

Bull Town Bulletins By Bill Ellis



THE so-called teacher competency test, or "Basic Skills Test," which is one of the mandates of House Bill 72, is perhaps one of the worst aspects of HB 72, which has caused practically a complete re-arrangement of our educational system.

In the first place, how can a test determine how well an individual can teach?

The test is basically a reading and writing test, which MIGHT determine if teachers are competent at formal writing, and basically has nothing to do with how well they can teach.

An incompetent teacher who is a good writer could easily pass the test, and be labeled as "qualified," while a longtime, successful teacher, who does not do well at writing, could possibly fail the test.

The proof as to how well a teacher does is in his or her day-to-day performance in the classroom, and how well they relate to the individual student. There is no way that a written test can reveal just how well, or even how badly, a teacher does in the classroom.

Some people with whom we have discussed the "Basic Skills Test" are afraid that the test, along with other things which have been mandated for the teachers, may be taken as harassment by the teachers, and may lead to the early retirement of numbers of truly good teachers.

The "Basic Skills Test" is just another example of how the state legislature attempted to put a quick-fix on the educational problems in the state.

With the test looming on the horizon, some teachers may not be able to do their best work in the classroom, due to worrying about the test.

How would you like to have your job and your entire future threatened by a test, which in itself might not prove anything except that you did or did not do well on the particular style of test to be administered.

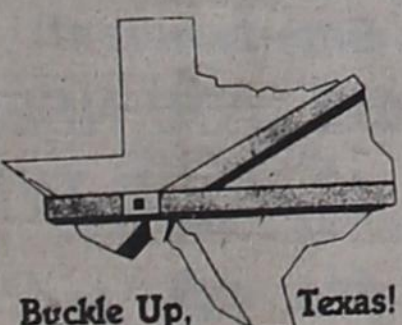
A letter-writer in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal said this past Sunday: "I have tried to tell other taxpayers we were being ripped off. Their comments were on the order of, 'Well, at least it's a start,' or 'It's a step in the right direction.' It is not a start, nor a step in any direction, only an expensive venture in total foolishness."

"I don't mind writing. I terrorize the national publications regularly with my stories and articles, though I'm seldom fortunate enough to get published. But I object vehemently to being forced to compose a meaningless essay of someone else's choosing just so some clown in Disneyland-on-the-Brazos will declare my writing skills adequate to continue teaching instructional music."

"I have been teaching 24 years and writing about ten. If I had worked as hard at writing as I have at teaching, I doubt that I would be concerned with a "Basic Skills Test," or anything else pertaining to the education profession. Truthfully, I'm beginning to wonder why I've wasted my life; I could have done something useful."

The letter was written by C. Arthur Bundrant of Wolforth, and probably mirrors the frustration being felt by all teachers across our state at the present time.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: Things never go so well that one should have no fear, and never so ill that one should have no hope.



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LONGTIME SWEETHEARTS...Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes celebrated sixty-three years of marriage in December and have been "Valentines" for over 70 years, as they dated seven years before they married on December 23, 1923.

Work Slated For U.S. Highway 86

A 21.4 mile section of State Highway 86 from south of Bovina to the East Parmer County Line will be rebuilt soon, and US 84 through the southwest part of the county will be resurfaced, under contracts approved today by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

The commission approved spending \$4.7 million for the work on S.H. 86 which will be done by Amarillo Road Co. of Amarillo. The project will be paid for out of the state highway fund.

"Being able to get this project under contract is a direct result of the increase in state highway funding", said William M. Pope,

Membership Drive Is Underway

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has begun its annual membership drive. Letters have been mailed to a number of residents. The Chamber is not sure how complete their mailing list is, therefore, if you did not receive a letter and you are interested in becoming a member of the Chamber, please contact Tammy Willard or Bob Owen.

Please take the time to respond to the letter. The services provided by the Chamber are largely dependent upon the amount of support received from the community.

The annual Chamber Banquet will be held March 20 and the theme will deal with the Sesquicentennial celebration of Texas. The Chamber is now working to have Bovina named as a sanctioned city for this celebration.

If you have any suggestions as to how the Chamber can render services to the community, please share your ideas with any Chamber member.



LAMB WINNER...Mendy breed champion Southdown Jr. Livestock Show.

Post Office Of Fraud

highway district engineer in Lubbock. "We had plans for this project finished, but they were sitting on the shelf because of lack of funds. Thanks to increases in motor vehicle fuel taxes and in vehicle registration, we now have the funds to make this project a reality."

