The best of this, the worst of that! Already they've started throwing a lot of 100 year lists at us, and this is still the 20th century and will continue to be so for another 28 months. Yes, I still contend that the 21st century will not begin until January 1, 2001.

See explanation of this in "My Turn" dated January 8, 1998. Among the latest lists are the "100 best 20th century novels" from Newsweek and the "50 greatest movies" from Newsweek and TV Guide. Who is to say that a real blockbuster novel or movie might not be created in the next couple of years? They're acting like this century is all over already.

I've always thought of myself as a pretty good reader and was quite disappointed to find that I have read only about a dozen out of the 100 best novels on the list. "Ulysses" by James Joyce (1922) was given as the number one novel and I never read that one. (Call me if you want to see the list and I'll give you a copy of it.) James Joyce had three novels in the top 100. William Faulkner and Henry James also had three. Ernest Hemingway, George Orwell, D. H. Lawrence, and Edith Wharton each had two books named on the list. John Steinbeck and Sinclair Lewis only had one each and my personal favorite, James Michener, didn't even make the list.

See, these lists end up being a sort of test to check on how well we're doing: how many of the top books we've read, how many of the top movies we've seen, did your favorite personality make the "50 most beautiful people" list, snicker at Mr. Blackwell's annual "worst dressed" list and be glad you're not on it, etc. Who puts these lists together anyway?

It was interesting to compare the Newsweek and TV Guide top movies lists. They were quite similar. NW gave "Citizen Kane" the top spot, but TVG gave it number three, putting "Godfather" at number one. (I disagree with that.) "Casablanca" was number two on both lists. "Wizard of Oz" turned up as number six and number four. "Gone With The Wind" was number four for NW, but TVG put it way down at 28.

David Wallechinsky and Amy Wallace have made a mint with their "Book of Lists" now in a fourth volume just for the '90s. You can open this book anywhere and find something to either agree with or argue with. The Book of Lists gave the 25 greatest films of all times and once again "Citizen Kane" was right up there at the top. This list also included foreign films so it differed quite a bit from the other lists mentioned here. However "Casablanca" did make the list (#9) along with "Singin' in the Rain" (#5) which was also TVG's number six and NW's number ten.

The "Book of Lists" also has some pretty interesting facts, such as: East St. Louis, Illinois is the most dangerous place to live because of its murder rate, and Lincoln, Nebraska is the safest place to live.

The most unusual street names in the U.S. are: "None Such Place" in New Castle, Delaware; "Almostra Road" in Darby, Montana; "Ewe Turn" in Kaysville, Utah; and "The Living End" in Austin, Texas.

The "BOL" also tells us that the American Flag was not designed by Betsy Ross, but by Francis Hopkinson, a naval flag designer, who was never reimbursed by the U.S. government for his services. How about that! I said you might find something to disagree with in this book.

MY
TURN

By
Carol Ellis



Two Bills Could Help Agriculture

For the region's financially strapped livestock producers, two key measures before Congress would provide a badly needed boost, Wes Sims, president of Texas Farmers Union points out.

The proposals, to require price reporting on all livestock sales and the labeling of imported meat, will help make the market more fair and competitive for the nation's producers.

Mandatory price reporting will help end anti-competitive practices that have kept prices low for producers. Nearly 80 percent of red meat processing nationwide is controlled by just three multinational firms. And, despite precipitous drops in the prices of live animals, consumer prices for meat have remained constant.

"Mandatory price reporting will help end secret deals in the livestock industry that drive prices down," said Sims. "Producers, like anyone else selling a product, deserve full information in order to make sound, market-driven business decisions. Without price transparency, the buyer rules and the seller gets a low price. That is by no means a fair, free or competitive market."

The second measure will require "domestic" or "imported" labels on most beef and lamb products. Meat produced in the U.S. meets the most rigorous health standards in the world. Labeling will give consumers, who have invested in our food safety system, the right to choose U.S. produced meat.

"U.S. producers provide the safest food supply in the world, and we're proud of it. Labeling will allow consumers to support that proud tradition," Sims said.

Producers should call their senators and member of Congress and ask them to support mandatory price reporting and country-of-origin labeling. They can be contacted through the Capitol operator at (202) 224-2131. For more information, call National Farmers Union at 1-877-466-2277.

Shot Dates Are Given For Sept.

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for September.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main Street in Friona, on Friday, September 18 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 East Third Street, Bovina, Monday, September 14 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu September 7-11

MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Fish sticks, tartar sauce, green beans, potatoes au gratin, biscuits, fruit, milk-or pizza.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk-or hamburger.

