



BY BILL ELLIS

THIS IS A GREAT time to be alive. How fortunate we are to be a part of the generation of Americans who will experience the thrills and chills of those who have the privilege and the challenge of launching our country into the third century of its national life.

The perils and problems we face today are great, but no greater than they were 200 years ago.

We live in a new and almost frightening world today, in a time when revolutionary changes have taken place; an electronic, scientific, nuclear, space-oriented time so new and so different that we are totally unable to see what lies ahead. But so it was 200 years ago; and the uncharted seas our forefathers embarked upon were no less bewildering and frightening to them, then, than our world and nation is to us today.

May God grant that we will again be blessed with great leaders, with high and unblemished character, who will again serve our nation's cause of liberty, just as they did 200 years ago.

WE NOTED IN A news story the comment of a citizen who declared that he was not going to vote for a certain candidate for public office "because he (the candidate) would get us involved in foreign affairs."

We can sympathize with this particular individual, and indeed any American, who might wish that the United States could stay "uninvolved" with other nations throughout the world. All of us can share a certain empathy with the title of a play that was popular on Broadway some time ago—"Stop the World—I want to get off!"

Unfortunately, however strong our emotions or desires, there is no way that the United States of America can cut itself off from the rest of the world and survive—at least, not today. For one thing, we are absolutely dependent upon an enormous quantity of raw materials to sustain our industry and way of life.

Take the matter of petroleum, alone. If our foreign sources of oil were to be cut off, and if we were to maintain light, power, and industry at its present rate, there would be NO gasoline available for personal and family uses—none. That would mean no vacation trips, no Sunday rides in the country (or even to church), no gas to go to the grocery store or the shopping mall, no motorcycles, no motor homes, no power lawn mowers—etc., etc., etc.

It is not likely that the American people will want to go back to horses and buggies—but it will be either that, or an awful lot of walking. And have you walked all the way to work, or the grocery store, recently?

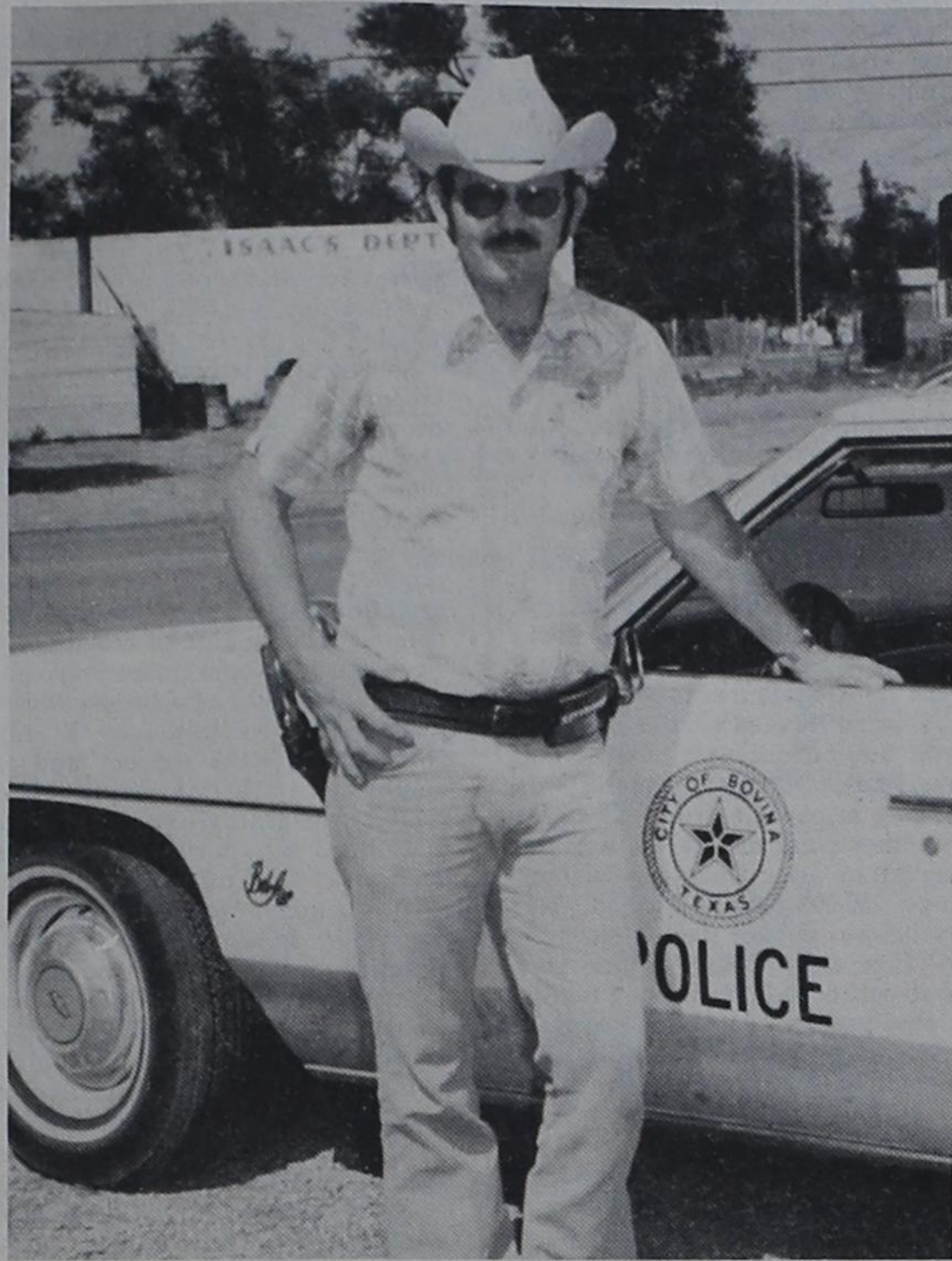
Not only that, but the free world is very dependent upon goods and services provided by the United States.

But, even if we were to disregard world trade and world economics—which we cannot—can we neglect our responsibility to maintain a balance of world power in favor of the free nations? And again, the answer is that we cannot. We cannot remain safe, and secure, and free, and let the rest of the world sink in a sea of Society slavery. When any nation and indeed any man loses his freedom anywhere in the world, we lose, too.

Like it or not, the fate and the future of the United States is irrevocably tied with the fate of the rest of the world, and no political candidate or political party can change that fact. That being true, we can but hope that the American people will vote into office those candidates who will best maintain the strength and security of what remains of the free world.

A MAN SHOPPING for a gift for his wife picked out a sweater, but after looking at it more closely said to the saleslady: "Could you show me something a bit more expensive?" "No," said the saleslady, "but I can put this one away and you could come back in a few days."

THANKS TO JOGGING, more people are collapsing in perfect health than ever before.



GARY GILLESPIE...
...City Marshal

★ IN BOVINA ★

Gillespie New City Marshal

Gary Gillespie is Bovina's new city marshal.

Gillespie, 32, comes to Bovina from Hereford where he worked in the city police department and also the sheriff's department. He has also worked in the sheriff's department in Amarillo.

A native of Memphis, Gillespie has nine years experience in law enforcement. He served four years in the Air Force, stationed at Minot, N.D., and Cheyenne, Wyo., with the Air Police and SAC Security. Gillespie has 591 classroom hours in law enforcement courses.

Gillespie and his wife, Susie, have

one daughter, Jodi, two. The family is residing at 504 Halsell in Bovina. Mrs. Gillespie, the daughter of career Army parents, was born in Germany and has lived in Georgia, Washington and Hereford, where she and the marshal were married.

The new marshal began his duties here the first week in July. He asks that residents needing to contact him phone 238-1133.

Former City Marshal Mike Reilly, who resigned several months ago, left Bovina last week for Dallas where he and his wife, Kathy, will live.

★ NEXT WEEK ★

Church Of Christ Bible School Set

"Life Together in the Christian Family" will be the theme of the annual Vacation Bible School at the Bovina Church of Christ, according to Jon Lin Riddle, director of the school. The annual event will begin Monday and continue through Friday.

Classes will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. each day with the teenage group meeting at 8:30 p.m. at the church. Riddle said rides will be provided for children enrolling in the school.

