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Bull Town Bulletins By **Bill Ellis**



THE "HOLY WARS" by the television evangelists are providing a real-life soap opera this summer for those following the antics of former PTL leaders Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker.

There are those who feel that the much-publicized sex scandal in which Bakker was involved, along with the ensuing media debate, may have set the work of Christianity back by decades.

It is a definite fact that the scandal has had a big effect on contributions to TV ministries. The PTL itself announced that it was filing for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy law, in an attempt to come to grips with the organization's financial woes.

Other ministries also have been suffering. Pat Robertson's CBN ministry has laid off 500 workers, and predicted a drop of \$28 million in contributions. A spokesman for CBN called their revenue loss "Guilt by association."

Rex Humbard, Jr.

syndicated radio shows, had officiating. suffered losses in contributions of \$200,000 in April and \$100,000 in May.

Christianity are hurting. Billy off in his \$60 million ministry.

center stage of the TV-evangelist "circus," especially with the return of the Bakkers to Heritage Center, and the announcement this week that they had employed noted attorney Melvin Beli to represent them.

The addition of Beli might indicate that the Bakkers and their opponents may bring what has been a media debate into the

courtroom. Whether or not they actually go to court, it is virtually assured that the beleagured PTL along with its current leader, Jerry Fallwell, will continue to be in the limelight for a

while longer. In spite of the scandal, the Bakkers appear to have a lot of followers in their former flock. This really has set the stage for what could be a disruptive fight involving the PTL.

Hopefully, the Bakker-PTL squabble will not be a big blow to the cause of Christianity, although it has been shown that contributions to several TV ministries have suffered greatly.

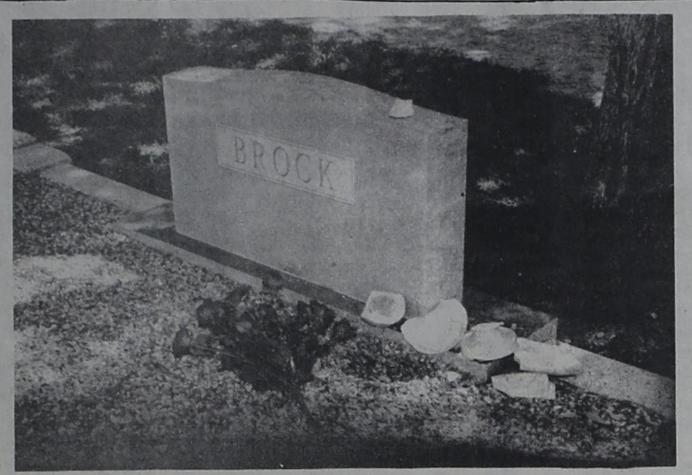
One thing about the Bakkers and the PTL. They have definitely taken some of the limelight away from the Iran-Contra hearings, and the international scene, such

as the Persian Gulf. The public has always liked a good scandal, so they have really been treated in recent months. Between the Bakkers, the Gary Hart episode, and the newsmaking of Col. Oliver North's secretary Fawn Hall, the writers about the juicy stuff have had to work overtime.

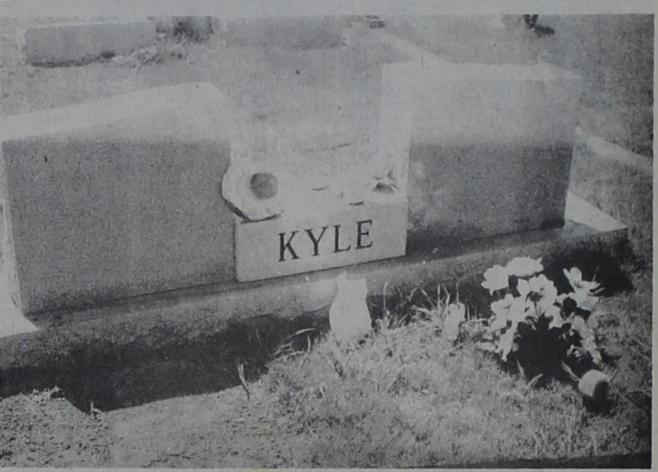
Flags Are **Taken Here**

Vernon Willard of the Bovina Lions Club reported that two flags had been taken from one business and one residence on Flag Day before they could be picked up by the Lions Club members.