THURSDAY-Beef stew, cole slaw, cinnamon rolls, crackers, carrot sticks, milk-or pizza.

FRIDAY-Pig in a blanket, chili beans, celery and carrot sticks, fruit, milk-or hamburger



It keeps more than memories alive.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



POINTED QUESTIONS

The fact that there are 19.1 million Texans, at last count, makes it a little difficult for me to talk to all of you and find out what's on your mind. So I hope you will take the time to clip our annual survey, fill it out and mail it back to me with your opinions. I appreciate your local newspaper's generosity in publishing this questionnaire for me each year.

Last year's results proved once again that Texans offer some of the best insights into our country's most difficult issues. I always look forward to reading your responses.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) This summer's drought has taken a dreadful toll on Texas, particularly the agricultural sector of our state economy. Much of my work this summer has focused on getting federal assistance to those who desperately need it. Are you satisfied that both federal and state agencies have worked together as efficiently as possible to get drought relief to Texas?
Yes ___ No ___ What would you have done differently? _____
- 2) The federal government will have a budget surplus this year. Do you believe these funds should be used to cut taxes? Yes ___ No ___ To reduce the national debt? Yes ___ No ___ To increase government spending? Yes ___ No ___
- 3) What would your priorities be for cutting taxes? Would you do away with the marriage penalty that imposes higher taxes on married people with two incomes than it imposes on single people in the same circumstances? Yes ___ No ___ Would you raise the levels of income at which tax bills go up, that is, the point at which taxpayers would fall into increasingly higher tax brackets? Yes ___ No ___ Would you reduce the rate of the capital gains tax? Yes ___ No ___
- 4) Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more? _____
- 5) Do you think public schools should be allowed to offer same-sex classrooms (or even entire schools) to students whose parents believe they would benefit from them? Yes ___ No ___
- 6) Do you think the U.S. troops in Bosnia should remain there indefinitely, as the President has proposed? Yes ___ No ___
- 7) Congress soon will consider a wide-ranging trade bill that would give the President "fast-track" authority to negotiate with other countries to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement to Central and South America. Do you support expanding NAFTA? Yes ___ No ___
- 8) The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) estimates the illegal alien population to be 5 million, compared to 3.9 million in 1992. In 1996 more than 916,000 aliens were admitted as permanent residents. Do you think current levels of immigration should be maintained? ___ Made more generous? ___ Less generous? ___ What further steps do you think the INS should take to prevent the entry of illegal aliens, and to detect and deport those who are here? _____
- 9) Should the federal government establish and enforce content standards for electronic information providers such as the Internet? Yes ___ No ___ Do you support the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues by taxing transactions made over the Internet? Yes ___ No ___
- 10) Congress is considering deregulation of the electricity industry. There would be transitional costs borne by each electricity consumer. Do you believe you would benefit from electricity deregulation? Yes ___ No ___

*Additional comments: _____

Please send your responses to me at 283 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. I look forward to hearing from you.

ICA Officials Worried About Australian Cattle Dumping

Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) officials today voiced alarm at what appears to be efforts by Australian cattle exporters to skirt U.S. quarantine regulations on imported cattle. Recently, reports have surfaced that Mexico has received a shipment of 5,000 head of "feeder cattle" destined for the U.S. market. These cattle are across the Texas border awaiting shipment to U.S. feedlots.

Cattle destined for sale in the U.S. must remain under strict quarantine for a minimum of thirty days to guard against the spread of foreign diseases that could infect domestic cattle herds. The quarantine period begins when the cattle are off-loaded onto the U.S. soil so inspectors can keep close watch for any problems.

While Mexico also has quarantine requirements, the Mexican government allows the quarantine period to begin while the cattle are on the ship. This would effectively complete the quarantine period by the time the ship arrives in Mexico from Australia allowing for transshipment to Texas.

"Our concern is that this is a willful attempt to circumvent U.S. law at the expense of Texas cattle producers," said Charles Carter, Executive Director of the ICA. "We urge all cattle producers to contact their congressmen and senators to oppose this action," he added.

Texas ranchers are currently facing the daunting task of maintaining their herds as grazing pastures disappear and stock tanks dry up in the second

devastating drought to hit Texas in three years. "If these Australian cattle are dumped on the already depressed Texas cattle market, it may be the final nail in the coffin of many Texas producers," said John Brown, President of the ICA.