Workers this year include Mrs. Jerry McClaran, Mrs. Larry Dopp and Mrs. Lawrence Widner, two and three year old nursery; Mrs. Kent McClaran, Mrs. James Bentley and Mrs. Curtis Monk, four and five year old beginners; Mrs. Larry Gilley, Mrs. Craig Capps and Mrs. Kenneth Whitecotton, five and six year old primaries; Mrs. E.E. Woelfel, Mrs. Vicki Dutton and Miss Jo Beth Monk, primary grade one; Mrs. Jim Noyes, Mrs. Rex Beardain Sr. and Mrs. Dennis Johnston, primary grade two; Mrs. B.L. Marshall, Mrs. William Gromowsky and Miss Sue Monk, third and fourth grade boys; Also, Mrs. Billy Lynn Marshall and Mrs. Don Bentley, third and fourth grade girls; Ted Billingsley, Kevin McClaran and Alan Rhodes, junior high boys; Mrs. Riddle, Mrs.

Connie Ray and Miss Kay Beardain, junior high girls; Billingsley, teenagers; Cecil Bunch, adults; and Mrs. Paul Jones, refreshments.

All children of the community are invited to attend the Vacation Bible School in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Blade.

City Park Gets Grant Of \$13,655

Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Congressman George Mahon announced last week that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has awarded a \$13,655 grant to the City of Bovina for improvements at city parks.

The grant will be matched by an equal amount in local funds.

The city plans to install lighting, bleachers, a backstop and dugouts at one park, located at Seventh and North Streets; and picnic facilities, playground equipment, a water system and landscaping at a park located outside the southwest city limits on State Highway 86.

★ 9 TEAMS ★

Slow-Pitch Season To Begin Monday

The 1976 Lions Club-sponsored men's slow-pitch softball league here will get underway Monday night for a four and one-half week season, concluding with a double elimination city tournament August 12-16.

Nine teams will be competing for the championship trophy this year, according to Bedford Caldwell, chairman of the league committee.

Teams competing will include Agri-Sprayers, Sherley Grain, The Latinos, Charles Oil Company, Bovina Jaycees, Hub Aerial Spraying, Big Nick Machinery, Farwell Jaycees and Bonds Oil Company.

The opening games will kick off at 8 p.m. each night with the second game set at 9:30.

The league committee, which consists of Caldwell, A.L. Nuttall, George Powell and Kenneth Cary, met with team managers Monday night to draw up rules and regulations for this year's season. Wendell Garner has been appointed chief umpire.

The league this year will be

conducted under the American Slow-pitch Association (ASA) rules. A \$40 team entry fee plus \$2 per team member will be required with the fees to be paid before a team plays its first game.

Other rules include the following: each man must play at least 15 innings for the same team to be eligible for the city tournament; each team is allowed a 15-man roster, plus one coach and one manager; players will not be allowed to wear steel cleats; lineups must be turned in five minutes prior to game time; there will be a 15 minute rest between games; teams may not take infield practice; teams may start nine men during regular season, but must have 10 to start during the tournament; and the 15 run rule after five innings will be applied during season play.

On the schedule, teams will be denoted by numbers, from one to nine, in the order listed above. A flip will determine the home team.

Teams playing each night will be required to furnish umpires.

A concession stand will be operated at the ball park each night by members of the Lions Club and their wives.

Schedule for the first week of the season is as follows: Monday night, Agri-Sprayers versus Sherley Grain and Bovina Jaycees versus Hub Aerial; Tuesday night, Hub Aerial versus Big Nick Machinery and Farwell Jaycees versus Bonds Oil Company; Thursday night, Charles Oil Company versus Bovina Jaycees and Big Nick Machinery versus Farwell Jaycees; Friday night, Sherley Grain versus the Latinos and the Latinos versus Charles Oil; Monday, July 19, Sherley Grain versus Charles Oil and Latinos versus Agri-Sprayers; and Tuesday, July 20, Big Nick Machinery versus Bonds Oil Company and Charles Oil versus Hub Aerial.

Schedule for the remainder of the season will be published in next week's edition of The Blade.

★ LAST WEEK ★

SBA Attorney To Meet With School Board

Jim Luce, attorney for the Texas School Board Association, will be in Bovina tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday for meetings with area school administrators and school boards concerning the development of school policies, according to Bovina Schools Superintendent L.F. Jacobs.

The first meeting will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. tomorrow for all interested school administrators in this area, said Jacobs. The second meeting will be from 7 to 10 p.m. with all school board members in this area invited to attend. A meeting with the board of trustees of Bovina School District has been tentatively set Friday morning. All meetings will be held in the board room at Ridgelea Elementary School.

The regular meeting of the board of trustees here will be Tuesday, said Jacobs. In addition to a representative from Paso meeting with the board, the school's self-evaluation program will be discussed. A five-year plan to meet priorities is to be prepared and sent to the Texas Education Agency.

Fall Hurts Stevenson

Earl Stevenson of Bovina was seriously injured late Wednesday afternoon of last week when he was thrown from a horse at his farm west of Bovina on the Dimmitt highway.

Stevenson, who was alone at the farm, was working with a horse he had purchased several weeks ago.

The horse threw Stevenson near the corral where he lay for about two hours before a neighbor, Edwin Lide, found him shortly before 8 that evening. Stevenson said he was unable to move away from the horse which continued to pitch and stomp around him.

Lide said he noticed the saddled riderless horse and decided to check around the corral where he found Stevenson.

Parsons-Ellis Ambulance Service from Friona took Stevenson to the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona where he was examined and transferred to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. It was at first feared that Stevenson had suffered a broken neck in the fall.

However, diagnostic tests at the Lubbock hospital revealed no broken bones and specialists there told the family that Stevenson had

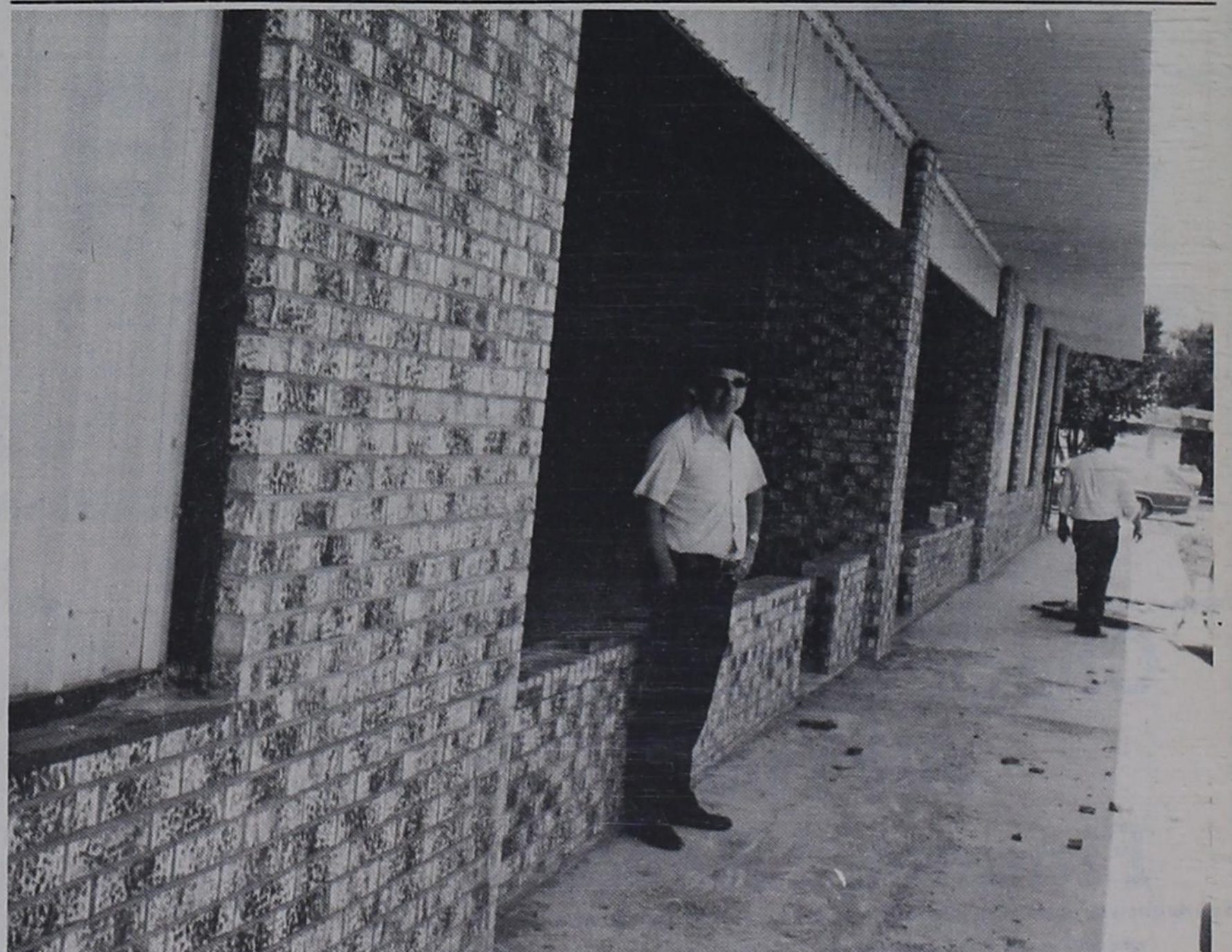
probably sustained a bruised spinal column. He was removed from the intensive care unit Monday and is progressing satisfactorily, according to members of his family.

