



**Bull
Town
Bulletins**
By
Bill Ellis

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Parmer County Historical Commission, which began just prior to Christmas the distribution of its new book, *Prairie Progress*, a history of Parmer County.

The new, 600-page volume is packed with history, and we guarantee you that you'd better have some extra time on your hands if you pick it up and start to leaf through the book and read it—because it's hard to put down.

The newest county history contains a written history on each community in the county—not just the incorporated cities, but others such as Black, Clay's Corner, Lakeview, Lariat, Lazbuddie, Oklahoma Lane and Rhea.

It also features historical sketches of all the schools in Parmer County, past and present. If you thought you knew all the old schools in the county, did you remember such institutions as Cracker Box, Big Square, Jesko, Old Dobie, Old Dipping Vat, O'Neal, Red Tower, Prytz, State Line and Buckeye?

There is also a section on churches in Parmer County, with 27 local congregations being featured in pictures and print. Also included are articles on cemeteries.

A good section is devoted to agriculture, featuring crops, cattle, the county livestock show, annual pheasant hunt and farm organizations.

Under the section "Community Health" are write-ups and pictures of Parmer County Community Hospital, the Bovina Medical Clinic, the Farwell Clinic and Prairie Acres nursing home.

Celebrations are highlighted also, with historical sketches on Maize Days, Bull Town Days, and Border Town Days. A section is devoted to pictures of notable homes in the county.

A number of old, priceless articles have been re-printed, and preserved for posterity. Among these are such items as "Diary of the 1936 Oklahoma Lane Senior Trip," kept by Harold Carpenter; "My Childhood Recollections of Friona" by Elwin Gishler; "Hog-Killing Time" by Mary Collier and one of the old "Light and Hitch" episodes by Laura V. Hamner, this one dealing on the early-day settlement of Friona.

There is even a section on the weather, showing how our county can feature all extremes. Sections include an article on the "Dust Bowl Days" and longtime weather prognosticator, J.W. "Indian" Crim.

Another section features organizations, such as the various senior citizens groups, Girl and Boy Scouts.

Some 70 pages of the book are devoted to memorial and tribute pages, to loved ones both living and deceased. Another 40 pages contain business histories, as the company write-ups were another way promoters of the book used to help finance the venture.

Of course, the main section of the book—over 300 pages and 869 individual stories, contain family histories of present-day county residents. Scanning the pages of this section enables you to learn a great deal about your friends and neighbors that you did not know previously.

Naturally, there are many families whose write-ups are not in the book. But after many months of pleas by the book committee, a project of this nature has to pick a termination point.

To our way of thinking, "Prairie Progress" is a great success. We commend Grace Whitefield and her hard-working committee on a job well done.

"Friends have all things in common."
Plato

FIRST TEAM

Ricky Shepherd Named All-State

Ricky Shepherd, Bovina's phenomenal wide receiver, recently was named to the Texas All State football team, as a member of the first team.

Shepherd, a 5 foot 11 inch senior has earned many honors while breaking the records at Bovina High School as well as the state of Texas in high school football.

As far as we know, there has not been any other Bovina athlete make first team All State in football in the history of the school.

To add to Ricky's All State wide receiver credits, Shepherd also was named the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All South Plains Player of the Year for 1981 in Class AA, and additionally, he was also named to the Amarillo Globe-News' Super Team in 1981 as a wide receiver.

He was named All South Plains in both 1980 and 1981 as a wide receiver and also as a defensive back in 1981 only.

Shepherd was additionally named Player of the Year in District 3-AA and was an All District selection at wide receiver and defensive back in 1980 and 1981.

In the Texas record books, Ricky Shepherd of Bovina is the third highest individual in yardage gained in 1981, which was 1,355 yards and this was for all classes of schools.

Also, Shepherd re-wrote the record books, placing fourth in the state as the all time receiver in all classes, and fifth as having the highest number of total receptions (73) in all classifications, as well as fifth in career list receiving yards, totaling 2,431.

It might be well to note that Ricky Shepherd has also caught at least one touchdown pass in 14 straight games.

For his ten game total in 1981, Ricky Shepherd had 73 receptions for a total of 1,355 yards at 18.6 yards per carry and 17 touchdowns with one extra point conversion catch for a total of 104 points for the season.

Coach Paul Toppliff admits, with justifiable pride, that Shepherd is the most outstanding wide receiver he has ever had the pleasure of coaching.

"Ricky was a converted quarterback, and up until two years ago, he had not really done anything to distinguish himself. But, what he has done in the past two years, it takes most other players four or more years to accomplish."

Toppliff said all his teammates, as well as the entire school, were very proud of Ricky.

"It's like this...it took ten other players to get Ricky to All State, so the others he played with realize that

they were a big part of his success."

Shepherd was the first All State player Paul Toppliff has had since coming to Texas to coach.

But, Coach Paul Toppliff says the credit goes elsewhere.

"I credit Coach Clifton Neal (wide receivers coach at BHS) with much of Ricky's success. But, Ricky was sold on this program, and has always been a very coachable youngster."

And, it goes almost without saying that Shepherd possesses all of the attributes of a very fine football player. Except for the egotism.

In fact, no one in Bovina, Texas would have ever known Ricky Shepherd made All State, had it been left up to Ricky to tell anyone.

A quiet, almost shy, young man as he is, Ricky Shepherd does his talking on the field, with a football under his arm.

"I am not concerned as to whether or not Ricky plays college football, because that decision will be his...but, I will say this...Ricky Shepherd has given his best while he played for me here in Bovina, and as far as I am concerned, he has really made me a hand. He has always done his job well," concluded Coach Paul Toppliff.

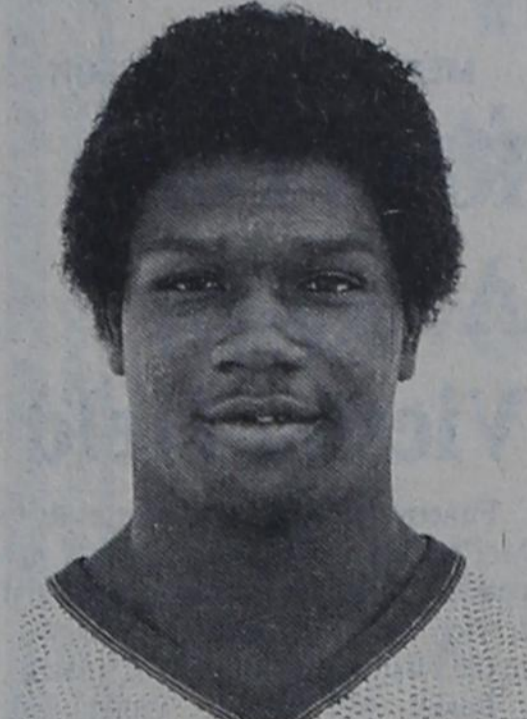
And speaking of college offers, Ricky has been looked at by several colleges already this year, and among those included were Oklahoma State University, which is a Big 8 School, University of Texas at Arlington, Eastern New Mexico University, and West Texas State. WTSU was interested in Shepherd until they found out that he could only run the 40 in 4.8. I wonder what they were looking for?

Of course, none of this would have been possible had it not been for Ricky's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shepherd, who have loved, encouraged and supported their son through all the years. They realized that athletics was not enough, and encouraged all their children to be good students as well as good athletes.

Ricky has also distinguished himself as an All District basketball player and a second team All Regional basketball player last season.

It was ironic, because just as we were sitting in the coaches office talking about Ricky Shepherd, a phone call from Bill Murray of the Houston Chronicle came in, wanting to get some stats on Shepherd.

I would think it would be safe to say that Ricky Shepherd has a bright future ahead of him...any way he goes.



ALL STATE STAR....Ricky Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shepherd, was named to the All State football team, as a member of the first team, it was announced recently. Shepherd is a senior at BHS, and may possibly be Bovina's first All State football player. Coaches are wishing to know if this is accurate or not. Anyone knowing if Bovina had another player on any All State football team is asked to call the coaches and let them know.

Project Raises \$1200 For Clinic

A total of \$1,121.68 was the final tabulation in the Project Christmas Card drive, whose proceeds will go to benefit the Bovina Clinic.

Spokespersons for the Bovina Woman's Study Club, the sponsoring organization, said this was an unusually large amount of money and that they were delighted that the many citizens of Bovina who contributed to the project were willing to dig deeper into their pockets this Christmas to make this effort so successful.

It was stated that the usual contributions amounted to about \$700-\$900, so having a donation totaling \$1,200 was a big incentive for the organizers.

Some names of persons who contributed to the project did not make the Christmas card in the Christmas edition due to one reason or another and these are the remaining contributors; Willa Mae Ross, "Anonymous," the Dennis Willard Family and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Sudderth.

All of the women involved with the project from the Bovina Woman's Study Club want to express their sincere thanks to all of the contributors for their generous donations. "These acts of generosity are what make communities grow," said a spokesman for the group.

Patterson Announces Candidacy

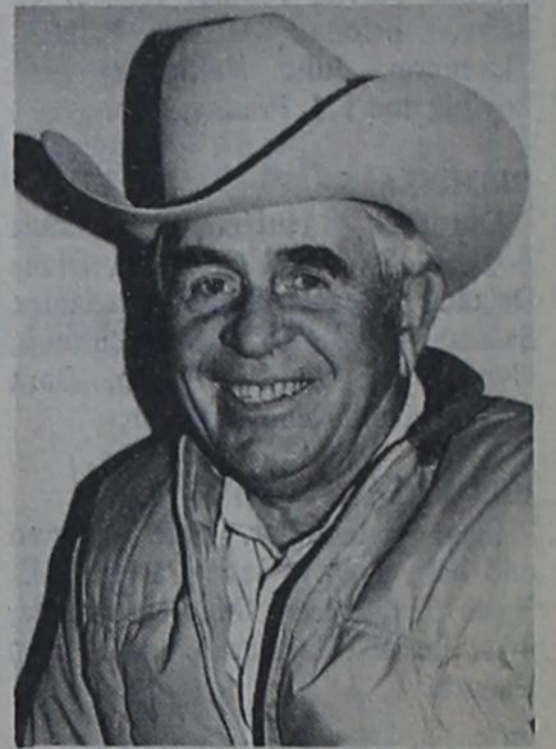
Jack Patterson, 60, incumbent precinct 2 commissioner, serving the Rhea and Bovina areas, has announced that he will seek re-election as county commissioner for that precinct in the Democratic Primary in May.