This is the first time that Australia has imported feeder cattle destined for Texas feedlots. Reports indicate that these animals are arriving in Mexico at 40 cents per pound. Because of quarantine and testing requirements, as well as shipping costs, this extremely low price has led to concerns by industry analysts that this importation may constitute a dumping action by Australia.

"If an import permit is approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for these 5,000 animals, a dangerous precedent would be set that could lead to a wholesale dumping on our already overstocked feed lots," Carter said.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of September 6-12, 1998
 Sep 7 Jerry Wilburn, Leon Schilling
 Sep 9 Teen Marshall, Jon Lin Riddle
 Sep 10 Vernon Ward, Morgan Taylor Mayfield
 Sep 11 Charles Teague, Kadie Smith
 Sep 12 Bessie Trimble, Ola Lee Jones
 For changes, corrections, or additions to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago--Sept. 3, 1958

Six Californians died as the result of Parmer County's "worst highway accident" following the collision of a 1957 Pontiac and a heavily-laden grain truck at the Hub intersection Friday afternoon.

Bovina Lions Club will stage its annual sale of brooms September 10, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Afton Williford of Lubbock visited overnight recently in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Williford.

Celia Berry is the drum major for the Bovina Band. She was selected Friday along with four other girls as twirlers.

35 Yrs Ago--Sept. 4, 1963

There were no injuries but considerable damage in a two pickup collision 10 miles east of Bovina Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilson were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strauss, Eileen and Bobby of Abilene.

Ja Don Sudderth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sudderth, celebrated his sixth birthday Tuesday afternoon with a party at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodwin and family of Sioux City, Iowa, visited recently in the home of his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rea.

Several members of the Free family had a reunion at Dumas over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Free.

30 Yrs Ago--Sept. 4, 1968

The safe of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. was stolen and taken approximately a mile and a half east of town to a barn.

Rev. William G. Irwin will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at First Baptist Church of Bovina which will begin Sunday and

continue through the week, according to Rev. Ken Moore, pastor of the church.

The organizational meeting of Bovina Mustang Booster Club for the present school year has been scheduled for Tuesday night, announces J. D. Kirkpatrick, president.

25 Yrs Ago--Sept. 5, 1973

Two Clovis men, employees of Missouri Beef Packers, were arrested about 11 p.m. Tuesday night of last week and charged with possession of under two ounces of marijuana.

A Kick-Off Koffee, hosted by wives of the Bovina Mustang coaches, was held Saturday morning prior to the Mustang-Clovis scrimmage in the Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

Mrs. Wilbur Charles hosted members of Thrifty Club at her home Monday afternoon. Members spent the afternoon visiting and working on individual projects.

20 Yrs Ago--Sept. 6, 1978

School taxes were raised this week when the Board of Education voted to raise the school taxes by 30 per cent for the school year 1978-79.

Enrollment gained 15 new students this year and the total enrollment stands at 557.

Bovina took a giant step toward having a local ambulance ready for emergency use this week.

A near riot resulted at Allsup's Saturday night when two girls got in a fight and City Marshall Jerry Athley tried to separate the girls when one attacked him with a tin can that caused Athley to get cut.

15 Yrs Ago--Sept. 7, 1983

Two men are in Parmer County jail, charged with robbery at knife-point at the Allsup's Convenience Store

Sunday morning.

Lynn Read was the first week's winner in the Bovina Blade's Football Contest.

10 Yrs Ago--Sept. 7, 1988

Andy Martinez was first place winner in the football contest.

Jim Scott was pictured this week and is the new manager at Agri-Sprayers.

Bovina Mustangs were initiated into the world of six-man football by a tough Jayton team at Smyer. Jayton was the winner, 22-18.

The Senior Citizens met last week for their regular meeting and luncheon with 33 people present.

5 Yrs Ago--Sept. 4, 1993

Bovina's Junior High Cheerleaders received top honors at National Cheerleaders Association summer camp in Portales recently. These young ladies will be leading the school spirit at at BJHS games this year.

Those attending were Amy Venable, Sarah Rameriz, Bonnie Quintana, Evange Casas and Gina Beauchamp.

Virginia Rhodes, sponsor, and Cindy Quintana also attended.

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Farm Credit Bank Of Texas Gives Record Loan Volume

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and its affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) and Production Credit Associations (PCAs) reported record loan volume of \$4.194 billion at June 30, 1998. This is a net increase of \$148.4 million, or 3.7 percent, from the \$4.046 billion in gross loan volume outstanding at December 31, 1997.