Collision Injures 3

A two-car accident about 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Third Street and Avenue C sent three Bovina residents to the hospital with minor injuries, according to City Marshal Gary Gillespie.

Jesse Bermea, driving a 1968 Ford Mustang, collided with P.O. Dixon, driver of a 1971 Rambler. Bermea was charged in county court with driving while intoxicated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were taken to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona where they were treated for minor injuries. Roberto Gomez, a passenger in the Bermea automobile, was treated for head lacerations.



TAKING SHAPE....Billy Smith, co-owner and operator of Bovina Supermarket, stands in front of the new building which will house the expanded Supermarket and Family

Center. The building is located on West Highway 86. Workmen have completed bricking the front of the building and interior work is getting

underway this week. Smith and Billy Whitecotton estimate the facility will be completed in approximately one month.

Chuck's Win Minor Title

Chuck's Spraying Service sailed through the season undefeated to cop the championship in the minor division of the Bovina Little League this season.

In the major division, Big Nick-Horn Insurance and Riverside were to decide the champion in that division with a make-up game played Tuesday night. If Big Nick-Horn Insurance were to win the make-up game, the two teams would be deadlocked and a tie-breaker game will be played Thursday night, according to George Powell, league commissioner.

In the minor division, Isaac's Department came in second, Bovina Blade third and Sherrill-Bonds fourth.

In the major division, Bovina Gin-Chemical Enterprises finished in third place with First State Bank-Lawlis Gin coming in fourth. In games played the final week of

the 1976 season, Gomez homered for Isaac's Department Store enroute to an 11-7 win over Sherrill-Bonds in the minor division Monday night. Jeff Steelman and Richard Shepherd connected on a home run and a triple to lead Big Nick-Horn Insurance to a 15-3 win over Bovina Gin-Chemical Enterprises.

On Tuesday night, Chuck's shut out the Blade, 16-0, in the minor division. Riverside lambasted Bank-Lawlis, 18-6, behind a double and home run by Victor Robledo and a single and home run by Bobby Robledo.

On Thursday night, The Blade took a 10-4 win over Sherrill-Bonds. Don Paul Spring, with a pair of doubles and a single, and Dale Gilbreath with two singles and a double, led Bovina Gin-Chemical Enterprises to a 9-0 shut out over Bank-Lawlis.

On Friday night, Chuck's wound up their undefeated season with a 7-3 win over Isaac's Department Store. In a battle between the top two teams, Riverside trounced Big Nick-Horn Insurance, 21-6.

Although the games were delayed briefly because of a sudden shower, first and second place teams were presented ribbons following the final games. Powell also named the all-star team in the major division and presented each player a medal. Powell this week expressed his appreciation to all those who worked in the girls' and boys' programs this summer.

Powell listed the following people who contributed to the season: Betty Vasquez, girls' softball director; L.J. Jameson and Winston Allison, minor league umpires; Andy Martinez, James Shepherd, Darrel

Lewis and Benny Shelby, major league umpires; Billy Johnson and Gene Hutto, announcers; and Dan Koelzer, who serves as caretaker of the park.

"It has been a pleasure serving as commissioner of the Little League program and I greatly appreciate all the cooperation from everyone," said Powell. "I am looking forward to next year when we will have an even better program."

Players named to the all-star team include Eddie Chisom, Erasmo Espinoza, Dale Gilbreath, Francisco Gonzales, Greg McClaran, Jon Lin Riddle, Victor Robledo, Rickey Shepherd, Jeffrey Steelman, Charlie Trimble, Shane Walling, Joe Pat Wright, Bret Whitten and Marty McCowan.

Canning, Freezing

Workshops Slated

Jana Pronger, Parmer County Extension Agent, will conduct two canning and freezing workshops this week and next for interested women in the county.

The first workshop will begin at 10 a.m. Friday in the homemaking cottage at Farwell High School with the second set Wednesday, July 14, at the homemaking department of Friona High School.

The workshops will begin with freezing techniques demonstrated by a home economist with Southwestern Public Service Company. Miss Pronger will then demonstrate home canning techniques. The county agent will also check pressure cookers, by appointment, until 4 p.m.

Kim Ware To Attend Citizenship Seminar

The Parmer County Farm Bureau will send four students to the 14th annual High School Students Citizenship Seminar to be held next week in Waco, according to Clarence Monroe of Friona, president. The seminar is sponsored annually by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Attending from this county will be Melodi Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dixon of Friona; Judy Lust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lust of Lazbuddie; Kim Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ware of Bovina; and Deana Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams of Farwell. They will be among some 450 high

school juniors and seniors from all over Texas who have been especially selected on the basis of leadership qualities and scholastic achievement.

Purpose of the annual seminar, which is held on the campus of Baylor University, is to give students a better understanding of the American competitive enterprise system and opposing ideologies such as communism and socialism. The program will consist of lectures, films, and discussion concerning matters pertaining to systems of government and economics.

Bicentennial Tour Experiences Told

(Editor's Note: Following is the final installment in the story of the group of Parmer County residents who took a special bicentennial tour the first week in June. Some 42 took the tour and the story is being presented by Mrs. Jack Clayton of Bovina.)

BY ALMA CLAYTON
We boarded our tour bus early Saturday morning and learned we had a different bus, a different driver and a different guide, who were supposed to stay with us for the rest of our tour.

Our guide was new and loaded with information and seemed eager to enlighten us as we left New York. All along our route he pointed out interesting things and told about them such as the fact that 42nd St. had 47 movie theatres and all except six showed X-rated movies. I looked up at the marquee as he talked and saw that "Boss Nigger" was showing at one theatre!

Another point of interest was the Manhattan area Garment District where 250,000 people worked. The day before we had passed through the office district at noon and saw the streets roped off, barring traffic so the people could mill around outside and enjoy the sun while they ate their lunch. It looked for all the world like an ant hill that had been disturbed!

He also told us that Manhattan had 3,700 taxi cabs. I saw three service stations and learned there were only 37 in all of Manhattan. Most people used the taxi cabs to get to work, that being more economical than owning a car in New York.

We passed Central Park and Carnegie Hall, the oldest opera house in the world. Also, the Sheraton Hotel and numerous small sidewalk shops.

The guide told us that New York City had 28 T.V. channels and was the home of Sony. Saw Times Square, which isn't square and the Public Library which is the second largest in the United States.

Every guide and taxi cab driver

we talked to said N.Y. City had 8 per cent city tax and that quote: "There is no way N.Y. can be in debt!"

By this time we had reached the Holland Tunnel which went under the Hudson River and emerged in New Jersey.

Out of New York at last! It certainly was good to see trees and green grass. I hadn't realized how much I had missed them.

Shortly after leaving the tunnel we stopped at a toll booth and then drove onto the turnpike. This was obviously an industrial route for there was miles and miles of crude oil refineries, electric plants, etc.

Eventually, we began to see little patches of perhaps an acre or two or sometimes as much as five that was planted in some kind of crop. These were so pale and undernourished looking that they are hardly worth mentioning. We did see a few patches of strawberries and a number of places where strawberries were for sale. We had to assume that there was more being grown back away from the highway.

The turnpike we were traveling was four lanes going in each direction. As the trees and brush became increasingly thicker we could see the traffic traveling in the opposite direction only occasionally, giving us the weird sensation of being in a world all our own.

