



# The Bovina Blade

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THE NEWSPAPER  
THAT WORKS FOR  
A BIGGER, BETTER  
BOVINA

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# Merry Christmas



**CRISMON TREE...**A project of the congregation at the Bovina United Methodist Church has involved the "Hanging of the Green" program, in addition to the Christmas tree, shown here. Pictured with the tree are (left to right, top), Norma Whitten, Eloise Dixon, and Juanita Hastings, (bottom), Mandy, Kody and Christopher, children of Mr. and Mrs. Kregg Wilson.



Peace on  
Earth!



**MAGIC TIME....**John and James Moore, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Moore, are shown admiring the ornaments hanging from their Christmas tree. These two youngsters, like others in the Bovina area, have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, and counting down the days.



## REFLECTIONS From The Blade

**20 YEARS AGO--DEC. 22, 1959**  
Billie Sudderth and Troy Fuller, both of Bovina, are Texas Champion and runner-up respectively in the 1959 DeKalb corn growing contest.

Mrs. Verna Pinner of Lockney, mother of Joe Pinner, is some better after surgery. She went home Monday.

A run-away snow-plowing truck, its driver overcome by carbon monoxide fumes, plowed into French Cook's garage on Highway 86 Tuesday afternoon. Dale Harmon, 21, was unconscious in the truck but was not injured when it hit the garage. Harmon was rushed to Parmer County Community Hospital

### Campbells Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Campbell of Earth announce the birth of a son born Monday, December 17 at University Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

Named Zeke Douglas, he weighed nine pounds, five ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

Zeke has one older brother, Zadoc, two years old.

Grandparents are Lily Morris of Clovis, New Mexico and the late J.D. Kirkpatrick, and Dr. and Mrs. Luther Campbell of Portland.

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at Friona and immediately put under an oxygen tent.

**15 YEARS AGO--DEC. 16, 1964**  
A group of local men left Monday for a pheasant hunting trip. They planned to go to Chappell and Lincoln, Nebraska. They planned to be gone about a week. Making the trip were Earl Stevenson, Eual Hart and Ike Quickel.

Marvin Puckett suffered a broken foot in an accident Thursday afternoon.

Clyde Woltman, 71, died Thursday morning at 1:30 in Bataan Memorial Hospital in Albuquerque. Mr. Woltman had entered the hospital Wednesday morning. Mr. Woltman moved to Bovina with his family in 1916. He owned and operated a farm between Bovina and Muleshoe.

**10 YEARS AGO--DEC. 17, 1969**  
Four persons were injured about 4 p.m. Friday, when their car was struck by another vehicle at the intersection of Third Street and Highway 60.

Mrs. Charles Gilbreath and three of her children received injuries and were taken to Parmer County Community Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Gilbreath remains a patient there.

A loaded beet truck, belonging to B.L. Marshall, was stolen here over the weekend, but recovered near Dumas early Monday.

**5 YEARS AGO--DEC. 18, 1974**  
Larry Webb, manager of the Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. and Walter Potts of Rhea, a member of the cooperative's board of directors, attended the 1974 annual meeting of Farmland Industries in Kansas City Wednesday through Friday of last week.

Funeral services for Roy M. Potts of Rosedale, N.M., brother of Cordie Potts of the Rhea Community, and Mrs. M.A. Brown of Friona, were held Saturday afternoon in the Rosedale Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Clymer, pastor, and Rev. P.L. Arnold officiated at the rites. Burial was in the Hollene Cemetery.



**CHRIS CALDWELL**  
*Chris Caldwell*  
**Is Honored**

Chris Caldwell, son of Bruce and Darlene Caldwell, celebrated his seventh birthday in his home Sunday, December 9.

Cake and Kool-aid were served to friends: Misty Moore, Mendy Rhodes, Capi Grissom, Keri Mitchell, Micah Rockwell, Sam Morgan, and Justin Black.

Also, Chris' family: his brother, Brandon, grandparents, Don and Juanda Murphy, Bedford and Pauline Caldwell, his aunt and uncles, Tom, Skeet and John Caldwell.

### Blade To Skip Issue

Blade subscribers are receiving a larger than usual special holiday issue of the newspaper this week, containing special Christmas greetings from area business establishments, special news features, and letters to Santa Claus from Bovina area youngsters.

The Blade will not publish on its regular date next week (January 2), to enable its staff to be with their families during the holiday week.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby that crys and that you have to change. Please Santa.

Patti Joe Wright  
P.S. I'll leave some cookies on the table.

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a play dog and race track.

Love,  
Libby Marshall

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me clothing, toys and a doll.

Love,  
Tammy Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Could you please bring me a bike, truck and dog.

Love,  
Gabriel Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a bike, baby rash, and a perfume maker.

Love,  
Melissa Collins

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a baby doll, Baby Alive and a cat.

Love,  
Audrey Wear

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a kite.

Love,  
Diana

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a motorcycle.

Love,  
Andy

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a car.

Love,  
Joe

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a doll.

Love, Anita

Dear Santa,  
I am in first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a typewriter, an air plane, a watch and a train.

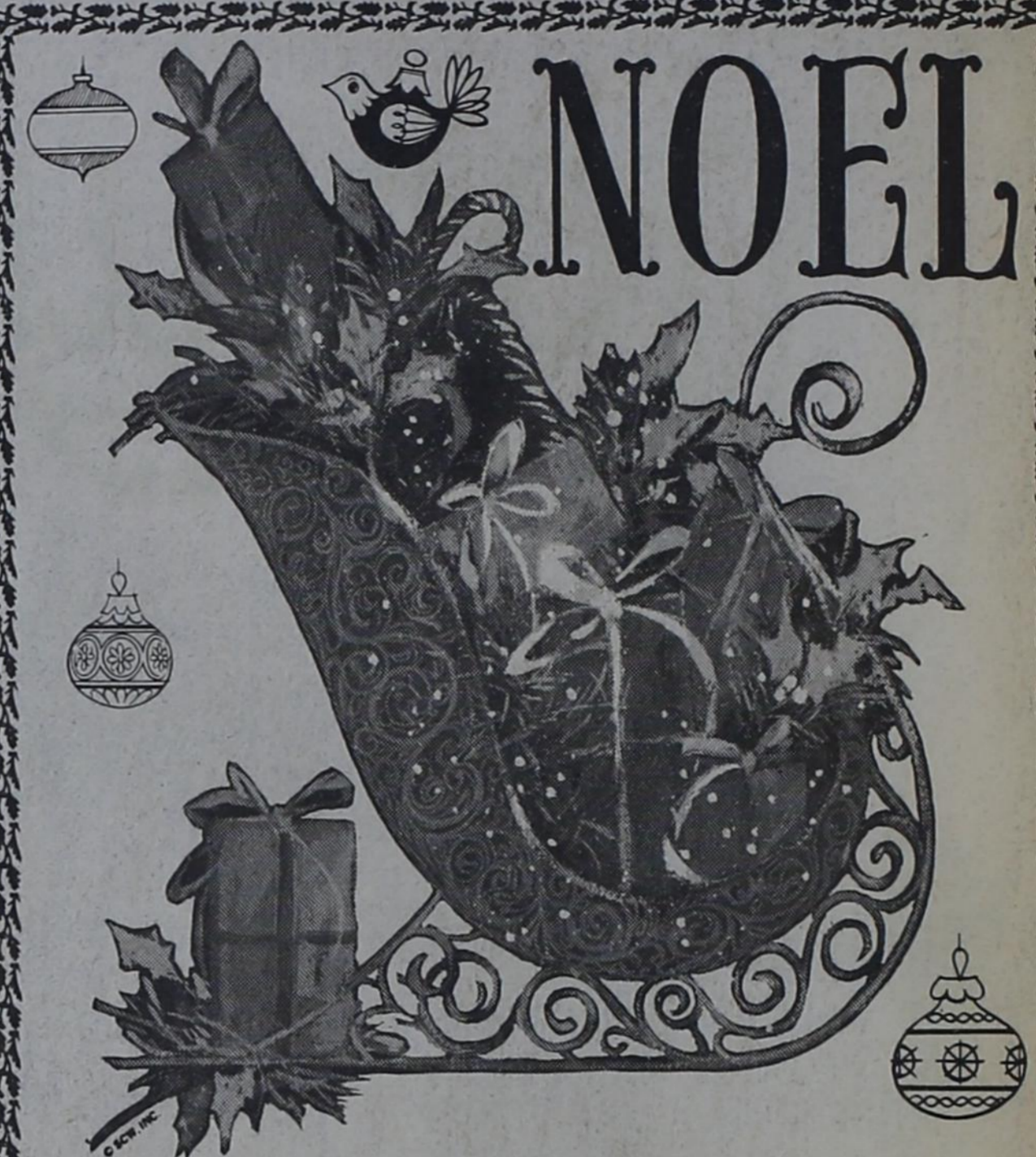
Love,  
Steven Kuper

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me shoulder pads.

Love, Santos

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I would also like to know what kind of cookies and milk you like so I can leave some for you. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for Christmas a Baby Rash and a Baby Buggy.

Love and kisses  
Missy Sherrill



A sleigh full of love and peace and happiness this Christmas Season. We have enjoyed serving you.

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# Greetings

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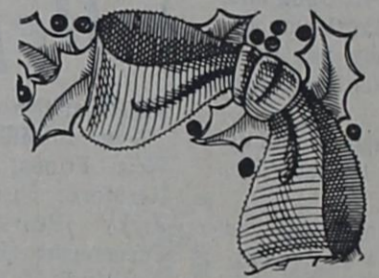
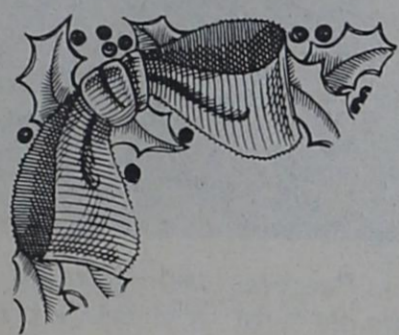
<b>Kraft Longhorn Cheese</b> 99¢	<b>Borden's Egg Nog</b> 89¢	<b>Allsup's Ice Cream</b> \$1.29
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WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY...

**MERRY**

**CHRISTMAS**

During this happy holiday season we hope for one and all the best things that Santa's knapsack has to offer . . . peace and faith, brotherhood and good will. These are gifts to be treasured and enjoyed not only at Christmas time but all the year 'round. With these go wishes to brighten up everyone's Yuletide . . . good times, good friends and warm feelings. We wish you all these and thank you for your valued friendship and support. Have a happy!



**First State Bank Of Bovina Joins With Bovina Women's Club This Christmas Season In Presenting Project Christmas Card With Names Of All Contributors Who Wish You And Yours A Merry Christmas.**

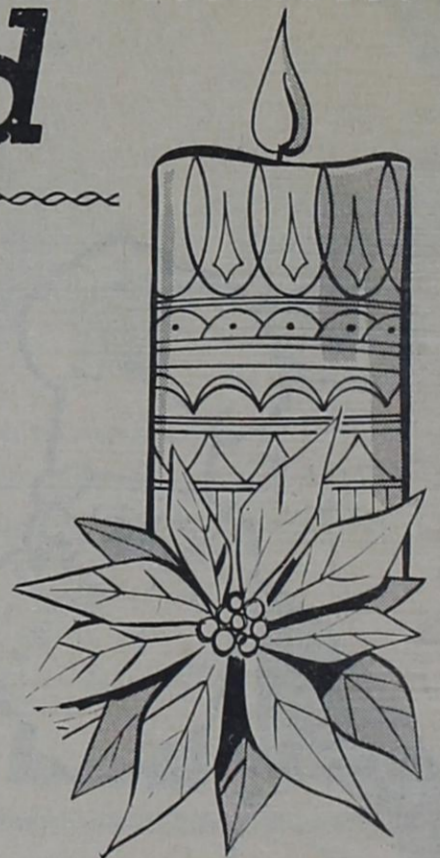
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*We Will Be Closed Tuesday, December 25; Also Tuesday, January 1*

**The People And Businesses Whose Names Are Listed Here Have Cooperated With Project Christmas Card By Contributing The Money Usually Spent For Cards And Postage To A Special Fund.**

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# Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



Christmas is here, whether we were ready or not...and it's always exciting, either way....It is good to report that our people in the hospital are getting along very well...and that's a good Christmas gift in itself....Allen Cumpton came through surgery and today (Thursday) everything seems to be going great for him...Lily Fuller had surgery after breaking her leg and she's anxious to come home and also Steve Cockerham who was injured in a two-vehicle accident last week is getting along fine after suffering a broken leg and other injuries. These people are all at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo....

I want to thank you for making it a good year at the Blade...for your help with Scoops and for just being the nicest people in the world to share a town with....May you have a Merry Christmas and a beautiful New Year.

Our congratulations to Doug and Deborah Campbell of Earth who are parents of a new baby boy born Monday at the University Hospital in Lubbock.

Deborah is the daughter of Lily Morris of Clovis and the late J.D. Kirkpatrick.

The baby weighed nine pounds and five ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He has been named Zeke Douglas. The Campbells have another son, Zadoc.

Last Saturday the wedding of Be Barrett and Jana Moody took place at the Trinity Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Local people who went to the wedding were: Be's parents, Sue and J.B. Barrett and daughter Jana, Cindy and Joe Bradburn and baby, Randy and Toni Barrett and children, Daphne and Ty, Linda Pinner, Monty and Bonnie Barrett and Greg and Tamara Corbin.

Those going from Clovis: Monty and Barbara Corbin, and Glen and Lori Corbin.

Other guests at the wedding were Brother Ralph and Wanda Aday of Vine Grove, Kentucky, who pastored in Bovina several years ago.

The Don Murphy family is celebrating an early Christmas this week-end in their home with their children and their families, and also Juanda's dad, brothers and their families: Rod and Suzanne and son Adam of Hereford, Darlene and Bruce Caldwell and sons Chris and Brandon, and the Murphy's son David.

Also, Elmer Patton of Ballinger, Bobby and Janice Patton of Ballinger and children, Beth and Paul; Howard

and Pam Patton of Fort Stockton and children Todd and Sammy; and Dwayne and Jeanne Patton of Midland and their children, Tyler and Trisha.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Scott's daughter and grandchildren, Diana, Damon and Patrick arrived Wednesday from Dayton, Ohio to spend the holidays. Diana's husband, who is a pilot will come Sunday. They will be with the Scotts until the 29th.

Mrs. Scott said it will be the first time in a long time that they have had their family together for Christmas. The Scott's son and his family, Larry, Carol and children Kirk and Christy will also be with them for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw took their trailer and went to Zapata the last of October, where they did some fishing and had a good time with friends in that area. They returned home December 1. Irma said they stayed about 23 miles south of Zapata near the fishing area. She said the fishing wasn't as good as it had been but they caught more than they could eat. They caught black bass and catfish.