The cooperatively owned bank and associations comprise the Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest agricultural lending organization that serves Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Loan credit quality remained strong, with overall acceptable credit quality for the district at 96.9 percent at June 30, 1998, compared to 96.6 percent at December 31, 1997.

The bank anticipates some downturn in credit quality in the coming year as a result of the current drought that is afflicting much of the Tenth District

lending territory.

"We are extremely concerned about the possible impact the drought may have on our member-borrowers," said FCBT Chief Executive Officer Arnold Henson. "We encourage borrowers to contact their local association as soon as possible if they anticipate difficulty making their loan payments. We want to utilize all available tools to assist our membership."

The bank and associations are urging producers to take advantage of opportunities available under the federal Emergency Disaster Loan Program. Meanwhile, the lending organization is seeking legislative action that will bring additional relief to agricultural producers.

"On behalf of our members-borrowers, we also are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding concerns in administering the federal crop insurance program. During this difficult time, USDA should be doing everything

within their authority to help producers who depend on crop insurance to cushion economic losses," Henson said.

In the mid-year financial summary, the bank and associations reported combined net income of \$46.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 1998, compared to net income of \$36.4 million for the same period in 1997.

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1-Reliant Air Power Stapler	2-Fire Extinguishers		1-Oak Desk
1-Sharp Paint Gun	2-Metal Saw Horses		1-Oak Chair
1-Double Arbor Bench Grinder 1/4 hp	1-Lot Saws & Routers		1-Oak Swivel Desk Chair
1-Small Wood Lathe	1-3 ft X 5 ft Vat		1-Lot Furniture Moving Dollies
1-Lot Work Tables & Benches	1-High Pressure Washer		1-Lot Furniture Wraps & Covers
2-Adjustable Working Lamps, Stands			1-Wizard Refrigerator-Freezer
1-Small Bench Vise			2-Metal Storage Cabinets
6-P. C. Electric Sanders			1-Lot Trash Cans 1-Lot Floor Pads
1-Central Pneumatic Air Control Valve			1-Lot Items Too Numerous To Mention
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By RON CARR

"The Kid Is Gonna' Be Good"



Tonight is the night. The Friday night frenzy begins again. Seems like it was just last week that my camera (and some other things) froze on the field in Levelland at Friona's final game of the 1997 season.

I hope Seminole running back Toby Shain gains 50,000 yards at Texas Tech so I won't feel so bad about that Seminole playoff game.

But tonight when the Friona Chieftains take on Lockney and the Bovina Mustangs host Anton, it will be the culmination of all the scrimmages, off season training, two-a-days, and coffee shop quarterbacking.

Last year's JV parents will finally have a real reason to cheer at a Friday night game for a change. Some parents move up a notch as of tonight.

After years of junior high, freshman, and junior varsity, parents are elated that "the boy is on the varsity squad this year." They have reached the valhalla of high school sports.

Across Texas men gather at their favorite emporium to begin the long and arduous task of analyzing the talent of this year's team.

At places like the Parmer County Implement Co. coffee bar bubba club, one can get a quick, blunt, and hard-hitting opinion of this year's varsity.

In Friona and Bovina, most of the starters graduated and both schools were realigned into new districts. Both schools have all new coaches who are trying to find that nugget of talent to replace last year's stars.

Not knowing what is going to happen this year does not deter the bubba club. They already know which kid should play where, who should start where, and which kids coming up are going to be good.

The bubbas start with either the offense or defense overall. "I think we'll have a purty decent defense this year, but you know we only got one good kid back on offense."

"Yeah, but that one kid is good and we got some pretty good JV kids comin' up. Member they wuz 10-0 last year in JV."

"I know that Earl, but it's shore difrent when you get on the varsity."

But they don't let it go with an overall review. After half of a five-gallon pot of coffee is gone, the discussion is broken down to the kids that will play.

"Yeah, he'll be awright if he can keep his act together."

"Whaddya mean?"

"I mean he needs to buckle down and pass his grades or he'll be helping the managers."

"If he can just stay out of trouble and make his grades, the kid is gonna be good."

GED Exams Schedule At So. Plains

The General Educational Development (GED) test will be offered several times this fall at South Plains College for persons who wish to earn a high school equivalency certificate from the Texas Educational Agency.

SPC's Levelland campus is an official testing center for the GED. The GED exam is scheduled September 23-24, October 14-15, November 18-19 and December 9-10. Exam times are 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. both days.

Partial GED exams are scheduled September 16, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Exams begin at 9 a.m. Test location is the Office of Guidance and Counseling in the Student Assistance Center, located on the third floor of the Library building.