The trees were strange to us but from asking questions we learned we were seeing maple, oak and flowering dogwood trees with underbrush of Virginia creeper. Miles and miles of heavy traffic. No wonder they are worried about the gas shortage. Even with all our irrigation motors we can't begin to burn as much fuel as they do.

Reached another toll gate. Left the turnpike and crossed the Delaware River. We were told that Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Scranton and Philadelphia—all in Pennsylvania—are this year the Bicentennial host of the nation. Now we had begun to feel that this was a Bicentennial tour after all.

Our next stop, about 10:30, was at

the Washington Crossing State Park, where General Washington and his men crossed the Delaware River and fought a difficult battle during the Revolutionary War. There are a number of buildings, monuments and preserves on five hundred acres of forest, rolling hills, and scenic paths that have been set aside as a memorial so that we might be reminded of the dramatic significance of the difficult struggle so that the nation and its citizens might be free.

But first things first! The most welcome sight as our driver stopped the bus was a large outdoor toilet only a short walk away. The walk after sitting so long was also welcome.

After a detour by the outdoor facilities, we walked on up a hill to one of the buildings and a monument. Then on around this to an enclosed area containing the three long boats that Washington and his several hundred men had used to cross the Delaware River. We were amazed that so many men had crossed in such small boats.

As we walked back to the bus we saw that an ice cream truck had parked near by. Everyone had to have an ice cream cone or something similar. Which turned out to be fortunate for us for we didn't have lunch until after 3 that afternoon, after we had toured Valley Forge.

The scenic drive between Washington Crossing State Park and Valley Forge was unbelievably

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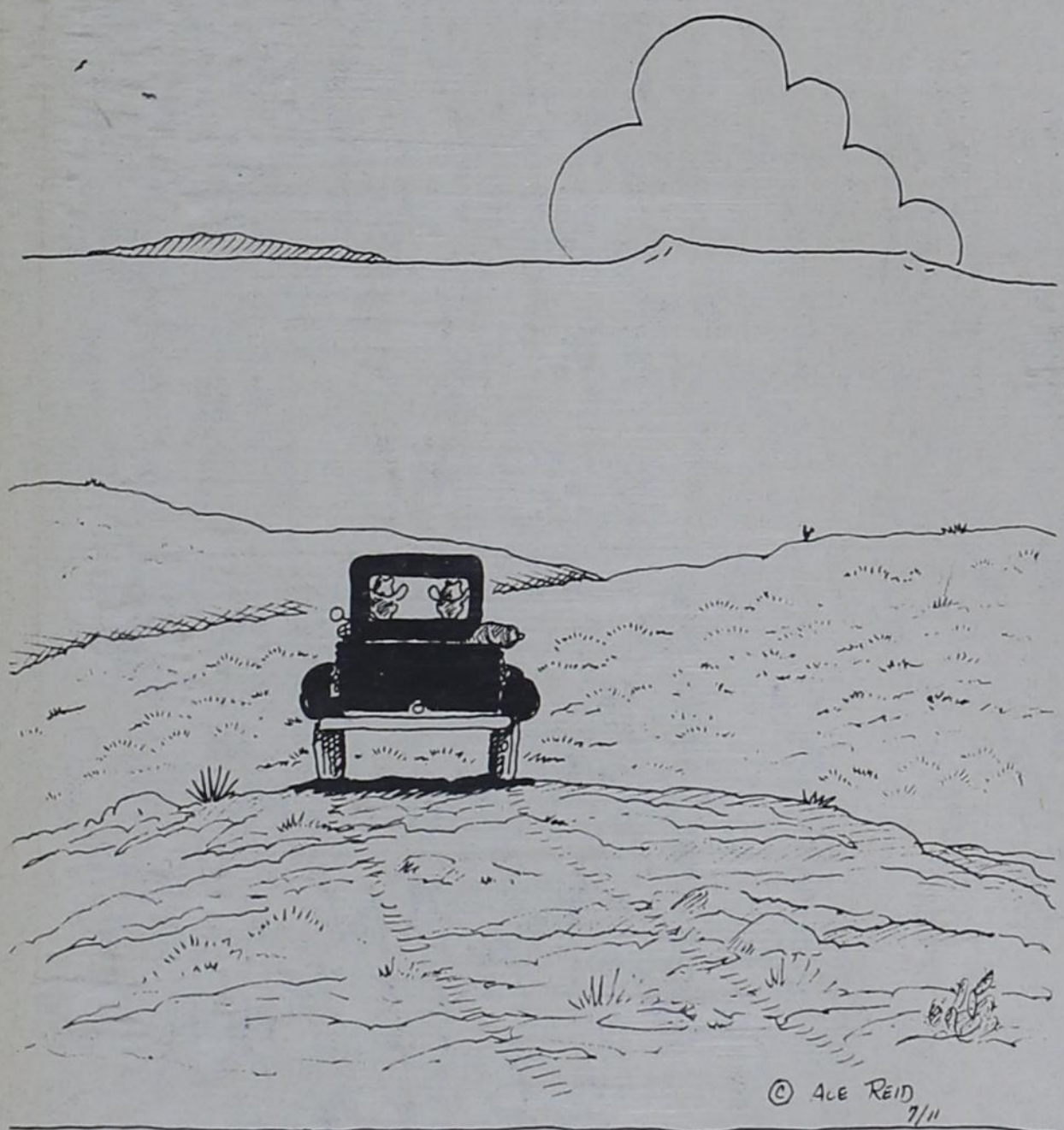


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24 Attend St. Ann's Breakfast

Joe Schilling of Oklahoma Lane spoke of "Marriage-how to make it work" at the July Christian men's prayer breakfast Monday. The breakfast was hosted by laymen of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina.

Some 24 men were served bacon, eggs, hot biscuits, milk, orange juice and coffee. The benediction was given by Rev. James Putnam, pastor of the Bovina First United Methodist Church.

Laymen of the First Baptist Church will host the August breakfast.

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By John Ricci

This could be the year we get a majority without an election. According to projections of the International Wheat Council, U.S. exports of wheat this year could total 36 million tons. If the projection is on target, the United States will have better than a fifty percent share of the world export market. That means coming in far ahead of the other major exporters: Argentina, Australia, Canada and the European Economic Community. In the detailed analysis by the Council, last year's bumper crop added almost nothing to world reserves because of continuing demand increases. Consumption and production of wheat was estimated at nearly 13 billion bushels. What all the figures boil down to is a brighter outlook in marketing trends for the U.S. wheat producer.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES Willis Terry Wade and Mary Frances Crowder. Thomas Dale Blake II and Jeana Lynn McCumber. Clifford Lee Ollom and Vickie Ann Coburn.

ICA Convention Set In Austin July 15-18

Keynote speakers at the second annual state convention of the Independent Cattlemen's Association July 15-18 in Austin will include former Gov. Allan Shivers, U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Also on the agenda are Norman Moser of DeKalb, chairman of the Texas Animal Health Commission; Sen. Bill Patman of Ganado, chairman of the Senate agriculture subcommittee; Rep. Joe Hubnak of Rosenberg, chairman of the House agriculture committee; and Rep. Susan Gurley McBee of Del Rio.

The program lineup was announced by ICA President T.A. Cunningham of Goliad who said the agenda "is a great program of interesting and informative people whose influence on both state and federal policies have much impact on the cattle producers of Texas." Cunningham also announced that western music recording star Johnny Bush will be the headline entertainer for this year's convention.

The convention will be held in Austin's Municipal Auditorium.

ICA is less than two years old but already has more than 100,000 members throughout the state and is the largest non-affiliated cattle producer's organization in the nation.

MH/MR Center Sets Meeting

A meeting has been set to discuss a study of the mental health needs of Farmer County. The study was done by the Central Plains Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center in Plainview, and will be presented in Friona at the Friona State Bank on July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the findings. Copies of the study can be obtained by contacting the Planning and Evaluation Section of the Central Plains MH-MR Center. The phone number is (806) 296-2726.

The meeting will provide area planners with local citizen views concerning the allocation of tax money to treat the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic and drug addict.

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TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR



MODELING COURSE....Jo Beth Monk of Bovina, left, is shown with Mrs. Debbie Shirley of Rhea at a modeling course held recently at the home of Mrs. Ben Mesman in Oklahoma Lane. 4-H members from the county were invited to attend in

order to prepare for the county dress revue set tomorrow (Thursday) at the Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell. Miss Monk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Monk.