The Bradshaws' children will be with them for Christmas: Gerald and Ella Bishop and children of Houston, Larry and Donny, Leigh Ann, and Therisa; Larry and Dyalithia DeFever of Amarillo and their son Dirk; Cotton and Avis Bradshaw of Lubbock and their son Darrell.

Irma said they had their children on the odd years and the in-laws got them on the even years so they are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas.

If you have not completed your Christmas list and are in need of something very special, Plants Plus will probably have it! They have a variety of beautiful Christmas poinsettias, plus many more that would fit any occasion. We are

fortunate to have new business and if you haven't been out, I hope you will go see their operation.

The Jaycees and their families enjoyed a Christmas social Wednesday night at the Bovina Restaurant and while there Santa Claus came and presented the children with gifts and candy.

SMILE: Things are pretty well evened up in this world. Other people's troubles are not as bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse.

## Local Lions Sponsor Drive

The Lions Clubs of District 2T-1 are conducting their eleventh annual Girlstown Coat and Shoe Fund Drive.

This annual project was started by the Lions Clubs in order to purchase a new coat and a new pair of shoes for each girl at Girlstown.

There are 113 girls on the four campuses, Whiteface, Borger, Austin, and Lubbock. The girls range in age from two to 18 years.

"The goal this year is \$12,000" said the Lions District Governor Charlie Cooley of Borger. Cooley said money to purchase the new coats and shoes comes through donations from the good people in the Panhandle area. "This will be the first time for many of these girls to pick out something new in a store" said Cooley. "But more important it lets these girls know we do care about them" said the Lions Governor.

Cooley said if anyone wishes to sponsor one girl, they may send \$100 to the Girlstown Christmas Fund. The donor will receive a personal letter from the girl being sponsored.

Anyone wishing to help may send a donation to Girlstown Christmas Fund, Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.



NEW COATS.... Pamela Harrison, three years old (left) and her sister Pauline, four, Girlstown residents, are shown picking out their new coats at an Amarillo store. For many of the residents of Girlstown, this is a new experience, that of picking out a new coat and pair of shoes. The area Lions Clubs sponsor the program.



SEASON'S GREETINGS



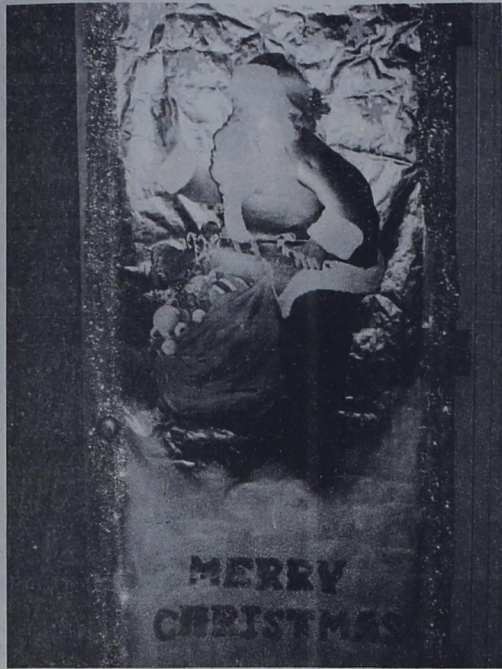
we wish you a Merry Christmas



May your welcoming hearts recapture the wonder and delight of that long-ago time when frost-nipped cheeks and snow-tipped lashes trimmed the faces of all the laughing children. O joy of Christmases past, return to all this holiday!



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DOOR DECORATIONS....Shown are some of the doors at the Bovina Schools that the students and faculty have

decorated in the Christmas spirit. These two doors are located at Mrs. Willard's and Mr. Gauntt's room.



**Joy**

We've wrapped up a whole package of good wishes for our loyal friends and patrons! It's been a pleasure serving you throughout the year. We hope this Christmas is filled with especially nice surprises for you.

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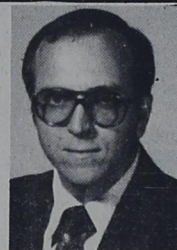
Sunday School-9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship-11 a.m.  
Training Union-6 p.m.  
Evening Worship-7 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting-  
7 p.m.



**Jerry Rockwell**

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CHURCH**

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Morning Worship-11 a.m.  
Evening Worship-6 p.m.



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Texas Time;  
Church Training-7 p.m.  
Texas Time;  
Evening Worship-8 p.m.  
Texas Time;  
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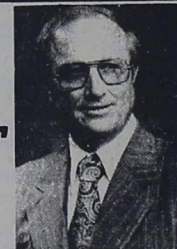
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M.Y.F.-6 p.m.  
Evening Worship-7 p.m.  
Choir Practice-  
Wednesday-8 p.m.



**Rev. Dick Richards**

**BOVINA  
CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

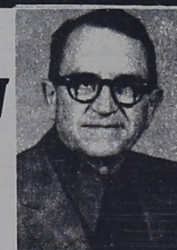
SUNDAY SERVICES  
Classes-8:45 a.m.  
Worship-10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Devotional and Classes-8:30 p.m.



**Lee Clark**

**ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

Sunday School-9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship-10:30 a.m.



**Rev. Herman Schelter**

**MISSION  
BELEN BAUTISTA**

Escuela Dominical-9:45 a.m.  
Mensaje-11:30 a.m.-Union De  
Pre Preparacion-5 p.m. Miercoles  
Estudio De La Biblia-7:30 p.m.

**Rejoice**



Let us reflect upon the message of the Holy Season ... "Peace on earth, Good Will toward Men."

**ST. ANN'S  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

Mass-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
CCD-After Mass Sunday  
Confession: Sunday, 8-8:25 a.m.



**Rev. Ronald McGovern**





# Merry Christmas to All



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We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the love and concern shown to us during the time I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Your prayers, visits, calls, gifts, and cards have lifted our spirits and helped us find the strength we needed.  
It is great to be a part of this community with so many friends.  
Judy and Donald Jones and Family

FOR RENT....Trailer spaces. Langer Trailer Park, corner of Boyce and Avenue I. Call 238-1294. 9-tfnc

### Teams Top Lazbuddie Four Times

The Bovina High School Fillies and Mustangs traveled to Lazbuddie this past Tuesday night and returned home with four victories in as many outings.

In the Junior Varsity games, the Fillies J.V. won, 45-18, and the Mustang J.V. won, 53-49.

The Fillies extended their record to 11-2 with a 56-51 win over the Lazbuddie girls. The Mustangs won their game, 56-53, and their record now stands at 5-5.

**FILLIES JV** 12 13 23 45  
**Laz. JV** 4 8 13 18

B--L. Shepherd 27; J. Serna 8; L. Bentley 6; R. Henson 4.

L--L. Ivy 7; J. Hargett 3; R. Summer 3; S. Zamora 2; T. Collins 2; T. Moore 1.

**FILLIES** 15 25 39 56  
**Lazbuddie** 13 31 39 51

B--C. Shelby 12; L. Shelby 11; K. Schilling 10; L. Widner 8; P. Spring 5; K. Williams 4; E. Moody 4; F. Griffin 2.

L--B. Ivy 15; S. Glover 14; A. Matthews 8; S. Seaton 8; T. Clark 6.

**MUSTANGS JV** 7 27 40 53  
**Lazbuddie JV** 8 19 29 49

B--J. Steelman 18; J. Riddle 11; D. Gilbreath 9; T. Mayfield 6; J. Wright 4; C. Trimble 2; G. McClaran 2; Ortiz 1.

L--Lust 19; Bucheneau 9; Steinbock 7; Elliot 6; J. Jesko 4; T. Jesko 2; McBroom 2.

**MUSTANGS** 14 27 37 56  
**Lazbuddie** 8 25 39 53

B--R. Shepherd 16; H. Shepherd 11; E. Chisom 9; L. Read 7; B. Sudderth 6; F. Quiroga 4; E. Garcia 3.

L--Treider 12; Rodgers 11; Smith 9; Windham 8; Mimms 7; Moore 4; Gonzales 2.

### Travis Hancocks Honored Here On 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hancock were honored with a reception on Sunday, December 2, in the Bovina Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception was hosted by the couples children, Janie and Matt Moseley, Jannette and Johnnie St. Clair of Muleshoe, Glen and Carol Hancock of Paris, also nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The serving tables were covered with white satin cloths, with marquisette skirts, draped in three pieces and caught with gold bows. Wedding bells with gold 50th centers topped a three-tiered wedding cake decorated with gold bells and roses.

The centerpiece was a gold silk flower arrangement. Gold punch, nuts and mints were served from gold and crystal appointments.

Granddaughters of the couple presided over the serving tables. Arelea Morris, Muleshoe, Stacey Hancock, Paris, Linda Moseley, Lubbock, Jana Cox, Monahans. Another granddaughter, Rene Newton, of Muleshoe registered guests in a 50th anniversary book, a gift from the grandchildren.

Gold framed pictures of the couple from before their marriage and through out their lives together were displayed on a table with cloths matching the serving tables.

Travis Hancock and Kathryn Burns were married in Clovis, New Mexico on December 25, 1929. They are members of the Bovina Church of Christ, and are engaged in farming in the Bovina area.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Joan Landers, Mrs. Edith Butler of Denton, Mrs. Homer D. Brice of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Seidermann, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Burns, Paul and Laura of Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phillips, Lubbock, Mrs. Alvey Hancock, Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seidermann of Canyon.

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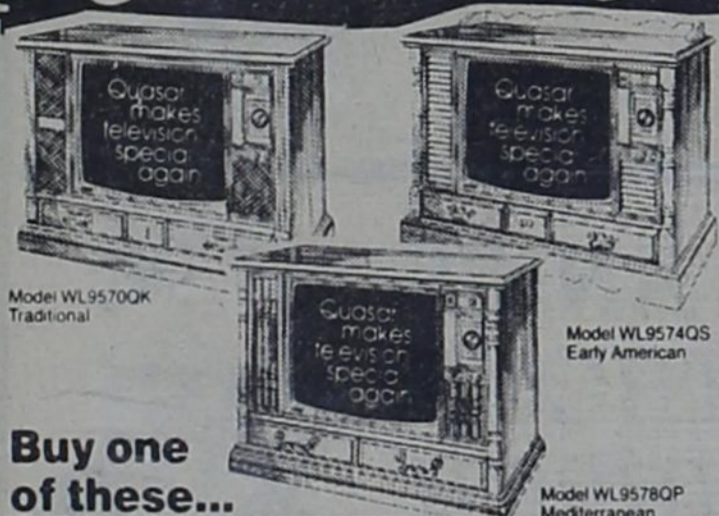
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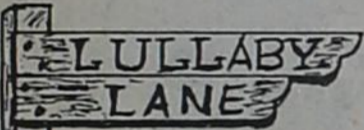
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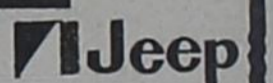
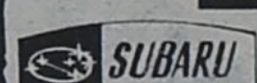
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# Jean Wiseman Shares Her Holiday Recipes

By SCOOTER RUSSELL  
Jean Wiseman has been a Bovina resident for 23 years. She is the mother of four children, Steven, Larry, Stephanie, and Michael and she is the daughter of Ozie Sherley of Hereford.

Jean is well-known for her culinary arts. She especially likes to cook special holiday treats, and local residents are always anxious to sample her creations.

Jean was kind enough to share a few of her holiday recipes with the Blade, and we present them here for our readers enjoyment.

## SUMMER SAUSAGE

- 2 lb. lean hamburger
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. onion salt
- 2 tsp. liquid smoke
- 1 T. whole mustard seed
- 2 level T. (Mortons) Tender Quick salt meat cure

- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning (optional)
  - 2 heaping T. pepper corns
- Mix all together. Make into two rolls. Wrap in double thickness of aluminum foil. Leave in refrigerator 24 hours. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Turn oven to 325 degrees and bake 45 minutes longer.

Remove from oven, stand rolls on end to drain out fat and water.

## FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 heaping T. cocoa
- 1/2 cup white Karo
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 stick oleo

Cook to soft ball stage. Remove from heat and DO NOT stir until it cools to lukewarm. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and nuts and beat.

## PEANUT PATTIES

- 3 cups sugar
  - 1/2 cup white Karo
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1/2 stick oleo
  - 2 bags raw peanuts
- cook all ingredients slowly to soft ball stage. DO NOT stir until lukewarm. Beat and drop on cookie sheet to cool.



JEAN WISEMAN

## PIE CRUST

- 5 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups Crisco or 1 lb. oleo
- 2 egg yolks and enough cold water to make one cup liquid.

Mix and refrigerate until ready to use or roll and freeze.

## APPLE DUMPLINGS

- 2 cups sugar
  - 2 1/2 cups water
  - 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
  - 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
  - 1/4 cup butter
  - 6 tart apples, sliced
- Boil together for 5 minutes and set aside.  
Blend: 2 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt

- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 cup shortening

To this add 1/2 cup milk.  
Mix and roll 1/4 inch thick and cut into squares. Place in pan, cover with cooked apple mixture. Add rest of dough to top. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

## MACARONI AND CHEESE

- 1 Package shell-roni cooked and salted.
- Heat together:  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
2 cups milk  
1 onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1/2 stick oleo  
1 cup velveeta cheese.
- Bring to boil and add to shell-roni. Cover with cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

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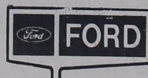
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**SPECIAL HONORS...**The Bovina High School F.F.A. recently selected their 1979-80 Sweetheart and Plowgirl. Miss Denise Read was named as the Sweetheart and Tammy Dow was named as the Plowgirl. They are shown with Jim Rhodes, who was recently selected as the District Sentinel.



**QUIZ TEAM...**The Bovina F.F.A. Quiz Team recently placed fifth in District competition. Team members are Greg McClaran, Lou Pipes, and Jeff Steelman.

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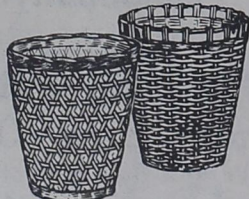


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## Newsmakers For 1979 Are Given

### Residents Help Make '79 News

It was a year when the farmers went back to Washington, D.C. with a tractorcade, and then returned home to battle the weather and elements to produce a better than average crop.

Otherwise, Bovina residents held their own, in events comparing those from other areas. Bovina furnished the champion pheasant hunter for the third time in three years, and then dominated the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show for the second year in a row.

