

"MY
TURN"

By
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TEXANS HAVE an obligation to uphold the traditions started decades ago by our pioneer forefathers and foremothers. Especially during the summer months, we need to be aware of our heritage while vacationing in other parts of the country or entertaining guests from beyond our borders.

For instance, to be a "true-blue, dyed-in-the-wool Texan," you must own a Stetson (cowboy hat), a pair of tight jeans and a pair of Ropers (cowboy boots for the non-cowboy person). You don't actually have to wear this get-up, but you should own it in case an occasion should arise when you might need it.

You don't have to own a horse or a cow; just know what they look like so you can point them out to the tourists.

You should also own a pick-up. It helps if you have a rifle in the gun rack and a spotted dog riding in the back. You must also be on a first name basis with your banker.

A lot of what makes up a "True Texan" is pure attitude. For instance, you think of a gentle breeze as any wind which is less than 60 mph. And it's warm enough for a picnic as soon as the temp gets up to 50 degrees.

You think the four major food groups are chicken-fried steak, chili, French fries and pinto beans, and a fancy restaurant is one that has a sign reading "No shoes, no shirt, no service."

You think the father of our country was Sam Houston.

You think of Dallas as the cross-roads to the rest of the world and even if you just plan on going to Hell and back, you still have to stop in Dallas first.

America's football team is the Dallas Cowboys. But there are two baseball teams; the Rangers and the Astros.

You think the TEXAS play in Palo Duro Canyon is better than going to see any Broadway production in New York City.

There's no use going to Disneyland when Texas already has Six Flags, and the new Fiesta Texas.

You think of a windmill as a historical monument and a sunset as a work of art.

You think of New Mexico as a Texas annex where Texans go skiing and to the horse races.

You'd gleefully concede from the rest of the country anytime the Texas legislature decided to bring it up for a vote.

Of course, the way Texans talk is one of our most important attributes. I was vacationing in California with my family a few years ago, and I stepped up to a sidewalk snack-bar and asked the young fellow for a Coke. He said "What part of Texas are you from, anyway?" It was a proud moment, indeed!

Besides our terrific nasal twang, you need to go around saying things like: Cute as a bug's ear. Deader'n a door nail. Dumber'n a stump. Cold as a well-digger's hind leg. Scarce as hen's teeth. Dull as dishwater. Flat as a flitter. Drop in the bucket. Mosey along. Over yonder. Pert'near. Down in my get-along. Howdy! If it suits your fancy. Dad gummit! And: Y'all come.

When discussing a plan of action, you either say "I'm fixin' to" or "I'm gonna go ahead and" such as: "I'm fixin' to go pick up the kids at school."

When stating your opinion on a subject, you say "I feel like" such as: "I feel like that Perot feller will win this election."

"I reckon" in Texanese means "I guess that's right." "Git outta here!" means "I just can't believe it!" If something isn't lined up, it is either catty-wumpus, annie-goglin, or whomper-jawed. "And them" refers to a whole group or family of folks as: "Aunt Sophie and them."

You don't take someone out on a date or give a person a ride someplace; what you do is, you carry them. "I'm fixin' to carry Lurlene over to the dance next Saturday night."

Even an Oaiki could pass for a "True Texan" if he'd follow these few suggestions I've listed here.

Commissioners Court Okays New DPS Office

Approval of a new DPS office location in Friona was a highlight of the Commissioners' Court meeting Monday, June 8.

Trey Ellis, DPS officer, met with the court regarding the new office. Ellis explained that the space at Friona's Police Department is limited, plus, the DPS has been unable to close their space when they are not in.

Approval was granted for the DPS to rent office space from Wesley Barnett at Ninth and Main in Friona for \$200 per month, plus pro-rated utilities.

In another matter, the Department of Public Safety was given approval to purchase four gun holsters at a cost of \$50 each.

The court approved payment of

BHS Youth Attends Seminars

Donnie Estridge recently attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar. Donnie joined more than 80 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout the North Texas area on April 24, 25 and 26 in Amarillo, Texas.

Representing Bovina High School, Donnie enjoyed a weekend with many other enthusiastic sophomores. HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores so that they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide the youths a unique forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and for broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

The Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation was established by the popular actor Hugh O'Brien following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Alber Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brien says. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, develop and reward outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

The seminar, held in Amarillo, was made possible by donations from local Kiwanis, Optimist, Texas Federation of Womens Clubs, corporations and individuals.

Church Sets Annual Sale

The St. Ann's Catholic Church will be having their annual rummage sale Saturday, June 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

They will have clothing of all sizes, kitchen utensils and many other items.

the county's annual fee to Central Plains MH/MR Center, in the amount of \$4575, which was budgeted for the calendar year.

Pam Nielson reported on the progress being made with the 911 system, and asked the commissioners to appoint a committee for the purpose of naming all of the county roads. A motion was passed that the County Judge notify various organizations to form a committee or task force to get input and suggestions to be presented back to the court.

Wendell Gresham of Ethridge-Spring Agency and Max Wilson of the Texas Association of Counties met with the court and presented matters involving the law enforcement liability coverage, which was to be renewed in the near future. A motion was passed to table this matter until the June 22 meeting.

Motion was passed to renew the contract with Blue Cross, effective July 15, 1992 through July 15, 1993.

A request for the county to join the "Sparsely Populated Entities Coalition," with a contribution of \$300 was approved, for the purpose of legal and engineering assistance regarding EPA regulations with the Texas Water Commission.

Payment to Panhandle Community Services of \$193.64 for handling 9,682 pounds of commodities for the month of April was approved.

A request from Friona State Bank to substitute securities on a \$750,000 security for Parmer County and a \$500,000 security for the Parmer County School Fund was approved.

Approval was also granted for Dianna Coleman to attend the Court Reporter's conference in San Antonio. The county is to pay one-half of the travel, motel, meals and registration fee.

The county judge was authorized to publish bids for carpet for the renovation on the second floor of the courthouse.

Bovina Sets Class Reunions

Bovina classes of 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958 will gather in Lubbock Holiday Inn South on Saturday August 1.

Hospitality and registration will begin at 3 p.m. The class of 1956 is the Host Class. Deadline for registration is July 15-20.

Send your reservations to Darrel Read, 1124 Durrett, Dumas, Texas 79029.

If you want to know more about this reunion please contact either Darrel Read at 806-935-6171 or Matilda (Brito) Baca at 806-247-3181, Friona, Texas.

"Remember classmates to dress casual as ties may cause a little trouble. Come join in the fun," a spokesperson said.

The class of 1956 has been having a reunion every two years on the first Saturday of August. The only thing that changes is the place. "So, mark this on your calendar," the spokesperson concluded.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH...The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has chosen Dudley's Auto and Hardware as the Business of the Month. Dudley's is owned and operated by Dudley Hughes. He has two employees and this is his 25th year in business. Dudley has Napa auto parts and True-Value hardware. Dudley said that if he does not have what you need, he can usually have special orders in overnight.

Record-Breaking Week For Lottery In Texas

Parmer County contributed to the record-breaking first week of the Texas Lottery, according to figures released this week by State Comptroller John Sharp.

Parmer County accounted for approximately \$51,000 in lottery sales during the first week, tying the county for eighth among the 32 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Texas sold a record-breaking \$102.4 million in lottery tickets during its first week, Sharp reported. His office oversees the game.

According to lottery officials, that amounts to \$5.94 in tickets for every man, woman and child in the state, and breaks the \$95 million record set by the Florida lottery in 1988.

Figures distributed by lottery headquarters showed that about \$912,000 worth of tickets were sold in Potter County between 6 a.m. May 29 and 6 a.m. June 5. Another \$318,000 in tickets were sold in Randall County.

The sales ranged down to a low of \$2,000 in Hartley County, and \$500 in Motley County, among the 32 Panhandle counties.

Parmer County's sales were no doubt helped by out-of-state purchasers. Swisher and Floyd counties, about the same population-wise, but farther from the state line, reported just \$20,000 in sales apiece. Hale County, with populous Plainview as its hub, listed its sales at \$61,000--just \$10,000 more than Parmer's total.

In Bovina, Allsup's reported that they sold approximately 12,000 tickets during the first week, and Bandy's Restaurant sold another 2,000. Allsup's said they had averaged paying out about \$400 per day in prize money, with a \$100 ticket being the largest payoff.

Harris County, which includes most of the city of Houston, led the way in ticket sales, with more than

\$17.9 million sold during the first week. Dallas County ranked second with about \$11.7 million in sales.

Lubbock County was in eighth place, with more than \$2.4 million in ticket sales.

Lottery director Nora Linares attributed the high sales totals to the ticket-buying frenzy that usually occurs when a lottery begins.

Because of the success of the "Lone Star Millions" game, Texas probably will start its second game within the next week and a half, Linares said. That game--"Texas Match Up"--will offer instant prizes ranging from \$2 to \$20,000.

Linares expected that sales totals would be at their peak in the first two weeks of the lottery, since most players initially buy a number

First Wheat Is Delivered

Ken Sorley marketed the first load of wheat to Sherley Grain on June 4, according to elevator spokesman Harry Johnson.

"It's just getting started, but this should be one of the better crops we've had in years. One farmer reported a yield of 42 bushels per acre on a pretty good sized patch of wheat," Johnson said.

Meeting Is Held

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce met on June 5 at Bandy's Restaurant with eleven members present.

The group discussed ways to improve the drug-free party for the seniors next year.

The activities for July 4th were discussed and raffle tickets are now on sale for \$2 each or three tickets for \$5 and can be purchased from any board member.

It was decided that if anyone wants a booth reserved on the football field during the July 4th activities, they are to contact Charolette Cockerham and if they wish to have a craft booth, they are to contact Arla Waters. If they want to be part of the parade, they can contact Julie Ziegler.

There are several items that will be raffled on July 4th and prizes include a set of Monarch steel track tires, \$200 worth of groceries, Lawn Chief mower, propane barbecue grill, handmade porcelain Sugar Breeches doll and a child's swing set.

The next meeting will be held on June 29 at the Ambulance Building.

of tickets.

"Nobody walks in with a dollar and says 'I want one ticket.' It's usually they'll try with a five or a ten or whatever," Linares said.

Here are the ticket sales for the Texas Panhandle counties:

Dallam--\$41,000; Sherman--\$10,000; Hansford--\$4,000; Ochiltree--\$20,000; Lipscomb--\$10,000; Hartley--\$2,000; Moore--\$92,000; Hutchinson--\$72,000; Roberts--\$4,000; Hemphill--\$10,000; Oldham--\$10,000; Potter--\$912,000; Carson--\$31,000; Gray--\$102,000; Wheeler--\$31,000; Deaf Smith--\$72,000.