Guadalupe Plan

Bazaar, Mexican Meal

Plans for a bazaar this month and the annual Mexican dinner in September were discussed at a meeting of Guadalupe Society Monday in Parish Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

The bazaar will be held Sunday, July 18, with Sept. 12 set as the date for the annual Mexican dinner, sponsored by the society. Mrs. Tina Uriegas gave a report on the board meeting held last month. Appolonia Sierra gave a report on the Parish Council meeting.

Duties assigned for the month include Mrs. Ben Rejino and Mrs. Anita Alonzo, rectory cleaning; Mrs. Rejino, flowers; Mrs. Rejino and Mrs. Alonzo, hostesses. Miss Sierra and Mrs. Ester Tijerina served refreshments to 11

members attending the meeting. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Uriegas.

Rummage Sale Set Saturday At St. Ann's

St. Ann's Society will sponsor a rummage sale at the Parish Hall of St. Ann's Catholic Church Saturday, according to Mrs. Ben Rejino, a member of the organization.

The sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. with clothing, dishes and many miscellaneous items to be sold.

In a shell

by Lou Nuttall

Guess we shouldn't be nit-picking this soon after the "Happy Birthday America" parties, but these government bureaus are going to be the rulinaton of us all, yet!

Maybe you remember reading several months ago in The Blade about that harassed hospital in the Rocky Mountains. Seems a Medicare official, on a routine inspection, ruled that the hospital had to remove all plastic wastebasket liners because they were a fire hazard. Just after the hospital satisfied Medicare, along comes OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration under the Department of Labor) and rules the hospital is breaking its rule that states that plastic liners must be used in all containers for the protection and safety of employees who handle waste. The hospital people decided the only way they could get rid of their trash was to throw it out the window, but then they decided they would be breaking the Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Well, OSHA is at it again. Larry Scott brought by an article from the West Texas Livestock Weekly that, at first glance, is hilarious. Then, after one thinks about it awhile, it gets ridiculous.

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Dear Ed:
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, under the United States Department of Labor, is in the process of writing regulations whereby people working on farms and ranches must have toilet facilities within a five minute walk of where they are working.

I feel an average sized person can walk about one-third of a mile in five minutes. He might do better if he was in a hurry. This means that on a 30-section ranch, you would have to build 120 flush toilets complete with septic tank and water storage. They will also require proper toilet paper holders and locks on the doors to insure privacy.

Also, I think it would be necessary,

on the ranches covered with brush, to erect a tall flag pole at the toilet site so the worker could zero in on his objective. Otherwise, the might get lost and you could be fined for non-compliance.

Beyond the fact that all of this will cost one big pot of money--no pun intended--I am worried about some other aspects. It seems to me that this is going to discriminate against short-legged people who can't walk a third of a mile in five minutes. Will the foreman have to work the short-legged man one minute closer to the toilet, or will it be necessary to have a walking demonstration before you hire a new worker so you can gauge just how far from the toilet he can work?

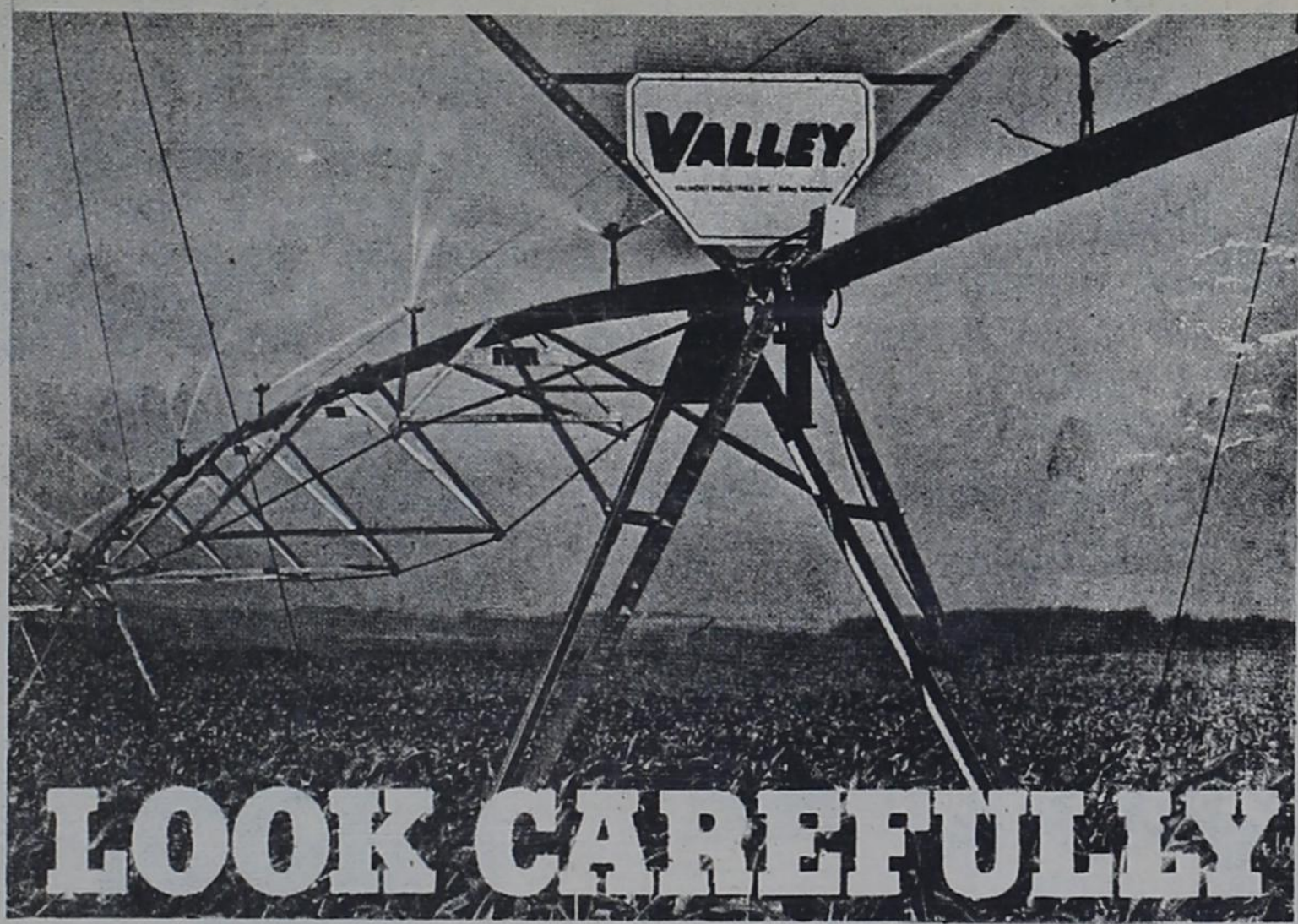
I can see further complications in that sometimes some of the crew may drink some gyp water and come up with a case of the "Green Apple Two-Step." Then you would have to work them only a one or two minute walk away from the toilet or be in danger of non-compliance, if you had them three minutes away and they didn't make it.

This is going to take some careful planning before you start a crew to work every morning. You will have to ask one just what shape his innards are in before assigning jobs for the day, and you may never have a day when they will all be five minute men and can work in a group.

I thought at first that a person might get around the whole idea by designing a "Handy Dandy Quick Relief Portable Toilet" that each man could carry, but that wouldn't work since OSHA's whole idea is to have the men use flush toilets--even the ones that don't know how to use them.

OSHA stands for safety and health. I am unable to see where making it mandatory to have millions of toilets scattered over the range is going to increase safety, so they must be aiming at the health aspect. When they get all these cowboys and farmhands "potty-trained," which will be no small undertaking, I guess they will start on my cows. Did you ever try to train a cow to walk anywhere to go to the bathroom?

Any help you can give us on the above will be appreciated. If we don't get this stopped, I suggest going to the nearest stockbroker and buying a large chunk of toilet stock.



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Bicentennial Tour.....

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green and lush with trees, brush and grass. We were convinced that this was the perfect time of year for a visit.

We drove through small, very old and beautiful towns in Pennsylvania that had two-story houses that looked much like the old houses in Uvalde, Texas. Saw whole streets roped off (this was still Saturday). The swarms of people were doing their weekly shopping at the numerous other shops and carts. It was called a Flea Market.

