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NATIVITY SCENE...This unusual silhouetted scene featuring cutouts of the nativity can be seen at the home of Joe and Esther Steelman on Highway 1731. The scene is lighted at night with a spotlight. (Photo by Becky London)

Gordon Green To Seek Office Of District Judge

Gordon Houston Green of Muleshoe has announced his candidacy for the office of District Judge. Green said that he began making plans to run for the office of District Judge of the 287th Judicial District (which consists of Bailey and Parmer Counties) when it became apparent that Judge Jack D. Young would not run for re-election. Green has been a lawyer in Muleshoe for the past 27 years. He served as Bailey County Attorney from 1971 to 1980, as Bailey County

Judge from 1983 to 1988, and as Justice of the Peace from 1991 to 1994.

As a member of the faculty of the Texas Justice Court Training Center for two years, he taught civil law at the Justice of the Peace Schools which were conducted six times each year at various cities in Texas.

Green also served as a member of the executive committee of the South Plains Trial Lawyers Association from 1994 to 1997, and as president of that organization



GORDON H. GREEN

during 1995-96.

Gordon Green started school at Lazbuddie, graduated from Muleshoe High School, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at El Paso, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Houston.

He is a native of Muleshoe, a life-long resident of Bailey and Parmer counties, and is married to the former Donna Gaston. They have three children, Wendy Patton and Amber Towers, both of Dallas, and Rhett who is a sophomore at Muleshoe High School.

Green stated, "I hope that the citizens of Bailey and Parmer counties find that my experience and background qualify me to serve as their District Judge."

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IT'S A GOOD THING that the Christmas season comes around only once each year. We seem to do practically everything to excess around holiday time. We over-eat, over-work, over-spend and over-party. It's all very exhilarating and I love every minute of it, but I'm exhausted!

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



The care and feeding of small humans has not gotten any easier during the 30-some-odd years that I have been a mom (and subsequently a grandmom). The "feeding" part of the child-rearing process can get especially frustrating around the time of such holidays as Thanksgiving and Christmas. The lady of the house begins planning the big meal weeks in advance, followed by seasonal decorating of the home, shopping for special food items that are reserved only for this special occasion.

Each dish is timed for peak perfection at precisely the moment when family members are ready to gather 'round the festal board. The cranberry salad is jelled, the bread has risen, the pies are warm, the stuffing is stuffed, and the turkey is juicy. As soon as the food has been blessed, the youngest person present at the table will promptly announce that he or she is not planning to eat any of that "gushy stuff."

Sometimes the little ones will ask that time-worn question which causes the cook's blood to turn into ice water. "Have I had that before?" The implication being that if he hasn't had it before, he certainly is not planning to have any of it right now.

I've worked up a standard reply for this. "You have to have had it the first time in order to have had it before when the next time rolls around." The kid is usually so confused by that answer, that he'll go ahead and try a few bites just to insure that I won't go into a more detailed explanation.

I can never remember which of my kids it is who hates stuffing, which one hates pumpkin pie and which one doesn't want any gravy that has those turkey "lizzards" floating in it. But they all equally hate the sweet potatoes, even the ones with gooey marshmallows melted on top.

A survey was taken of pre-school-age children a few years ago, regarding the meaning of Thanksgiving. One little five-year-old said she would prefer "hot dogs, cake and ice cream" over the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Does that come as a great surprise?

A six-year-old who answered the survey, said Thanksgiving "is a holiday where Benjamin Franklin discovered pumpkins." Some of the other children suggested that French fries and macaroni and cheese should be substituted for mashed potatoes and stuffing.

So the "visions of sugarplums" which dance in their heads today are quite different from the ones of yesteryear. If you should be so old-fashioned as to put an orange or apple in their stockings "hung by the chimney with care" instead of a pair of earrings (girl) or a power ranger action figure (boy), then you might end up getting nothing but a dirty look for Christmas from your favorite little person.

By the time they reach first-grade age, they are pretty well aware of which "jolly old elf" it is who stuffs those stockings with goodies and knick-knacks. The good old boy at our house kept the dream alive for several years by putting his boots in the fireplace ashes on Christmas eve, and then making ashy footprints across the carpet from the fireplace to the Christmas tree. Sure, it was a mess to clean-up, but it was worth it to see the shining wonder in their little eyes on Christmas morning.

Maybe we moms and grand-moms ought to go on strike in the kitchen this Christmas, and when it comes time for the big meal, we'll all just send out for hamburgers. NOT!

Blood Drive Is Set Here On Dec. 23

We are all aware that before someone can receive blood, someone special must give blood. Bovina blood donors have always shared in special Community Blood Drives.

In order to keep a safe, reliable blood supply for the Panhandle, Coffee Memorial Blood Center would like to invite you to join them for the local blood drive to be held Tuesday, December 23 at the Ambulance Center.

For those who can give blood, the time will be from 4-7 p.m.

Blood donors may give every 56 days. Please contact the Blood Center if you are unsure of your eligibility to donate. Phone (806) 358-4563.

This is your opportunity to help the community by being a volunteer blood donor. The success of these blood drives depends on your participation. Please give this matter your most serious and immediate attention.

Your blood donation is a vital part of your community's lifeblood. "Remember, if you don't give, who will? Free Holiday Hero t-shirts will be given to all blood donors.