They ask that you please return the flags. They cost approximately \$28 each and need to be located. One was taken at Paul Jones' Service Station on the highway and the other was taken from Parmer County Appraisal office on Third Street.



VANDALISM AT THE CEMETERY...Shown are two of the tombstones at the Bovina Cemetery which were vandalized this past weekend when someone broke several vases on



stones, and turned some stones over. A reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism.

9-Year-Old Child Is Killed At Lazbuddie

of Akron, Ohio, reports a Seaton, nine years old, of Lazbuddie. He died Thursday, \$250,000 loss. "The evangelic Lazbuddie, were held Saturday, June 18, in Parmer County Compublic is in a state of shock," said June 20, at 3 p.m. in the munity Hospital in Friona, Lazbuddie Methodist Church with following an accident on the It was reported that radio Andy Rogers of the Church of family's farm at Lazbuddie. It was evangelist James Dobson, who has Christ in Antlers, Oklahoma, and reported that the youngster fell one of the country's most widely- Rev. Larry Reed-Farris, pastor, from a pickup.

Not all aspects of organized Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

But the PTL remains at the was a member of the Methodist Barnes of Friona.

The Rex Humbard Foundation Funeral services for David Dale Church and a life-long resident of

Survivors include his parents, Jimmie Dale and Rickie Seaton of Burial was in the Lazbuddie Lazbuddie; two sisters, Sherrie Cemetery under the direction of Nichols of Lazbuddie and Barbie Seaton of Amarillo; one brother, Born February 17, 1978 in Jeffery Seaton of Amarillo; his Graham says he has seen no drop- Muleshoe, David was a fourth grandparents, Jimmie and Tink grade student at Lazbuddie. He Seaton of Lazbuddie and Dixie

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Fireworks Safety Urged By Group

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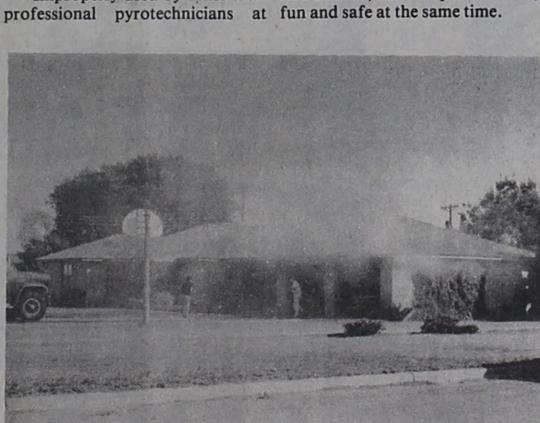
persons are treated annually in careless use of fireworks." the U.S. for fireworks-related other safety organizations warn

injuries. need to stay doubly alert and 14 and younger. aware of the dangers that Texas Safety Association urges Association.

Keep the sparkle of July Fourth organized displays, fireworks can celebrations in your child's eyes result in second and third degree this year--attend a local fireworks burns, partial or total loss of sight, celebration rather than risking an lacerations and fractures. The explosive accident that might Fourth of July holiday recalls the blind, maim, or kill when joy of our independence as a country--it would be tragic to lose The Texas Safety Association any freedom of movement due to reports that more than 8,000 blindness or loss of a limb through

hospital emergency rooms across Stratton and professionals from that small children should not be Texas permitted to handle any kind of Department of Health notes the fireworks. National Safety Council good news that Texans avoided statistics show that approximately any deaths due to fireworks 45 per cent of fireworks related injuries in 1984 and 1985, we still injuries occur among children aged

accompany fireworks," urged that families enjoy the fireworks Edward M. Stratton, chairman of displays presented by their the board for the Texas Safety communities throughout the state. Celebrate the Foruth with family "Improperly used by other than and friends, and keep the holiday



CAR CATCHES FIRE....Pictured is the home of Bedford and Pauline Caldwell with smoke coming from the garage. Bedford had driven the car into the garage Monday evening and saw that it was registering hot. He raised the hood and the car was on fire. The fire department was called and the firemen removed the car from the garage. Most of the smoke was contained inside the garage and did not get into the house.