Pope said the highway department will soon hold a meeting with Amarillo Road, and construction should begin shortly after that meeting.

The resurfacing of US 84 in Parmer County is part of a \$3.7 million project to improve 190 miles of highway in the 17-county Lubbock District of the highway department.

The resurfacing work is also a direct result of improved funding, said Pope.

"A few years ago, the amount of this type resurfacing work was next to nothing due to lack of funds", said Pope. "Now we hope to be able to resurface 264 miles in our 17-county area during 1986."

The resurfacing, known as a seal coat, protects the road from water and ice damage, and also improves skid resistance. The work on US 84 is scheduled to be done this summer.

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District Alignment Clarified

For the next two years Bovina ISD will compete in Class A. There will be a football district and a different basketball district.

The football alignment is as follows: District 2-A--Anton, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Lorenzo, Petersburg, Sudan and Whiteface.

The basketball district is as follows: District 5-A--Bovina, Farwell, Kress, Happy, Lazbuddie and Nazareth.



BARROW WINNER...Sharlet Johnson exhibited the breed champion Berkshire barrow at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show.

Area Crippled By 12-Inch Snowfall

The biggest snowfall to hit the area in the past five years has helped to break the drought which had enveloped the area since early December.

Area residents awoke last Friday to a four-inch snowfall that became eight inches deep before the day and following night were over.

The nearest official U.S. Weather Station (Friona) gauged the moisture from the Friday-Saturday snowfall at 1.41 inches, which indicated that it was a very wet snow, indeed.

Another inch was measured on Saturday, and two more inches fell during the day on Sunday. When you add in the two inches that was received last Wednesday, February 5, this comes to a total of 13 inches during the week, with a total moisture content of 2.41 inches.

The snow of last Wednesday melted for the most part as it fell, so that accumulations never were very impressive. Yet, the weather recorder, Rodney Dunnam, said that he measured .52 inches of

moisture from the Wednesday rain and snow.

Farmers and agricultural observers hailed the snow as a God-send, which should be the salvation of the area's winter wheat crop. The wheat was in the throes of dying prior to the past week's moisture. Now, it should recover and provide some good grazing and/or yields for the area's farmers.

The snow has been very general throughout Parmer County. The eleven inches of Friday through Sunday pales by comparison of the 23 inches which fell in Tucumcari, N.M., but is fairly consistent with the amount of snow that was received by places up and down Highway 60. Canyon reported around a foot of snow, as did Amarillo.

Jack Patterson, who farms in the Rhea Community, said that part of the county received a wonderful snow, and said it should be a big boost to the wheat crop, as well as providing pre-plant moisture for the row crops, to be planted later this year.

The several days of snow and ice has broken the "magic spell" that had seen the area basking in temperatures in the 60s and 70s during January and the first week of February.

Saturday's high temperature never got above 20, and the low on Monday morning dropped to an even zero. Tuesday morning's low dropped to six degrees below zero. This is the lowest reading of the season, and the lowest in the past several years.

Date	Hi-Low
Tuesday, February 4	62-27
Wednesday, February 5	34-21
Thursday, February 6	42-20
Friday, February 7	20-17
Saturday, February 8	25-16
Sunday, February 9	22- 9
Monday, February 10	25- 0

Church To Host Meal On Sunday

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will hold their annual German Sausage dinner on Sunday, February 16, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The church will be serving homemade German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, home-canned green beans, homemade sauerkraut, Jello salad, relish plate, homemade bread and butter, carrot or chocolate cake, tea or coffee.

Donations will be \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under ten. Take-out plates will be available at 25 cents extra per plate.

Door prizes will also be awarded at the conclusion of the dinner.

Serving will be at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

Deadline Nears In Two Races

Anyone wishing to file for the school board race must do so by March 5 at 4 p.m., it has been announced. Candidates may file in the Superintendent's office.

Board members whose terms are expiring are Tom Ware, Keith Garner and Jon Lin Riddle. None of these has filed as yet.

Holdover members of the board are Steve Sherrill, Herb Howell and Don Teague.

In the city council, terms of councilmen Roy Lee Stowers, M.M. (T-Bone) Treinen and mayor Sonny Roach are expiring.

Of these, only Treinen has filed for re-election at this point.

Holdover members of the council are Keith Knight, Dudley Hughes and Leon Ware.

BI-DISTRICT SET

Fillies Winners On Coin Toss

After playing nine district games, it came down to a winning coin toss to determine first and second place seedings for the girls basketball teams in District 3-AA.

Bovina won the toss, and as a result, will represent the district as its first place team.