Vi Hutto Runs For Re-Election

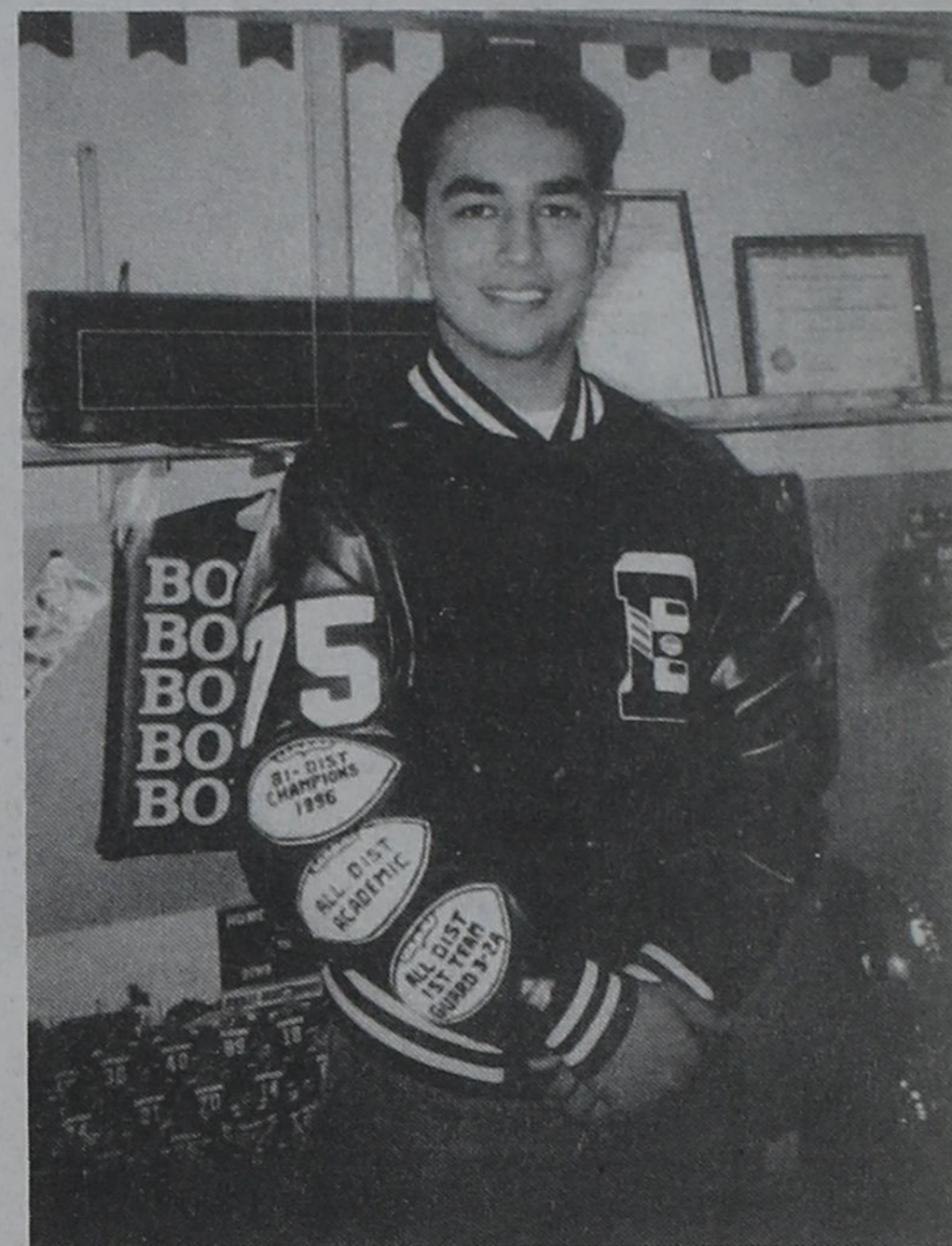
Vivaliah Hutto is announcing her candidacy for re-election for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2.

"My pledge to you, the voters of Parmer County, if re-elected is to continue to serve my office with dignity, impartiality and fair judgment," Mrs. Hutto said.

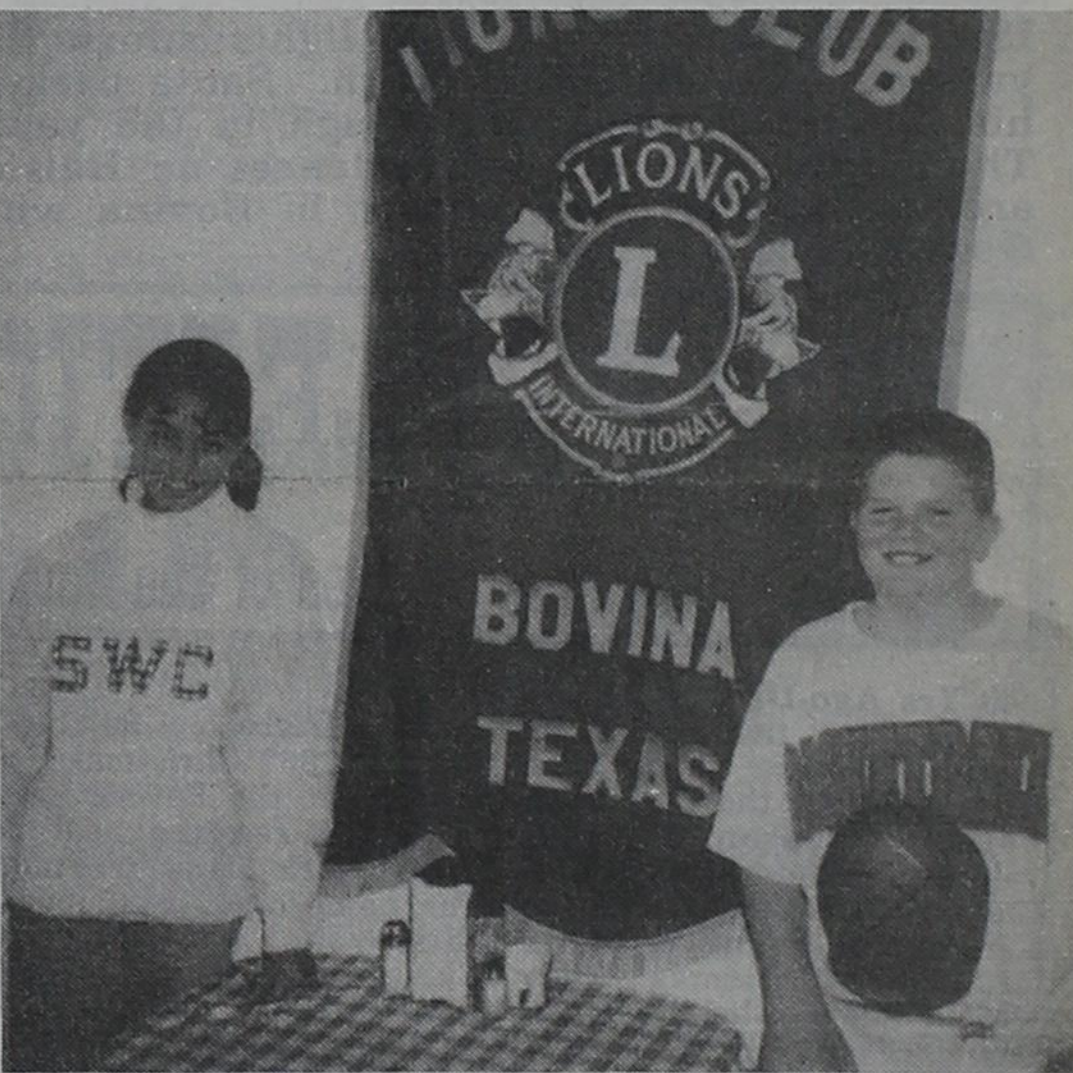
"I would appreciate your continued support and vote on March 10, so that I may continue to serve as your Justice of the Peace," she added.