Patterson has served one term as commissioner. He is engaged in farming in the Rhea community.

"My goals for the future are to represent the people I am elected to serve as fairly and equally as I possibly can," stated Patterson.

Patterson and his wife, Ona, have resided in the Rhea area for the past 33 years.

(Pol. Adv., Paid by Jack Patterson)



JACK PATTERSON

Mrs. Felts Is Seeking Re-Election

Benna Felts, who has served as county treasurer for the past eight years, announced this week her intentions of seeking a third term.

In a prepared statement, Mrs. Felts said:

"As Benna Jenkins, I went to school and was graduated from Oklahoma Lane, later attending business college in Amarillo.

"My husband, Charlie Felts, bought the store at Lariat in 1946. We operated the store until shortly before his death in 1979.

"I worked in Hugh Moseley's office as tax deputy for nine years before being appointed to fill out the county treasurer's term when Mabel Reynolds retired.

"I have moved to Farwell, and am presently serving a second term as Parmer County Treasurer. In seeking re-election, I hope to serve efficiently with your help in the Democratic primary in May. Each vote received will be sincerely appreciated."

Benna Felts
Parmer County Treasurer
(Pol. Adv., paid for by Benna Felts)



BENNA FELTS

Cable Charge Is Clarified

A correction in the monthly charge for customers of Bovina Cablevision is being made from that stated in the Blade issue of December 16.

The new monthly charge will be \$10.70, which is up 75 cents per month from the old rate. At the same time, the local cable TV company will add the ESN (sports) network to its lineup of channels.

The monthly charge for HBO is going from \$8.95 a month to \$10.00, due to a "pass-through" increase to the local company. HBO has begun broadcasting 24 hours a day, which is one reason for this increase.

The new charges will be effective when the new equipment is completely installed.

AT McMURRY

Murphy Is Head Coach

Rodney Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Murphy of Bovina, was named head grid coach for McMurry, it was announced in press releases from Abilene recently.

At the age of 30, Murphy will be one of the youngest college football coaches to emerge at McMurry since the days of Grant Teaff, who was in his mid-20s when he was named coach there.

Murphy was named for the position after Spud Aldridge, the former coach, resigned to enter private business.

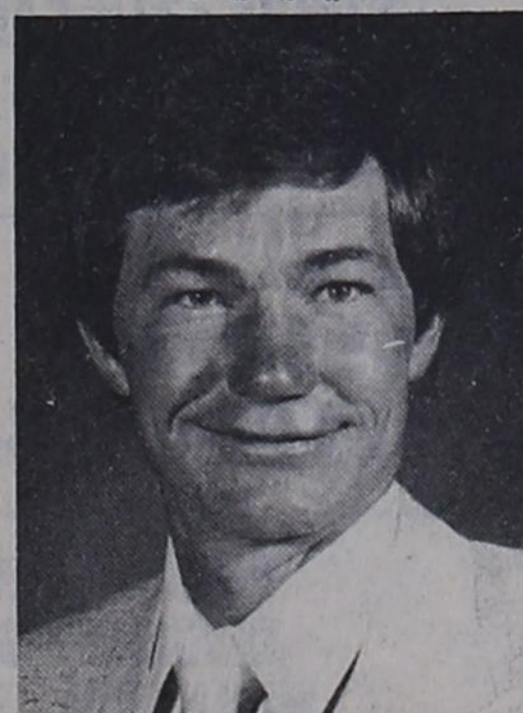
The new head coach had been an assistant at McMurry, working with the defensive secondary and wide receivers.

Murphy has been an assistant at McMurry for the past year, after coming from Hereford High School. Prior to going to Hereford, Murphy was a coach at Muleshoe following his graduation from West Texas State University and Bovina High School.

He was at Muleshoe for four years.

According to sources in Abilene, Murphy was chosen from a field of approximately five other applicants.

In his selection, officials at



RODNEY MURPHY



WINDSWEEP FIRE....Shown is fireman Raymond Rocha, Jr., as he battles a blaze of some wooden livestock pens located north of Bovina Gin

Monday. High winds and dry weeds made the fire fighting even more hazardous and harder to control.



FATAL AFTERMATH..... Hill, December 29, 1981. Shown is the vehicle which was driven by Merle Ross McPherson of Bovina which was hit head-on by a tractor-trailer rig, near Parmerton

Hill, December 29, 1981. McPherson was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. (Photo by DPS Trooper Steve Talkington)

Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS--
Diane Delgado, Hereford; Angela Sims, Friona; Olga Gonzales, Friona; Dora Norwood, Friona; Lupe Salazar, Bovina; Derek Putman, Friona; Lily Brito, Bovina; Julie Guzman and baby boy, Friona; Uvon Ford, Farwell; Sandra Priebe, Friona; Kenneth Pryor, Friona; Martha Carter, Friona; Aubrey E. Baize, Friona; Helen Estlack, Clarendon; Julio Hernandez, Jr., Bovina; and T.J. Presley, Friona.

DISMISSALS--
Dorothy Huffman, Ranza Bogges, Sr., Olga Gonzales, Diane Delgado, Angela Sims, Guadalupe Salazar, Lily Brito, Derek Putman, Uvon Ford, Sandra Priebe, Dora Norwood and Kenneth Pryor.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL--
Steve Batenhorst, Julie Guzman and baby boy, Martha Carter, A.E. Baize, T.J. Presley, Julio Hernandez, Jr., Leslie Caroland and Helen Estlack.

James R. Simms Promoted To Staff Sergeant

James R. Simms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Simms of 208 Third Street, Bovina, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Simms is an administration specialist at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, with the 71st Air Base Group.

He is a 1978 graduate of Palo Duro High School, Amarillo.

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Sr. Citizens Met Dec. 16

The Bovina Senior Citizens met for their Christmas party December 16 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Building. A birthday party was also held in conjunction with the Christmas party.

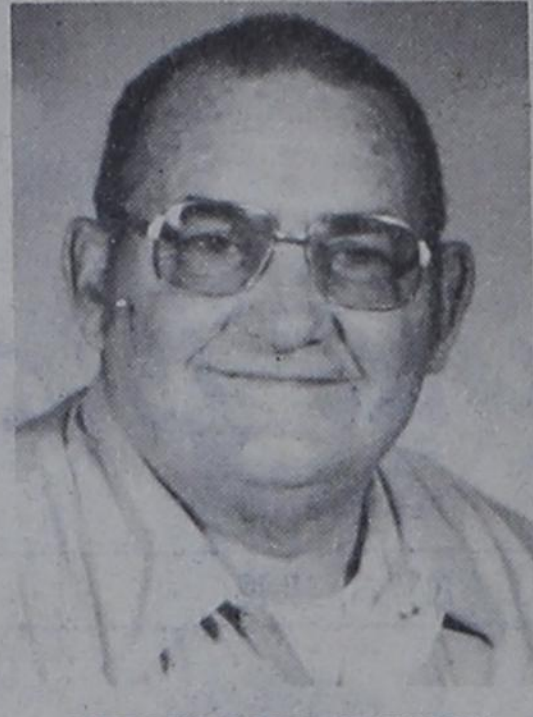
All present at the party exchanged gifts. A quartet from Hereford, the Golden Age Quartet, entertained the Senior Citizens.

Present at the party were Levi Johnson, Ethel Johnson, Elbert King, Velma Lide, Minnie Kelso, Frances King, who were the birthday honorees.

Others attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leake, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lide, Mr. and Mrs. Grady King, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hancock, Mae Hoppingardner, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison, Maesie Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gipson, Ola Epperly, Hattie Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelso, Elbert Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Teague, Charlsie Eubanks, Mona Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Jones and visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boyd, Homer Garrison and J.B. Noland, all of Hereford.

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens was December 30 at 11:30 a.m. at which time their luncheon was held.

Anyone 55 or older is invited to come and join in the fun.



MERLE ROSS McPHERSON

Rites For Accident Victim Held

Funeral services for Merle Ross McPherson, 57, of Bovina, are pending in Perry, Iowa. A memorial service will be conducted January 11 in the First Baptist Church of Texico.

Burial will be in Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry, Iowa.

McPherson was the victim of an automobile accident Tuesday, December 29, near Friona.

McPherson was a security guard at the Barrett-Crofoot Feed Yard, between Friona and Hereford. He had resided at 203 Avenue E in Bovina for the past 2 1/2 years, after moving from Clovis.

Prior to moving to Clovis, McPherson lived in Perry, Iowa. A veteran of the US Naval Air Corps, McPherson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Texico. He and Nancy Lee were married in 1954 in Perry, Iowa.

Survivors included his wife, Nancy L. McPherson of Bovina; two brothers, L.L. McPherson and Charles McPherson of Iowa; one daughter, Linda Williams of Clovis and one aunt, Bertha McGarvey of Perry, Iowa.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending December 8, 1981 in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

Deed, Valdamor C. Ortiz, E 1/2 lot 3, Blk. 29, Bovina
WD, James Clyde Pankey, Jr., Sandra Kay Pankey, E 1/2 lots 13 thru 18, Blk. 64, Friona

WD, Alan D. Hamilton, C.B. Looper, Jr., S/pt. lot 5 and N/pt. lot 6, Blk. 2, Welch Ac. No. 1, Friona
WD, Francisco Rocha-Fabela, Misael M. Rocha, lot 3, Blk. 90, Friona

WD, J.W. Wright, Gary D. and Dale W. Gerggren, 3.52 ac. out NE/cor. Sec. 15, Blk. B, Synd.

Deed, Veterans Land Board, Charles E. Allen, 55 ac. out Sec. 45, Blk. C, Rhea Bro.