The Fillies will play the loser of the Paducah-Lorenzo game as part of a bi-district double-header Friday night at Plainview's Hutcherson Center. Abernathy will play the winner of Paducah-Lorenzo.

Bovina and Abernathy teams were scheduled to play in their final district game here last Friday, but the big snowfall caused the game to be postponed. It was

rescheduled for Monday night. Their, Abernathy caught another seven inches of snow on Sunday, and were too snowed-in to get out of town.

As a result, a conference call was arranged between school officials of Abernathy and Bovina, with the school superintendent at Olton acting as a "referee" and doing the coin flipping. Bovina's call was "heads," and that was the correct call.

Coach Marks Lanham said he has not seen either Paducah or Lorenzo play this season, and doesn't know much about them. Weather permitting, he was going to try to watch their district playoff game Tuesday night at Floydada.

Meanwhile, the boys still have a shot at the playoffs, and they will make another attempt to play Abernathy Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Williford Gymnasium.

Winner of the game will represent the district as its second playoff team, as Olton has wrapped up the championship.

Physically, virtually everyone is in good condition, Coach Lanham said.

SEWING MEETING SET

The Extension Homemakers Club will have a meeting Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the First State Bank Community Room. Topics will include "Short Cuts in Sewing." A 30-minute film will be shown. The public is invited to attend.



WENDOL CHRISTIAN

Christian Is Named To Board

Wendol Christian of Bovina has been selected by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's board of directors to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of A.W. "Dub" Anthony, Jr., Parmer County resident who passed away recently.

Christian and his wife Louise are life-long residents of Parmer County. They are parents of four children: Gwen, Lanelle, Loy and Tammy.

Wendol farms, ranches, and is also a part-owner and a director on the boards of Agri-Sprayers and Bovina Pump Company.

Christian is a lay leader of the Amarillo district of the Methodist Church and in 1962 he was selected Bovina's Man of the Year. He is also a past president of the Bovina School board.



TERRY MOORE exhibited the reserve breed champion Hampshire lamb at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show. Moore had the Grand Champion lamb in 1985.

Steve Louder Promoted To Exec. Assistant

It has been announced that Steve Louder, engineer with Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., Hereford, has been promoted to the position of "Executive Assistant" for the cooperative utility.

Louder's duties will consist of work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Texas Public Utility Commission, wholesale and retail rates related thereto, and engineering work pertaining to the cooperative. In addition to the above, he will act as assistant to the president and other administrative officials, as well as assist the board of directors.

Steve and Pam Louder moved to Hereford and began his employment with Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., in July, 1974 after his graduation from Texas Tech University. They are members of the Community Church and have three children, Jantzen, age five; Erin, age three; and Celeste, age eight months. They reside at 222 Douglas Street.



STEVE LOUDER

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-21

MONDAY--Chili with beans, carrot sticks, applesauce, cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY--Barbecued beef, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peach halves and milk.

WEDNESDAY--Taco salad, corn, pear halves, crackers and milk.

THURSDAY--Hamburgers, tator bars, lettuce, pickle slices, rice pudding and milk.

FRIDAY--Grilled cheese sandwiches, pickle slices, baked beans, oatmeal cookies, mixed fruit and milk.

REFLECTIONS

....From The Bovina Blade

30 YEARS AGO--FEB. 8, 1956

A blizzard, possibly the worst in 25 years for Bovina, swooped down on the sleeping town Wednesday night and continued to cast its white blanket of fury through Sunday. Snow, totaling an estimated 15 inches, engulfed the area for miles around and stopped normal means of transportation until after the storm had "let up."

The home of Mrs. U.B. Wheeler was damaged by fire Wednesday afternoon of last week when gas in the bathroom exploded and started a fire that burned for a short while in the bathroom.

William R. Edens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edens of Bovina, was enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Albuquerque, N.M. on January 31, and departed immediately for San Diego, California, where he will receive his recruit training.

25 YEARS AGO--FEB. 8, 1961

Funeral services for W.R. Minter, 85, were conducted Saturday afternoon in First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Much of the \$2,000 worth of merchandise, taken from Williams Mercantile in Bovina last Tuesday, has been recovered by Parmer County Sheriff Chas. Lovelace following the arrest of four Clovis men.

20 YEARS AGO--FEB. 9, 1966

Ed Dendy of Bovina was involved in a one vehicle accident yesterday (Tuesday) morning about nine miles east of Hereford on Highway 60. Dendy suffered a shoulder injury in the wreck.