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Merry Christmas



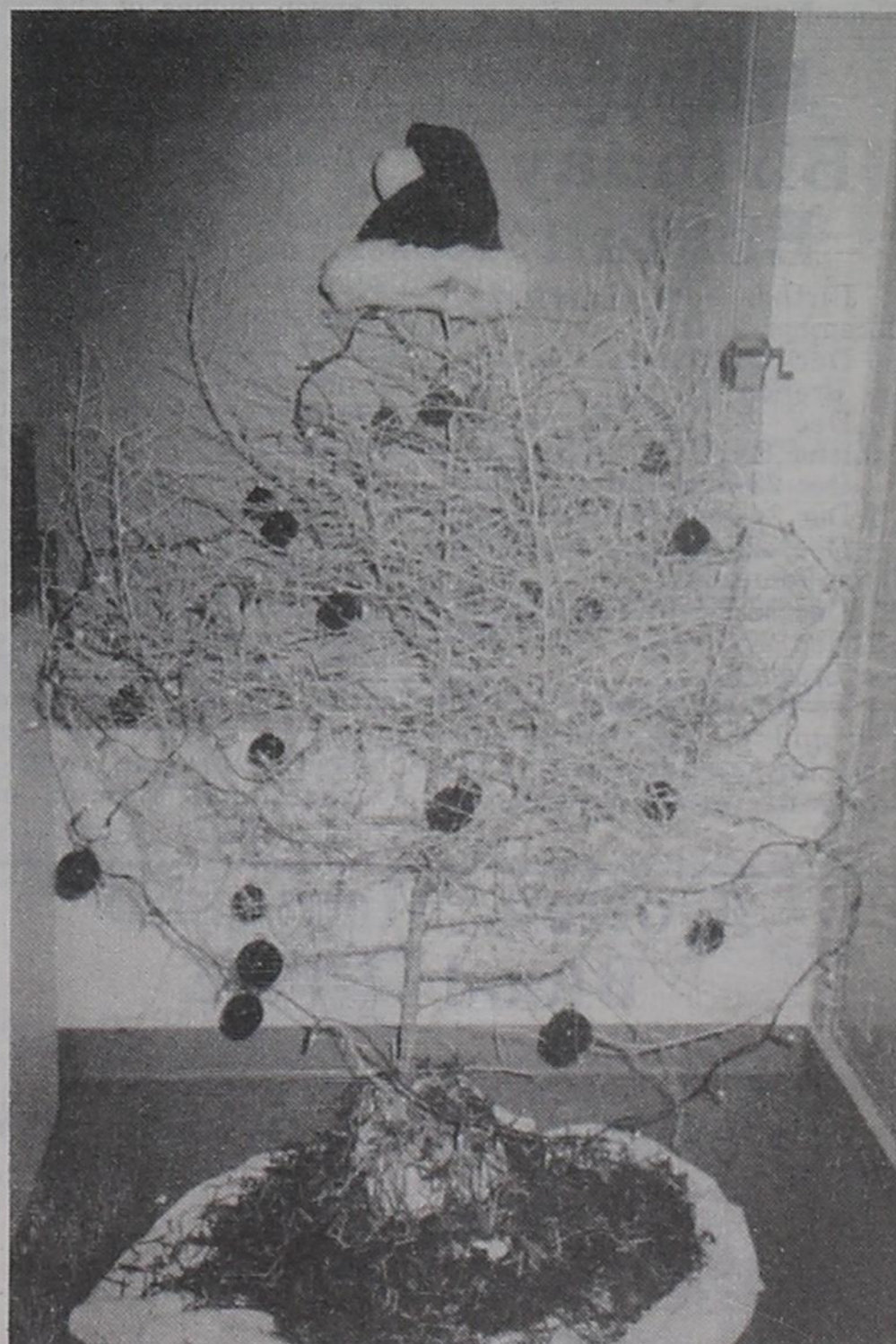
OUTSTANDING MUSTANG.....Bovina senior Erik Galvan was a unanimous all-district football selection in District 3-2A. Galvan was an offensive guard selected to the district's first team offense. He also earned a spot on the District 3-2A Academic All-District team



GOOD CITIZENS....Maritssa Salazar and Josh Kerby, seventh graders at Bovina Middle School were this week's guests at the Lions Club lunch.



HOSPITALITY TIME...First Bank of Bovina hosted an all-week open house last week in celebration of the past ten years as First Bank. Leonore Espinosa and Jill Timms were acting as hostesses for the event.