Randall--\$318,000; Armstrong--\$10,000; Donley--\$20,000; Collingsworth--\$10,000; Parmer--\$51,000; Castro--\$41,000; Swisher--\$20,000; Briscoe--\$10,000; Hall--\$21,000; Childress--\$10,000; Bailey--\$51,000; Lamb--\$41,000; Hale--\$61,000; Floyd--\$20,000; Motley--\$500 and Cottle--\$2,500.

Raffle Tickets On Sale

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets which can be purchased from any board member. They are selling for \$2 each or three tickets for \$5.

Prizes will be given away at the July 4th activities at City Park and they are: a set of Monarch steel track tires, 14 or 15 inch mounted and balanced; \$200 worth of groceries; 3.75 horsepower twenty-inch Lawn Chief mower; propane barbecue grill; handmade porcelain Sugar Breeches doll; and a child's swing set.

If you are interested in having a craft booth at the park on July 4th, contact Arla Waters at 238-1525. If you would like to have a booth you can contact Charolette Cockerham, 225-4850. This will be for a space assignment at the football field. Anyone interested in being in the parade should contact Julie Ziegler at 238-1455.

Commodity Distribution Scheduled

Commodities will be given away at the County Barn in Bovina, Friona and Lazbuddie on Thursday, June 18, beginning at 8 a.m.

The elderly and handicapped will be served beginning at 8 a.m. Those receiving the items are asked to bring their own sacks.

Among the items to be distributed are butter, bean butter, tomatoes and pears.



CROPS DAMAGED--The crops around the Bovina area have had maximum water-damage in recent weeks, such as this field west of town. The area's cotton and wheat also sustained some damage from hail and high winds.

Reflections

...from The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago-June 12, 1957

"No serious complaints," water superintendent John Wilson commented Monday when asked about how local folks reacted to the 50 cent increase in water rates and the compulsory sewer charge. This was the first month for the additional charges to be made.

Twenty members of Bovina Boy Scout Troop were awarded Tenderfoot badges in a special Parents' Night program last (Tuesday) night, in the American Legion Hall.

Saturday marks the grand opening of Bovina's newest business. The recently-completed Phillips service station, east of Warren Auto Supply on Highway 60, will swing open its doors in a formal welcome to the public.

A total of 184 people toured the Bovina Jaycee-sponsored "Atoms for Peace" exhibit which was in Bovina Wednesday afternoon of last week, says Charles Don Smith, Jaycee chairman for the showing.

30 Yrs. Ago-June 13, 1962

A new and different warning

FmHA Has Home Loans

Neal Sox Johnson, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration in Texas, is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications from approved lenders such as banks, savings and loans, and Federal Land Banks for Guaranteed Single-Family Housing Loans.

Guaranteed Single-Family Housing Loans are loans whose funding is backed by the support of the FmHA, the lending agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). They offer opportunities for home ownership to families of moderate and low income who otherwise are unable to afford a conventional loan or credit elsewhere.

Guaranteed Loans may furthermore be made for up to 100 percent of the value of a property, and income is considered as a factor when establishing monthly payments.

The Farmers Home Administration is proud to bring the FmHA Guaranteed Housing Program to its neighbors in the surrounding community. In keeping with this commitment, FmHA will work with its approved lenders to ensure that rural citizens have an equal opportunity to fulfill the American Dream of home ownership.

For further information and a list of approved lenders, please contact Bobby H. Murphy, Farmer County Supervisor 109 3rd Farwell, 481-3349. He will be happy to assist you with your home ownership needs.

Farmers Home Administration, as an Equal Opportunity Lender makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, creed, or ethnic origin. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

PCS Names C. Serrano To Position

Panhandle Community Services is proud to announce the promotion of Celia Serrano to Regional Manager. Celia has been employed with Panhandle Community Services since 1976, starting out as an outreach worker. In 1979, she was trained to work in HUD, a rental assistance program, and was promoted to Center Coordinator in 1985.

She will office in Hereford Center where she will supervise all regional staff, and be directly responsible to the Executive Director, Johnny Raymond. Counties under her supervision are: Deaf Smith, Parmer, Swisher, and Castro, where she will work with all Center Coordinators.

Current programs operated by PCS include: Weatherization, Transportation, Information and Referral, HUD rental assistance, Career Counseling and Food/Energy Assistance. For more information call your PCS office in Friona, 247-2037, open Monday and Thursday, and until noon on Friday, or the Hereford office at 364-5631, open five days a week, 8-5.

system is now being used at the two railroad crossings in Bovina. Announcement of the warning system has been made by Dean Hastings, Santa Fe agent here.

Dave Wines escaped serious injury Sunday afternoon when the 1954 Chevrolet he was driving went out of control as he was approaching highway 86 from the south on FM Road 1731 in Bovina.

County wheat farmers were trying to get harvest into full swing this week, with nightly in the form of showers, leaving the grain too wet to harvest.

A new observation well for the artificial groundwater recharge program will soon be added to the High Plains Research Foundation.

25 Yrs. Ago-June 14, 1967

High, damaging winds, believed by some to be tornado type, hit the Bovina area late Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Eddy Wilmon has resigned as work unit conservationist of Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Bids for the construction of Bovina School's new elementary classroom building will be opened Thursday, June 29, Superintendent Otis Spears announces.

Sheriff Chas. Lovelace reports that tires and wheels taken in a burglary at Watts Tire Co. approximately three weeks ago, were recovered Friday night near the underpass east of Farwell.

20 Yrs. Ago-June 14, 1972

Bovina's City Council has agreed to cooperate with a federal government program to hire four young people during the summer months.

Three directors to the seven member board of Bovina Medical Clinic will be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation next month, according to Earl Stevenson, board chairman.

Nine members of the 15-member board of directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture met Wednesday noon of last week at Bovina Restaurant. The board voted to sponsor a monthly "Good Guy" award.

Sixteen boys, aged nine through 12, participated in the local Phillips 66-sponsored Pitch, Hit and Throw baseball contest at Bovina's baseball park Saturday morning. Four winners, one in each age group, will advance to district competition which will be in Amarillo Saturday.

15 Yrs. Ago-June 15, 1977

A Farwell family was terrorized last Sunday night when two or three men held them at knifepoint, tied them, then beat and robbed them, the Parmer County Sheriff's office reported.

The All-Stars traveled to Levelland on Thursday, June 2, to play in the State Basketball Tournament. Coached by Laura Bartlett and Dianna Naegle, ten girls made the trip and did themselves proud. The team got runner-up to state champions.

The speech and theatre department, West Texas State University, has announced the 1977-78 recipients of the 14 departmental scholarships which are given each year. Among the students who will receive scholarships for next year is Ben McCain, Bovina senior.

10 Yrs. Ago-June 9, 1982

The city's new street sweeper is here and the city sanitation crews have been working with it for the past week.

Robert E. Wilson was responsible for the first load of wheat this season to be brought to Sherley Grain in Bovina.

For those who are hungry for good, ole time religious music, the choir of the First Baptist Church will be fulfilling your musical tastes when they present "Old Time Singing," which is a church musical featuring the great old songs of yesteryear.

5 Yrs. Ago-June 10, 1987

Jeff Taylor is the new pastor for the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. He moved to Bovina this week with his wife, Karen, and their two sons, Adam who is four years old and Sean, who is two years old.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring several events for the fourth of July. There will be a hamburger cookout and fireworks.

Robert and Emmagene Calaway will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 13.



TREE DAMAGE... Many trees (such as the one shown above) have had to be cut down or trimmed to nearly nothing because of the freeze we got earlier in the year. Several people have said trees that they have had for years have died this year because of the late freeze.

Methodist VBS Set

"Adventures on SonMountain" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School to be held June 15-19 at the Bovina Methodist Church.

It will help children learn about the book of Proverbs and the life of Christ. Exciting games and songs, imaginative crafts, lively recreation and life-related Bible study will hold their interest. The mountain theme provides a fun setting for learning God's wisdom.

The adventure is for children whose ages range from three to eleven (those entering the sixth grade). The three and four-year-old classes will be limited to twenty children.

Registration day will be held at the City Park on Sunday, June 14 at 4 p.m. There will be fun, games and ice cream. At that time, arrangements can be made to ride the trailers. Bible School will be held from 9-11:30 a.m., with the trailers

Bovina Duo Is Honored At TA&M

Several students were recognized for outstanding academic performance at Texas A&M University and have been honored for the 1992 spring semester.

Those students from Bovina are Mindy Neal Scheffler, daughter of Tony and Dottie Neal of Bovina, and Michael Wiseman, son of T.C. Wiseman of Clovis and Jean Wiseman of Bovina.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Both students graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees.

Ladies Set Series For Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class will have a series of lessons on "Crisis In The Family" beginning Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. It will be held in the Fellowship Room of the Bovina Church of Christ. The other dates for the lessons are June 23, July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25.

This series will be presented by Kathleen Carr. Mrs. Carr studied at Sunset and is an outstanding speaker.

Child care will be provided and refreshments will be served.

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Clinic Scheduled In Friona July 15

The Breast Cancer Screening Program of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital of Amarillo will continue community outreach clinics for early detection of breast cancer.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for screening mammography for Texas residents qualifying for financial assistance.

Early detection of breast cancer is the major goal of cancer control for each woman seen in the clinic. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a breast exam by a Registered Nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self-examination and a mammogram.

Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection. Early detection is best done by following the guidelines recom-

mended by the American Cancer Society for breast screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer.

The guidelines are: (1) Learn and perform breast self-examination; (2) Have a physical examination every year; (3) Have a mammogram according to the recommendations by age. Age 35-40, one baseline mammogram; 40-50, a mammogram every 1-2 years; over 50, yearly mammograms.

A clinic will be held in Friona on Wednesday, July 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland. Exams are done by appointment only.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the Harrington Cancer Center (806) 359-4673, or our toll free number, 1-800-377-HOPE (4673). Locally, for more information, contact Elda Hart at 247-2754.