Deed, Veterans Land Board, Dan Ethridge, 79.998 ac. out Sec. 45, Blk. C, Rhea Bro.

WD, Doris Rose Emanuel, Charles, Joe Don and Betty Jean Emanuel, NW 1/4 Sec. 12, W 1/2 of Sec. 13, S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 13, T9S;R1E

WD, Bobby D. Broyles, Fern M. Broyles, SW 1/4 Sec. 79, Blk. H, Kelly
WD, W.A. and Jimmie R. Mace, Gary Robbins, NE 1/4 Sec. 13, T15S;R2E

WD, Gary Robbins, M.H. and Sons Britton, NE 1/4 Sec. 13, T15S;R2E

OGL, Dean McCallum, Hellen Reasoner Pet. Land Ser., N 1/2 Sec. 4, T10S;R2E

WD, Marion C. Osborn, Paige Ann, Shawn K., Nikki M. Lacye and Tiffany Osborn, Undiv. 1/5 int. SW 1/4 Sec. 22, Harding.

Instrument Report Ending December 16, 1981, in County Clerk's Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

WD, Sandra G. Mankin, Paul Ronald Mankin, tr. 6.39 ac. out S/pt. Sec. 12, Chas. Harding-tr. 35.11 ac. of N/pt. Sec. 13, Harding

OGL, Percy Merritt, J.D. Cobb, Sec. 15 and 269.8 ac. of Sec. 14, T16S;R1E

WD, Waymon Wilkins, Jesus M. Marquez, Lot 10, Blk. 27, Friona.

REFLECTIONS From The Blade

25 YEARS AGO--JAN. 2, 1957

Bovina coffee drinkers are possibly taking a dim view of 1957. They are faced with having to pay ten cents a cup for their favorite liquid. Both ABC Drug and Bovina Restaurant have announced that they have started charging a dime per cup because of the raised price they must pay for their coffee.

Dr. Paul Spring, Parmer County health officer, indicated this week that he and other physicians in the area are concerned about the rising incidence of encephalitis, or "Sleeping Sickness" in the Texas Plains and the Rio Grande Valley. Through a seeming oddity, the disease is increasing in the area each year in spite of the fact that the vector or carrier is a mosquito, and that the Texas Plains are in the midst of history's greatest drought.

Scooter Queen was elected president of the Bovina ex-students association at the annual banquet Saturday night.

The 1957 March of Dimes is underway in Parmer County, announces Hugh Moseley, chapter chairman, and Raymond Euler, campaign director.

20 YEARS AGO--JAN. 3, 1962

The year 1961 was folded back into pages of history Sunday night, December 31. The 365-day period in Bovina saw numerous civic projects conducted to successful completions, Bovina High athletic teams take a bi-district basketball championship and football squad a district banner, a new Little League ball park constructed, a rodeo and roping arena built, expansion of the community's residential and business areas and many other events.

Southside Motor Supply, a new Bovina business, is now located in building on Highway 86 which was formerly occupied by Cruise Motor Supply.

Hugh Moseley surprised the Parmer County public this week with the announcement that he will not seek re-election to the office of

county clerk another term.

John Wilson was winner of the new Remington shotgun at a Christmas Eve drawing in downtown Bovina. The gun was given away by Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

15 YEARS AGO--JAN. 4, 1967

Qualified voters will name their choices in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 election Tuesday when Parmer County selects two county committeemen, and decides whether or not to admit three counties to the organization.

James B. Fowler, 55, of Lubbock, and father of Rev. J.B. Fowler, Jr., of Bovina, died in his home Monday night when fire apparently broke out in the front portion of the home and completely gutted the structure.

The most intensive Extension Service farm and home improvement program ever conducted in the county will be held each Tuesday for six weeks starting January 10.

10 YEARS AGO--JAN. 5, 1972

Bob Johnson of the Oklahoma Lane community was the Parmer County winner in last month's "Longest pheasant tailfeather" contest, turning in a 2 1/4 inch entry at Farwell.

A cold wave, the worst of the winter, moved into the area Monday and sent the temperature plunging to near the zero mark Tuesday morning. A five-year construction and improvement program which envisions an investment of more than \$144 million between now and the end of 1976 to stay ahead of the electric service need of this area was announced today by Roy Tolk, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

5 YEARS AGO--JAN. 5, 1977

Two young Bovina residents have achieved the singular honor of receiving from President-elect Jimmy Carter, a formal invitation to attend his inauguration and the festivities that follow.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Glasscock, Terry, 9, and Todd, 7, wrote to Carter during the campaign, expressing support and in reply, received a post card from him.

Wayne Stone was Bovina's champion in the annual longest tailfeather contest, sponsored locally by Bovina Gin, who will award Stone a check for \$145. Stone's feather measured 25-5/8 inches.

Committee To Meet January 5

The Nominating Committee for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 5 at the Headquarters Building in Hereford.

Two nominations each will be made for the Board of Directors for the Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer County areas now represented by Mers. Donald Wright, Clark Andrews and Olson Osborn.

Those comprising this year's committee are: Bruce Fuller, 702 Cleveland, Dimmitt; Allen Dobmier, Route 3, Box 23, Nazareth; Clint Homfeld, Box 77, Adrian; Mrs. Argen Draper, Route 3, Hereford; Earnest Flood, Jr., Route 4, Hereford; W.S. "Dub" Ingram, Box 423, Friona; and Lawrence Martin, Route 2, Friona.

Baby Boy Born To Eloy Ortiz

Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Ortiz are parents of a baby boy born December 28, 1981 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed six pounds, three ounces and has been named Justin Ross.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ortiz.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison and Nola Read of Bovina.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 5 LB. BAG 79c	DELICIOUS BORDEN'S BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL. CTN. \$1.09
SHURFINE HONEY BUNS 49c	CHICKEN OF THE SEA TUNA 6 1/4 OZ. CAN 89c
MINUTEMAID ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ. 89c	RATH BACON LB. PKG. \$1.29

SHORTENING CRISCO 3 LB. CAN \$2.19
DETERGENT TIDE GIANT SIZE \$1.39

BORDEN'S ICE CREAM SANDWICHES 6 CT. PKG. 99c



PRICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7-9, 1982 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



THE JOLLY OLD ELF AND BRANDON....Shown on Santa Claus' knee is Brandon Williams, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Atchley, who received a present from the Jolly Old Elf himself, prior to the school letting out for the holidays. This photo was taken at the Ridgelea School party.

Fillies Win Consolation

The Bovina Fillies took the consolation prize in the Farwell tourney, but were a bit worried about their first game, which was against a tough Dimmitt Bobbies team.

Dimmitt won the game 61-49, but the Bovina girls were not to be denied a win in the tourney.

Against Dimmitt, Connie Shelby scored 17 points, Lisa Shepherd had 15, Lisa Schilling and Randee Cupit each had eight, and Sonya Mayfield had one.

Lisa Schilling led the Fillies with four offensive and three defensive rebounds.

Coach Paul Topliff said Lisa Shepherd played a good game against Dimmitt, but that the team lost mainly because they did not hustle well enough.

In the second game, however, Bovina bested one of New Mexico's top girls teams by beating Texico, 53-51.

Connie Shelby burned the net with 20 points as Lisa Shepherd had 12, with Lisa Schilling getting eight, Randee Cupit seven and Stacey Whitecotton with six.

Coach Topliff said that Connie Shelby and Lisa Schilling controlled the boards all night long and the team's zone trap worked well in forcing turnovers. "I was very happy to win this game," commented the coach.

The Bovina girls were down by three at the half but found the key for success in the second half.

Lisa Schilling led in rebounding with six rebounds each way.

In the final game, Bovina stopped Melrose, 76-61.

Both Connie Shelby and Lisa Shepherd felt it was their honor-bound duties to make the lives of Melrose girls miserable as they each pumped in 30 points each, respectively.

Coach Topliff said Beverly Barrett came off the bench in this game to do a fine job in the absence of Lisa Schilling, who fouled out in the third period.

Lisa Shepherd had ten steals in the Melrose game, and Connie Shelby led in rebounds with eight offensive and five defensive.

Lisa Shepherd was named to the All Tourney team for the girls.

Teams Invaded By Horns

The Bovina teams were invaded by the Lazbuddie Longhorns Tuesday night, with the varsity teams and the JV girls team only playing the games. The JV boys game was cancelled because so few team members showed up for practice on Monday.

Census Info Available

If you want to know the 1980 census counts of Houston or Loving County or any other incorporated city, county or metropolitan area, you can find it in the 1982-1983 edition of the Texas Almanac, which is just off the press.

The new edition, published by The Dallas Morning News, features the 1980 Census along with an analysis of Texas' population shifts written by R.L. Skrabanek, professor of sociology and demographer at Texas A&M University. The book also contains tables of 130 years of population growth of Texas cities and counties.

The Almanac also features a special article on East Texas, written by Bob Bowman, author of several books on the region. Titled "East Texas: A Changing Region," Bowman's article says that at first it seems the sleepest of lands--tall-timbered, a gently rolling piece of Texas pushed into its eastern corner, almost more southern than Texan.

"But when you look beyond the verdant forests and saddle-sloped hills, you begin to sense a livelier land--a region being reshaped by industrialization, tourism and an influx of Sunbelt newcomers lured here by a moderate climate, scenic beauty and outdoors ethic..."

West Texas is also featured in a comprehensive article on McDonald Observatory, located in the Davis Mountains. Its author, Mike Kingston, Dallas Morning News editorial page writer, notes that the unpolluted view of the stars available from the observatory makes it one of the top astronomical sites in the world.

Persons who want to know more about Texas are provided a reading guide in a special article, "44 Books About Texas," written by Lee Milazzo, director of University Archives at Southern Methodist University and a book critic of The Dallas Morning News.

received a present from the Jolly Old Elf himself, prior to the school letting out for the holidays. This photo was taken at the Ridgelea School party.

Mustangs Fourth In Farwell Tournament

The Bovina Mustangs and Fillies fared well in the Farwell Tournament which was played December 17-19.

In the boys first game, Bovina bested the Dimmitt JV, 85-62.