UNUSUAL TREE...The Cowboy Christmas Tree in the Junior High School Office is just a bit unusual, featuring a tumble-weed topped with a Santa hat, instead of a regular green tree with a star on top.

Mustangs Lose One-Pointer For First Loss; Now Are 9-1

For the Bovina Mustangs varsity boys, a perfect 10-0 record eluded them by the slim margin of one point. The Mustangs actual record for the year is now 9-1 after a narrow 54-53 loss to Tahoka in the final game of last weekend's New Deal tournament. The boys now boast a first place and second place finish in their two 1997 tournaments.



Next up will be the Clarendon tournament January 1-3, before the district 3-2A opener against Hale Center January 13. At New Deal, the Mustangs opened with a 77-60 victory over Plains. Guard Adan Perez led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Luke Steelman's 12 points and Tony Beauchamp with 14.

On Friday, December 12, the Mustangs rallied in the second half to defeat Silverton 57-51, led by Steelman's 19 points, which included 5 three-pointers. Guard Herman Marquez added 11.

In the final championship game against Tahoka, the Mustangs led by a score of 44-38 at the end of the third quarter. However the 6-point margin did not hold up as Tahoka won in the final seconds, 54-53. Against Tahoka, Steelman and Beauchamp led scoring with 19 and 17 points respectively.

Eleven Make Honor Roll

The second six weeks honor roll at Bovina High School was released this week.

Those making the list included:

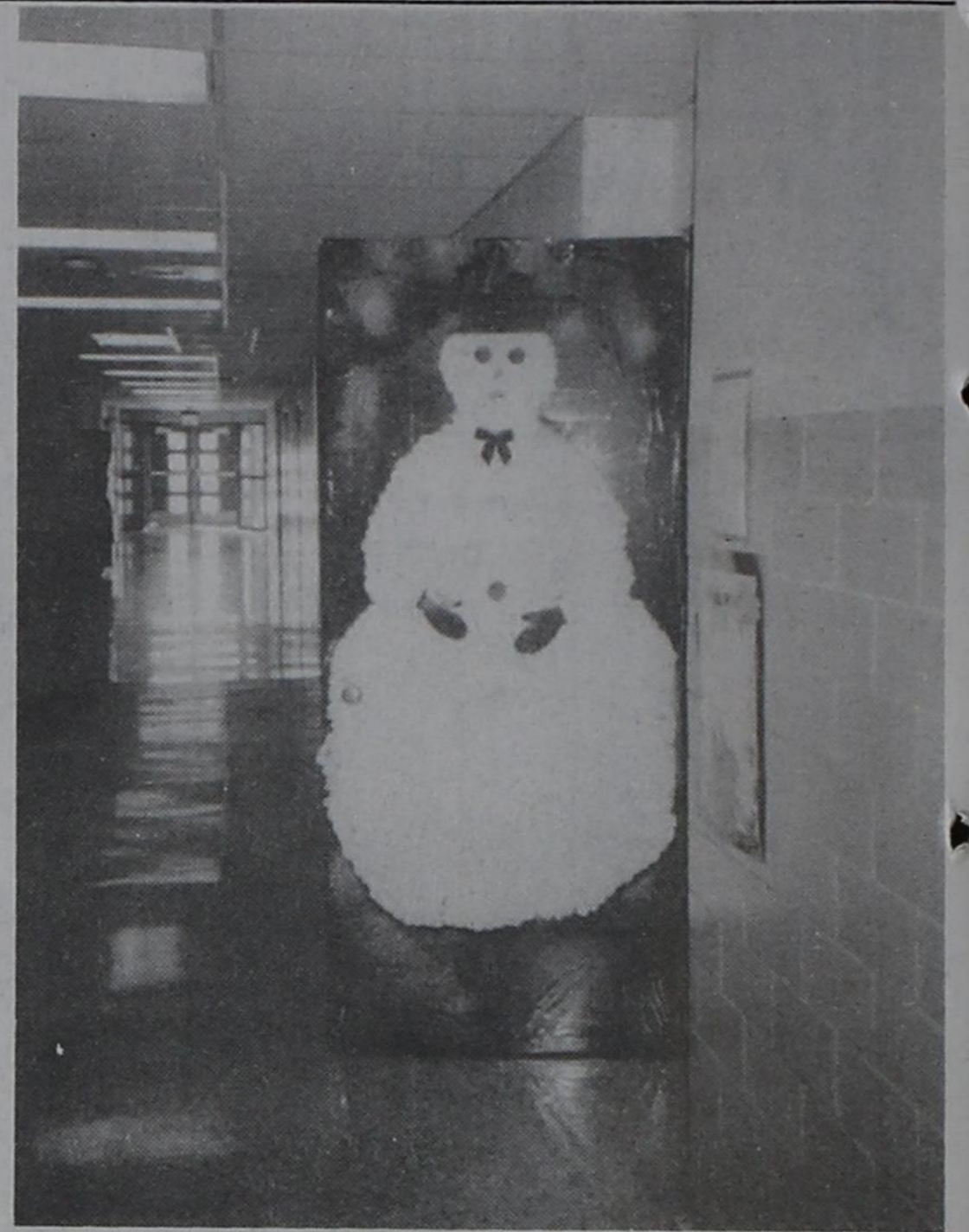
- ALL A'S**
 Freshman—Cameron Charles, Yancy Graves, Tyson Kerby and Adam Ramirez.
 Sophomores—Marisol Antillon and Melissa Cano.
 Juniors—J.T. Roach.
 Seniors—Esequiel Flores, Jose Garcia, Jose Rivera and Luke Steelman.

- ALL A'S AND ONE B**
 Freshmen—Chris Antillon, Victor Banelos, Marlana Gomez, Juan Loera, Patricia Robles, Marissa Rodriguez, Juan Saucedo, Levi Steelman and Jonathan Zehner.

- Sophomores—Blake Clements, Walter Kessler, Alvaro Martinez and Lety Vargas.