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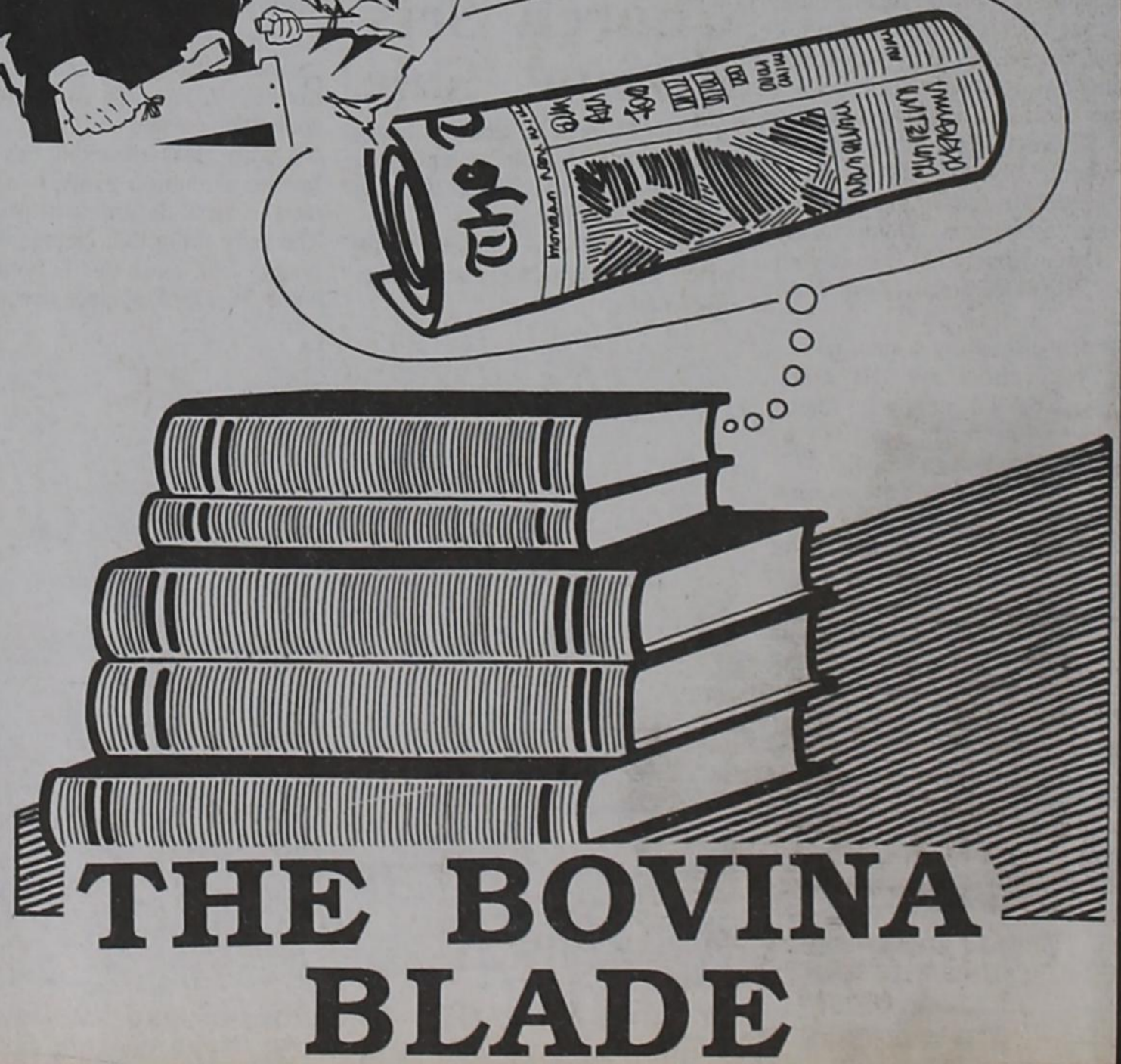
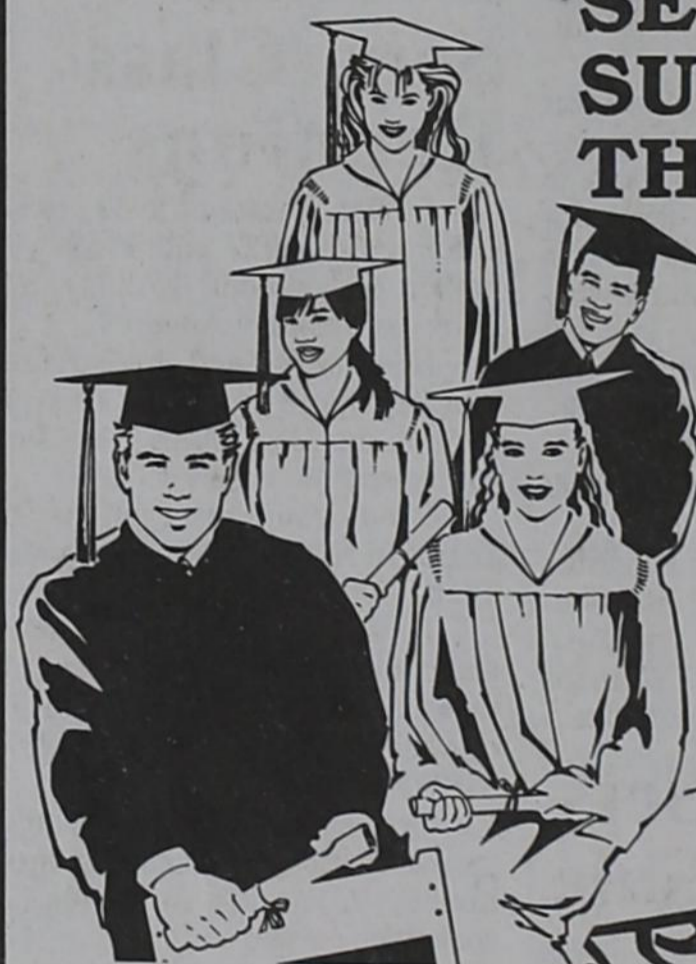
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Local bass anglers are discovering the joy of trying to solve the mystery of catching bass during something called post spawn. Anglers who last week could easily catch a limit of quality bass now return with empty live wells. (Note the paltry results of recent tournaments at Meredith and Greenbelt.)

The available food supply in our lakes has increased dramatically

because most sunfish and minnows have completed their spawns. When a predator switches from feeding on adult-sized minnows and starts snacking on little bait, it makes sense for the angler to start throwing some really small lures.

Tip of the week--buy two bags of two-inch Power Grubs, one white and the other chartreuse. With eight lb. Magnathin line (or

less) try using either a Carolina rig or 1/8 oz. Flea Fly jig tipped with a Power Grub. Slowly probe both sides of the second point off the main lake points. The bite will be delicate. When you feel something akin to a clump of moss on the grub, set the hook with a sweeping motion. Eight pound line does not permit a jerk-his-head-off hook set.

Other solutions for this transition time for bass are called catfish and trout. The water is getting warmer so start fishing for catfish during the evenings.

Our Rocky Mountain sister states are stocking trout in every creek, pond, and lake. They love Texans with tourist dollars, and eager rainbows are just waiting on you. My favorite spot in New Mexico is Cimarron Canyon between Raton and Eagle Nest Lake. Even an amateur with a fly rod can fool those tasty trout.

Congratulations to Rick Jones of Fritch for winning the June 4 Fun Tournament at Lake Meredith. Rodney Sweet of Borger was second by just .03 of a pound. Out of 30 bass anglers only two caught legal fish, and the winner squeaked the scales at 1.57 lbs. Ten walleye anglers competed before current state record holder Hank McWilliams of Borger won with 2.56 lbs. The new motto at Meredith is "catch a keeper and win a tournament!" Only three of the 40 entries caught keeper fish.

Good news--fifteen kids entered the tournament. The free entries for kids under seventeen will continue at Lake Greenbelt on Thursday, June 18. Adult entry fee is \$20 and all kids under 17 may fish free with a paid contestant. It's a memory that no kid will ever forget. Call 353-3654 for details. See you at the lake...

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4-H Club Briefs

Bucket Calf Project

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If you would like to participate in the project call Gary at 481-3619. You can either purchase your own calf or we will try to help you find one.

The first weigh-day will be held Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center. Mark your calendar.

1992 4-H Congress

4-H Congress will be held in Austin on July 19-22. 4-Hers must be between 15 and 19 years of age in order to be eligible for 4-H Congress. Cost of the trip is \$200.00. This fee includes transportation from Lubbock, meals, hotel, and registration fee. Other expenses will include:

- ** Meals enroute
 - ** 3 breakfast meals while in Austin
 - ** Incidental spending money
- Please contact the Parmer County Extension Office as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. Deadline for contacting the Extension Office is June 15.

Steer Validation

Anyone wishing to show steers at the 1992 State Fair in Dallas, or the 1993 Parmer County or major stock shows must validate their steers.

The Parmer County Validation Day will be held June 30 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the London Feed pens, 2 1/2 miles west of Hub on Highway 86.

Your calves will be tagged, nose printed and photographed. Cost for validation this year will be \$3.50 per steer.

County Horse Show

The Parmer County Horse Show will be held Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m. at the Lazbuddie Arena. If you would like to participate, contact Debra Redwine at 965-2845 for more details. We will also need volunteers to help with running the show. We would appreciate your help.

Parmer County Fashion Show

The Parmer County Fashion Show will be held Saturday, June 13 at the Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

Friends and families of participants are invited to attend the awards program to be held at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the after-

Recordbooks and Project Record Forms

Recordbooks and Project record forms are due in the Parmer County Extension office no later than July 14. 4-Hers submitting a recordbook will receive a project pin in the category entered and a year pin.

4-Hers submitting a project record form will receive a year pin. Project pins and year pins will be awarded at the annual Awards picnic to be held August 22 in the Farwell Park. Begin work now on projects for the Project Fair to be held the same day.

Border Town Days Ice Cream Sales

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Parmer County 4-Hers will be exhibiting prospect steers and lambs this month at the Plainview and Amarillo Prospect Show. Plainview will be the weekend of June 19-21 and Amarillo will be June 25-28. Good Luck!