Karen Estes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes, is this year's

Betty Crocker Homemaker of McCain were named Basketball Tomorrow for Bovina High Queen and King of Bovina High



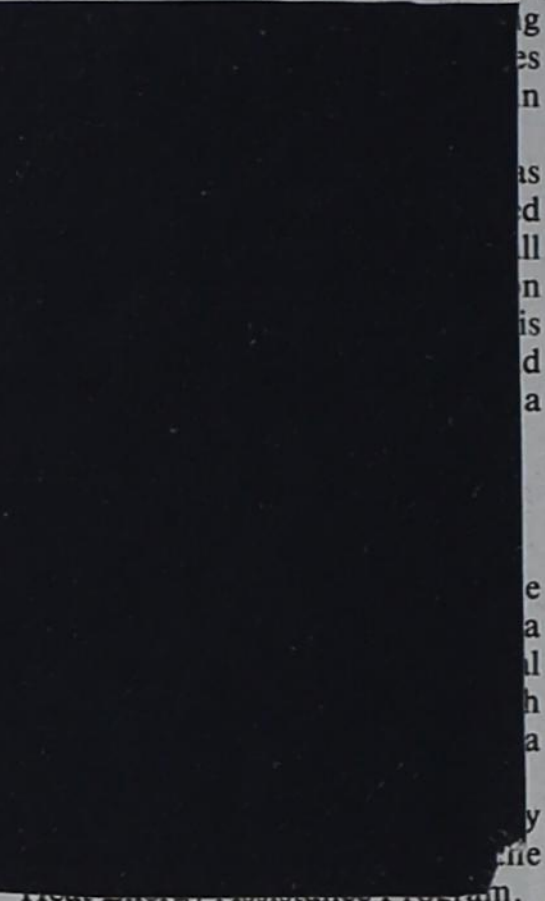
the fall semester honor roll at West Texas State University.

A.B. (As) Wilkinson was honored for 50 years in Masonry at a meeting of Farwell Lodge No. 977 here last (Tuesday) night.

10 YEARS AGO--FEB. 11, 1976

Debra Gilbreath and Butch

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Cindy Read's Shower Set

Mrs. Mike (Cindy) Read will be honored with a bridal shower Friday, February 21 at the First State Bank Community Room from 3:30-5 p.m.

Hostesses for the shower are Barbara Cockerham, Martha Schilling, Kay Williams, Nancy Barnes, Christine Cupit, Carolyn Widner, Virgie Cary, Janie Sudderth, Yvonne Stevenson, Anita Guest, Dorothy Sorley, Phyllis Steelman, Wilma Whitener, Shelby Rhodes, Esta Lee Lide, Donna Teague, Laura Bartlett, Louetta Clark, Juanda Murphy, Laqueta Garner, Dorothy Stowers and Molly Griffin.

Selections are at Kirkpatrick's in Bovina, Hughes in Farwell and Triangle in Clovis.

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SPS, Valley View Ink Transmission Pact

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) and Valley View Energy Corporation have negotiated an agreement that will allow electricity generated by Valley View at its planned cattle manure-fueled power plants to be transmitted on SPS lines.

Valley View plans to construct two 50,000-kilowatt manure-fueled power plants—one at Hereford, Texas, by late 1987, and the other at Gruver, Texas, by mid 1988. Valley View will wholesale the power generated at the biomass plants to the City of Austin utility system. The Austin utility will retail the energy to its Austin-area customers.

The SPS-Valley View agreement to interconnect and "wheel" power is the first agreement by SPS to transmit on its lines power owned by another generator. The agreement was hailed by SPS President Bill Esler as "another milestone in Southwestern's ongoing support of alternative-energy generation projects."

The agreement also is the first wheeling contract Valley View has signed. To transmit power to Austin, the corporation will need to secure wheeling contracts with a number of electric utility companies.

SPS will transfer the Valley View power to facilities owned by

Public Service of Oklahoma near Vernon, Texas. Then the energy will be transmitted to Austin through a direct-current interconnection and a string of other utility company lines.

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Southwestern Public Service primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area of eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, and southwestern Kansas.



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Post Office Warns Of Fraud Schemes

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Such were the promises made by Color Action Labs, a COD boiler room operating out of the Los Angeles area until last week. On January 29, 1986, Postal Inspectors in Los Angeles arrested Jason Abraham, 40, and John Keeling, 45, both residents of Los Angeles, for their participation in the mail fraud scheme. The scheme consisted of sending small business owners a card to complete with their choice of one of the above promotional items.