- Juniors—Evang Casas, Vickie Ortiz, Monica Perez, Noemi Perez and Alfred Uriegas.

- Seniors—Ricky Antillon, Chris Arias, Tony Beauchamp, Albert Larrea, Crystal Leal, Pedro Marrufo, Priscilla Martinez, Wanda Munoz, Francisco Nieto, Manuel Quintana, Amanda Smith, Chris Solorio, Jamie Stanberry and George Villarreal.



WHITE CHRISTMAS.....Mrs. Deen's elementary school door seems to be hoping for a white Christmas to go along with the kid's Frosty the Snowman. (Ron Carr Photo)

IS THAT HIM?....Christmas lights adorn the yard of Suezy and Billy Smith. Santa parked his lighted reindeer and sleigh in the yard. The Smiths and Millers residences on Halsell are one of the many houses in Bovina with festive Christmas lights.

REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 18, 1957
 For the first time in years, Bovina has new decorations for the Christmas holiday season. The volunteer fire department and the city are responsible for the colorful strings of lights and two Christmas trees which adorn the business section of town.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 19, 1962
 Mac Glasscock, outstanding senior end on the Bovina Mustang football team and member of the All-District 1-B squad, has been named to a terminal position on the first annual High Plains Super football team selected by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Happy Birthday Bovina

- Birthdays for the period of December 21-27.
 Dec 21-Tomas Fuentes, Sr., Brenda Wilson.
 Dec 22-Dick Steelman, Tabitha Englant.
 Dec 23-Artie Faye O'Hair.
 Dec 24-Nita Marshall.
 Dec 25-Maria Robledo, Ethel Johnson.
 Dec 26-Dean Wines.
 Dec 27-Norma Villarreal, Joe Steelman.

To correct a name or add a friend or relative to our birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1967
 The 1967 Christmas Card project for the Bovina Clinic Fund has received near the \$450 mark Tuesday noon. The name of 81 contributors this year appear on a Christmas greeting in this week's issue of The Blade.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1972
 Bovina's 1972 pheasant tailfeather contest was won by Henry Garza with an entry which measured 24 and seven-eighths inches. Fall weather, which has acted more like its Winter cousin this year, took another blast at the area Thursday as a snowstorm dropped as much as seven inches of the white flakes here.

20 Yrs Ago--Dec. 14, 1977
 Santa Claus, alias St. Nick, Kris Kringle or St. Nicholas, will arrive in Bovina on Thursday, December 22, while on his annual pre-Christmas journey through surrounding towns.

Bovina teams split a pair of varsity games with visiting Friona here last Tuesday. The Fillies made it two out of two against the Squaws with a 60-53 win, and the Mustangs gave strong Friona a tussle before submitting by a 68-61 score.

The annual "Longest Tailfeather Contest," held in conjunction with the local pheasant season, will be sponsored in Bovina once again in 1977.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that Texans may be headed for their biggest Christmas holiday shopping spree ever if retail sales continue at their current brisk pace.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 15, 1982
 Richard Lowe, son of Gene and Barbara Lowe, was named to the All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference first team. He is a junior offensive tackle at Fort Hays State University University, Hays, Kansas. He was also among those named to the Tiger Club at the university.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 16, 1987
 The first snowfall of the season turned out to be what could be a record snowfall for the area in December. The snow started at an early hour on Sunday and continued throughout the day on Sunday and Sunday night. Weather officials said that a total of 14 inches of snow was received in the local area.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 19, 1992
 Buck Lloyd was the lucky winner of 100 gallons of gasoline from Charles Oil Inc. this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKay celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception December 27, 1992. Elmer and Veda (Osborn) were married December 28, 1942 in Turkey, Texas.

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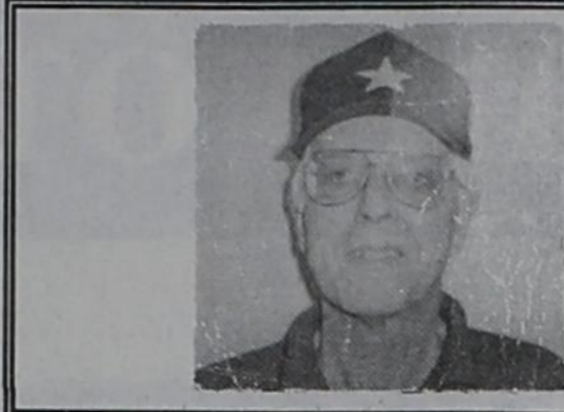
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"Remember, if you don't give, who will?"



THANKS SANTA.....Santa has been around Parmer County all week, stopping long enough to listen to youngsters with special Christmas wishes. The little one at the top is not sure what to ask for, but Hollis and Alex Gurley knew exactly what to order. Now it is up to Santa to make Parmer County kids happy.



Out Here

By RON CARR

Who are "researchers" and who do they work for?

I suppose researchers go to work every day looking for answers to something. Either the meaning of life or something to make your life better.

Every day in America, thousands, maybe millions, of people go to their laboratories, fire up their burners and flasks, turn on their laser doo-dahs, and search.

See, you can't research unless first you search. That's what research means. First you search and when you don't find anything, you have to go back and search some more. "I searched yesterday. Didn't find it. So today, I have to re-search."

Most of the time we refer to researchers as scientists. Being a "scientist" is a high calling. "Let's see, we'll mix this stuff together today and see if it cures anything. Oops! Well guess we need some more research."

And so research scientists and their lab staffs go on year after year, earning money from special interest groups and private corporations who hope the researchers will find a new product or medicine which they can then sell to the American people through a series of really awful television commercials.

Accidental discoveries in science labs have brought us penicillin, post-it-notes, and play-doh. Other experiments have brought us wonderfully evil innovations such as thalidomide, Phen-fen, and toxic breast implants.

There are many people in America who think a cure for cancer was discovered years ago but doctors, pharmaceutical companies, and the government have kept it quiet.