GED fee is \$50 for all five tests, \$10 per test and \$10 for re-tests.

For more information, call Gracie Quinonez, counseling and testing coordinator, at (806)894-9611, ext. 2368.

When a bubba finally makes that statement, "The kid is gonna be good", it seals his fate for the season. He will either be able to say "I told you so" when the kid becomes a star, or he will have to take a ribbing from the other bubbas if the kid turns out to be a dud.

I have been around the practice field and the locker room and the scrimmages this year and I can tell you that Friona and Bovina have some eager kids on the squad.

For many it is finally their turn to start. To be on the first team. To get out of the shadows of last year's seniors. To see if they are as good as they think they are.

Fans, players, and coaches are eager for a real game. Enough of the scrimmages and practices against each other. Let's blow the whistle and start the clock.

We want to hear the band play and the fans cheer and see the weather get cooler.

We want to stop and eat a fine Mexican food meal on the way to the next out of town game. And get to the home field early next week to have a couple of those booster club hamburgers at our annual tailgate party.

Yes, we are nervous. We want our kids to have fun and look good and even if they fumble or fall, we will cheer.

Of course, winning district and going to the playoffs would be nice, too.

Tonight the top kid in the district will be suiting up for his final year as a Chieftain. Team leader Matthew Kendrick is one of those that two years ago we said "the kid is gonna' be good."

He is good. Look for him to flatten more than one defender this year and lead the district in yards gained. Matthew likes to hit people.

Derrick Vanegas will quarterback the Bovina Mustangs to a respectable showing in his first year as the starter. With help from his teammates, the kid is gonna' be good. So are Eric Shufelberger and Yancy Graves and Josh Quintana and Lucas Ramos.

The Mustangs have 13 kids on the roster listed at over 200 pounds. If nothing else they could lock arms and form a wall.

The Chieftains have some very hard-hitting young men eager to ring a bunch of opposing bells this season.

Keep your eyes on Landon Martin. He'll be wearing Angel Vega's old number 22. You should be able to hear him hit from anywhere in the bleachers.

Put senior Barry Procter in the same category. Barry wears number 89 and would win my "kamikaze" award, if I had one.

Corben Baxter, Daniel Wiseman, Adrian Cruz, and Noel Grajeda are varsity newcomers that will play some good football. They like to hit and they like to win.

As one parent said, "They know how to hit, they just need to learn who to hit."

I've taken pictures and seen scrimmages and it is time to start the real season tonight. I like all these kids. They are fun to be around.

My first annual "The Kid

Is Gonna Be Good" pick is junior tailback and defensive back Joseph Bandy. He'll be wearing #21. He will also be doing some pass receiving.

He had a couple of dazzling runs in the Springlake-Earth scrimmage. He may be the fastest player on the team.

To me he is the perfect solution on what to do when the defense keys on Matthew Kendrick.

Bring the captains on for the coin toss. Call it in the air. High school football is here.

Good luck to Coach Mike Scott and Coach Bruce Scroggins and all the new coaches who came to Parmer County this year.

So there you go. I made my predictions. How about you? Be sure to keep your eyes on all the kids. Watch for #21.

The kid is gonna be good.

Texas Famers Union Urges Congress To Remove Loan Caps

While the nation focuses on the economic devastation of Texas agricultural producers brought on by drought, the more insidious threat of low commodity prices is wreaking its own brand of havoc.

"We're finding that Texas producers who have been able to irrigate their crops are no further ahead than farmers who have been wiped out by drought and had some compensation from their insurance program," said Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims. "I have had producers in each of these situations tell me that they will lose about \$100 per acre this crop year, which does not account for the cost of the land."

Texas officials have gone on record estimating the state will lose one-quarter of its farmers this year if financial intervention is not offered.

"Producers need direct assistance, not more loans if they are to make it through the double whammy of drought and low prices," said Sims.

Texas Farmers Union is calling on farmers to call their members of Congress to urge them to support removal of the caps places on commodity

loan rates levels under the 1996 farm bill. Removing the caps would provide an additional \$18,000 for a wheat farm with 1,000 acres and a 30-bushel-per-acre yield and an additional \$28,000 for a corn farmer with 700 acres and a 125-bushel-per-acre yield.

"Raising loan rates is a short-term measure that would provide some additional revenue for farmers who are currently producing grain at a level below the cost of production, but Farmers Union also will be looking at initiatives to put profitability and stability back into farming," Sims said.