Richard Shepherd led the scoring

EMC Course Is Offered At Lazbuddie

An emergency care attendant course will begin Monday night, January 11 in the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Training will be offered in the determination of vital signs, including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, cardiac arrest, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, airway obstructions, heart disorders and stroke.

Training and practice sessions will be scheduled in the control of bleeding and shock, bandaging, facial and eye injuries, head, neck and spine injuries, fractures and dislocations of the extremities, splinting skills and chest, abdominal and pelvic injuries.

Medical emergencies, including diabetes, epilepsy, overexposure to heat, asthma, drowning, emphysema, and hyper-ventilation will also be discussed. Training will also be offered in caring for burns, poisoning, emergency child birth, ambulance operation and the legal aspects of emergency care.

Tests will be given at the conclusion of the course by personnel of the Texas Department of Health Resources. Instructors for the course will be from the Bovina Ambulance Service. The course is open to everyone high school age or older. No previous training is required. The course will consist of 28 hours of classroom instruction and training.

People attending the meeting January 11 will set the dates for the other classes, at night, or on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

A minimum of 20 people are needed to conduct the course. The cost of the course will be \$10 per person.

The course is sponsored by the Lazbuddie Fire Department. To pre-register or for information, contact Glenn Lust, 965-2828.

for Bovina with 22 points, as Bull Chisom and Dale Gilbreath each had 15 and Ricky Shepherd had 10, with Charlie Trimble getting 10.

Bovina took the lead early as they had Dimmitt trailing 28-16 at the end of the first period, but the Mustangs would not be intimidated by the Bobcats and never let the lead lessen more than 11 points at any time.

Bull Chisom had 8 offensive and 3 defensive rebounds to lead in rebounding.

In the second game, Bovina ran into a tough Texico team, and lost by 10, 84-74.

Richard Shepherd scored 27 points for Bovina, with Bull Chisom and Ricky Shepherd pitching in 13 each.

Bovina was within three points of Texico in the first period, but lost ground in the second period by trailing 41-32. In the third period, Texico just continued to unravel a larger lead and Bovina never topped them.

Bull Chisom led in rebounding with six offensive and four defensive with Greg McClaran getting four of each.

In the final game for the boys, Bovina let Adrian get a one point lead over them, 58-57.

Ricky Shepherd dominated the scoring for Bovina with 18 points, with Richard Shepherd with 15, and Edward Chisom with 13.

Bovina could not get in the lead, as they always seemed to trail or be tied with Adrian, up until the third period, when the Mustangs went ahead by one, 42-41. But the lead did not hold out and they lost 58-57.

Greg McClaran had five offensive and five defensive rebounds for Bovina and Bull Chisom had four of each.

Richard Shepherd was named to the All Tournament team from Bovina for the boys.

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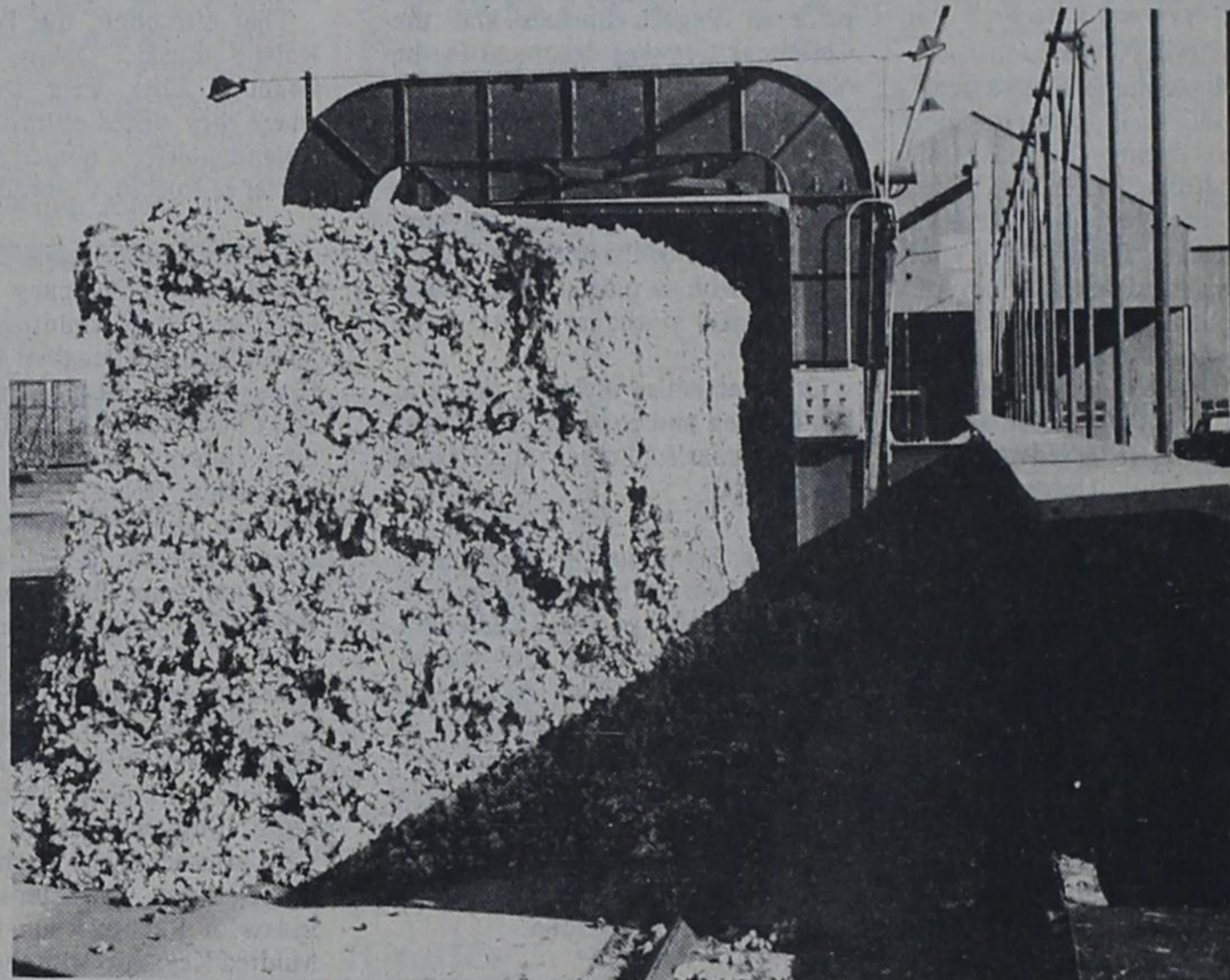
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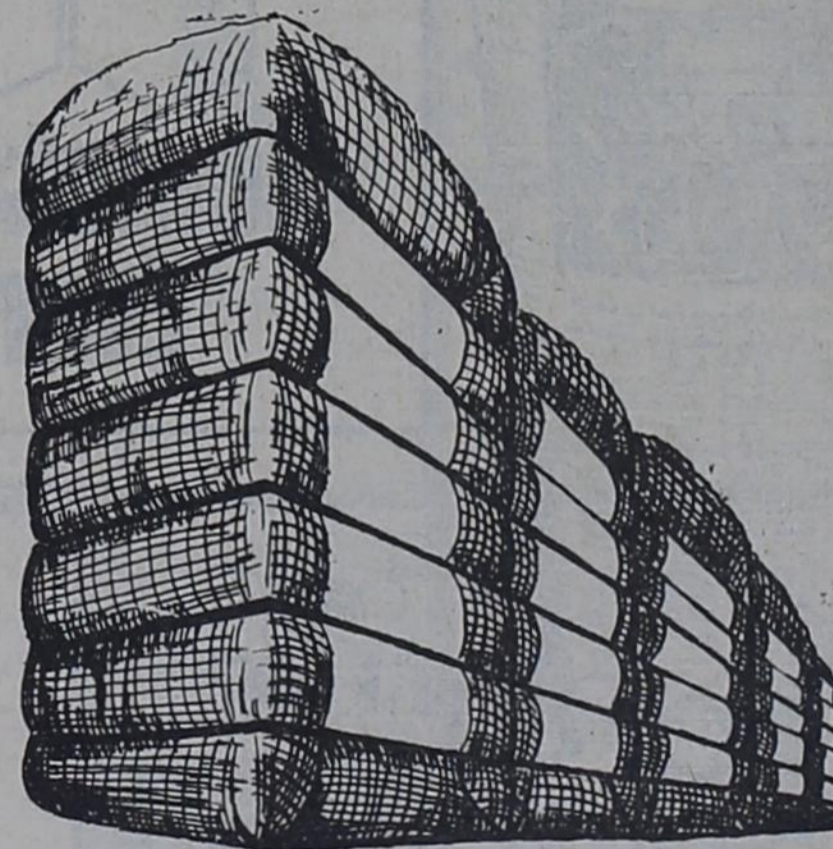
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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



The New Year started with much colder temperatures and windy weather...It's always good to get back to normal routine of daily living after the restful holidays. We enjoyed being with our daughters in Grand Junction, Colorado, Jane and family who live in Grand Junction, and daughter Tracy and Clay, who came from Mountain Home, Idaho....On the way up we had a good visit and meal with my sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Jeff McBeth of Colorado Springs...The next morning they treated us to a delicious breakfast at the fabulous Broadmoor Hotel before we left...We went through lots of snow and ice but made it fine, and saw lots of beautiful country.

NEWS AROUND TOWN....

Mr. and Mrs. John Gee had a good time with all their children and grandchildren during the holidays. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Martha of Evansville, Indiana; their daughter and family, Joan and Bill McCormick and daughter Lori of Snyder; and their granddaughter and family, Marci and Mike Dennis and their children, Jared and Jodi Pat.

The Gees were telling me about their son Mike. He is an Aquatic Instructor at the University of Indiana and is now working on his master's degree. They said he took his swimming team all over the United States and they were very successful. Sounds as though they have a right to be proud of him.

A surprise reception was held last Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Bernice Chaney of Plainview, honoring her on her birthday. It was held at her son and daughter-in-law's home, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Chaney. Mrs. Chaney's daughters are Laqueta Garner of Bovina and Charlene Johnson of Plainview.