There are people in America who think that other people in America don't want a cure for cancer because if there was no more cancer, millions of citizens would lose their jobs.

Back when the big old cars we drove got 8-10 miles per gallon, a friend told me that a researcher at General Motors had invented a carburetor that would allow a car to get 50-100 miles on a gallon of gas.

He said the gasoline companies paid the car companies not to manufacture that carburetor 'cause then they wouldn't sell as much fuel.

I used to laugh at people who had theories like that. Corporate America wouldn't take advantage of us. Not for one minute would GM and Texaco gang up on America.

We've got a similar problem right here in the Pothandle. Lots of Americans think that eating cows is bad for you. Oprah said so on TV.

So the beef producers sued old Oprah in Amarillo. During the trial they will

produce the "results of research" to show that eating beef is a lot better for you than Beenie Weenies.

Sometimes you've got to have your own researchers just for protection when the other guy's researchers attack you.

Truth is you can do anything you want with research, political polls, and statistics and us poor devils who make up the great unwashed in America can't disprove the results.

Over the last couple of decades, every food product that exists has been researched and declared bad for your health. Fried foods are bad. McDonalds food is fat. Milk and eggs and bacon will cut your life short. You need to eat natural bran and a slice of fruit for breakfast, you moron. You trying to kill yourself or something.

Soon as the bad researchers prove greasy bacon is bad, the good researchers prove that paper towels soak up bad bacon grease.

I get especially amused at any research that "proves" that you will live longer. You know what I mean. Don't smoke, don't drink, eat low fat and exercise and you will live up to 20% longer.

My question is how will I know when I have lived 20% longer. I think I already may have lived up to 50% longer than I thought I would a few times.

Which brings me to yet

another research project that was released last week. After years of studying 490,000 people, scientists concluded that if you have two alcoholic drinks every day, you will live 20% longer than you would otherwise. Gives a whole new meaning to two-a-days.

The survey didn't say at what age you would need to start drinking two-a-days to get the extra 20%, so I guess it applies to all ages.

Think about this. If you are 80 years-old, start now on two-a-days and you will live to at least 96, since 20% of 80 is 16.

Booze manufacturers and wholesalers pay researchers for information to enhance liquor and to sell more of it.

The booze industry employs a lot of people. In America, being employed is number one priority. Save jobs, bring home a paycheck, preserve the family value and work ethic.

Right now, alcohol is legal but even the people who brew it know that nothing good ever happens from drinking. Normal drinkers and those in denial would disagree.

To the millions of recovering alcoholics in America, discussions of the two-a-day research no doubt livened up many an AA meeting. To an AA member, one drink is too many and 100 is not enough.

I'm sure that the members of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) who

have buried sons and daughters because of alcohol, applauded the meticulous detail of the research.

Many problem drinkers breathed a sigh of relief too. Someone finally gave them an official scientific reason for drinking. "See, I told you having a couple of drinks wouldn't hurt you."

There are those in America who are managing a fragile sobriety, on the borderline of drunk and sober, who will now have a few more drinks because someone said it is good for you. Sounds improbable, but AAers know it is true.

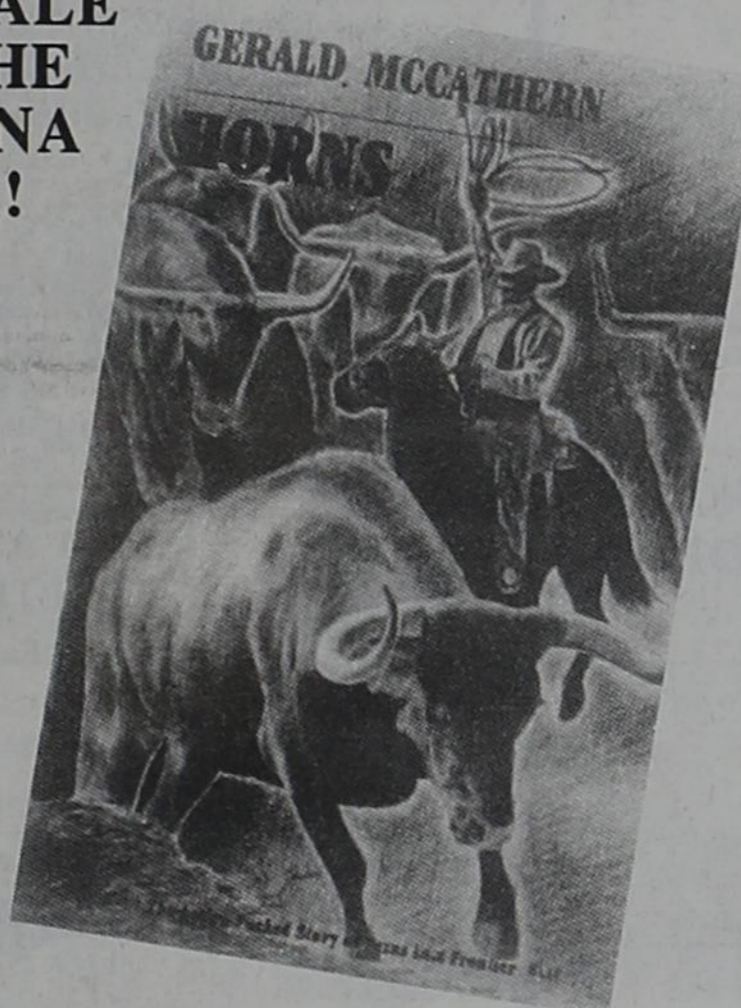
Not to mention the message that two-a-days delivers to the young people of America who already think they are invincible and don't know the difference between Just Say No and Just Do It.

Next thing you know you will be able to buy caskets with Coors Silver Bullet logos on them. Or if you lived to be 80 or 100 and drank two shots of Lord Calvert every day, maybe the liquor company would sponsor your funeral.