The company then sent an envelope with a \$124.00 COD charge to the customer. The envelope contained a virtually worthless certificate for the customer to complete, again, with their choice of items. When the certificate was redeemed, the customers received some merchandise, but of substantially less value than originally represented. For instance, the motorboat was a three-man rubber

raft, with a plastic motor, and the refrigerator was a plastic-coated insulated cooler with a small fan inside.

Abraham is alleged to have operated several gift certificate schemes since at least June, 1984, including: Zevulun Marketing; Meddock and Sons; Mitchell Brothers; Charles Bond and Company; J.F. Donnelly Company; Graham Brothers; Elliot and Son; Cedrics; and most recently Color Action Labs. Mitchell Brothers, Meddock and Sons, Cedrics, and Color Action Labs heavily solicited customers in the Texas and Oklahoma areas.

During late 1984 and early 1985, it is believed that Abraham solicited nationwide, approximately 200,000 persons a week. Abraham is reported to have told his associates that he received a three per cent return on these mailings, and that during one seven-month period, he took in \$3.6 million from customers.

Abraham and Keeling were released on \$20,000 bonds and under Federal law, face maximum penalties for each mail fraud offense charged of five years imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Teams Split Games Against Olton

Bovina teams split two varsity games at Olton last Tuesday night.

The Fillies clinched a playoff spot with their 58-49 win over the Olton girls, but Olton stalled the Mustangs' playoff plans by edging them, 58-56.

The win by the Fillies was the first one in history for the Bovina girls in a game at Olton. They did

not start putting the game away until the third quarter.

Marie Pesch scored a trio of baskets, Terisa and Peggy Shepherd two each as the Fillies took a 14-13 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Peggy Shepherd kept it up with three more baskets in the second quarter, and Miss Pesch added five points, as Bovina eased to a 29-27 halftime lead.

Mindy Neal began to find the range in the third quarter. Both she and Peggy Shepherd scored three baskets as the Fillies began to put some daylight between their score and that of Olton. Bovina led, 45-37 after three quarters.

The team got balanced scoring from every player in the fourth quarter as they salted away the win.

The boys' game was a close one most of the way. Bovina got off to somewhat of a slow start, and Olton held a 20-12 lead after the first quarter.

But Terry Moore found the basket three times and Matt Howell twice, as Bovina outscored Olton, 16-12 in the second quarter, to pull to within four, 32-28 at the half.

In spite of Blake Scaff's three baskets, Olton upped its lead to 49-41 at the end of three quarters.

Then, Scott Scaff, who had been held to just a pair of field goals, got hot with four baskets and Bovina cut Olton's lead to two points.

They could not pull the game out, however. Bovina outscored Olton, 52-48 from the field, but the Mustangs hit only four of 15 shots from the line, and that was the difference in the game.

FILLIES 58, OLTON 49

Terisa Shepherd 5-2-12; Peggy Shepherd 9-0-18; Mindy Neal 5-0-10; Robbie Stowers 1-0-2; Donell Garner 0-1-1; Marie Pesch 7-1-15.

OLTON 58, MUSTANGS 56

Billy Sudderth 0-0-0; Scott Scaff 6-0-12; Denver Riddle 1-2-4; Homer Renteria 1-0-2; Blake Scaff 4-0-8; Matt Howell 7-0-14; Terry Moore 5-2-12; Chet Hawkins 2-0-4.

Anita Reyes Completes Army Course

Army Private Anita Reyes, daughter of Juana M. Reyes of Bovina and Constantino Reyes of Weslaco, Texas, has completed an equipment storage specialist course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

The course provided students with a working knowledge of the federal supply system, storage operations and packaging procedures. In addition, they received driving instruction on such materials-handling equipment as conventional and rough terrain forklifts and warehouse tractors.

She is a 1984 graduate of Weslaco High School.

Bridal Shower Set Feb. 15

For S. Hughes

Suzan Hughes, the former Suzan Sealey, will be honored with a bridal shower Saturday, February 15, from 10-11 a.m. at the residence of Suezzy Smith, 804 Halsell.

Hostesses for the shower are Barbara Cockerham, Carolyn Pruitt, Virginia Rhodes, Paula Whitecotton, Bonnie Scaff, Virginia Steel, Edna Estes, Suezzy Smith, Gladys Spring, DeAnn Turner, Frances Willard, Darlene Miller, Sandra Clayton and Peggy Faulkenburg.