Farmers Union also is urging producers to ask their members of Congress to support legislation passed in the U.S. Senate which would increase competition in livestock markets. These measures include country-of-origin labeling on meat and price reporting of all livestock transactions by meat packing companies.

For more information on either the loan cap legislation or the livestock measures, call Texas Farmers Union at 1-800-299-3276 or call National Farmers Union's issues hotline toll free at 1-877-466-2277.

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Cotton



News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Contemplating a busy schedule when Congress returns after the Labor day recess, Congressman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) met with a group of commodity organization representatives and producers to discuss priorities and development of a disaster assistance package for drought affected areas.

Combest noted that a number of pending measures will have to be taken up in addition to any disaster assistance legislation, many which contain key provisions that affect agriculture.

Among the legislation to be considered is: funding for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and authorization of Fast-Track negotiating authority; an ag appropriations bill; a tax bill; an ag credit bill; and last, but certainly not least, a disaster bill.

Combest commented that there are still a number of vehicles for disaster assistance being considered. The most likely delivery method, however, is one tied to crop insurance in some way according to Combest.

He noted that it is going to be very important to go into the remaining congressional work period with a well-defined game plan and that as much be accomplished as possible. He noted that agriculture must strike while the iron is hot and not be afraid to go for everything that is needed.

One danger according to Combest is not asking for enough and leaving something on the table because nobody asked for it.

Congress goes back September 8 and has a target adjournment date of October 9, meaning less than 30 days is available for pending work to be done.

He noted that a number of longer term problems will probably not get as much consideration because of the

short window. He added that efforts to gain regulatory relief, improve the agricultural safety net, and expand trade policy would continue.

Seeking a long term solution to the problems associated with Federal Crop Insurance has been a top priority with cotton industry since the program began.

Current crop conditions have again brought many of the programs shortcomings to the surface. Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) President Don Langston has appointed a committee, made up of producers from across the High Plains, to study the program and recommend cotton specific changes. The goal is to provide better coverage and strengthen the safety net of producers facing crop failures due to factors beyond their control.

The committee is being asked to look at the program as a whole and make recommendations that can be implemented quickly by USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) personnel. Also, the committee will work to develop a set of specific, comprehensive reforms for

implementation over a longer period of time.

PCG officials were delighted to hear, during a meeting with Congressman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), that he also is looking at the crop insurance program in greater detail. Combest noted that his eventual goal would be to completely revamp crop insurance.

Members of the PCG committee are: Bryan Hill of Tulia; Bud Reding of Whitharrel; David C. Jones of Lubbock; Rickey Bearden of Plains; Bryan Fullingim of Petersburg; Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenora; Mark Williams of Farwell and Craig Brown of the National Cotton Council in Memphis, TN.

Among the issues that will be considered are developing a mechanism to prevent insurance program yields from declining when losses are incurred through no fault of the producer, streamlining the deviation approval process, making permanent several deviations related to late planting provisions and improving prevented planting coverage levels.

Hereford Cattlewomen Host Style Show/Brunch

Hereford Cattlewomen are hosting a style show and brunch Saturday, September 12, at 10 a.m., at the Hereford Country club.

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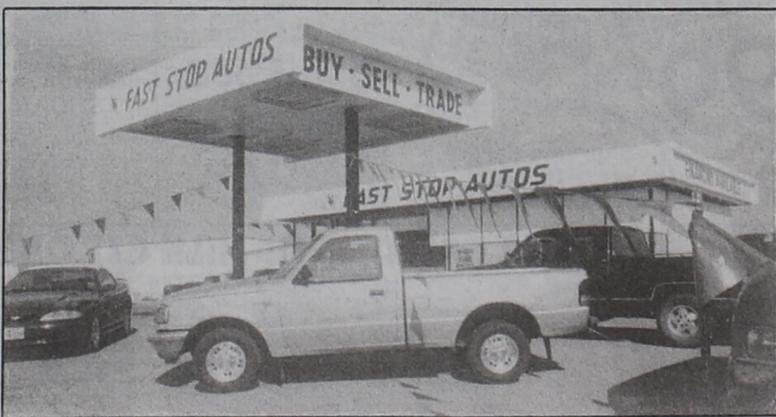
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NOTICE

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Total budgeted expenditures for 1999 are expected to be \$2,897,830.72.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. F&B-2tc-8/28-9/4

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Centralized Optical Scan Ballot Tabulation System. Bids may be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, September 14, 1998, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