Following is a week-by-week summary of the news headlines, as recorded in the Bovina Blade:

#### JANUARY

The New Year began on a frigid note in the Bovina area, with the mercury plunging to below zero on the mornings of January 1 and 2. The high temperatures on Monday, New Year's Day, never reached ten degrees.

The American Agriculture Movement is looking forward to the national tractorcade to Washington, D.C. early this year, in hopes of making giant strides for agriculture.

Parmer County's Sheriff's officers arrested two Clovis, N.M. men on New Year's Eve, and the arrests are expected to clear up a number of thefts of hogs in Parmer County, including the theft of 40 hogs from the Larry Scott farm, and two different thefts from Friona FFA boys.

For the third time in four years, a Bovina hunter has won the county title in the annual "Longest Tailfeather Contest" sponsored annually in conjunction with the pheasant season, which ended on December 24. Daryl Hawkins, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins of Bovina, had the winning entry. The tailfeather measured 25 1/4 inches long.

The Bovina High School Fillies varsity team won third place in the Muleshoe Invitational Tournament that took place over the Christmas holidays.

The Bovina High School Mustangs ended a thirteen year-long drought when they beat the Farwell Steers, 47-35 in the Muleshoe Tournament.

The Bovina area has received about 1 1/2 inches of snow, but only a trace of moisture, since December 30,

according to Greg Hromas, Bovina's official weather recorder.

Services were held January 11 for Lee Bowers, 79, at the Bovina Church of Christ with Cecil Bunch of Sherman, Texas and Lee Clark, pastor, officiating. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Farwell, under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Bovina Wheat Growers' fuel division (the former Bonds Oil Co.) is in full operation, with most of the same employees who formerly worked for Bonds Oil. "These employees are acquainted with folks in the Bovina area, and they will attempt to serve their needs to the best of their abilities," said Larry Webb, general manager of Bovina Wheat Growers.

The 1978 Christmas Card Fund, designated for the Bovina Ambulance Service, received \$528 in local gifts. Each year residents of the Bovina area make a contribution to this fund, which is sponsored by the Bovina Women's Study Club, in lieu of sending Christmas cards.

Dorothy and Grady Sorley of Bovina did something that they had been thinking about doing for a long time. They made a record album of religious music. Title of the album is "Sweet 'n Easy."

At ceremonies Monday, January 22, the Bovina High School National Honor Society inducted four new members into its ranks. Karen Schilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schilling; Darlene Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith; Blake Sudderth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Sudderth; and Kathy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams, were inducted.

P.O. Dixon of Bovina recently told a representative of the Blade that his son Robert and wife Pearl, who have been in Iran for the past year, had managed to get out of that unstable country, and were due back in Bovina shortly.

#### FEBRUARY

The Bovina Chapter of the Future Farmers of America recently announced their selections for their 1978-79 Sweetheart and Plowgirl. Miss Laura Widner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Widner was named as "Sweetheart." Kim Naegle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cap



PRIZE STEER...Doug Roming poses proudly with his 1164-pound Angus calf which was named Reserve Champion at the county show last Friday night. The steer had earlier won the trophy in the "jumbo" weight class for steers. Roming also won the showmanship plaque for the steer division.

Naegle, was named as "Plowgirl."

Services for Joe M. McKinney, 57, of Bovina were held February 6, at Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Friona with Rev. Ronald McGovern, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Barnes announced the birth of their second son, Beau Dustin, on February 4 in the Amherst Hospital. Beau has a sister, Becky, and a brother, Brannon.

Friday night, February 2, was Basketball Homecoming here at Williford Gym. What may be the largest crowd of the season watched as Miss Sandi Sides was crowned as Homecoming Queen and Ronnie Cary was crowned as Homecoming King. The crowd was also treated to both Filly and Mustang victories.

The American Agriculture Movement's tractorcade, which left Bushland on January 15 from our area, entered Washington D.C. on Monday, February 5. There were numerous clashes with police in the nation's capital as the group was finally herded into a shopping mall parking lot and held there. Leaders of the AAM were meeting with Washington mayor, Marion Barry, in an attempt to solve the police-farmer difficulties.

The Bovina Mustangs captured the round-robin district championship with a record of 20-7. The Fillies placed second in the district round-robin with a 20-10 record.

Services were held for Lawrence Dorsey, 80, of Bovina. Dorsey had been a resident of Bovina since 1936. Rev. J.J. Terry and Rev. Dick Richards officiated. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

For the second year in a row, Bovina showmen dominated the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, setting the pace in qualifying animals for the show's auction sale.

Bovina had the show's Grand Champion Lamb, shown by Charlie Trimble, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, shown by Charles Falkenburg, and the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, shown by Doug Roming. This gave the Bovina youngsters three of the show's top six awards.

Funeral services were conducted February 18 for Warren Embree, 72, a former Bovina resident. Burial was in Tahoka, Texas.

The Bovina Jaycees kicked off their 1979 Little Dribblers Program Thursday, February 22. The Jaycees were looking for a very successful and entertaining season.

Graveside services were held for

Marvin Puckett, 79, February 21 at the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home. Puckett has lived in Bovina for the past twenty years. Rev. J.J. Terry conducted the services.

The Bovina High School Mustangs and Fillies both took second place in the District 3-A Tournament. Both teams won their opening games, but both lost their second game against Vega teams. The Mustangs played the Vega team a third game, because Bovina has won the round-robin, but the Mustangs were held off a second time by the Longhorns and had to settle for second place in the tourney.

Keri Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell, was named as the 1979 "Baby Doll," and Misty Boozer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Boozer was named as "Little Miss" in the 1979 Little Miss Contest. The contest was sponsored by the Bovina Young Homemakers.

The 1979 Flying Fillies made their first appearance on the track this season and placed third at the L.C.H.S. Indoor Meet. Miss Sandi Sides was named as the "Outstanding Individual" in the girls division.

#### MARCH

Bovina FFA and 4-H showmen returned from the Houston Livestock Show with additional laurels to go with those they had already won in the showing this season. Highlighting their performance was the showing of the breed champion Poland China by Sharlet Johnson, who ultimately sold the animal in the championship auction for \$13.00 per pound, or \$2,700.00.

Billy Marshall, a corn grower from Bovina, has won top honors in the 1978 National Corn Growers Association yield contest. His yield of 251.41 bushels (14,078.96 pounds) was the highest in the nation and the State of Texas in the contest's irrigated division.

Sandi Sides, a Bovina High School senior, has been selected as one of the members of the Golden Spread All-Star basketball team. Miss Sides, an all-district selection last year and honorable mention as a sophomore, is a 5-7 three-year letter forward for the Fillies.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Schueler of the Rhea Community announced the birth of their first child, a son, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Clovis Hi-Plains Hospital.

The Bovina High School Flying Fillies appear to be on their way to another outstanding season. The Fillies participated in the Plainview

Relays and captured first place in the Division II competition.

Services were held for Mrs. Wilma Schueler, 51, of Alamosa, Colorado, formerly of the Rhea Community, Tuesday, March 6 in the Rhea Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ervin Buenger officiated. Burial was in the Rhea Cemetery by Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Law officers in Bovina are investigating two break-ins which were reported in the community in the last week. Vandals broke into the Bovina Schools sometime late Saturday or early Sunday, and performed acts of mischief in both the high school and junior high buildings, as well as the cafeteria and vo-ag department.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture elected new officers for 1979. Those elected were: Eugene Griffin, president; Dale Gober, vice president; Donna Roming, recording secretary; Mark Gunnels, director; Virgie Cary, director; and Terry Sherrill, director.

Harry J. Charles, owner of Charles Oil Co. in Bovina, received a Community Service Award from the Phillips Petroleum Company today, March 14, for outstanding achievement in community services.

About 400 persons attended the Annual Sausage Dinner at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Sunday, March 11. The dinner, sponsored by St. Ann's, was termed a success and was well supported by the people in the surrounding area.

Tom and Emily Griffith were honored with a reception on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on March 18. The couple was married on March 23, 1929 in Clovis, New Mexico.

The Bovina High School Flying Fillies took their second straight win of the season at the Twin Cities Relays held in Farwell on March 10.

The community of Bovina honored its outstanding citizens at its annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet. Honors went to: Steve Sherrill, Man of the Year; Virgie Cary, Woman of the Year; Sandi Sides, Outstanding Young Woman; Ronnie Cary, Outstanding Young Man; Phyllis Steelman, Outstanding Faculty Member; L.M. Grissom, Special Senior Citizen award; and Dick and Mary Richards, Community Service award.

Services were held March 16 for Emmett Tabor, 74, in the First Baptist Church. Tabor, a longtime resident of the Bovina area, was buried in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mary Dow and M.M. Trienen exchanged wedding vows March 25 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Clovis. The couple will reside in Bovina.

Funeral services for Chris Rosenow, 8, were held March 23 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. Rev. Jerry Rockwell presided and burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Funeral services were held March 27 for Lala Brito, 79, of Bovina. Rev. Ronald McGovern officiated in the services conducted at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was at the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

#### APRIL

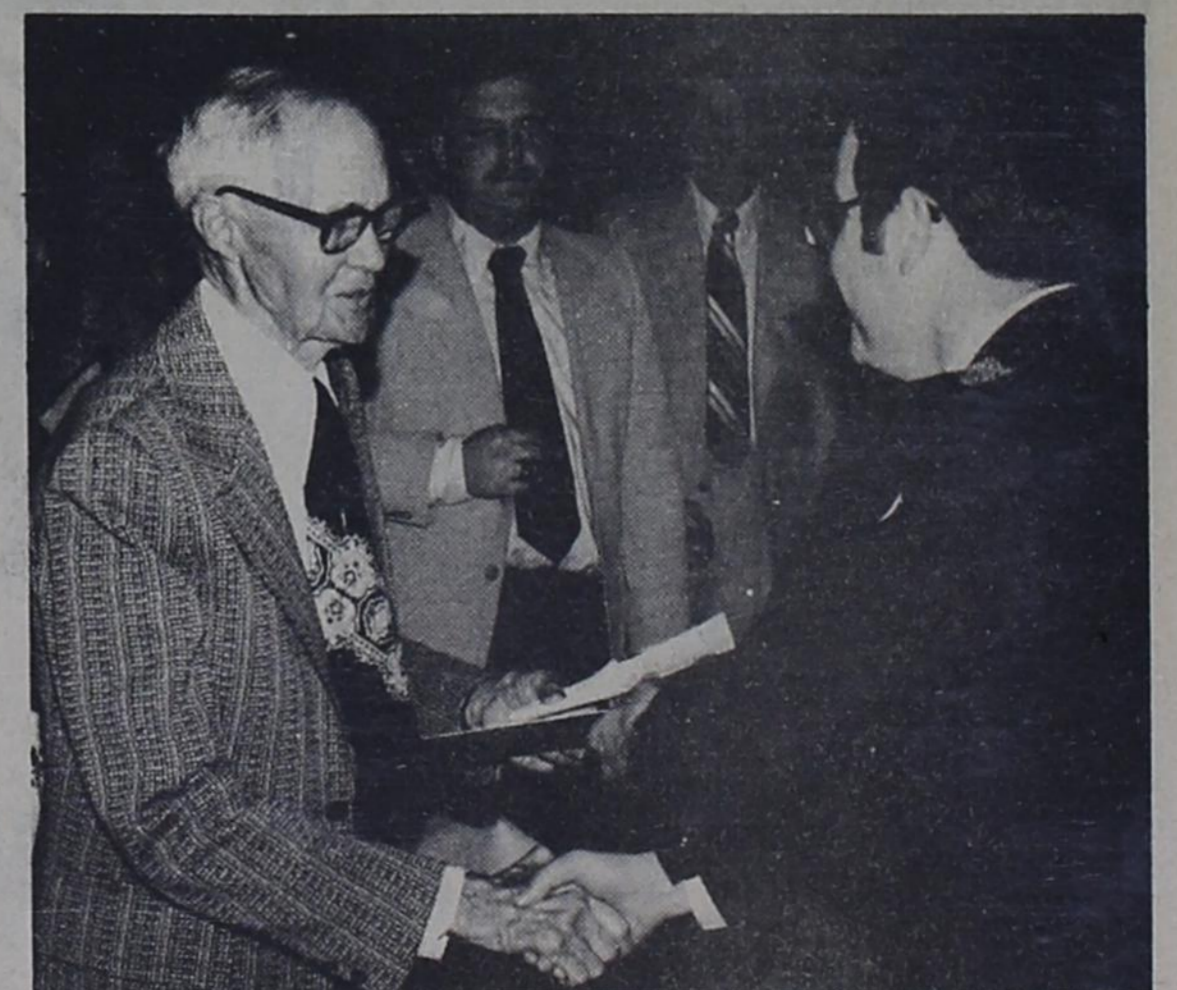
The Bovina High School Thespians traveled to Farwell the first part of this month and returned home with the first place trophy in the One-Act Play division. The play, "Of Poems, Youth, and Spring," by John Logan, won the District 3-A honors and also some individual honors for some of the cast.

Checks totaling \$7,403,546.57 have been mailed out to Parmer County producers of wheat, feed grains, and cotton who participated in these programs.

The Bovina Blade was a prize-winner in the annual Panhandle Press Association Contest. The winners (Continued on Page 2)



KING AND QUEEN...Sandi Sides and Ronnie Cary were named as the 1978-79 Basketball Homecoming King and Queen. Miss Sides, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter. Cary, also a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cary.



SENIOR CITIZEN...Mr. L.L. Grissom was awarded a special "Senior Citizen" award at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Mr. Grissom is a longtime resident of the community. The Chamber and First State Bank of Bovina co-sponsored the award, which will become a regular award in the future. Steve Sherrill presents the award.

# 1979 Newsmakers...

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were announced at the PPA Convention in Amarillo.

In the City Council elections held April 7, the two incumbents were re-elected to their positions on the Council. R.G. Barron and Fred O'Hair retained their seats on the council after receiving 108 and 82 votes respectively.

The Bovina High School Flying Fillies won the District 3-A crown again at the District 3-A Track Meet held here in Bovina on April 9 and 10. Those Fillies who won first or second in an event will go on to compete at Regional in Odessa.

The Bovina High School Mustangs basketball team came out the victors in a recent game against the Hereford J.V. team. Ronnie Cary threw a four-hitter in leading the Mustangs in their win.

Bovina Supermarket and Family Center observed their 7th anniversary April 19.

The Bovina Jaycees met in a special meeting April 17 to elect their new officers for the upcoming year. Those elected were: Bob Sparks, president; Andy Martinez, external vice president; J.B. Caldwell, internal vice president; Gary Carson, treasurer and R.D. Looney, secretary.

Richard Lowe and Eddie Isaac both qualified to attend the Regional Track Meet at Odessa. Richard will compete in the discus and Eddie will run in the 120-yard high hurdles.