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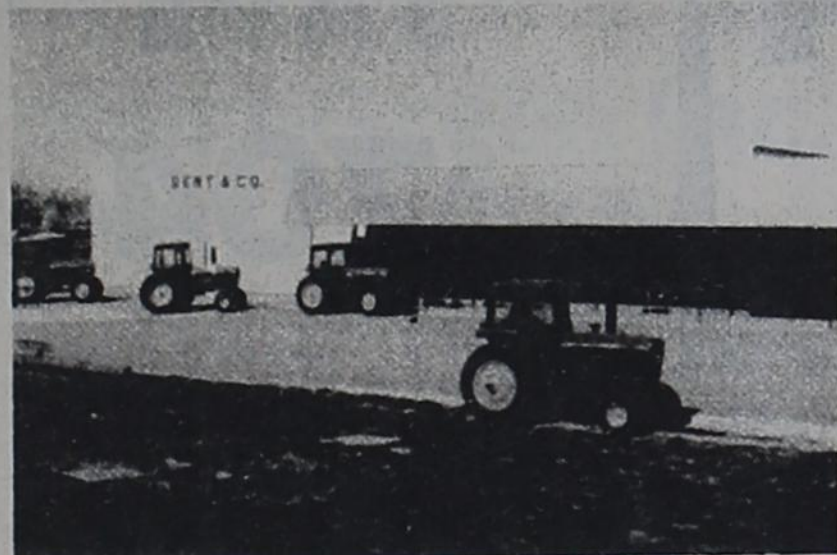
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WINNERS IN the 4-H Postal Light Rifle League were, back row, Byron and Mindy Neal, Cain Neal, Andy and Wayne Stormes. Coaching the youngsters has been Tony Neal.

WIFE Group Has Dimmitt Meeting

WIFE met in the Castro County Courthouse basement Monday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. Officers were elected to complete the slate to serve with Lois Wales, president, and Sue Boozer, secretary-treasurer. Other officers are Charlene Hunter, vice

Bridal Shower Slated Feb. 12

Darla Morris, bride-elect of David Jaynes, will be honored with a bridal shower Wednesday, February 12, from 4-5 p.m. at the First State Bank Community Room.

Hostesses are Karen Renner, Aletha Wilson, Karen Felcher, Trish Sherrill, Cindy Bradburn, Polly Mills, Virginia Rhodes, Gladys Spring, Norma Whitten, Janie Sudderth, Margaret Durben, Barbara Lowe, Martha Schilling, Kay Williams, Brenda Wilson, Darlene Miller and Frances Willard.

Selections are at Kirkpatrick's in Bovina.

president; Katy Wright, steering committee representative; and Carolyn Watts, publicity chairperson.

Meeting times were set for the first and third Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the month will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse. The third Monday meeting will be held at 12 noon, also in the Courthouse basement.

Each one attending the noon meeting should bring a sack lunch, and drinks will be provided.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17 at 12 noon.

WIFE is policy oriented and very much involved in the political arena which has such an impact on agriculture. However, it is at all times, non-partisan.

WIFE was organized in Sidney, Nebraska, in 1976. "Come be a part of our group and become more aware, better prepared and a stronger supporter of agriculture," said a spokesman for the group.

For more information call one of the following numbers: 647-5615, 647-5643, or 276-5357.

Sixteen Set For Show

Sixteen FFA members from Bovina will be joining 4-H and FFA members from throughout the state for showing competition at the Houston Livestock Show, to be held Feb. 15 through March 2.

These young exhibitors compete in the junior show where 1986 entries are expected to be more than 16,000. The junior show entries combine with open show and horse show entries to make the Houston Show the world's largest.

Junior exhibitors will be representing 804 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters while open show exhibitors come from all over the world.

Those exhibiting from Bovina include: Amy Boozer, David Boozer, Lynn Boozer, Chad Clayton, Robby Dyer, Donell Garner, Chet Hawkins, Matt Howell, Terry Moore, Mike Morris, Byron Neal, Marie Pesch, Mendy Rhodes, Denver Riddle, Blake Scaff, Todd Ware.



Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell

The Bovina area has received around ten inches of snow since last Friday and what a beautiful sight! We really needed the moisture and the snow was nice and wet. About 30 years ago during the first week of February in 1956, Bovina had 15 inches of snow and in the "Reflections" column, it stated that it was the worst snow storm in thirty years. So this doesn't happen often, but it was a pretty one.

Ruby Wilson has been hospitalized in Lubbock for a few weeks and underwent back surgery while there. She is still in a lot of pain, but came home from the hospital on Sunday. Her daughter, Lori, is staying a few days with her mother in Bovina.

Elva Teague was taken by Bovina Ambulance to Muleshoe on Friday of last week. Her condition is about the same.