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NO. 8146

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1980 PONTIAC,
 1977 CHEVROLET
 1967 CHEVROLET,
 1983 CHEVROLET
 1987 FORD VAN,
 1991 CHEVROLET

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS

287th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least 28 days before the return date thereof, in a newspaper printed in Parmer County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the following is a true copy:

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LUIS FRANCO, Defendant and to all whom it may concern:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable JACK D. YOUNG, 287th Judicial District of Parmer County, at the

Courthouse in Farwell, Texas at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the 7th day of August, 1998, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's petition that was filed in the Court on June 3, 1998, Cause No. 8146 on the docket of the Court, and entitled The State of Texas, Plaintiff vs. 1980 Pontiac, 1977 Chevrolet, 1967 Chevrolet, 1983 Chevrolet, 1987 Ford Van, 1991 Chevrolet, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: forfeiture of the 1983 Chevrolet, VIN 1G1AP87H6DL100921, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the Court at Farwell, Texas on the 7th day of August, 1998.

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By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Seems we just can't get any rain. On Tuesday of this week was supposedly a good chance. Early that morning it was so cloudy and the lightning was awful for a short time but then the clouds moved on. Rain is in the forecast for this week so we'll see.

Ann Lee Englant is finally home from a Lubbock hospital, where she spent forty one days. She suffered congestive heart problems but is improving every day.

Several of our men have recently returned home from a fishing trip to Eagle Nest, New Mexico. A.L. Nuttall, James Clayton, Larry Hodnett, Jerry Roach, Jack Turner, and Dale Gober had a lot of fun but the fishing wasn't good out on the lake.

Billy and Suez Smith returned from a vacation to Arkansas and Missouri. They visited with Billy's brother and his wife, Glen and Wanda Smith in Alma, Arkansas.

They did lots of sightseeing. They visited Siloam Springs, Arkansas; the Har-Ber Village in Grove, Oklahoma which is a museum displaying all kinds of old equipment; they saw the Allen Cannery. Suez said this is the place where farmers ship the beans grown in our area.

They visited the Jones Trucking Company, which is a place in Ft. Smith, Arkansas and Suez said they have 118 different buildings with old businesses, still like they were in years gone by. They saw the Jones Center in Springdale, Arkansas which provided a recreational Center for their people to use. The children could go there and after school while their parents worked.

K. Bonham Celebrates 1st Birthday

Kolby Ray Bonham, son of Richard and Anita Bonham of Bovina, will celebrate his 1st birthday on Sunday, September 6.

Kolby was born September 4, 1997 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luis Serna, Sr., of Bovina.

Godparents are Audelia Serna, Irma Hernandez, Yolanda Ramon, all of Bovina. Elodia Serna of Farwell, Olga Camara of Fall River, Mass., Juanita Serna of Colorado Springs, and Mickey Ramon, Jr. of Bovina.

Texas Famers Union Urges Congress To Remove Loan Caps

While the nation focuses on the economic devastation of Texas agricultural producers brought on by drought, the more insidious threat of low commodity prices is wreaking its own brand of havoc.

"We're finding that Texas producers who have been able to irrigate their crops are no further ahead than farmers who have been wiped out by drought and had some compensation from their insurance program," said Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims. "I have had producers in each of these situations tell me that they will lose about \$100 per acre this crop year, which does not account for the cost of the land."

Texas officials have gone on record estimating the state will lose one-quarter of its farmers this year if financial intervention is not offered.

"Producers need direct assistance, not more loans if they are to make it through the double whammy of drought and low prices," said Sims.

Texas Farmers Union is calling on farmers to call their members of Congress to urge them to support removal of the caps places on commodity

They went to Branson, Missouri and saw Box Car Willie perform. They saw the production of "Promise" which told the story of Christ's life from birth to his ascension.

While in Branson, they watched the "Bald Nobbers" which is the oldest show in Branson and it started in 1959.

They viewed seven different musicals in Silver Dollar City, Missouri and spent the day there. On Friday as they came home they visited with Billy's cousin, Carmalita and Ken Barlow.

Kenneth and his wife, Ophelia Estes have moved back to Bovina but are now in Mission, waiting for another grandson to be born. His parents are the Estes' twin daughter and her husband, Krysta and David Flores and this is their first child.

The Estes have six grandchildren, all boys.

Bernice Hartzog underwent surgery for four bypasses. During the surgery she suffered a stroke but friends said her condition is improving.

Lola Parsons was dismissed from the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo after undergoing back surgery. She said they had to remove a cervical disc in her neck and she now has a plate in her neck.