The Bovina High School Fillies garnered second place at the Region 1-A Track Meet. While placing second, the Fillies qualified in four events for the state meet in Austin.

## MAY

The Bovina area received 2.05 inches of moisture during the first week of May, according to official weather recorder, Greg Hromas.

Funeral services for Daisy Dopp, 61, were held May 2 at the Bovina Church of Christ. Officiating at the services was Lee Clark with burial at the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Lorene Jefferson, 68, were held in the Bovina Church of Christ with Lee Clark officiating. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

The Bovina High School Flying Fillies returned home from the State Track Meet in Austin on May 6 with third place honors in the Class A division. The Fillies placed second in three events and sixth in a fourth.

Fifty-one members of the eighth grade were entertained with a banquet May 5 in the Ridgelea Elementary School cafeteria. The theme of the banquet was "Disco Mania." The honor graduates were: Griselda Ortiz, Lisa Schilling, Bret Whitten, Jon Lin Riddle Jr., Dale Gilbreath and Wendy Hall.

Kirtus Garrison, a junior at Bovina High School, was selected to attend the 19th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas.

Two Bovina students graduated from Texas Tech University this spring. They were Tina Isaac and Belinda Richards.

Tammy and Dennis Willard announced the birth of a baby girl on May 3. The girl weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces, and was named Amberly Rae.

A veteran Panhandle area farmer from Bovina was named to the

Agriculture and Livestock Committee of the Texas House of Representatives. Ralph Roming assumed permanent duties with the committee on May 15.

The honor graduates from Bovina High School were announced and they were (in order of 1-6); Sandi Sides, Alicia Spring, Debbie Whitecotton, Carol Ware, Thad Rains and David Steelman.

Bovina High School athletes for the 1978-79 school year were honored May 15 at the annual Athletic Banquet. Those athletes that received top honors were: Ronnie Cary, best all-around boy athlete; Sandi Sides, best all-around girl athlete; Mike Read, "Mustang Award"; and Belinda Shelby, "Filly Award."

The Bovina High School Future Farmers of America held their annual Chapter Banquet May 15. The banquet, sponsored by Big Nick's Machinery, featured a fine meal and very interesting and entertaining program for the good crowd that attended.

Services were held for Emma Minter, 78, May 18 in the First Baptist Church of Bovina. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Thirty-five students received their High School diplomas in commencement exercises at the Bovina High School auditorium May 25.

Jim Rhodes was selected by the Bovina High School faculty and the Bovina Jaycees to attend the Texas Boys State. Rhodes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Rhodes.

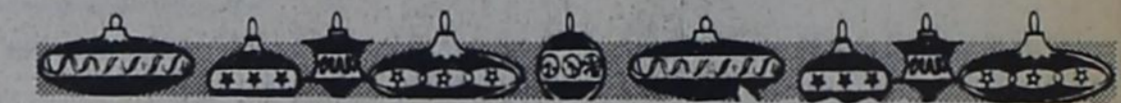
Jack Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierceson Adams of Bovina, graduated from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin on May 19.

Del Ray Sudderth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Sudderth, and Pam Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Rhodes, were announced as the 1979 Bovina High School Band Beau and Sweetheart during ceremonies at the annual spring concert on May 21.

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**WOMAN OF THE YEAR...**Mrs. Virgie Cary was named as the Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet. Mrs. Cary has served on many community service programs and is known for her willingness to help just about anyone, anytime. Yvonne Stevenson, right, presents the award.



**MAN OF THE YEAR...**Stephen Sherrill was named as Bovina's Man of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet. Steve was honored for his many services and help to the community. Don Murphy presents the award.



We've wrapped up a whole package of good wishes for our loyal friends and patrons! It's been a pleasure serving you throughout the year. We hope this Christmas is filled with especially nice surprises for you.

**First United Methodist Church**

## Season's Greetings



## REJOICE

Silver bells and snowflakes... Christmas has arrived! Hope the season finds you cheery and content, surrounded by friends and family!

*Best Wishes*



**Parmer County Spraying Co.**

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



Here's hoping Santa brings you lots of happiness this Christmas. Have a wonderful holiday season.

**Charles Oil Co.**



1979-80 CHEERLEADERS....Pictured are the cheerleaders for Bovina High School for the 1979-80 school year. They are from left to right: Linda Shelby, Darla Morris (mascot), Kara Mills (head cheerleader), Kim Naegle, Annette Stevenson, Laurie Miller and Elyse Moody.

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**JUNE**

Residents of Parmer County were dismayed when they learned of the new 30-day hunting season for pheasants. At a meeting of the Parmer County Commissioners, the group drafted a letter opposing the new season and every commissioner signed the letter which was sent to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Total rainfall in the area since the first of the year has amounted to 8.05 inches according to Greg Hromas, weather recorder for the area.

The City of Bovina announced the hiring of a new Deputy Marshal. Ronnie Stone, a longtime resident

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will take over duties as Deputy.

Patricia Gingrich and Steve Sherrill exchanged wedding vows on June 9. Dr. Bervin Caswell officiated over the ceremony. A reception honoring the two was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kassahn.

Six area residents were injured in a car-pickup accident on Texas Highway 214. Those hospitalized were Brenda Jesko, Angelea Jesko, Ginger Jesko, Laura Jesko, Joe Nanez and Jessie Manuel.

West Texas State University School of Business awarded Betty Sherrill Bovina junior business education major, a \$250 Levi Cole scholarship at a recent convocation.

Figures released this month by the

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Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service showed that Parmer County had the top yield per harvested acre among 25 High Plains counties for cotton production. Parmer County's yield per harvested acre amounted to 414 pounds, or .86 bales per acre.

A Bovina youth was injured in a one vehicle accident south of Bovina on FM 1731 June 20. Ricky Mayfield received internal and head injuries as a result of the accident. He was transported to Muleshoe and then on to Lubbock by the Bovina Ambulance Service for treatment.

Fourteen members of the Bovina Ambulance Service were administered the National Registry Test. Those who passed were certified to serve as ambulance personnel.

Services were held for Bob Turner, 36, of Bovina at the First Baptist Church in Bovina June 18. Turner was killed in a motorcycle-dune buggy accident. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Marie Snodgrass retired after 12 years of service to the Bovina Schools. Mrs. Snodgrass had been in the teaching profession for 19 years.

Utility companies which service the city asked the Bovina City Council to consider renumbering all the houses in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. (Bill) Bradshaw were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17. The couple renewed their wedding vows before the altar of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Ründell announced the birth of a son, Thomas Scott on June 22 at the Roosevelt County Hospital in Portales, New Mexico. The baby boy weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was twenty-one inches long.

Carol Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware, was the recipient of an Angelo State University Presidential Scholarship for the 1979-80 academic year.

**JULY**

The possibility of getting a divided four-lane highway on U.S. Highway 60 through Parmer County was discussed at the Monday, July 3 meeting of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.

The Bovina Blade recently received

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# A MERRY CHRISTMAS



What are Christmas mornings made for?  
For lots of toys for little girls and boys! That's  
what Christmas morns are made for!

# HAPPY HOLIDAY

## Lawlis Gin Co.



# HAPPY HOLIDAY

We're delighted to have you for our friends and we want to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for a bright and happy holiday season to you and your family.

## Church Of Christ



# GOOD TIDINGS

We're dashing through the snow in order to be the first ones to wish you the brightest, cheeriest Christmas ever!

## Sherrill Lumber Co.

# 1979 Newsmakers....

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an award from the Texas Press Association for third place in the TPA's Advertising Contest for 1978. The Blade was among 52 entrants in Division VI (weekly newspapers under 2,000 circulation).

With wheat and barley harvests just about to come to an end, reports are that this year's crop yields are better than last year's.

The regular season of the Bovina Little League came to an end Monday, July 3, but there was a three-way tie for first place which will require two play-off games. In a tie for first place were Bank/Lawlis, Bovina Gin/Crop Care and Bovina Supermarket/Agri-Sprayers.

Two of the top administrators in

the Bovina Independent School District, resigned their posts recently. Larry Wilson, Superintendent of Schools and Jim Noyes, Ridgelea Elementary Principal, submitted their resignations to the school board.

Funeral services for Betty M. Bewley, 84, were held Tuesday, July 10 in the First Methodist Church in Lazbuddie. Burial was in the Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

The chairman of the Texas House of Representatives' agriculture committee, Forrest Green, along with committee member Ralph Roming of Bovina, were featured speakers at a barbecue hosted by the Bailey Co. American Agriculture Movement.

The Parmer County Farmers Union took action to reactivate and reorganize the group. The small "grass roots" group had been working for four months in an endeavor to recruit new members and structure the organization under the guidance of the Texas Farmers Union.

The Bovina Medical Clinic Board announced that they will hold elections for two board posts. Running for the posts were Mike Beauchamp, Ellen Estes, Virginia Rhodes, Mike Spears, Janie Sudderth and Kregg Wilson.

Mrs. Penny Wilhite, chairman of the West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, recently announced that Mrs. Leon Ware will conduct a special event in an attempt to raise funds for the foundation in the Bovina area.

Bob Owen, who has been associated with the Friona Schools for the past 16 years, was named as

the new Superintendent of Schools for Bovina. Owen has served the past four years as administrative assistant to Friona's Superintendent of Schools, Tom Jarboe.

Coach Joel Nelson, who coached the Bovina High School Flying Fillies to a 1978 Class A state track and field championship, has resigned his post with the Bovina Independent School District. Coach Nelson left to accept a position with the Girls Athletic Department in Sweetwater, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Goldsmith are the parents of a baby girl born July 17 at 5:03 a.m. in the Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Named Sarah D'Ann, she weighed seven pounds, four and one-half ounces and was twenty inches long.

## AUGUST

The Bovina Wheat Growers Cooperative, Inc., held their 45th annual meeting this past Friday night at the Bovina High School cafeteria.



**TOP STUDENTS....**Sandi Sides, valedictorian and Alicia Spring, salutatorian, are seen above as they made plans for their future. Miss Sides, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter, maintained a 96.52 four-year average. Miss Spring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Spring, had a 95.58 four-year average.

**Season's Best**

Make brotherly love a year 'round "habit". Start now, at Christmas. It'll "glow" on you!

**St. Ann's Rectory**



**BLADE WINS PLAQUE....**Scooter Russell is shown above holding the plaque that the Blade won for "Sports Writing" in the Panhandle Press Assn. Contests. Bill Ellis, Blade publisher, wrote the story on the Flying Fillies winning the State Track title.

Approximately 200 people attended the meeting and buffet dinner. E.G. Steelman and Leon Schilling were re-elected to their posts on the co-op's board of directors.

A severe thunderstorm swept across Parmer County this past week, causing damage to some crops in the area. There were reports of over three inches of rain and golfball size hail in the area.

Mark D. Gunnels, Bovina High School Principal, resigned to take a similar post at Stinnett. Gunnels had been principal here at Bovina for the past year.

Football practice for the 1979 Bovina High School Mustangs began on August 13. The two-a-day practices started with conditioning drills before the players don pads.

A new business, Plants Plus, opened here recently. The business, owned and operated by Sue and Robert Fowler, will feature many varieties of plants and things for growing plants.

Things were shaping up for the 1979 Bull Town Days celebration. The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture began distributing posters in preparation for the event.

The Bovina Ambulance Service announced the start of a drive to raise funds for a new ambulance. The group will collect aluminum in an effort to raise some of the funds.

C.E. Trimble of Bovina had a once in a lifetime experience at the Ruidosa Downs racetrack. Trimble had not one but two horses in the winner's circle. Parmer County Kid and Twice as Fast both won their races at the Downs.

Anthony Ramon, 19, of Bovina received injuries in a semi-truck rollover near Whiteface. Ramon was driving an International tractor-trailer rig when he failed to negotiate a curve and rolled the truck. He received cuts to his head and back, a broken wrist, and bruises to his shoulder and knee.

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Christmas Greetings

## Silent Night



Not a creature is stirring. The fire is glowing. The day we've awaited is drawing near. As we join in the festivities of Christmas, we extend our hearty thanks to the customers who have been so good to us during the past year. To all, a very merry holiday season and the happiest of New Years!

**Bovina Pump Co.**

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS



There's a twinkle in his eye and a broad, broad grin; The jolly old elf is at it again. He's loaded with gifts and plenty of cheer; For the big day is just about here. And raising his finger to accent his greeting, He wishes the shoppers whom he's been meeting, A Christmas that's merry, sparkling and bright, Filled with laughter, love and delight!

We join with Santa in wishing you a very happy holiday

**Agri-Sprayers, Inc.**

# 1979 Newsmakers..

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Bovina High School announced the hiring of two new coaches to replace those lost by resignation. Russell Kellner will take over the girls program in basketball and track. Lynn Caffey will be the assistant coach in football, boys basketball and boys track.

Dorothy Brown and Kendall Jamerson were married recently in the New Mexico Military Institute Chapel by Dr. Ed Meyers of the First Baptist Church of Roswell. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Brown of Roswell. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jamerson of Bovina.

The 1979 Bovina Bull Town Days were held August 13-19 despite heavy rains that swept the area. According to Bull Town Days officials, the event was a success despite the rains. A few of the events were cancelled or delayed because of the rains, but most of the activities were able to continue and many people enjoyed the celebration.

The Bovina Independent School District announced that school will begin September 3. Registration was held on August 31.

Judy and Tim James of Bovina announced the birth of a son on Friday, August 17. Named Joshua Timothy, he weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was twenty inches long.

The Bovina High School Mustangs battled the Sudan Hornets to a scoreless tie in a scrimmage held Friday, August 24. Coach Monte Barnes was pleased with the efforts of the Mustangs and looks forward to the beginning of the 1979 season.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Hromas announced the birth of their third child, a daughter, Lisa Nichole, in the Parmer County Community Hospital on August 27. The infant weighed nine pounds, eight ounces and was twenty-one inches long.

Bovina's oldest resident, A.G. White, recently celebrated his 99th birthday with his two daughters, Doris and Ruby Wilson, and many other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martinez announced the birth of their first child, a son, born August 14 at the West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe. The boy was named Raymond Martinez III. He weighed seven

pounds, and was nineteen inches long.

## SEPTEMBER

The annual Bovina Businesses Football Contest made its 1979 debut the first week in September with \$15.50 in cash prizes being offered each week and a \$100.00 grand prize going to the winner of the 13 week contest.

The Bovina Mustangs opened their 1979 football season with a 29-0 loss to the Hale Center Owls. The Mustangs were unable to mount an attack the whole night and the Owls, who averaged over 200 pounds on the line, pushed the Ponies all over the field.