Don and Gladys Spring went to San Angelo recently and spent the weekend with their daughter Pam. Don said Pam is still teaching at Wall and is enjoying her job.

Gene Lowe underwent gall bladder surgery on Tuesday of last week in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is getting along real well and was released Saturday.

John Dixon underwent surgery in an Amarillo hospital on Wednesday of last week and was released Saturday. He said the roads were so icy and rough coming home on Saturday that he

almost wished he'd stayed at the hospital but he is getting along fine.

Glenda Ritchie called to say she and James would be moving to Los Alamos, New Mexico where James will be working in security at the Mason and Hanger Nuclear Laboratory. They will be moving their trailer house and Glenda said due to the weather it would be a while but that James is going to work there February 17. We wish them much happiness in their new place and new job.

The annual German Sausage Sr. Citizens Met Jan. 29

The Senior Citizens met for their regular luncheon on January 29 with twenty-four people present for the luncheon and a short business meeting.

Those present were guests, Richard Fox and Carrie Ford, who is a registered nurse and lives in Hereford.

Members present were Cliff and Julia Leake, Sid Lloyd, Allene Russell, Maurine Bell, Gladys Pierce, Maesie Flynn, Charlie Eubank, Hattie Burnett, J.T. and Tessie Jones, Buck and Dorothy Ellison, Nellie Crook and Bessie Trimble.

Also, Tom and Nannie Rhodes, Jerry Ware, Elbert Kelley and Ethel Johnson.

Following the luncheon and business meeting, the group enjoyed an afternoon of games and visitation.

Dinner will be held Sunday, February 16 at St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall. This is always delicious and you'll want to make an effort to be there. Take-out plates will be available, also the sausage can be bought for \$2.50 a pound.

Yesterday's accident north of Bovina was a good example that it pays to buckle up.

A young couple was travelling from California to Illinois when

their Volkswagen van skidded on the ice and overturned, landing on its top.

A baby and two children under six were all buckled up, and were uninjured, according to our source. The parents were also uninjured.

The annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet will be held March 20 and we will have more details later.

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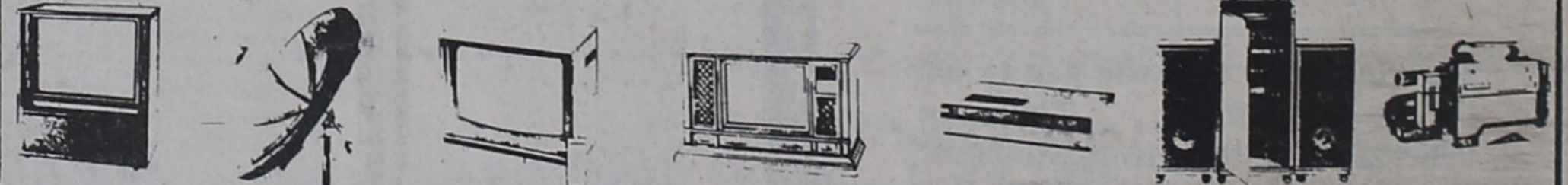
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Court Seeks Bids For Remodelling

Parmer County Commissioners voted to seek bids for needed repairs to the District Courtroom at the court's meeting January 27. Bids are to be opened at the next commissioner's meeting February 10.

Approval was given for payment of a bill for physicals for four county foster children. This expense is not covered by Medicaid. The bill amounted to \$69.00.

Final approval was given for purchasing the copy machine which had been on trial in the district clerk's office, in the amount of \$3,780 from Baker Grafic Methods. The purchase price includes a maintenance contract.

A motion was approved to pay Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona \$150 to apply to expenses incurred in burial of an infant that belonged to an indigent family.

In other business, the court voted to pay \$1,200 each to the senior citizen groups at Friona and

Bovina from the general revenue funds to help the organizations with the utility bills on their meeting facilities.

At the suggestion of the county treasurer, a motion was approved to re-invest money from a Right-of-Way Fund certificate of deposit in the amount of \$130,000 which matured January 28, into a new C.D. which will mature July 31, 1986.

The court also voted to take the proceeds from a certificate of deposit maturing January 31 and re-invest it into two CDs of \$100,000 each, one to mature March 31, 1986 and the other April 30, 1986. This action was taken to make the funds more readily available when they are expected to be needed.

Request by a county resident for help on a medicine bill was denied, due to the fact that the court had given the person assistance earlier this year by paying her gas bill.