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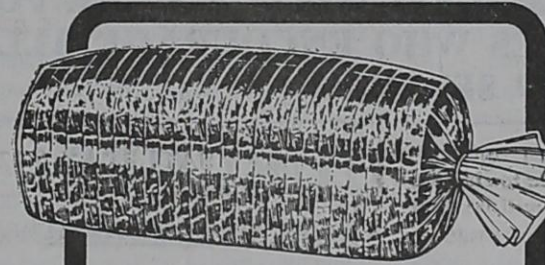


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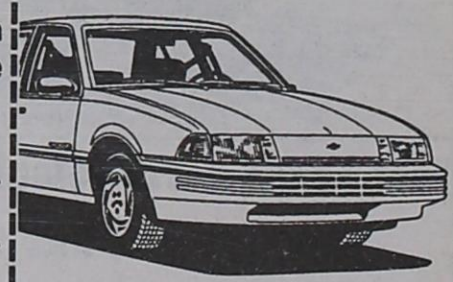
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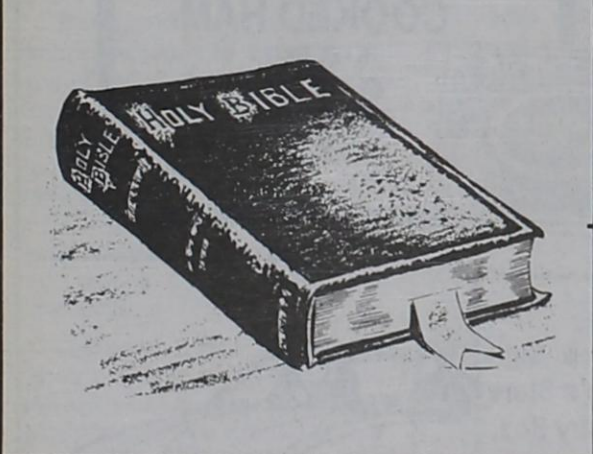
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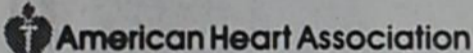
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Specifications can be picked up at the County Judge's Office during business hours.

These bids will be taken at the County Judge's Office, 401 Third Street, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325 until 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 22, 1992. Bids will be opened at that time.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.
Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge
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Joe and Gloria Rackley's son, Jarred, was handing out VBS fliers when he was bitten by a dog. Joe said he is alright and didn't have to have stitches.

If you are a resident with a dog, please keep the animal penned or tied because it isn't funny to be bitten by an animal and we all know it can happen with so many dogs running loose in Bovina.

Linda Marshall, Sue McClaran, Kelly, Ryan, and Ross McClaran, also Libby and Corbin Holman took in the city wide garage sale held at Dimmitt on Saturday. Linda said that they each found a good bargain but mostly just had fun looking.

Jack Rains is released from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Jack suffered Guillian-Barre Syndrome and entered the hospital on February 19.

He is making progress and his secretary, Irma Jo Englant, said he had been at the Parmer County Spraying several times since he came home and visited with them.

Julia Leake called and said her niece, Shirley Medford of Abilene came on Wednesday of last week and stayed until Friday. Shirley's

mother is Julia's twin sister, Frances. Shirley teaches school in Abilene. They had a nice visit.

Clint Ward's brother, Charlie Ward of Ropesville, passed away Thursday night and services were held Saturday.

Clint and Marie visited with him on Sunday before he became ill on Wednesday and entered the hospital and died on Thursday. Charlie had stomach cancer but Marie said he died of kidney failure.

He was survived by his wife, three children and grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Ropesville and he was buried at Levelland.

Leslie and Rose McCain went to Littlefield on Sunday and the family celebrated Leslie's mother's 91st birthday along with Leslie's birthday. They had a good time together with Leona McCain and also Leslie's sister and brother-in-law, Claudie and Eldon Hill.

Chris Cupit and Betty Glee Dyer underwent surgery in the Clovis High Plains Hospital in recent days and according to Chris they are both getting along real well and will be released by the end of this week. She also said they

were across the hall from one another.

Cole Sorley, grandson of the Ed Corns, Grady Sorleys and Mardee Grissom was involved in a two-vehicle accident in Amarillo but was not injured. It did do some damage to the car he was driving but he is fine.

Cole is a pre-med student at Baylor University and is working at the Friona hospital this summer. He is taking turns spending time with his grandparents, so they are having a good time having him around this summer.

Don and Nancy Hatley enjoyed a few days at Greenbelt Lake. They drove there on Friday of last week and took their boat. Nancy said they didn't catch fish and it rained all day Sunday but he said they did enjoy the time at the lake with friends, Ted and Fran Walling of Hereford. Greenbelt Lake is near Clarendon.

Nita Dale went to Whiteface over the weekend and visited with her mother and is helping her mother move from the farm into town. They had a nice weekend together and also attended church together.

Jerry and Kay Roach and family hosted a cookout for Mike and Brenda Jansen and family on Wednesday of last week.

Jerry was the main cook and prepared ribs, chicken, and brisket on the grill. Kay had the tables decorated with baskets containing

flowers that their children, J.T. and Stacey, had made. Jerry's mom, Dot made the potato salad and beans for the meal.

Those attending were the school board members and their wives, BHS principal Joe Rackley and his wife, Gloria.

This was a going-away party for the Jansens, who will be leaving Bovina. Mike was high school superintendent here and we want to wish them lots of good luck at their new residence and appreciate the excellent job he did while in Bovina School!

Think about it: You can't expect a person to see eye to eye with you when you're looking down on him.

Call me with news about your summer visitors and travels.

Have a good week, and watch out for the storms.

Happy Birthday Bovina!!

June 16--Beth Bernea.
(Editor's note: If someone in your family has a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

Looking Up!

By Richard L. Grisham

It's hard to believe, but today, June 13th, Velma and I celebrate our 23rd wedding anniversary! I can truthfully say that it has seemed like a romantic dream! (Besides, what else can I say in a public newspaper?) No, sincerely, it has been a great relationship of love and learning together. But most of you would probably agree that I got the best of the deal!

Actually, Velma and I were married on Friday, June 13th, 1969. I don't remember exactly why we chose Friday the 13th, other than the fact we wanted to prove we were not superstitious and that was the most convenient date for the wedding. We had been going steady together for about a year and a half, and had been engaged for fourteen months.

I had given her an engagement ring in May of 1968, then I said goodbye and took off to be a student missionary for the summer. That was truly the longest three months of my life, alone without Velma in Lone Pine, California. I'm not sure who was the loneliest-me or the pine tree!

But if "absence makes the heart grow fonder," we never doubted after that summer apart that we truly wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. However, we were both in college at Wayland Baptist in Plainview, and did not feel we could afford to get married yet and go to school too. So we waited until the next summer before we finally said, "I do!"

The wedding was in Muleshoe--yep, she's a Muleshoe girl. (Muleshoe girl marries Plainview boy! What a headline!) I remember she used to sing, "I am a Muleshoe girl, I wear my hair in curls, I wear my dungerees above my dirty knees." (She doesn't sing it much anymore, but you might ask her to the next time you see her).

Anyway, our wedding was set for Friday night at 7:30. I went to Gabriel's Men's Shop in Plainview about 4:30 to pick up my tuxedo for the ceremony, but it hadn't arrived yet. They said it was on the delivery truck from Lubbock and should be there any minute. I waited a while, but will no truck or tux.

So, I finally said, "Look, I'm gettin married in a couple of hours and I need my tuxedo." They said, "Well, maybe the truck is in the shopping center at one of the other stores." Sure enough, I spied it about a block down the way behind the shopping center at another store. I found the tuxedo, but the truck driver said I couldn't have it because it hadn't been delivered yet. I said, "Look, mister, I'm going to go get married. Tell Mr. Gabriel I will settle with him later."

Jumping in my car, I took off and drove 90 mph (literally) west on Highway 70 toward Muleshoe. That's when I first noticed all the thunderheads and heard all the tornado warnings. But I drove on through it all, rain by the bucket-

fuls, hail, high winds, and lightning everywhere.

I was determined nothing was going to stop me from marrying Velma that evening! (Later, we hear that the highway was covered with water and several tornadoes had touched down in both Lamb and Bailey counties.) I arrived at Trinity Baptist Church in Muleshoe about thirty minutes early, just in time to jump into my tux--I didn't even hardly have time to get nervous.

Meanwhile, Velma's mother, Leona, had to drive six miles out into the country on muddy roads to pick up the wedding cake because the lady who made it was afraid she would get stuck. My dear mother-in-law wasn't about to let us get married without a wedding cake.

The cake arrived in fair condition, considering she had to tear down the tiers and separate the cake into its original layers in order to keep it from sliding around with the car in the mud.

She then had to hurriedly reconstruct it so it would be ready for the reception after the "I dos". As you can tell, Velma and I got married without a hitch (accidental pun) considering it was Friday the 13th! Since then, things have been looking up!

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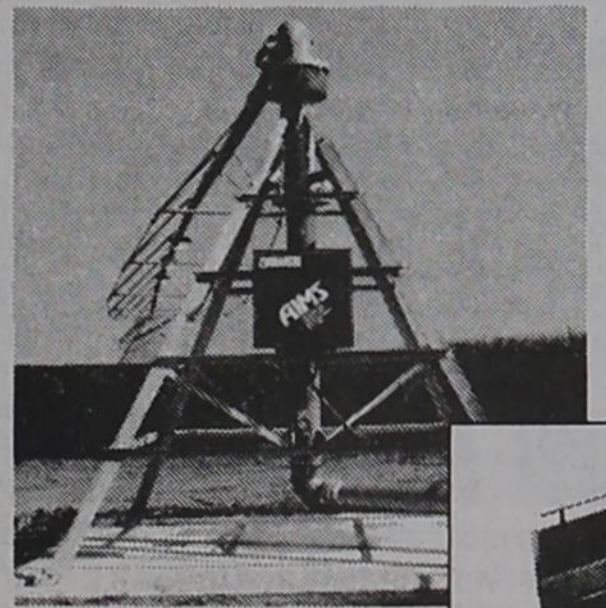
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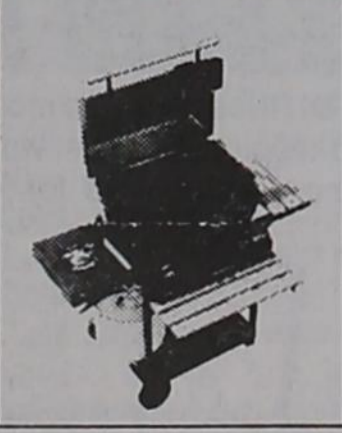
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Why Does She Stay?

By **RON TRUSLER**
M.Ed., LPC, LCDC, LMFT
(Director of Clinical & Substance Abuse Services, Central Plains Center for MHMR & Substance Abuse)

Many times the story is heard about a woman who is severely beaten by her husband, leaves him, then only returns to endure the same thing over again. There is a lot involved in the answer. Some feel a moral obligation to stay in this type of marriage regardless of how they are treated. There seems to be other factors, as well.