I had a call from Furne Harris of Midland on Monday. She lived here several years ago and ran the Browsabout Dress shop. It was so good to visit with her and she said their son Dana, was living only about forty miles from them and son Wesley lived in Oklahoma City. Husband Jay is getting along fine even though he had a heart attack a while back. Furne is a good friend and it was good to talk with her.

There was an article in the Clovis paper this week about one of our young men and we have an article about Alan Carson in this week's issue. Alan is the son of Marion and Dixie Carson and lives in House, New Mexico with wife, Casey and the couple has two children, Chrysta 13, and Stormy 12. Alan is superintendent of schools there.

It was bad news about the two young men at Hereford who were killed when a train hit their vehicle. One was Eddie Stevens and he was Ella Jo Stormes sister-in-law's half brother.

Dick Free spent about

three days in the Clovis Hospital and said he was having problems with his blood pressure but is feeling fine only a little weak. Said it was good to be home.

We have two new babies but I was unable to find out about them. Tamara Turner Raney has a boy and D'Anne Jones Baker, also has a boy. Perhaps next week we will have the details. Congratulations to all of them.

Jack Clayton underwent cataract surgery in Clovis and his wife, Alma, said he is getting along super! So that's good news.

Gilda Garner went to Memphis, Texas and spent time with her dad, Porfirio Mejia, who had had surgery and spent time in the hospital. He is now out of the hospital and his condition has improved.

Sue Fowler suffered a broken wrist when she was working in her yard. This was Saturday morning and on Monday the wrist was still too swollen for a cast, but she said they would be putting one on, probably, when they

could. She said she wasn't able to write a check but that she could feed herself so thought she would be alright.

Jerry Ware also suffered a broken arm as she was in her yard. She fell and also ended up with a black eye. Hopefully she will mend alright.

I talked with Ginny Ezell and she was telling me about their son-in-law, Dick Horn, who underwent three by-pass surgery. He is getting along real well. Dick and Joany live in Austin and all three of their boys were with them through this time. Steve came from Portland, Oregon; Tim came from Boston, Massachusetts; and Richard lives in Austin.

Dorothy Looney returned home last week from Houston where she had spent a few weeks with daughter Kay, following surgery that Dorothy underwent in Clovis a while back.

THINK ABOUT IT: Education: Learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. Have a good week and pray for rain. Scooter

Cattle Industry Facing Many New Changes

The cattle industry is changing and the commitment from cattlemen to accept the challenge is unwavering. That's why the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) chose "Challenge, Commitment and Change" as the theme of its 1998 Annual Convention, October 25-27 at the Radisson Plaza in Fort Worth.

The opening general session on Monday, October 26, will feature TCFA President Bob Sims, who will share his thoughts on the events of the past year. Then, the Hon. Kay Granger, congresswoman from Fort Worth, will update cattle feeders on the political climate as the nation enters the home stretch of campaign season.

Following Rep Granger, cattle feeders will learn some insights on how successful businesses will survive and thrive in the new consumer marketplace from Don Taylor with the West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center.

The afternoon general session will feature Clark Willingham, TCFA past president and current president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, who will look at the industry's future. Then, Mark Mayfield will take a humorous look at staying balanced in an unbalanced world.

On Tuesday, October 28, cattle feeders will hear an update on meeting the challenge of consumer expectations from Dr. Jeff Savell,

leader of the Meat Science Section of Texas A&M University. And finally, Harry Balzar with NPD Group, will put it all together for cattle feeders as he discusses eating patterns in America and how the consumer is changing.

For more information on the TCFA "Challenge, Commitment and Change" 1998 Annual Convention, contact TCFA at 5501 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, e-mail a message to info@tcfa.org or call (806)358-3681.

Bovina Seniors Meeting

The Bovina Senior Citizens met at the Center for their monthly meeting and luncheon on August 26.

The number present was lite as some of the members have had mishaps or illnesses that precluded their attendance.

A very good luncheon was enjoyed with lots of fresh vegetable dishes reflecting the garden time of the year.

After a short business meeting, games were enjoyed and the group welcomed Dottie Ward as a new member. Mary Rejino was a guest.

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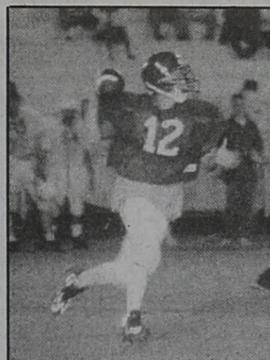
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