Funeral services for Robert Allen Sisk, 89, were held September 5 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. Rev. Jerry Rockwell, assisted by Rev. Dick Richards, officiated at the services. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

The Bovina area received heavy rains and hail from a storm on September 3. Most of the rain fell in a 30 minute period and there was some extensive hail damage reported.

Joe Jones, Bovina resident, was featured in the recently published "Outstanding Young Men of America." Jones was nominated for inclusion in the volume by the Bovina Jaycees.

Enrollment in the Bovina Schools increased by 23 students over the totals from the first day, according to school officials.

Rhonda London was named as the winner of the first week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Miss London correctly guessed 12 right and beat out two other competitors on the tie-breaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bradburn announced the birth of their first child on Labor Day, September 3. The baby girl, Courtney Fay, weighed four pounds, three ounces. She was born at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Linda Diane Reed of Seminole, and William Vincent Gromowsky of Bovina exchanged wedding vows recently in a double ring ceremony in Canyon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Luquette of Canyon. The bridegroom is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. William Gromowsky Sr. of Bovina.

The first load of corn was delivered to the Sherley Grain Co. elevator of Bovina on September 12. The first load was brought in by Kent McClaran. The load tested 23.2 moisture content and weighed 53 pounds per bushel.

Joe L. Santellana was named as the winner of the second week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Joe scored eleven right and won over five other contestants on the tie-breaker.

The Bovina F.H.A. girls were treated to a Coke party by the Young Homemakers at the Home Economics cottage on September 11.

The Bovina High School Mustangs lost their second game of the season to the AA River Road team, 13-6. The Mustangs' only score of the night came on a 40 yard run by tailback Harvey Shepherd.

The Bovina Wheat Growers received their first load of corn from Mike Grissom on September 22. The corn tested 15.3 moisture and 54 pounds per bushel.

Robbie Moody took top honors in the third week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Moody scored ten right and won on the tie-breaker.

The Bovina High School Mustangs scored their first win of the 1979 season with a 6-0 win over the Lazbuddie Longhorns. The lone score of the night came on a faked end-around pass from Lynn Read to Freddie Quiroga for 16 yards and the touchdown.

The body of a dead man, presumed to be that of a Bovina man missing since May was found late on the afternoon of September 25 by a group of Bovina youngsters near the Santa Fe railroad bridge east of Bovina.

The 1979 Homecoming football game and activities took place here September 28 with the Boys Ranch Roughriders spoiling the plans for the Mustangs, 42-0. Annette Stevenson was named as the 1979 Homecoming Queen and Eddie Garcia was named as the Football King.

## OCTOBER

Manuel Hernandez, Jr. was the winner of the fourth week of competition in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Manuel correctly



SWEETHEART AND PLOWGIRL....Kim Naegle and Laura Widner, F.F.A. Plowgirl and F.F.A. Sweetheart (respectively), are shown above with Mike Read, Bovina F.F.A. President, after he had presented them with their F.F.A. jackets.

predicted eleven right for the win. The 1979 Freeze Contest, sponsored by the Blade, got underway. This will be the 15th contest in the history of the Freeze Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. A reception was held to honor the couple at their home in Friona.

The Fillies Club sponsored a "Powder Puff" football game on October 8 at the Bovina High School football field. The Senior/Freshmen team won the game, 12-8. The event was held to raise funds for carpet in the Fillies dressing room.

Kyle Ray Harris won the fifth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest with a prediction of 12 out of 14 games. Second place went to Chet Hawkins and there was a tie for third between Tom Ware and Al Kerby, Jr.

For the third time within a ten-day period, a cold front moved through the area, dropping temperatures considerably, and bringing high winds.

The theft of \$21.06 worth of gas from a Bovina service station on

Friday, October 12 led to a high-speed chase across two counties, and an exchange of bullets which left an 18-year-old Iowa man wounded, but also facing charges of attempted murder as well as theft.

The Bovina Ambulance Service began placing numbers on houses in the city in an effort to raise funds for a new ambulance. The numbers are going up in conjunction with the new house numbers assigned recently by the city.

In the sixth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest, Lavoia Hawkins won top honors by correctly predicting 13 out of 14 games.

Harvest operations continued practically unabated in the area during the past week, as the weather has been favorable for farming activities.

Dan Koelzer, a Bovina resident, was honored Tuesday night, October 23 at the annual award ceremonies of

Pioneer Natural Gas Co. Mr. Koelzer was honored for 20 years service to the company.

Allen Cumpton and Jeanne Kerby tied for first place honors in the seventh week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Both contestants scored 11 out of 14 right for the win.

Services for Hill Johnson, 65, were conducted at the New Light Baptist Church in Farwell. Rev. Thomas J. Spikes officiated and burial was in the Bovina Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jones of Lakeland, Florida announced the birth of their first child, Austin Taylor at the Lakeland General Hospital in Lakeland, Florida. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

The Bovina Mustangs opened their District 3-A schedule against the Vega Longhorns on October 19. The

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## Joyous Holidays



Carrying the message of Christmas true, on wings of love and hope, the greatest gift of all ... Peace.

**Southside  
Motor Supply**

## JOY TO ALL



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. . ." Singing loud and clear and all together . . .

"Merry Christmas everyone!"

**Horn-Clayton  
Insurance Agency**

## CHEER



Santa's making his way down your chimney, with a sackful of presents and best wishes for a cheery holiday!

**Big Nick  
Machinery**

# 1979 Newsmakers...

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Mustangs suffered a 30-0 loss to the Longhorns.

The first taste of winter hit the Bovina area on Tuesday, October 30, when a cold front triggered the first snowfall of the year.

Darlene Caldwell was the winner of the eighth week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Mrs. Caldwell correctly predicted eleven right in the contest.

The City of Bovina announced the hiring of a new Deputy Marshal. Paul Hughes, 22, began his job as Deputy the next to the last week in October.

Larry and Pat Grissom announced the birth of their first child, Justin Rudd. The baby boy weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces.

The Bovina Mustangs dropped their second district game in as many tries to the Hart Longhorns, 35-0.

## NOVEMBER

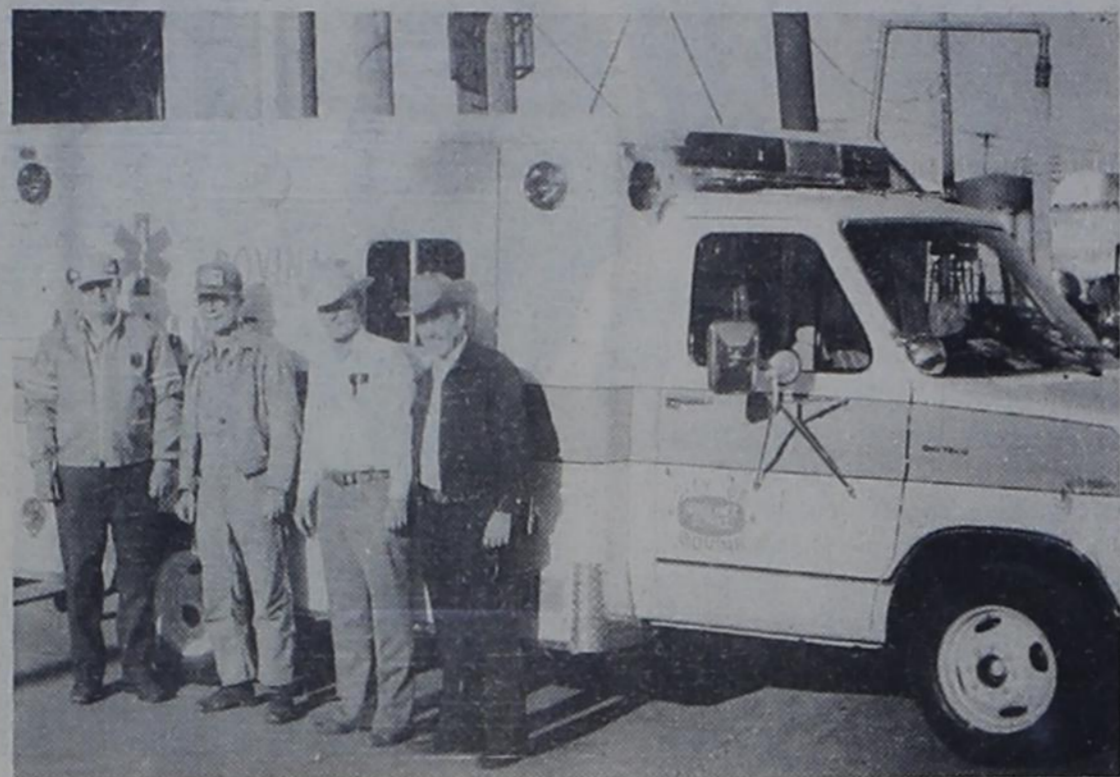
Thursday, November 1, the Bovina Ambulance Service completed a year of service to the area and community. Through the generosity of residents and businesses, the service has acquired all of the equipment needed for efficient emergency treatment.

Mr. J.L. Pruitt was named as the 1979 winner of the 15th annual Freeze Contest. Mr. Pruitt predicted we would have our first freeze on October 30. We had our first "killing freeze" on the night of October 30.

George Villarreal was the winner of the 9th week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. George correctly guessed 13 out of 14 games to win.

In the annual grudge match between Bovina and Farwell on November 2, the Mustangs came out behind the Steers, 27-0. The Mustangs now stand at 0-3 in district play.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Harris announced the birth of their second child, Misty Dawn. The baby girl weighed eight pounds, ten ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.



**NEW AMBULANCE....**The new ambulance for the Bovina Ambulance Service arrived December 1. Pictured with the ambulance are, left to right, Cleo Thomas, crew member; Fred O'Hair, Council member; Tom Bonds, City Manager; and R.R. Lusk, Mayor.

County Judge Paul Fortenberry resigned as County Judge effective the first of the year. Fortenberry, who had three years left on his four year term, resigned for reasons "strictly personal."

At a meeting of the Bovina City Council on November 8, the city fathers finalized plans to purchase a new ambulance for the Bovina Ambulance Service. Bids were opened on November 29 and the new ambulance is expected to go into service in early December.

Jay Sherrill scored the first "perfect 14" in the 1979 edition of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Jay, who had entered the

contest for years, said this was the first time he had won first.

The Bovina Mustangs dropped their fourth straight game in district competition to the Springlake-Earth Wolverines, 38-0. The loss put the Mustangs in the cellar in District 3-A play.

Kathy and K.W. Sharp announced the birth of a son, Jason Scott. The boy weighed six pounds, 11 1/4 ounces and was twenty inches long.

The Bovina Mustangs ended their football season on a sour note with a 28-6 loss to the District 3-A champions, Kress. The Mustangs ended the season at the bottom of the district race with a 0-5 record.

Dorothy and Danny Harris tied for first place in the eleventh week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Both contestants correctly predicted 12 out of 14 right and both were 17 points off on the tie-breaker.

The Bovina Fillies basketball team defeated the defending state champs in Class B with a 50-48 win over the Nazareth Swiftettes. The Mustangs lost their game to the Swifts, 66-48, and the Fillies J.V. lost to the Nazareth J.V., 42-31.

Helped by a week of dry, open weather, the area's cotton harvest was beginning to pick up steam.

The Bovina Women's Study Club announced the beginning of their annual Christmas Card Project. Funds from the project will go to the Bovina Ambulance Service this year.

A.M. Wilson was the winner of the 13th week of the Bovina Businesses Football Contest. Mr. Wilson correctly predicted 13 of 14 right in the next-to-the-last week of competition.

The Bovina Fillies remained unbeaten in hoop action when they posted a 53-46 win over the Lazbuddie girls. The Fillies J.V. beat the Lazbuddie J.V., 69-27.

## DECEMBER

The winner of the 1979 Bovina Businesses Football Contest was David George. David won the contest with a score of 124, just one point ahead of second place winner, Lynn Read, David collected the \$100.00 top prize in winning the contest.

The Bovina Ambulance Service received their new ambulance on

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How lovely the Christmas tree appears, laden with ornaments and garlands! May its beauty and grace lend joy to your holidays.



**Joy to All**

**First Baptist Church**



**WUJETIDE CHEER**

Sending out great big Christmas smiles warm enough to melt your hearts!

**Jones Texaco**

# Rejoice



Meanings dimmed, once more remembered, in sweet melodic lyrics old:

"He is born this day to love us ... Rejoice!"

**Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc.**



# 1979 Newsmakers...

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Sunday, December 2. The new ambulance is much larger and has more equipment than the old ambulance.

The expanded pheasant season got underway on December 8. The new season will span five weekends and end on January 6, 1980.

Funeral services for Victor "Mansour" Isaac, 87, were conducted at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson of Lazbuddie announced the birth of their first child, Alexis Lee. The baby girl weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Arty Kunselman announced the birth of their first child, Gina Nichole. The baby girl was born at the Deaf Smith County Hospital. She weighed five pounds, thirteen ounces and was eighteen inches long.

The Bovina Fillies remained unbeaten in roundball action following a win over the Friona Squaws, 49-30. The Mustangs suffered another loss to the Chiefs, 55-36.

Porter V. Roberts was named as the new County Judge after the December 10 meeting of the Parmer County Commissioners Court. Roberts will replace Paul Fortenberry, whose resignation takes effect December 31, 1979.

The Bovina Mustangs captured first place in the Lazbuddie Basketball Tournament held December 6-8. The Mustangs posted

wins over Sudan, Three Way, and Adrian on their way to the top honors. The Fillies captured the consolation trophy in the tournament after losing their opening game to Sudan, and then winning their next two games over Dora and Elida, N.M.

The Bovina ISD Bands presented their annual winter concert Thursday, December 20 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The concert featured performances by all four bands. A pie supper sponsored by the Band Boosters was held in the cafeteria following the concert.

The Bovina Mustangs placed two players on the 1979 District 3-A All-District football teams. Lynn Read

and Richard Lowe were selected to the All-District teams. Lynn Read was selected as an offensive end and Richard Lowe won honors as an offensive center and the defensive line.

The Bovina Mustangs suffered three losses in one week. On December 11 they lost to Dora, New Mexico, by a narrow 62-60 loss. On December 13, the Mustangs lost to the Tulia Hornets in the Friona Tournament, 73-45, and to the Canadian Wildcats, 64-58 in their second game of the tournament.

The Bovina High School Fillies defeated the Littlefield girls, 64-44 on December 11 and won third place in the Friona Tournament. They defeated Tulia, 40-36 in their opening tournament game. The Canadian team downed the Fillies, 37-27. In their game for third place, the Fillies beat Hedley, 53-37.