Many of these women married very young and started having babies immediately. They wanted out from under parental control and had little education or training. They

had no alternatives.

Fear immobilizes most victims. Fear rules their lives. They fear reprisal toward themselves or toward any friends or neighbors they might ask for help. If she works, she may fear he will come to her job and hunt her like an animal. If she moves, she fears being found. They usually fear that there is no place for them to go.

After fear, the answers to "why stay?" go from "it's part of marriage" to "it's better than trying to raise the kids alone." One answer frequently given is that the husband promises to change. Batterers make many promises with good intentions.

Others have a misconception of men, thinking, "that's just the way

men are, you just have to take it." Some women have a misconception of her responsibility to "keep the family together." Other misconceptions are: marriage is the only source of satisfaction; if the marriage fails, she is a failure; "he-needs-me." If she was a better wife, he wouldn't be this way; she deserves this because she is unworthy, etc. The list can go on.

There are many things to be said about all of this, but space does not permit--so I'll mention just a few.

It is sad that a woman's value is almost always judged with reference to her marriage and she learns to judge herself that way. It is sad when any person gets to a point that they need another person so much that not only may their



RON TRUSLER

money be taken, but also their will. Do children need a father who beats and exploits his wife? I don't know--I am just asking. One thing I do know is that many of these women who are battered have great potential for living full and satisfying lives. I wish they believed that, too.

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WD, Carthon P. Phillips, Tracy Devault & Eric Williams, all of lots 11, 12, 13, & 14, Sec. 8, T16S; R1E.

WD, Sloan H. Osborn Family Trust, Leroy Cox, all of lots 1 & 2, Blk. 8, all of lots 22 & 23, Blk. 7, OT Friona.

WD, Sloan H. Osborn Trust, Mario Gomez Rivera, all of lot 4, Blk. 93, OT Friona.

WD, Loren J. West, Connie Ray, the East 100 acres of the S 1/2 of Sec. 36, T9S; R1E.

WD, Mary Elizabeth Kassahn

Trust, Gallman Payloader Services, Inc., The SW 1/4 of Sec. 13, Blk. "H" Kelly Sub.

WD, Annie Ruth Smith, Salvador Godoy, the N 1/2 of lot 11 and all of lot 12, Blk. 74, OT Friona.

WD, John L. Mitchell, Scott Lloyd Mitchell, 20 acres out of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 11, Doud & Keefer Sub.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alan Dwight Hall-Ana Ilda Aviles; Jefferey Chandler-Michelle Riviers; Frank C. Pettigrew-Tanya C. Copeland; Charles A. Frayar, Jr.-Tina M. Frazee; Mark Antonio Rubio-Ida Elena Ortegán; Clarence Gaussoin-Patricia Conklin.

Thank You. . .

The personnel at Clovis Auction would like to thank all of the sellers and buyers for a terrific fall and spring here at the auction.

In the cattle auction the number of livestock sold increased greatly over the previous year. The special cow sales were very successful.

As far as the horse sales go - the last 2 sales have been 2 of our largest. Selling 1307 horses in May. With buyers from Canada to Mexico, California to New York and all points in between. The addition of the Barrel Race Futurity was just super and something we feel the people who are into barrel racing will look forward to every year for a very long time as the purse continues to grow.

You are folks that have made all of this happen. We appreciate you.

In striving to better serve you we would like to take this opportunity to let you know of things that are coming up - with grass conditions being excellent - a slow summer for cattle numbers is expected.

Right now some things that are going to happen is featuring Holstein steers the first Wednesday each month with in the regular Wednesday sale. Hopefully this will help the buyers by enabling them to buy Holsteins in numbers to fit their needs and we believe the cattle will bring a little more when the buyers are able to buy numbers at one sale. 550 Holstein steers are consigned for our next Wednesday sale.

The next special cow sale will be in August without a definite date at this time. If you have good young stocker cows to sell we would like to hear from you.

The fall horse sale will be August 15, 16, 17. This sale will feature the Clovis Classic Quarter Horse Futurity Sale. The May 1992 Futurity Purse was \$22,274.00. The race ended in a dead heat on a horse belonging to Oliver Lee West, Moriarty, and T. Steinbaugh and Sarah Hamilton, El Paso, Texas. The horses winning the race were "Dancing Manor" and "Dry Gulch Express". There have been some changes made to make the purse for the 1993 futurity to be above \$50,000 with the catalog fee and commission remaining the same \$100.00 catalog fee, 5% commission, thinking a lot bigger purse could help to obtain better prices for your yearlings. We are well pleased with the sale in the past. Just trying to make it better for you, the producer. For more information call Annelle Moore, Charlie Rogers, Wayne Kinman at 505-762-4422 or Tommy Bouldin at 505-356-4740.

In late September or early October the Clovis Livestock Appreciation Day and Calf Sale will be held at the sale barn. Free barbecue and some of the best calves in the west will be sold.

Lots of other things in the thinking and planning stages. We appreciate you giving us an opportunity to work for you in the past. Really looking forward to serving you in the future.

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Vick Ansparg of Clovis Vet Clinic a long time vet at Clovis that everyone respects. We are all fortunate to have Vick working with us.



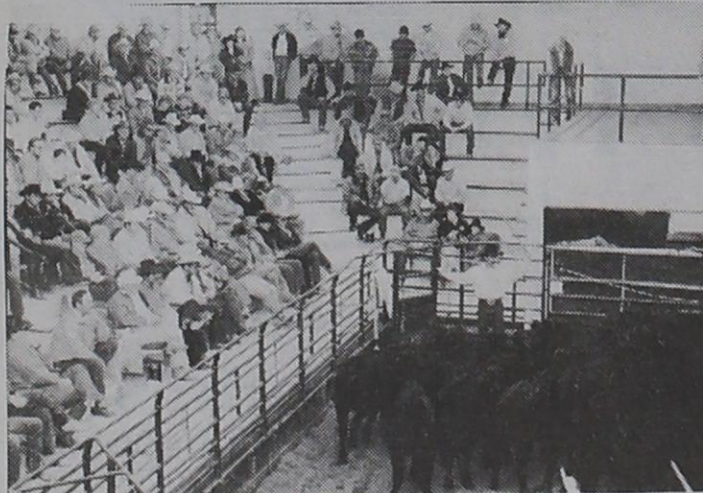
Ryan Figg is a super nice young man with tons of ability, handles the outside cattle and the classic horses in the horse sale. If you don't know Ryan you are missing something.



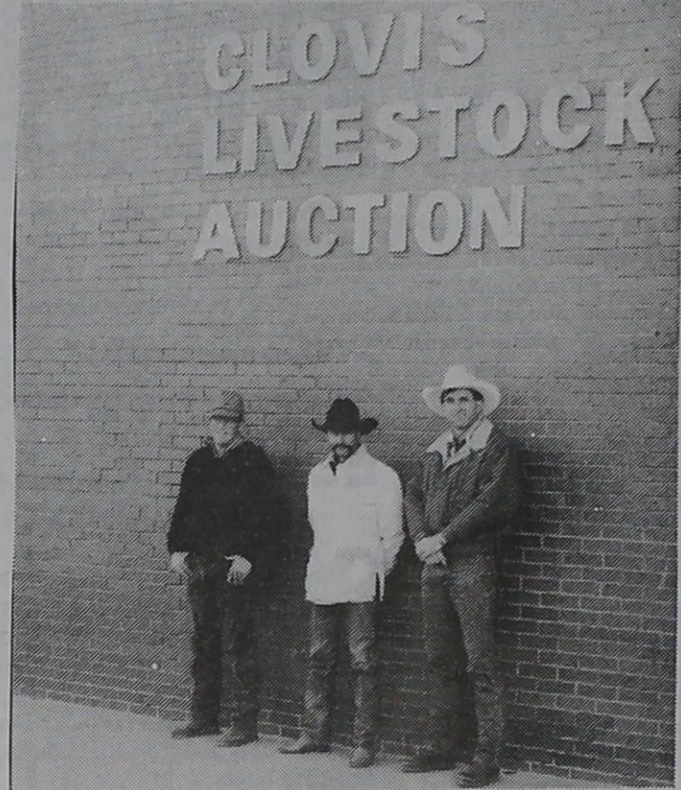
Scott Robinson is a young guy with a big smile always. He can do most everything from running the Bob Cats to bucking broncs. When the going gets tough Scott gets going.



Jerry Skinner a rancher from Dora that we are lucky to have working for you in the receiving department part-time. Everybody that knows Jerry is a little richer for that acquaintance.



Gregg Pappas top notch ringman works for Clovis Livestock Auction part-time. He is a must for every special sale. Mr. Personality that's Gregg.



The Brain Trust of Clovis Livestock (L to R) Joe Holms heads up the sorting department. Wayne Kinman is market representative and Charlie Rogers is general manager.



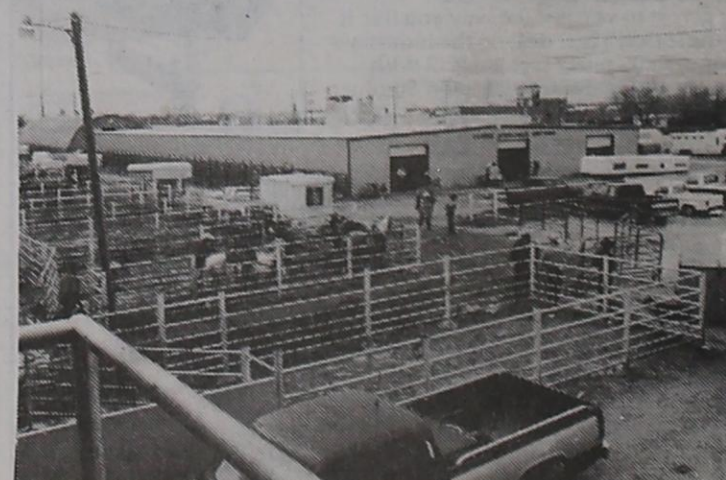
Sam Drager night man at Clovis Livestock Auction always gives 110%. We don't know if Sam ever sleeps, he just won't go home till everything is right.