Soil conservation work was approved, subject to availability of machines, for the following farmers: Floyd Reeve, Jesse Lane, Danny Black, Alvin Glasscock, Jeff Steelman, Lawrence Widner, Dickie Garner, Arnold Hromas, Dottie Stark, I.W. Quickel, Morris Wallace, Mike Ware, Jarrell Wright, W.M. Sudderth, Pete Fulcher, Barry Cowart, Dee Pierson, A.E. Redwine, Adolph Haseloff and Henry Haseloff.

Cost of the soil work is reimbursed by the farmers requesting the work.

Commodity Distribution Is Slated

Surplus government cheese and butter will be distributed in Bovina on Thursday at the Community Action Center.

Distribution for persons who are sixty years old or older, or handicapped persons, that qualify according to the eligibility guidelines, will begin at 8 a.m. Persons under sixty years old that qualify can begin picking up their food at 9 a.m.

Those coming for food items are asked to bring their own bags.

Those persons that did not verify their income in January, must do so before receiving their commodities in February.

To help reduce expenditures in the Commodity Program, distribution of commodities will be made very other month.

There will be a large distribution in February and then March will be skipped in order to get on the alternate monthly distribution.

Don Cumpton To Return To HHS

Bovina native Don Cumpton, 41, who guided Hereford to its finest football season in school history, will be returning as head coach of the Whitefaces, it was announced last week.

Cumpton's 1981 Hereford team finished with a 13-1 record and advanced to the class 5A semifinals before bowing to eventual state champion Richardson Lake Highlands, 10-7.



MONSTER ICICLES...Some really prize-winning icicles have been evident in the area since the big snow began melting. These were snapped by Scooter Russell on her back porch.



FUN IN THE SNOW...Several people had their snowmobiles out over the weekend having fun in the big snowfall. Pictured are Drue Jennings and Jamie Kunselman.

St. Ann's Group Met Here Monday

Fifteen members of the St. Ann's Society met Monday, January 20 at the Parish Hall for their regular meeting. One guest was present, Helen Blaylock.

It was announced that the roses were distributed to the parishioners. The rose is to be worn from January 19-January 22.

The main topic of discussion was the annual Sausage Dinner that will be served February 16 at

St. Ann's Parish Hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Donations are adults \$5.00, and children under ten years, \$2.50. Take-out plates are \$5.25.

Fresh sausage will be sold at the door for \$2.50 a pound during the meal.

Effie Jesko and Mary Mesman are in charge of the dinner. Preparation of the sausage will take place February 14 at 8:30 a.m. at the Joe Schilling farm.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer and blessing by Rev. Cletus McGarry S.A.

Refreshments were served by Liz Jesko, Effie Jesko and Elva DeLeon.

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Top Sesquicentennial Quilt Blocks were chosen in Parmer County by a panel of judges. First place went to a team of Sherry Montgomery and Tina Sides. Second place was won by Sarah Dean and third place was entered by Mrs. Grady King.

Each local quilter entered their own special quilt block designed to represent a specific characteristic of Parmer County. Entries were then judged in overall appearance, workmanship, design, theme, material, and use of color.

The first place block from the top 26 Panhandle counties will become part of the queen sized Sesquicentennial quilt at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum on February 21, 22 and 23.

Anyone with quilting experience is eligible to participate in the quilting bee. Reservations must be made in advance for quilting time slots by calling Joan Arasin at the Museum at 806-655-7191. The quilting bee is co-sponsored by the Museum and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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He has served as head coach at Abilene the past three years. His teams compiled an overall record of 15-14-1. After the 1985 season, Cumpton replaced the retiring Shorty Lawson as athletic director, but it was a brief tenure.

Cumpton said he made a mistake by getting into administration this early in his career, and when the Hereford position came open, it was a great opportunity to combine community and coaching.

"Right after the football season, I had an opportunity to become the athletic director. Over the last three months, I realized I wasn't ready to leave coaching. I made a mistake, but the good Lord has a way of taking care of you. I'm probably as excited as I've been in a long time," he said.

"Hereford is a special town for me and my family," said Cumpton. "We've always thought of that place as home. They're great people there, and we're excited about coming back."

Cumpton will inherit Hereford's first class 4A team since the 1969 football season. The Whitefaces will be dropped to District 1-4A, it was announced recently by the University Interscholastic League.

Cumpton, who has a 12-year head coaching record of 74-49-3, returns to the area where he has spent most of his career. He has also been head coach at Sanford-Fritch, where he led the Eagles into the state playoffs for the first time in school history, and at Muleshoe, where the 1977 Mules were District 3-2A co-champions.

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