Cake and punch were served to about 50 people attending the reception in her honor and all eight of her grandchildren were present. They

were Tina, Cory, Shannon, Tim, Doyle, Donell, Tony and Tracy. Friends of the youngsters who came to the reception were Jana Brown of Friona and Misti Booser of Bovina.

Arnold and Amy Hromas and their son Brad spent Christmas holidays at their home in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Other members of the family who were with them were their daughter and son and their families.

Present were their daughter Charlotte Welburn, her husband Jerry and their children, Shannon, Kelley, Lori and Jodi of Hereford; their son Galen, his wife Judy, and their children, Darren, Matt and Lisa of Bovina.

Arnold cut a large pine tree on their place in Pagosa Springs and the Christmas tree was decorated in the old fashioned way with presents and candy canes hanging from the limbs.

Christmas Day included a Christmas program by the grandchildren, the reading of the Christmas story in honor of the birth of Christ.

Brad Hromas played Santa Claus and dressed in the complete Santa suit.

Other activities included skiing at Wolf Creek and snow-mobiling near the Hromas' home at Pagosa Springs.

Maesie Flynn had a houseful of company over the holidays: her niece, Mrs. Jean Coble of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; another niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster and children, Lynanne, and Lee of Dallas; a nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin of Fort Collins, Colorado; a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Nye of Rio Grande City, Texas and Mrs. Winnie Beaton of Pearce, Arizona.

Visiting Monday of this week with Lillian Warren was her granddaughter, Kittie Johnson of Clovis and her two little daughters, Chessie and Denise.

December 15, Rose McCain hosted a Christmas party in her home for members of the Friendship Club. The group revealed their secret pals and exchanged gifts. Salads, chips, dips, coffee and hot apple cider were served to several: Merle Morgan and Virgie Adams of Bovina; Faye Ford, Pauline Casleberry, Gertrude Foster, Florene Everhart, Jewell Thomas, all of Farwell. Jewell Thomas's sister, Dorothy, was a guest and Rose McCain, hostess. The ladies enjoyed a good time together.

Christmas Day, Twyla and Terry Lusk and children, Jason, Justin, and Jessica went to Clovis and had Christmas dinner with Twyla's parents, Ed and Alta Hutto.

That afternoon, the Terry Lusks, Roland Lusks, Danny Lusk and Grandpa Lusk went to Colorado where they visited several relatives at Roland's sister's home. She is Jody Foster of Pueblo, Colorado.

Charles and Virginia Steel had a house full of company during the holidays. Their children, Ron and Susan Steel and daughter Courtney of Graham; Dale Steel of Farwell; Fred and Charlotte Acker of Nazareth and their children, Dwayne, Larry, Rex and Sheila; Delbert and Tish Morris of Tula and their children, Renee, Daran and Nicki; Bonnie and Tommy Scaff and sons, Blake and Scotty of Bovina and Creta and Jay Potts and children, Nicole, Kyle and Ryan of the Rhea community.

Christmas Day, Virginia and Charles went to Paducah to be with Virginia's mother, Mae Vinson. Later, Virginia's brother and sisters were together at the Pitchfork Ranch near Paducah. The sister and brother-in-law of Pitchfork are George and Mildred Key; also with them were her sister Pauline Hollar of Amarillo and brother Frank and Lela Vinson and son Jackie of Paducah.

Ronnie Cary, who is a student at Eastern University, was home for the

holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cary. Other guests in the Cary home were Virgie's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anz and their grandson Jimmy of Olney.

Visitors in the McCain home over the holidays were: Willie Mae Ross of Bovina and granddaughters of Oklahoma City; Larry Wiseman and his wife and son of Clovis; Craig Schaap of Abernathy; Don Raphell of Lubbock and Jerry Arthur of Morton.

Ricky and K.C. Kunselman and their daughter Amber of Kileen were in Bovina during Christmas visiting with Ricky's parents and other members of his family. Ricky is the son of the Pat Kunselmans.

Kay Williams and daughter Kathy went New Year's Day to Munday and visited with Kay's daughter and son-in-law, Lezli and Gary Tidwell.

Pheasant hunters at the Paul Jones's residence during the second week of the season were their son Dr. Randy Jones of Lakeland, his father-in-law, Bill Hays of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and their friend, Brant Martin.

December 23, Paul and Ola Lee flew to Lakeland and spent Christmas with their son Randy, his wife Roz and their son Austin. Also with the family were Roz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays of Fort Lauderdale. The Joneses returned home December 28.

Mark Charles of El Paso was in Bovina visiting friends and family during the new Year's weekend. Mark lived in Bovina about 15 years ago and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Charles. His sister Ellen Estes was telling me Mark is supervisor for Frontier Airlines in El Paso.

Vernon and Ellen Estes recently returned to Bovina after spending a month away from home. They visited with Ellen's sister Mary Kaminski in Las Vegas, Nevada, and with Vernon's cousin, Lily Jones and her husband Bryan in San Francisco, California. Ellen said the weather was gorgeous all the time they were out west.

Vernon and Ellen had all their family with them Christmas: their daughter Linda and Bubby and daughters, Libby and Nita Marie; daughter Verna Marie and Bill Strawn and children, Shelly, Scott, Chris and Nicki of Spearman; and daughter Nita Beth Dobb and her husband Dick and sons, Vernon and Charles of Clovis, New Mexico.

We received a letter from one of Bovina's young men, John Stanberry, who is stationed near Frankfurt, Germany. He was asking for the Blade to be sent to him and we wrote him a note and asked him to let us know something about the surroundings where he is stationed.

We received a very interesting letter and want to pass news on to you. He says he is about three miles from Nurnberg which is about 40,000 population. The people are very friendly and most of them try to help any way they can. He says the weather is something they just have to cope with, very cold and damp and not much sun. Says the money system is difficult at first but they learn the system quickly. Says the current rate is about 2.20 DM. for one dollar in American money. Gasoline is \$2.50 to \$2.65 a gallon in American money. You can ride a bus anywhere for \$.60 in American money.

Says it is possible for them to take bus tours to Switzerland, Italy, Egypt and many other countries. Says they can travel right up to the borders of the communist countries.

He speaks of some of the unusual customs they have there as the German workers are allowed to drink beer on the job.

We do appreciate hearing from John and he said he would send pictures of interest and we may use them in the Blade.

John is the son of Connie Stone and the late Buford Stanberry. He is also Thogal Stanberry's grandson.

J.W. and Gladys Wright went last week to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and baby sat their grandchildren, Heath and J.J. while their parents, Jerry and Carol Jean Wright, spent a few days skiing in Colorado.

The Wright's son, Joe Pat, went to Ruidoso last Monday with Patsy and Charles Brewer and daughters, Dana and Misti of Muleshoe. They had a fun time but were unable to ski because that area did not receive enough snow.

Don and Gladys Spring enjoyed having all of their children with them during the holidays, their daughter Alicia who is a student at College Station; their daughter Pam who was a student at Nacogdoches but is transferring to Angelo State for the second semester, and their son Don Paul. Don said the family just had a good time being together.

Visiting in the home of Bessie Webb during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Webb and children of Azel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Muse and children of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Limbocker of Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webb of Burkburnett, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks, and Barbara Webb of Amarillo.

Also, Mary and Betsy Webb of Bridgeport, Texas; Al, Beth and Leann Webb of Dimmitt; Mr. and

Mrs. Larry Webb and children of Adrian; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb and children; Joyce, Dale and Rick Sikes of Farwell.

Some of the relatives stayed in Bovina and attended Karla Mill's wedding. Karla is Bessie Webb's granddaughter.

The Variety Club met in the home of Laverne Brownlow in Texico. Cake, cheese, crackers, salad, mints, Coke, Dr. Pepper, spiced tea, and coffee were served to members present: Allene Russell, Ola Epperly, Sid Lloyd, Minnie Késo, Charlsie Eubanks, and Idella Owens. The group spent time making coat hangers and enjoyed a good time together.

O.B. and Geneva Johnston enjoyed having Christmas at home with their three sons: John and Owen of Amarillo and Eric of the home.

Geneva was telling me John works for Daniel Construction in Borger and Owen is attending school at T.S.T.S. in Amarillo.

Thank you for helping with the Scoops and we hope the new year brings much happiness for you and your loved ones....Scooter.

LaToya Hutto Is Honoree

LaToya Hutto, bride-elect of Kenneth Wilson, will be honored with a bridal shower January 16 in the home of Mrs. Amos Steelman, 700 Avenue G. from 2:30 until 4 p.m.