DAVID DALE SEATON

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of May, our troopers investigated four fatal accidents, 74 personal injury accidents, and 96 property damage accidents. There were five persons killed and 118 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Billy Don Scott of Hereford stated, "In Parmer County, our troopers investigated two property damage accidents during the month of May."

Society To Host Rib Meal Here

St. Ann's Society is inviting everyone to attend the rib dinner which will be held Sunday, June 28. Serving time will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The dinner is sponsored by the Guadalupana Society and it will be held at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Bovina ...

Donation for the plates will be \$4.50 and take-out plates will be 25° extra.

The menu will consist of beef ribs, potatoes, beans, cole slaw, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

County Steer Scheduled

Parmer County show steer validation for all 4-H and FFA exhibitors will be held Monday, June 29 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Jerry London farm located four miles west of Hub on the Bovina-Dimmitt Highway.

All show steers that will be exhibited in the county must be validated at this time. A \$2.00 validation fee will be charged for each steer.

If anyone should desire more information, please contact the Parmer County Extension Agent or the vocational agriculture teacher in each respective community.

Vandalism Seen At Cemetery

Officer Donnie Brown reported that he had investigated incidents at the Bovina Cemetery where several items were broken or moved. There have been four headstones turned over and four vases broken off the tombstones and one taken, which was valued at \$75.

The vandalism took place probably in the early hours on Monday morning, according to Brown. Those responsible can be arrested and convicted for destroying city property.

Brown said if the people in Bovina have relatives and loved ones buried in the cemetery, please check their graves to see if damage has been done and if so, report it.

The gates are being closed at night and those who were responsible for the mischief did so on foot. He asked that if you see anyone in the cemetery that looks suspicious, please give him a call.

987 Wheat Looking Good

The 1987 wheat harvest is well underway, according to Harry Johnson of Sherley Grain.

Johnson said that so far the moisture content in the new crop has been very low, and yields have been good. He said that yields were ranging from 63 bushels to 83 bushels to the acre.

Dryland wheat is even making 50 bushels to the acre in some cases, which is exceptional.

However, the yields have varied this year, since some areas experienced freeze damage to their wheat, which affected the growth and yields.

Johnson said that yields have been better than he expected them to be, and predicted that the harvest would not last too long, since some farmers do not have as many acres as they have in the past.

The CRP program took out some wheat acres, and some farmers opted to graze their wheat out.

The main drawback, as usual, is the price of wheat, which has bounced between \$2.30 and \$2.45.

However, most farmers have not had to irrigate their wheat much during the past growing season, thanks to the good moisture last fall and the good snows during the winter.



HALLELUJAH! JESUS IS KING was the theme song for Vacation Bible School, which was held last week at the First United Methodist Church. Pictured are youngsters as they presented a program Friday morning for guests in the church auditorium.



ANNETTE STEVENSON and EDDIE LARSON, JR....
Mr. and Mrs. Oakley D. Stevenson of Bovina announce
the engagement and approaching marriage of their
daughter, Annette, to Eddie Larson, Jr., son of Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Larson, Sr. of Fort Myers, Florida. The
couple will exchange wedding vows on July 25 at 5 p.m. at
the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. The brideelect will be a July nursing graduate of Texas State
University and is employed as an ICU Clinical Assistant at
Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The prospective
bridegroom is employed at Micro-Chemical Inc. in
Amarillo. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to
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R. Smallwood Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Rebecca Smallwood and baby son, Trevor, on Saturday, June 27 at the home of Tonya Gober, 1001-Eighth Street, Bovina.

The shower will be held from 4-5:30 p.m.