During this drive Hollis sat with the guide in the seat just behind the driver and engaged him in a very animated conversation. She learned more about him in that short time than the other 41 of us did in the two days he was with us.

He was of Spanish descent and was 26 years old. His father had been a diplomat in Spain and had been killed there. The family, his mother, sister and himself, had been informed that the death was accidental but they all believed he had been assassinated. After his death, the family had returned to the United States, where he was trying to work and finish his education. He was studying to be a veterinarian. He told some of us later that as soon

as he finished school he intended to leave N.Y. and go to a smaller place, perhaps in the mid-west. He did not like N.Y. as a place to live. Neither did our bus driver. He said he lived in New Jersey where he worked for a charter bus company.

When leaving Washington Crossing State Park, we had taken a secondary highway to reach Valley Forge which we reached well after lunch time. When we reached the reception center we were told we would eat lunch there before leaving. But in spite of all the clamoring from the bus load of hungry people we were to make the tour of Valley Forge first!

Fortunately it was much too long to tour on foot, measuring approximately three square miles. The bus took us up hill and down, and around curves and corners while the guide pointed out interesting sights such as the site of the old forge, Horse Shoe Trail, huts, Wayne Statue, National Arch, Huntington's Quarters and many many others. The scenery was outstanding. Grass covered rolling hills were seen on every side. But sometimes history can become rather dull and on an empty stomach I'm afraid this was one of the times.

Although there was yet another site we were required to see before we could eat. Washington's Headquarter's Building required an on foot tour which didn't take too long and was only a short walk from the concession stand where we had to eat since the cafeteria had not as yet opened for the tourist season.

After a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., we were refreshed and ready for the 45 minute drive to Philadelphia where we would tour Independence Hall and view the Liberty Bell.

Edgar Allen Poe's home is in Philadelphia. Also the oldest railroad station in the U.S.--Penn Station.

On entering Philadelphia the fire gutted brick buildings were pointed out to us. During the years of the rioting, the people, mostly blacks, had insured the buildings and some six months later had set fire to them, and collected the insurance. The population was 45 per cent black.

As we stood in line waiting to tour Independence Hall, I had occasion to hear two young boys give their assessment of our group. As they peddled their bicycles down the street one of them said, "Oh, you Bicentennial freaks!"

We must have looked rather stupid standing in line to see something they had seen all their lives. The Liberty Bell had been moved to a new Pavilion in the park across the street for this Bicentennial year so more people could view it, after having resided in Independence Hall all these many years. We walked across and saw it after the Independence Hall tour.

Everyone!! The bell does have a

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Young Farmers Meeting Set Monday Night

The Parmer County Young Farmers will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the Oklahoma Lane Community Center, according to Ronny Dyer, reporter for the organization.

Jim Berry, Farwell CPA, will be speaker for the event.

All young farmers and agri-businessmen in the county are invited to attend.



Current Comments From . . .

JERRY TIDWELL IN THE LAMB COUNTY LEADER-NEWS...

A south-central Indiana daily newspaper assigned a reporter to cover a trial of a man which had been venue to another county. The charges against the defendant was assault and battery on a 14-year-old girl.

The reporter did fine for awhile, but midway in the article, he began referring to the presiding judge as the defendant, stating: "Blank (Name of judge) is charged with an alleged attack on a girl who was 14-years-old at the time." The final paragraph again gave the judge's name and said he was pleading an alibi defense.

The newspaper didn't discover the error until the press run was complete and the newspaper was distributed. It sat back and prayed no one would notice it.

Someone did. Shortly thereafter, it received a letter from the judge, which read as follows:

"I enclose a Xerox copy from your paper which has just been handed to me. I appreciate the fact that, because of bad circulation, your

paper is understaffed and your writers are poorly trained. The subject matter of this article was highly technical, and, therefore, the writer of this article could not be expected to get it right the very first time. I, therefore, am going to point out some of the idiom used in court and identify the cast of characters.

"First, the judge (that's me) sits up in front of the courtroom on a raised dais with a robe on and scowls at people. Secondly, the defendant is the fellow sitting at counsel table with his lawyer, with an apprehensive look on his face. Thirdly, the prosecutor is the young man sitting at the other counsel table representing truth and justice. The press are those people sitting over at the side of the courtroom with long hair, whiskers and barefooted.

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2. That their prayers are answered-v. 14-17.
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Welfare Benefits To Be Studied

A pilot project to identify and measure benefits of direct welfare services will be undertaken in Region 01 of the State Department of Public Welfare this fall, according to Nathan C. Martin, regional administrator. The project will be funded with a \$20,000 research grant approved by the department's special projects committee, and will be conducted in 40 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains.

to aged, blind or otherwise disabled persons. If results are promising, the project will continue through the year, expanding into family services, child welfare and other programs in the region, Martin said.

"Very little research has been undertaken anywhere to develop a system of measuring benefits," Martin said. "We can tell you what services we offer, how many people we serve, and how much it all costs. But measuring the benefit a client receives from a social service, as related to its cost, is a much more complex matter."

"However, the public wants to know about results. We agree that the public has a right to know that its tax dollars are being spent effectively and efficiently. This project will be a further step toward answering the questions of those who want to know what benefits come from large expenditures for welfare."

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When the set time is too long the farmer does not see the percolation losses, but he does see his tailwater.

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Softball Teams Win Trophies

Two Bovina teams came home with trophies from Cannon Air Force Base's July 4th slow-pitch softball tournament.

In the women's division, the Big Nick Machinery sponsored team brought home the third place trophy. Trails BT Express of Texico took first place in the tournament with the Metzgers Mets winning second place.

In the men's division, Big Nick-Bonds Oil took the second place trophy in the double elimination tournament, losing twice to the

champions, Tequilla Sunrise of Clovis. Big Nick-Bonds Oil is entered in a tournament at Tucumcari this weekend. The team won a third place trophy in a mid-season city tournament at Clovis recently.

Miss Dodson, Anderson To Exchange Vows

Frederica Frances Dodson will become the bride of Gabe David Anderson III at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10, in the First Christian Church of Amarillo with a reception following at the Amarillo Club.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wilkins Dodson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Gabe David Anderson Jr. of Bovina.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend the ceremony and reception.

Bookmobile In Bovina July 15th

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in Bovina Thursday, July 15, according to Lorene Sooter, librarian. The bookmobile will be parked in front of Bovina Schools from 12:30 to 3:15 that afternoon.

Before coming here, the bookmobile will make stops at West Camp from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. and at Lariat from 10:30 to 11:30.

Cancel Tennis Tourney

The Jaycee-sponsored tennis tournament, scheduled here next week, has been cancelled, according to Don Lawrence, who was directing the event.

Although Lawrence had indicated last week he expected about 100 entries in the tournament, he said those people who had indicated they would enter had failed to send in entry blanks or fees.

"If only a handful of players had shown up for the tournament, the Jaycees would have lost quite a bit of money on the project, so we thought it would be wise to cancel the tournament," Lawrence said.



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Hromases Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Hromas of Bovina announce the birth of a son at 9:17 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

Named Matthew Gabe, the new arrival weighed nine pounds, eight and one-half ounces and was 21 and one-half inches long.

The Hromases have one other son, Darren, 18 months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Minyen and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hromas, all of Bovina. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. E.A. Hromas of Bovina, Mrs. Maud Sutterfield of Wayne, Okla., and Mrs. Mary Minyen of Paoli, Okla.

Hromas is a carpenter. Mrs. Hromas, the former Miss Judy Minyen, has been employed at First State Bank of Bovina.



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Bicentennial Tour.....

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crack I could lay my finger in!! So many people were crowded around that it was almost impossible to get a picture, but two of our boys solved the problem quite effectively when B.J. Whitecotton held Butch McCain on his shoulder long enough for him to snap several pictures.

Our guide told us that all the official buildings in Philadelphia must be washed and painted by July 4th in anticipation of a great Bicentennial Celebration.

We saw our first grain elevators here in Philadelphia. It was the Tide Water Grain Company and was for exporting grain to foreign countries.

We also saw huge mountains of old car bodies that were being shredded and melted down for recycling. And drove past Shullykill where 20,000 new cars were waiting to be shipped to Latin America.

We had a very informative day and after eating supper at a truck stop cafeteria just before dark we arrived in Odenton, Maryland where we were to spend the next three nights at the Red Carpet Inn.