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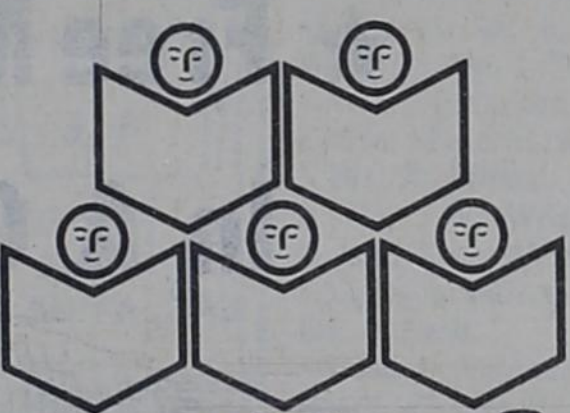
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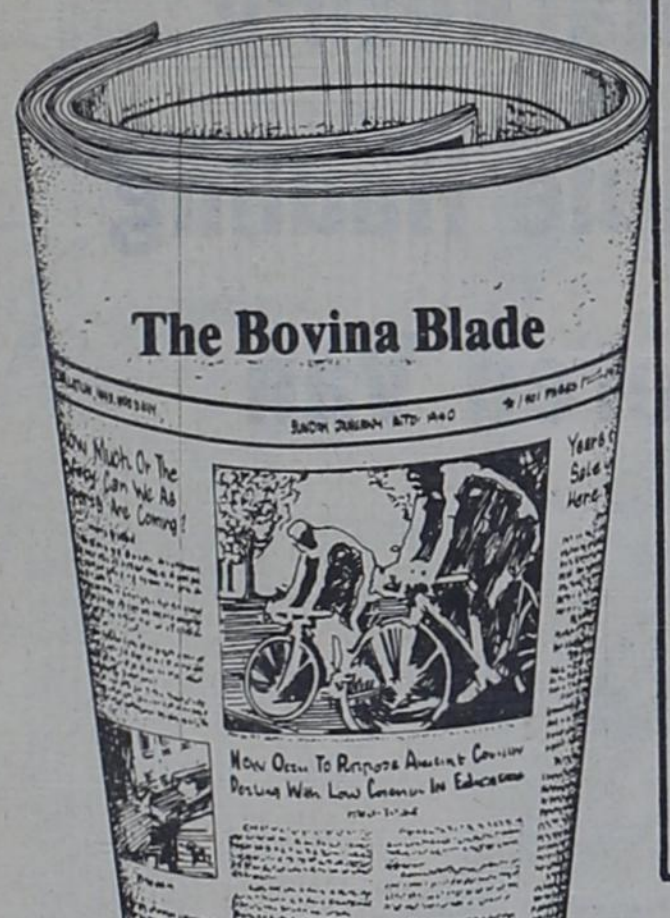
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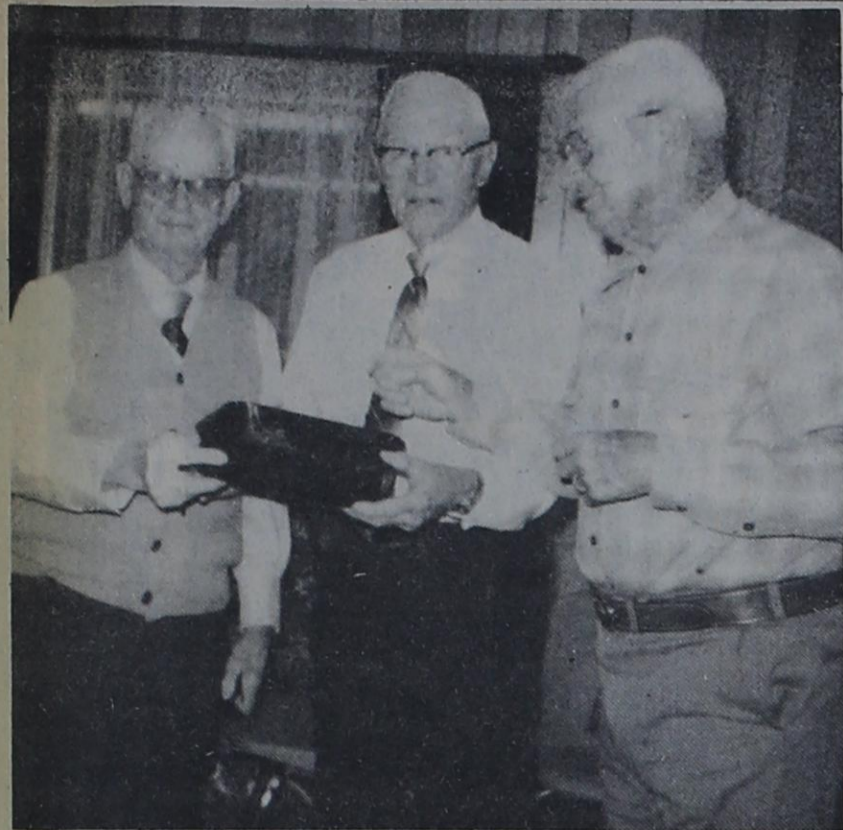


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PROUD MOMENT....George Trimble, left, and Reagan Looney, right, are shown as Buck Ellison, center, burns the note on the Senior Citizens Building in their regular meeting on December 30. The note burning ceremony was the culmination of several years of hard work and effort on the part of the members of the Bovina Senior Citizens group, and this payoff was made possible by the proceeds from the Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar which the Senior Citizens held earlier in the month.

DECEMBER 30

Sr. Citizens Burn Note

The Bovina Senior Citizens met December 30 at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon with 39 guests present.

This was a special day for these Senior Citizens, as they were finally able to watch as officers and note-holders burned the remaining debts of the note on the Senior Citizens' building.

Note holders, George Trimble and Reagan Looney, watched as past president, Buck Ellison, ignited the note to the delight of the members.

The Senior Citizens had, over the course of time, held many bazaars, bake sales and various other events to pay for their building and this event was the culmination of several years of effort and hard work by many of the members.

In addition to the note-burning, new officers for the new year were selected.

Bessie Trimble will be the president of the Senior Citizens organization and Reagan Looney will serve as vice

president. Frances King is secretary-treasurer and Ola Epperly was re-installed as reporter. Minnie Kelso was named as director.

The next meeting will be held January 27 at 10 a.m. at which time a representative from a hearing aid company will address the group. The birthday party for January will be held January 13 at 3 p.m.

Present at the December 30 meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leake, Sid Lloyd, Elbert Kelly, Charlie Eubanks, Maurine Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelso, Wiley and Velma Lide, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, Mae Hoppingardner, Travis and Katherine Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Teague, J.J. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Jones, Doris Wilson, Montie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. George Trimble, Ola Epperly, Pearl Moore of Clovis, Mozelle Moore Bond of Austin, Jerry Ware, Lillian Warren, J.L. and Flaura Lee Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Grady King and Allene Russell.

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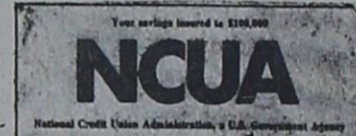
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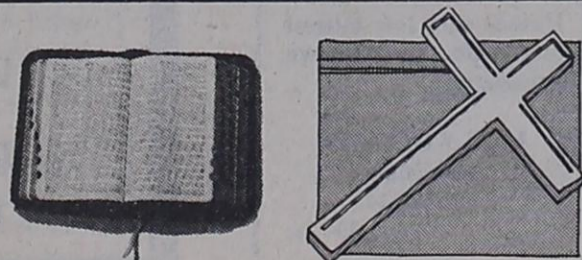
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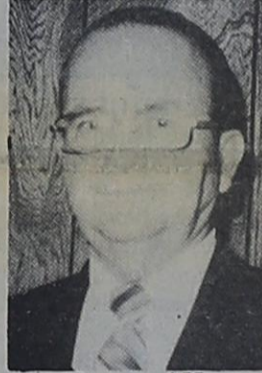


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WD, Producers Grain Corp., Sherley Grain Corp., Pt. Sec. 15, T7S;R2E-Industrial lots 1 thru 8, Sec. 8, Blk. E, Synd. lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Gardner Ind. Bovina OGL, T.M. Caldwell, et al, Hellen Reasoner Pet. Land Ser., N 1/2 of Sec. 10, T10S;R2E

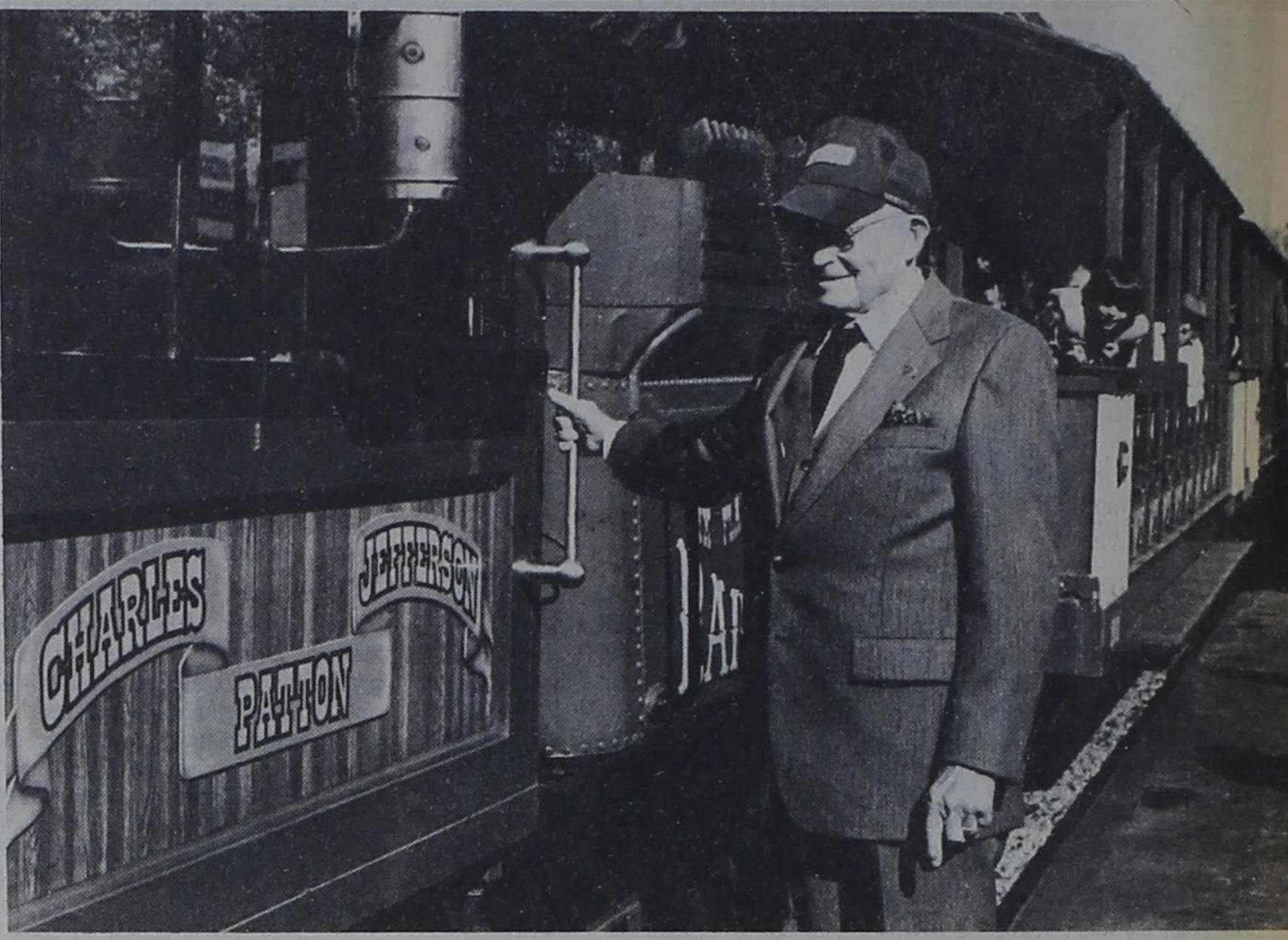
WD, Elwood Vaughn Est., Jesus Ramos, lots 1 and 8, Blk. 10, Drake Sub., Friona
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WD, Johnnie E. Miles, Jerry and John Miles, lot 11, Blk. 2, Welch Ac., Unit N. 1, Friona
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 WD, Sammy Ray Merritt, Percy Merritt, E 20.33 ac. of S 92.9 ac. of W 1/2 Sec. 14, T16S;R1E.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Joseph Malouf and Dana Beth Smith.