Funeral services for Winnie Lee Johnson, 79, of Bovina were held December 16 in the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

Funeral services were conducted for Ronald E. Berggren, 74, in Clovis, N.M. He had been a resident of Parmer County since 1907.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

### WEEK OF JANUARY 7-11

**MONDAY**--Italian spaghetti, blackeyed peas, pickled beets, batter bread, butter, apple cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY**--Turkey and noodles, green beans, buttered corn, batter bread, butter, strawberry cake and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**--Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, mustard, tator rounds, brownies and milk.

**THURSDAY**--Burritos, cabbage slaw, buttered corn, cornbread, butter, peach halves and milk.

**FRIDAY**--Fish and tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, butter, rice pudding and milk.



**WEATHER HURTS....**The weather was a big factor for area farmers during 1979. Bad hail storms hit parts of the county on numerous occasions, inflicting severe damage, and curtailing the county's production somewhat.

The above field of cotton belonged to Dick and Bob Sparks north of Bovina, and was hit the first of August, late by hail standards. But another damaging storm hit the area on October 30.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

My name is Angela. I have a sister named Lori. We have been good girls this year. Would you please bring us a playhouse and some dishes.

Thank you very much,  
Angela and Lori Beauchamp

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a doll and watch.

Love,  
Staci Stewart

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me race track pickup service station and big truck.

Love,  
Chris Caldwell

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a mixer, typewriter and pom-pom.

Love,  
Wendy Jones

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me roller skates, Snuggles doll and a surprise.

Love,  
Leah Steelman

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me cuddle up baby, baby crib and doll clothes.

Love,  
Misty Moore

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a kitten and Bugs Bunny.

Love,  
Capi Grissom

Dear Santa,

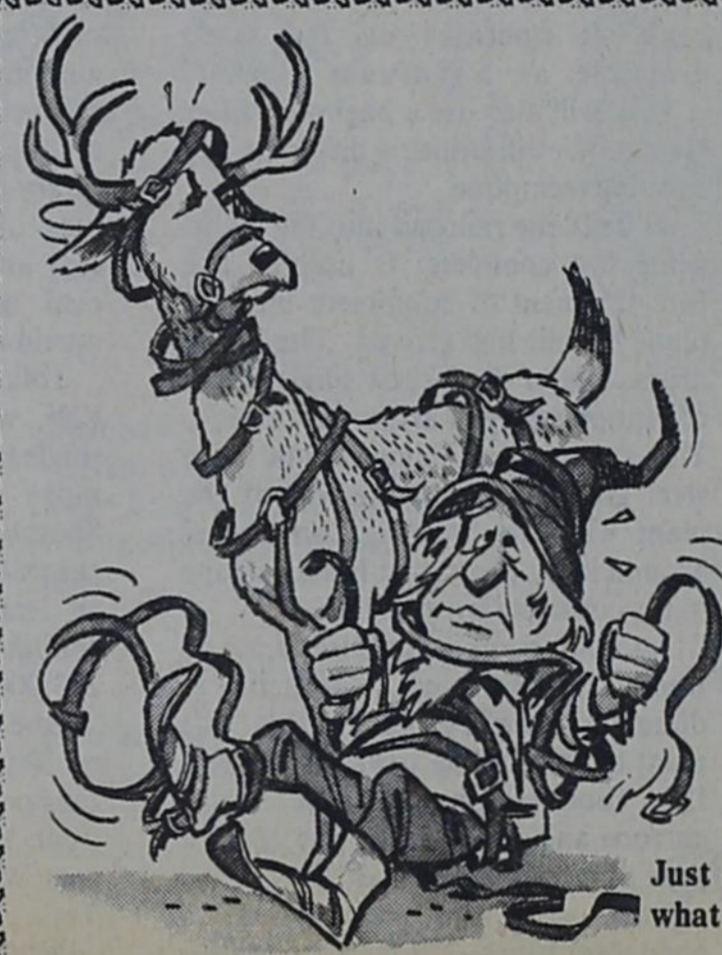
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me baby alive, bike and a surprise.

Love,  
Michelle Stanberry

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a race car set, new coat, and Fran Tarkington doll.

Love,  
Micah Rockwell



Happy Holiday

Just remember, Santa delivers, no matter what! Merry Christmas!

## GREETINGS of the SEASON



Have a galloping, high-spirited good time journeying back to the remembered joys of Christmases past!

## Dairy Freeze

## CHRISTMAS JOY



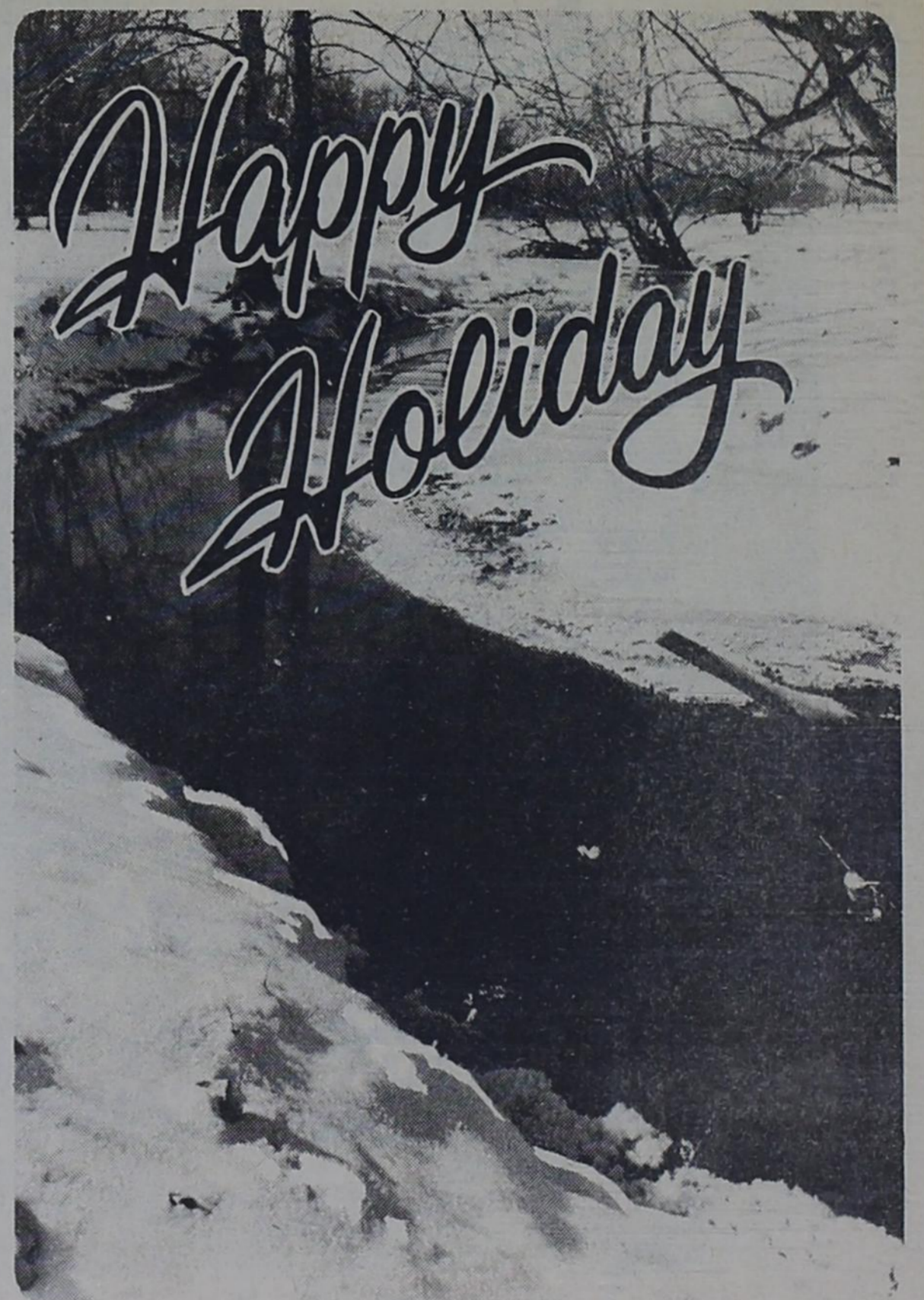
It's a stocking-stuffing, present-wrapping, bow-tying busy time, Christmas! What fun!

**Don's Medicine Chest**



**NOEL Spudnut Shop**

## Bovina Jaycees



Happy Holiday

"Nothing can thaw our warmest greetings for the best Merry Christmas ever!"

**Gateway Farms, Inc.**

**IN LAMB COUNTY**

# Construction Underway At SWPS Tolk Station

Blue steel reaches high in the air—almost sixteen stories high—at Southwestern Public Service Company's Tolk Station. The coal-fired plant in Lamb County is becoming a reality—no longer just blueprints or a large hole in the ground surrounded by huge construction equipment, piles of blue steel, a few temporary construction buildings. Although still two and a half years from scheduled completion, the unit is beginning to take shape—20,000 yards of concrete have been poured, 1,750 tons of structural steel have been erected.

Tolk, like all of Southwestern's plants constructed since 1952, is designed and engineered by Southwestern personnel. No two units have been built exactly alike but the first and second unit at Tolk will be very similar. However, if new technology is introduced which would make the second unit more efficient or easier to operate, then changes would be made.

Southwestern is one of very few electric utility companies in the United States that design and engineer their own plants. This procedure has proven to be very efficient and economical—so economical in fact, that Southwestern's plants are built for about one-half of the national average per KW. And when you consider that the first unit at Tolk will cost well over \$200-million, the savings become apparent.

For the last few years, Southwestern has put a new unit on the line about every two years but each unit takes longer than two years to construct. As Harrington III, near Amarillo, enters its last six months of

construction, Tolk has been under construction for about fourteen months.

At Harrington III, all major pieces of equipment are now in place. The boiler has been tested for leaks. This boiler, like all boilers in Southwestern's plants, is custom designed and built to Southwestern's specifications but is assembled at the plant. After the boiler is in place, it is filled with water and pressurized or "squeezed" to locate any leaks. Some leaks, whether from factory or on-the-site welds, are normal but must be found and corrected before the boiler can be used. Each major piece of equipment will be tested between now and March of next year, before the boiler is used.

Harrington III, like Harrington II, will use an emission control device called a baghouse. The baghouse at Harrington III is composed of 32 compartments with 204 bags in each compartment for a total of 6,528 bags. It operates on the same principle as a vacuum cleaner.

Tolk will also use a baghouse filter system but will utilize a different bag cleaning technique.

At Tolk the railroad into the plant, while not complete, is usable. The first shipment of equipment into the plant by rail has arrived. The steam drum, one of the largest single pieces of equipment, will arrive this month. The steam drum hangs from huge steel girders high in the top of the plant with the building constructed around it. Its placement is a milestone in the construction schedule.

An innovation at Tolk is the use of fiberglass water pipes, 120 inches in diameter, underground from the plant to the cooling tower. The fifty-five foot lengths of pipe won't corrode and are easier to put in place than pipe previously used.

Tolk will use stainless steel condenser tubes—278 miles of tubes—and, for the first time, stainless steel condenser tube sheets.

Tolk, like Harrington III, will be

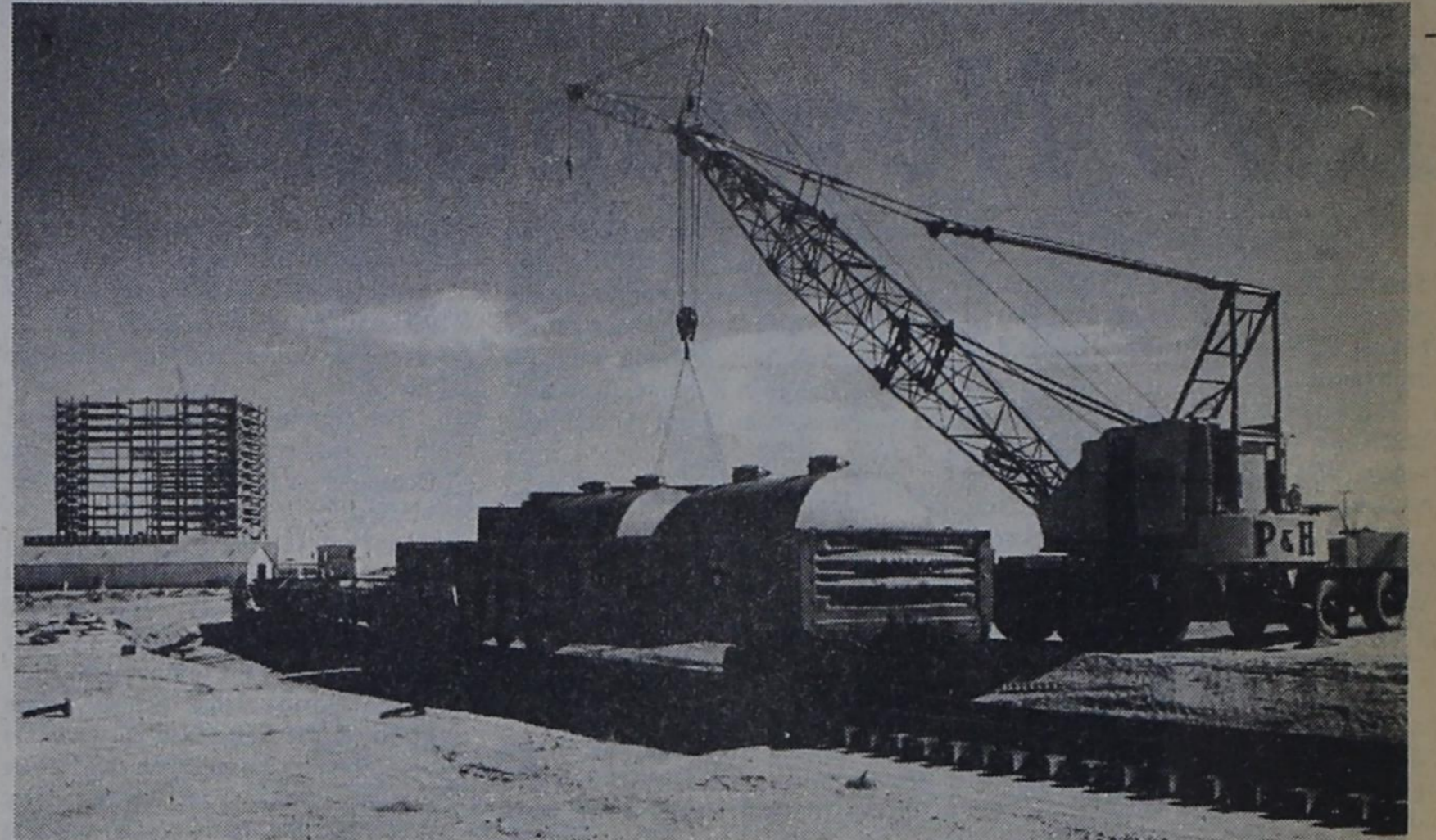
equipped with a Direct Digital Control system. There are only five or six systems of this type in use in the country at the present time. The Direct Digital Control (DDC) incorporates three computer systems; the boiler control system; the data acquisition system (or plant computer which is the eyes and ears of the plant operators and continuously monitors the efficiency of the plant); and the turbine speed and load control system. All systems can communicate at rates in excess of 1200 bits per second.