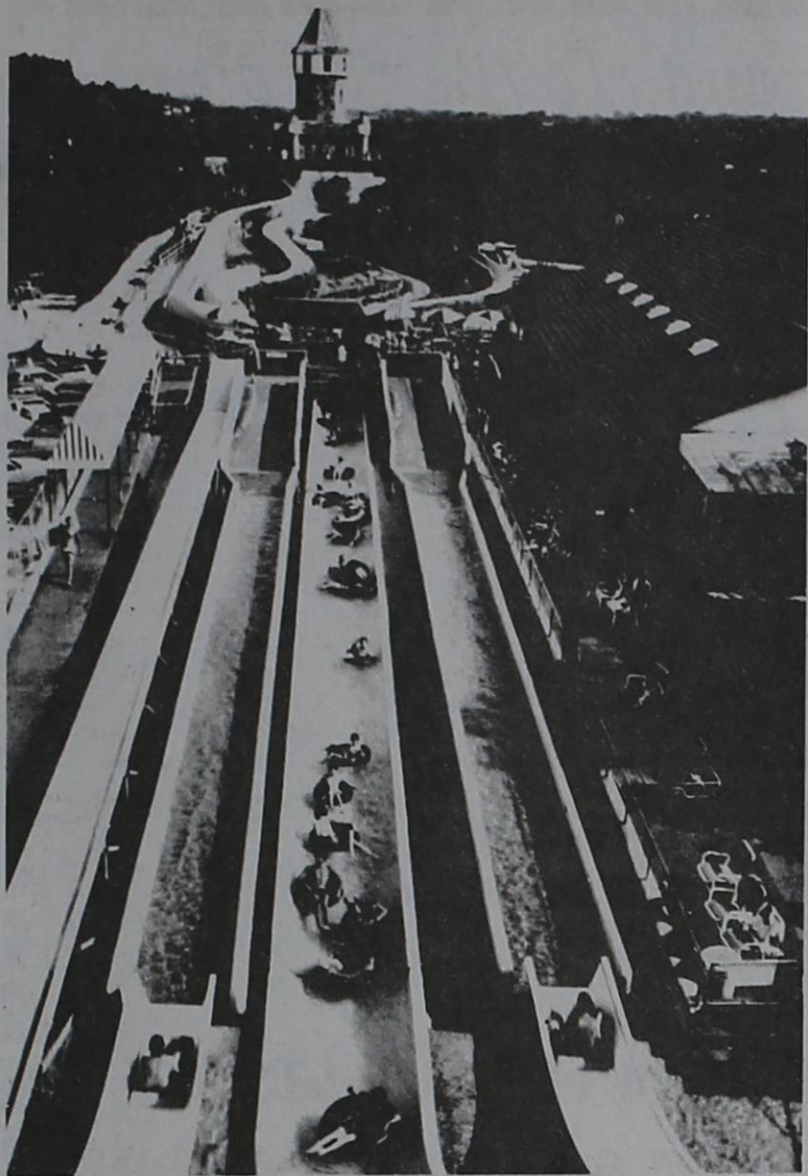


Greg Gudge — yard boss — a young man of the highest integrity, keeps things moving, daylight or dark means nothing to Greg if the job needs doing.



G. D. Priest handles most all of the chute work, does a heck of a job keeping the paper work straight and recently became an auctioneer and works for W & J Auction Service.





Schlitterbahn Waterpark's German castle towers high above the 65 acre complex located on the banks of the Comal River in New Braunfels. The park has 17 water slides, 9 inner tube chutes, a family wave pool, hot tubs, four kiddie parks and the Boogie Bahn surfing ride.

Top Attractions In Texas Are Noted

What is Texas' friendliest city? Where can you find the top tourist attraction in the state? What's the most popular travel destination?

Last July, the editors of *Texas*

Oldtimer Has Wish Granted

On Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m. the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum helped Mrs. Edna Dixon Irwin (daughter of Billy Dixon) celebrate her birthday by granting her wish "to hold Billy Dixon's Medal of Honor just one more time."

Brenda Haes, Registrar for the PPHM, recently learned from Sgt. Steve O'Keefe at the Army Awards Branch in Washington, D.C. that Mrs. Irwin had expressed this desire in a recent telephone conversation.

History buffs who have studied the accounts of the Texas Panhandle Indian wars of the 1870s will remember the name of Billy Dixon.

Recognized by his peers as a "sharpshooter" Dixon is credited with the famous long shot fired just as the 1874 Battle of Adobe Walls (an early Texas Panhandle trading post) had subsided. The bullet struck an Indian at a distance of approximately seven-eighths of a mile.

Later, Dixon and a few others held off a band of Indians for several days at the Battle of Buffalo Wallow, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Mrs. Olive Dixon (wife of Billy Dixon) donated the medal on June 7, 1921 to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. At that time, Mrs. Dixon also gave the Society the 1873 U.S. Springfield Rifle used by Billy Dixon at Adobe Walls.

Although Dixon died when Mrs. Irwin was only nine years old, she clearly remembers him as a wonderful man who loved animals. Mrs. Irwin is the fourth of Dixon's seven children.

Mrs. Irwin and her husband, Walter R. Irwin, have three children: Mrs. John Maynard of Amarillo, Mrs. James L. Hayes of Garden Grove, California, and W.K. Irwin of Bushland.

"We are very proud to have been caretakers for this Medal of Honor for these many years," stated Diane Brake, Interim Director for the PPHM. "We want to assist in helping Panhandle residents become aware of the importance of these early Indian battles and the courageous men who fought them."

Adobe Walls, the site of the battle between the buffalo hunters and Indians which initiated the Red River Indian Wars of 1874, was donated to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society in 1924. It is preserved and protected by the Society.

"Texas" Production Kicks Off Its 27th Season

Dusk slowly settles over the High Plains of Texas. The sun lazily swings toward the horizon. Twilight gently mutes the vibrant magentas, reds and golds splashed across the rugged walls of the natural masterpiece known as Palo Duro Canyon. Suddenly, the evening serenade of crickets and coyotes is interrupted by the stirring strains of a lone bugle from high atop the canyon wall. Nature slowly brings down the lights. Two horsemen, bearing American and Texas flags, appear on the canyon rim and a cast of 80 performers takes to the stage to open the 1992 season of "TEXAS."

The plaintive call of the bugle is a suitable reminder of the strong, independent spirit that helped tame a wild land. It is an appropriate opening for the pomp and pageantry that has made "TEXAS" the best attended outdoor drama in the United States.

Beginning June 10 the musical drama written by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Paul Green plays at 8:30 each evening except Sundays through August 22. Located near Amarillo and Canyon, Texas, Palo Duro Canyon State Park provides a perfect setting for this stirring story.

During the next two and half hours, spectators will watch the unfolding of a spellbinding tale woven from the magical threads that pit men and women against nature and each other. The romance of "TEXAS" is intricately interwoven with the realities of hardships and hard work that were staples in the lives of the early settlers who came to tame the land called Texas.

Like the land itself, "TEXAS" is filled with action and adventure. Cowboys ride the range and Indians leap from the Canyon rocks. Friendship though, if often born of adversity, and that fact is dramatically portrayed in the play. Rivalries give way to cooperation and energies are combined to settle towns and organize schools. An authentic steam train finally rumbles across the plains, symbolically bringing together the dreams of both cattlemen and farmers. Prosperity follows population to the vast wilderness of the Panhandle.

Reality is an abundant quality

on the High Plains, and there's no shortage of "realism" in the special effects that have brought "TEXAS" international acclaim. Modern technology, along with state-of-the-art sound and light equipment, are melded with the canyon's natural acoustics to provide unusual and startling special effects.

During the storm scene, distant lightning sometimes dances eerily in tandem with its make-believe counterpart capering along the canyon walls. The sound of thunder, created by giant "woofers," bounces between the amphitheatre and the cliffs, causing some members of the audience to reach for umbrellas. And as the music reaches its crescendo, a bolt of lightning knives across the sky and crackles down the canyon wall, leaving a smoldering tree in its wake.

In another scene, a flaming prairie fire shimmers and snakes its way across the stage. Cowboys join farmers in a frenzied ballet as they fight the destructive fiend that is their common enemy. Spectators share the tension of the battle as smoke wafts across the stage.

Much of the innovation for the production comes from Director Neil Hess, Lynn Hart and Scott Linder. Hart is lighting special effects designer for the show. His credits include a special light and sound show he created for the 1980 Winter Olympics, several shows for Disneyland and an attraction at EPCOT Center. Linder is sound designer and audio consultant. His work includes projects at Madison Square Garden, Broadway plays, Holiday on Ice Shows, the Bolshoi Ballet and the Metropolitan Opera.

"TEXAS" is well known for its continuity in direction, management and actors. Hess has been involved in the show since its beginning. He worked with Green in shaping the show during its early years and has served as director of "TEXAS" since 1985. In addition to his duties with the play, Hess heads the dance department at West Texas State University and serves as artistic director for the Lone Star Ballet. He devotes constant effort to keeping the show fresh, since statistics indicate that more than

half the audience in 1991 had seen the production in the past.

The 1992 cast and crew of "TEXAS" come from nine states and three foreign countries (Thailand, Portugal and Italy). The excitement of playing to a full house nightly and the privilege of working with professionals of Hess' caliber draw performers from as far away as New York and New Hampshire. A 50 voice choir and a small orchestra provide the backbone for many scenes. The company also includes technicians, costumers, hospitality workers as well as horses, a dog, and the occasional taratula that wanders across the stage.

This is the 27th season for "TEXAS", and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Opening night's performance is dedicated to the show's founders, Margaret Harper, Bill and Margaret Moore, and the first board of directors.

"TEXAS" is the late Margaret Harper's gift to the Panhandle. A living room discussion between Harper and the Moores led to the need for an economic boost to the area and the use of Palo Duro Canyon during the tranquil evening hours. Subsequently, Harper contacted Green and enticed him to come see this compelling land. The rest is history.

More than 2.3 million people from every state and 100 foreign countries have seen the show. Each evening a chow call triangle is awarded to the person traveling the greatest distance. During the first year of the show, the triangle has been received only by guests from foreign countries. In 1991, Australia led the foreign countries in winning the prize.

For reservations to "TEXAS", write P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015, or call (806) 655-2181. Tickets are \$12, \$9 and \$6 for adults, and \$12, \$4.50 and \$3 for children. Group discounts are available. An optional barbecue dinner, served prior to every performance by Sutphen's of Amarillo, is available for an additional \$6.

If you want a taste of the sights and sounds of the West as it once was, don't miss out on a trip to "TEXAS"!



JOHN GETZ

Rites Held For Parmer Publisher

Funeral services for John Getz, 71, longtime Parmer County newspaper publisher, were conducted Thursday at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell. Masonic graveside services will be held at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria, Illinois.