Hostesses for the shower are Dorothy Sorley, Kathy Rundell, Juanda Murphy, Susan Kerby, Tonya Gober, Shelby Rhodes, Esther Steelman, Nita Dale, Phyllis Steelman, Carolyn Pruitt, Pam Heinrich, Kim Black, and Karen Kirkpatrick.

Weekly Bulletin

WEEK OF JUNE 22-28

The weekly bulletin is brought to you by the Bovina Booster Club.

MONDAY
Fire Department meeting.
TUESDAY

Roping practice at 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY

Senior Citizens dinner at noon. St. Ann's prayer meeting at 7:30 Baptist prayer meeting at 7:30. Youth For Christ at Tammy Willard's at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Lion's Club meeting at noon at
Bovina Truck Stop.

SATURDAY
Roping Club buckle roping at 7
Senior Citizens dinner and games, 6-9 p.m.

SUNDAY
Cub Scout Camp through July
2, Webelos Scout Camp.
Church

If you have any information for the bulletin, please call Dottie Neal at 238-1575.

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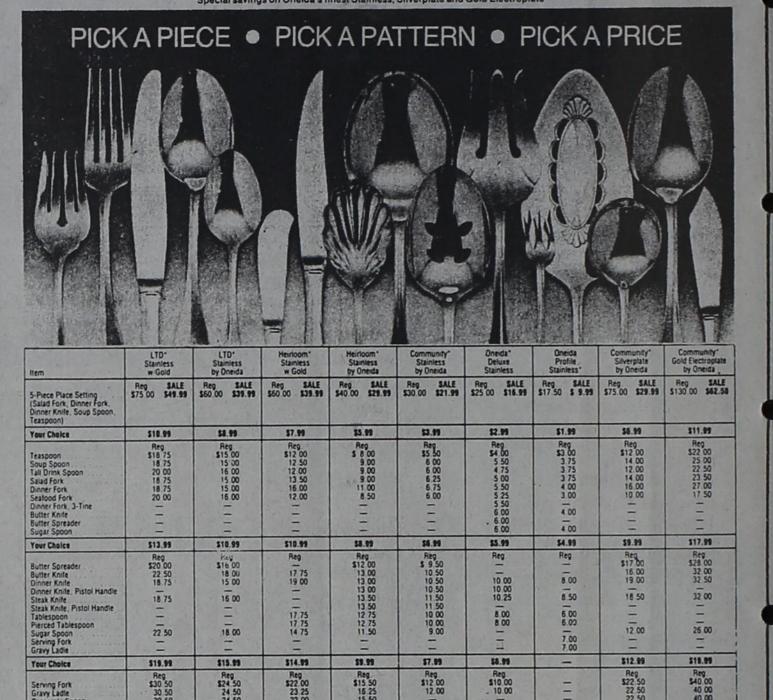
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60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY A reception will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Barney Green, who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 4 from 2-4 p.m. in the Ready Room of Southwestern Public Service, 511 West Seventh Street in Littlefield. Barney Green of Eldorado, Oklahoma and Faye Smotherman of Olustu, Oklahoma were married July 4, 1927 at Prairie Hill, Oklahoma. They lived in Bovina back in 1973 and both worked at the school. They have six children who will host the reception. They are Wilma Sutton of Littlefield, Donald Green of Dallas, Doyle Green of Farwell, Jody Davis of Littlefield, Dale Green of Littlefield and Joyce Fowler of Lubbock. The couple has sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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The hostesses are Paula Whitecotton, Irma Nabors, Yvonne Stevenson, Betty McClaran, Kelly McClaran, Kim Black, Teen Marshall, Montie Howell, Billy Ruth Primrose, Linda Marshall, Kathryn Gromowsky, McClaran, Cathie Lanham, Kay Ray and Polly Mills.