Most of the dirt work is complete and structural work will begin in December on the coal-handling facility. This facility, unlike the bottom-dumping facility at Harrington, will feature rotary-dump cars. Railroad cars, moving through a dumping building located over the coal stackout hopper, will be turned upside down while still attached to cars in front and back. This type dumping will minimize coal dust and will enable coal, when frozen, to be dumped much easier and faster. The rotary-dump cars are five to seven tons lighter than the bottom-dump cars and will carry that much more coal and still remain within the maximum gross weight per car.

Tolk, with a capability of 543,000 KW, will be Southwestern's largest single unit. This one unit will generate more electricity than any of Southwestern's gas-fired plants and considerably more than a single unit at Harrington. Tolk will generate enough electricity to supply a city of 225,000 people.

One unit at Tolk will burn 296 tons of Wyoming coal per hour, 7,104 tons per day, 2,592,960 tons per year. Four trains, each composed of 110 cars, will be required to supply coal to Tolk.

When the first unit at Tolk starts generating electricity in 1982, construction of the second unit at the same location will be well under way.



## SCS Makes Tree Offer

Savings on the annual household fuel bill can be expected where an effective wind barrier is present. Windbreak trees are available through the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a wind barrier.

To be eligible for windbreak trees, one needs to have at least two acres of rural land and agree not to use the trees for ornamental or landscaping purposes.

When windbreak trees are ordered through the Conservation District the cost for potted trees are \$15 per 30 trees or \$20 for 100 barerooted trees.

Orders for these trees should be in by January 15 to assure your individual order.

If you are interested in the windbreak trees, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Friona or call 247-2220.

STRUCTURAL STEEL of Southwestern Public Service Company's new coal-fired Tolk Station, stands in the background as equipment is unloaded from railroad cars inside the plant grounds.



DOUBLE ROW of Arizona trees planted for a windbreak. The trees are ten years old and were planted on the south and west of the farmstead for protection against prevailing southwest winds.



We've made a long list of good wishes for all our favorite customers. Here's hoping Santa makes them all come true! A very happy holiday to you and your family!

## Farm Bureau

Milton Evans, Mgr.  
Jay Claborn, Local Agent

# Christmas Joy



The strains of the carollers, the holly and pine awaken in us rich memories of Christmases gone by. Once again, there is a feeling of warmth and good will among men! It is our fond hope that this gentle spirit fills your holidays and each day of the coming year.

## Bovina Feeders

# A Bit Of Nostalgia-I Remember....

(From Grain Producers News, December, 1979)

**Back when**  
A nickel loaf of bread was 5¢,  
Dollar watches were 89¢ and had numbers on the face, and hands that went around to tell you the time of day,  
And houses were built with garages, not carports.

**Back when**  
You used money instead of credit cards,  
Filling stations had free air and water and road maps,  
You didn't have to ask for a glass of water in the restaurant, with your order.

**Back when**  
You didn't have to stand in line one hour at the bank for them to take your money,  
When streets could be traveled in both directions, not one way,  
When 3¢ stamps were 3¢, not 15¢, and mail carriers picked up mail and delivered it.

**Back when**  
Paint stores gave a "stirring stick" with each gallon of paint, instead of costing 25¢ extra,  
Your favorite merchant gave out calendars with advertisement on it, and you didn't need one of those new fangled watches to tell you the month, day of week, and year.

**Back when**  
Papa said, "Hush, Son," he didn't mean jump up and get "smart mouth" with him, but hush.  
A cotton sack measured 12-feet long, and was made from heavy white ducking, instead of cotton being picked by some huge, \$75,000 machine called a "Red Oakie."

**Back when**  
Cities were so modern they had streetcars and buses,  
And railroads were so up-to-date they had passenger trains,  
The meterman read the meter, not guessed at it.

**Back when**  
Rover ate table scraps, not some fancy canned stuff with cheese and liver, and bone meal in it,  
Old Tom went outside to do his scratching and digging, not in a cardboard box from the supermarket.

**Back when**  
Shoe strings were 5¢ a pair, not three pairs in a cellophane packet for 69¢, and you use one pair and throw the others away.

**Back when**  
You could open packages with your hands, you didn't need a chain saw.  
Men and boys went to the barbershop for a hair cut,  
You could tell the difference between a boy and a girl by the way they dressed, and their hair style.

**Back when**  
Children played with toy cars, airplanes, or stick horses, not some glob of goo, or styrofoam battery-operated machine gun, costing \$39.  
A bum asked for 15¢ for donuts and coffee, not \$2 for wine or a joint of grass.

**Back when**  
Prices were the same in the afternoon as they were in the morning,  
Sunkist sold more lemons than the leading auto companies,  
You could have your shoes repaired cheaper than the cost of a new pair.

**Back when**  
You were young and could buy and pay for your home during your lifetime,  
Kids went to the Saturday afternoon show to see cowboys ride horses, chase cattle, and crooks, not ride 4-wheel jeeps with CB radios, and jump 20-story buildings.

**Back when**  
The sun never set on the British Empire,  
The mighty fleet of the great United States Navy ruled the trade lanes of the blue Pacific,  
Men in high office didn't write a book for a million dollars and say, "I'm not a crook."

**Back when**  
One called Dad's brother Uncle Bob, or Mama's sister Aunt Ruth, not "Hey, you,"  
Lots of items cost 10¢, or sold three for 25¢, instead of like nowadays, being three for \$1.35 (figure that one out).

I remember  
Back when....

By Perry Speer

## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 5 years old and I have been pretty good this year. I want a tractor and plow like Daddy's and a grain cart like Granddaddy's. I love you.  
Love,  
Ryan Sudderth

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a Woopsy, Baby Grows up and Snuggles doll.  
Love,  
Susie Collins

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me Cuddle-up baby, play horses, trampoline, Barbie clothes and furniture.  
Love,  
Belinda Dale

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a car, club house, and motorcycle.  
Love,  
Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a cat, bike and doll.  
Love,  
Josey Trevino

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a doll house, games and a bike.  
Love,  
Tina Stanberry

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas to you. Please share toys with all the children of the world. Please bring me a race car set and game. Also bring Kimberly a doll and a bulletin board. We love you.  
Love,  
Corey Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a perfume maker, dishes, stove, refrigerator and sink.  
Love,  
Tiffany Glasscock

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me doll, doll playhouse and roller skates.  
Love,  
Jamie Bradford

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas. I wish I lived in the North Pole. I want to live in North Pole because you live there. What I want is a toy car for my little sister and a train for her too, and for me I want some dishes to play with and a watch.  
Love,  
Rosalva Anaya

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me Lite Brite, Dancerella Doll, Paint 'N Swirl.  
Love,  
Heather Little

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. I want a trampoline and fashion plate.  
Love,  
Keri Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a puppet doll.  
Love,  
Elaine Garza

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a surprise.  
Love,  
Donna Griggs



Garlands of best wishes for a bright and beautiful Christmas!

Plants For All Occassions"

Plants Plus  
Robert & Sue Fowler

Season's Greetings  
from All of US at  
Southwestern Public Service  
SPS

Merry Christmas to All  
Lots of joy and good Christmas cheer wrapped in pretty ribbons and bows for all.  
Federal Land Bank Association  
Ernest Kerr, Mgr. Muleshoe, Texas Carelean Hamilton Office Assistant  
Arlin Hartzog Board Of Directors Jim Claunch  
Gordon Duncan. James Glaze William Gromowsky



Greetings to all of our friends and our sincere thanks for letting us serve you. Happy holiday all!

Holly Sugar Corporation

Herford Plant

# Peace on Earth

## How Alcott's "Little Women" Celebrated One Christmas

Jo was the first to wake in the gray dawn of Christmas morning. No stockings hung at the fireplace, and for a moment she felt as much disappointed as she did long ago, when her little sock fell down because it was so crammed with goodies. Then she remembered her mother's promise, and, slipping her hand under her pillow, drew out a little crimson-covered book. A green-covered book appeared, with the same picture inside, and a few words written by their mother, which made their one present very precious in their eyes. Presently Beth and Amy woke, to rummage and find their little books also — one dove-colored, the other blue; and all sat looking at and talking about them while the east grew rosy with the coming day...

"I'm glad mine is blue," said Amy; and then the rooms were very still while the pages were softly turned, and the winter sunshine crept in to touch the bright heads and serious faces with a Christmas greeting.

"Where is mother?" asked Meg, as she and Jo

ran down to thank her for their gifts, half an hour later.

"Goodness only knows. Some poor creature come a-beggin', and your ma went straight off to see what was needed. There never was such a woman for givin' away vittles and drink, clothes and firin'," replied

Hannah, who had lived with the family since Meg was born, and was considered by them all more as a friend than a servant.

"She will be back soon, I think; so fry your cakes, and have everything ready," said Meg, looking over the presents which were collected in a basket and kept under the sofa, ready to be produced at the proper time.

... Another bang of the street door sent the basket under the sofa, and the girls to the table, eager for breakfast.

"Merry Christmas, Marmee! Many of them! Thank you for our books; we read some, and mean to every day," they cried, in chorus.

"Merry Christmas, little daughters! I'm glad you began at once, and hope you will keep on. But I want to say one word before we sit down. Not far away from here lies a poor woman with a little newborn baby. Six children are huddled into one bed to keep from freezing, for they have no fire.

There is nothing to eat over there; and the oldest boy came to tell me they were suffering hunger and cold. My girls, will you give them your breakfast as a Christmas present?"

They were all unusually hungry, having waited nearly an hour, and for a minute no one spoke; only a minute, for Jo exclaimed impetuously, "I'm so glad you came before we began!"

"May I go and help carry the things to the poor little children?" asked Beth eagerly.

"I shall take the cream and the muffins," added Amy, heroically giving up the articles she most liked.

Meg was already covering the buckwheats, and piling the bread into one big plate.

"I thought you'd do it," said Mrs. March, smiling as if satisfied. "You shall all go and help me, and when we come back we will have bread and milk for breakfast, and make it up at dinner-time."

They were soon ready, and the procession set out. Fortunately it was early, and they went through back streets, so few people saw them, and no one laughed at the queer party.

A poor, bare miserable room it was, with broken windows, no fire, ragged bedclothes, a sick mother,

wailing baby, and a group of pale, hungry children cuddled under one old quilt, trying to keep warm.

How the big eyes stared and the blue lips smiled as the girls went in!

"Ach, mein Gott! it is good angels come to us!" said the poor woman, crying for joy.

"Funny angels in hoods and mittens," said Jo, and set them laughing.

In a few minutes it really did seem as if kind spirits had been at work there. Hannah, who had carried wood, made a fire, and stopped up the broken panes with old hats and her own cloak. Mrs. March gave the

mother tea and gruel, and comforted her with promises of help, while she dressed the little baby as tenderly as if it had been her own. The girls, meantime, spread the table, set the children round the fire, and fed them like so many hungry birds — laughing, talking, and trying to understand the funny broken English...

That was a very happy breakfast, though they didn't get any of it; and when they went away, leaving comfort behind, I think there were not in all the city four merrier people than the hungry little girls who gave away their breakfasts and contented themselves with bread and milk on Christmas morning.



## Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jason and I have a baby brother named Justin Rae. We have both been good little boys this year so we hope you will remember us at Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a Star Wars space ship and a race car with track. Please don't forget to bring Justin something too.  
We Love You!  
Jason & Justin Lusk

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a doll.  
Love,  
Rosa

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a wagon.  
Love,  
Roy Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a Andy Gibb microphone, a doll, a rocking chair, some boots and a stuffed animal.  
Love,  
Melinda Ramon

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a little table with chairs, a guitar, a doll, and an Andy Gibb microphone.  
Love,  
Candy Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like an Andy Gibb microphone, a table with little chairs, a guitar, a rocking chair and a musical TV.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Serna

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a punching bag and a adventure buggy.  
Love,  
Randy Stone

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have been good in school and at my house. Could you bring me a doll and truck with horses and cows for my brother.  
Your friend,  
Jennifer Beauchamp

Dear Santa Claus,  
I tried to be good this year. How are you feeling. How is the reindeers. Could you please bring me a bike, a b gun and a racing truck.  
Love,  
Billy Scott Sudderth

### Make A Merry Mobile

Christmas is a wonderful time for family craft projects, and here's one that the youngsters can happily join in. To create a merry mobile for decorating your home this holiday season, you only need two wire hangers, and some ribbon, plus construction paper and crayons.

Wind ribbon around each hanger, except for the tops. Have the handyman of the house cut off one of the tops, and then have him wire the two hangers together, criss-

cross, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

Have the youngsters draw simple shapes such as bells, candy canes and drums on construction paper, filling in the shapes with crayon, on both sides. (You can also add glitter with glue, if you wish.)

Tape string in various lengths to each decoration, and tie to hangers.

Finish the project with a big bow and hang it high for a merry, mobile reminder of the holiday season!

# Good Tidings

With its rich red petals and bright green stems, the poinsettia serves as a fitting symbol of the wonder and beauty of this special season. We hope that like this Christmas flower, your holidays bloom with color, excitement and mirth. May you and your family share in every happiness.



West Texas Rural Telephone Co-operative



A Christmas wish: That you find serenity in a quiet place, a loving face, within your heart.

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# Tidings of Joy

# Santa Letters

## Old-Fashioned Christmas Holds Appeal

This is the time of year when our thoughts travel backward in time, to Christmases of recent memory, or perhaps to Christmases of long ago.

For even though most of us have never celebrated an old-fashioned Christmas, its memory is lovingly perpetuated through song and art.

"Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh," sing youngsters whose only acquaintance with a horse may be through television.

Choirs sing, "God rest ye merry, gentlemen," bringing to mind scenes of Victorian England at Christmastime, when carolers gathered beneath lanterns. Nostalgic Christmas cards recall such scenes to us with fond artistry.

Today's tree glitters with bright baubles, but we speak wistfully of the old-fashioned tree, strung with popcorn and cranberries, by the children's hands. And, in the good old days, Dad and the youngsters would have chopped down the tree themselves, and brought it

triumphantly home on Junior's sled.