ENGINEER RETIRES.... Six Flags Over Texas railroad engineer, Charlie Patton, has retired after 74 years at the throttle, 21 of which were spent at the Arlington theme park.

At a special presentation Six Flags honored Patton by changing the name of his favorite train, the "Mirabeau B. Lamar," to the "Charles Jefferson Patton." The veteran

railroader also received a plaque and a gold watch. Patton joined Six Flags in 1961 after working on the Texas and Pacific Railroad since 1907.

Six Flags Train Engineer Retires At The Age Of 94

Three short whistle blasts turned heads as an antique steam locomotive slowly pulled into the depot at Six Flags Over Texas. A cheer went up from the 100 or more friends and relatives gathered to take part in Charlie Patton's retirement party.

The crowd's enthusiasm was directed at the newly painted engine, whose name had been permanently changed from the "Mirabeau B. Lamar" to the "Charles Jefferson Patton" to honor the retiring railroad man.

At the age of 94, Patton was leaving railroading after 74 years at the throttle, the last 21 of which were spent at the Arlington theme park.

"That's really something," said Patton, staring through round, wire-rimmed glasses at his name on the new sign. "That's really something."

The railroad veteran then stepped up into the train's engine compartment, settled himself before the maze of levers and dials, adjusted his glasses and cap, and turned to get an OK from the conductor.

"All aboard," shouted the conductor. And a minute later Patton had maneuvered "his" train out of the station, and around the bend for a last 1 1/2 mile run around the park.

Patton had been a railroad engineer at the theme park since its opening in 1961, but his railroading experience goes back to the turn of the century.

yards of track all dropped into a big hole in the ground. It took a huge derrick to pull us out."

Patton operated "every fast train the T&P had." He was the engineer on passenger trains of all descriptions.

"In the old days our trains were just like the ones in Western movies," he said, "only we never got chased by Indians."

Once Patton had to leap from his locomotive cab to avoid injury.

"I was firing a passenger train one night," he remembered, "when I looked up and saw a freight train coming down the same track. We were inside the T&P station so we weren't moving very fast. The engineer and I threw the brake, closed the steam valve, and at the last moment we both jumped clear of the train. The trains collided, but there wasn't much damage."

But all that happened decades ago. For his November 21 retirement celebration Patton traded his oil-smeared engineer's uniform for a dapper three-piece suit.

He received an engraved plaque and a gold railroad watch (he bought his last watch in 1920). But the highlight of the day, said Charlie Patton, was watching his favorite old train roll into the depot with a new name emblazoned on its side...the "Charles Jefferson Patton."

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Freshman Composition II	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Th
General Psychology	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Th
Government of Texas and the U.S.	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Tu
History of the U.S. II	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Mon
Computer Concepts	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Mon
General Lab	TBA	TBA*
Mid Management Seminar	9:10 - 10:00 P.M.	Th
Human Relations in Management	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Th
Management Training	5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Th
Real Estate Principles	7:00 - 9:45 P.M.	Mon
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Parmer County Law Enforcement Report

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The sheriff's department kept busy over the holidays with several arrests.

Rafael Paez, 48 of Muleshoe was arrested December 25 by Trooper Craig Hunt and charged with DWI, to which he pled guilty and was assessed a fine of \$200 plus court costs.

Alex Hernandez, 32, of Earth, was arrested by Friona Police Officers for resisting arrest December 26, and was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Michael Ridge, 29, of Muleshoe, was charged with DWI, after his arrests by Trooper Jim Bishop on December 31. He was fined \$150 plus court costs.

Willie Windom, Jr., 19, of Clovis, was arrested by Trooper Steve Talkington December 31 on possession of marijuana, less than two ounces to which he pled guilty and was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Also arrested by Talkington on December 31 for the same charge was Oscar Stevenson, 19, of Clovis. He was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Joe Andrew Costello, 34, of Farwell, was arrested by Trooper Talkington January 1 for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and was fined \$100 plus court costs.

Todd Meeks, 18, of Farwell, was arrested by Trooper Steve Talkington for DWI on January 1, and was fined \$150 plus court costs.

In addition to the above guilty pleas, there were several other arrests made during the holidays, including the arrest of a juvenile, who is being held for Friona PD, and a public intoxication arrest, as well as a probation violator who is being held over for district court.

In recent district court action, Louis Spears of Friona, was convicted of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault, for which he was granted eight years probation.

In another matter, a juvenile who was arrested for the robberies of the Allsup's Store in Bovina and Friona, as well as charged for auto theft, was certified as an adult on December 22 at the age of 16.

The youth will now be tried on two counts of robbery and one count of auto theft as an adult and these crimes could carry with them terms as lengthy as 10 years each.

One report was made to the sheriff's office and that was on December 18.

Mark Anderson of Farwell reported that a stereo and a 22 rifle were taken from his pickup. The value of the items was placed at \$250.

LOCAL POLICE REPORT

Local police officials reported that there was an attempted break-in at a residence in Bovina over the holidays.

December 28 or 29, a resident reported that someone was attempting to break into a house and police were summoned to the scene where the burglars apparently left after being scared away by the resident. Nothing was taken in the incident.

December 31, a minor accident involving a parked vehicle was reported.

A vehicle north bound on Third Street struck a parked vehicle in the 200 block of Third Street. One person was cited for failure to pass safely on the left.

December 19, another minor accident involving an illegally parked car and one backing from a parking place took place. One of the drivers was cited for failure to back safely and the other driver was cited for improper parking.

Trinidad Garcia Guillen was cited for failure to control speed when her vehicle which was northbound on Third Street in the 500 block went out of control and struck a fence at a residence.

Also on December 30, two Bovina residents were taken into custody by local police officials after police were called to a residence on a family disturbance call.

Both subjects were arrested on disorderly conduct charges and one of the subjects was also charged with public intoxication. Both were taken to Parmer County Jail.

Criminal damage was done to an apartment in which the couple was residing during the family disturbance, it was also reported.

DPS REPORT

Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety were kept busy over the holidays as there were four traffic fatalities reported from accidents in Parmer County alone.

The first of these accidents occurred December 26, 1981 at approximately 5:20 p.m. at the intersection of Texas Highway 214 and Texas Highway 86 south and east of Friona.

Vehicle one was a 1976 Mercury two door with Arizona license plates driven by William J. Huffman of Lawton, Oklahoma. There were three other occupants in the Huffman car and they were: Huffman's wife, Dorothy M. Huffman, 46, Arlene Stamper, 61, and Dorothy Stamper, 55, all of Lawton, Oklahoma.

The second vehicle involved was a 1980 Buick Century, driven by Sheree Hilliard, 22, of Lubbock.

The Huffman vehicle was traveling east on Highway 86 and was in excess of 20 mph when it failed to stop at the Hub intersection, which is marked by a sign and flashing red lights. The second vehicle was travelling southbound on Highway 214 and broadsided the Huffman car, when it failed to stop at the intersection.

The driver of the first vehicle, William Huffman, Arlene Stamper, and Dorothy Stamper died from the accident.

The driver of the second car had only facial injuries.

In the second accident in the county, which occurred December 29 at approximately 6:45 a.m. at Parmerton Hill, the driver of the first vehicle, Merle Ross McPherson of Bovina, was operating a two door Dodge car.

Driver of the second vehicle was Brent T. Beske of Albuquerque, N.M. He was driving a truck with two trailers.

Vehicle one was west bound on US 60 and vehicle two was eastbound on US 60 when vehicle two crossed the center stripe and collided head-on with vehicle one, killing the driver of the car at the scene. Neither of the vehicles was speeding at the time of the accident.

McPherson, the accident victim, was employed by Barrett and Crofoot Feed Yards at Summerfield at the time of his death.

Brant Beske was treated and released from Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona following the accident.

Several arrests were made for DWI by troopers over the holidays.