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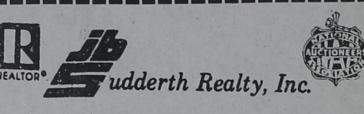
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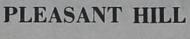
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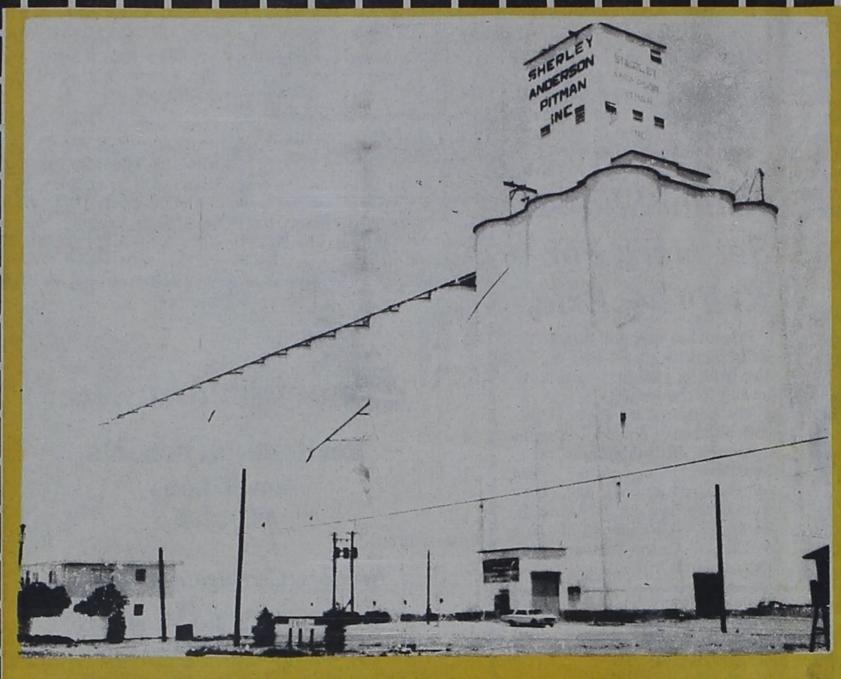