Getz passed away June 9 in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

He moved to Farwell in 1948, and became associated with the State Line Tribune in 1952 as advertising salesman. Beginning in 1958, he also was associated with the Friona Star in that capacity, and continued until 1963.

In 1965 he purchased the Farwell newspaper, and published it for almost 20 years, selling it in 1984. Getz served as president of the Panhandle Press Assn., 1971-72, and the West Texas Press Assn. in 1982.

He was born in Peoria, Illinois, and graduated from Bradley University there in 1942. He married Joann Miller in 1941 at St. Charles, Mo. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He was a member of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church and Ballut Abayad. He was a 32nd degree Mason and past worshipful master of the Farwell Masonic Lodge 977.

Getz was a member of the Clovis Shrine Club and Cycle Corps, Texico-Farwell Lions Club and Khiva Shrine Temples in Amarillo and Albuquerque. He had received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Lions International, highest award in Lionism.

Survivors include his wife Joann; a son, Dr. Michael Getz of Rochester, Minnesota, and two grandchildren.

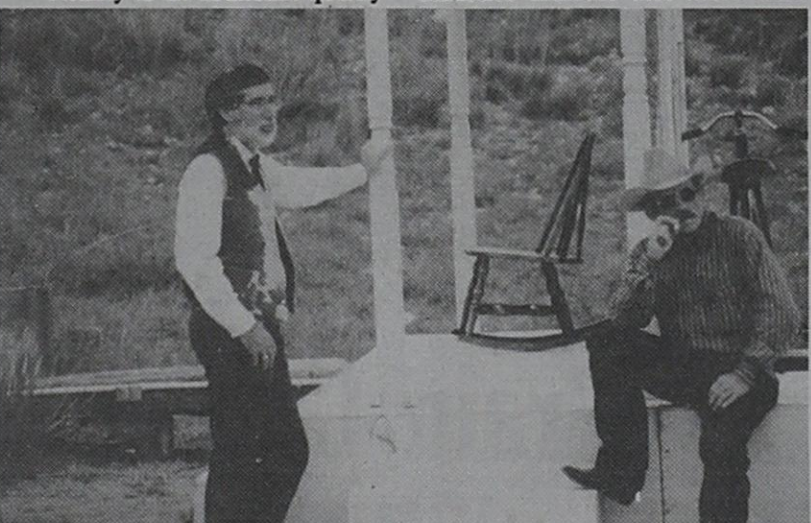
Hospital Report

Parmer County Community Hospital-Irene McFarland, Rosa Roberts, Wesley Foster and Carl Martin.

M.D. Anderson, Houston-Virginia Ready.

Methodist Hospital, Lubbock--Seva Struve.

St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo--J.C. Parvin.



INTERMISSION...Director Don Williams and Dwayne Cornelius visit during an intermission. This year's performances are set for July 30 and 31; August 1 and August 6, 7 and 8. Reserve your tickets today, call (806) 675-2906.

Musical To Kick Off

"God's Country," a musical prairie drama, will be produced by the Rio Blanco Heritage Foundation, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, August 1 and August 6, 7 and 8.

The life and local history, including both the joys and hardships faced by the early settlers, is depicted by area talent. The setting for God's Country is the realistic atmosphere of the Blanco Canyon, where much of the original story took place.

Showings and tickets are limited and virtually every show is a sellout. For ticket information, contact God's Country at (806) 675-2906, P.O. Box 386, Crosbyton, Texas, 79322.