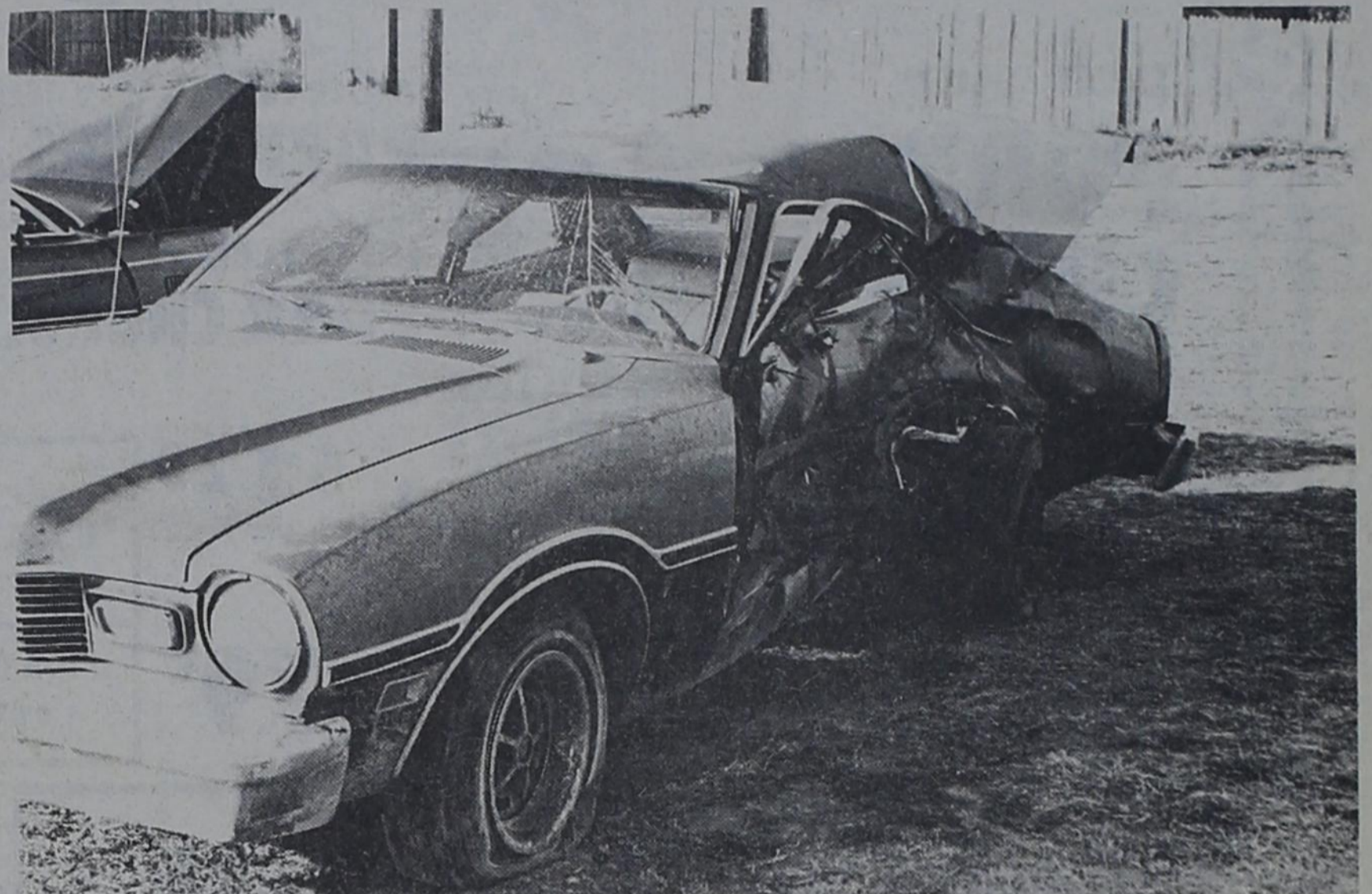
Trooper Art Lopez arrested the following persons for DWI: Manuel Villa Morales of Hereford, December

20, 1981; Francisco Vascas, of Farwell, December 20, 1981; Korby Lee Hawkins, Bovina, December 19, 1981; and Charles Manuel Martin, Muleshoe, December 19, 1981.

Arrested for DWI by Trooper Steve Talkington were: Todd Wayne Meeks, of Farwell, January 1, 1982; and Gene Michael Taylor, of Yukon,

Oklahoma, December 31, 1981.

Also arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces were the following: Joe Andrew Costello of Farwell, on January 1, 1982; Willie Windom, Jr. and Oscar L. Stevenson on December 31, 1981. These subjects were arrested by Troopers Talkington and Lopez.



DEATH TRAP... This Mercury was the vehicle of death for three Oklahoma residents over the holidays. The accident occurred December 26 at the intersection of Highways 86 and 214, south and east of Friona, located at the Hub area. Dead were William Huffman, Dorothy Stamper and Arlene Stamper, all of Lawton, Oklahoma. (Photo by

DPS Trooper Steve Talkington)

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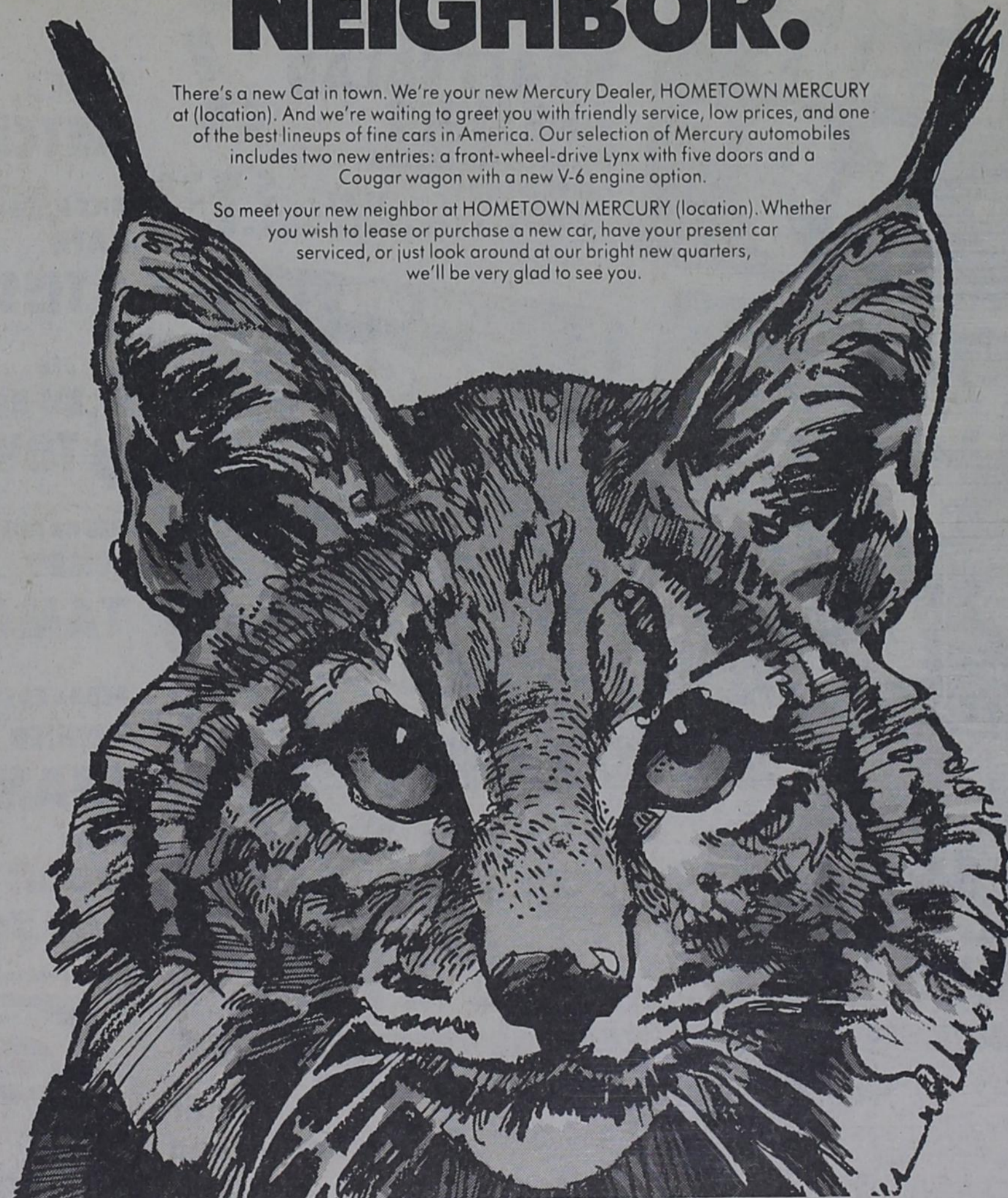
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Blade's Edge

Commentary From The Editor

By Janet Wilke

It seems as though Bovina has had a tradition in the past years of producing winners in nearly everything.

How so, you might ask? Let us examine the facts.

Don Cumpton's Hereford Whitefaces went all the way to the State AAAAA Semi-finals in football, and as anyone knows, the coach had a great deal to do with a feat such as this.

Recently, it was announced by officials at McMurry University that Bovina's own Rodney Murphy possessed the attributes which that school sought in a head football coach, and we might add, with justifiable pride, that he is only 30, which makes him the second youngest head coach in McMurry's history, following after the great Grant Teaff.

The most recent honoree from Bovina, however, was the naming of Ricky Shepherd, Bovina senior running back to the All State team.

This is not only an honor for the

entire city of Bovina, but it is a singular honor for the young man who practically re-wrote parts of the BHS rushing books.

Do not think for a moment that talent of this calibre grows on trees. It does not, indeed.

Ricky Shepherd was nurtured by a couple of interested parents, supported by a bevy of fans, and encouraged by several fine coaches, most of who are still in Bovina at this time.

All State potential does not run amuck in Bovina, and for Shepherd to be named as an All Stater must be one of the truly shining moments in not only Bovina's history but in the history of Bovina High School as well.

So, as you see, it seems that Bovina can take pride in the fact that it can boast of several winners which have come from its community.

And, I promise, it's not in the drinking water.

1981 Tax Payments Reach \$41.4 Million

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday sent checks totaling \$41.4 million to 802 cities as their share of the one per cent city sales tax for December.

This final payment for 1981 brought to \$656 million the total collected and returned to Texas cities during 1981. Bullock said this total is more than 17 per cent over last year's \$560 million.

The December monthly payment is \$7.9 million more than the cities received during a comparable period in 1980.

The optional one per cent city sales tax is collected along with the state four per cent sales tax by merchants and businesses and is rebated each

month by the Comptroller to cities where it is levied.

Bovina will see a 15.70 per cent change in their rebate for this year as opposed to the rebate for this time last year.

Net payment this period will be \$920.36 as compared to \$1,000 last year at this time, which brings the total payments for 1981 up to \$24,217.77 compared to \$20,931.10 last year at the same time.

In Friona, payment this period amounted to \$6,485.82 which was an increase of 13.26 per cent over last year's payment of \$4,284.96. The total payments to Friona to date have been \$90,873.99 as compared to \$80,232.39 to date last year.

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