True, it wasn't the Howard Johnson in Washington D.C. where we had been told we would be staying, but perhaps it was better. We were 12 miles from Washington D.C.'s dangerous area and the young people of the group had the use of an indoor swimming pool.

We were called early by the office staff on Sunday morning so we could get an early start for Williamsburg. After the long bus ride of the day before the prospects of another long ride were met by groans of anguish by several, but nevertheless, everyone managed to crawl aboard, determined to miss nothing.

We were to see Washington D.C. for the first time Sunday morning as we passed through on our way to Williamsburg. While passing through, the guide gave us a brief rundown on D.C. and promised more for the next day which was to be spent in the Capitol City.

He told us that the first president to live in the White House was John Adams. And that there was a law stating that no structure can be built taller than the Capitol building. Also, the population is 75 per cent black with the highest crime rate in the nation. Just the week before one of our representatives had been beaten and robbed about 6 one

morning just outside of one of the large buildings on Constitution Avenue.

As we slowly made our way down the busy street our guide pointed out more points of interest. The Library of Congress, the largest in the world, the White House, Union Station Railroad, gardenia trees and the nine massive Smithsonian Institutes with the tenth being under construction.

As we left D.C. we could see Lincoln monument and on crossing the Potomac River we could see the Arlington Cemetery where we were to visit the next day.

We continued our drive down a beautiful highway bordered with masses of trees and beautifully manicured rights-of-way. There were oak, maple, cherry and magnolia trees everywhere. Also pine and yew.

On reaching the next point of interest, Richmond, we drove straight through in spite of the begging and pleading for a 'comfort stop.' With more and more of us becoming increasingly more miserable as the miles continued to pile up behind, our driver turned a deaf ear to the clamor and continued on to the Jamestown Festival Park where he pulled up to the restroom door and announced, "There's the restroom, people!"

He had hardly opened the door before it was filled with a rushing crowd. Getting off the bus proved slightly dangerous! You can believe me when I say the driver received a severe ultimatum when some of the ladies got back on the bus!

While we were stopped at Jamestown Festival Park we walked through the park and saw the Indian Lodge, James Fort, and the three ships anchored in the bay of the James River. On our way back we visited a very nice gift shop. I am not one to buy a lot of souvenirs but this trip proved to be different when I found the Liberty Bells and several other things. This was the time when Shirley Garrison was the late one back to the bus. She had found a pair of brass candle sticks she wanted very much and couldn't find her traveler's checks! She kept searching all the different pockets in her purse and finally found the checks and came running as soon as she could.

From the park we proceeded to Jamestown where the English landed and established their first colony. Here we saw William and Mary College, second oldest in the U.S. Yorktown near by was where General Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington.

After an hour and a half to sight see in Jamestown we made a raid on an ice cream shop, then started back to Odenton where we would again spend the night. As it turned out, it was a very short night!

Some of the group, remembering how beautiful New York City was viewed from the Empire State Building, asked the guide if our tour included a tour of D.C. at night. He said that it did not. We learned that this was to be his last day as our guide, therefore he cared not whether we got our wish.

When asked what it would cost to get a taxi to give us a night tour, the driver estimated that it would become very expensive.

Before letting us off the bus at the motel, the driver called for attention and asked how many wished to see Washington D.C. at night? When half did with the other half choosing to remain behind and go swimming, the driver said he would take us if we would be back at the bus in 30 minutes.

It was a real struggle but we made it! And it was worth all the trouble. The city was magnificent. The driver would allow only a few at a time to leave the bus to take pictures. They were told to remain close to the bus and back within three minutes. No one had to be told twice! The danger of D.C. at night had been drilled into all of us. Although he said it was safe enough for all of us to get out at the Lincoln Memorial if we remained in a group. He locked the bus and walked with us. That sight alone was worth the trip.

After leaving the Lincoln Memorial we started back to the motel. The driver took us down some of the side streets to demonstrate why we were constantly told of the danger. This was around midnight and the street corners were full of people standing around. This not only included men, there were "ladies of the night"! With our imaginations running wild we could feel cold chills having a hey-day up and down our

spines! It was 1 a.m. when we reached the motel and we were totally exhausted. That was the only night I threatened to crawl into bed without my shower.

We drug our protesting bodies out of bed early the next morning, June 7, and prepared for our day in Washington D.C.

After the magnificent sights of the night before this day was an anti-climax. We first stopped at a novelty shop so a few could get film. Before it was over everyone had gone into the shop and an unbelievable amount was bought.

The F.B.I. Building was our first tour of the day. We walked down long halls and looked through glass windows into the finger print room, the metal and paint detection center, the blood and hair typing department and many others including a large room displaying 3,000 different kinds of guns. Those used by Bonnie and Clyde Barrow in their notorious episodes were prominently displayed. This collection was by far the most interesting for the boys. The others were rather dull by comparison with their rows and rows of filing cabinets, microscopes, etc. In fact the entire building was rather dull until Lee asked the guide why, with all the crime detecting ability of the F.B.I., did Washington D.C. have the highest crime rate of the nation?

The guide was quick to deny that the city had more crime than did any other city. But I assure you that he was the only one we talked to that defended the city.

The end of the tour was climaxed by a sharp-shooting exhibition in an enclosed room. Even this failed to arouse much excitement. Perhaps we were reaching the saturation point.

Next we took a bus tour of the city. Our guide pointed out the Nation's Archives, The Dept. of Justice, The Washington Monument with its 839 steps, the White House and the Executive Building. Also the Pan American Building and the National Headquarters of the Red Cross, the Department of Interior and Indian Affairs. And the Lincoln Memorial which was definitely an anti-climax for those of us who had seen it the night before.

We ended up at the Kennedy Center where we ate lunch at the roof top cafeteria.

While the group waited in line, Tana Nix and Rebecca Walling called their great-great-uncle, which neither had ever seen. We had to

wait in line so long that he had plenty of time to join them for lunch, bringing up the end of the line where I happened to be.

After lunch we toured the Capitol Building. What can I write about it that would bring it alive for you? Very little I'm afraid. It is a huge long structure with the tall dome in the center that creates the rotunda inside of which is 96 feet wide and has huge works of art hung in the great circular hall. Many feet overhead and around the same circumference were seen sculptured fresco panoramas of the nation's history on the rotunda frieze. We were also shown the Senate Chambers and where the House of Representatives met and many other rooms, most of them surrounded on the inside with great stone and marble statues of hundreds of historical figures.

When we all gathered outside the Capitol Building we soon learned that we had become separated from our bus and the driver.

Perhaps here is the place to mention that for our last two days we had a very poor guide (a girl that had been wished off on us). She and most of the group plus the bus driver simply did not see eye to eye on ANYTHING, for very good reasons that I won't go into here. Thus she and the driver had not agreed on a meeting place after the Capitol tour and we were left sitting around in a little park out across the street from the front of the Capitol for at least an hour. Finally Jana Barrett saw the bus cruising around looking for us and ran to hail him and bring him and the group together. After this much needed rest we were taken to the Arlington Cemetery where we were carried around on a flat-bed type vehicle that was fitted with seats. We were taken to the Kennedy graves, then on to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we watched the changing of the guard. It was an impressive ceremony.

Back to the motel! This proved to be the only night of our trip that we were able to relax and get to bed at a reasonable hour. Turned the T.V. on and caught the 10 o'clock news. We heard some representative of the people trying to get the law to do something about policing the East Bridge out of Washington D.C. It seems that the eighteenth rape had occurred there just the week before!

When we boarded the bus the next morning we had to take our luggage with us for this was our day to go home.

Our one tour of the day was

through the White House. We got tickets for the tour soon after we reached the city but had to wait in bleachers along one side of a park until our tour number was called. We watched bands perform in the park and were told that bands from all over the world performed there every day. We saw two. One from Mason, Texas and the other from Jordan.

After waiting an hour and a half our tour number was called. We walked at least a half mile to reach the gate leading to the White House. It proved to be yet another great white structure built of stone and marble as was all the other buildings and monuments in the Capitol City. The White House tour was very nice but at the same time a little disappointing. Most of what we were allowed to see we had seen many times on T.V. The other rooms were closed off, barring visitors. The wide hallway with picture lined walls along with the Green Room, Blue Room, Gold Room and the State Dining Room were the rooms open to the public.