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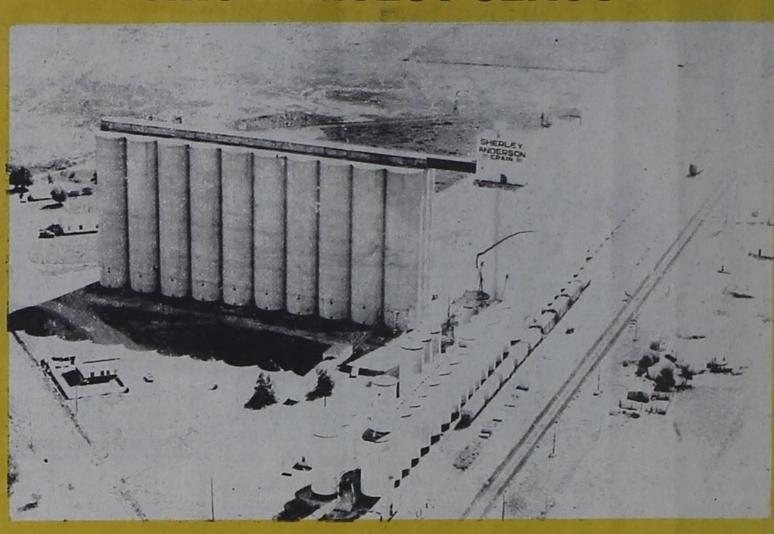
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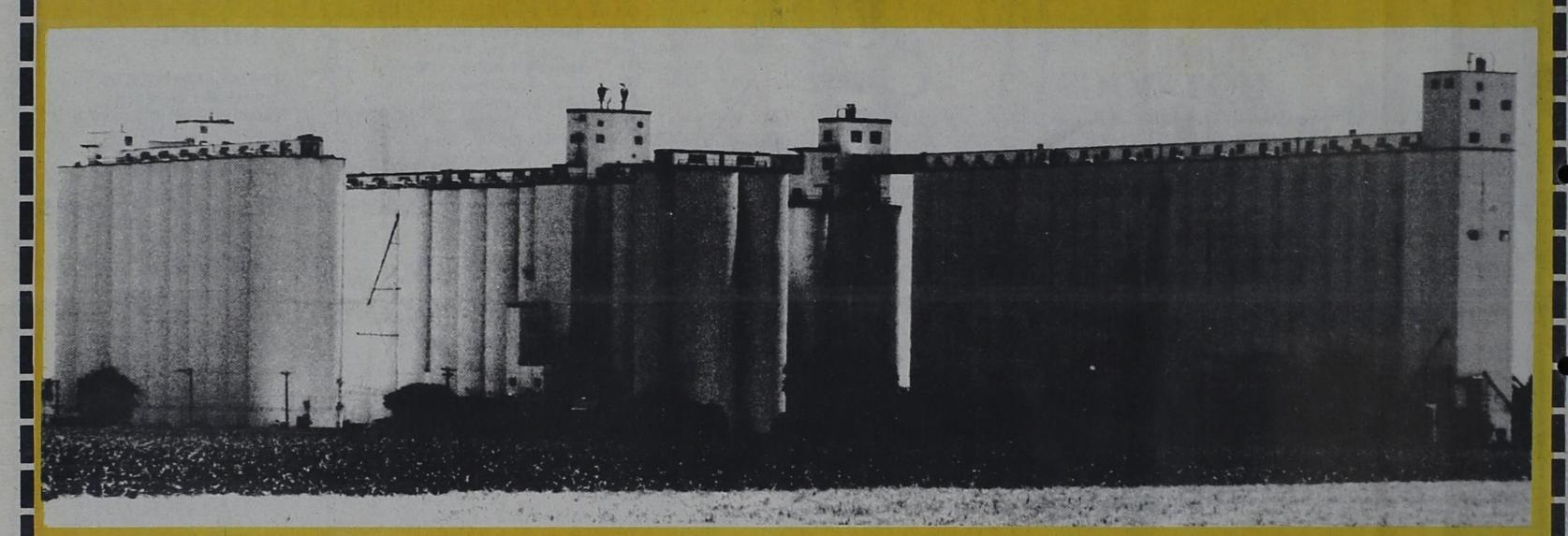
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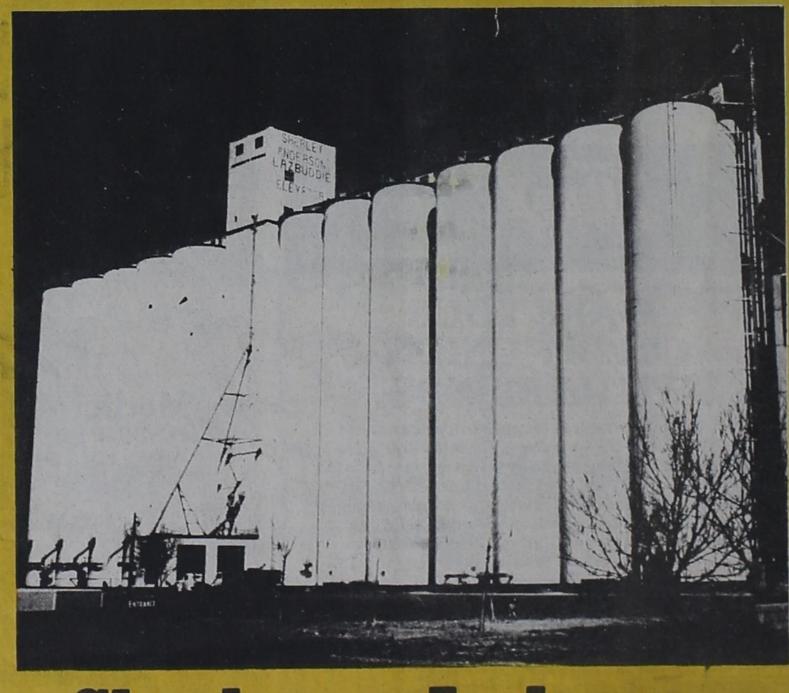
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