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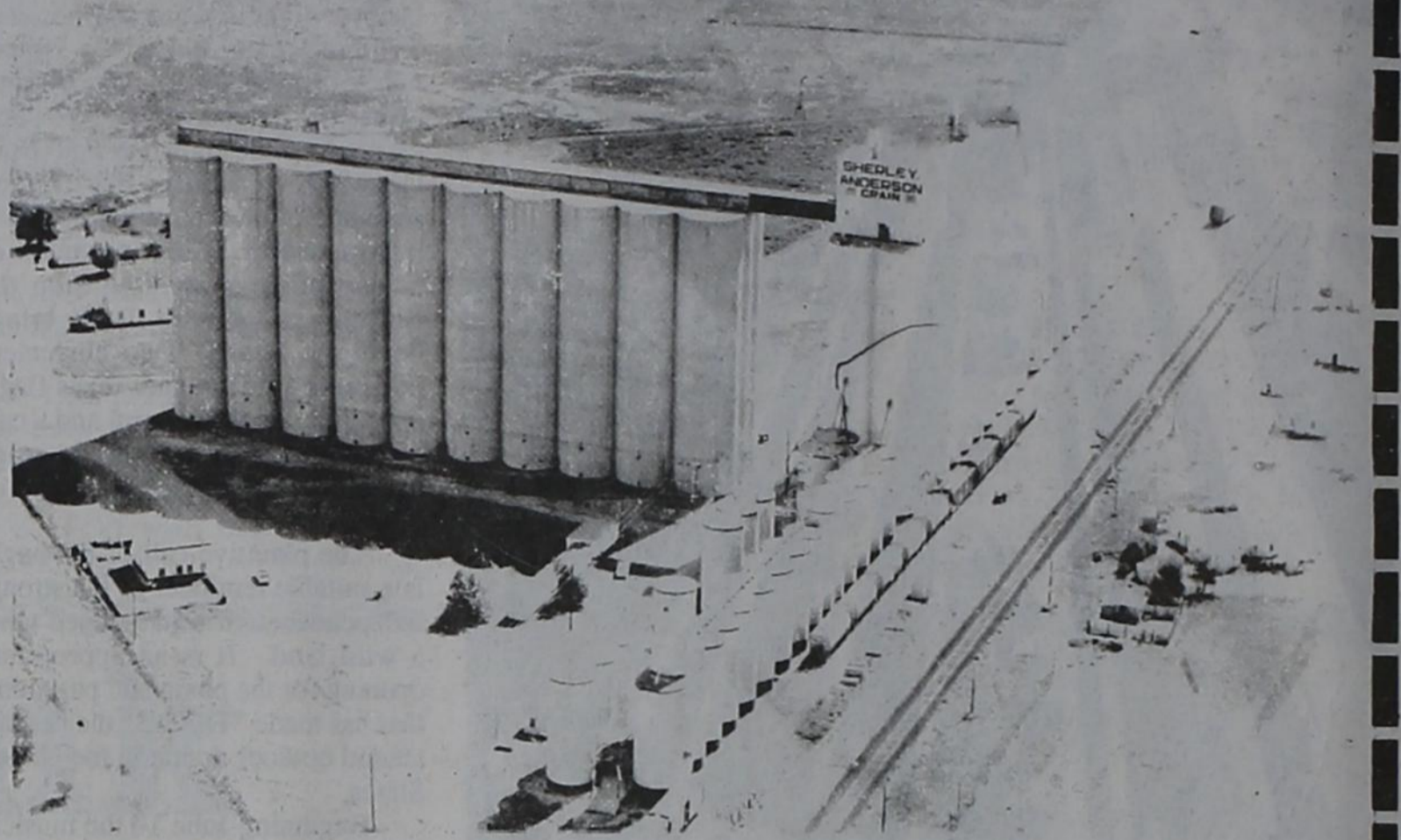
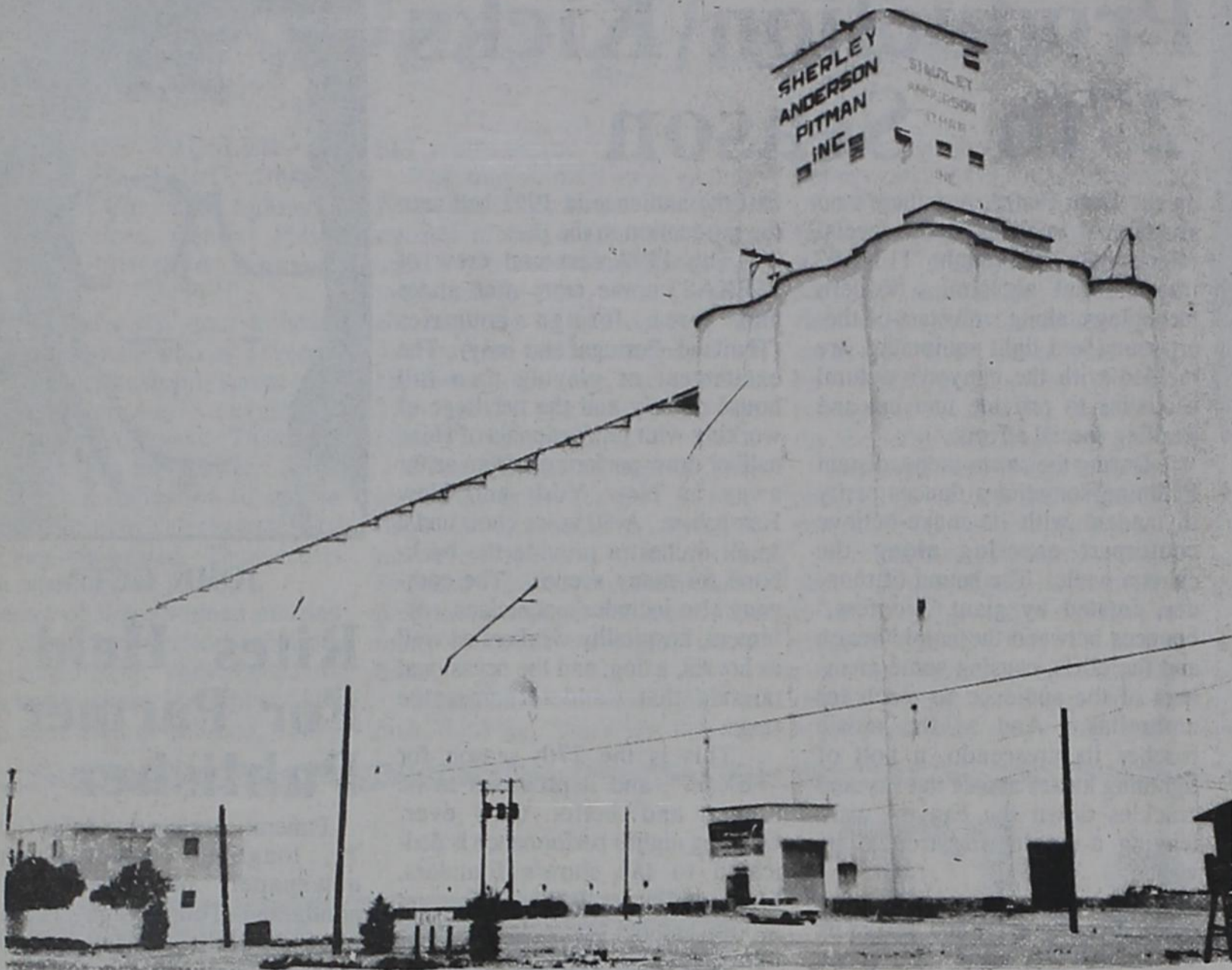
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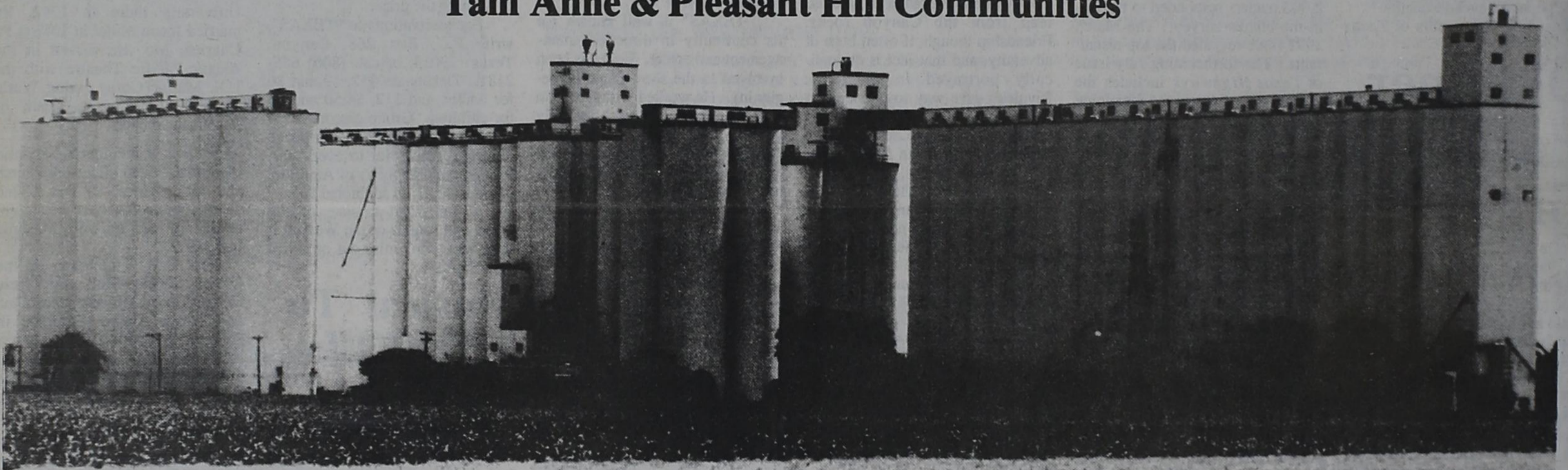
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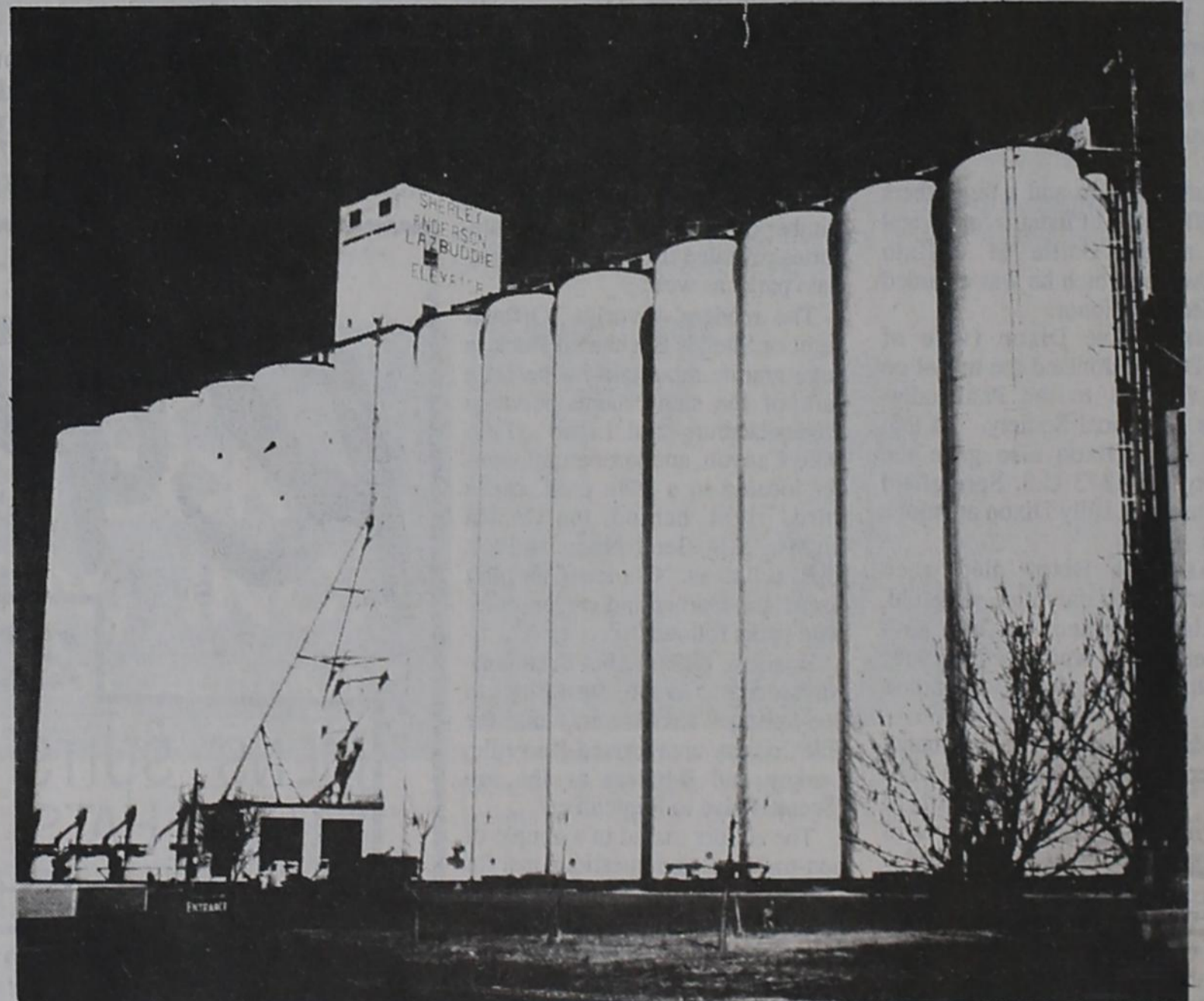
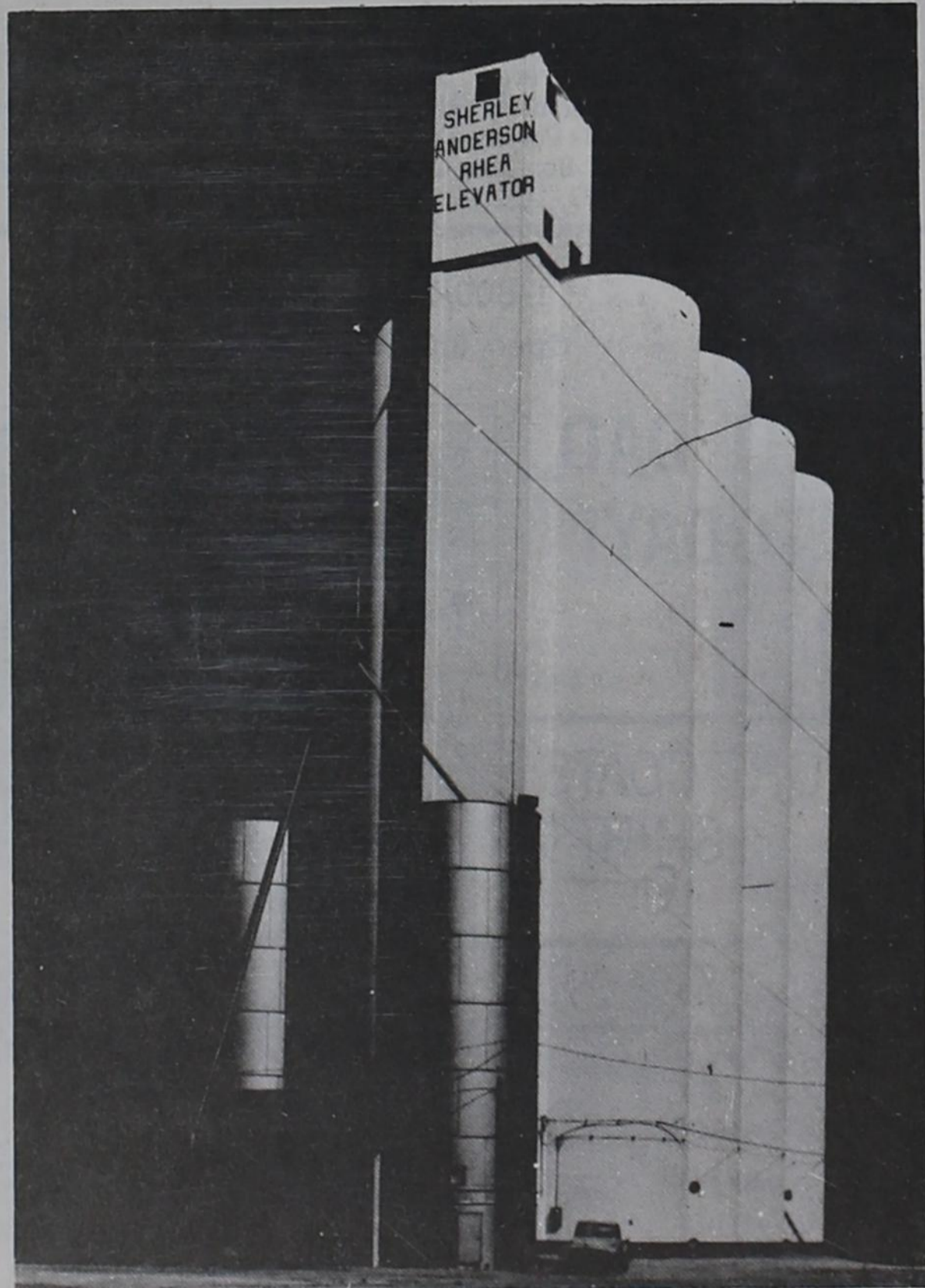
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