It is ridiculous for respected scientists to tell people that 3 or 4 ounces of whiskey every day will make you live longer.

AA members have been researching drinking for more than 60 years. The Big Blue Book of Alcoholics Anonymous tells recovering drunks that alcohol is cunning, baffling, and powerful. It doesn't mention healthy.

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Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a Registered Nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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EVIL HAMAN

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MY HEART OVERFLOWS WITH ALL THESE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING TO ME!

NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN NOW SPOIL MY UTTER HAPPINESS!

BUT, IN HIS GREAT JOY, HAMAN SPEAKS TOO SOON, FOR...

LET ALL MY FRIENDS AND ALL MY HOUSEHOLD GATHER UNTO ME!

...ONCE AGAIN, SITTING IN HIS OFFICIAL PLACE AT THE KING'S GATE, MORDECAI REFUSES TO BOW DOWN—ENRAGED AT THIS INSULT, HAMAN RUSHES HOME...

NOW HAMAN TELLS THEM OF ALL THE GLORY AND THE RICHES BESTOWED ON HIM BY THE KING—HOW QUEEN ESTHER HAS INVITED ONLY HAMAN AND THE KING TO A BANQUET—BUT HIS GREAT JOY IS DIMMED WHENEVER HE SEES MORDECAI, THE JEW, REFUSE TO BOW DOWN AND DO REVERENCE TO HIM, WHICH IS CERTAINLY DUE A MAN OF HIS GREAT POSITION!

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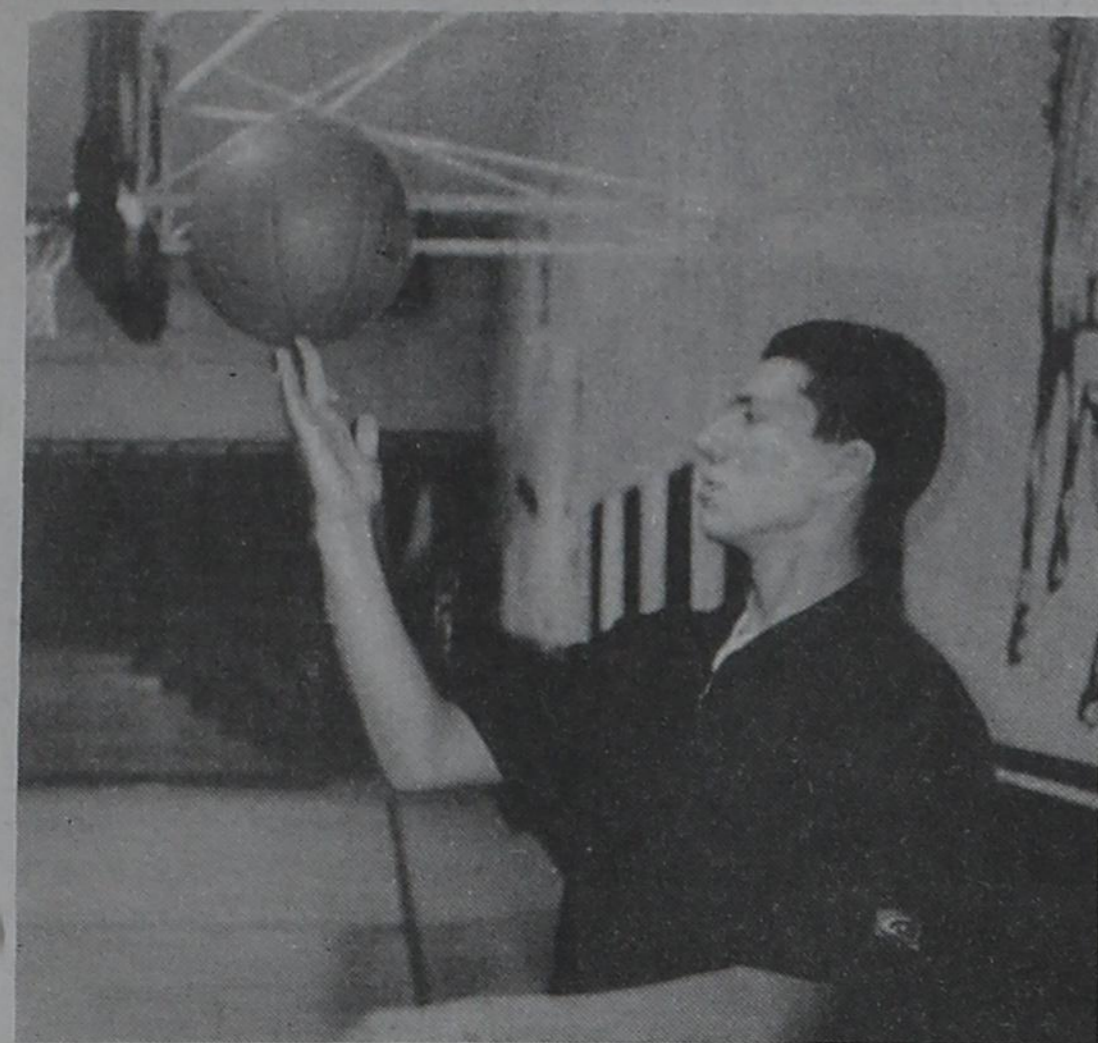
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SHOWING OFF?.....Not really. Just practicing ball control. Mustang senior Luke Steelman was caught spinning a ball in the gym last week.
(Ron Carr Photo)

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Dale and Tonya Gober hosted an evening meal for several members of the First Baptist Church Monday evening. The group then was taken to Clovis to see the Christmas lights and really enjoyed the treat.

On the way home, the group stopped at McDonald's. As they were getting ready to leave, Pernie Free fell in the parking lot and broke her arm just below the shoulder.

She was taken to the hospital and when the swelling goes down she will go back to the doctor for further treatment.