In days gone by, the stockings really were hung by the chimney with care — and, in the fireplace, logs would be crackling away with cheery warmth.

The sounds of Christmas were very special in those days. Sleighbells had their own magical music and church bells called out to the faithful with a joyous peal.

But, most of all, Christmas was a time for laughter. The laughter of children skating merrily across a pond or neighbors exchanging greetings of the season as their sleighs passed.

Perhaps no other era symbolizes the spirit of Christmas so well as the Victorian era, however.

No doubt the popularity of Dickens' stories have helped perpetuate this image of Victorian England, merrily celebrating the holiday season. The exchange of gifts and cards were an important part of the Victorian Christmas, as was the holiday feast.

There was much visiting back and forth among family and friends, in horse-drawn coaches that wended their way along snowy thoroughfares.

Couples kissed under the mistletoe and children exclaimed delightedly at the arrival of the blazing plum pudding at holiday tables.

All these activities created a tradition of revelry and plenty that still influences us to this day.

But, though the externals have changed greatly — we now go off to Grandma's in the family car instead of a sleigh — we still celebrate Christmas in the same spirit of joy and generosity that characterized Dickens' England and the America of yesteryear.

Joyful carols are still part of every Christmas today, as are gifts lovingly chosen and holiday dishes that have been painstakingly prepared.

Whatever the era, Christmas is still Christmas... a season of love and laughter that transcends both space and time.



## Christmas Customs from Other Lands

Beautiful Christmas traditions reflect the ancestral legacy of many nations. The meaning and joy of this special holiday survives most fully through these treasured ethnic customs.

In Sweden, the Christmas season begins December 13th, the feast of Saint Lucy, with a festive cake and coffee breakfast. The treat is served by a young girl, dressed to resemble the young patron — complete with lighted crown.

A more complete meal, called a Willia, is served to break a pre-Christmas fast in French homes. The banquet table is decorated with straw and made to resemble a manger, and a vacant place is set in honor of the Christ Child.

## Music Enhances Christmas Season

What would Christmas be like without music? It's hard to imagine celebrating the holiday season without the strains of "Silent Night" or "Joy to the World" expressing the wonder and hope we feel at Christ's birth.

Fortunately, we have music to enhance the holidays, and it's been present since that very first Christmas, when the heavenly host performed their extraordinary "Christmas Concert" for some awestruck shepherds in the hills near Bethlehem.

Since that night, there

The Nativity is also recreated in Italian homes where a colorful tableau is set in a place of honor during the holidays. This "Presepio" is displayed until the feast of the Epiphany, when the figures of the three Kings are added and small gifts exchanged.

In Mexico, such gifts and delicious sweets are contained inside a colorful paper ornament called a pinata. Its breaking brings to an end a Christmas Eve celebration of children's parades and paper mache magic.

Birds and cattle are remembered in a special way at Christmastime by Norwegian families. A decorative outdoor "Christmas tree" is made from a shaft of

grain and set outside, so as to feed the feathered friends which remain during the cold, winter season. Also, special fodder is given to cattle through the duration of the holy season.

A "Christmas watch" is kept by Danish families with the help of a special, holiday candle. The candle is divided into 24 days, each representing one day before Christmas. The candle is burned for one hour each evening and is blown out by the youngest child in the family.

These, and other international traditions add so much to the meaning and happiness of Christmas. Such customs remain as constant reminders to all peoples that there is no celebration quite as wonderful as that of the birth of Christ.

have been countless carols written, cantatas composed, and popular songs written about Christmas.

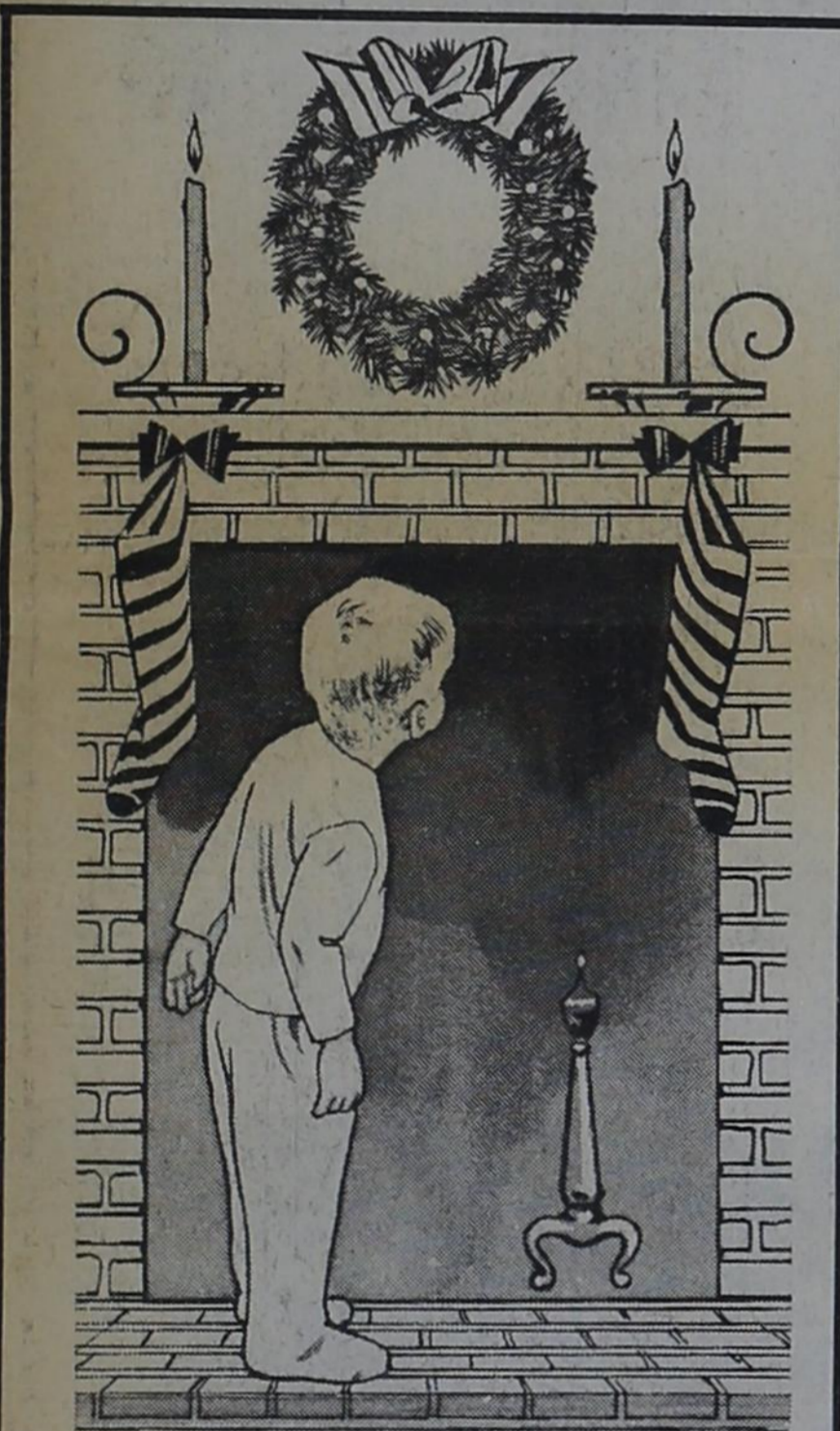
Everyone has a holiday preference and chances are, you'll be hearing your own particular musical favorite sometime this season, whether it's piped into your local department store or performed by the church choir.

Some Christmas carols have famous composers such as Adolphe Adam (*O Holy Night*) and Felix Mendelssohn (*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*). Still others are attributed to a tradi-

tional melody, such as *Deck the Halls*, which was inspired by an old Welsh tune, and *Coventry Carol*, based on a traditional English melody.

The anonymous and the famous, the privileged and the poor — all manner of composers have endeavored to share their joy in the holiday season with a musical offering of some kind.

Christmas music can be reverent and uplifting, or merry and rollicking... either way, it reflects the magic of this time of the year, in a very special way that both young and old can appreciate.



Happy Holiday  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I want candy, a new name and a bike.  
Love,  
Jerry Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
It soon will be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a bow and arrow, and a spear.  
Love,  
Scott Farrar

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me a stove, refrigerator and cash register.  
Love,  
Vanessa Lynn Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun.  
Love,  
Roberto

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I hope you bring me a toy. Could you please bring me a new bike and football suit.  
Love,  
Jimmy Don Gilbreath

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me games, books and a doll.  
Love,  
Debra Wear

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a dirt bike.  
Love,  
Benny

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a doll.  
Love,  
Cesaria

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will be Christmas in 22 more days. Santa Claus I have been good haven't I? Santa Claus bring me a criss cross crashing, KISS radio.  
Love,  
Jeff Perez

Dear Santa Claus,  
It will soon be Christmas again. I have tried to be good this year. Could you please bring me anything.  
Love,  
Angie Cardoza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a red and white dirt bike and weights and a race track. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Charles Wayne Stone

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a bike.  
Love,  
I Love You, Beth



For the first time on that holy night the world was filled with peace and good will. May the gentle joys of this blessed season be with you and your family this Christmas and always.

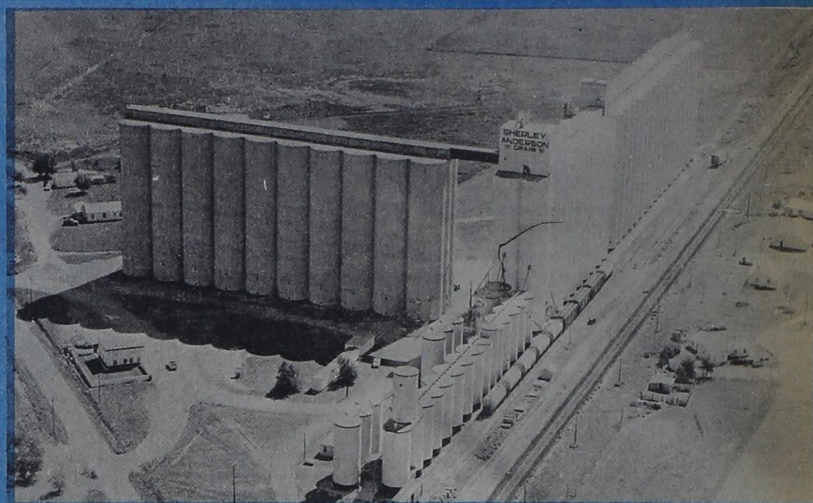
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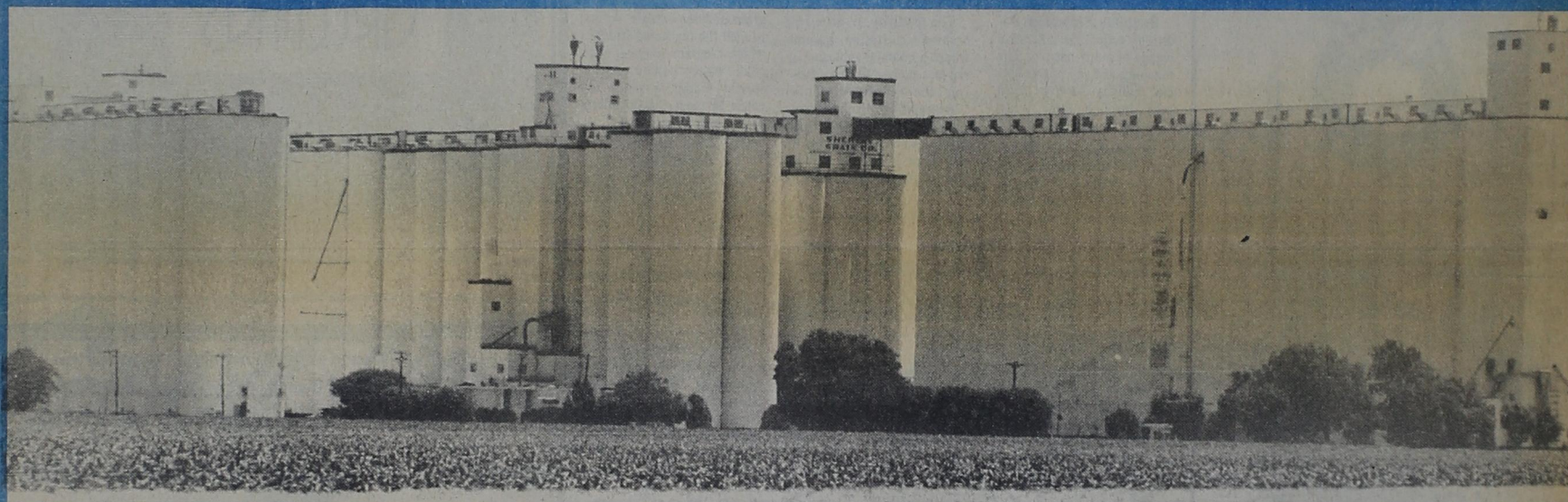
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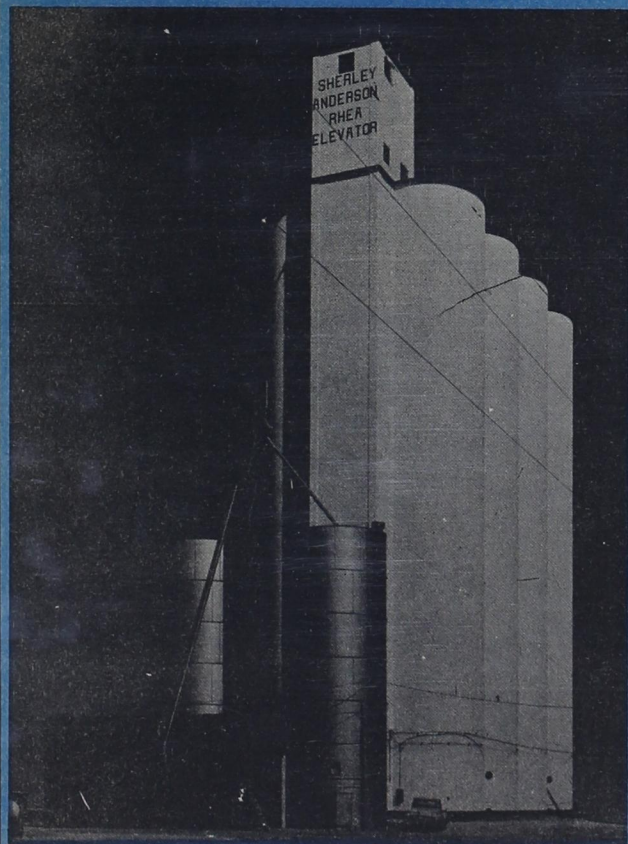
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