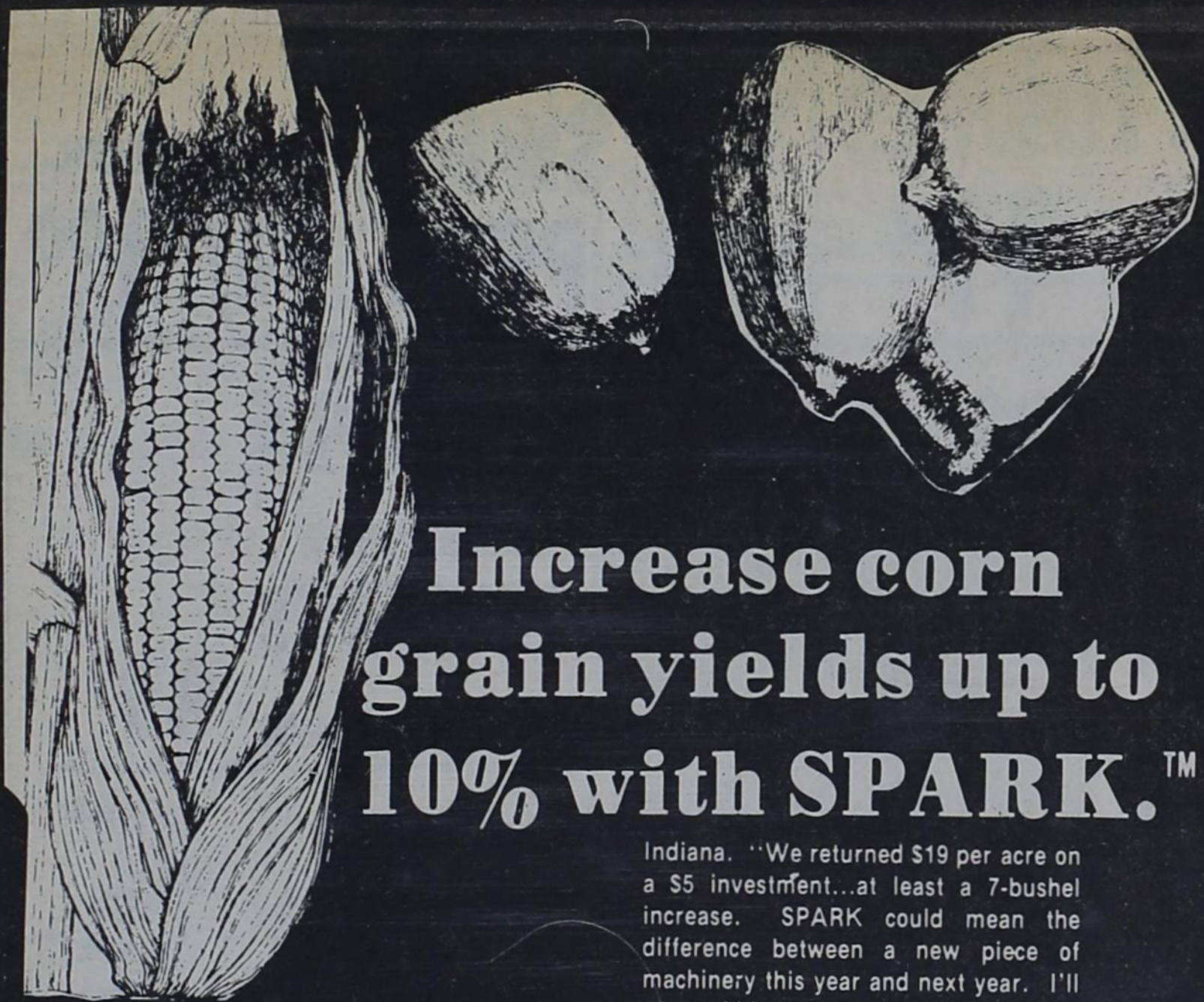
We walked back the same half mile to the bus vowing with every labored step that this had been our last tour! This was the only day that had become uncomfortably hot and we were definitely lagging. There was no longer anything about Washington that looked interesting to we tired Texans.

There was still time for a short tour to one of the Smithsonian Institutes had anyone had the energy to go. But everyone was so tired and so ready to go home that each in turn kept telling the driver as we stepped onto the bus, "We want to go straight to the airport, no where else. Don't you even think of taking us anywhere else!"

By the time the bus was loaded, he and the guide were convinced that their duties were virtually over. The guide, after a whispered conference with the driver, picked up the mike and announced, "Since there is not enough time to tour the Smithsonian Institute we will take you straight to the airport!"

The shouted reply of "Hooray; Texas, here we come!!" brought a smile to their faces.

The trip was great and enjoyed by all, even when we cold hardly put one foot before the other. We saw and learned more than we will ever be able to remember. But no one left anything behind that they feel they have to return for in the near future. In other words, "There's no place like home!"



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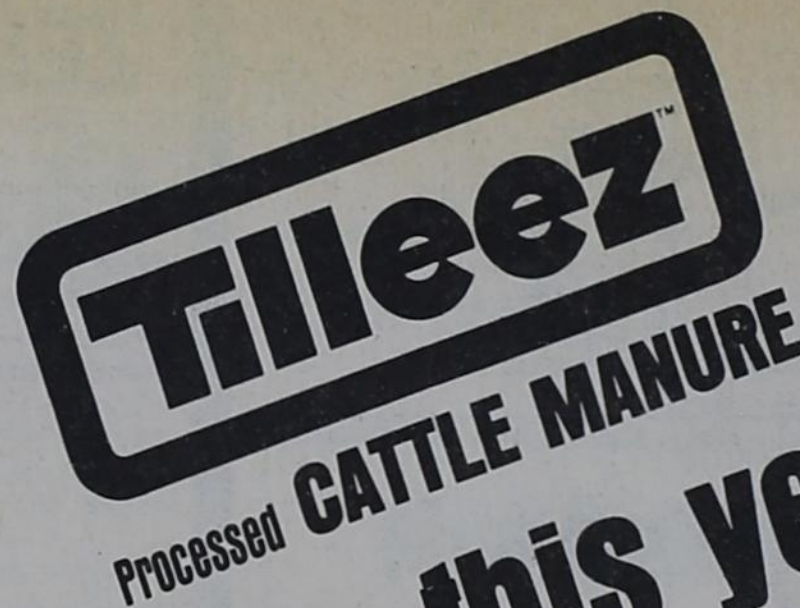
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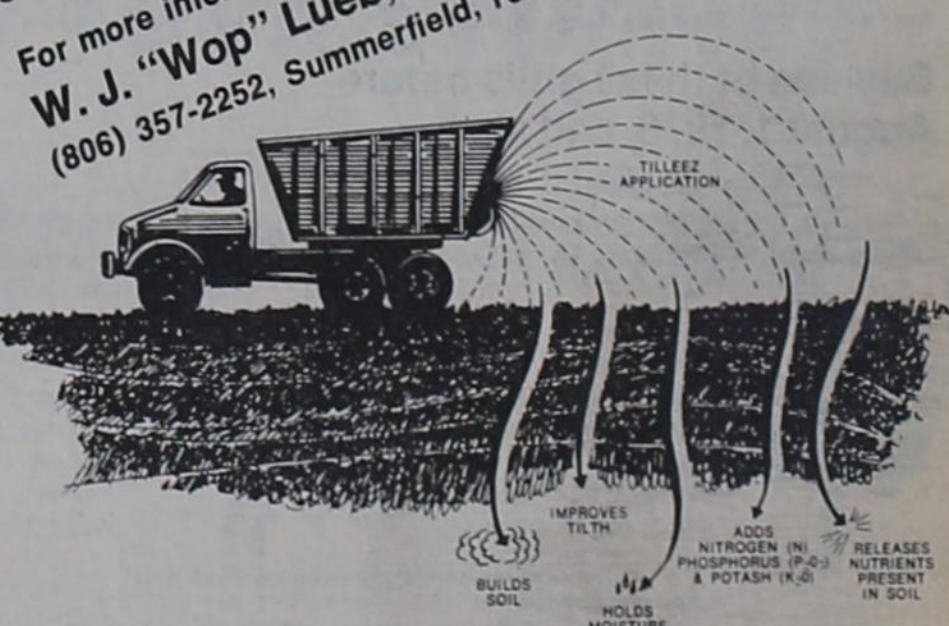


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