Those in the group included Maggie Terry, Charlsie Eubanks, Joe Looney, Artie Faye O'Hair, Sid Lloyd, Dick and Pernie Free, Shelby and Gaylon Rhodes, Tonya and Dale Gober, Lois Smith and Amy Hromas.

Neighbors said John Blackwell fell from a ladder as he was putting up Christmas light at his home. Actually, he said he thought the ladder was locked

securely but evidently not, because it collapsed and fell on his foot while he was stepping off.

This caused a broken heel and John said it was painful but he is going to live. He also said his wonderful neighbors came to the rescue and finished putting up the lights for him.

Howard Kelso suffered a stroke at his home in recent days and is a patient at Parmer County Community Hospital.

His wife, Minnie, said the problem was mostly in his arm now and that his legs were getting better. They were to begin therapy this week in Friona.

He was taken to the hospital by the Bovina ambulance crew.

Howard's sons have been here. Tally came from Llano on Tuesday of this week and Ferman came from Los Alamos, New Mexico last weekend.

Minnie was telling me that Ferman will soon be moving north of Clovis and they are happy about that.

Don and Juanda Murphy went to Dallas recently for Juanda's checkup and she is feeling good. During the trip to Dallas they spent one night with son Rodney and his family in Abilene and daughter Darlene and her family in Midlothian.

Friends said Lavonia Moody, former Bovina resident, now living in Plainview, is scheduled for another surgery. She had surgery sometime ago and will have another three to correct problems associated with the first. Lavonia is still teaching music, according to friends. She has several students when she lived in Bovina.

We express our sympathy to Lola Parson, whose mother passed away recently. She was Maybelle Drinkard of Andrews. Lola had spent time recently with her mother.

Mace Cochran suffered a badly broken hip recently and has been moved from the Laredo hospital to the Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville. She will be closer to one of her three daughters.

If you would like to send her a card, the address is 710 Waters Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028. She can be reached by telephone at 830-257-0504.

Marion and Dixie Carson had hunters at their home for the opening of pheasant season. Their son-in-law, Mike Strawn, came from Austin and Joe Upchurch and Steve David came from Atlanta, Texas which is near Texarkana.

Dixie said they had a good hunt and there were lots more birds everywhere this year. We heard a report on tv that this year we have the most birds we'd had in the past fifteen years. This made all the hunters happy.

Brother Gary and Donna Morgan hosted a open house for members of the First Baptist Church in recent days. It was thought that about sixty or seventy attended. Guests were served all kinds of desserts, cookies, vegetable plates and different kids of spiced teas and coffee. Those attending said the Morgan home was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Mary Ruth Redden suffered two strokes and is a patient at the Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon. She had a light stroke about the middle of last week and another one on Saturday. Mary Ruth lived in Bovina several years and now lives in Canyon.

Her son, Jimmy Redden and his wife live in Canyon. Another son, Bobby, has been there from Plano and her daughter, Joy is there from El Paso.

She doesn't have a telephone in her room but you may call Jimmy in

Canyon if you would like to check on her condition.

is getting along well. Garry and family are now living in Clovis.

Garry Beauchamp had some heart problems and had angio plasty surgery. We were unable to reach any of the family but understand he

Thanks for your help on the Scoops and drive carefully during the shopping days...Scooter.

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A request on area Block 75 lots 7-10 to be rezoned fr District "A"-Single family dwelling district to a District "B"-Two Family dwelling district.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Advertisement to Bidders

Sealed proposals addressed to Board of Trustees, Bovina Independent School District, 500 Halsell Street, Bovina, Texas 79009 herein called "Owner," will be accepted for the Construction of:

BOVINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT BOVINA, TEXAS

The work will be let under separate multiple stipulated sum agreements for the work as set out in the plans and specifications. Bids will be received at the Bovina School Board Meeting Room located at 500 Halsell Street, Bovina, Texas until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 6, 1997.

Bids will be opened publicly and will be read aloud at that time. Plans and specifications have been prepared by Stephen L. Butler, Architect, P.O. Box 1307, 1406 4th Ave., Canyon, Texas 79015 and may be obtained at the School Office or Therman James, Inc., Construction Manager, 4146 S. Georgia St., Amarillo, Texas 79110. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name of the project and bid category written on the outside of the envelope. Bid Bonds of not less than five percent (5%) of the highest contract amount will be required with the bid on contract amounts of \$25,000 or more payable to the Owner. A Performance and Payment Bonds will also be required of the successful contractor of successful bidders of \$25,000 or more.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or reject any proposal and to waive all formalities.

Political Calendar

The Bovina Blade is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to next spring's primary elections:

- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: DISTRICT JUDGE Gordon Houston Green**
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Ex-Bovinan Is Buried In Andrews

Funeral services for Maybelle Drinkard, 84, of Andrews were held Saturday, December 13, 1997 at First Baptist Church in Andrews with Rev. Randy Gunter, retired, of Andrews officiating.

Burial followed in the Andrews North Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at the Andrews Health Care Center in Andrews.

Mrs. Drinkard was born May 11, 1913 in Brownwood, Texas. She married Aubrey Drinkard on February 19, 1933 in Brownwood, Texas. He died October 17, 1958.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina. She moved to Andrews in 1991 from Bovina. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her three daughters, Dovie A. Turner and Totsy Hatley, both of Andrews, and Lola Mae Parson of Bovina; four sons, John Drinkard of San Angelo, Elmer Drinkard of Comanche, Earl Drinkard of Ranger and Bobby Drinkard of Farmington, New Mexico.

Also surviving are two brothers, R.L. Barron and T.J. Barron, both of Brownwood; nineteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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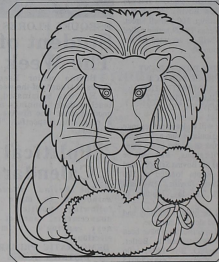
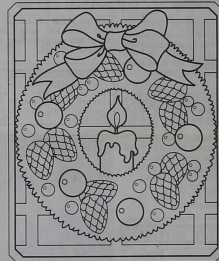
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